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respective classes at the term exam: held this last eight days. Others of the staff have been present this morning for the same purpose. On the whole a good hard term's work has been done though some of the energy has been misdirected. Application was made by the managers on my suggestion for permission to change the educational year from Midsummer to Easter. Reply has not yet been received but I see from the Press that the permission has been granted.

Jan 9th Opened school today after Xmas Holidays with an excellent attendance (98%). no doubt due to coming Christmas tree. Soar children (Jentzsons) have removed to Alnwick School which is 2 miles nearer their home. It is a wonder they have travelled the longer distance for so long.

Jan 11th Holiday today for Xmas Tree.

Jan 16th Sent Requisition to District Clerk. Meteorological Instruments ordered in Sept have not yet been supplied.

Jau 16th Copy of Report from A.M.Richard by H.W.T.
After Visit on 24th June 1910.

Subject - Gardening

It was a pleasure to visit this School
The garden is in excellent order, its fourteen
individual plots being models of neatness.
Some land is lost by the centre path down each
plot, which is unnecessary, and seems to establish the
wrong principle that the gardener must not
walk on his beds.

2 The Correlation of Gardening Work with

- (1) Meteorological Observations and Records
- (2) Elementary Biology of Plants & Insects
- (3) Simple Chemistry of Soils, plants & manures
- (4) Experimental Botany (Respiration, Transpiration, etc.)
- (5) English Composition
- (6) Arithmetic and Mensuration

has been well devised and ~~is~~ is producing
excellent results

The girls have their well kept flower garden; and a most
interesting garden is a long narrow border where every infant
has about 18 inches square of garden where they
grow anything from seed which they please.

The Head master might with advantage
take over the care of the shrubs on the
mounds bordering the play ground,
which would certainly benefit by increased attention.

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The boys were very bright and intelligent and chatted freely about their garden work which they evidently enjoy. They knew some interesting facts about the rotation followed by the farmers of the district.

Signed

Correspondent

Jan 17th

Copy of letter from Clerk to Area 17.
Acton C. E. School

"I am directed to inform you that Mr. J. A. Brook is specially approved by the Board of Education, under Rule 9 of the Code, as a teacher of a class in gardening at the above named school.

Jan 25th

Today picked out the 14 boys for the Gardening Class to commence next Wednesday. Unfortunately 7 or 8 of the oldest boys cannot be included as they will be leaving during the course of the year.

Jan 26th Have decided to try the lower group of Second Class along with the third class for Arithmetic & bring Miss Tasker for this subject to the upper group of Second Class.

Miss & Blundell, correspondent, & Mrs Blundell, School manager, visited the school today and stayed an hour. Last week whilst I was at the Conference at Preston they visited the Cookery Class.

Jan 30th Visit of J Hallam Esq & M. I.

Feb 1st Commenced the course of Practical Gardening.

Feb 14th Afternoon sessions now commence at 1/30 pm

Feb 25th Persuaded 8 scholars to enter for the Merit Cert: Exam. Parents do not view examination with favour especially in the case of girls.

Feb 27th Afternoon session 1 to 3 p.m. on account of School Treat given by the Marquis de Casteja

Feb 28th Shrove Tuesday - day holiday - .

March 1st Ash Wednesday - Secular work commenced at 9. A.M. Morning Session closed at 11. A.M. Those who wished went to Church received notice from the Clerk of the District that the Board of Education had given official sanction to our change of school year.
New Course of Cookery Commenced Today.

March 9th Alice Whittaker who was at school four days ago is now reported as suffering from Diphtheria. Ethel Sephton was sent home yesterday morning suffering from Measles, and Deb. Marshall with ringworm.

Mar 20th Two new scholars were admitted today from Newgate Lane. One was nearly eight years of age and the other nearly seven. Neither had been to school before and neither knew how to count up to four or knew a single letter of the alphabet. They could only speak a few words in the broad Lancashire dialect. How

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long such children should remain in
the Infant Room is a problem not easy
of solution.

Mar 23rd Have had a very severe cold with very
acute headaches. Although not absent from
School I have done practically no work
for three days.

April 3rd Have completed returns ready for
Form IX but I am in a difficulty
about managers meeting to test
registers & sign forms as four of
my six managers are abroad.

Ap 6th Mr Jas Gilkington & Mr E. Threlfall
visited School, tested registers etc
and signed Form IX. R.G. Leigh Esq
with power of attorney signed for Cawood
Leigh.

April 10th Very busy with a careful individual Exam.^{to}
throughout the School with a view to a
re-arrangement of classes to commence
a new educational year after holidays
I have decided, in order that Infant
Room methods may be continued
in S.I., to bring Miss Rimmer out of

- Infant Room to take S. I and to send
Miss Tasker to the Infant Room.
- Ap 13 School closed today for Easter Holiday
Re-opened Ap 23rd
- Ap. 24 Rec'd a visit from School Attend Officer.
— nearly all children present —
- Ap. 26th As the average attendance has fallen
to 199.3 for year ending Mar 31 last
the head master's salary is liable to
reduction unless it can be shown
that attendances have been lost through sickness.
A Form has therefore been sent to day
to Preston showing that through the one
Epidemic of Whooping Cough nearly 5,000
attendances were lost. Nearly an
equal number was lost through other
cases of Sickness. At one period the
School was kept open though nearly half
the children were ill. The result is
that though 199 is our lowest average
for many years, the school has not
for a long time been opened so often
in the year viz 438 times.

- May 10th Received a visit from Mr. Bowmer, Horticultural Instructor to County Education Committee. Brief reason for visit seemed to be concerning our system of an infants garden.
- May 14 }
18. } Yesterday and today the merit certificate examination has been held, under the superintendence of Miss Blundell & Mr. Gull. Four boys & four girls took the examination. One of the girls has however been ill during the greater part of the period since she entered for the examination.
- Gardening Class postponed from Wednesday 17th.
- May 22nd The Rev. Ed. Mathes brought Miss Rawcliff, a member of the Lanc Ed Cttee, to visit the school.
- June 2nd School closes tonight until Wednesday morning for two days Whitsun-side Holiday —
- June 7th In account of the continued drought many of the crops in the school garden are failing to germinate whilst 10th worth of annuals planted on the school bank have failed to make any appearance.
- June 9th In view of the forthcoming Coronation fete a larger number of under fives than usual are being admitted.

June 15th School had closed for the day before I reached it as I have been to London for the week end & had permission from the correspondent to stay for business in London this morning.

June 21 Coronation Holiday.

School closed today until the 28th inst.
June 29. Received a visit from a Birkdale youth named Moore who wished to become a pupil teacher. I advised him to become a bursar as I do not consider the half time P.T. system advantageous.

As Saturday's Coronation festivities were marred by rain the sports will be continued this evening. School was therefore begun & dismissed 20 minutes earlier this afternoon.

Omitted to enter
June 15 & 16 all over 12 and the new admissions.

Visit of Dr. Parsons & Nurse to examine
The doctor left a list of children
requiring treatment

July.

This Hill and Miss Quine applied for permission to join the vacation courses about to be held at St. Annes on Sea under the auspice of the Lancashire Education Office but permission has not been granted.

July 5th Was absent ~~to day~~^{this date} being required in London as a witness on the Southport Corporation Bill.

July 17. Commenced the term examination today. Each class will be examined personally by me in every subject.

July 25. The dentist engaged by Miss Hilda Huddell to attend to the teeth of those children named as requiring attention by Dr. Pearson the School Doctor, visited school to day. In some cases he differed with the School medical officer as to the advisability of drawing certain children's teeth.

July 28th The school was closed to day until Aug 29th for the usual Summer Vacation.

The term Exam was completed except for one subject in one Standard but I was unable to write reports before School closed.

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Aug 29th. Opened today after holidays

Mrs Manson has applied for leave
of absence for two days owing to
the death of her mother.

Sept 1st Received visit from Serj-Maj Wright the
Physical Instructor for the Law & Authorit
He pointed out small details which might be
improved but generally passed favourable
criticism on the work. The whole of
the children were paraded except infants.

Sept. 14th Received visit from the Visiting Committee
of the District Education Committee.

Sept. 22nd Received notice that the following three
Scholars have passed the Merit Certificate
Exam; viz. Arthur Draper
James Banks
Ellen Porter

Sept 28th All school children being invited to the
funeral of the Marquis de Lassela
the school was closed for the day.

Oct 2nd Moved 6 boys from Std V to VI or
more correctly from Second to first class
and three boys from third to
second class

Oct 3rd Miss Blundell, corresponding manager visited school during singing lesson this afternoon. She brought a lady to hear the songs and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with ^{the} manner in which a half dozen songs were sung.

Oct 16th School closed last Friday for one week - potato harvest holiday. Three of the teachers are at school today with clerical work and preparation.

Oct 23 Admitted three scholars from the Scarisbrick Township School who have removed to a house much nearer this School.

Oct 30th Many of the older boys are still absent setting potatoes. As they are over 13 years of age they could by application obtain complete exemption.

Nov 7th Sent admission register along with Cookery Register to District Clerk by request of Cookery Teacher.

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Nov 9th

Received visit from W H Young Esq H.M.I
He arrived at a few minutes after
9. A.M. and stayed until 3.30 p.m.
The visit was a most pleasant
one, H.M.I. being very appreciative.
He suggested that the scheme of
Geog: in St IV & V was too comprehensive
& that a less wide area mastered in
greater detail would be of more value.

Nov 13.

Mabel Adams, a girl 18 years
of age who has recently passed
the Oxford Local (Senior) Exam:
has been allowed to visit this
School & lend a hand with different
teachers in order that she might
pick up some experience before
applying for a post as assistant
teacher.

Nov 27th

Miss Blundell visited the School
this afternoon to examine registers, etc.
Miss May Rommer, uncertificated teacher
is absent from School this week
attending the Certificate Examination.

Dec 7th The first class girls have dressed half a dozen large dolls for the Manchester Cinderella Club. The whole of the garments have been thoroughly made the work being a most valuable exercise for the girls. Miss Blundell & lady friend called to day to inspect the dolls and had great praise for the work put into them.

Dec 11th Commenced the term examinations. It will be necessary to depart from the strict order of lessons as put down in the time table.

Dec 18th The very wet weather has somewhat curtailed the attendance & has interfered with the examinations.

Dec. 20th An exceedingly heavy rain storm caught the children on their way to school this morning, and many were very wet on arrival. The Scripture lesson was spent in drying clothes - big fire in the Cookery Room, Bigboys in the Stoke hole & others in the class rooms.

Dec 22nd Closed for Christmas Holiday

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Jan 8th Attendance was fairly good.

During the holidays a form was received re. Play ground. As this required measurements & also the separate averages for infants, girls & boys I could not fill it up until I returned to school.

Jan 9th Owing to the Choir Boys Excursion there were 16 boys absent from School today.

Jan 18th During yesterday there was a heavy fall of snow and today the ground is thickly covered. Only 59 scholars are at school and so the registers have not been marked. Owing to a railway block two teachers were twenty minutes late.

Jan 19th Only 95 scholars are at school today. Work proceeded as usual but the registers were not marked. Our accommodation for drying wet clothes &c are so good that it is rarely necessary to send children home again. No children were sent back either yesterday or to-day.

- Jan 26th There has been much sickness during the week chiefly the result of the severe weather. It is noticeable that those children who have taken colds are not those children who attended School on the two snowy days.
- Feb 2nd Never before has the percentage of attendance fallen so low as this week except in cases of epidemic. We have 50 children reported as suffering from bad coughs or sore throats.
- Feb 5th Sent Admision register to Director of Education. It is required that the ages of the gardening class might be tested.
- Feb 6th More than half the Infants are absent suffering from bad colds etc.
- Feb 7th The Out door class for gardening concluded today but the weather was so severe that after one hour we came inside and took theory - The register was marked for 1 hour.
- The girls Cookery course concluded today. We have not yet heard what arrangements will be made for a Cookery teacher after we are transferred from Birkdale area on April 1st

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Feb 8th

Rec'd. a box of crayons from Heywood. This is part of the October requisitions. We receive the goods in such small & mixed instalments & the invoices seem to have no connection with the goods sent that the correct keeping of Stock book becomes a labour.

Feb. 16th

There has been an abnormal amount of sickness during the last fortnight many suffering from bad influenza cold.

Feb 21.

Ash Wednesday. As per Time Table Secular work commenced at 9. A.M. & morning session closed at 11. A.M. to give opportunity for attending church. As we were ~~closed~~ unable to mark the registers on two days last month through bad attendance caused by snow storm we had to forego our usual Shrove Tuesday holiday.

Feb 28th

Tom Bea, a boy in the Gardening class said that his mother objected to him doing any digging in the garden. A gardener who must not dig is of no use & I have put Henry Foster in his place.

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Feb 29. On Feb 5th I sent as requested by local clerk the Admision register to Preston. On Feb 24th I rec^d notice again to forw^d register. I replied that I had done so but had received no acknowledgement of its receipt. Yesterday I was notified that the Clerk had omitted to ~~forward~~^{ask for} the Gardening Register. I have therefore today sent the Gardening Register to Preston.

March 4th The Diocesan Examination

at 10.30 A.M. Closed 1 p.m.

March 5th Received Report of yesterdays Diocesan Exam: (For Report see next page). Miss May Rimmer is absent suffering from an influenza cold. These attacks have gone pretty well through the school. Received visit from Attendance Officer.

March 11 On Saturday I received doctor's certificate from Miss May Rimmer saying that she was suffering from Scarletina and was about to be removed to Fever Hospital.

As our staff is so limited a re-arrangement of work is necessary. For the present Miss Hill will work 1st Class Infants along with S.I & Time Tables will be suspended where ^{admission is} necessary.

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March 5thDiocesan Report.

To the Rev. Canon Leigh.

Presented in ^{Halsall & Cartwright's School,} Inspected 4.3.12.
3 groups

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| Gr. I. S. II and upward ... 72 children. | } Present. |
| Gr. II. S. I II + III 81 " | |
| Gr. III. Infants ... 56 " | |

The opening service which was held for the Standard Children consisted of a hymn which was very nicely sung, the Lord's Prayer, Vespicle + response + collects. The service was very well prepared & the children joined very reverently.

In group I Catechism was well said verbally & intelligent answers were obtained to questions on its meaning although not altogether ready given. In Prayer Book the children answered brightly and showed a clear grasp of its meaning. Details were remembered in Old Testament. The written work was very good.

In group II the children answered very brightly. Scripture repetition was said with individual accuracy and many very thoughtful answers were obtained on its meaning and on its connection with Catechism. Catechism has been taught thoroughly & with insight - very good knowledge was shown in Old Testament narratives. The written work was neat & careful & mistakes were few.

In group III the opening hymn was sweetly sung and the prayers were repeated most reverently. The children were bright & intelligent. Texts & commandments were said accurately & were ready explained. Old Testament narratives also have been prepared very thoroughly.

Signed:

March 18th We have received permission to appoint a temporary teacher but have so far failed to secure one. The terminal exams commence to-day and it will at times be necessary to suspend the time table.

March 21 Yesterday there were hail-storms in the early morning and the attendance was very poor. This morning the weather is still worse, wet sleet to-day driving furiously. Only 44% of the children are present & the registers will not be marked. Work will proceed as usual though this wretched attendance is interfering with the progress of the terminal

Ap. 2nd ^{Sixty} Rec'd visit from 3 H.M. Inspectors Mr Young, Mr Hallam, and Mr Kidd the Drawing specialist. The faults of unexpressionable drawing were pointed out & I think the lower standard work will improve as a result of the visit.

March 19th Omitted to record that on March 19th Mrs E. M. Brook (my sister-in-law & late Head Mistress at Scarisbrick S. Marks) consented to act as temporary teacher & commenced 9.30 A.M.

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