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- June. 13<sup>th</sup> Yesterday & today Miss MacBallum has been absent through indisposition. I have had S<sup>r</sup> III to S<sup>r</sup> VII and have not been able to strictly adhere to Time Table. The average for the week though improved on last week is still 25 below the normal.
- June. 16. Mary Cropper certified to have diphtheria.
- June. 19<sup>th</sup> another case of fever (W<sup>m</sup> Prescott) next door to a house disinfected a fortnight ago. With Miss Macfallum absent I am unable to keep strictly to Time Table.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Miss MacBallum returned to school after a week's absence through illness.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> The school was closed today for the rest of the week for the "Coronation Holidays"
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Re opened school - Fair attendance.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Miss Hill absent all day as the result of a rather severe cycle accident.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> At 3. p. M. Mr. E. Crawshaw, Day School Lecturer, gave a lesson on "Alcohol" to S<sup>r</sup>s. III to VII.
- July. 4<sup>th</sup> Visit under Act 84 (a) F. Whiteley.

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- July 11<sup>th</sup> 1902 I have tested the Registers & found them correct. *Plummer*
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Commenced to examine the Standards. Completed St. I & II.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Examination of Standards. Time Table not adhered to.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> School Closed for Summer Vacation  
Re-open on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Reopened after holidays. During the holidays there has been another outbreak of fever at Prescotts of Bangors Green, where there was a previous case in May. There are now 3 children from this house in the hospital.

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> The new terms work has begun in each class. Some of the older boys are absent in the harvest. The new doors in class rooms have made it much more convenient to take arithmetic. The Infants have attended well. The new room looks well with its wainscoting.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Owing to yesterdays rain and the absence from school of 40 percent of the scholars the weekly average

is reduced from 208 to 195.

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Sept: 17 A boy who has been ill with Chicken pox came to school this morning and as he was not yet better I sent him home again.

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> There is an average attendance of 90 per cent of the number on the books - compared with 80 per cent for the corresponding Harvest period of last year.

Sept: 29<sup>th</sup> A boy from Christ Church School Aughton applied for admission to this school. I kept him pending enquiries but did not enter his name on registers.

Sept: 30 I found out last night that the Aughton boy had been dismissed from last school for bad behaviour and so I sent him home again this morning saying I could not admit him.

The average attendance for the half year is 201 compared with 176 for the corresponding half of last year. Several boys are absent through potato harvesting.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Received chq for salaries and bill of Snape dropper, Guy. Norris & Philips.

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Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Rector came to see me about the school having a holiday for potato harvest.

I enquired the number of children likely to be employed and as it was only 28 we decided to let them go for a week and keep school working.

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

Was unwell. Miss MacCallum took my class with hers.

Oct: 10<sup>th</sup>  
to Oct: 20<sup>th</sup>

Owing to my illness the school was closed for a week.

Oct 20

School opened this morning with 75 children absent. The morning was wet, but many children are still employed in the potato field where they can earn 12/- each per week. I have tonight sent notes to all absentees.

Oct: 24

Chicken-pox has attacked many children in the infant room. Many parents are so careless that we have had to send home again children who have been sent to school covered with spots.

Oct: 31<sup>st</sup>

The attendance in the upper room is much improved.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

The Attendance Officer paid a visit to school.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

Received goods from Philip Saint Stephen.

- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> The attendance in the lower part of the school has suffered much through an epidemic of Chicken-Pox. It has attacked more than half the infants and many in S. I & II. Drawings in Ink with a soft brush have been done for the first time this week. On the first attempt the result was not encouraging but on the second day some good copies were done.
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Miss Hill is absent with severe cold on chest. Many boys are away with the shooting party.
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Miss Hill has been absent all week. There is much sickness & I had today to send out 30 enquiry notes. There is a case of Scarlet Fever at Sephton's of Spirdly Hill so I am told, but I have received no authentic information.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Wretched weather. Over 70 absent. S. IV Obj Lesson omitted - Teacher headache.
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wretched weather - 66 children absent.
- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Received a note from the Medical Officer saying I must keep the Carris & Sephton's from school. (Fever)

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 45 per cent of the Infants are absent ill. The upper school is also much affected. For the past 3 weeks work has been much interrupted by so much absence. As Miss Hill has only 29 present she has had the Standard 0<sup>th</sup> children in her room for Reading Writing & Arithmetic Lessons.

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> School Closed for the day on account of Primrose League Entertainment.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> I today sent home 26 children who came from homes infected with measles. I have sent details of our sicknesses to the Medical Officer. The following is the summary.

Actual Cases of Measles.	16.
Brothers & sisters of foregoing.	26.
Suffering from Whooping Cough.	9.
Absent through Scarlet Fever.	4.
Absent through other sickness	13
Absent - reason unknown	6
Total Absent.	<u>74</u>
On Register	<u>230</u>

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> The Epidemic of Measles has interfered much with the Term-End-Examinations.

Examinations of I<sup>st</sup> III. to VIII commenced.

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Drenched morning - This added to sickness causes over 100 children to be absent. Registers not marked. Further cases of Measles reported. During morning we received a visit from the

Medical Officer of Health who ordered school to be at once closed and to re-assemble again on January 12<sup>th</sup>

The children were at once sent home.

The 'End-of-Term' Examination was therefore interrupted. It had been our intention to continue school until Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and it was intended that these 5 days should be devoted to Examinations.

The teachers stayed at school & prepared a detailed return for use of Medical Officer.

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

Miss MacCallum & Miss Hanson attended at school this morning & assisted me to total the Registers & summary for the Quarter End and to prepare syllabus books for NEXT TERM.

Average for Quarter: I<sup>st</sup> 150. Infants only 37.

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> School opened this morning after  
being closed for nearly a month.

There are about 80 children absent  
Notes have been sent to each house  
enquiring for particulars of absence.

The Medical Officer called and almost  
recommended a further closing of  
School but on my promise to exclude  
all children from infected houses  
he allowed us to continue School.

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Today there are 171 children present  
out of 230 which is an improvement on  
yesterday. The whole of the absent ones have  
good cause for absence, being either themselves  
sick, or living at infected houses.

Whooping Cough is worse than before the  
holidays.

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> I have tested the Registers & found  
them correct. S.W. Dunn.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> The Attendance in the upper Room  
is 80 per cent and in the Infant  
Room only 40 per cent of the N<sup>o</sup>.  
on register —

- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> There are still 27 children who are absent through illness. Work has been much hindered in the lower part of the school. As there are nearly 50 per cent still absent in the Infant Room I have not held the usual examination.
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Had to leave school at 3 p.m. yesterday with severe headache. Was ill all night and only came to school at 11 a.m. today.
- Jan. 30. Have been unwell all day but managed to keep in school. The Rector called to see me. The forms for the County St. Authority will be filled in and sent off today.
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> The composition of S. III & IV being very weak I took the lesson this morning during my writing lesson. The Grammar lesson on Geni Table was omitted & will be taken tomorrow instead of composition. I had not time to mark many books but I saw enough to show that the spelling of very simple everyday words was very weak.
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Discovered mistake in last week's summary of attendances, the wrong number having been dictated from the Boys R:3 Register. The same is corrected in Red Ink. The attendance this week has improved. Work has gone well. Object lessons today were a good

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Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

Have had to send home the 4 children of Henry Nestor Renaere as the youngest child is suffering from Measles.

Feb: 12<sup>th</sup>

Had a visit from Mr Turner the Diocesan Organising Inspector. Time Table not adhered to in all classes.

Feb: 16<sup>th</sup>

Received from Philips some Indian Clubs, Bells & dumb-bells.

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Inspection: The closet accommodation for boys is insufficient & its present character unsuitable

Thos Hallam

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

The Attendance in this week better than for the last 3 months. The Infants' average is 80 per cent of the n: on Reg & although this is a poor percentage it is the best since last September.

Feb: 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tomorrow being Strove Tuesday there will be a whole holiday. Owing to the distance which children have to travel half holidays are not a success.

Feb: 25<sup>th</sup>

Ask Wednesday. Registers marked at 9. A.M. Religious Instruction omitted. Mental Arith to take the place of Arithmetic. Service at Church at 11 o'clock. The Afternoon meeting as usual.

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. This morning a great gale blew. Much damage was done at the farms and only 35% of the children came to school. Those girls present did sewing & the boys their ordinary lessons. The Registers were not marked. In the afternoon only 8 more children came and at 2-15. School was dismissed.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>. Another case of measles [microscopic Pleague] which will keep 3 children from attendance at school.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Received Form B & c from the Rector.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>. Rearranged the desks in the two big rooms in order to get more uniformity in length. The old girls school is very bad to arrange, two sides having fires and two sides having doors. The light is not from a convenient direction.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>. Have had to exclude two girls who have got ringworms very badly in the head. As these children are excluded on my own and not on Medical Authority, can their attendance be claimed under Art.
- March 18<sup>th</sup>. Snow this morning. Less than half children present. Registers not marked, but work went on as usual.

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Was out of school this morning to interview a candidate for assistantship.

The average for the week is the highest for the quarter.

March 30<sup>th</sup>

I have tested the Registers & found them correct. S.D. Drum.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>

A Time Table and Scheme of work submitted to Mr. Nes. A.M.I. was returned today signed "approved".

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The Cash Book and Form 9 have been completed and Audited by R. Shawe Esq of W. Deacon's Bank Ormskirk and along with the vouchers were today despatched by request to J. Hallam Esq H.M.I. Southport.

Miss S.G. Linaker Art 50, has been engaged to teach S.I and will commence duty immediately after the holidays -

April 8<sup>th</sup>

The School will close today for Easter Holidays and will reopen on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

April 21<sup>st</sup>

School reopened after Easter. Miss Linaker commenced duty. The Class Room for S.I is like a new room, with new flooring, waincotting new desks &c. On coming into school on

the Saturday I found that the windows had not been cleaned & so I had to give orders to Mr. Guy.

Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> The Rector called at School to give notice that the Diocesan Exam is fixed for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Wet day; very many children absent.

Received goods from Philips.

Sent notice of Miss Linke's appointment to Canon Shindell for signature.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Another very wet day. Nearly 60 children absent.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Received Doctors' Certificates for Rose Edwardson and Ellen Rimmer each nearly 14 years of age and both generally unwell.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Visit from Attendance Officer.

Received Report for Canon Shindell. the higher grants being awarded throughout.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Goods from Philips not yet arrived. Gone astray on railway. Am waiting for Es Books for St. III (writing) and St. II (writing).

May 19<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Inspection 11 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.

Children assembled at 10 A.M.

No Registers marked all day.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Received goods from Philips Sons & Nephews. These goods have been astray on railway & the writing books have been much needed.

May. 12<sup>th</sup>

Report for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1903  
prized school. "In some respects the instruction  
 has improved but with the present organisation  
 the proper supervision of the lower section is  
 difficult. Increased effort is needed to  
 cultivate the intelligence of the children and  
 to encourage them to take more interest in their  
 work. The best accommodation for boys is  
 unsuitable and insufficient"

Infant class "The Infants are interested in  
 their work and their progress is creditable to  
 the teacher".

Miss Mac Callum will receive her  
 certificate in due course.

The higher grants are awarded throughout

Signed

Correspondent.

Staff. J. A. Brook. Trained Art. Master  
 Eliz. Manser " " Mistress.  
 Ada Hill Untrained " "  
 Agnes MacCallum " " "

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Diocesan Report. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1903

Presented in 4 Groups.

The Opening Service with which the examination commenced consisted of Hymns together with Psalms and Prayers in which the children joined in an orderly & reverent manner.

Group I. Contained 31 children of S<sup>ts</sup> 5, 6 & 7. The results show a distinct advance in the clearness with which the work is understood & in general thoughtfulness with what was found a year ago. Scripture repetition & Catechism were well said & intelligently understood, & Prayer Book has been very fully prepared. The answers in Old & New Test subjects gave proof of careful preparation. Written work was well done.

Group II. 57 Children of S<sup>ts</sup> 3 & 4. Written work was both neat & accurate. Repetition was said exactly in both Scripture & Catechism & is broadly understood. Scripture narratives have been prepared in some detail.

Group III. In this Gr 76 Children of S<sup>ts</sup> 1 & 2 were examined. The work has advanced during the past 12 months. Scripture & Catechism were said with individual accuracy & very well explained, the answers received being clear & precise. Bible narratives were usefully prepared. Praise is well deserved.

Group IV. Seventy-one infants formed this group. They answered brightly & eagerly & showed a considerable amount of knowledge both on Scripture narrative & in tests & Commandments.

Present 235    Average 203

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Ascension Day. Registers marked 9. A.M. Secular work to 11. A.M. and then church.

Tomorrow there will be a holiday for Canon Blundell's School Treat to the Southport Botanic Gardens.

The average attendance for this week of 185 exclusive of Infants is in excess of that for any week for many years.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

The School Close today for holidays on Whit Monday and Tuesday.

Work has gone on well this week in anticipation of holiday next week. This afternoon some of the boys have been trying to draw original designs based on the form of the Marsh marigold. With no aid except the flower itself some good attempts were made.

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Visit under Art 8021. F. Whitley Sub Inspector.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

I have tested the Registers & found them correct - S. D. D. D.

June 12<sup>th</sup>

The attendance in the upper department has been very good this week being 95 per cent of the number on the registers & nearly 97 per cent of the number present at all. St II & III boys were allowed to go home a little earlier as not one has been absent all week.

- June 16<sup>th</sup> Miss Manson gave an excellent lesson on the parts of a flower with their respective duties. Miss MacCallum carefully prepared a lesson on Railways having cyclostyled a sheet of notes for each child.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Mid-term examinations are being conducted today and the time table is not being strictly kept.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> The Attendance Officer paid a visit
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Quarter ends in Register today. The average for the upper room is 182 which is higher than for any quarter for several years. The Attendance is also 93 per cent of the number on the register.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Miss Hill the Infant Teacher is absent today through illness. I have taken ~~off~~ myself with aid of S. M. J. J.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> A very cold & stormy morning. Only 30 infants present. Miss Hill is not yet fit for duties.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Received doctor's certificate for Annie Snape, S. M. J. J.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Miss Hill the Infant Teacher not appearing to get better has been by doctor's orders sent home to Wiltshire. It will not come back before the holidays.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Owing to the Village Fair there was a moderate attendance today. In the afternoon school was dismissed at 3 p. M.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> The attendance for the week is very low being only 88 per cent of the number on the register. A return of "irregulars" was sent to the Attendance Officer.

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July 17<sup>th</sup>

School closed today, until August 18<sup>th</sup>.  
During the week I have given a very minute examination into every subject in every Standard.  
I was pleased with the State of Stds II + III. The very hard work of the last 18 months is just beginning to bear fruit. St I are making fair progress but are spoiled by dozen children who were brought out of the Infant Room by reason of their age although in ability they would not do credit to a second class of infants. St III did some very good work and St Ex-VIII had covered good ground but they have now all left except two. St VI girls always were dancers. The weak spot in the School is St IV + V. These very same children passed only about 25 per cent when I took charge here about 18 months ago. The teacher is most energetic & works far harder than a teacher ought to do & has once broken down in health through it. There are boys & girls here in St IV + V nearly 14 yrs of age who cannot always <sup>correctly</sup> answer questions in 3 & 4 time table. About 10 of them failed in a Standard III Arithmetic Test. No one can honestly assess the work done in this class without a good knowledge of the wretched state to which the St III + IV of 1901 had been allowed to drift.

- August. 18<sup>th</sup> School reopened today after the summer vacation.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> An exceedingly wet day: very many absent.
- August. 24<sup>th</sup> Received a visit from the Attendance Officer.
- August. 28<sup>th</sup> Received Enquiry Form from Preston Pe-Saloria & Repuditee which in Canon Blundell's absence has come to school. Have examined the Infants this week. The month's holiday following 3 weeks illness of teacher has had its effects & the infant room has not for a long time seemed so weak.
- Sept: 2<sup>nd</sup> An exceedingly wet day. 100 children absent. Registers not marked this morning. Still wet, registers not marked in afternoon.
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> The Average for the week is 226 or 93 per cent. If Registers had been marked on Wednesday it would have reduced the weekly average to 195.
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> For the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive Wednesday, which is our perk drill day it has been very wet.
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Asked the children this morning to write an original verse on the 'weather' & was surprised at the good attempts made by some.
- The Average for the week is 225.
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Eighteen different specimens of Forest Trees were brought to school for yesterday's lesson & make an excellent collection.

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- Sept. 24 This week I have been taking S<sup>t</sup> II in Arithmetic & have had renewed proof that these children had a bad grounding when in S<sup>t</sup> II & III. This School will never get good results until these children have passed out.
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> The teachers attended at school on Saturday morning to make up the quarterly returns. The average for the quarter is 176 in the Standards & 444 in the infant rooms. Many children have asked permission to go working in the potato fields. I have written Canon Mundell today suggesting that next week should be a holiday.
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> I have tested the Registers & found them correct. Slew Drama
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Closed school for a week for potato harvest.
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Reopened school. Owing to bad weather many children are still working in potatoes. Several children have also got mumps and there are 65 children absent.
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Through mumps the infants' average is down 6 points and through potato harvest the average of upper children is 25 less.
- Oct. 23. Mumps in the Infant Room have reduced the average, and some of the seniors are still engaged on potato getting.
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Teachers signed agreements under new Education Authority. Goods ordered early this week from Philips including new Log Book.