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BOOK

H. M. Inspector's Report

March 25.

Principal
TeacherWilliam Jones
Cont. Teacher2nd degree.

Pupil Teacher

Arthur Jones
2nd year

Boys School The School is still taught with success. The Boys have passed a satisfactory examination; but should have been better pleased had the Arithmetic in the fifth and sixth Standards shown more proficiency and had the attempt to work the problems been more general and where attempted, more successful. There must be improvement in this respect next year. The Offices are I think too far from the School Room.

T. Blundell Manager.

10. April.

Broke up for the Easter holidays. The spelling in Standard III is bad. It ought to be much better from the attention paid to it. Most of the mistakes are the result of carelessness.

26. April.

The school has been thinner than ever this week. Standard IV has been exercised in Arithmetic on the Black board.

May 1873.

3rd May. Through irregularity of attendance, Jos: Harrison, Thos: Palmer, Stephen Blundell, and James Pilkington have got much behind the rest of Stand: IV. Unless they attend better it will be impossible to work them up.

10th May. The boys that are backward in Standard V have been exercised by the Monitor orally on the Blackboard. I find they have slightly improved. The pupil teacher has been absent through sickness this week.

17th May. Boys in the upper Standards have been exercised in the extended Multiplication. The first class getting on with English Grammar.

24 May. Examined the writing on copy Books of the 2nd Standard. Nearly all write nicely. They are getting on under the teacher. Found the backward boys in Stand IV imperfect in their Tables. (W. Measures.)

May 1873.

31. May. Boys in Standard IV. have greatly fallen off in attendance, and they are chiefly those boys who are idle and backward. It is impossible to work such up for their examinations.
7. June: Examined Standard I. in Arithmetic. Most of them did their sums correctly. Those who got them wrong were careless in the working.
14. June. Boys in Standard III are backward in all the subjects. Most of them attend irregularly at school. Johnickers, and Andrew Sijrants are at home ill.
21. June. Standard II. has been examined in fractions as far as they have gone. Wm. Brown had little notion how to do any of them.
26. June. Very few boys this week. Broke up to day for the Midsummer holidays.
- 1st August.
28. July. Commenced the second half this week. The boys turned up pretty well. They have been working up the old subjects.

August 1873.

8 August. Owing to the Anniversary of Aalsall Club, the boys had a holiday, as there were no boys present. The I and II Standards have gone much worse in reading.

15 August.

Boys in Stand III. have been exercised in the Tables and Mental work this week. Many have been absent some time, and are very backward.

22 August. Boys in Stand II have been going through their old rules in Fractions. These will have to be gone through again for only one half the boys in the Stand: are present.

29 August. I found a little improvement in Spelling and Reading in Stand: I. II. III. Stand III also improved in Arithmetic.

5 September. Continued attention has been paid this week to Standards I. II. III. in Reading at Spelling. There are many backward boys in these Standards.

September. 18. y/3.

12 Sept.

There are some backward boys in Standards IV. V. VI. These are chiefly boys who attend irregularly. It is doubtful whether they can be got up for the examination.

19. Sept.

The first and second Standards have been exercised this week in the tables and mental arithmetic. Tho^s Morris, John Wainwright, and W^m Prescott are dullards.

26. Sept.

Standard II have had examinations from questions written in words. The dull ones failed to write down the numbers correctly.

Oct. 3.

Standards I. V. VI. have had exercises in spelling. Many made mistakes through carelessness. Standard I. has improved in spelling.

Oct. 10.

Standard III commenced a new Reading Book this week. Three boys in this Standard are backward in spelling.

October 1873.

17. Oct. The numbers this week have been very small. The boys are away working in the fields. Most of the Standard VI boys will fail to learn their Arithmetic for the examination.

24. Oct. Standard II are imperfect in writing notation. This standard also must be exercised more in spelling.

31. Oct. Most of the boys in Standard V read badly. There is an indistinctness in utterance, and a singing tone, which I have failed as yet to overcome.

7. Nov^{br}. I tried boys below the Standards, in Arithmetic, and found the little ones unable to do anything. This class has been left too much to monitors.

14. Nov. More boys have begun to come to school. They are not required in the fields now. Many have to go over all their old work.

November 1843.

21. Nov^{br} Examined the Stand III and found four boys imperfect in notation. James Foster also ~~was~~ is very bad in his writing. This is in a great measure attributable to carelessness and slovenliness, and he was punished for it.
28. Nov^{br} The Stand II was tried to read from a Newspaper to day, and four boys failed totally while many did not know anything of what they had read.
- 5 Dec^{br} Standard VI. had questions on the rules they have been working during the year. The boys who have been irregular in attendance could not do all.
- 12 Dec^{br} Thomas Hulme in Standard V. reads very badly. He is bad in his writing. He is an idle careless boy.
19. Dec^{br} The multiplication table in Stand I is imperfect. Billing and Swift in this Stand: are very dull boys.

December 1873.

24 Dec^{br}: Broke up for Christmas holidays.
Many boys have been absent this week.

January 1874.

16. Jan: Commenced the New Year on Monday.
Many boys have not turned up this week. Each standard has been exercised in its proper subjects.

23 Jan: Many boys in the lowest standard are imperfect in Notation. A few imperfect in Tables.

30. Jan

Boys who are to be examined worked up in their subjects of examination.

7 Feb: Examinations in subjects of examination.

Feb: 1874.

14 Feb:

Friday, being the day after the examinations, was a holiday. The above space is left blank that Mr. Coward, H. M. Inspector, may sign his name, and enter the names of the teachers which ^{he} forgot to do on his visit.

21. Feb:

Many boys from the other School have been admitted this week. Every boy raised a standard higher. The lessons not gone on smoothly this week.

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Many of the children admitted last week can only say their letters, and make them. It will take hard work, and regular attendance to get them up.

March 1874.

7. Standard I is exceedingly backward. Boys still enter this Standard, who cannot tell their letters.
14. All Standards except the first are going on smoothly.
21. Efforts have been made to get the boys out of the Monotonous style of Reading. By great perseverance, and imitating the pattern set by the teachers, I can perceive an improvement.
28. Boys in Standard III are getting on in their Arithmetic. They make bad figures on paper. This must be attended to.
- 2 April. ^{Broke} ~~Went~~ up to day for the Easter holidays. Nearly all the boys in the upper Standards are away.
18. Commenced School after the Easter holidays with very few boys. The upper Standard very nearly all absent.

April 1874.

25. Nearly half the boys in Standard I are absent. The boys who attend regularly in this Standard are improving.

May. Boys in the upper Standards still absent. They are engaged in the fields assisting to plant potatoes.

Report of H. M. Inspector
 of Boys School. The School should have a classroom, being now too crowded to admit of thorough efficiency. The Boys are notwithstanding this drawback in good order, and upon the whole their instruction is creditable. Care must be taken to make them read with better expression and intelligence, especially in the Higher Classes. In the Third, Fifth and Sixth Standards, the Spelling is weak and with Arithmetic in the Fifth Standard must be improved.

Principal Teacher. W. Jones Certified Teacher
 1st Class

Pupil Teachers Arthur Jones 3rd year
 John Birchall 1st year

Signed
 W. H. Blundell
 Managers

May 1874

9th May. More attention has been paid to the writing and spelling in the upper Standards, and progress has been made in these subjects.

16 May. Boys in Standard I cannot do addition yet, and most of them have no idea of spelling. They are under the pupil Teacher.

23 May. Standards II. III have gone over through their Reading Books, and have commenced the new ones belonging to the School.

30 May. Standard I are progressing. Some of the boys are backward owing to irregular attendance. Most of them write from a copy fairly.

6 June

Joseph Harrison, Thomas Hulme in Stand: V. and Hen: Serpant in Stand VI are very bad Readers. They are careless, idle boys and must be made to work more.

13 June. Boys in II. V. VI. are not progressing satisfactorily in Grammar, and Geography owing to the irregular attendance.

June 1874.

- 20 June. Hay harvest has set in and many of the boys are helping in the fields, consequently the number in attendance has been small.
- 25 June Broke up for the Midsummer holidays. There have been very few boys in attendance this week.
- 5 Aug. Commenced the half year on Monday last. The school has been undergoing alterations which have ^{caused} the holidays to be a fortnight longer than usual. As the boys did not know when the school opened, only a few have attended this week.
- 22 Aug. A few more boys have been in attendance this week but many are away. Such bad attendance keeps the School backward.
- 29 Aug. Boys in Stand: I. are not progressing satisfactorily under the Pupil Teacher. They are backward in everything.
- 5 Sep. The irregular boys in the upper Standards read imperfectly. Improvement will be made shortly if they attend regularly.

September 1874.

- 12 Sep: More attention has been paid this week to the arithmetic in Stand IV. Some of the boys in this Stand: have been away some time and are backward.
- 19 Sep: Strict attention has been paid to the subjects in Stand: I. Now that the Class Room is finished I hope to see them progress rapidly.
- 26 Sep. Boys in Standard II are progressing favourably in reading. They are imperfect in Notation.
- 3 Oct. The progress of the upper Standards is impeded by the irregular attendance of the boys.
- 10 Oct. The dictation of the boys in the II. IV. V. Standards is good. The boys in Stand I are backward in spelling and arithmetic. They were all backward when they entered.

October 1874.

- 17 Oct: Nearly all the boys absent this week in Stands II and VI. They are employed chiefly in getting potatoes.
- 24 Oct: Only 2 boys present this week in Stand II. Wednesday there were very few present, the weather being so rough as to prevent them coming.
- 31 Oct: This has been a very ^{wet} week and has made the Average very low. Wet weather and bad attendance are a great injury to the progress of the School.
- 7 Nov: Very few boys in attendance still. I have ascertained that fever exists to a great extent. Several are absent from this cause. Others are kept away from fear of catching it.
- 14 Nov: Many boys still absent. Many from fever and others from work in the fields. This wretched attendance is placing the school in disadvantageous circumstances.
- 21 Nov: A few more boys in attendance this week, but they have nearly forgotten all they knew.

November 1844.

Nov 28. More boys have turned up this week, and the School begins to assume its wonted appearance. The irregular boys fearfully backward.

Dec 5. All the boys have been working hard at their subjects. Dictation in Hand II. very imperfect.

Dec 12. Weather this week has been most winterly. Snow lies on the ground very deep in some places. Few boys have been in attendance.

Dec 19. Not much progress made. Few boys in attendance owing to the weather.

Dec 24. Broke up to day for the Christmas holidays.

January 1845.

Jan 8. Commenced the New Year. The boys turned up pretty well. Hand I. has been worked well at Arithmetic.

1875.

16 Jan. School has been full this week, and the boys have been well worked and examined in their subjects.

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Boys engaged in preparing for examination.

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Examination in the subjects for the Inspector.

6 Feb.

Preparation for subjects for examination.

13.

Preparation in subjects for examination.

19

P.T. at end of 4th year to write 120 lines of "Paradise Lost" (first 120)

P.T. at end of 2nd year to write 60 lines of the "Raveller"

W. Scott Curran

H. M. I.

26th.

Putting every boy into his proper standard and receiving boys from the Girls School.

5 March.

Several boys received from the Girls School. Most of them are very backward not being able to write or add simple figures.

March 1875.

- 12th : A good School this week and good progress made in the lessons.
19. The 1st Standard will require a good deal of care and attention. With two exceptions they can only tell their letters.
25. Broke up for the Easter holidays.
- 9 April. Commenced work after the holidays with a very small school. All boys who can do any thing at all are kept at home either to work or to tend cattle in the fields and lanes. Many are kept at home from no pretext whatever.
- 16 April John Birchall F. I. 2nd year. has been at home ill since the holidays. He is suffering from violent pains in the head owing to pressure of blood on the brain.
23. Birchall has been absent through sickness this week. He came on Monday but was obliged to go home.

April 1845.

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Standard I. is going on nicely with reading, and arithmetic. Writing backward. Birchall no better.

7 May.

Standard III has been worked in arithmetic orally on the blackboard. The irregular ones are getting behind. Birchall still sick.

14 May.

Standard I getting on nicely under Arthur. Standard II are not progressing as they ought. Many are idle and don't pay attention to the teacher.

21 May.

John Thomas Birchall died on Wednesday last of fever. This causes a vacancy in the teaching power, and we shall miss him much.

28 May

Holiday. Standard II. do their arithmetic nicely. They also read fairly.

5 June.

Arthur Jones has been absent three weeks from illness. Thus two teachers are working.

The school doing well under the circumstances.

Report of H. M. Inspector, on Hoalsall Boys
School for the year 1875.

The Boys have passed their examination generally with credit, their Reading and Arithmetic being very satisfactory.

I should like to see better attempts to work the Problems set, and more accurate Spelling in the fourth Standard.

In the upper classes there was a little unsteadiness of conduct.

The Classroom which has been built during the year by the Manager has greatly increased the efficiency of the accommodation.

William Jones Certificated Teacher 1st Class.

Pupil Teachers } Arthur Jones 4th Year.
John Tho^s. Birchall. 2nd & 3rd Yrs.