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Dec. 23rd

School closed today for
Christmas vacation - two weeks.

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Jan. 10th

School reopened - attendance very
good.

School attendance officer called today.

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Visited the School; Checked register; all in order; attendance
very good.

L. Hardwick Spooner

Jan. 25th Visit of Horticultural Assistant

A very wet day - nothing done outside

Jan. 28th

The attendance continues good -
comparatively little sickness

Feb. 4th

Archdeacon Spooner called today
and visited all the classes.

" " 11th

Attendance falling somewhat -
lower classes affected by colds.

" 25th

Some cases of influenza have occurred
this week, and the attendance has
dropped.

Mar. 11th

Many cases of influenza this week.

The attendance is very low throughout.
Average attendance 125. On Roll 174

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Mar 8^t

Diocesan Inspection today -

- " " The attendance this week is somewhat better, children returning to school again. The attack of flu seems to be abating. Infants still down. Commenced testing St IV & V this week on the year's work.
- 18th Completed Year's Test in St II - V.
 - 25. The attendance this week has been affected by stormy wet weather. Completed Year's Tests in St. I + Infant.
 - 28. Revision Sheets sent to District Clerk. Received Teachers Time Book.
- Mar 31. all Tests completed. The results show that a good year's work has been done, and capital progress been made with the exception of St IV & VI. These two stds have few children of average intelligence and their progress is consequently very slow.

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- Mar. 31 All classes promoted today.
- Apr. 1st Work for the new year got in order and commenced today.
- Apr. 14th School closed for Easter Vacation.
- Apr. 28th School reopened. Attendance good. Horticultural Adviser Mr. Stev. visited the school this afternoon. He went round the garden, then questioned the boys of the Gardening Class on their work, and expressed satisfaction at the way the work was progressing and on the keenness of the boys.
- Apr. 29th Monthly returns forwarded to the District Clerk.
- May. 6th A case of measles reported this week.
- G. Parted the School, initialed the Registers and signed
by H. H. H. Spooner
- May 16th Nurse Try spent these two days in school and examined the whole of the children generally.

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Nurse Fry again visited the school and completed the inspection of the children.

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Empire Day - lessons bearing on the subject were given in the various classes - a short programme was taken at 11.30 a.m. and a half holiday given in the afternoon.

June 3rd

School for its annual holidays - two days.

Miss Oswell absent today - being ill, and Miss Halsall did not arrive at school this morning until 10.45 a.m.

June 8th

School reopened

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The Chairman of the Managers - Archdeacon Spooner called in school today and had a word or two with each class and teacher.

June 22nd

Had occasion to bring to the notice of the School Attendance Officer the

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July 22nd Case of a girl who has gone to work before the end of the term - " 20 . I am sorry to inform you that a local scholarship exhibition have had notice that Geo Shaw & Mary Neale have been selected to take up two exhibitions at the Southport Secondary Schools for a period of three years.

July 1st Tested the first term's work in St. I - II - III. This week

July 8th St IV - V and Infants First Term Test.

July 15th School closed for the summer vacation - four weeks.

Aug. 15th School reopened - attendance good. Two new admissions - one case of measles reported St II - III First Term Tests completed this week with fairly good results.

Boiler Inspector called at school today and inspected the school boiler.

- Aug 15th He decided that a new boiler was necessary, and that he would report accordingly.
- 22nd Visited the schools; attendance quite good; order excellent. Planted begonias. L. Hardwick Spooner
- Sep. 5th Mr. Wilson - H.M.I. visited the school at 1.30 today and spent the afternoon with the various classes.
- 7. Mr. Steer - Assistant Horticultural Instructor - visited the school this morning. He spent one and a half hours with the Gardening boys and expressed himself well satisfied with the work done and the knowledge of the boys.
- 9th The attendance has dropped this week somewhat. A few cases of severe cold have occurred and one case of whooping cough has been reported.

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- Oct. 17 School closed for Autumn Vacation.
- Oct. 17 School reopened - Attendance good
Seven children transferred from Inf'tl. H.S. 1.
- Oct. 20th Visited the School, checked registers. Good attendance, all well.
- Oct. 24th Heating Apparatus being repaired -
no heat - school cold but exercises
are being regularly taken throughout
to keep the children warm.
- Nov 11th Secular Work at 9 a.m. - Lessons
on Armistice Day - Service at
10 - 50 - 100 minutes release -
- Dec 9th Completed the "Annual Review"
Tests this week.
- 16th Sergt. Major Wright visited the
school this morning and saw
all the classes in physical shape -
expressing his satisfaction at the way
in which they were done.
- Term Tests I - II - III - VI - VII
and 8 tests this week.
- This child away from school today
suffering from a bronchial cold.

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- Dec 19th Miss Kile still absent.
- 22nd Miss Kile returned to school this morning.
School closed for Christmas Holidays

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- Jan 9th School reopened - attendance good.
- 10 School attendance officer called in school this morning.
- Jan 13 Attendance this week has been good.
- Jan 20th Owing to cold, wet & gloomy weather the attendance in the lower part of the school, & especially in the infants, has dropped, there being some cases of illness.
- Jan 27th Sent off weekly & monthly returns.
- Feb. 6th Afternoon session commenced today at 1.30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. The new boiler for heating apparatus, which was put in

Feb 6th

to the beginning of Janth has
made a great improvement in
the heating of the rooms - which
is now very satisfactory.

Feb 9th

Visited the schools; attendance not good owing to sickness: work
going on satisfactorily. Hardwick Room.

" 21st

School Tuesday - School closed.
Monthly returns forwarded to
District Clerk.

" 24th

Sickness has affected the
attendance somewhat - this week
the upper school being particularly
affected. Colds & influenza
principally.

M^r. Hurd - County Organising Inspector
visited the school this week -
taking a full survey of the school in
view of its adaptability as a
Central school.

Mar 5th

Miss Halsall absent from school
- very severe cold.

" 8th

Miss Halsall returned to
school this morning

Sent in notice of my resignation as
Head Master.

Feb 29th

Mar 13-14 Nurse Fry spent these days in school & examined the whole of the children.

Mar 16th The following is the Report on the Diocesan Inspection held Feb. 28th:-

The hymns were sung as if they contributed happily to the children's bright ideas and earnest ideas of God and of our life. They went musically. The prayers were meaningful said.

The top group made a glorious little success of their opportunity to express to a visitor what they knew and thought. Dealing with a wide variety of issues suggested by present day life as well as by their book matter from the Bible, Prayer Book and Catechism, they went far deeper than a mere bald recital of history and point, and it was good indeed to hear so many well minded things said.

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Nov 16th.

The Second Group gave great pleasure by their lively and friendly readiness to exchange ideas and information with a stranger. Here again good wholesome ideas were discussed. Bible stories were intelligently drawn on for truths about God and ourselves. The holy, the grand, the exquisite were nice mindedly discussed in religious connections with a child's own experience, and things memorised from Scripture & Catechism were found to be livingly understood. It was an excellent little effort.

The Third Group was that of the infants. As usual they did capitally. The Inspector thought he had never had them talking more freely and naturally than this time. The enjoyment in telling helped these little ones also to say what they thought about God as well as repeat the narrative and not merely to remember the text but to connect it with things in our present life.

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Mar 16th

The Inspector wishes again to express his thanks and appreciation for all that the retiring Head Master has done here. It was an appropriate feature of his last Diocesan Inspection that his children in each group acquitted themselves so radiantly.

Present 138 - last year av. 152

C. F. H. Soulby.

Mar 17th

Tested St 11-11 this week on the year's work.

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... tests in St IV-V and Infants -

Mar 30

Tests all completed. Taken on the whole a good year's work has been done, and generally progress is shown.

St 1. Was unsatisfactory as found and do not appear to believe that their test is required.

Classes phoniced this afternoon

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- Apr. 1st School closed for Easter Holidays.
- " 16th School reopened - attendance fair.
- " 21st Visited the School, checked registers, excellent attendance and order

L. Hardwick Brown Apr. 20th

- May 1st Two cases of whooping cough reported this week.
- " 11th Two cases of whooping cough reported this week.
- " 18th Had to send three children home today as they showed symptoms of whooping cough. There are now eight cases of whoop cough reported. These have sprung from P.N.-1, and a close observation is kept on this class for further developments.

This outbreak has seriously affected P.W.V. 1 and to smaller extent the infants, and the attendance is in consequence below the normal.

- June 1st. Head Master away from duty with a severe attack of Sciatica & Myalgia.

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- June 4. School carried on as usual
Miss Bill in charge -
6 to 11-11 worked under one teacher
Choir Boys away this afternoon
attending a marriage Service
at the church.
No gardening class today.
- 6th Another case of Whooping Cough
reported this week -
- 12 School Attendance Officer
called at school. reported
case of Whooping Cough.
- 13 Mr Hyde commenced today as
Temporary Teacher during absence
of Headmaster - Classes go on
normally.
Yester evening stove - pan - kettle -
tablecloth etc arrived for use in
the Cookery class. These were
recommended by the County Organiser
for Domestic Subjects at her visit
on May 23rd.
- No gardening class today -
weather wet - ordinary work done.

June 15th

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Weekly returns forwarded -
attendance good on the
whole except in St. I where the
attendance for some weeks has
been only fair.

July 6th

Teachers gave their
respective classes
tests on work of the first
term entering results in
the Record Books.

July 18th

Miss Halsall absent from
school today -

I complete my service
in Halsall C. S. School
today after upwards of
fifteen years of pleasant
work being much helped
by the kindly consideration
and interest of managers
and people and backed
up generally by a loyal
staff - my best regards
go to the school - myself
is flourish

Aug 13th

I, Arthur H. Battersby, this day commence duty as Head master, and re-open the school after the Summer Vacation.

- 20th

An error made by Miss Oswald in her class register was explained to me and initialled by me.

Sept. 7th

Visited the School and checked registers. Work going on very satisfactorily, attendance good.

L. Hardwick Horner, Rector

- 18th

Visited by the Archdeacon.

- 11th

Yesterday a morning drink of Horlicks' malted milk was instituted: practically all the children participate. The mixer, cups, etc. have all very kindly ^{been} provided by Misses Horlicks.

- 17th

Procedure in the Dining Hall re-organised. Cutlery & crockery have been purchased, and tables are laid for dinner by the senior girls at play-time. After having washed, children proceed to Dining Hall and sing Grace before commencing dinner.

- 25th

Table manners and behaviour generally have greatly improved since the above innovation.

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October 1st

Last week Miss Oswell fell when coming to school and injured her hand & arm (right). This is the cause of the register being less neat than usual. Ovaltine served at dinner for 50% of dinner.

2nd

Visited by Rev. H. E. Baxter.

3rd

Mr Workman, County Organiser, arrived about 1.45 p.m. & spent the afternoon discussing stock with view to a supplementary grant being made in order to equip the school the better.

5th

School closed for Autumn Holiday

10th

School re-opened.

Mr Steer, County Horticultural Adviser, spent the morning in school, discussing equipment & possible developments.

16th

An epidemic of measles appears to be breaking out, so school was sprayed at frequent intervals, & M.O.H. was notified.

17th

Visit by M.O.H.

18th

M.O.H. orders closure of infants' Dept.

22nd

I was absent from School on the 18th & 19th inst. in order to attend a course for Teachers organised by Lancs. Ed. Comm. at St Annes.

Staff Conference held with reference to methods in Arithmetic in order to secure uniformity of methods throughout the school.

Visit paid by School Nurse.

Received certificate of closure of Infants' Dept. on account of prevalence of measles.

Oct. 26th

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29th

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31st

Visited by Archdeacon Spooner.

Lecture given by Mrs Forbes - Band of Mercy Organiser - from 11.15 am to 12 noon.

Visited by Dr Marsden, M.O.H. and Dr Barker, School Doctor.

Only 60% of children of the Upper Dept. in attendance.

Farewell visit paid by the Archdeacon who has been a good friend of the school.

Today Miss Ada Hill terminates her engagement as Mistress in the Infants Dept. after 28 years of faithful service. Appreciation of her great service was marked by the presentation of a delightfully easy chair, subscribed for by past & present scholars, friends

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- Managers & Staff, and presented
by Lady Lethbridge.
- Nov. 1st 10-day Miss Dorothy Ellison
commenced duty as Mistress in
the Infants Dept.
- 2nd School closed at noon for three
weeks by order of the Medical
Officer of Health on account of epidemic
of Measles.
- 26th School re-opened.
During the closure several staff
conferences were held to discuss
teaching of English.
- 28 Visited by Miss Florman re Dining Hall.
- 30th Visit School & found correct
John Harrison
- Dec. 5th Visited by Mr C.H. Harris, H.M.I.
who spent about an hour in School.
- 20th School closed for the Xmas Vacation.



During the term the school has been
painted externally.

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Jan 7th

During the Vacation various alterations have been made; the galleries taken out of two class rooms at the West End, batters for affixing illustrations put up in several rooms, barless fire in Headmaster's study, new shelves, timber rack, and curtain fixtures in Dining Hall. Two cupboards transferred from other schools, together with ^{many} domestic utensils. Work benches and meat safe installed in Dining Hall.

Today school was re-opened as a Central School. New scholars were brought by bus from St. Mark's, Scarisbrick, Township, Scarisbrick, and Haskeyne Schools. Mr Brinley Morris and Miss E. Gregson commenced today.

Arrangement of Staff is now:

Form	III
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Mr B. Morris	Science	Handicrafts
Miss Oswell	Music (Junior)	History
Miss Gregson	Mathematics	Art (Senior)
Miss Hanson	Nature Study	Geography