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1889.
- Aug. 20 Registers examined found correct. (2.30 P.M.) J. P. Sykes
- " 23. E. Preston after an absence of 2 weeks returned on Monday.
- " 30 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. attendance low. Half holiday on the ~~Thursday~~<sup>Wednesday</sup> of the last week before this.
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Number on books 24. Mr. Geldard called on Friday with Bank Cards & said Mrs. Geldard intended to invite children to Cappleside next week. He also promised to give Mistress Cheque for Grant shortly. This has ~~usually~~<sup>previously</sup> been paid immediately on Receipt of it from Education Office.
- " 13<sup>th</sup> Friday afternoon went to Cappleside. Lessons according to Time Table. Received Grant Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> Reg. not marked on Tuesday afternoon. School examined in Religious Knowledge by Rev. Daniell Bainbridge. Half Holiday on Wednesday. Admitted L. Shirkby St. I.
- " 27<sup>th</sup> All but one present. Lessons as usual.
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Report of Scripture examination. "Excellent in all subjects." No absentees. Geography to whole school on Friday morning. This lesson is much appreciated

- by upper class.
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Good attendance. Work progressing favorably.
- " 18<sup>th</sup> Gave Parsing lessons (Specially) to St. V. VII with Analysis. Singing on Thursday afternoon.
- " 25<sup>th</sup> All present. Gave examination in Arithmetic to all Standards.
- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Work is usual. Have altered the arrangement of the Time Table. Like the new arrangement much better this week.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> Attendance Good. Gave Drawing Lesson instead of Geography on Friday morning. Mr. Sykes visited on Wednesday to make enquiries respecting an old scholar W. Frankland who is seeking a situation as Engine Driver. Was able to speak highly of him.
- " 15<sup>th</sup> Some absentees this week. Have much trouble with D. Simpson for unpunctuality in attendance. He is often an hour and sometimes even more than that late and cannot have his attendance marked. I have frequently written and informed his father.
- " 22<sup>nd</sup> M. Ag. Taylor sick. Lessons according to Time Table. Drawing on Friday morning.
- " 29<sup>th</sup> Sick absentee same as before. Dixon Simpson for an eruption on his ear has to stay at home. Sent him home on Monday afternoon. Drawing on

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Friday morning. Weather very cold and stormy.  
 end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Sent out School Bills.  
 Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Dixon Simpson still absent. Saw his father on  
 Wednesday. he says they <sup>shots</sup> are still bad.  
 Lessons according to Time Table. Drawing on  
 Friday morning. Half Yearly meeting of  
 Trustees on Wednesday. Mr. Geldard called on  
 Monday to ask that the school might be  
 at liberty by 3.30.00 that day; also to say  
 that he would go over acct and pay 1/2 year's  
 salary when <sup>scholar's</sup> Bills were settled.  
 13<sup>th</sup> Same child absent. All Bills with  
 the exception of 3 are paid. Poetry  
 and Grammar to St. II. III. IV. V. & VII.  
 20<sup>th</sup> Dixon Simpson returned quite better.  
 Janie and Etta Parsons absent all  
 the week. Mumps being in the house.  
 Closed school at 11 on Friday morning and  
 broke up for a fortnight's holiday  
 for Christmas.  
 2 bills still unpaid.

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Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

Recommenced school on Monday morning. Sarah  
 Preston. Herbert Moore, and M. A. Taylor have Mumps.

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Children went to tea at Cappleside on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Dixon Simpson late each morning. sometimes  
 10.15 and even 10.30 when he comes to school.  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Parsons away on a visit. Received  
 £ 12 from Mr. Geldard Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also Copy  
 of New Agreement drawn up at last Half Yearly  
 Meeting of Trustees. which agreement comes  
 into effect June /91.  
 Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Mumps are still prevalent amongst the  
 children. 2 affected this week.  
 24<sup>th</sup> Stormy week. Attendance poor. 2 others  
 affected with Mumps this week. Lessons  
 according to Time Table.  
 31<sup>st</sup> Much sickness prevalent. 4 children absent  
 sick.  
 Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Margt. A. Taylor returned on Monday. been away  
 since Christmas. W. H. Hartley returned. been away  
 2 weeks. V. Preston sick from Monday evening  
 to Friday afternoon. Mark Frankland  
 absent since Wednesday. On Wednesday gave  
 a Special Examination in Standard Subjects  
 throughout School. Geography to all Friday  
 morning Six Northern Counties of England.

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- Feb'y 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> On Wednesday Mistress very unwell  
 school closed Thursday + Friday.  
 " 21<sup>st</sup> Mistress again had a severe attack  
 of Influenza. school closed Friday  
 and Monday. Reopened Tuesday  
 but still Mistress is far from well.  
 " 28<sup>th</sup> Attendance good since Tuesday.  
 Admitted F. Moore Infant.
- March 7 Work according to Time Table.  
 Commencement of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.
- " 14 Sickness still prevails in the Village  
 Attendance poor in consequence of  
 absentees.
- " 21 W. Garth very ill. 2 other children sick.  
 Examination in Arithmetic on Wednesday  
 Mental Arith each day this week. Oral  
 Lesson Friday "Gold".
- " 28 All present. Mrs Sykes visited on Monday  
 Needlework well done. Specimens.  
 Oral Lesson on Friday "The Telegraph".
- April 3 Closed School until Wednesday April 7  
 for Easter Holiday. Examination in  
 all subjects on Tuesday and  
 Wednesday. Mental Arithmetic.

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- April 11<sup>th</sup> R<sup>d</sup> Parsons absent from home. Lessons  
 according to Time Table.
- " 18<sup>th</sup> Good attendance this week. Mrs. and  
 Miss Geldard came on Monday and  
 gave a packet of sweets to each child.  
 The children sang 2 songs for them.
- " 22 Examined the registers found them correct. John P. Sykes
- " 25<sup>th</sup> Lessons as usual. Children good  
 and painstaking. Visited on Tuesday  
 by Mr. Sykes.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Marg<sup>t</sup>. 19. Taylor readmitted. She has been  
 sick and absent since Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. She is  
 very dull and backward in all subjects  
 but reading. Mr. Geldard called in on  
 Thursday to bring Bank Cards and  
 to enquire if we had received Notice  
 of Inspection.
- 5 Registers Exam. (10.30.) J. P. Sykes
- " 9<sup>th</sup> W. Garth St. III. very ill. Confined to his  
 bed. has met with some accident which  
 it is feared will necessitate his  
 remaining in bed for some time.  
 This may prevent his being present  
 at the examination. On Saturday

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Rev<sup>d</sup> J. P. Sykes brought up Cos.  
Papers. Approx. Number 21 in  
Standards. 4 under 7.

May 16. So day received Notice of Inspection  
which is to be held Monday June  
16<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 p. M.

23 Examined Registers (3.45 p. M.) John P. Sykes

23 Closed 3.30 on Friday until Wednesday  
for Annual Cleaning and Whituntide

30 On Wednesday nearly all present.  
Lessons according to Time Table.  
Mental Arithmetic to all Standards  
and Infants. J. Moore sick.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Trustees on Wednesday  
afternoon. Commencement of New  
School Year. Work well done.

" 13<sup>th</sup> Attendance Good. Examination in  
all Subjects.

Poetry prepared for 1890

VII William Tell, Extract from "Edinburgh  
after Flodden".

V. IV " "

III. II The Woodmouse, Fairy Artist.

I, Inf. The Child and Bird.

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### List of Songs.

Oh had I wings to fly  
Bird of the Wilderness  
Casabianca.

Oh tell me pretty river  
Roll on, roll on you restless waves  
Children's Voices

The rain came down with heavy frown  
Hark from woodlands far away

June 16<sup>th</sup> School examined by Mr. Watkins H.M.S.  
+ Mr. Cooper came later. Mr. & Mrs. Geldard  
+ Mr. Sykes were present. Gave holiday  
on Tuesday. Mark Frankland absent  
since Monday.

" 23<sup>rd</sup> Duplicate Schedule came on Saturday.  
Walter Hartley only failed in two Subjects.

" 27<sup>th</sup> M. E. Harrison. M. Frankland. J. Moore  
absent. Children all commenced  
work of New Standards.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Broke up school for five weeks  
Holiday for Midsummer.

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Rathmell National School.  
Summary of the Inspector's Report  
on the School and Remarks (if any)  
to be made.

"The children are in  
good order, and are intelligently  
taught. Reading and Recitation  
should however be more expressive."

Matilda Louisa Parsons  
certificated Teacher of First Class.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1890.

John P. Sykes.

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Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

Recommenced school to day. 17 present.  
Hay time has been very much  
protracted owing to so much rain.  
Some farmers not finished yet. Mr.  
Geldard called in afternoon with Opie's  
Grant but owing to a misunderstand-  
ing returned in the evening at 5.30.  
After much discussion he deducted  
£10. 18. 4 and left the rest with  
mistress.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Rather better attendance - very well  
week - Lessons carefully done.

Sept 1

Registers examined & found correct. John P. Sykes  
Last week, <sup>Aug 29<sup>th</sup></sup> end of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; holiday on  
Wednesday afternoon to be present at  
an exhibition at Cappleside where  
Mr. E. Harrison gained 1<sup>st</sup> prizes for  
Patching and Knitting, Etta Parsons  
2<sup>nd</sup> prizes for Handwriting and Patching,  
Janey Parsons 1<sup>st</sup> prize for Handwriting,  
and J. A. Haythornthwaite 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for  
Knitting. Holiday also on the Thursday  
for Settle Show. so many children  
asked leave to go that school was closed.