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- 15 Septth. Several boys in Stands I. & II. have got very much behind in their work through irregularity in attendance. They are a great drag on the Stands, and will have to be put down.
22. Septth. Backward boys in Stand I. were tried in Reading this week. They have much improved. At Midsummer they could only name their letters. These are the boys who have been too old for the Infants School.
29. Septh. ^{6th Holiday this week for Bazaar.}
6. Octth: Holiday to day. The Count's Tea party to the boys and girls. Stand III. are well forward with their Arithmetic and Geography.
13. Octth: Attendance in all Stands from IV. very bad. If it does not improve it will be impossible to prepare them for examination.
20. Octth: Stand VI. & V. do their Arithmetic intelligently. Stand IV. are not very bright. It requires a vast amount of labour to get them on.

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- 27 Octth. Stand VI. required vast practice in Composition. They boys in this Stand: read a story three times and only three wrote an intelligent account of it.
3. Nov.: Stand V. do their composition very fairly.
10. Nov.: Stands V. VI take Mental Arithmetic together. Many are sharp at it.
17. Nov.: Attendance very poor. Weather rough and cold. It is impossible to make the rooms bright and warm owing to the coal famine. Stand I. Read. These boys will be able to pass in Reading by the examination.
- 24 Nov.: Composition in Stands V. VI. badly done. Rimmermen: Major Robt. cannot express their thoughts on paper. This must be attended to.
1. Dec.: Stand VI. know their Arithmetic intelligently. Webster, Thos. Banks, boys irregular in attendance, and very dull, are the exception.
8. Dec.: Stand I. unable to do simple subtraction yet. It has been uphill work with this Stand: all year. They were taken unprepared of the Infants School, because they were too old. Av: for male 75.5.

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- 15 Dec: Standard IV. are sharp in their Geography as far as they have gone. Job Grimsdaw and a few more irregulars are very slow in Mental Arithmetic. It is doubtful if they will be prepared with for their examination. Av: for the week 75.9.
21. Dec: Broke up to day for a fortnight for Christmas holidays. Av for week 64.1.
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12. Jan: Commenced the New year on Monday last. Boys turned up very well considering the cold. Av for week 65.8.
19. Jan: Head Teacher absent through an attack of Influenza, from 11th Jan to 22nd Jan: average for week 64.6.
26. Jan: Heard Stand to Read. This Standard must have attention paid to it in this Subject. Av: for week 70.2.
2. Feb: Arithmetic on paper in upper Standards badly done. They must have practise on paper daily. Av: for week 74.6
9. Feb: The Time Table has not been strictly followed. There has been much irregular attendance through sickness, and the backward boys have been worked up. Av: 78.2.

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- 16 Feb.: Stand III. had an examination in Arithmetic. This Stand: does its work neatly. Av: 78.4.
23. Feb.: Stand IV. specially exercised in Arithmetic and Grammar. This Subject wants looking up. Av: 79.4.
2. March: Stands V-VI. Backward boys in these Stand: have exercised on the Blackboard in Arithmetic and Grammar. Webster, Mayor, and Jn^r: Marshall want a good deal of working. Av: 76.4
9. March: Stand I-II. were heard in Reading. Boys in Standard one have done well. About 8 of them could not tell their letters when they entered school but can now read nicely. Av: 81.6.
16. March: All the Standards have been working the subjects for examination. Av: 78.1.
23. March: Received notice of the yearly examination by N. M. I. It is fixed for the 5 April. With the notice there is a written statement that there will be no examⁿ of the Boys: The higher Grants will be paid under Art: 84.
Signed D. Bostwick.
30. March: All Stands: working up their subjects Av: 78.1

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- April 6. Received a communication from Mr. S. Bostock Sub-Inspector saying that The Boys' School may be examined, and advising preparation for the examination. This is unfortunate. Some of the boys have gone into the fields. It would have been far better for the boys if nothing had been intimated with respect to excusing the School for examination.
- " 13. All Standards working up for the examination.
- " 20. Wednesday was a holiday owing to the closing of the school for the Government examination. To day is a holiday, being the day after the exam.
- " 27. Admitted eleven boys from the Infants School. Some of these are not well prepared having been in the Infants only a short time.
- May 4. All the School advanced by a Standard, and the work has fairly started for next year's test. Av. for the week. 73.3.
- " 11. The average attendance is each year gradually diminishing. The new Bye Laws may have the effect of raising the Av. attendance in the higher Standards. Av.: 66. very low.

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- May 18. 10 Boys in the V-VI-VII Standards have left.
The remainder attend very well. Av: 74.7.
- " 25 All the Stands: have been working steadily.
The assistant has work cut out during the
next 12 months. Many of them are very back-
ward in Reading. Av: 72.2.
- June 1. Stand: IV. is progressing well. This Stand:
is intelligent having been well worked in
Stand ~~III~~ under the Assistant Av: 73.5.
- " 8. Attendance in the V-VI-VII Stands: is good
and these Stands: are going along well in Gram-
mar, Arithmetic. Av: 74
- " 15. The Registers by the Curate, and found
correct. Nothing specially to note. All the
school working smoothly. Av: 75.
- " 22. Tuesday 19. holiday. The Scripture exam-
ination. 73.7 Av:

Report on the Boys' School, by H. M. S. for
the year ended 31st March 1894.

The elementary subjects are neatly and accurately worked throughout, and the class subjects are well and intelligently prepared. Order and tone leave nothing to be desired.

Wm Jones certif'd 1. Class.
Wm Myles ex. P.T. assistant.

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- Aug: 10. Commenced the second half year on the 8th Wednesday. Many boys absent. Av: 57.1
17. The Attendance this week has reached its normal quantity Av: 76. All the Stand have been working in earnest.
24. Job Grimshaw. 3d & Park fifth Stand: boys are very dull sleepy boys. They are behind all the others, and their work is not to be depended upon. Av: 74.7.
31. The Reading of Stand I. has improved since I heard them last. They need much patience and application to bring them on Av: 75.2.
- Sept^{6th} 7. School open eight times. Holiday on Wednesday, owing to the annual tea party Av: 70.1
14. Standard V. are very deficient in composition. There are a few sleepy boys in ^{this} Stand: who are hard to teach:
21. Writing and spelling in Stand I. are badly done: More attention must be paid to these.
28. Stand I. are improving fast in Reading,

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- Oct⁵ 5'. Stands: I. V. IV. are getting on with their Geography. II. VII. are sharp in Mental Arithmetic, and Analysis of Complex Sentences.
12. Stand: II. answer intelligently in Geography. This Stand: does its Arithmetical problems correctly.
19. Stand II. VII. require a vast amount of practice in the Composition of Essays.
26. Jas Septon. Jas Caldwell. Johnson and a few more boys in Stand IV. are dull and unfit for Stand: IV. They are a hindrance to the progress of the others. Av: 73.
- Nov. 2. Stand IV. are backward in Reading and Spelling. This state of affairs arises from irregularity in attendance. Av: 73.3 Seven less than the corresponding date last year.
9. Stand: VI. VII. work Arithmetic fairly well. Major. Rimmer. Stand: II. want more working. They are dull.
- Nov: 16. Stand I. improving in Reading. Edw^t Threlfall. Grindley very little better.

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- Nov: 23. Stand II. Read pretty well. A few want working up in Arithmetic. Av: 70-2.
- " 30. Heard Stand III. Read: This Stand answers Geography Questions intelligently.
- Dec: 7. Heard upper Stands: sing their songs. They do them in good tone and time in two parts. The Assistant takes them in this subject. Av: 72.
- " 14. Stand I-II. Sing the Intervals in Scale correctly. This has been an uphill work. Many could not imitate a tone a first.
- " 21. The Canon came in and heard the boys sing. He was pleased with their performance. Broke up for the Christmas holidays.

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- Jan: 11. Opened School in the first half with few scholars. Weather unfavourable. Av 59.
- " 18. Weather very severe. Many away: Av 63.
- " 25. More boys this week. School went on with usual lessons for first time. Av: 69.
- Feb: 1. All standards examined in the subjects of examination. Standard III. want much practise in Arithmetic. Major Rimmer taught especially in Stand VI.

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- Feb: 8. Stand II read nicely. So do Stand I - except boys who have been sick. av: 65. Weather bitterly cold: av: low.
15. Weather still very cold: many boys away and the usual Subjects interrupted. av: 58.
22. Av: for this week 53. Lowest during the year. Sickness, and severe weather keep many away.
- March 1. Stand II. answer well in Geography: but they are very careless in dictation av: 65.
8. Weather less severe: the average has improved but many away.
15. All Standards working the subjects of examination.
22. All standards preparing for examination
29. All standards preparing for examination
- April 5. All Stands: preparing for examination

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- April 12th. Broke up for Easter Holidays. Government Exam: on Monday last.
- April 26. Admitted eleven boys from the Infant School. Attendance in the Upper Standards very bad.
- May. 3. Many boys in the Upper Standards: are absent. This interferes with the progress.
- May. 10. Examined backward boys in Stand I. in Reading. These boys have just been drafted from the Infant's School. The special care and attention which have been given to them have greatly improved them in Reading. They will soon be able to stand in class with the more forward boys.
- May. 17. Many boys in the Upper Standards have left. This makes the av: attendance lower than last year. The av: attendance has been gradually diminishing for five years past.
- May. 26. Boys in Stand II. attend irregularly. They are therefore, behind in Arithmetic.
- May. 31. Stands IV. V. VII. are progressing smoothly in their work. John Stopporth, James Bond, John Blundell. are very dull, backward boys. Their attendance is bad.

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- June 7th. The Scripture examination took place on Wednesday. No attendances inserted.
- June 14th. Heard Stand II read. The writing in Stand I. wants attention.
- June 21. Average attendance small. Many boys absent. The number on the Register goes smaller each year.
- June 27. Av. for the week 61. Broke up to day for mid-summer holidays.

H. M. Inspector's report on Halsall Boys' School for the year 1895.

"The School as a whole has passed a creditable examination in both elementary and the class subjects.

The spelling of the fourth Standard falls below the general level. Singing deserves praise, and order is very well maintained".

William Jones. Certificated Teacher.
 William Myles Assistant

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Aug: 9th. Opened School for the second half year on Wednesday. On Tuesday so few turned up that the boys were sent back. Since Wednesday very few have been absent.

Aug: 16. Attendance has been good. All the Standards have done good work. The backward boys in Stand I require much care and attention to bring them up to the required mark. Av: for the week 73.9

Aug: 23. Backward boys in Stand I. improve slowly. Spelling in Stand V. & VI unsatisfactory.

Aug: 30. Attendance this week gone down. Av. 69.5. Mr. Buck left the School. Parents removed to Southport. The Time Table is not strictly followed in the case of backward boys.

Sept 6th Visit without notice at 8 A.M.
Boys working steadily - Some of the older boys' science books creditable for their neat & carefully arranged work -

Doubtless scheme of ~~worst~~ lessons will be drawn out & proper books provided. There appears to be a lack of some of the appliances found in a well equipped

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School to promote the intelligence of the boys -

The annual reed flaxing -

J. H. Park H.M.I.A.

- 6th Sept^{br} Received a surprise visit from A. M. S.
Everything in working order.
13. Sept: Holiday on Wednesday. The annual Tea party
for the Day and Sunday Scholars at the Rectory.
20. " Attendance very thin this week. Tuesday and
Wednesday holidays for the Annual meeting of
Prim-rose League. Av: 66.9
27. " Time Table not strictly. Subjects have been
re-arranged with the view of making it
work more smoothly. Success not satisfactory
so far. Av: 44.6.
24. Oct^{br}: The backward boys out of the Infants' school
are making progress. They have had extra
attention paid to them in Reading. 67.8 Av:
- 11 " " Stand IV. dictation and Spelling not
done satisfactorily. More attention must be
paid to them Av: 70.14
- 18 " " Stand IV. finished the Geography of
Ireland and Scotland. The Majority answer
intelligently Av: 73.7

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- 25 Oct^{br}. Stand VI-VIII. recite 100 lines of their poetry. Heard Stand II. in Geography which is intelligently known.
- 1 Nov: Through the vigilance of the Attendance officer the Attendance has been much better lately. Allowance has been made in the case of Wheeldon, whose mother is dying of Consumption, and they are very poor.
- 8 " Stand I. has improved in Reading since I last heard it. The backward boys who came out of the Infants room have got on rapidly.
- 15 " Parsing of the verb in Stand III. not satisfactory. More time must be devoted to this subject, and the Time Table will not be followed.
- 22 " There has been a holiday to day Friday on account of the Tea Party given by the Count de Castiglione.
- 29 " Heard Stand I. read to day. They all read fairly well.
- 6 Dec: Stand IV. have been worked well in compound Multiplication and Division. John Park, Job Witter, James Marshall are very clever boys. No: 764.

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13. Dec: Stand II. are slovenly in their Arithmetic.
John Knowles the worst boy is very careless. Av: 71.
- 20 " The half year ended to day. Drove up
for Christmas holidays. Av: 71.
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- 10 Jan: The upper Standards have had problems
in Arithmetic all week. Stand IV. do the
Arithmetic correctly. Av: 70.5.
- 17 " Stand IV. has forgotten Arithmetic altogether.
The most outrageous mistakes have been made
by Jn^o Park, Job Witter, Jas Marshall. The
Time Table has not been strictly followed.
Av: 70.9
- 24 " Stand II. are slovenly in Arithmetic.
John Knowles is very careless. Av: 72.2.
- 31 " Heard Stand I. Read nicely. These
boys have great attention paid to them
in Reading. They have profited by it.
Stand IV. still very careless in Arithmetic.
- 4th Feb Examined the lower Stands in Writing and
Arithmetic. Stands II & III. write well on paper.
Upper Stands have had special attention paid
to Arithmetic, dictation and Composition.

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- 14 Feb: This has been a broken week. The school required for parochial purpose. Friday the scholars had a holiday and tea party to celebrate the 21st birth day of Count de Castaños eldest son. Av: 63.5
21. Feb: Time Table not followed. Standards have been working up backward Subjects Av: 67.1.
- 24th Feb Visit without notice. The school seems to be taught well. More grouping of standards or some of the standards could be undertaken advantageously. J. C. Her, (H. 207.)
28. As the School year does not ^{end} until the 31st March; all the Standards are working at the old Subjects. Av: 68.9.
- 6 March. The upper Standards have been exercised in Mental Arithmetic for next year. The irregular boys have been drawing for the drawing exam: which is near. Av: 64.6.
- 13 March. Time Table not followed this week. Upper Stands: have paid special attention to drawing and Arithmetic. Av: 71.7.
- 20 March. Drawing examination took place to day. Av: 73.6

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- 27 March: All Stands: commenced the Subjects for the School Year. Av: 69.1.
- 31 March School year ended to day. Average for two days in the ^{old} New School Year 68.2.
- 2 April. Broken week. Easter holidays ..
- 17 April. All Stands: have been working well. Thos and Jas. Remmer, boys in Stand IV. are dull, and want careful watching. Av: 72.5
24. April. Stand I. begins to show results of the care taken in Reading. Writing in Stands IV. V. needs careful watching. Gen: Leadbetter, Sen: Thelfall very bad. Av: 72.1
1. May. Book work in Arithmetic in Stands I. VI is nearly done. Recpt Leadbetter and Thelfall. Av: 72.2
8. May Examined IV & VI. in the geography of France, Spain and Portugal. Stand VI. answers as well as the other Stands.
- 15 May Stand III. is forward in their Arithmetic. Their paper work is nicely done. av: 74.8
- 22 May Grammar in Stand III is backward. All the boys in Stand III have left. This reduction makes the Standards small in numbers. Av: 74.8.

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- 29th May. Stand II. can do simple Subtraction as far as hundreds in thousands. They are learning Multiplication by tens and units. Av: 71.1
- 5 June. Paid special attention to the writing in Stands: IV. V. VI. Leadbetter, Thos Rimmer. are wretched writers. Av: 70.2.
- 12 June. Stands IV. V. VI. have had writing from Copy on the Blackboard. There is a decided improvement in one lesson. Av: 65.6.
- 19 " Stand III. was taken in the History Readers. I found them reading more distinctly, and carefully. 62.6 Av:
- 26 " Average has gone down this week. Many boys absent through sickness at home. Av: 56.1.
- 2 July. Average still low. Broke up to day for the Midsummer holidays.
- 11 Augst. Commenced the Second half year on Monday. Many were absent. Boys were awkward in writing, and they had gone backward in other subjects. Av: 64.8.
21. " The upper Stands IV. V. VI. have been going over a portion of the Old ground in Geography. Stand IV. must have special attention paid to Reading and mental Arithmetic. Idle boys in this Stand