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Dec. 23.

Miss F. Tasker completed her work at this school today having obtained an appointment in a Birddale Council School.

School closed for Christmas vacation  
commences on Dec. 23, 1913.

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~~Jan.~~. <sup>Sept 15</sup> 1913.

Feb 17.

B. H. Young, Esq. A.M.I. and his sonings A.M.I. visited the school today spending the whole day in school.

Feb 18.

Dr Butterworth, Fisher and Colquitt visited the school this morning and were shown over the premises.

Feb 26.

Ask Wednesday. Secular  
work 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Registers marked at 9 a.m.

Feb. "

Received helpful from W. H. Young, Esq.  
A.M.I. re the organisation of the

Feb 25. classes with respect to promotion  
of children.

Feb 26. Received notices of six cases of  
whooping cough. Some of these  
appear to have been going for some  
time, and it is a pity that  
parents do not notify us at  
once when a case occurs.

Feb. 27. Dr. Wm. Summers completed a  
visit to him at his office today.  
Having obtained an appointment  
measured him.

Mar 2. Dr. W. Woods commenced a  
course for my brother.

Sadly arrived - with him - a  
very good sample.

Mar 3. pieces are being taken - so as to  
make a specimen.  
There are now thirteen cases of  
whooping cough.

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Mar. 6. The whooping cough is affecting  
the attendance of the infants  
very much.

Received Form IX to from  
District Clerk

Mar. 12. A letter written to the Medical  
Officer concerning the cases of  
whooping cough but no reply has  
been received.

Mar. 14. The whooping cough has now  
affected all the individuals especially  
among the infants which is very  
dangerous.

Mar. 15. The whooping cough has  
now affected all the individuals  
and it is not unusual to see a child  
die from the disease.  
<sup>These</sup> cases will not be  
admitted to the hospital  
or treatment center, for a fact

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the morning a course was  
run northward along the  
edge of the plateau. The  
area of the plateau is  
about 10 miles long by 5  
miles wide. The plateau  
is composed of the same  
rocks as the valley floor  
but the surface is more  
smooth and the slopes  
are less steep. The plateau  
is covered with grass and  
there are some small  
streams flowing down  
from the plateau into  
the valley.

Edward Threlfall March 20  
examined Register

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Mar 25 Today I receive the Report on H.M. 16 (W.H. Young) visit to the school on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, and which runs as follows:-

"Since 1907 the school has been housed in premises which afford unusually liberal opportunities for a many-sided development of the children. In spite however of the advantages, it cannot be said that the work has reached a standard of efficiency above the normal level, or that the expectations have been very fully realised. The eldest children are reasonably equipped in the arts of Reading, of Writing, and of Arithmetic, but the impression remains that much of their knowledge is disconnected and unprofitable, and that the lessons are too often lacking in life

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and interest. The supervision of the Head Teacher appears to be carried out conscientiously but strenuous efforts will be needed if he is to bring the school up to the standard it ought to reach.

The following points should engage his immediate attention

- (1) Though there are in addition to the hall six classrooms and there are six teachers on the Staff, the two Infant's teachers are working as a rule in one room, leaving another room almost always empty.
- (2) Promotion has been retarded for some time past throughout the school owing to the tradition that the highest group must occupy the smallest room.
- (3) As all but one of the classes contain two standards, sectional treatment would appear to be most necessary. At present the children promoted

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from St. i. begin work and read books suitable for St. iii. and continue the same work and read the same books two years in succession. Moreover, as some of the children are retained in a standard a second year for the reason stated, they repeat some of the work three times over.

- (4) A much more liberal supply of reading books is ~~unnecessary~~ One class e.g. spends habitually two whole years over foreshort books.
- (5) Time wasted in getting up technical grammar, which the children might profitably spend in learning to express themselves readily in their own tongue?

{ L. T. M.  
despatched }  
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Mar 27. Have this week examined the  
standards in the year's work  
in all subjects, and find the teachers  
are working very well and conscientiously.

Mar 28. Today I received notice from the  
District Clerk that the Director of  
Education would be pleased to receive  
observations from the managers and  
teachers on the Report on the school-

Mar 29. Today I have promoted the classes.  
The only children kept in the same  
class are two children in the  
First Class of Infants, one who has  
scarcely been to school the past  
year and the other suffering from  
Adenitis which seems to hinder  
her progress. and I am waiting for the  
doctor's visit in order to bring her  
case before him.

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Diocesan Report received Mar.

Chabot & S. School-Inspection.  
Presented in 3 groups.

Group I. St. H. 1. II. III. 73 children  
" " " 1. I. II. 79 "  
" III Infant. 47 "

The examination of the Standard  
children commenced with a Hymn  
which was very sweetly sung and with  
Collect & Prayers which were repeated with  
uniformly good order and reverence.  
In group I. Scripture Recitation was  
said with individual and intelligent  
accuracy. A thorough knowledge was  
shown of the New Testament subjects and  
of Old Testament also the children answered  
well. In Catechism the text unknown, and  
good answers were obtained on the meaning  
In Prayer book the reasoning and teaching  
is not definitely grasped. The written  
work was neat and correct.  
The children in group II answered extremely

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well. Scripture repetition was said with individual accuracy and was well understood. In Catechism the text is accurately known and the answers to questions on the meaning were given with clear and definite insight. In old and new Testament narratives the teaching has been effective, and good answers were spread over the whole class. The written work was carefully done and there was an almost complete freedom from mistakes. In Group III the Infants sang a hymn perfectly well and the Lord's Prayer was said with reverence and careful enunciation. Sound and thorough work has been done. Texts and commandments were readily repeated and were well understood, and in the Old & New Testament narratives they answered brightly and readily.

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- Apr. 4 Sent Form 9 E and other annual returns to District Clerk - also "Observation" from Head Teacher and Staff on the Apr. 13 Report on the Schools.
- Apr. 9 School closes for Easter vacation.  
The attendance officer visited the school this morning
- Apr. 20 School reassembled. No present 212
- Apr. 27 A new time table has been placed on trial today.
- Apr. 30 Mrs. S. M. Brook completed her temporary engagement at this school today -
- May 1. Miss Ruth Kenlow commenced duties today as Uncertified Assistant.  
The attendance is now picking up

May 1. especially in the lower Standards and Infants. This being a busy time with the farmers. Some trouble is being experienced in keeping the older boys in regular attendance owing to their being useful in the farm work now in process.

The calvary arrived for the Boos & today -

May 5-6 Merit Exam. held these two days Thirteen children sent in owing to the above the Cookery and Gardening Classes will be held on May 8. when the Timetables will be altered accordingly.

May 8. Sent off Miss Mershaw's agreement to the District Clerk.

18 Mrs Blundell. Miss L. Blundell & friend visited school this morning and spent an hour here.

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May 13 Weather wet. No gardening  
done today.

May 14. Gardening class out this  
afternoon instead of May 13.

May 21. Peacock work commenced at  
9 a.m. and Registers marked  
and closed. School closed at  
11.10 am children taken to  
shcool.

May 22. Empire Day. Work taken on the  
Subject. Short programme gone through  
Address - Chorus - National Songs -  
Recitation - National Anthem &c.  
School closed in the afternoon

May 29. Mr Bowman - Inspector for Horticulture  
visited the school garden this  
morning and expressed his  
satisfaction at the work done  
and the state of the garden  
generally.

May 29<sup>th</sup>. School closed for short time  
holiday - Monday & Tuesday.

June 3. School was closed this morning.

June 17. Head master absent today.  
The school was left in charge of the  
first assistant - Miss Paine.  
The geography class on a Monday  
will be changed to Friday and  
today's lesson will be today &  
Saturday.

June 26. The attendance is now good except  
in the Upper Standards, where some of  
the elder boys and girls are being  
kept at home to assist on the  
farms and in the house it being  
the Hay Harvest.

June 30. Mr Thelface, one of the managers  
visited the school this afternoon  
and checked the registers.

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June 30 -  
July 1.

Dr Fisher and nurse visited the school these two days and medically inspected the children. There were few cases demanding strong attention and he reported very well on the progress out line of the children.

Four children were pronounced fit for treatment for adenoids and will come from the 15 four children of the fifth class.

Concerning Dr. Fisher's visit we must take it in a general way. Last I saw him work, his technique of Meningitis at first presented

July 3. The weather this week has been very wet and stormy. Consequently the attendance has suffered especially in the Infants, whose attendance on two days fell to 50%.

July 9. Taken the Infants in the work of the First Term

July 14. Completed the tasks on the work of the First Term with the exception of that in Std. II. VII.

This morning was very wet and stormy, and less than 50% of the children were present. The registers therefore were not marked, and the school was closed for the summer vacation - four weeks - during which time the interior of the school will be cleaned down and the walls re-coloured.

Aug. 19. School re-opens this morning. Attendance fair - some of the elder boys are away assisting their parents on the farms.

Two cases of scarlet fever have occurred.

Aug. 21. The sewing syllabus of the Upper Standard Girls and to a smaller extent the Lower Standard Girls will be modified in order to allow the girls to sew and knit articles to be used.

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for the use of our soldiers and sailors.

The Geography from Standard 4 upwards will also be modified to allow of the current events in the war being dealt with as they occur. This applies also to the History syllabus.

Aug 29. The attendance in the older boys and girls is not so good as it might be. In the cases where the children are sent to advantage is taken of this to keep them at home to wait, and some of them do not put in much more than half time. This is very detrimental to progress, and an example to the younger children who in turn would be better without.

The majority of the parents wish their children to be at school until 16 years old, but do not seem to realize that regular attendance is necessary if they are to get much advantage from their last year at school.

## *Poultry-Keeping As A School Lesson*



Poultry-keeping is included in the lessons at the Central Schools, Halsall, Lancashire, and the picture shows some of the scholars who made the hen cote, and who also look after thirty hens and chickens.

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Sep 4<sup>th</sup>

As our local recruits passed through the village today, the scholars were lined up on the south to give them a hearty send off to their training section.

Sep. 17. A Third Year Course of book-keeping has been arranged for the girls. Very wet and stormy morning. 60% of children present.

Sep. 18. Examined registers and found correct.

Edward Threlfall

#### BOY POTATO-DIGGERS.

Legal Truancy from School to Help Farmers.

An important communication affecting West Lancashire farmers was read at a meeting of the Liverpool District Farmers' Club yesterday afternoon from Dr. Lloyd Snape, Director of Education for the County Council, in reply to a request from the club that in view of the shortage of labour for lifting the potato crop as the result of the war and the return home of Irish harvestmen, schoolboys should be allowed leave of absence to assist farmers in this work.

Dr. Lloyd Snape wrote that local attendance committees and school managers were at liberty to use their discretion in the matter, and such absence would not be considered illegal.

The reply gave great satisfaction.

Sep. 23.

The above paragraph which appeared in the local newspapers is responsible for the above absence of many of the elder boys in the Upper Standards.

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Sep 23. as the farmers are taking advantage of it to obtain boys for potato picking - sheep labour - in many cases where it is not a necessity.

Afternoon session today opened at 1 p.m. and closed at 3 p.m. to allow children to attend Confirmation Services.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Potato Picking is affecting the attendance particularly in the Upper Classes

Oct. 9. School closed for the Potato Harvest Holiday. Two weeks has been given this year as an experiment to see whether it will have any effect on the ragged attendance in the Upper Classes which last year extended for a full fortnight after the usual holiday of a week.

Oct 19. School reassembled. The attendance is good, and only two or three of the elder children are away. As these are over 13, and therefore of school leaving age some amount of freedom has to be allowed. All have applied for permission to be away.

Received books adopted for Merit Certificate Exam.

Gabriels Tables ordered last quarter have not yet arrived.

Oct. 23. Sent off Seed requisition.

Oct. 30. The attendance is not good. The elder boy being still away - engaged in potato picking, whilst many of the infants are away - bad colds and other illness being in the majority of cases the excuse.

Nov. 1. Commence afternoon session at 1 p.m. instead of 1.30.