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THE REV. A. MEDFORTH, M.A.
The Speaker of the Preambles

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THE PROLOGUE. The beginning of the Christian Faith in Southwell

THE FIRST EPISODE. The First Roman Chapel. 410. A.D.

A Roman Officer on his way home from the Roman Wall, accompanied by a detachment of German Auxiliaries calls on a Christian Roman Briton and his wife. He tries to persuade them to leave their Villa with its little Chapel, as the province is about to be abandoned by the Romans.

Publius Prato	- - - - -	Mr. J. B. Bushell
Livia, His Wife	- - - - -	Miss P. Smith
Ventidius Lenticulus, a Roman Officer	- - - - -	Mr. B. Hoare
Arrius, a Boy	- - - - -	D. McNally
A Servant Girl	- - - - -	Miss J. England
Singing Boys	- - - - -	Boys of the Minster Grammar School
German Auxiliaries	- - - - -	

BY THE METHODIST SCHOOL GROUP

THE SECOND EPISODE. The Second Chapel. The Heathen Converted. 625 A.D.

Paulinus The Missionary with King Edwin, on his way to Baptise Converts in the Trent, preaches to the Heathen.

Paulinus	- - - - -	Mr. T. Price
King Edwin	- - - - -	Mr. J. Glendinning
Blaeca	- - - - -	C. Kirby
Blaeca's Wife	- - - - -	Mrs. M. Price
A Priest	- - - - -	Mrs. J. S. Ridgway
A Cross Bearer	- - - - -	D. Whitton
Converts	- - - - -	Boys of the Minster Grammar School and Southwell Church of England School Children.
Heathen	- - - - -	

BY THE SOUTHWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL GROUP

THE THIRD EPISODE. The first Charter and the Foundation of the Collegiate Church. 956. A.D.

Odo, the Archbishop of Canterbury has persuaded King Eadwig to grant the Manor of Southwell to Oskytel, Archbishop of York. The Charter is read and Oskytel declares his purpose.

King Eadwig	- - - - -	Mr. C. J. Pither
Elgiva His Queen	- - - - -	Mrs. C. J. Adams
Edgar of Mercia	- - - - -	Mr. E. V. Saunders
Odo, Archbishop of Canterbury	- - - - -	Mr. H. Adams
Oskytel, Archbishop of York	- - - - -	Mr. A. Coull
Dunstan, Abbot of Glastonbury	- - - - -	Mr. C. B. Mowbray
A Clerk	- - - - -	Mr. J. B. Mann

BY THE BURTON-JOYCE AND BULCOTE GROUP

THE FOURTH EPISODE. The Building of the Nave. 1110. A.D.

Thomas, Archbishop of York, with Gilbert the Chanter, inspects the building plans. A Penitent's procession passes into the Church.

Thomas of Beverley, Archbishop of York	- - - - -	Mr. J. Newton
Gilbert the Chanter	- - - - -	Mr. A. Lyons
A Clerk	- - - - -	Mr. D. Mawer
Stone Masons	- - - - -	Misses G. Boddy, M. Boddy
A Cross Bearer	- - - - -	R. Hoare
A Priest	- - - - -	A. G. S. Bunting
Sir Peter DeManley, the Penitent	- - - - -	Mr. D. Hall
Choir	- - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School

BY THE CAUNTON AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

THE FIFTH EPISODE. The Meeting of the Kings. 1194 A.D.

King Richard Coeur De Lion and William I of Scotland visit Southwell. They are received by Geoffrey Archbishop of York and the Canons. Richard and the Archbishop quarrel, Williams demands are rejected but negotiations agreed on, and Royal gifts made. Justice is dispensed.

King Richard I	- - - - -	R. J. Hill
King William I of Scotland	- - - - -	P. M. Peabody
Archbishop Geoffrey Plantagenet of York	- - - - -	A. J. Whitaker
Ralph Fitz-Stephen	- - - - -	J. M. Davis
Maude de Caux, his Wife	- - - - -	P. J. Morrell
The Prior of Thurgarton	- - - - -	A. J. Ellis
The Clerk	- - - - -	P. K. Else
The Sheriff of Nottingham	- - - - -	M. W. E. Haller
The Sheriff's Officer	- - - - -	G. Southwell
An Old Woman	- - - - -	R. B. White
A Deer Poacher	- - - - -	C. White
Royal Attendants	- - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School, Southwell and Mansfield Queen Elizabeth Girls' Grammar School, and Upton Church of England Schools.
Canons of Southwell	- - - - -	
Townfolk	- - - - -	
	- - - - -	

BY THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP

THE SIXTH EPISODE.**The Building of the Choir. 1233 A.D.**

Archbishop Walter De Gray shows the plans for the new Choir to King Henry III. The King approves the work and confirms the Charters. The Archbishop then grants indulgences. There follows a Pentecostal procession, dances and jollification.

King Henry III. - - - - -	M. S. Parkinson
Walter De Gray, Archbishop of York - - - - -	B. G. Rogers
The Clerk to the Chapter - - - - -	P. K. Else
The Mayor of Nottingham - - - - -	J. V. Colhoun
The Sheriff of Nottingham - - - - -	D. A. Ward
The Canons - - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School, Mansfield Queen Elizabeth Girls' Grammar School, Southwell and Upton Church of England Schools and people of Southwell.
The Rural Deans - - - - -	
The Corporation of Nottingham - - - - -	
The Entertainers - - - - -	
The Townsfolk - - - - -	The Squire, C. G. S. Ward
The Foresters Morris Team - - - - -	

BY THE MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP**— INTERVAL —****THE SEVENTH EPISODE.****The Fall of Wolsey. 1530 A.D.**

Cardinal Wolsey in retirement at Southwell, awaits the summons which will mark his fall. He encourages Thomas Magnus to endow a School and promises aid to a suppliant.

Cardinal Wolsey - - - - -	B. G. Payne
Master Pace - - - - -	P. T. Spick
Thomas Magnus - - - - -	P. G. S. Pulfrey
George Cavendish, Servant to Wolsey - - - - -	N. Spicer
Mother Crichlaw, an Old Woman - - - - -	M. D. Milner
Choir - - - - -	Members of Magnus Grammar School

BY THE MAGNUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWARK GROUP**THE EIGHTH EPISODE. The first dissolution of the College, the preservation of the Parish Church and the continuation of the Grammar School. 1547 A.D.**

The Kings Commissioners come to carry out the dissolution under the Chauntries Act, but a petition is made to secure the Parish Church and the ancient Grammar School, lately become free.

The Kings Commissioners - - - - -	J. G. Marshall, G. H. Dobb, A. Thorne
Church Wardens—	
John Palmer - - - - -	M. A. Brewin
John Willoughby - - - - -	A. Commetti
Thomas Weldon - - - - -	M. S. Parkinson
Henry Robertson - - - - -	C. S. Simey
Richard Banes - - - - -	T. J. Atkin
Edward Batheley - - - - -	D. Spenser

The Vicars Choral - - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School
The Chantry Priests - - - - -	
The School Boys - - - - -	
Townsfolk - - - - -	Mansfield Queen Elizabeth Girls Grammar School

BY THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP**THE NINTH EPISODE****The Visit of King James I. 1603 A.D.**

King James, visiting Southwell on his way to London at his Accession, hears the Choir, praises the Minster, confirms the Elizabethan Charter re-establishing the Collegiate Church, and watches a Country Dance.

King James I. - - - - -	C. C. Gay
Sir Robert Carey - - - - -	J. M. Davis
Archie Armstrong, the Kings Jester - - - - -	M. F. Bunney
Master Beeston, the Schoolmaster - - - - -	Mr. A. Officer
The Canons of Southwell - - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School and
The Royal Attendants - - - - -	
The Choir - - - - -	Mansfield Queen Elizabeth Girls Grammar School and people of Southwell.
Townsfolk - - - - -	
Country Dancers - - - - -	Carlton Girls Secondary Modern Southwell Church of England, Southwell Methodist and Upton Church of England Schools and people of Upton and Southwell.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP**THE TENTH EPISODE.****The Visit of Charles I. 1646 A.D.**

King Charles spends his last hour as a free man. He is persuaded by the French Envoy that all is lost. His doom is foreseen.

King Charles I. - - - - -	Mr. B. Pilsworth
Mr. Montreuil, The French Envoy - - - - -	Rev. R. J. Stevens
Dr. Michael Hudson - - - - -	Mr. R. Izzard
Henry Lee, Bootmaker - - - - -	Mr. B. Hagger
The Landlord of the Kings Arms - - - - -	Mr. G. Cox
A Servant of the King - - - - -	Mr. J. Alcock

KIRKLINGTON VILLAGE GROUP

THE ELEVENTH EPISODE. The Minster saved from Destruction. 1648 A.D.

Cromwell comes with his Troopers to demolish the images of the Saints and the stained Glass Windows of the Minster. He is dissuaded by Edward Cludd from carrying out his purpose.

General Oliver Cromwell -	- - - - -	Mr. G. Topliss
Edward Cludd -	- - - - -	Mr. J. B. Bushell
Master Palmer, Schoolmaster -	- - - - -	Mr. H. Squires
George Keetly, A Boy -	- - - - -	D. McNally
Troopers (dismounted) -	- - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School
Troopers (mounted) -	- - - - -	Miss M. Body, G. Weatherhead
		Miss J. Routh, Mrs. K. Thomas,
		Miss J. Roberts

SOUTHWELL METHODIST SCHOOL GROUP

THE TWELFTH EPISODE. The Final Dissolution of the College. 1841. A.D.

Gladstone explains his stand against the appointment of Sir Robert Peel's Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the end of Southwell Peculiar.

Lord Lincoln -	- - - - -	Mr. D. Bowes
William Ewart Gladstone -	- - - - -	Mr. C. Hall
The Parish Beadle -	- - - - -	Mr. D. A. I. Fox
A Workhouse Boy -	- - - - -	R. Dixon
Miss Gordon -	- - - - -	Mrs. Mould
Chair Bearers -	- - - - -	Mr. Mould, Mr. Spolton
A Pedlar -	- - - - -	B. J. Hallam
The Dog Whipper -	- - - - -	Mr. Paling
Town Crier -	- - - - -	Mr. Moore
The Electors of Southwell -	- - - - -	Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mrs. Ridgeway
		Mr. Glendinning
The Townsfolk -	- - - - -	Members and Friends of the Women's Institute
Grammar School Boys -	- - - - -	Members of the School

THE SOUTHWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GROUP

THE EPILOGUE. The Installation of the First Bishop of Southwell. 1884 A.D.

The procession for the Bishops installation in his Cathedral Church comes to the Minster.

The Cross Bearer -	- - - - -	G. M. Dobb
The Chaplain -	- - - - -	J. G. Marshall
Dr. Ridding, First Bishop of Southwell -	- - - - -	Mr. G. Mairs
Choir -	- - - - -	Members of the Minster Grammar School

THE PAGEANT PROCESSION

PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Pageant performed before the West Doors of the Minster, if wet in the Nave of the Minster, by kind permission of

The Provost of Southwell, the Very Reverend H. C. L. Heywood, M.A.

The Choir of Singing Boys symbolises the thread of the Grammar Schools coexistence with the Church.

OTHERS TAKING PART IN THE VARIOUS EPISODES

MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP

Roman and Cromwellian Soldiers (instructed by P. A. Yates, Esq.):—D. Knight, R. Brooks, H. Wharmby, D. Fishborne, D. Ickeringill, B. I. Tandy, B. S. Lynds, R. M. Burley, J. K. Musson, J. B. Dixon, D. A. Ward, P. M. Walls, R. Hill, A. Whitaker, P. Peabody, M. Haller, G. Southwell.

Singers, Boys:—D. P. Burnham, C. J. D. Argent, R. D. Sidebottom, M. H. Stokes, K. S. Williams, R. W. Blant, C. M. J. Wright, M. Fisher, M. B. La Costa, M. Layfield, R. A. Nettleship. **Choristers:**—G. R. Pogmore, P. M. Drummond, H. Merryweather, D. Ince, W. R. Clamp, I. Whittaker, A. Peabody, J. R. Cowhig, P. J. Morrell, H. B. Olsen, J. L. Bishop, C. R. Hall, **Men:**—F. D. Sullivan, C. Baker, B. Hallam D. L. Owen, P. Else, M. T. Taylor, P. S. Rule, C. C. Gay, A. G. Bunting, R. J. Hoare, J. V. Colhoun, M. W. Haller, M. T. Taylor, R. J. Hill, Messrs. P. Young, E. Pallister, D. A. I. Fox.

Canons:—J. W. Martin, J. A. Turnbull, M. Dodd, F. A. Bird, E. G. White, H. Luke.

Entertainers:—J. W. Buxton, I. C. B. Lennard, B. J. Kemsley, A. Collins, S. J. Burgan, J. Taylor, G. L. Downing, T. Sokell, D. C. Holt, P. Shore, G. H. Wilson, A. Marshall, P. M. Walls, T. J. Atkin.

Crowd:—K. Baggaley, P. Padmore, R. Parker, D. J. Ward, H. Waring, P. J. Greaves, L. M. Willies, D. H. Anderson, J. D. Padley, R. M. Brown, M. R. Cooper, D. C. Holt, T. Pepper, M. A. Brewin.

Attendants:—K. J. Musson, R. J. Cheatle, R. M. Burley, B. S. Lynds, D. C. Martiew, C. F. Barnes, G. R. Bowley, A. Commetti, C. Simey, C. White, D. Fishburne, M. Whamby, J. B. Dixon, D. Knight.

Schoolboys:—A. R. Johnson, R. D. Lowden, N. Brown, M. Connolly, S. J. Harrison, T. J. Penton, B. W. Jewry, P. J. Morrell.

MAGNUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL GROUP

Choir:—R. Akkrill, C. J. Allen, P. J. Ball, M. J. Briggs, M. F. Field, R. J. Harper, A. Holland, R. A. Hughes, D. M. Lambert, K. R. A. Lee, C. Leak, P. J. Marland, D. W. Selby, M. Wallhead, D. M. Woodhouse, R. D. S. Pulfrey.

MANSFIELD QUEEN ELIZABETH GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Crowd:—P. Brough, K. Revitt, C. Blinkhorn, B. Rowbottom, B. Rothero, S. Parker, V. Chanrill, S. Jenkins, P. Daws, V. Denham.

UPTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Crowd & Dancers:—J. A. Pollard, C. R. Hannan, H. Ashworth, A. E. Bancroft, A. P. Lukehurst, B. Chester, S. J. Longmire, B. Hodgkiss, P. Stevens, P. M. Story, M. R. Dolbear, S. Dolbear, J. A. Hunt, P. Maker, A. M. Black, J. Pollard, Miss D. Harrison, Miss M. Foster, D. G. Chester.

SOUTHWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Crowd and Dancers:—D. Whitton, C. Kirky, P. Mosedale, I. Barrie, G. Wagstaff, R. Bates, M. Benton, J. Hopkinson, B. Lewin, R. Smith, J. Davidson, K. Dawes, Y. Hewitt, K. Sanderson, Mrs. K. Witham, J. Witham, A. Witham, V. Roberts, J. Belcher, R. Cook, S. Kingsley, F. Wilson, P. Constedine, J. V. Roberts, J. Routh, R. Sanderson, S. Aram, E. Hush, R. Cook, R. Smith.

SOUTHWELL METHODIST SCHOOL

Dancers:—M. Antcliff, S. Adams, E. Watson, P. Postle, P. Beet, D. Smith, D. Hurst, M. Postle, S. Brown, C. Toder, M. Wilcox, M. Ulyatt, D. Wright, I. Parry, I. Antcliff, J. England, E. Allwood, S. Bull.

CARLTON COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Dancers:— J. Bettney, M. Coulson, M. Dring, E. Hackett, J. Whitt, V. Wilson, V. Gidlow, J. Conway, P. Huckle, M. Salt, P. Sharp, R. Wheatley, P. Peake, M. Flecknoe, C. Swinscoe, V. Goodwin, C. Brown, M. Mobley, S. Bell, H. Reddish, B. Horsman, D. Adlington, P. Thorpe, S. Greasby, S. Keetley, S. Key, C. Harby, S. Cullen, J. Peck, P. Johnson, A. Detheridge, Y. Pacey, G. Reynolds, H. Priestley, B. Whitworth, J. Poxon, S. Sleet, W. Brown, M. Thorne, Y. Davies, J. Sefton, P. Marriott.

KIRKLINGTON SCHOOL

Dancers:—J. Milner, S. Meeds, M. Langstaff, R. Stevenson, J. Broadberry, C. Bates, D. Johnson, P. Sambrook, D. Dennett, K. Thompson, M. Coote, P. Meeds.

SOUTHWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Crowd:— Mr. and Miss Covill, Mr. and Mrs. Paling, Mr. C. Glazebrook, Mr. Smith, Mr. Blair, Miss Ringrose, Mrs. Shorthouse, J. Shorthouse, Mrs. Fox, Miss Fox, Mrs. Preston.

SOUTHWELL EVENING INSTITUTE

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