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Ap. 16<sup>th</sup> Owing to correspondence between the office at Preston and our Correspondent Miss Blundell - being sent without visible outside endorsement it was not forwarded along with other education business during Mrs Blundell's absence, & we therefore overlooked the time of entry for Merit Cert. We have therefore no entries this year.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Received word from Mrs Blundell that at yesterday's meeting of Area 16 Ctee. Miss Timmet was granted further leave of absence until May 20<sup>th</sup>, full salary recommended for payment by the area Committee. The Area Ctee further approved of the extension of appointment of Mr E. M. Brook as temporary assistant.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Miss Hill, Infant Teacher, on Saturday last took further advice about her eyes which have troubled her lately. She is advised that the ailment is serious & on no account must she read or write. This will hamper her work considerably & will make it necessary that

Mrs Tasker should stay in the infant room all day + therefore be unable to help at all in upper room.

May 16 Ascension Day - Secular work was commenced at 9.A.M. and at 11.A.M. children were dismissed so that those who wished might go to church. Afternoon school as usual.

May 17. Received doctor's certificate to say that Mrs May Rimmer was not yet free from possible infection + therefore unable to appear at school on May 20<sup>th</sup> as arranged. Application has to day been made for a further extension of leave and also for extension of engagement of temporary teacher.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> This morning between 8 and 9.A.M. there was quite a deluge of rain in Halsall and the consequence was only 48% of the children put in attendance at school. All of these with two or three exceptions had been well protected. The exceptions were giving opportunity of drying themselves. The Registers were not marked but work went on as usual.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Empire Day: Special lessons were given on Empire during the morning. At 11.40 the children were massed in the playground and sang several patriotic songs & saluted the flag. The Infants gave a short recitation on King & Flag. The Head master spoke on the component parts of the Union Jack & the flags of St. George S<sup>t</sup> Andrew & S<sup>t</sup> Patrick were floated beneath the Union Jack. Mrs Blundell of Nelsall House, a school manager was present with her young daughter.

May 27+28

The afternoon was a holiday and the School was also closed for Whitmonday & Tuesday.

May 29.

Mrs E. A. Brook, temporary assistant teacher ceased duty on May 24<sup>th</sup> & Miss Kinner resumed duty today after being absent since March 4<sup>th</sup> with Scarlet Fever.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Monthly return sent in today shows a percentage of attendance of only 86.

This is partly due to one or two very wet mornings and partly due to an unusual amount of sickness, including chicken pox in the Infant Room.

June 7<sup>th</sup> This school has for years been especially conspicuous amongst schools of this district as one from which few children applied for certificates of exemption to leave school before 14 yrs of age. Our average of such has not been one per year. Within the last month or so however a change has come & there have been 6 applications. Two are granted and on consultation with the parents I have persuaded them to withdraw the other 4 for the present. Only one of cases is a case of poverty. The other cases are all the result of overtures from employers of labour seeking cheap labour.

June 18 A very wet morning: 40% of children absent.

June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited school this afternoon, spending rather over an hour here. He visited all the classes; also saw gardening & cooking classes at work. He expressed himself as most delighted and considered we had the best equipped rural school in his diocese.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> I had important business in London yesterday and obtained from the manager two days leave of absence. By a rush however I was able to catch the last train home & therefore only took one of the days granted. H.M.I.S. were informed of the intended absence.

Mrs Kinnel received her cheque yesterday & has had £1.2.9 deducted from salary on account of absence during her suffering from Scarlet Fever.

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Notified Dr Scholfield the Medical Officer yesterday that we suspected four houses in Barton of being infected with measles. He came promptly, visited the houses, & returned to me to report that he found that three of the families were certainly infected but that the fourth case was a nor me of measles. It is rumoured, & the rumour was repeated to the medical officer, that the family of Craven has had measles for a week or two - a child not yet registered at School - and that they have tried to keep the matter quiet and sent the other two children to School. Thus are School epidemics started.

July 15 Commenced Term Examinations. Time table will not be strictly observed.

July 16. Notified Medical Office of three further cases of measles. One of these started suddenly in class.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Owing to the Chon Boys picnic 16 of the biggest boys are absent today and it will be necessary to postpone the Gardening class until tomorrow.

July 26<sup>th</sup> School closed to-day for Summer Vacation.  
All term examinations have been completed & reports written up except for my own class in which the marking of papers is not quite completed.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Re-opened after Summer Holidays

Attendance good except in Inf<sup>1</sup> Class.  
Outbreak of measles which was threatening just before holidays seems to have been stayed as only one fresh case is reported. This rather points to the efficacy of closure in case of epidemic.

Have admitted nine children from Haskayne School all of whom have removed into Halsall District (Barton). I refused to admit another boy as he still lives in Haskayne.

but the mother is most anxious that he should be under a master and if she insists I shall have no right of further refusal. I pointed out to the mother that at this school the boy would still be taught by a missress. I have at various times had much difficulty with this question of transference of boys from Haskayne to this school and have always tried to discourage it.

Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. Miss Manson asked for permission to be absent today as she is moving to another house. Leave was readily granted as she has not averaged half a day <sup>absent</sup> a year for the past 12 years in this school.

A further case of measles reported today. Unfortunately the girl was at school yesterday. She has had measles previously.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Half holiday this afternoon on account of the School treat @ Halsall House to day and Sunday Scholar

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. The Note & Sketch books of the Academy Class cannot be found. A large number of old books were being burned ~~books~~ on the day school closed for Midsummer holidays & I can only conclude that by some mishap these books have become mixed with them

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Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Miss Quine's class is becoming too big for one teacher. I have today taken out three boys over 13 years of age and brought them into my class. I have now six such boys - backward scholars brought to my class for several reasons for their last half year at school.

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Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Tasker was not well today and at noon Mrs Hill took her temperature & found it was 103.2 so I at once sent her off home

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Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Miss Hill commenced to day with a leave of absence granted so that she may have a very necessary operation to her eyes. It is thought she will be absent for seven or eight weeks.

Mrs Tasker has not returned and is reported to be very ill with rheumatism which may yet prove to be rheumatic fever.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs E Brook commenced work as temporary teacher (un-cert) in place of Miss Hill who is on leave.

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Oct 4<sup>th</sup> School closed today for the usual potato harvest holiday.

I am to day relinquishing the post of Head Master of this school as I am leaving the teaching profession to take up a Civil Service Appointment

I wish here to bear record that my almost twelve years tenure of this Office has been a time of great comfort & happiness - That the managers have ever shown a kindly interest in all school work and that the whole of the staff has at all times worked with smoothness and goodwill - I can hardly recall a single unpleasant day's work since I took charge of the School. Mrs Quine has been appointed temporary Head Teacher.

The first class which was in my charge should not be looked upon as a S.T. VI & VII so far as boys are concerned. It was my policy to bring all boys of 13 yrs of age into my class even if by attainment they were only fitted for Std IV. They are therefore a miscellaneous lot. May the School prosper.

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Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1912

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

School re-opened this morning.

I. temporarily took over charge of the school, pending the appointment of Head Master. A good number of the older children are absent, as Potato Harvest is not finished. Miss Hill & Miss Tasker are still absent. Miss Tomlinson (Uncert.) has been appointed Temporary Teacher, and commenced duties to-day.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

Miss Procter has had a bicycle accident, causing injury to foot, & is unable to attend school. There has been no Cookery Class to-day.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

A very wet morning, only 164 children present. Forms 171E have been returned to the District Clerk.

Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Monthly return sent to day shows an attendance of 85%, owing chiefly to older children still being engaged potato-picking.

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Have to-day forwarded Cookery Class Register and Admission Reg to Clerk.  
Have written to Dr Schofield, reporting a case of Measles at Haleall Hill.  
The Clerk called this morning and took the Gardening register & claim for grant.  
A dozen Infant Chairs have been received from Kingfisher's. One which was defective was returned.

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Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

A very heavy rainstorm this morning, only 143 children present.

Have received notice that Miss Tasker has been granted leave of absence, till Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 1913, and Miss Tomlinson's engagement will terminate on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1912.

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Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

Sergeant Major Wright Instructor of Physical Exercises for L. E. A. visited school this morning, and expressed general satisfaction. He suggested that boys and girls should drill together in upper as well as in lower classes.

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Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Mr Edward Threlfall, one of the Managers called at school, and tested the registers

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Monthly return forwarded to day-attendance

Miss Hill has been granted further leave of absence - Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1913, and Mrs Brook will continue to serve in her place till Xmas Holidays.

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Dec 2 this morning I took up my duties as Head master of Halsall C. E. school, and, in the absence of the Correspondent, was introduced to the Teachers and children by the head master Mr J. A. Brook.

Dec 4. Forwarded my Agreement Form and the Form for Gardening to the District Clerk

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Forwarded ask of seeds for  
gardening to the Director of Education

Dec 6

Received notice from the District  
Clerk that McBrook would be recognized  
on the Staff until Dec. 22. 1912

Has all this week devoted myself  
to becoming conversant with  
the work of the school.

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Forwarded to-day Requisitions for  
Quarters ending Mar. 31.

The attendance this week has fallen  
off somewhat.

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Miss Rovator being ill the  
Cookery Class will not go on  
this week.

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Received Notice for Requisitions  
sent for Quarters ending Dec 31. 12.  
and forwarded same to District Clerk

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School closed for Thanksgiving  
(Two Weeks)

Dec. 30. Owing to the various changes in  
the Staff during the past three  
months and the School being  
without a Head master for two months  
no list has been given on the work  
of the Second Form, as Standards  
II - III is the only Group which has  
been able to retain its usual teacher.  
Consequently the work of all other  
classes has been considerably  
disorganized. I have spent the  
three weeks since Dec 2. in  
becoming thoroughly conversant  
with the working of the school,  
and the state of the work in the  
various classes.

Six dolls have been dressed by  
the girls of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes for  
the Manchester Cinderella Club.  
The whole of the work was done  
by the girls and reflected great  
credit upon the girls.

1912

Jan. 6. Miss Hill said - was fond of children - called in school today, and seeing her doctor demanded leave and expressed herself as delighted with the work done by the girls.

Mrs. E. Brook and Miss S. Tomlinson completed their services as Temporary Teachers today.

Mrs. A. Childs and Miss F. Tasker have been absent all the month through sickness.

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Jan. 6.

School reopened Attendance fairly good. No present.

Miss Hill returned to school this morning, but having received news of the death of her father permission was given her to return home until after the funeral.

Miss F. Tasker wrote to say that she would be at school tomorrow morning by doctor's orders.

Jan 6. The Annual visit of the Choir Boys to the Pantomime having been fixed for today, the whole of the Choir Boys are absent this afternoon.

Notice was received on Sat: Jan 4 from the District Clerk. that Miss Proctor, having contracted Scarlet Fever, would not be able to take the Cookery Class for some five or six weeks, and that arrangements had been made for Miss Holman of Scarisbrick to carry on the class until Miss Proctor's convalescence. Miss Holman called today to ascertain what the next lesson was, in order to procure the necessary materials.

Wrote to Preston on Wed. Jan 1. 1913 to ascertain why Miss A. Hill's and Miss F. Tasker's salaries had not been forwarded with the rest, and received word that as Form A 13a had been forwarded the matter would receive immediate attention.

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1913.

- Jan. 6. Miss M. Himmer has taken St. I. with the Infant Classes this afternoon owing to Miss A. Hill's absence through bereavement.
- Jan. 7. Miss Basket returned to school this morning.
- Jan. 8. Miss Hill returned to school this morning.
- Jan. 9. Received a request from the District Clerk for the School Account Book to be forwarded to him.
- Jan. 13. Weather very wintry. Fall of snow no present. This morning 190.
- Jan. 15. Heavy rain and wind. Attendance much affected No present 165.
- Jan. 17. The attendance this week is somewhat down. Sickness and bad weather

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Jan. 24. Some amount of sickness is still prevalent, and has affected the attendance.

Jan. 21. Received notice from the District Clerk that the Estimates had been approved by the Local Sub-Committee for 1913-14

Feb. 6. Received notice that the Diocesan Inspection will be held on West Mar 5.

Notice from the District Clerk was received on Jan. 1. that the sub-committee had recommended a bonus of £50/- to miss. D. for the period during which she had charge of school. (Two months)

Febs. Ash Wednesday. School work commenced at 9 a.m. and the morning session closed at 11 a.m. after which those who wished to do so proceeded to church.