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## Historical Research in Community History



## St. Philip's National School

Kelsall Public Elementary School 1874

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# The Log Book

(To be kept by the Principal Teacher)

## Of the Kelsall St Philip's National School.

*Transcribed by Don Dickson June 1999*

New Code 1871 Chapter 11 Part 1 Section 1, School Diary or Log Book

34. In every school receiving annual grants, the managers must provide out of the school funds, besides registers of attendance (Article 17h.)--
- A diary or log book
  - A portfolio to contain official letters, which should be numbered (1,2,3 & etc.) in the order of their receipt.
35. The diary or logbook must be stoutly bound and contain not less than 500 ruled pages.
36. The principal teacher must make up at least once a week in the log book, an entry which will specify ordinary progress; and other facts concerning the school or its teachers, such as dates of withdrawals, commencements of duty, cautions, illness etc., which may require to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.
37. No reflection or opinions of a general character are to be entered into the logbook
38. No entry once made in the logbook may be removed or altered otherwise than by a subsequent entry.
39. The summary of the inspectors report, and any remarks made upon it by the Education Department, when communicated to the managers, must be copied verbatim into the log book, with the names and standing (Certified teacher of the -- class, or pupil-teacher of the -- year, or assistant teacher) of all teachers to be continued on, or added to, or withdrawn from, the school staff, according to the decision of the Education Department, upon the inspectors report.  
The correspondent of the managers must sign this entry, which settles the school staff for the year.
40. The inspector will call for the logbook at every visit, and will report whether it appears to have been properly kept. He will especially refer to the entry made pursuant to Article 39, and he will require to see entries accounting for any subsequent change in the school staff.

The following names are written in script on the inside cover.

Date of appointment

- Miss J Williams 2 Oct 1899
- Miss E Thomason 18 May 1908
- F J Tunstall 1 Oct 1909
- Miss Berry 1 Feb 1921
- Miss Davies 17 March 1924
- Miss Lunt 1 Sep 1926
- Miss Hughes 10 Oct 1927
- Miss Edwards 3 Oct 1927
- Linda Joyce Hughes 10.10.27
- Catherine Mary Rogers 3.9.28
- Mary Elizabeth Pixton (Temp) 22 June 1931
- Mrs Houlbrook 23.8.1932
- Miss Burton Thomason 1.10.1931

## 1874

### January

January 5<sup>th</sup>. This school was reopened on Monday January 5th as a public elementary school by Alan Smyth, late a student of the Diocesan Training College, Chester. There were present 41 boys and 22 girls.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Opened school at 9 o'clock. Several boys and girls were late as they had been used to assembling at 9.30 under a previous master.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. The school was visited by the Rev Mr.. Dalton who announced to the children his intention of giving them all a tea on the following day at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. The school was visited by Rev Mr. Thomas, curate of Duddon. The school treat was held in the school at 4.40, there were exactly 100 children present.

Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Admitted 12 boys and 8 girls. They were placed in the different classes as follows.

- First Class John Wright & Henry Rathbone
- Second class Wm. Johnson, Ann Sewes and Margaret Wright
- Third Class Wm. Smith, Ino Parry and Albert Hignett
- Fourth Class Herbert Williams and Elizabeth Wood
- Fifth Class Wm. Foster
- Sixth Class Alfred Foster, John Pettinger, James Nixon, George Lloyd, Eliz Ann Foster, Eliz Guest, Jane Astbury & Sarah Smith.

Afternoon: Gave the 3rd & 4th classes a lesson in Simple Addition.

Tuesday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Morning: Gave the 2nd class a session in simple multiplication, as some of them had never done it before. Afternoon commenced to teach the children to sing a new song entitled "Old John and his apple tree". They were very interested and seem fond of singing.