HALSALL CENTRAL SCHOOL.

On Friday week about 70 of the senior scholars, accompanied by 20 adults, including teachers and parents, embarked on an educational tour of the Lake District. Travelling by the local train to Southport, they joined an L.M.S. half-day excursion for Windermere.

The two hours' journey quickly passed, many partaking of their lunch on the train, and notebooks were opened to put down the observations the children had been instructed specially to note. After crossing the River Douglas, the agricultural outlook completely changed, and arable farming gave way to grazing, poultry-keeping, and sheep-rearing. The plains of South-west Lancashire were left behind, and hills and valleys took their place. Real rivers, previously known only by name, were crossed, and each village or town through which the train passed raised a question from some child as to its name. A few were noticed to express surprise at the village schools, compared with the one they are privileged to attend.

On arrival at Windermere all haste was made for Bowness Pier, and the party sailed for Ambleside. The boys were most anxious to learn all they could of Segrave, and a boatman was able to show the measured mile and the approximate place where " Miss England " sank.

From Ambleside a visit was made to Stockgill waterfall, which was in full flow, and many instructive lessons in botany, geology, and geography were learned in the course of the day. Rydal water also was visited, and taking the boat back to Bowness, the party were provided with a most substantial tea at a most reasonable cost. After this, some climbed the hills in the locality and others rowed on the lake. Leaving Windermere at 8-20, Halsall was reached at 11 o'clock, the school bus conveying home the children from Haskayne and Scarisbrick.

The headmaster, Mr. A. H. Battersby, was in charge of the party, and in every possible way did his utmost to entertain and educate both children and adults, and the children will have many pleasant memories of this 150-mile trip for 2/9.