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July 13th I shall be absent this afternoon attending by invitation a conference of inspectors and teachers to be held at the Education Office Preston in order to discuss a suggested new scheme of awarding Junior Exhibitions.

July 2nd At 2.45 p.m. today H.M. Inspector, H.W. Birneby paid a visit to the School.

July 22nd I am this week conducting the usual term examinations in every subject in every class.

July 27th Have tonight concluded an examination which has occupied the whole of the last 6 school days. Generally the results are satisfactory, & I being the weakest place in School. Four or five scholars will be taken to higher Standard in order that they make try work under a fresh teacher although their present attainments do not warrant their removal from present Standard. A few backward boys 13 year of age will be brought to St⁵ II that they may have a few months in my class before they leave School.

July 28th School closed to day for 4 weeks holiday.

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Aug. 26th School re-opened today after Summer Holiday.
As I was taken ill the first day of the
holidays & have been ill the whole month
I am not now fit for work and am
attending school contrary to doctor's
wish.

William Aspinwall commenced work
today as a Student Teacher.

Aug 27th William Waterhouse commenced work
today as a Pupil Teacher for one year
only. He will attend school half time.

Sept. 3rd Admitted new girl nearly 6 years of age. Her
mother says she has been to school in Southport
but she knows nothing of either letters or numbers.

Sept 7th Admitted two new children who have come
to Halsall from Lathom. An 8 yr old boy
is hardly fit for Sch I and a ten year
old girl can only do Sch II work.

Admitted Elizabeth Thompson a girl with
Roman Catholic parents who has come
to live with her grandmother who is
a protestant. I have received a note
from the grandmother saying she wishes
the girl to be instructed in the religion of the Church
of England.

Sept 9th Only about 40 p.c. of the children were present this morning owing to the rain storm & so registers were not marked. Work proceeded as usual. This afternoon registers have been marked but owing to the weather the Gardening Class has been postponed to Friday.

Sept 15th Wrote to Medical Officer of Health re a case of sickness with rash, at Job Witter's Gregory Lane.

Sept. 25th Willie Haslam of Barton is reported suffering from Scarlet Fever.

Sept 29th Sent form 79. S.S. (Gardening plant claim) to the District Clerk.

Oct 9th Owing to Potato Harvest only 70% of the first class children have been present this week. It has been decided to give next week holiday.

Oct 9th Dining R.m. window accidentally broken during the dinner hour

Oct 21st Had several cases for the attention of the parish nurse when she called this morning.

Oct. 23rd Although last week was a Potato Harvest Holiday several children are yet absent

- Nov 2nd. Miss May Rimmer commenced duty in this school as Uncertificated Teacher (i).
- Nov. 4th Two children were taken today to the Liverpool Eye Hospital for examination of the eyes. This is a result of the nurse's visit to school last week.
- A further case of Scarlet Fever was reported today. The girl was at School last Friday & I hear was sick in Sunday School last Sunday the 1st inst.
- Nov. 13th The re-arrangement of the lower division of the school is working well and it is much more possible to give responsible work to the pupil-teachers.
- Nov. 23^d Received Forms of Estimate to be returned on the 30th inst and made out for the year ending March 31st 1910. We are told to reduce our Requisition Estimate from 3½ to 3/- per head on average.
- Dec 3rd. W. Aspinwall, Student teacher absent to day, ill.
- Dec. 9th The weekly visits of the Parish nurse continue to be of much benefit. Two or three cases are always ready for treatment and several operations on throats have resulted.

- Dec. 10th Called the Registers & found them correctly marked. J. G. Leigh.
- Dec 14th The term examinations will be held throughout this week and departure from the Time Table will be necessary.
- Dec 24th Examinations have been completed this week. School closed to day for a fortnight.

Jan 1909
Jan 11th

During the holidays a severe storm of sleet & snow has done much damage. The school garden thermo-register shows a minimum of 19° F. There were 2 water pipes burst in school and the heating boiler has also been cracked so that when school opened this morning the school could only be warmed by coal fires & oil lamps. In 3 rooms the temperature varied from 50° to 56° F.

- Jan 18th The Heating Apparatus is not yet repaired & it is only with difficulty that the School can be kept warm with aid of oil lamps.
- Jan 29th The attendance in the infants room has been disappointing lately. Have issued notes to

parents of absent Scholars.

Feb 3rd The 1st Class in the Gardening Course Should have been held to-day but the weather was so very wet that an indoor lesson had to be Substituted. The Cookery Course was today Completed.

Feb 10th. There was a large batch of children waiting for treatment by the Parish Nurse when she paid her visit this morning at 9 A.M. These weekly visits are most valuable. Commenced a new batch of girls with Cookery Course. Am more than ever convinced that a year's course would be far more valuable than those half yearly courses. An opportunity was given to the girls of Haslgrave School to join this school but the Head Misters said it would not be ^{possible} convenient this term to send a batch.

Feb 13th On Monday last a request was received that the note-books of the Student Teacher be sent to the Education Office at Preston. W. Aspinwall's 3 note books were sent by return of post.

- Feb 17th Was absent from school today attending a Conference at the County Education Office.
- Feb 23 Shrove Tuesday - Half Holiday -
- Feb 24th Ash Wednesday: Secular work 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.
Those who wished to go to church at 11 A.M. were taken by those teachers who wished to go.
Afternoon session as usual.
- March 5th Received Forms IX &c from the correspondent.
The envelope in which they were sent was very much torn so that it is possible any folded paper may have dropped out.
The Gardening lesson postponed from Wednesday until today on account of the snow, has to be abandoned for this week as the ground was still unfit for working.
- March 10th Another fall of snow. Gardening class again postponed until Friday.
- March 15th We have been waiting for goods from Philip Smith nearly a month. I have only today ascertained that the District clerk has not yet forwarded the requisition. S. I. is feeling the shortage of paper &c.

March 25th The Term Exams will commence today and there may be in consequence slight departures from the Time Table. The Infants are trying a new Time Table so that we may see how it works before sending it for signature.

March 26th T. Hallam Esq M.D. spent this morning at school. He arrived at 9.30 a.m. & stayed until 12.30 p.m.

April 7th Owing to the gardening instructor attending a family funeral the gardening class has been postponed until tomorrow.

Arthur Sowman Esq. Horticultural Instructor from the County Education Dep^t called to see the School garden plots and examine the boys' note books.

April 8th School closed this afternoon for Easter Holidays. (Good Friday & Easter Week).

April 19th Admitted 4 new infant scholars. Two of these are nearly $5\frac{1}{2}$ years of age & can hardly talk. One boy from Haskayne School was brought here by his father but I explained to the father that as he had removed him without acquainting

the mistress at Haekayne I could not admit him. The reason given for wanting to transfer him is that now that he is a big boy he ought to be subject to the discipline of a master. I gave the parent no encouragement but pointed out the excellence of the school at Haekayne.

Ap. 21st Received from the Clerk to the District Committee forms 171. These were filled up and sent back by return of post, and show the total number of children on registers for Oct 1st last to be 99 boys & 93 girls in the upper division and 31 boys & 21 girls in the infant division — a total of 244 —

Ap. 30th Diocesan Exam this morning
May 3rd Received Report of Diocesan Inspection

" The service with which the examination for the two upper groups commenced consisted of a hymn sung in a clear and uniform manner, followed by the Lord's Prayer, versicles and responses & collects in which the children joined in a united & reverent manner.

" Group 1. In this group 64 children of St. IV & upward were examined. Scripture repetition was said quite correctly & intelligently

- " instruction was verbally known & intelligent answers were obtained on the explanation and its teaching was well connected with the explanation of the Prayer Book. A good knowledge was also shown of the facts and teaching of the Old Testament subjects. The written work was neat & correct.
- " Group II. Eighty-eight children of 5¹/₂ I II & III formed this group. They answered brightly. Scripture repetition was said with individual & intelligent accuracy. AlChesin was also very well known & explained. The Old Testament lessons have been taught very well & the answers were well spread over the whole class. The written work was very creditably done.
- " Group III. This group consisted of 57 infant. Their examination opened with a hymn which was brightly & sweetly sung, and with reverently repeated prayer. Texts and commandments were said individually & correctly & thoroughly sound explanation has been given. The Old Testament instruction has been briefly given & the children answered very readily.

Present 209 Average 215

Signed by Rev Canon J J Hunter
56 Moore Road Blandford

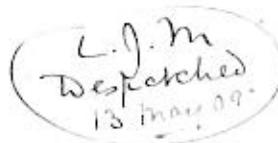
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May 10th Two pages turned over by mistake

May 12th Copy of Report made by H. M. I.
after visit 26th March. 1909.

"Order & discipline are very pleasing,
and the instruction - largely of a
manual character - is well
directed and effectively given.

The infants are now receiving
a better training than was
recently the case, and are
employing their time to advantage."



Signed

Correspondent

May 20th Today being Ascension Day secular work was started at 9. A.M. and morning session concluded at 11. A.M. so that those who wished might attend service at church. The afternoon session was held at usual time.

May 20.

In accordance with the usual custom at this school children whose throats or eyes need expert attention are sent at Miss Hilda Blundell's expense to the Liverpool Hospitals in the charge of our District Nurse. An offer to take Robert Sutton was met by a letter from the parent to the effect that "there is no need of Robert going to the hospital as he can run about and eat well enough." In the opinion of our nurse Robert should be operated upon for adnoids.

May 24

"Empire Day"

Special lessons on Empire were given. The school manager attended; the Union Jack was hoisted; patriotic songs were sung & an address given by C. Blundell Esq. A half-holiday was announced for the afternoon.

- May 10th Miss Hill having been home to attend a funeral of a relative on Saturday was unable to get back from Huddersfield before 10.30 A.M. today.
- May 12th Wet afternoon - Gardening Class postponed until tomorrow.
- Turn back a page
- June 2nd - Whitsuntide Holidays - School re-opened today after two days holiday. Several children are still away on holidays.
- June 3rd John T. Marshall broke his arm whilst playing in the playground today. I put it in a sling & one of the teachers took him to the nurse and she drove him to the doctor @ Otley.
- June 8th Bessie Highton a girl in St IV has been getting into trouble through spending her father's money on sweets. In order to avoid correction at school she has removed to Pinfold School where she has been admitted without reference to me in any way.
- June 11th Walter Sawyer received a rather badly bruised eye through being hit with a cricket ball today -

July 17 Serj-Major Wright of the County Staff visited School this morning. Children in Std IV and upwards took drill for him. He gave us some good advice in the marching exercises which he took much quicker than we had done. His visit was most profitable to the Staff.

In the afternoon we had a visit of surprise from the Area Committee, the members visiting being Mrs. K. Ryler, Mrs. Board and Mrs. Ellinsoon. They seemed anxious to ascertain what was meant by the manual instruction which the inspector had mentioned in his report on this school.

June 21. Mr. Sowman, of the County Horticultural staff, visited School garden to day. Mr. Thos Guy our instructor was sent for. Mr. Sowman expressed himself as very pleased was the crops and the general arrangement. He asked several questions on "weeds" which the boys could not answer.

- June 28 Received a note this morning from Miss Tasker was is absent, to say that her mother is seriously ill.
- June 29. Wm Aspinwall, Student Teacher, will be absent one week from today attending Matriculation Exam.
- June 30 Miss Tasker returned to School today.
- July 5th A half holiday was granted today on account of the King's Visit to Knowsley. A telegram of notification was sent to H.M.I. at 8.a.m this morning.
- July 12th The Term Examination commences this morning. As I examine each class in every subject it is at times necessary to depart from the order of the Time Table.
- July 20th At noon today H.M.I., W.H. Drivine Esq visited school accompanied by Mr Richards H.M.I. Mr S. Taylor of the County Education Committee, D. Snape, Mr Bott and Mr Lowman of the County Staff. I had rec'd no intimation of the visit which was arranged with a view

to seeing the gardening boys at work.
In the absence in hospital of Mr Guy
the gardening instructor the class was
not called out to work.

July 23rd School closed from to day until
Aug 24th for Summer Vacation.
Messrs Wilson, Aspinwall and
Waterhouse complete their several
apprenticeships. An unfortunate
mistake by Waterhouse caused us
to lose the examination & books of
the 1st Class. As is usual at
the term end all cupboard
are turned out the caretaker burns
a quantity of old papers &c.
Waterhouse put his rubbish on
the top of the exam books in
a corner of the room & before
we were aware of it the caretaker
had burned the lot.
I have completed the exam & given
written reports on the work to
the class teachers.

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Aug 24th School re-opened to day after summer vacation. The children were commenced at once in their new classes. As there is now no student-teacher or P.T.s for whom to provide classes a re-organisation has been necessary. The size of the standards is inconvenient there being chiefly about 30 in each. Two standards are too much for one teacher and one standard is not sufficient. During the holidays the following report arising out of H.M.I.'s visit to the gardening class on July 20th has been received.

"In view of the generally successful organisation and admirable equipment of this country school it would appear desirable in the interests of correlation of the School work that the instruction in gardening should be given by the ordinary school staff rather than by a teacher from outside"

Signed:-

correspondent

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Aug 20. 1909

A.S.I.I.

Aug. 26 Return of S.T.s attendance.

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W.F. Wilson. 209

W.J. Waterhouse 207

W. Aspinwall (Student Teacher) 325

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Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> Had three students in training at Frodsham Training College to spend the day in school taking notes in geology.

Sept. 14

I have been asked by the Trustees of the Habsall Charity to nominate a boy for education at the Ormskirk Grammar School. Only two of the boys in Std VI or VII and only two in Std V wished to offer themselves for the vacancy and they are not by any means amongst the most intelligent boys in the class.