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- Aug<sup>25</sup> 27. Standard III. has had special attention in Long Division. The dull ones cannot do it at all.
- Sept<sup>4</sup> 3. Long division in Standard III has improved. Still there are some boys who cannot work it correctly.
- Sept<sup>4</sup> 10. Standards III. V. VI. are going on satisfactorily with Arithmetic. The irregulars in Stand V. will have to be worked up.
- Sept<sup>4</sup> 17. Boys in Standard V. have done composition better this week. Mayor, Spencer and Carr are bad.
- Sept<sup>4</sup> 24. Stand II. has just finished their first Reading book. James Glare in this Standard seems to have little or no idea of Arithmetic.
- Sept<sup>4</sup> 30. Stand IV. is getting on well with Arithmetic. This Standard will soon be through its work. Many do their sums neatly on paper.
- October 8. Stands V. VI. Owing to irregularity many of the boys are behind with their work. Their work on paper is badly done. More time must be given to this subject.

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- Oct<sup>br</sup> 15. Composition in Standard V. VI is badly done by the irregulars. Shacklady, Lepton and Mayor are not able to write with sense. Unless more regular their case is hopeless.
- Oct<sup>br</sup> 22. Writing in Stand: III is improving. Boys in this Standard write better from a copy on the blackboard.
- Oct<sup>br</sup> 29. More attention must be paid to dictation in Standard IV. The dullards J. W. Forest, John Craven, Tho: Scarisbrick are very bad.
- Nov<sup>br</sup> 5. Stand: II. This Standard does Arithmetic correctly except Jas: Clare.
- Nov: 12. Standard III does Arithmetic much better. Nearly every boy got his sum in Long Division right.
- Nov: 19. Stand V. has worked through their Arithmetic Test cards will now be given.
- Nov: 26. Composition and writing are improving in Stands: V. VI.

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- Dec: 3. All the Standards are progressing fairly.
- Dec: 10. Many boys in Stand: IV do the test cards in Arithmetic very well.
- Dec: 17. Stand III. did dictation unsatisfactorily with the Assistant.
- Dec: 21<sup>st</sup>. Called over the Registers & found them correct.  
Foster J. Thompson.
- Dec: 24. Broke up today for the Christmas holidays.
- 14 Jan: 87. Commenced the New Year on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. The boys turned up fairly well.
- Jan: 21. Irregular boys in the upper Standards are very backward in Arithmetic. Much labour will be required to get them up for examination provided they attend regularly.
- Jan: 28. Stand III started to write test cards. Most of them shaped badly. John Johnson, John Guy & Ralph Melling are hopeless I fear.
- Feb: 4. Stand IV. do their work fairly. By the time of examination this Standard will do well.

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Feb: 11.

Standards I. II appear to be doing well. One boy named Blair in Stand: II does not appear to have any idea about Arithmetic.

Feb: 18.

Stand V. is still very bad in Arithmetic. John Mayor. James Carr. Robert Johnson. are very dull boys. They have attended School badly and have been a drag on the class all year. The Time Table has not been strictly adhered to in order to work the dullards up.  
" Called over Registers T.B.W. Blumell

Feb: 26.

All Standards preparing for examination

March 14.

All Standards working up for examination

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All Standards working up for examination. Stand III. & Improving

March 17<sup>th</sup>

Called Registers T.B.W. Blumell

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- March 18 All the Standards working up Subjects for examination Stands. III. IV. V. VI. mostly on paper.
- " 25. All the Standards working up the Subjects for examination. Special attention being paid to the backward boys.
- April. 1. The irregular boys are beginning to show more accuracy in their sums, and to do their work more neatly.
- April: 8. There has been a good attendance this week, and the work on paper is improving.
- April. 15. All the boys have been working hard at their Subjects. Still many boys have proved careless in their work.
- April: 22. Although the stupid boys have had special attention they don't show results in proportion to the care bestowed.

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April 28

Inspection. C. F. Harrison. 11/21/87

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Sts 1. II. III. Postny for W. Young

IV. 'Lady of the Lake'

V. VI. Merchant of Venice.

Qes: - Sts 1. II. III. ~~IV~~ as per Code.

IV. as per Code

V. VI. 'Revised'

C. F. H.

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April 29.

The School has been open for instruction six times Thursday and to day being the Government examination.

May 6.

Boys from the infant school have been admitted this week. Like last year they are all prepared for their work.

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F. Sarvent ceased to be assistant on the 29<sup>th</sup>. He has gone home to pursue his studies under his clergyman.

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The temporary assistant is working hard with the boys in first Stand: As many of them can barely tell their letters progress in reading is slow and tedious.

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Examined Stand: I in Arithmetic. The majority was unable to do the simplest sum in Addition and a few could not make their figures. Work is cut out for an assistant during the current year.

June 3.

Stand: III is deficient in Multiplication and Division Table. And also in Pence Table. They have not been worked with energy. Much labour will have to be expended on them.



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- June 10. Stand: III. write badly. Attention has been paid to this exercise this week. The spelling is very fair. Henry Webster, and James Colare are extremely dull boys.
- June 17. Stand IV. are progressing in writing and dictation. Arithmetic wants attention. Ralph Melting, John Johnson, Henry Guy are very slow and stupid in Arithmetic. I fear they are hopeless.
- June 24. Jubilee was celebrated on Tuesday last 21<sup>st</sup>. The school was closed for the day.
30. Attendance has been less this week, being the last week in the half year. The schools closed for a five weeks holiday.
- Aug: 12. Commenced the second half year with a good number in attendance. Wm. Burton, the newly appointed assistant commenced duty on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>.
19. The assistant found Stand I. very backward although they had been well taught by the temporary assistant.

Report of A. M. Inspector for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1887.

Boys' School. Very good tone and discipline prevail in this School, and a good Examination has on the whole been passed. Reading is generally intelligent and except for some inaccuracy and hesitation in the third and fourth Standards, is in a satisfactory condition in all other respects. A good style of Handwriting also has been taught.

Spelling is good in the first, second, fourth, and sixth Standards, but exhibits much weakness in the third Standard, and some poverty of ideas and expression appears in the Composition of the sixth Standard. Arithmetic is decidedly good in fourth and fifth Standards, and generally has been well and successfully taught, although few sums involving some little thought were successfully worked in the second and third Standards, and greater readiness should be shown in Tables by the first Standard. The Grammar was well known throughout and the poetry well known and recited. In Geography better knowledge should be forthcoming of the points of the first Standard, and the definitions in the second Standard.

Wm Jones Certif: d Teacher of the first Class.

Fred R. Farwent. Assistant Teacher.

T B H Blandell

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Aug. 26. Stand III. is behind with work in Arithmetic. The boys in this Standard are very irregular. Arithmetic must be substituted for other lessons in order to work up.

Sept. 2. The assistant goes about his work very quietly and orderly. He is working earnestly and well, and no doubt good result will be seen soon.

Sept<sup>6</sup>: 9. Stand IV. is kept back by the dull boys. which are in it. John Johnson, Wm Marshall, Ralph Melting Henry Guy are so stupid it is almost impossible to teach them any thing.

Sept<sup>6</sup>: 16. Stand: V. Many boys in this Standard do their work neatly on paper. There are a few who get imperfect results. Henry Marnon, John Crane, Edward Blundell, are very dull.

Sept<sup>6</sup>: 23. Stand II. The boys in this Standard are getting on satisfactorily.

Sept<sup>6</sup>: 30. Stand: I. is very backwards in every thing for the time of year. This arises from the fact that they have not prepared in the other school. Several were unable to make or find their letters and figures.

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- Oct<sup>r</sup> 7. Spelling in Standards III. IV. is satisfactory. The writing also is improving. Edward Blundell, Henry Marrow boys in Standard V. Make a mess of their composition.
- Oct<sup>r</sup> 14. Nearly the Boys in Stand V. wrote their sums on paper neatly. Boys in Stand VI. are behind with their work in Arithmetic. This arises from their irregular attendance. Holiday owing the Counts Tea party.
- Oct<sup>r</sup> 21. Boys in Stand I. are improving; but much labour will be required to bring them up to pass the examination. The labour has been great. Most being unable to tell the names of letters, or to make figures.
- Oct<sup>r</sup> 28. Stand: II. does its work nicely; This Stand: will be up in the Subjects of examination at the end of the year.
- Nov: 11. Stand III. though small requires a vast amount of labour. James Clark, and Henry Webster have no idea of Arithmetic, although they have had special attention paid to them. They have not been well drilled in tables in Stand II.

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Nov: 11.

Stand IV. Some boys in this Standard are backward through irregular attendance. They are entitled to half time, and the indifferent parents keep their children at home as often as they can.

Nov: 18.

Many boys in Standards V. VI. have left since last examination. The attendance generally is fair, and the work going on steadily.

Nov: 25.

All the Standards have been going on smoothly this week. Some boys in Stand: III. write very nicely on Copy Books, which have been traced for them in lead pencil, so that they form their letters properly.

Dec: 2.

Tested Stand: V. in Compositions. The majority did it fairly. The dullards made nonsense of the exercise.

Dec: 9.

Edmund Buckle, and Men: Leatherbarrow are getting behind the rest of Stand I. in reading, owing to bad attendance. With patience and hard work they will come round.

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Dec: 16. The Tables and Mental Arithmetic are defective in Stands II. III. This is owing to their not being well grounded in the Stands I. II.

Dec: 21. The School broke up to day for the Christmas holidays. Few boys have been present.

Jan: 1888. Commenced the New Year last Monday with a good muster. Every Stand: III. IV. V. VI. VII. worked examination cards in Arithmetic. They soon found out the "Irregulars" and "Bullards".

20<sup>th</sup> Jan: Standard I. is progressing but it will require hard and diligent work to get them up for examination.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan: Webster and Clare boys in Standard III. have not the mental capacity for Arithmetic. No amount of teaching will make them do their work.

Feb: 3. There are several stupid, obtuse boys in Stand: IV. who will require vast teaching to make them pass. Ralph Melling is hopeless!

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Feb: 10. Stand: V. work their Arithmetic accurately generally. They require greater neatness in putting down their work.

Feb: 17. Stand VII. work their Sums correctly. They require more attention to neatness. Two boys in Stand: VI. require to be worked up in Arithmetic. Spencer and Jackson are bad.

Feb: 24. A boy from Haskayne. Tho: Cheatham, aged 11 years, was admitted this week. He has never been at School, and cannot tell a letter.

March. 2. All Standards have been engaged in reviewing Geography and Grammar, and examination in Arithmetic.

March. 9. All Standards preparing work for examination. Time Table not strictly followed.

March 13<sup>th</sup> Called Registers, and found correct. D. J. Thomas.

March 16. Standards examined in the Subjects of examination.

March 23. Stand: IV. worked in the solution of problems.

- March 29<sup>th</sup> Called Requisites over and found them correct. D. J. Thomas
- " 30. All the Standards working up the Subjects of examination
- April 6<sup>th</sup> All the Standards working up the Subjects of examination. Time Table not been followed.
- April 13. Examinations in all Standards.
- April 20. Examination by H. M. J. on Wednesday. The School has been closed since.
- April 27. The boys from the infant School were admitted this week. The specimen is somewhat better than last year. Still their attainments are poor
- May 4. All the Standards commenced the work for the present School year. The boys in Stand: 8. will require special attention during the whole. Most of them are excessively dull.
- May 11. The Time Table has not been strictly followed this week, as proper books are wanted from Leipzig.



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- May. 18. School has been conducted by the assistant, Mr. Burton, assisted monitors. The Master absent through death in the family.
- May. 20. The whole school closed throughout this week.
- June. 1<sup>st</sup>. With the exception of two boys, the whole of the boys in Stand: V. are dullards. They are bad in everything, and it take much pains and hard work to bring them up for examination next year.
- June. 8<sup>th</sup>. Stand III. is progressing with their work very nicely. Stand: I. will require much care, and work to bring them up for examination next year.
- June. 15. There is only one boy in Stand: VII. The others have left. Stand VI. work their Sums on paper neatly.
- June. 22. Stand: V. write their lessons very badly. The boys in Stand IV. can beat them easily. They are the most awkward and dullest boys. I ever remember teaching.
- June. 28. Broke up to day for the Midsummer holidays.

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- August 3. Commenced the second half year this week. Monday was a holiday, being the anniversary of the village club.
- August 10. Boys in Stand: V. have not improved in writing. They are backward in everything and I fear it will be impossible to bring them up to pass their examination next year.
- August 17. Stand: III are progressing with their Arithmetic. Boys in Stand: II are imperfect in their Spelling.
- August 24. Many of the boys in Stands: V. VI have left. There are only 29 in both Standards.
- August 31. Boys in Stand: VI. work their sums on paper neatly. The work in Stand: V. is not fit to be seen. They are the worst boys I have had, and they have all ~~put~~<sup>got</sup> into the same Standard.
- Sept<sup>1st</sup> 3. Stand: V. has had special attention this week. With hard work it is hoped they will show some improvement.

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- Sep: 10. Attendance in Stands. V. VI. is very bad. This prevents all progress in the work.
- Sep: 17. Stand III. doing well in Reading and Arithmetic. They do arithmetic on paper correctly but not neatly.
- Sep: 24. Stand II. read very fairly. There are some who cannot do Arithmetic. These boys are very dull.
- Oct<sup>r</sup>: 5. ~~Stand~~ I. progressing favourably. Many read with expression.
- Oct<sup>r</sup>: 12. Stand V. begin to do their work more neatly on paper, but they do not progress in Mental Arithmetic in proportion to the labour bestowed.
- Oct<sup>r</sup>: 19. Many of the boys in Stand: V. VI. are away in the fields working. Very little progress is made in their work.
- Oct<sup>r</sup>: 26. Writing and figures in Stand III. bad. Figures in Stand I. is improving.

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- Nov: 2. More boys in Stands V. VI present this week. Work has been more encouraging.
- Nov: 9. Stand III: do Arithmetic accurately on paper. Most the boys got all sums right.
- Nov: 16. More attention must be paid to Stand III in their writing and dictation. Their Books are dirty and work slovenly.
- Nov: 23. Stand V. is a bad one. It is made up almost entirely of dull stupid boys, which makes it very difficult to make any progress.
- Nov: 30. Stands I. II. progressing favourably. They make their figures and letters badly.
- Dec: 7<sup>th</sup> Composition in Stands V. VI. bad. Boys in Stand V. are unable to take of a story read to them intelligently. This is the worst Stand: I have had.
- Dec: 14. Stand II. IV do Arithmetic intelligently and accurately.

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Report of H. M. Inspector on Halsall Boys' School  
for the Year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>. 1888.

The Boys are in good discipline, and, considering the limited teaching staff, the results of the examination are very satisfactory. Reading, however is laboured and wanting in due expression, in the first Standard, and pointing with fingers in this subject, and counting with fingers in Arithmetic objectionable practices - should not be allowed.

Letters also in this class should be better formed and of more uniform size. Spelling is very good in the second Standard, but only fair in the fourth Standard, and the Composition of the sixth Standard exhibits much poverty of ideas. The Boys show to best advantage in Arithmetic, the results in which subject are very good indeed, in the second, third and fifth Standards, and the number of passes secured throughout the school is very creditable. For both class subjects payment at the higher rate is recommended. Grammar in particular having been very well and carefully taught in the second and fifth Standards and

upwards, and decidedly good general knowledge being exhibited in the Geography of the first class.

The higher Grant for Singing is recommended with much hesitation on account of the weakness <sup>both</sup> shewn in time and ear tests. The Map drawing is very inferior.

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W<sup>m</sup> Burton: Certif<sup>d</sup> Teacher. Assistant.