

LOG
BOOK

June 1875.

- 18 June. Standard I is progressing favourably in reading and writing. Their Arithmetic is not so good.
25. Examined Stand II in Reading and Arithmetic which they do fairly. With the exception of the irregular ones they can now divide accurately by 8.
- 1 July Broke up to day for the Midsummer holidays.
- 20 Aug. Commenced the 2nd half year after six weeks holidays - two weeks beyond the usual time - owing to alterations in the Schoolroom.
27. Aug. Nearly all the boys, who are able to do anything, are absent working in the harvest. The attendance is so wretched that it is almost impossible to work the boys up for examination.
- 4 Sep. All the boys in the upper Standards absent still. Second Stand: must be kept to spelling.

September 1875.

- 11 Sep^r: A few boys in Standard VI. V. IV appeared ^{well} ~~improving~~ for the first time this half year. Much labour will be required to bring them up to what they were before the holidays.
18. Sep: Boys in Stand^{ds} III. IV are very dull in taking their Arithmetic. After scores of sums have been worked on the black-board they fail - most of them - to do a sum rightly.
25. Sep: Standards II. III. are backward in spelling. More attention has been paid to it this week. Many boys in Standards V. VI are still away.
- 2 Oct: The School has been thinly attended during this week owing to the rough wet weather. Stand I was examined in reading, and found to have improved since I heard them last.

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- 9 Oct: Much attention has been paid to Arithmetic in
Stand: I. Harrison, Lyon, Morley, Banters will have
a difficulty to pass in Arithmetic if they have
made their number attendances. The others have
worked steadily this week.
- 16 Oct: The Scholars attending this School were entertained
with tea by the Lady of the Manor on Friday.
A holiday was given. The boys children assembled
at school at 2.0. clock, where the treat took place,
and amused themselves with games until 3.0. clock.
when tea was served. They were sent home between
5 & 6.0. clock p.m. having enjoyed themselves very
much. The attendance in the upper stand,
as is still very bad.
- 23 Oct: Standard III wants more attention in Spelling.
Standard IV has started to work problems.
They have no idea of working a sum involving
thought.
- 30 Oct: There have been three boys in Stand V. ⁺ Three in Stand II
this week. The rest are pulling carrots, or picking potatoes
in the fields. There can be no satisfactory progress under
such circumstances.

Nov. 5.

W. W. Voss. The time-table is not quite followed ^{as to recreation} at this is probably because the clock has stopped. The registers should not be made up in school hours. The entries are made in the Log Book up to 6 o'clock 30th. The order is good.

A. J. Stribbourn. (5.11.75)

When the sun shines as to day, there is a great want of a blind to keep it off the eyes.

Nov: 5. Another very wet week, which has kept the boys from a distance at home. To day was specially rough and wet, consequently there were only few at school when the Inspector visited us.

Nov: 12. Standard III. has a much better idea of doing the problems set than they had a fortnight ago. Stand I. do their sums very imperfectly.

Nov: 19. Standard II. bad at spelling. I found two boys unable to spell the simplest words. Stand I. has been well exercised this week in subtraction, and on Friday they had much improved.

December.

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Nov: 26. Standards I. II have been specially exercised in reading and Spelling. Standard I. most boys unable to do the Arithmetic. This arises from the ~~majority~~ irregularity of the majority of the boys.

Dec: 3. Standards III. IV. V. VI. have had examinations in arithmetic. The problems completely floored them all. Standard III has not the least idea how to proceed with them, although they have been shown similar questions over and over again.

Dec: 10. Standard II has improved in spelling. Henry Kirby spells without thought. Thomas Hulme, Peter Swift, Thomas Prescott. I fear will ^{not} be ~~able~~ for examination through irregularity.

Dec: 17. Stand V. examined in Arithmetic which they did fairly. ^{John} Moody, Joseph Harrison, and John Peters boys in Stand: V are very back in Arithmetic.

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Dec: 23. Broke up to day for the Christmas holiday. Not so many boys present this week.

January 1876.

Jan: 15. Commenced the first half year. Last Monday the boys turned ^{very} pretty well. Stand I. specially drilled in arithmetic in which four are deficient.

Jan: 28. Standard II. worked problems chiefly this week. There is little improvement in them in this respect.

Jan: 29. Stand IV. imperfect in Reading Thomas Taylor, Thomas Turner boys in Stand I are careless in their arithmetic.

Feb: 2. All the classes worked specially in their examination subjects.

Feb: 11. Chiefly examination in all the subjects required by the Inspector.

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Feb: 18. The Boys' attendance has been affected this week by the severe winter weather of Monday and Tuesday. On Monday there was a deep fall of snow, and on Tuesday there was a great fall of rain. All the school busy in preparing for the examination which will take place on Tuesday next.

22 Special subjects:— Grammar
 Geography
 Repetition in Standards:— Selection from Lady of the Lake
 " W. Scott Howard
 H. M. I

Feb: 25. The week has been very much broken owing to the two days examination.

March: 3rd. Received five boys from the Girls' School. The school has been put into the proper standards. Each standard has been supplied with suitable books, and everything ready for another year.

March: 10. The whole school has been progressing in ~~their~~ several subjects.

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- March 17. Several boys have been absent, in the V. VI. Standards this week. It is impossible to get them up for examination, so long as irregularity in attendance is allowed.
- March 24. More boys absent this week. Work in the fields has commenced in earnest. Three boys in Standard I cannot name their letters. This is a nuisance as a separate class has to be formed.
- March 31. Only three boys in Standard VI. All the other Standards are getting on with their work.
- April 7th. Only two boys in Stand VI. and very few in Stand V. It is not worth the while to teach each Standard separately, so I have determined to take IV. V. VI. together.
- April 13th. Broke up to day at noon for the Easter holidays.
- 25th April. Only a few turned this week. All who can do anything are at work in the fields.
- May 5th. The great majority of the boys in the upper Standards ~~still~~ absent. Several in the lower Standards are absent.

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- May. 12. More boys have appeared this week. Busy work in the fields is getting over. These irregular boys are behind with their work.
- May. 19. There are so few boys in Stand: V. VI. that it is not worth while to teach them Geography separately. They are now placed with the IV Standard as one class.
- May. 26. The boys in Stand: I are not progressing as they ought to do in Arithmetic, and Reading. It is the irregular boys who keep the others back.
- June: 2nd. As the 29th May fell this year on Monday, a holiday was given to day. The School has been full this week.
- June. 9 On examination I find the writing of the II. III Standards bad. They have been under the charge of the P. Teacher lately. More attention must be paid to them.
- June. 16. Stand II have been learning their Weights and Measures. A few of the boys have been absent, and have forgotten them.

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Report of H. M. Inspector on Halsall Boys School. The Boys are in very fair order.

Their instruction is, as regards Reading generally satisfactory though hardly intelligent enough, but shows much weakness in Spelling in the second and third Standards and in Arithmetic in the third and fifth Standards. These defects I shall hope to see remedied next year.

William Jones Certificated Teacher 1st Class
Arthur Jones. P. T. in his 5th Year.

T B H Blundell

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- June: 23. The Dictation in the III and IV Standards is badly done. A few spell badly through carelessness, and some write badly from the same cause.
- June: 29. The School closed for the holidays. Only a few scholars have been in attendance this week.
- August 4. Commenced the second half year on Monday last. There has been only a moderate muster as is usual on the first week.
- August 11. Found the lower Standards to have forgotten a great deal of what they knew. Standard III is very bad at dictation.
- August 18. The Spelling and dictation in Standards II, III are bad. Both Standards have had extensive spelling lessons each since the School opened. A few backward boys in Stand III write badly.
- August 24. The dictation and spelling in Stand III is very bad. Many of the mistakes are in the small and are the result of carelessness.

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~~Sept. 15.~~ ^{Sept. 15.} The are only two boys in Standard VI and four in Stand V. The rest are in the harvest fields, Standard I. have been exercised well in spelling this week.

Sept. 8. The New assistant. George Barnett commences his duties on Monday last. Arthur Jones, the late T. J. has left for other work. The boys treat took place to day, so we have had a holiday.

Sept. 15. The Dictation in Stand III is still bad. Some have improved, but a few seem unable to spell at all.

Sept. 22. Standard II has greatly improved in Dictation. Standards V. VI. are imperfect in their Arithmetic. Some work in a careless and indifferent manner.

Sept. 29. The work of the School is progressing nicely. The attendance for the past few weeks has been more satisfactory.

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Oct: 6th. The III. IV. V. VI. Standards have had special attention paid to spelling. Stand III has much improved during the last three weeks.

Oct^{br} 13. Standards five and six have had examples set them in Arithmetic. Most of them got them right. Jos: Harrison got the right answer to one sum when all the working was wrong. One of the boys ^{had} told him the answer, and both were punished.

Oct^{br} 20. Special attention has this been paid to the Arithmetic in Standard III. Most of the boys in this Standard wrote very carelessly.

24 Oct^{br}. Boys in Stand III are much improved in spelling and writing. Arithmetic carelessly done in the majority of cases.

Nov: 3. Upper Standards have special attention paid to their Arithmetic. They are very slow.

Nov: 10. Upper Standard have been working up the Geography and Grammar. The boys who have been at work need a great deal of pushing.

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Nov: 14. The week has been very wet and rough, and the boys from a distance have remained at home. This is another pull back.

Nov: 24. Upper Standards have had special attention paid to Spelling, Arithmetic and Grammar.

Dec^{br}: 1. Examined Stand: III in Arithmetic. The boys were imperfect, and most of them have no idea of working a problem. They have improved greatly in Spelling.

Dec^{br}: 8. The Time Table has not been strictly adhered to this week. The irregular boys have been taken in those subjects in which they are most deficient.

Dec^{br}: 15. Special attention has been given to dictation in the 3rd Standard. John Mayor, John Spence, Richard Mawdsley, boys in I. Stand: are unable to do Subtraction.

Dec^{br}: 21. Broke up for the Christmas holidays.

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- Jan 12. Commenced the New Year with a good School. The boys have turned up well. Stand I. had special attention in Arithmetic
- Jan 19. Attention paid to Stands II. III in Geography and Grammar. Stand V. is not sharp in working the sums.
- Jan: 26. Special attention paid to each Standard to the subjects for examination
- Feb: 2. Each Standard has been examined in the subjects of examination
- Feb: 8. Repetition for Standards from Scott's Lady of the Lake
or. Goldsmith's Deserted Village
Geography & Grammar under Nov. 19. C. 1.

A. J. Swinbourne

H. M. S.

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- 16 Feb: Week been unsettled. Tuesday. was a holiday and on both Wednesday the boys attended morning service
23. Feb: Admitted boys from the Girls' School, They are backward and much labour and good teaching will be necessary to get them up.
- 2 March: The boys have become familiar with their Standards, and the work this week has been more steady.
- 9 March: The boys have been regular in their attendance and the progress in the work has been satisfactory. The first Stand: require a vast amount of patience and labour
- 16 March: Examined Stand: III in Compound Addition. Most of them could not do it at all. They cannot do their Money Tables.
- 23 March: This particular attention has been paid to Arithmetic in Stand: III. Six boys in this Standard are very dull and hard to learn.

29. Broke up to day for Easter Holidays. The attendance up to the present time has been good.

April 13. The attendance this week has been very bad. One half the boys have been absent. It is the time of year when field work becomes brisk, and most of the boys absent are engaged in this work.

April 20. The attendance is still wretched in the upper Standards which greatly impedes progress. Standard I is progressing slowly.

April 27. Standard II has had special attention paid to in Arithmetic. The backward ones have now a better idea of doing the Division.

May 4. Standard III were tried in Addition and Subtraction. All present work the sums correctly. Many who are absent will, I fear, have to learn them.

May 11. This week has been a broken one. A holiday was given on Tuesday, being confirmation, and the attendance has been wretched since.

258 Report of H. M. Inspector on Halsall Boys
School for 1877.

The School passed a good examination and the discipline is fairly good. Had it not been for the weakness of the Third Standard in Arithmetic, and a slight whispering in one or two cases under examination both Discipline and instruction would have deserved very high commendation. Penmanship and intelligence as well as Geography and Grammar are well taught, while the Reading is worthy of much praise. As G. Barnett was ill at the time of his fifth year's examination, My Lords have consented to excuse him from passing it. He may accordingly serve under Article 79. His name has been removed from the Register of Pupil Teachers serving in this School.

T B H Blundell
Manager

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- May 18. The first Standard has progressed favourably in Reading and Writing. A few boys, unable to tell their letters, who have just come to school, are a great drudge.
- May 25. Standard II have finished their reading book. They were examined this ^{week}, and they read very creditably.
- June 1. Stand: III. has been working Long Division for three weeks, and only a few can do it. The backward ones must be worked up on the Blackboard.
- June 8. The boys who have been employed in the fields have returned this week, and the school has been full. They are behind the regular boys.
- June 15. Special attention has been paid to Standard III in Long Division. Most can do it.
- June 22. Stand IV. has had examples set in Bills of Parcels and Practice. Three boys did not get them up in time.

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June 28. Broke up to day for a month. Many boys have been absent.

August 3. Commenced the second half year on Monday 30th July: with a very full School contrary to expectation. The hay crop has been gathered in and the corn harvest will be late, and these account for so many of the upper Standards being present.

August 10. Many boys from the adjoining village, Scrisbick, have entered the School. Stand III has forgotten Long Division. The backward ones in this Standard have been worked on the Blackboard.

August 17. There has been a full School this week, the Average being over a hundred. The Arithmetic in Standards III and IV. is still unsatisfactory. Three boys in each Standard are very backward and dull.

Augst 24. The week has been very wet, which has interfered with the attendance. Standards I & II are getting on nicely.