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Apr. 3rd

The following is the copy of the report of the Diocesan Inspection held on Mar. 23rd.

There was life and music in the hymns, verses, and responses at the opening of the school. The prayers were reverently said, and the proceedings were consistent with the idea of offering something worthy in word and thought to God. The Inspector visited the three groups in turn.

The top group entered with admirable intelligence into the wide range of thoughts that were touched on. They illustrated points that came up excellently with well informed accounts of what is told in the Old and New Testaments, with quotations from the Catechism, and with thoughtful and sound explanations of the baptismal service. They said many things which shewed not only work well mastered,

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but also a thoroughly nice religious feeling.

The second group contained, as usual in the country, children of different ages and capacities. Of these the younger ones gave excellent answers, happy, sensible, and worshipfully minded, while the older ones with their naturally greater power of expression were never at a loss, shewing with what ability and religious insight the subjects have been treated.

The Infants, (Group III), who had sung their hymns very nicely, talked with pleasing confidence and good sense, and it was clear that they thought of our Lord worshipfully and that elementary ideas and principles had been successfully imparted through the Bible stories, Tests, and Commandments.

Much excellent work has been done. The very faces of the children, reflecting their confidence in knowing and their refinement of feeling, spoke of the worthwhileness of the mind which the teachers have given to the religious instruction.

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May 1st

Miss Dyles has applied for another week's absence her mother not being yet sufficiently recovered. The attendance in the infants very bad. Colds &c being apparently the cause. fifty per cent being absent. Miss Dyles ~~still~~ absent. returned to duty this morning.

May 8th
" 11th

Remissions received today -
15th Sergeant Major Wright visited the school this morning and saw various classes at physical exercises. He said he was satisfied that the work was proceeding on good lines.
- 11. Had to send Miss Meadowcroft home this afternoon as she was not fit for work.

- 15. Received doctor's certificate stating that Miss Meadowcroft is suffering from sub-acute rheumatism and not fit to attend to her duties.

- 22nd Miss Meadowcroft is still away ill. The attendance in the standards is good.

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May 26. Visited the School and checked all registers, which were found correct. Attendance very fair: order excellent.

G. Handwick Spooner.

- 29. Have put Miss C. Fyles - student teacher to St ii. This week placing her - as far as possible - on her own responsibility - with my supervision and guidance.

Forwarded estimate forms to district about

June 2nd Notice forwarded re Miss Meadowcroft's absence.

School closed today for Whitsuntide Holiday - two days.

June 7th School reopened - attendance good. Miss Fyles still in charge of St. ii. and is making good progress in the management of a class.

June 12th Miss Meadowcroft is still away.

" 16th The attendance in the infants is improving somewhat, but there is some amount of sickness among them still.

June 19th Miss Meadowcroft returned to duty today.

- June 23. Archdeacon Spooner visited the school this afternoon, and saw all the classes at work.
- " 27th Miss Halsall absent today through illness. Miss Fyles taking St. 1.
- July 6th Very wet and stormy. Two thirds of the children away. Register not marked, but work proceeded with as usual.
- " 7th Head master away from school today, being called away owing to serious condition of his mother. Miss Quinn left in charge.
- " 12th Mr. McPherson - assistant superintendent of Horticulture spent the whole of the afternoon in the garden with the gardening class. He expressed himself as well pleased with the state of the garden and the work done.
- " 14th School closed for the Summer vacation - 4 weeks.
- Aug. 14th School reopened, attendance good.

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Aug. 18th

The Chairman of the Managers - Archdeacon Spooner - visited school today and went round all the classes.

" 25th

The attendance continues good and the classes have settled down to steady work.

Sep. 1st

A very wet stormy morning - 50% of the children absent - better weather in the afternoon and there was an improvement in the attendance. Miss Halball absent from school today.

Miss Lykes - Student Teacher finishes her training here today to proceed to Homerton College. She has shown herself an intelligent girl, picking up the work very well and away, which is a good sign. She promises to be very well as a teacher.

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Head master absent from school today owing to the death of his mother. Attendance during the week good.

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Sep. 8th araldacox Spooner called in school today and checked registers

Sep. 15th Very wet and stormy morning. attendance of the lower part of the school adversely affected, and especially the infants.

Sep. 25th Although the weather has been wet and somewhat stormy the attendance has on the whole been fairly satisfactory.

Sep. 29th Forwarded monthly and quarterly returns to District Clerk. Examined the 1st Class Infants in Reading and find them somewhat backward in the subject, only three being able to read with anything like fluency.

Oct 6th School closed for October holiday one week

" 16th School reopened. attendance good.

" 20th attendance still continues to be good throughout the school.

" 26th a case of measles reported today. Keeping three children away from school

Dec. 27. Archdeacon Spooner visited the school this morning.

Forwarded monthly returns to District Clerk.

Nov 1st Wet stormy morning which has somewhat affected the attendance. New Gardening Class put together today.

Nov 15th School closed today - Parliamentary Election.

- 17th Two cases of Scarlet Fever reported this week.

" 22nd The County Nurse visited the school yesterday and today, and examined all the children -

" 24 Tested Infants - Stds ii + iii in the 2nd term's work -

Forwarded particulars of Gardening Qualifications to County Offices, Exeter.
Visited the School and Checked the Registers.

G. Hardwick Spooner.

Dec. 1st Tested St. i and ii + iii in part on the work of the second term.

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Dec. 5th

Trishadson Thorne called on
school today and visited all
the classes.

Sent off the results of the
preliminary review of the children
11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 for scholarship
purposes.

Completed tests for Hds 10 - 11 -
School closed for Christmas vacation
two weeks.

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Jan. 5th

School resumed. Attendance moderate.
There being many cases of severe colds
and sickness.

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The attendance this week has been
somewhat affected by sickness.
Especially in the lower part of the school.
School closed this afternoon. Children
Christmas trees and parties.

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Names of candidates for scholarships
sent in - five

31st

Choir boys absent today - choir trip.
Very wet stormy morning - attendance
very moderate.

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Jan. 28-Feb 2. Dr. Brook - (county) - devoted these two days to the medical inspection of the children -

Feb 2nd Three cases of Scarlet fever have occurred this week. Have arranged to have the school thoroughly disinfected during the week end -

The attendance during the latter part of the week has been very moderate, there being many cases of sickness.

9th Requisitions for Quarter received today. The County nurse has been in school yesterday and today, completing the work of County books, interviewing a few mothers &c -

Sent a boy home today. Symptoms of measles were showing.

16th Received a request from Parish Council for nominations for child to take up Scholarship attached to the school. Two names were forwarded to choose from.

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Feb 16.

The boy, who was sent home on the 9th, has been reported for measles. Four families are now affected by scarlet fever or measles.

Visited the School, checked the registers, sawed children about. Work proceeding satisfactorily.

(Harrison's)

" 23rd Several cases of measles have occurred this week. The children affected are mostly in St. 1. consequently the attendance in that St. is very thin.

20th Miss Johnson visited the school today, and went into the domestic subjects. She reported as being generally well pleased with what she saw.

Mar. 2nd

Sickness still continues to be prevalent, all the classes being affected more or less.

" 9th More measles reported. The cases up to the present are mostly in St. 1. Received notice for Staff to be reduced.

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measles still spreading. 75% of St. 1 are now affected.

" 2nd

Have commenced term listing in the lower Standards.

" 22nd

Four more cases of measles reported this week.

The Rector called in school this morning and visited all the classes. All cases of measles have been reported to the medical officer of health.

Mar 23rd

Have completed term lists in all Standards except the Upper and St. 1. In case of the latter only six are now in attendance. so the class will be left over until after Easter.

Received notice that the Staff must be reduced by one certificated or one uncertificated teacher as the school is considerably overstaffed.

Mar 29th

School closed for Easter Vacation. Necessary forms for Yearly Return forwarded to District Clerk.

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Mar 29th

The following is the Report on the
Diocesan Inspection: Held Mar 15th

The singing was full of life and
expression. The prayers were said
reverently and as if the children
expressed a meaning in them.

The Top Group made a great success
of their inspection. It was the best
talk that this group has given the
Inspector, for the children, boys and
girls alike, not only showed they
had worked really well and
could thus talk with convincing and
interested definiteness about their
subjects, but also used their knowledge
with a natural freedom and
intelligence which was very attractive.
Great truths of the Christian religion,
bearing on belief, character, and
worship, were illustrated in a full
and earnest minded way out of all
parts of the scheme of lessons.
The Middle Group soon showed they

had no need to be anxious about the inspection in their room. There were excellent answers who made the lessons feel full of sense and meaning. Interest looked out of the children's eyes and expressed itself in the kind of thing that they said. Worshipping minded ideas have been imparted through the Bible stories, Catechism questions, and Devotion. The children showed that the work had been carefully done and that they could use what they knew even with a stranger.

The third group was a haunting in the confident and intelligent response which the children made to the opportunities given to them to show what they had been learning. Every child seemed to have joined in the talk before the finish and they made sense of everything they touched on. The religious teaching evidently counts for much in their minds and the subjects have been approached with

harky.

insight and a grasp of what is helpful and possible for a little child to assimilate.

Eagerness, reverent feeling, and a desire to do well were characteristics of all three groups. Interest taken with the boys seems to have made them more articulate and able to express themselves than is sometimes the case in the country. The girls too seemed to be encouraged to use their knowledge freely and not by any means to be merely depending on getting expected questions. In short, there was life about the work. The year's teaching has been infinitely worth while.

C. F. H. Lambey.

Apr 4th. School reopened. attendance better, tho' two fresh cases of measles have been reported during the holiday. A reorganisation of the classes has been made. the classes now being as follows:-

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april 9th

Class I -	St. VII -	Vla.	Headmaster -
— II -	St. VI -	V.	Miss Quins - C.
— III -	St. IV -	III.	Miss Hanson - C.
— IV -	St. II.		Miss Macdonald - C.
— V -	St. I.		Miss Galsall - U.
Infants.			Miss Hill - C.

april 11th

Mr Lowman. Horticultural Ingt
called at the school this afternoon
and spent a short time in the garden.
New bookery class formed - owing to
the difference in age and ability is
has been thought advisable to work the
class in two portions, the elder girls
mostly being allowed to work on
their own.

Miss Fillingham. the teacher - informs
me she has obtained a new post - at
Wigan, and will be leaving soon.

april 14th

The Rector called in the school
today. and visited each class.

april 20th

The Lecturer of Church of England
Temperance Society visited the school
this morning and gave the children
in Stds I - VII a lesson on Foodstuffs & Alcohol.

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Apr. 25th

Miss Dillingham - cookery class teacher - completed her work here today - having obtained another appointment at Wigan.

May 2nd

A temporary teacher had charge of the cookery class today.

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The weather yesterday and today has been very cold and stormy. This has affected the attendance.

" 19th

Ascension Day. Registers marked at 9 a.m. and secular work began. Children attended church at 11 a.m.

" 18th

School closed for Whitsun Vacation. Monday and Tuesday.

" 23rd

School reopened.

" 24th

Empire Day - lessons this morning were given bearing on the Empire - holiday given in the afternoon.

June 5th

Mr. Macpherson - Horticultural Adviser - spent the afternoon with the boys in the gardening. He went over a good deal of ground with them and expressed himself as being satisfied with their progress.

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June 7th

A reduction of staff having been asked for by the Education Com^r. Miss Meadowscroft (U) has been transferred to a vacancy at Latham St-James School. She finished her work here to-day to the regret of all. Miss Halsall (U) will now have charge of St. i. + ii. This will necessitate some reorganisation in the syllabus and the time table. "

The Rector called in school this afternoon in order to make a small presentation to Miss Meadowscroft from teachers and scholars.

June 18th

Archdeacon Spooner called in school this afternoon and checked the registers in all the classes.

" 21st

Sergeant Major Wright visited the school this afternoon, and expressed himself as well satisfied with the manner in which the Physical Exs. were being taken.

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June 29. Forwarded monthly and quarterly
reports to District Clerk.

July 7th Tested St I - IV in work of
First Term

July 13th Completed Tests on work of First
Term with fairly satisfactory
results. Infants left until the
return from the holidays.

School closed for Summer Vacation
- four weeks -

Aug 13th School reassembled. attendance
good.

Chairman of the Managers called
in this afternoon and visited
all the classes.

Aug. 24th The attendance keeps good
with the exception of one class
(III) which is troubled with some
amount of sickness.

Aug. 31. Monthly reports forwarded.

Sep 2nd A wet morning attendance
affected.

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Sep. 12th

Visited the School; attendance very good: Checked registers: work proceeding satisfactorily.

G. Henderson Spooner

21st

The attendance here and N. has not been so good, there were some sicknesses.

24th

Miss Halsall absent from school today - ill

28th

Miss Halsall returned to school this morning. Her absence during the past three days has been taken by the head master who has been overhauling the work of the year as far as done.

Sep. 28th

The attendance keeps quite good.

Oct 5th

A case of chicken pot. was noted this week; the case was sent home.

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Two more cases of chicken pot occurred this same family as above.