

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

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

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)

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)

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

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

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)

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
