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Sept 20th

Received back from T. Hallam Esq., H.M.I. my scheme of instruction for the ensuing year.

Received notice that the medical officers of health for this district will visit us shortly to examine all the 12 + 13-year-olds. No date is given.

Sept 28. A good number of children are absent picking potatoes.

Oct 1st Miss May Penning (Mr. Cert) fainted yesterday & though not absent has been unfit for much work today.

Oct 8th Yesterday I sent 4 boys to the Ormskirk grammar school to be examined in competition for a local scholarship. I have today received the notice that Jas Dickenson (Age 13) was first & Wm Higson (Age 11) second. The Head Master of the grammar school would prefer to take the 11 yr old boy. The head master in his report says "I congratulate you

on the Arithmetic work of your
boys; it is very sound.

The attendance during this week
has been very poor. 75 per
cent of the 1st class boys are
absent, picking potatoes. Next
week will be a holiday for this
reason.

Oct 8th-18th Potato Harvest Holiday.

Oct 18th: School reopened today with 20 children
still absent. Last week's weather was
so unfavourable that little progress was
made in the district with the potato harvesting,
but I have refused further leave of
absence to all children under 13 yrs of age.

Oct 19th: Owing to children spending money some-
times too freely a rule has been made
that no child must go to the Sweet
Shop without permission. Today a boy
went without that permission and
was served with a shilling's worth

of Bengal lights. On cross examination he admitted stealing the Shilling from home. I sent a note to his mother and the only result is that she is keeping him at home today as a punishment.

Oct 26th Was absent from school today attending the Choir Excursion.

Oct 28th Willie Higson, age 11, has been awarded the Scholarship open to boys of Halsall Barton & Haskayne & tenable for 3 years at Ormskirk Grammar School.

Oct 29th The managers have received notice from Preston that the County Authority will sanction the employment of Mr Thos Guy for one more year as Gardening Instructor.

Nov 8th Willie Halsall, an infant Scholar, is reported by the Nurse to be suffering from measles. He was last at school on Nov 5th)

Nov. 16 The boy Halsall who has had measles turned up at school yesterday but I have sent him home for the rest of the week. I have written today to the Medical Officer of Health giving him notice of the case.

Nov 18th Rec'd. letter from medical officer of health advising one month's absence for children who have measles & 3 weeks for the rest of the family.

Nov 25th. I have had the school medical officer & nurse at school for four days & have had to devote the whole of my time to the work. As we have for several years done this work ourselves with the aid of Miss Blundell's district nurse there was not much for the doctor to do. Many children have in the past had glasses provided & operations to throat performed at Miss Blundell's expense. The doctor has recommended that 8 children receive attention, five of these being for teeth. I found the doctor's visit most useful.

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Nov 29th: Although there has been no further outbreak of measles among the infants there has been an exceptional number of bad colds, sufficient to be considered epidemic, 60 per cent of the infants being concerned.

I have notified the Medical Officer that owing to the one case of measles I have advised children with very bad colds to stay in doors for a few days.

Dec 3rd- A very ^{bad} storm is raging along this coast today & few children are at school. The registers have not been marked but work has proceeded as usual. In the infant room 11 were present out of 58.

Dec 6th: There has been a heavy fall of snow during the night & a large number of children are absent. As on Friday last the registers were not marked but work was gone through as usual. It is very rare that such a bad attendance should come on two consecutive days.

Dec 13th I commenced today to examine every class in every subject. It may therefore be necessary to depart from the Time Table as to order of lessons.

Dec 14th The needlework of S^t. IV & upward deserves special praise this term. Six large dolls have been dressed for the Manchester Cinderella Club and as each doll required six properly made & correctly designed garments the exercises have been most valuable. It has been a pleasure to see how interested the girls were and how much more valuable such work is than the working of specimens.

Dec 20 A very heavy fall of snow has come during the week end. Only 25% of the children are present today but work has gone on full time as usual. Registers were not marked.

- Dec 21. 100 children are absent today but registers have been marked.
- Dec 22 A further fall of snow has brought the attendance down to 30%. Registers not marked.
- Dec 23rd Infants only 50% present + so the examination of the infant room is deferred until after the holidays.
- Dec 24th School Closed today for a fortnight.

Jan 10th 1910. Opened with a fair attendance.

" 12th Religious instruction omitted today + time table worked 30 minutes in advance so as to allow of early closing for Christmas Tree this afternoon.

Jan 13. Visit at 9.30 p.m. of T. Hallam Esq H.M.I. who stayed until 3.30 p.m.

Jan 26th. For the last seven or eight days a regular epidemic of influenza colds has attacked the children & many have been ill.

The Mellings family has been absent 3 weeks through some infectious skin disease

Feb 8th Shrove Tuesday. As the weather of the winter has prevented us from marking the registers on several occasions we were unable to afford the usual holiday today. The children were however dismissed half an hour earlier than usual. Notice was given that tomorrow being Ash Wednesday, secular work would begin at 9 A.M. and those children who wished would be allowed to go to church at 11 A.M.

The second of the gardening lessons was held this afternoon Mr. Fury giving a lesson on pruning and training of fruit trees.

Feb 22nd Joseph Goss a 13 yr old boy from Lydiate R.C. School was brought here by his father who said that as he was such a big boy he required him to be under a master and that the mistress of Lydiate had herself suggested it. Therefore admitted him. He has bad eyesight and is in consequence very backward being scarcely fit for Std III.

Feb 28th Miss Rimmer failed to put in an appearance this morning but at 10.A.M a telegram was received stating that she was unwell.

March 3. Miss Rimmer returned to duty this morning.

That guy was not well and was unable to take the Gardening class yesterday. He has asked to be relieved of his post.

March 7. Acting on the suggestion of Mr Hallam H.M.I. I allowed Miss Still to visit the Barrowclough Wesleyan School this afternoon.

Mar 17th Have spent several hours in the infant room this week examining the work. The Christmas exam was omitted through very bad attendance.

Mar 24th Closed for Easter Holidays.

Ap. 4th Opened after Easter Holidays. Admitted two infants aged 6 & 7 respectively neither been to school before.

Ap 6th Sent summary registers and completed forms ~~to~~ to the District Clerk.

Ap 11th Mr. Sowman came to examine the school garden. Expressed himself as very pleased with the fruit trees. Found no faults. Pleased with progress.

Ap. 12th Notified Dr Schofield, Medical Officer of Health of the prevalence of whooping cough.

Ap. 18th Two more cases of whooping cough in the infant room. Dr Scholefield called in the afternoon. I arranged to forward him at night a full list of children affected by suspicious coughs.

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- Ap 20th Mrs F.G. Tasker absent from duty owing to mother's illness
- Ap. 22nd The whooping Cough spread rapidly. The work of the School is quite disorganized & Exam work suspended.
- Ap 26. All Infants Excluded from School by order of Medical Officer of Health until May 17th
- Ap 29th A large number of children in the upper room are excluded from attendance through whooping Cough Certificates have been supplied to the Correspondent.
- May 6th We have had less than half the Children present today. Miss Quine has been under the doctor's care all this week & has not come to School until after Scriptural lesson.
- May 13th School closed to day for two days holiday for Whitsuntide. Work in School has been sadly disorganized by the epidemic.
- May 18th Opened School after Whit-holiday. The period of exemption after whooping cough has expired for the Infant Class

as a whole but only one-third of the men
has returned.

May 20th Funeral of King Edward VII.

The children assembled and marched to the
memorial service at church. Registers not marked.

May 23 Received visit from T Hallam Esq H.M.I.
at 3.20 p.m. today. Only about half
the children at school. Rest absent thro'
epidemic. Mr Hallam advised the omission
of the term examination for this middle
term, which was interrupted by this outbreak
of whooping cough.

May 31. Miss Quine has been giving the lightest
possible work during the past month.
She is now doing a little more class
work.

June 9th Miss Quine absent today. She has gone to
Liverpool to see a physician.
Had to send a boy home with mumps. Also
sent his sister home. Reported the case to the
Medical Officer of Health.

June 16th Two girls are absent with
Chicken Pox. One of them was
only just recovered from Whooping Cough.

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June 24th Received visit from H. P. Inspector
Young Esq and Johnson Esq.
They had the Gardening Class out but
rain fell heavily & little could be
done.

July 1st The attendance of the 13 year old
boys is not good at present as
they are helping in the fields.

July 4th Freemans Children are absent.
One has Chicken Pox and the doctor
has ordered the others to stay at home.
A deputation of the Area Committee
viz: the Recs Bishop Drew & Carrington
and the Clerk visited School
this morning.

July 6th Rec'd Visit from Mr. Scammon the
Horticultural Instructor to the County
Education Authority. He had the
gardening class out and asked
them a large number of questions
on the theory of gardening. During
Spring however it is as much as
we can do in two hours to get
the practical work done and

we have very little time for notes &c.

July 20th Today was very wet and we were unable to take the out door gardening class. We had an indoor lesson on weeds gathered in the garden but of course the gardening register was not marked.

July 28th School closed to day until July August 39th

July 39th Myself & part of the Staff spent this morning in School in preparation of work for next session.

Aug 29th 1910 · Opened School after Summer vacation.
Attendance very good.

The distribution of the staff is somewhat difficult. Miss Kile in the infant room has 52 Scholars and therefore requires Miss Rimmers help almost all day.

I have therefore over 40 children in average attendance in the VI & VII.

The work of teaching these & supervising the rest of the school will be difficult.

Sept. 6th Had a visit from the Attendance Officer.
Some of the older boys are helping in harvest work at home.

- Sept 12th Some books ordered in July and required for the making of the Annual Scheme of Work are not yet to hand.
- Sept 21st Received results of the Merit Cert Exam.
Result - $\frac{3}{7}$ passed. This is disappointing but is as good as any other school in the area.
- Sept 23rd Am finding it difficult to do my work thoroughly. If I take Miss Rimmer to assist me the infants' lower class is not doing satisfactory work and if I try to take the whole of St^d II & III without help I have not much time for supervision.
- Sept 26th Received Cert. of Merit for Exhibit sent to Royal Agricultural Society School Work Exhibition.
- Oct 7th The attendance amongst the Upper Boys is now very poor as they are engaged in potato Harvesting.
- Oct 10th Received some Infant Readers from Baywood which were ordered in July.
Books on Correlation of History & Geog for Lower Standard ordered at the same time have not yet arrived.

Oct 19th School closed to day until the 25th inst. Have made application to H.M.I. to change our educational School year from Aug 1st to Easter.

Oct 25th Opened school this morning with a good attendance. Mr Young H.M.I writes to say that he & Mr Hallam, H.M.I. agree with the suggested change of school year.

Nov 4th Returned to District Clerk the form of Claim for Gardening Fund.

Nov 9th Was out of School part of to day to go with Choir Excursion.

Nov 11th Very heavy rains - only 115 present. None sent home again as there are ample coverings for drying clothes on the premises ; but the registers were not marked.

Afternoon other 6 present. Registers not marked.

Nov. 15 A boy 11 yrs of age came here today from Haskayne School and said that Miss Blundell had told him to come. It was too wet to send him back again but I told

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him he must not come again unless he had a note from Miss Blundell the Head Master.

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Miss Blundell came to see me relative to the aforementioned boy. She asked me to keep the boy as he had been very unruly. I advised her and we agreed that I should refuse to admit a boy who had left on a matter of discipline.

Dec 1st

I was absent from School yesterday attending the funeral of a colleague in Yorkshire.

Dec 5th

The school managers met today. The estimate for 1911-12 was sent to the District Clerk. The question of changing the educational school fees was submitted to the managers and they decided to apply to the County S.A. for the necessary permission.

The report on the School garden as copied below was received on Dec 1st.

Report by W^r A. J. Sowman after his visit to the school garden on July 5/1910

The garden and crops are in good order. The lads take great interest in their work and display a very fair knowledge of the weeds of the district and the general culture of garden crops. In such matters as general observation etc the notes require more attention.

Dec 12th Commenced the Term Examinations today.
It will be necessary during the next eight days to depart from the order of lessons as shown in the Time Table.

Dec 21 Rec'd notice from Director of Education that Mr. Wright - the Physical Instructor - would visit this school on the 23rd. Had to reply to the effect that this school closed on the 32nd.

Dec 23/10 School closed yesterday for the Xmas Vacation. Some of the staff stayed last evening to review with me the work done by their