

## RED CROSS SCHOOL

The first school erected in Knypersley was paid for by John and James Bateman now the present Sunday School's Building.

The request for the school states "that these children of this locality have to travel too far to receive a basic education, the nearest school, at Crabtree Green, being some 2½ miles distant and too overcrowded to receive them, due to the increase in our population."

The Batemans paid for a school master's house and school at a cost of £3,000. The school consisted of:-

- A playground of 600 sq ft
- Two lower classrooms (Groundfloor)
- and an Upper classroom on the second floor
- Accomodation was for 244 children

The dimensions were:-

LOWER SCHOOL - 46 feet - 6 inches long  
18 feet - 6 inches wide  
13 feet - 3 inches high

UPPER SCHOOL - 51 feet - 6 inches long  
15 feet wide  
11 feet high

### later additions

CLASSROOM - 21 feet - 6 inches long  
15 feet wide  
12 feet high

LOWER SCHQOL - 30 feet long  
24 feet wide  
13 feet - 3 inches high

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RED CROSS SCHOOL TIME-TABLE FOR 1872

MORNING LESSONS

- 10.15 am to 11.15 am : Arithmetic or Algebra
- 11.15 am to 11.45 am : 1st Div. Reading  
Bible Reading  
2nd Div.  
Copy Books  
and Account Books
- 11.45 am to 12.15 pm : Transcription  
Reading

AFTERNOON LESSONS

- 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm : History or Geography
- 2.30 pm to 2.45 pm : Playtime
- 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm : Arithmetic
- 3.15 pm to 3.45 pm : Dictation

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Day starts at 10.15 am and ends  
at 3.45 pm with a break of 15  
minutes in the afternoon.

William Greenhalg Master

The following articles were purchased for the teachers and pupil teaching staff:-

items for the Miss's Salt

15 books @ 8d =	10s	0d	(50p)
2 books @ 2d =		4d	(2 p)
1 book @ 8d =		8d	(4 p)
11 slates@ 6d =	<u>5s</u>	<u>6d</u>	(27½p)
TOTAL	16s	6d	(82½p)

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for Mr Walton headteacher

21 books @ 6d =	10s	6d	(52½p)
6 books @ 6d =	3s	0d	(15p)
5 slates@ 3d =	<u>1s</u>	<u>3d</u>	(7 p)
TOTAL	14s	9d	(79p)

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Teaching Staff when school opened on the

23rd August 1851:-

Master: Mr James Walton  
Mistress: Mrs Mary Ellen Walton  
Pupil  
Teacher: Thomas Goodhall of the 5th year  
Pupil  
Teacher: Eunice Brough of the 2nd year

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TEACHING STAFF OF RED CROSS SCHOOL

1851 - 1879

MASTERS

1851 - 1871	James Walton
1871 - 1875	William Greenhalgh
1875 - 1877	Henry Rollinson
1877 - 1920	Thomas Law

MISTRESS'S

1851 - 1871	Mary Ellen Walton
1871 - 1875	Rebecca Greenhalgh
1875 - 1877	Ass Mary Rollinson
1877 - 1879	Ass Louisa Scott

PUPIL TEACHERS

1853 - 1864	Thomas Goodall
1863 - 1867	Eunice Brough
1871 - 1878	Louisa Scott
1873 - 1880	Hannah Wilshaw
1876 - 1879	Albert Kent
1876 - 1879	Mary Alice Brooks
1875 - 1877	Sarah Jane Rollinson
1877 - 1878	Mary Walton
1877 - 1878	Martha Hopwood
1878 - 1881	Sarah Ellen Oakes

PAID MONITORS

1864 - 1865	Mary Ann Browne
1870 - 1878	Louisa Scott
1874 - 1876	Samuel Buckley
1874 - 1876	Albert Kent
1874 - 1876	Mary Alice Brooks

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EXTRACTS FROM RED CROSS

SCHOOL LOGBOOK

1863  
JUNE

Ann Tugman admitted, aged 19 yrs 6 months  
- not least idea of forming a letter or  
figure - very backwards J. Walton  
(Master)

1869  
MARCH 1ST

The attendance today rather low, the  
weather very cold and wet. Paper  
exercises as usual returned papers  
for inspection (March 9th) filled  
up. Mrs Dobtree took girls in  
sewing.

1872  
JUNE 14TH

Collected marks, and found several of  
the girls had forgotten their  
attendance cards - corrected two of  
them, who had frequently done this on  
several occasions. I find that this  
school is being affected by the  
opening of the primitive Nat: School  
on Bradley Green, several of my most  
promising pupils leaving to attend this.

1879  
JANUARY

School reopened after Christmas  
holiday, the additional room provided,  
made use of for first time - extra  
accomodation made for 90 more  
children - all the elder children can  
now be taught in one room - which will  
prove a great advantage, weather very  
severe, hence very few children all  
the week.

Average for the week 118.5 children  
Infants 19  
Number present at all 158  
T. Law (Master)

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1879  
APRIL

Last entry in log book reads:-  
Holiday on Monday for Easter, the school opened on Tuesday fair, but the weather was very unfavourable - large numbers of children have been absent all the week.

The report from H. M. Inspector brought to the school by Rev. Mr Elmer of Biddulph Church, he read it over to the teachers and then addressed a few words to the assembled school: after which he gave Ernest Davenport the Honour Certificate which he had passed and earned.

Average for week	145
Infants	26
Number present	
all week	209
Number on Register	299

The log book, only one surviving ends here

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