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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 very good order, and the work is, on the whole of a satisfactory character. The Reading however lacks expression, and Spelling is faulty in the Second & Fourth Standards. Additional pictures and maps should be provided as a condition of the receipt next year of a grant under Art. 105. It would be well, also, to establish a School Library."

Matilda Louisa Parsons
certificated Teacher of First Class
August 28th 1891.
John P. Sykes.

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- Sept. 11th. Allowed 4 of older girls to attend a meeting at Cappleside on Wednesday from 3-4. Gave Half holiday on Friday afternoon and took children to Cappleside where they were regaled with tea and had games, recess &c. kindly provided by J. Geldard Esq.
- " 18th. No absentees. A gentleman was introduced by J. Geldard Esq. on Wednesday morning who spoke kindly to the children, heard them sing, and asked them questions giving a threepenny piece for the best answer. He also left a shilling to be spent in sweets.
- " 25th. All children present. Re-admitted W. H. Hartley. Mrs Geldard visited on Friday morning with 2 visitors Mrs and Miss Pease who examined the Drawing and heard the children sing 2 songs.
- Oct 2. Registers not marked on Monday morning. Children examined in Religious Knowledge by Doocan

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Inspector. Lessons as usual in afternoon. Holiday on Tuesday.
 Drawing on Monday and Friday.
 Oct. 9th Received specimens of Mustard from Messrs Colman. No absentees.
 16th Last Monday admitted one infant. Received report of Scripture examination excellent and good Merit ^{of Mark} Grant. Six children specially mentioned for good work (written) and answers. Etta & Arthur Parsons. Jane Agnes & Dora Hawthornthwaite. Jason Simpson, & Ellen Fowler.
 " 23rd All work according to Time Table.
 " 30th Mark Frankland St. VII absent this and last week. Inock Lombison St. III. Walter St. II & Thomas Infant have left the Village and gone to Ayrton. This reduces No. on Books to 24. Being at Teacher's Meeting at Ingletown ^{on Saturday} & to Mr. Cooper about signing Time Table and he said we could work by it unsigned until he came round. Had a little conversation with Mrs Lykes about

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The pictures which were recommended in last Report. Have not heard any thing about them from Mr. Geldard Treasurer.
 Nov. 6th Mark Frankland St. VII. absent 3 weeks helping on Farm. has promised to come on Monday. Attendance Officer called on Thursday afternoon for average. No visitors.
 " 13th Very wet week. Two children 3 miles away absent since Monday afternoon. Thursday afternoon 2.55 - 3.20. Lesson on Mustard with Messrs Colman's specimens. Children greatly interested. Short singing lesson afterwards.
 " 20th Work according to Time Table. No visitors. Drawing Lessons on Monday and Friday mornings.
 " 27th Etta Preston Infant absent all week. Very wet week.
 Dec. 11th Holy Yearly Meeting of Trustees on Wednesday. Gave in a List of Requirements. The school is in want of a New Black Board and Case. The

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present ^{case} one is too small for the large B. Bd. and we require two of each to teach Drawing &c. to both divisions of the school. Our smaller B. Bd. is broken. We also require Ruler, Set Square & Compasses for Drawing on B. Bd. Would also like a Treatise on Drawing.

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Nothing important occurred.

16th Examined Registers (21 m.) found them correct
John P. Sykes

18th Compelled to close school with Mr. Sykes' permission on Monday owing to the school having been flooded on Sunday morning. The floor was covered with water. We had good fires and the door open on Monday and by Tuesday it was dry enough to have the children near the stove. But it is not thoroughly dry even yet. Gladys and Etta Parsons had colds. Favour Simpson sick.

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Jan'y 7th No. present this morning 18. Admitted 1 infant. During the holidays received 15 pictures for the school room which were hung ready for the opening of the school. The children were delighted with the bright appearance of the room. During the morning a parcel arrived from the firm of Rogers & Sons Sheffield containing their specimens of the manufacture of a Pen Knife. That also was a great pleasure for the children as I opened the parcel at once and showed them, having a short conversation on the subject instead of our Reading Lesson as per Time Table.

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Jan^y 22nd Sarah and Edith Preston made 1 attendance this week having been absent since Christmas. Jane and J. W. Harrison absent. Dixon Simpson absent. W. H. and Wall. Hartley returned on Wednesday. Mark Frankland absent. Bad feet.

" 29th Mistress absent on Thursday. Left school in charge of 3 oldest girls under the supervision of Mr. Sykes and Miss Lillie Sykes. Presents for best chd.

Feb. 3 Registers examined (11.30 A.M.) found correct. J. P. Sykes.

" 5th On Thursday gave a thorough examination in all Subjects to all Standards gave prizes for Highest Marks. W. Hartley backward Good attendance. Mr. Sykes visited on Thursday.

" 12th Stormy weather. many children prevented from attending.

" 19th Mr. Mrs + Miss Sykes visited on Monday afternoon. Lessons according to Time Table.

March 7 Registers examined found correct. John P. Sykes

" 7 Half Holiday on Tuesday for

Shrove Tuesday. Took children to Church at 11 on Ash Wednesday.

March 11 Thursday March 10. School closed. Snow had fallen so heavily in the night + the drifts were so deep that actually no scholars were able to be present. Friday 9 attended in the morning and 11 in the afternoon.

" 15 Received Notice of Drawing Exam. May 30th at 10.30. Approximate numbers St. I 4. St. II 3. St. III 3.

" 218th Attendance better this week. Lessons according to Time Table. Drawing Lessons and Metric System.

" 25th Admitted Beatrice Moore Inf. Lessons carefully done by all.

April 6th Mark Frankland and W. H. Hartley St. VIII absent all week. Helping on Farm. Robt. Parsons Inf. admitted. Freddie Moore St. I had to be reprimanded and punished for pilfering cake from children's dinner baskets on Friday evening. Gave children a lesson