of the Governors. Had the Committee been at liberty to prepare a scheme without reference to obligations they could not disregard a more exclusive scheme would have been submitted to the Governors for adoption. The Committee suggest that whenever the office of Master become vacant important alterations should be made in the Financial arrangements of the Trust

Aided by the valuable suggestions of Dr. Sanders and taking them as a basis for a new Scheme for the future management of the School and the fees to be charged they have now to recommend

1. That any scheme resolution order or direction for the management of the school and fees to be charged be revoked from the 31st day of December 1887 and in lieu thereof the following scheme be adopted for the future regulation and management of the School and the fees to be paid by Pupils at the School.

Age of Pupils who may attend the School

2. Boys not less than eight years of age of good character who can read and write fairly and have a general knowledge of the first three Rules of Arithmetic shall be considered admissible to the School.

The above is not intended to apply to boys already attending the School.

3 Every effort should be made by the Master to maintain the character of the school as a good second grade school.

Staff of Teachers

4. The Staff of Teachers shall consist of the Master and two qualified adult assistants to be selected and paid by the Master and approved by the Governors at their first meeting after such selection.

5. In the event of the removal or dismissal of an assistant Master the Master shall report the same stating the grounds of such removal or dismissal in writing to the Governors.

Subjects to be taught

6 Reading. Writing. Arithmetic. Mathematics, Geography

Political and Physical. History, English Grammar. Composition and Literature, Elementary Principals of Latin, at least one Foreign European Language, Practical Book keeping Drawing and Natural Science for which the fixed fees hereafter specified shall be charged. Other subjects may with the consent of the Governors be taught on payment of such fees as they may sanction.

Methods of Teaching

7. The methods of Teaching shall be the most approved for preparing pupils for the Cambridge Local Examinations or the College of Preceptors

Fees

8 Fees to be charged and paid quarterly in advance for boys within the Townships of Ormskirk, Lathom Bickerstaffe, Burscough, Skelmersdale and Scarisbrick.

Boys from	8 to 10 years	£4	per annum
"	10 to 13	" £6	"
"	13 and upwards	£8	"

For boys residing outside any of the above Townships there shall be paid in each case an additional 5/- per quarter for the first boy in each family and 2/6 for every other boy. Each boy attending the school on the 1st day of September shall pay the sum of 5/- for fire money. No other charges shall be made by the Master.

9 An Examination of the Boys shall be conducted at least once a year at the expense of the Trust Estate by an Examiner or Examiners appointed by the Governors

Free Scholarships

10 One boy in each year of the age of 14 or thereabouts belonging to the School who shall in the opinion of the Examiner (so certified to the Governors) pass the most satisfactory Examination may be educated free of charge, except for Books and Stationery which must be paid for by his parents, until he attains the age of 16 years.

Also boys of the age of 12 years from Elementary Schools in the district may compete for a free

scholarship at an examination held for that purpose and the boy who shall in the opinion of the Examiners (and so certified to the Governors) pass the most satisfactory examination may be educated at the school for two years free of charge, except for books and stationery which must be paid for by his parents.

Stationery &c

11. All books and stationery necessary for the use of boys shall be provided by and at the expense of the parents. The Master shall from time to time furnish a list to each boy of the Books and Stationery he will require during each quarter and should books and Stationery be not provided by parents then the master shall supply the same and charge the cost price thereof to those parents.

Boarders and Dining at School

12. There is not sufficient accomodation for Boarders. The Governors would not object to the present Master with his limited family taking two or three and making provision for Dining for boys coming from a distance to attend the School

Holidays

13. One week at Easter. Five weeks in the months of June and July and Four weeks at Christmas.

14 School hours throughout the year be 9 to 12 in the forenoon and 2 to 4.30 in the afternoon.

15 That each evening from 7 to 8 oclock the school be kept open for the use of boys wishing to attend to prepare their lessons and one assistant Master shall always be present to assist boys in the preparation for the coming day

Alterations of Present School House

16 That certain internal alterations shall be made in the House for the purpose of providing better dining accommodation, Lavatory for boys &c

Special Matters

The field rented by the Governors from the Earl of Derby shall be utilized for the benefit of the School and the rent for it shall be paid by the Governors. Any charges for letting the grass on this field shall be paid to the Governors and every boy attending the school shall be at liberty to play in the field at the proper times without any extra charge

July 5th 1887

J E Woodrow
Vicar of Crumstwite and Chairman
of the Committee

At a special meeting of the Governors of the Ormskirk Grammar School held pursuant to notice given to each Governor, this 20 day of February 1888, in the Vicarage

Present The Revd J E Woodroffe (Vicar of Ormskirk) Messrs Roper Hill. Symonds. Barry. Gardiner. Wollinson. Sherlock and the Revd G. W. Wall.

Letter dated the 8 February instant from the Charity Commissioners enclosing draft of proposed new Scheme for the future management of the Grammar School was read and also the draft Scheme was discussed.

It was resolved that Mr Scott be asked to present the Governors in writing with a Statement of the number of boys attending the School during each of the past five years and the amounts received from the boys in each of the three divisions as School fees and also the amount received from extras and all other sources for the said five years. Also that Mr Scott be asked to attend the next meeting of the Governors.

The meeting adjourned till March 12th

J. E. Woodroffe
Chairman

The Adjourned Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Monday the 12th day of March at 3.30 P.M.
There were present the Rev J. E. Woodrow in the chair – Messrs Roper. Hill. Symonds. Tomlinson. Gardiner, Sherlock and Mr Robertson
W. A Scott Head Master.
Letters were read from W Wrleby Esqre and from W. Lax Esqre tendering their resignation as Governors.
These were accepted with regret that they thought it necessary to resign their positions as Governors at this critical time.
The draft of proposed New scheme was further discussed: A letter was read from Mr. Scott in reply to the Resolution passed by the Governors on Feb: 20th as follows

The Grammar School Crumkirk
6 March 1888.

My dear Sir.

As in the arrangement made with me by the Governors of this School at my appointment in 1859 no provision was made for the information required respecting the receipts of fees &c and I

never for one moment thought that such return would be required I regret to say that I have not the data by me which will enable me to furnish the required information; however I shall have great pleasure in being present at the meeting next Monday afternoon as very seldom indeed of late years have I been invited to attend. Yours sincerely

Robert. W. R. Scott.

Rev J. E. Woodrow.
Ormskirk.

Mr Scott produced a Statement of the present quarter as here affixed

28 years 2,500.
1,680.

1st Quarter 1888

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ORMSKIRK

		£	s		£	s	£	s
boys								
19	@	1	10	=	28	10		
11	@	1	5	=	13	15		
5	@	1		=	5		47	5
Drawing Class		£	s					
5	@	1	1	=	5	5		
12	@		10	6 =	6	6	11	11
French Class		£						
7	@	1	1	=	7	7		
1	@		10	6 =		10 6	8	7 6
Drill								
33	@	4	5	=			8	5
						£	75	8 6
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read

This was for tuition an average of £5. 8. 0 per boy.
For the past 5 years there was an average of 43 scholars.
The Governors consulted with Mr Scott respecting article 24 of proposed draft. When the Governors proposed that Mr Scott should be paid as Head Master £70 per annum with school, House and garden free from rent only
a Capitation Grant of £2. 10. 0 for the first thirty five scholars & £3. for all above that number. The Governors to receive all fees &c and to pay all Assistant Masters. & other working expenses
This was accepted by Mr Scott.

In Article 38 it was proposed should read
"The Head Master shall have the power of choosing & may at pleasure dismiss all Assistant Masters in the School subject to the approval of the Governors & shall" &c
The rest of the proposed scheme was accepted by the Governors in its entirety

signed on behalf of the Governors

J. E. Woodrow Vicar

Chairman

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Monday afternoon March 19th 1888 at 4 O'clock for the purpose of considering a letter received from Mr Scott asking the Governors to recommend him a pension on his retirement. There were present The Rev J. E. Woodrow (Vicar) in the Chair Messrs Hill. Roper. Gardiner Sherlock & the Rev G. W. Wall. & Mr Scott (Master).

Mr Scotts letter having been read and a personal explanation having been given by Mr Scott as to the reasons of his asking the Governors to recommend him a pension. It was unanimously

<u>resolved</u>

That the Governors having regard to the limited income of the School. & further as to Mr Scott having expressed his intention of

continuing as Head Master under the new Scheme - do not feel justified in dealing with the question of a pension.

Resolved

That a copy of the recommendations, of the Committee of the Governors, for the future management of the School which were adopted by the Governors on the 6th July 1887 be sent to Mr Scott

J. R. Woodrow. Vicar
Chairman

The annual Meeting of the Governors of the Ormskirk Grammar School was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Tuesday April 3rd 1888 at 12 O'clock noon pursuant to due notice.

There were present The Rev J. E. Woodrow in the Chair. The Rev G. W. Wall. Messrs Roper Hill. Symonds, Tomlinson & J Gardiner

The accounts were presented by the Collectors. It was resolved that the accounts be received and adopted.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr Hill & Mr Gardiner be the collectors for the ensuring year. Carried.

The resignation of The Rev J. A Kershaw was received and accepted. Mr Barry also resigned

Resolved that the Governors notice with disapproval the neglect of the Head Master to furnish this Meeting with the annual Report of the working of the School for the past year.

It was proposed by Mr Tomlinson & seconded by Mr Gardiner
That under the altered circumstances now presented to the Governors by Mr Scotts letter of resignation dated Earlier Tuesday 1888
That the matter be reconsidered by the Governors at an adjourned Meeting to be held this day fortnight

An Amendment was proposed by the Rev G. W. Wall seconded by Mr Symonds
That the draft Scheme having been forwarded to the Commissioners it is too late to consider the question. The Amendment having been put to the meeting & lost the original proposition was put & carried.

Thomas Hill
C. P. Symonds
Ralph Tomlinson

J. E. Woodrow Chairman.
George Roper
Geo. W. Wace
Fred. Gardiner

An Ap. Adjurned Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday April 17. 1888
There were present The Rev J. E. Woodrow in the Chair
Messrs Roper, Hill, Tomlinson, Gardiner & Sherlock.
A letter was read from Mr Scott asking for a Pension of not less than £40 per annum.
It was proposed by Mr Tomlinson seconded by Mr Hill
That the Governors being in receipt of a letter dated April 17th 1888. from Mr Scott in reference to his offer to accept a retiring pension, regret that they are unable to agree with Mr Scott on the basis of his request for a sum of £40 per annum that in the opinion of the Governors Mr Scott is not entitled to any pension.
This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott appeared before the Governors and asked if his resignation had been accepted: and stated that "if his resignation were accepted or not, pension or no pension he should clear out on the 30th June".
Resolved that the copies of the above resolutions be sent to the Charity Commissioners.

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar
Chairman
Geo Roper
Charles Hill
Ralph Tomlinson
Fred Gardiner
Wm Sherlock

The Vicarage
June 8th 1888

At a special Meeting of the Governors of the Cruskeith Grammar School held this day. Present Messrs Tomlinson (Chairman) Gardner and Sheilds

Letters dated the 28th & 31st May from Mr Scott the former enclosing copy of his correspondence with the Charity Commissioners were read and the matters referred to were duly considered

Resolved that Mr Scott having put an end to his engagement with the Governors and intimated his determination to leave the School at the end of June 1888 either with or without a pension and the Governors having accepted his resignation on his own terms they now decline to reopen the question of pension and desire that Mr Scott will leave the School, House and premises on or before the 30th June according to his own expressed determination

Resolved that Mr Steil be authorized to receive the keys and possession of the premises from Mr Scott. and

That Mr Thomas Ball be appointed to inspect the inside of the House, School and Buildings and report whether they are in tenantable repair and in case the report be satisfactory the Collectors be authorized to pay the Quarters Salary due this month to Mr Scott such Quarters Salary being the last payment due to him and in discharge of all claims.

Resolved, That owing to the sudden and unexpected resignation of Mr Scott before the new Scheme of the Commissioners could positively come into force and having regard to the future interest and usefulness of the School the Governors feel very reluctantly forced to proceed to the appointment of a Master in the place of Mr Scott

Resolved

That an advertisement be inserted in the Guardian for two successive weeks and in one Liverpool and two London papers on three days in each week for a Head Master of the School. Ralph Tomlinson. Chairman

A copy of the advertisement is given in the printed pamphlet annexed to the following page.

Ormskirk Grammar School,

JUNE 8TH, 1888.

THE present Governors are :—

The Right Honble. The EARL OF DERBY.
The Right Honble. The EARL OF LATHOM.
The Rev. J. E. WOODROW, Vicar of Ormskirk.
GEORGE ROPER, Esq., The Cranes, Lathom, near Ormskirk.
The Rev. G. W. WALL, Vicar of Bickerstaffe.
CHARLES HILL, Esq., Solicitor, Ormskirk.
C. P. SYMONDS, Esq., J.P., Ormskirk.
RALPH TOMLINSON, Esq., J.P., "Cintra," Lathom, near Ormskirk.
F. GARDINER, Esq., Bank Manager, Ormskirk.
WM. SHERLOCK, Esq., Chairman of the Ormskirk Local Board.

The present Head Master, who has held the appointment for 28 years, has resigned, and will leave the district.

COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT.

ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wanted, HEAD MASTER (Charity Commissioners' Scheme); Graduate or qualification or certificate or other test of attainments. Emolument, £70 per annum, house and school (free from rent only), Capitation Grant of £2 10s. for each boy not exceeding in number 35, and £3 for each boy above that number. Duties to commence not later than the 31st of July next.

Applications, stating age, with three original testimonials, to be sent, on or before the 30th June, to Charles Hill, Esq., solicitor, Ormskirk, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

June 8th, 1888.

Each Candidate should state his age, whether married or single, and, if married, the number of his family, and when he can enter on his duties.

The House, which adjoins the School, contains Drawing-room, large Dining-room, Study or Class-room, Kitchens, &c.; with five Bedrooms, and Garden in front of the House.

Large School-room, sufficient to accommodate 66 boys; Class-room, &c.

Playground adjoining School.

Field of land for Cricket, &c.

Situation very healthy; excellent Water, Gas, &c.

No sufficient accommodation for Boarders.

There are now 35 boys attending the School.

The number of boys could be increased by a first-class Head Master.

Population of Ormskirk and district, over 20,000.

An Assistant Master paid by the Governors. All fees and charges payable by boys will be received by the Agent of the Governors, and out of annual income from property, and such fees and charges, pay the fixed emolument and Capitation Grant.

The Charity Commissioners are preparing a Scheme for the future management of the School, and the Head Master will have to comply with, and carry out, such Scheme in its entirety when the same comes into operation.

The Head Master will have to pay all rates and taxes on the House, School, and premises. The inside of the House will be renovated by the Governors, and afterwards it will have to be kept in good order, and so left, by the Head Master. The outside will be kept in order by the Governors.

Subjects to be taught according to the proposed Scheme are :—

Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic,
Geography and History,
English Grammar, Composition, and Literature,
Mathematics, Latin,
At least one modern Foreign European Language,
Natural Science,
Drawing, Drill, and Vocal Music.

Terms, instead of Quarters, will be adopted if the Head Master should so recommend.

Fees :—Boys from 8 to 10 years, £4 per annum.
" 10 to 13 " £6 "
" 13 and upwards, £8 "

Each boy attending the 1st day of September shall pay 5s. for Fire Money. No other charge shall be made by the Master.

Three Months' notice, to end with a Quarter or Term, to be given by either party to put an end to the engagement.

Appointment will be made about the 7th July.

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held in the Vicarage Tuesday Evening July 3rd 1888. to consider the Applications made for the Mastership of the Grammar School There were present the Vicar the Rev J. E. Woodrow in the Chair Messrs Symonds Tomlinson & Gardiner

It was resolved that a sub committee be formed to look through the papers of the Applicants and report to the Governors The Committee to consist of the Vicar Mr Hill and Mr Gardiner

The Meeting adjourned to Thursday Evening July 5th

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar
Chairman

The Adjourned meeting of Governors was held at the Vicarage on Thursday Evng at 7 O'clock for the purpose of considering the Applications for the Mastership of the Grammar School.

The Sub-committee had carefully gone thro' all the papers & had classified them; out of the 145 applicants 23 were picked out as good this number was again reduced to 6 viz-

1. The Rev T. T. Lee Jones Master of Peel Grammar School
2. Mr A. G. Gosset Bibby Bury S. Edmunds.
3. Rev Henry Robert Hall. Littlemore near Oxford.
4. Rev R. J. Hughes Wellington House Leyland
5. Mr J. J. Dumble. Master of the High School Leeds
6. Mr Alfred Brown Assistt. Aldersley Edge School.

It was resolved that these Gentlemen meet the Governors on Monday 9th inst:

A Report of the present condition of the interior of the Grammar School and House was read from Messrs J. & T. Ball

It was resolved the matter stand over for further consideration

J. Woodrow. Vicar

Chairman

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage after due notice given for the purpose of having a personal interview with the six selected Candidates - on Monday the 9th of July at 12 O'clock noon. There were present the Vicar Rev J. E. Woodrow in the Chair Messrs Hill, Tomlinson + Gardiner. After an interview with each of the six Gentlemen It was resolved that the appointment of Head Master of Ormskirk Grammar School be offered to the Reverend T. T. Lee-Jones M.A. late Exhibitioner of University College Oxon. After Luncheon at the Vicarage Mr. T. T. Lee-Jones was informed of the selection of the Governors and accepted the appointment on condition that the house should be made habitable for him.

Resolved that a sub-Committee be appointed to carry out the alterations and improvements in the School and House - to consist of the Vicar + Messrs Hill + Tomlinson.

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar
Chairman

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Friday August 31st 1888 at 4-30 p.m.

Present The Earl of Lathom in the Chair
The Revd T. E. Woodrow Mr. Lee Jones
The Mr. Symonds Tomlinson was present
Mr. A. Gardiner

A letter from Mr Lee Jones of the 16th Augt. was read.

Resolved. That the cost of clipping the hedges mowing grass etc not exceeding £1-1 be paid.

Resolved - That the question of the gymnasium stand over -

Resolved - That the two quarters be paid on the 29th Sept.r and 21st Dec.r That the capitation fee amounting to £12-10- be paid.

Resolved That Mr. Lee Jones communicate with Sergt. Leverton and Sergt. Major Gattrell and arrange terms for drilling the schools -

Resolved That Mr. Lee-Jones be empowered to secure an Assistant Master. ~~for~~ his services to commence with the coming quarter at a salary not exceeding £60 per annum to be paid quarterly by the Governors.

Lathom Chairman
T. E. Woodrow. Vicar of Ormskirk

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Saturday Nov. 24th 1888 at 3 p.m.

Present. The Earl of Lathom in the Chair
The Revd T. E. Woodrow
Messrs Symonds, Tomlinson, Hill & Gardiner

A letter from the Charity Commission dated Nov 1st 1888 was read and considered

Resolved That the Governors have always been, and are still of opinion that Mr Scott is not entitled to, and ought not to have a retiring pension out of the funds of the Charity, which are barely sufficient to enable the Governors to carry on the School.—

And that the above letter from the Commissioners is the first intimation of there having been any condition attached to the resignation of Mr Scott.—

Resolved that the above resolution and a copy of the letter dated June 21st 1888 from Mr. Scott be sent to the Commissioners

Lathom Chairman

Rappleton Tomlinson
C P Symonds

T. E. Woodrow. Vicar
Geo W M Gardiner

The Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Grammar School was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Tuesday April 23rd 1889 at 12 O'clock noon pursuant to due notice given There were present.
The Rev J. E Woodrow in the Chair
The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom
Messrs. Hill. Tomlinson. Symonds-
Gardiner & the Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones Head Master.
Notice calling the Meeting was read.
Mr Hill presented the accounts of the Trust to the Meeting These accounts had been Audited by Mr P. Freeman an Official Auditor
They were however gone into and it was Resolved that the accounts as read be adopted and passed
The Collectors, Messrs Hill & Gardiner, were re-
S.W appointed ~~until the new Scheme~~ with thanks for their past Services.
[A letter was read from the late Master Mr Scott it was resolved that the letter having been read should lie on the table.]
The Masters Report was read which was most satisfactory and accepted. It was resolved

That the apparatus required by the Master for the Efficient carrying out of the work of the School be supplied at the discretion of the Collectors.

It was thought desirable that prizes should be given at the Midsummer term. A votes of thanks was given to the Chairman

J. Woodrow. Chairman

Lattimer

Charles Hice

Ralph Tomlinson

C. P. Lymonds.

Geo. Wm. Gardiner

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoon, July 10. 1889 at 3 O'clock after notice sent to all the Governors. There were present The Rev J. E. Woodrow Messrs Hill Symonds & Gardiner also. The Head Master. Proposed by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr Gardiner that glass be inserted in the place of the top panels of the front door the work to be done by Messrs T. & J. Ball. Carried

It was resolved that the Midsummer holidays be five weeks, and one week in the following mid term, commencing Aug 2nd & ending Sept 9. That the next Term close on Friday 20. December and the School reopen on January 20th 1890

Resolved. That there be an Examination of the whole School on or about July 30th 31st & Aug: 1st And the Vicar be requested to procure the Services of a competent Examiner.

Resolved that the Governors give prizes upon the results of the Examination.

Resolved that the Head Master be authorised to make all necessary arrangements for the Examination & admission of two boys for Free Scholarships as provided by Article 50 in proposed New Scheme.

J. E. Woodrow. Chairman

Charles Hill

C F Symonds

Frederick W. M. Gardiner

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Friday October 18th 1889 at 3 p.m. Present The Earl of Lathom Revd J. E. Woodrow. Messrs Hill, Tomlinson & Gardiner.

Report of the Midsummer Examination by the Revd Fred F. Greenstock M.A. was read - also a letter from the same gentleman - ~~also~~ Reports of the examinations in Book keeping by Mr Nelson & Chemistry Shorthand & Drawing by Mr J. Dunbar were also read: These reports were considered very satisfactory.

Presentation of prizes by The Earl of Derby K.G. on Monday Octr 28th 1889. Considered. -

Resolved that a Sub Committee be appointed, consisting of the Revd J. E. Woodrow. Rev. Lee Jones & Mr Gardiner & Mr Hill, to make all necessary arrangements on the occasion.

Resolved that the Revd J. E. Woodrow be Chairman on the occasion.

Lathom

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar of Ormskirk

Lawrence Hill

Ralph Tomlinson

Geo Wm. Gardiner

A Public Meeting in connection with the Grammar School was held on Monday afternoon 3 O'clock in the Workingmen's Institute, when the Right Hon: The Earl of Derby K.G. distributed the Prizes gained by the scholars at the first Annual Examination of the School under the new Head Master – The Revd. T.T. Lee-Jones. M.A. A full report of the meeting which appeared in the Ormskirk Advertiser of Thursday October 31st is appended

THE EARL OF DERBY AT ORMSKIRK.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

SPEECH ON THE PROGRESS OF EDUCATION.

In accordance with a promise given a short time since, the Earl of Derby visited Ormskirk on Monday to distribute the prizes gained by the Grammar School boys at the annual examinations. His Lordship, who is one of the governors of the schools, drove over from Knowsley, and arrived at the Vicarage soon after one o'clock. Flags were hoisted from the Parish Church and the Working Men's Institute, and Lord Derby's arrival was announced by a peal on the church bells, and these were rung at intervals during the afternoon. His Lordship partook of lunch at the Vicarage, where the Governors had been invited to meet him; and Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, the Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, M.A. (Head Master of the Grammar School), and the Rev. B. S. and Mrs. Darbyshire were present. The noble earl then inspected the work of restoration in progress at the Parish Church, and afterwards walked to the Grammar School, over which he was conducted by the Head Master. He then proceeded to the Working Men's Institute, where there was a large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils of the schools. The large hall was tastefully decorated, and presented a very nice appearance. The edge of the platform was adorned with foliage plants, on the wall above the platform was the motto, "Welcome to the Earl of Derby," while trophies of flags and shields figured conspicuously in various parts of the hall.

600

The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Woodrow) presided, and amongst those present on the platform were Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, the Governors of the school, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen resident in the town and neighbourhood.

On entering the room Lord Derby was received with great enthusiasm. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale also received an ovation on this, their first appearance on a public platform in Ormskirk since their marriage.

The Chairman said that before commencing the business for which they were met that afternoon, he had to read one or two letters of apology for non-attendance. The first was from their neighbour and parishioner, the Earl of Lathom, who wrote "I regret to say I shall not be able to attend the presentation of prizes by Lord Derby at the Grammar School. I have been engaged to pay a visit to Norfolk for a long time past and cannot possibly throw over my friends. I am more sorry for I hope it may be the beginning of a brighter career for the school." Lady Lathom wrote that she felt she could not go anywhere or do anything in public this autumn and winter; it was on account of her deep bereavement and the sad trouble at her heart. The Chairman said he was sure her ladyship had the sympathy of everyone in Ormskirk, and, what was more, her ladyship knew she had that sympathy. He had also had a letter from Mr. Forwood, their member of Parliament, and from Professor Strong, of the University College, Liverpool, a gentleman who had been elected one of the Governors of the school. He then called upon Mr. Lee-Jones to read the report of the examination.

The Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, who was warmly received, said that in all sound reports there was a modicum of praise with a good amount of censure, so they would please not expect to find a very grand report. He would not give a fig for a report which was full of praise, but preferred one in which the defects were pointed out so that they might remedy them in the future. He then read the following general report by the Rev. F. F. Grensted, Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby :—

My Lords and Gentlemen,—Obediently to your request, I have submitted the boys of Ormskirk Grammar School to a searching examination, consisting of one day's vivâ voce and three days' paper work. The results are such as might have been expected from a school, rising in numbers, unused to written examinations, and in which several new subjects have been recently introduced. The standard attained is not high, and there is very much work to be done, but there has none the less been detected very pleasant evidences of progress made which afford good promise for the future.

Latin. Four neat papers were sent in by Form III., containing fair translations from Cæsar, but the exercises are very weak. Draper, closely followed by Fair I., did best in the paper work. Ball in the vivâ voce.

Form II., consisting of eleven boys, were examined both vivâ voce and by paper. The grammar with the exception of the verbs is tolerably good. The exercises need considerable attention. Gardiner did very well. Windus II. and Dumbreck also deserve mention.

French. Form III. The work was satisfactory. The translation was very fairly good and the grammar good. The exercises were again a weak point. Fair I. and Draper did really good papers.

Form II. was not as good as Form III., but still tolerably successful; the grammar being the weakest point. Windus II. and Gardiner deserve commendation.

Form I. was examined vivâ voce with very successful results. There was a keen competition for the head place, and a thoroughly satisfactory commencement has been made. Harbor, Piggott, Clucas, and Makinson, all deserve special mention.

Divinity. The results are very weak. The Old Testament is the best known, but no boy has done well enough to be commended.

Geography. Form III. have done very fairly; the paper work being better than the mapping. Fraser did an excellent paper, and Fair I. also did very well. Form II. are not so good. Form I. was examined vivâ voce. The boys did fairly, Harbor being especially good.

English History. The standard reached in this subject by Forms III. and II. was very low. Form I. in the vivâ voce did very well, Harbor, Piggot, and Clucas especially so.

English Grammar. Form III. also included Shakespeare's Macbeth, and the work is quite satisfactory. The analysis is very fairly good, but except in the cases of Peet and Draper, the parsing is weak. The essays of Windus I. and Ball are both very good, and in most cases the writing is very neat. Form II. are not so good but may still be considered satisfactory; the parsing of Rotheram, Idle, and Dumbreck shews much evidence of care and thought. The repetition of Scott's Marmion was fair.

In Form I. the Grammar was fairly good, the dictation and writing exceptionally so, and the repetition of poetry was excellent. Harbor was by far the best.

Mathematics—Arithmetic. There is much to be done in all three forms. Inaccuracy is a grave fault and the style of writing the sums out needs much attention.

Algebra. Strangely as this is a new subject, and harder than arithmetic, the work was thoroughly satisfactory, and it gave me great pleasure to see that such good progress had been made. Fair I. and Draper are excellent.

Euclid. Here also a thoroughly satisfactory commencement has been made and what is known is well known. Windus I. did a very good paper.

In conclusion I may remark that I consider better results may confidently be anticipated in the future—paper work in examination was a novelty to the majority of the lads, and it is a hopeful sign when new subjects are successfully introduced into the curriculum. The conduct of such of the lads as came under my observation was excellent.—Believe me, my Lords and Gentlemen, your obedient servant, FRED. F. GRENSTED, M.A.

Similar reports were read for book-keeping, drawing, shorthand, &c.

The Chairman then said :—My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—The governing body of the Ormskirk Grammar School has been called an inert, sleepy, good-for-nothing sort of company; and I don't know—though, by the way, your lordship was a sleeping partner in the concern—but that it richly deserved the epithets so lovingly bestowed upon it! For what was the work of this august body? I don't mean what was the work required of it to do, but what was the work it actually did? This old minute book of the foundation will tell us. It dates from 1614, some 275 years ago. It ought to be able to speak with authority and command respect. The master was allowed to manage the school himself; the governors met once a year on Easter Tuesday; they sat with closed doors; the report of the head-master was received; the accounts presented by the secretary were passed; officers were elected or re-elected; and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought to a close the arduous work of the governors for a twelve months. But now we governors have been aroused from our slumbers—shaken, perhaps, rather severely by outsiders; but at the same time to good purpose. Of late years we have not been unmindful of our duties: and no one, in his senses, would dream of using the old severe epithets of former days. We were shaken out of our torpor three years ago, though we were in the process of awakening some time before that. I find in our book here that our minutes for the past three years occupy 33 pages. The same number of pages before that date take in a period of 21 years. That at least shows work. At the Easter meeting of 1887 we admitted the reporters to our deliberations—a privilege for which the editor of *The Ormskirk Advertiser*, at the time, seemed grateful. In a leader of that week's paper he said—

For the first time in the history of this foundation a public report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the governors is to-day chronicled, and it cannot but be regarded as a bright omen that the governors intend to study with increased interest the welfare of the school, and to remove at last the stigma that has for some time supposed to attach to the Board of Management of inertia and indifference. In doing so they will receive the support and co-operation of all interested in education residing in our town and neighbourhood.

At that same meeting a committee of the governors was appointed to prepare a scheme for the re-organization of the school. We felt, and we still feel, that the school had never been to the town and neighbourhood what it ought to have been. In the time of a vicar who is remembered to this day in Ormskirk as Joshua Thomas Horton this minute book tells us that there were 18 boys in the school. Of these scholars we are informed one learnt Greek, two Latin, six writing and arithmetic, and eight writing only. It was then called—and need we wonder at it?—"a waning institution." A month after our meeting on Easter Tuesday, 1887, Mr. Durnford, assistant commissioner, came down from London to enquire into the condition and circumstances of the foundation, on behalf of the Charity Commissioners. In committee we prepared a scheme, fixing the subjects to be taught, the fees to be charged, the mode of teaching, &c., and sent a copy to the Charity Commissioners. Most of our suggestions were embodied by them in their draft scheme. At the end of June in last year, the late Head Master resigned, and out of 123 applicants the Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, M.A., of University College, Oxford, was appointed. Mr. Lee-Jones commenced his duties after the Midsummer holidays

last year, working the school according to the new scheme of the Commissioners. He has had immense difficulties to contend with—a continuous uphill work—but these he has surmounted. He has held his own, fought his way manfully step by step, and brought up the number of scholars from 15 to 38. Under his able mastership we expect great things for the school. Your lordship has come amongst us at a very opportune time. Only a fortnight ago her gracious Majesty the Queen gave her approval to the new scheme, and this scheme will come into operation in three months, viz., on the 15th of January next. The old regime is passing away. The new managing body will, and must be, better. Under it I trust there will be accommodation made for boarders, which would raise the tone of the school; and also a gymnasium added—an indispensable requisite for a public institution of this kind. There is, I am sure, a bright future for the Ormskirk Grammar School. And this prize-day—made a red letter day by your lordship's presence to distribute the prizes—will add, in no small measure, to the success and prosperity of the school. I have now great pleasure in calling upon his lordship to address you. (Applause.)

Lord Derby, who was received with enthusiastic cheering, then addressed the meeting as follows:—You have asked me to undertake the simple and agreeable duty of distributing the prizes at this school, and I discharge it with pleasure; but there is another duty connected with it not so free from difficulty, the duty of addressing to you and to those present a few words suitable to the occasion. (Applause.) Now it is easy to argue when you have anything to argue for or against; even for a bad case there is generally something to be said, as most persons engaged in public life have occasion to know—(laughter)—but it is not easy to say anything on the subject of popular education which shall contain any novelty or interest any human being. Not because the importance of the subject is not felt. We all admit that; but because the truths which were useful and in place when uttered to the last generation are now commonplaces; because on the leading questions connected with popular schools we are either all agreed, or we know perfectly well what are the points on which we disagree, and they are for the most part of such a nature that argument is more likely to confirm differences than to do them away. Details we may reasonably leave to experts; as to principles we have most of us formed an opinion, and are not likely to change it. The act of 1870 has done an important and useful work. (Applause.) We may say with truth that the number of untaught children is now inappreciably small; and though undoubtedly it is the fact that of what has been learnt at school an enormous proportion is forgotten afterwards, yet that is common to all classes; it is only what may be expected when we are dealing with lads who have lives of hard work before them; and to a considerable extent the want may be supplied by that secondary teaching of which we all in these days hear and talk so much. We cannot expect in twenty years to make good the deficiencies of many bygone generations, but we have already done as much as any one could reasonably expect—(applause)—and whereas formerly the school arrangements of foreign countries were constantly held up to us as an example to follow, we stand now, I think, quite as high as most of them with regard to these matters. (Applause.) On the whole, without for a moment contending that our existing machinery is perfect, I see no reason for either disappointment or impatience, and as the wise policy of the legislature has left a large discretion in the hands of local authorities, we may fairly assume that progress in the future will be as rapid as the general public opinion of the time and place desires that it should be. Faster than that you cannot go; if you try it sudden spurts of energy will be followed by long periods of inaction, and more will be lost than gained. (Hear, hear.) I am not going now to discuss any general questions connected with popular education, such as free schools, school boards, or the like. There are plenty of opportunities for such controversies, and what we are dealing with here is something different. But this grammar school will be popular in the best sense of the word; we all hope and believe and intend that it should be. (Applause.) It is designed for a somewhat higher class of teaching than that of the ordinary village school. I suppose it is admitted on all hands that our weak point in educational matters is still (though less than formerly) the want of good secondary or middle-class teaching. The upper classes have got a system not perhaps in itself very admirable—certainly not as good as they are apt to think it—but a system which they like, which suits them, and which they are not disposed, nor likely, to alter. The children of the poor are at any rate better provided for than they ever were before. For the class between a great deal has been done, but a great deal still remains to do. We cannot at a few years' notice supply every town with a grammar school such as we should like to see, but here, in Ormskirk, we have an ancient foundation to build upon, and though the endowments are not large, yet that is a circumstance which ought not to discourage us, but rather to incite us to make up by good organisation and successful working for the deficiency in that respect. (Applause.) We have a new scheme for the management of this school—new within the last few years—a new master—and by all accounts one admirably fitted for his work—(applause)—a new organisation, and we have as we believe a strong local feeling which is favourable to our institution. With these advantages we ought to prosper; if we do not, the fault will be our own. (Applause.) You have heard the reports of the examiners read, and I quite agree with the Headmaster that they are all the better for not being unmixed eulogy—they are obviously honest—and they point only to such defects as are easily amended. The Vicar has told you the recent history of this institution, and I will not follow him on that ground. But I may say that he need not resent any outside criticism on your institution if its tone contributed to stir up local interest. Do not suppose that I am going to inflict upon you any of the formerly customary platitudes about the necessity of education. They are as much out of date as a discourse on the advantages of railroads, or the benefits of a free press or trial by jury. We all know that whether we like it or not, whether or not we think it an ideal state of things (I am finding no fault with it for one) we live in a world which is one of keen and eager competition—a very good world for the industrious and the prudent, for healthy bodies, and active minds; a very bad one for those whom any cause, whether physical, mental, or moral, has disabled from holding their own in the struggle. A great writer of this century ended his history with the true, though unpleasant remark, that "from man to the meanest insect, all are at strife," and certainly the industrial contests of peace, though more harmless and, we hope, more beneficial, are not less strenuously carried on than those which involve the use of gunpowder. A lad well trained is not sure of success, but he has made a good beginning; he starts with a character which is in his favour, with an intellect at least partially developed, and with habits of steady application which are more important in the long run than showy and brilliant talent. If I were to offer a word of advice to those who have gained prizes to-day, it would be to warn quite as much as to encourage them—to warn them that early successes count for nothing unless vigorously followed up—and to tell them what is everybody's experience, that many of those who at school and college were pointed out as the coming men of their generation, have dropped back quietly into obscurity, while others who were thought comparatively nothing of have pushed forward steadily and reached the front. (Applause.) I was talking only the other day to a middle-aged lawyer, well acquainted with the leaders of his profession, and we chanced to speak of one of the highest dignitaries of the law. "Oh," said my friend, "I remember him well at college, and I remember also that there was another man of the same standing from whom much more was expected; but that man for some reason or other never got any practice, and he is an obscure barrister still." Well, there may have been some chance in that, but it was a type of what often happens. The race of professional life or business life is a very long one, and it is one in which endurance counts for more than speed. (Applause.) Too much work or too little work, carlessness in the management of bodily health, a discursive habit of mind, an eager pursuit of pleasure and impatience of what is dull and tedious, a temperament too sanguine on the one hand or too easily discouraged on the other, may be all fatal obstacles to what seemed a certain success. (Applause.) I don't know which would be the longer list of the two—a list of the brilliant young men who have broken down and dropped out of the running, or a list of the men who have got on and played their part well against the disheartening predictions of their early acquaintances. There was a noted wit and man of talent who sat in the Irish Parliament of the last century together with young Arthur Wellesley,

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afterwards the great Duke of Wellington, and he had in later life the courage to admit that looking at the great general of future days when a youth, he had both thought and said, "Well, whoever gets on in life that young man won't." (Laughter.) Take another instance from a different department of life. Some of you may have read the interesting autobiography left by Anthony Trollope, the writer of novels, of whose ability and industry in later life there can be no doubt—in fact his literary industry was exceptional and extraordinary. He tells with quite amusing frankness the story of how in his early days, both as a boy and a clerk, he was credited with an absolute absence of both one quality and the other. Well, my moral is, let those who have carried off the prizes to-day remember that they have only taken the first step out of many, and that overconfidence or carelessness may ruin their prospects. Let those who have failed remember the same thing, and take their failure as a stimulus, not as a discouragement. Advice as to the conduct of life is seldom of much use, especially from strangers—perhaps advice in general, being always gratuitous, is for the most part worth what it costs—but if a lad has any turn for reading, and I don't mean by that only reading of a severe and difficult kind, but reading, which is good of its kind in any line, he has within him a source of pleasure, and pleasure of the best sort, which it is a pity and a shame not to utilise. (Applause.) Books ought not to be the whole of any man's life, and the taste for them is in great part a matter of personal temperament, but I am sure that the man is happiest in whose life they fill an important place, both for what he gains and what he escapes. He gains by assimilating thoughts higher than he is probably capable of producing, and by the wider outlook over life which he commands. He escapes to a great extent the inevitable temptations of those whose leisure is mere idleness; the danger, perhaps the ruin, if these temptations are yielded to; the sense of weariness and vacancy when they are resisted, but when there is nothing else to substitute for undesirable forms of pleasure. That is a fertile theme. I do not dwell upon it, but I do emphatically express my dissent from that dictum of ancient wisdom which I think we must somehow or other have misconstrued—that increase of knowledge means increase of sorrow. I do not think it is so. Increased knowledge may scatter some illusions, and may show us that life is not so rose-coloured as we are apt to think it in youth; but it brings ample compensation, and the proof is that no one who has it will ever wish to be without it. Increased care, increased anxiety, it may bring; but even so, trouble is better than apathy, as waking is better than sleeping, and life better than death. (Cheers.) His lordship then proceeded to distribute the prizes, which had been provided at the expense of the Governors, each boy being heartily cheered on ascending the platform:—*Classical Prizes:* Form III., Fair (1) and Windus (1); form II., Gardiner; form I., Harbor; little boys, Dawson. *Mathematics:* Form III., Fair (1); form II., Rotheram; form I., Peel. *French:* Form III., Fair (1); form II., Windus (2); form I., Harbor. *Shorthand:* Senior division, Draper; junior division, Windus (2). *Drawing:* Senior division, Ball; junior division, Bridge. *Conduct:* Fair (1).

The Head Master announced that the conduct prize had been awarded by the vote of the scholars as well as by his decision.

Mr. Hill would like to mention that Lord Derby had been kind enough to write his name in each of the books presented that day, and he thought every person in the room would agree with him when he said they were very much indebted to the noble lord for having come amongst them, and for the sound, practical, and business-like observations he had made. It might truly be said that in the history of the Ormskirk Grammar School that would certainly be a red-letter day. He trusted what had been said would be duly appreciated in the proper quarter, and he was satisfied if acted upon it would produce beneficial results, both to the scholars and to their ancient town. He was old enough to remember what he believed to be his lordship's first public speech in Ormskirk on the occasion of the opening of the public library in Church-street, and he also heard a speech from him not so many years ago in that room, and he was sure he had benefitted by both. He therefore proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Derby for his presence that day. On behalf of himself and the other governors of the Grammar School he offered their united thanks to his lordship, and he hoped it would not be long before they had the pleasure of seeing and hearing him again. He believed there was a bright future for the school and for the ancient town of Ormskirk.

The Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones said it gave him extraordinary pleasure to get up and second a vote of thanks to Lord Derby for having come to distribute the prizes to his boys especially when he knew the many calls there were upon his lordship's time. It proved to him that the name of Derby was still in sympathy with the Grammar School of Ormskirk. It gave him great pleasure to second the resolution because he thought that day was a foretaste of the golden era that was coming to the town of Ormskirk. In going over the school grounds it may have occurred to his lordship that a gymnasium would be very nice, he did not know, of course, but his lordship being a man of wisdom and breadth of mind might have thought of a racket court, or perhaps if he looked at the cricket ground how nice it would be if the boys had a nice "pitch" laid for them so as to be able to play the first eleven of Ormskirk and give them a beating. (Applause). They had had placed before them the ins and outs of the school up to the present time, all he would say was that facts spoke for themselves. The people of Ormskirk had behaved like true Britons to him and they had sent their sons in the midst of opposition, and so long as he was allowed he would bring them up intellectually, morally, and physically. He thanked the people of Ormskirk for their support and appreciation and he would do his best for their boys and treat them as his own children as long as he was in Ormskirk (applause).

The motion was carried with cheers.

Lord Derby, in reply, said:—Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for your kindness and cordiality. I beg to assure Mr. Lee Jones that I will not forget the tolerably broad hints which he has thrown out as to the future requirements of the school—(laughter),—and if others are willing to join in the matter I hope that we may in the course of time see those wants supplied. (Applause.) I thank Mr. Hill for his references to some earlier appearances of mine. He told you it was not the first time that I had stood on a platform in Ormskirk, and it certainly is not. The first time I stood on a platform in Ormskirk was nearly 40 years ago—rather before the Crimean War. As this is not my first appearance here, so let me assure you that if life and health remain to me it will not be my last. (Applause.) Now let me ask you before we separate to do what is customary and courteous—and in this case it is something more than a mere custom—to express our thanks to the chairman of this meeting, our excellent vicar. Nobody has taken a warmer interest or a more active part in the affairs of this school, and I think I speak only the universal opinion when I say that he has made himself popular among all classes in Ormskirk by his courtesy and kindness, and respected among all classes by his devotion to duty. (Hear, hear.) I am in some degree responsible for his holding the position which he now occupies, and I rejoice to know that it is so well filled. (Applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale, who was cheered on rising, seconded with all heartiness the motion proposed by Lord Derby.

The Chairman said it had been a great pleasure as well as an honour to preside over that meeting, and he trusted it would not be a long time before they had Lord Derby amongst them again. He then called for three cheers for Lord and Lady Lathom and Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, which were given in a true Lancashire manner.

J. E. Woodrow.
Chairman
Derby

January 1890

Schedule of Deeds

and

Particulars of Property belonging to the Ormskirk Grammar School Trustees

No. 1

1819
11 Dec: Lease and Conveyance - The Earl of Derby to The Reverend Joshua Thomas Horton and others of Two Cottages and Lands on Barkhouse-Hill, Ormskirk
Consideration £90

No. 2

1819
10 Dec: Bargain and Sale - The Earl of Derby to The Reverend Joshua Thomas Horton and others of Two Cottages and Lands on Barkhouse-Hill, Ormskirk
Consr. 5/-

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No. 3

1811
10 Sept. Conveyance - John Plumbe Esqre and others to the Governors of the Free Grammar School in Ormskirk of a Cottage, Garden and Croft upon Barkhouse-Hill in Ormskirk Consideration £505. -

No. 4

1811
9 Sept. Lease for a year - John Plumbe Esqre and others to the Governors of the Grammar School

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No. 5

1761
7 Augt. Conveyance - Mr. Archippus Kippax to the Earl of Derby and others (Trustees of Ormskirk School) of Three Closes of Land in Lidiate-Lane, Ormskirk, called by the names of "Golden Acre", the "Longbutts" and the "Little Nook".

Consideration £300. -

No. 6

1761
6 Augt. Bargain and Sale - Mr. Archippus Kippax to the Earl of Derby and others

No. 7

1760
29 Dec. Lease for a year - Wm. Hill Esqre to the Trustees of the Grammar School

No. 8

1760
30 Dec. Release - Wm. Hill Esqre to the Trustees of the Grammar School

1756 — No. 9
3 March — Release - Mr. Thomas Lathom to Wm. Hill Esqre.

1756 — No. 10
2 March — Bargain & Sale - Mr. Thomas Lathom to Wm. Hill Esqre.

No. 11

1735
Feb: — Release - Messrs: Edward & Gilbert Dilworth
1735 — No. 11a Lease for a year - Messrs: Dilworths to Thos. Latham

No. 12
1694
23 Jany: — Conveyance - John Caunce and others to Archippus Kippax and others

1694 — No. 13
21 Jany: — Assignment of Lease - John Caunce and others to Trustees of Ormskirk Schools

1694 — No. 14
23 & 24 Jany — Lease & Release - John Caunce and ~~others~~ another to Trustees of Ormskirk Schools of Land called "The Riding" The "Green" in Ormskirk - 4 acres - Consr. £90 & £50.

1685 — No. 15
15 Mar: — Deed - Mrs. Cooper's Charity of £50. to Ormskirk Schools for an Usher

1657 — No. 16 — see next page
Deed relating to purchase of property in Westhead from Henry Barton & Ann Holland

1657 No 16
Deed relating to James Fletcher's gift of £100. -

1657 No. 17
Deed relating to purchase of property at Westhead fm. Henry Barlow & Ann Holland Consr. £100. -
See also No 33

1625 No. 18
18 June Deed relating to Dwelling-Houses in Aughton-Street Ormskirk, also Lease of one of them called Indenture of feoffment conveying two houses in Mearebrook now (Aughton) Street - Consn. £45. -

No 19. Lease of Aughton St. Houses

1718 No. 20
16 Aug: Faculty to Nicolas Fazakerley to erect a dwelling house for the master of the school on the north-side of the Parish Church of Ormskirk

1694 No. 21
22 Jany: Assignment - Daniel Ambrose and John Caunce to the Trustees of Ormskirk Schools

1682 No. 22
9 May Lease - Henry Ashcroft to Greaves and Standing of the "Ryding" and "Green Acre" Land

1736 No. 23
21 Apl: Indenture - M. Longworth this wife to Thos Pemberton

1639 — No. 24
4 May — Decree of the Duchy Court of Lancaster

See Pages 333-4

1710 — No. 25
22 April — Indenture - Mr Hawett and others to Revd - Kippax - release of Three closes of Land in Lydiate - Lane
Consr £150. -

1699 — No. 26
26 May — Indenture - Katherine Ambrose to - Hawett

1710 — No. 27
21 Apl: — Indenture - Richard Hawett to Archippus Kippax -
(Lease for a year)

1682 — No. 28
9 May — Indenture - Henry Ashcroft to Thos Greaves and H. Standish (mortgage of Lydrig Green Acre)

1610? — No. 29 — Oldest Deed
28 Sept: — Order, judgment and Decree - Executed by Thomas Tyldesley; Edward Stanley; Hugh Herketh, Wm Knowles & John Briers, relating to Land, Orchards belonging to Ormskirk Schools. This deed is recited on page 15 of this book.

1657 — No. 30
8 Mar: — Indenture of Lease - Nathaniel Heywood & others to Ann Holland

No. 31

1692. Old Deed Signed 'Lancaster"

1625 No. 32

Lease of the lower-house in Aughton St

1657 No. 33

Indenture. Henry Barton and Ann Holland to the Governors of the Grammar-School of property situate at Westhead

Consideration £100. -

+ This deed belongs to the one marked No. 17

Particulars

Houses

House in Aughton-St, occupied by John Winrow at an annual rental of £13. -

House in Aughton-St, occupied by William Lea at an annual rental of £12. -

House in Aughton-St, occupied by Robt Moorcroft at an annual rental of £10. -

House in Aughton-St occupied by Andrew Wilding at an annual rental of £7. -

House in Aughton St. occupied by Henry Kay at an annual rental of £9.

House in Aughton St. (behind the last two) occupied by Robert Birchall at an annual rental of £11:8/-

Land

No 12 Field behind Ormskirk Church fronting Southport Road occupied by Jas. Crabtree at an annual rental of £10.- Contents 1a. 2r. 27p. Statute Measure

No. 1 Field on right hand side of Derby St. adjoining Mr Parr's Sand works, occupied by John Jackson at an annual rental of £6.- Contents 1a. 0r. 30½p.

No. 2 Plot of Land opposite No. 1, occupied by Mr. Longstaff at an annual rental of £4:4/-. He also pays 2/6 per annum for an encroachment by him

Contents 0.a. 3r. 12p.

Nos. 3. 4. 5 6. 7. 8. 9 and 10 & 11 A large plot of Land on the left hand side of Derby Street. leading to Greetby Hill let off to 19 tenants in allotments of different sizes and realising about £30:14:3 per annum Contents 8 a. 1 r. 31 p.

Part of the above at the bottom end up to the Lancashire Yorkshire Railway let in one plot to Thomas Holbert for £7. a year.

Acreage of Land at Ormskirk, belonging to the Trustees of the Ormskirk Grammar School,

not including the Ruff-Lane Property

Contents			
	Statute Meas:		
No	A	R	P
1	1	0	30½
2	0	3	12
3	0	0	18
4	0	1	2
5	0	2	32¼
6	2	0	24
7	0	2	1
8	0	2	15
9	1	2	30¼
10	1	~~0~~ 1	~~13~~ 15½
11	1	0	13
12	1	2	27
Total	12	0	20½

Derby

Lathom

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar of Ormskirk

Chancellor Hill

E P Symonds

Ralph Tomlinson

Revd W. M. Gardiner

A Special Meeting of the Governors was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday Jan.ᵧ 14th 1890 at 3 p.m.

Present - The Earl of Lathom, - Rev.ᵈ J. E. Woodrow, Mess.ʳˢ Hill Tomlinson and Gardiner —

The accounts from Easter Tuesday 1889 to Jan 1st 1890 examined & found correct, as audited by Mr. Freeman.

Resolved that the oak chest deeds and papers relating to the Charity be handed over to the new body of Governors.

Lathom

J. E. Woodrow. Vicar

Charles Hill

Ralph Tomlinson

Fred.ᵏ W. Gardiner

An Extension of the School

was opened by

The Earl of Derby K.G.

and

dedicated by

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool

on Friday, October 4th, 1929.

Derby

Albert Liverpool.

H Wassacon

Ruth Watts.

Margery Wright

Theresa M. Jones

W. J. Dean

M. E. Hewitt.

L. K. Hindmarsh

G. B. Ayre

F. A. Jones

A. Dut. Parnall.

W. R. Johnson

S. T. Rosbotham

F. Elliadon.

Charles Hesford

William Wells.

George B. Atherton

Henry A. Marshall

J. R. Bonto

Prize Distribution

April 9th 1930

In the new School Hall for the first time.

W. S. Wadrington –
Audrey Pownall.

Prize Distribution 20th January 1933

H. Ramsbotham – Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education

Prize Distribution 17 april 1935

The last in the Headmastership of J.R. Bate
who was appointed on Dec 17 1900
& who resignation took effect on 17 april 1935

Speech Day, 1949.

16th March.

Guy
Fraudwood.

Adelaide M Blundell.
R. A. Rawstorne
Jos. Deane

Nancy Harsden.
A. E. Newall
J E Moreton

J. S. Urquhart

B.B.C. Broadcast Oct 26th 1952

"Other Children's Schools"

Ormskirk Grammar School.

W. E. Egner

Willard Foster.

Grant Pain,

Bertha Lowndale.

Trevor Hill.

Jimmy Brett.

John Clark.

In 2001, Ormskirk Grammar School and Ormskirk Cross Hall High School amalgamated to form Ormskirk School. The Foundation Trust of the Grammar School transferred to the new establishment.

2012 marks the 400th anniversary of the formation of the Foundation Trust. A number of events have been held throughout the year to celebrate this momentous occasion.

On May 11th a Gala Dinner was held at Knowsley Hall in the presence of Lord Derby.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Ormskirk Parish Church on June 24th. This was the site of the original Grammar School.

Today, September 28th, has been designated Founders' Day. Each pupil in the school has been presented with an engraved pen to mark the occasion. An exhibition is being held for the pupils and the public displaying artefacts from the history of the Trust, including this book.

Tomorrow, the final event will be 'Fantasia', a concert followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

This book is being signed today by Edward Stanley, 19th Earl of Derby, in his role as Foundation Governor, together with those Governors who have been able to attend today.

Rose Halsall - Chairman

Hilary A. Roxborough - Vice-chairman

George Slawinski

Una Atherley

Christine Gard

David Sheehy

John Doyle (Headteacher).

Lisa Hayes

G. Roberts.

C. H. Jones (VICAR)

Doreen Stephenson

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Paul V. Greenall.

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The Foundation Governors of Ormskirk School welcomed a new Head Teacher, Martin Witter on April 23rd 2019.

R Halsall - CHAIR OF THE FOUNDATION GOVERNORS.

It is an absolute privilege to have been appointed to the position of headteacher at Ormskirk School. This fulfills a long held dream of mine to lead this school, a school steeped in history and tradition.

I will work tirelessly with the staff here at Ormskirk School to make the school one the whole community can be proud of.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity.

Martin Witter.
Headteacher.

Only seventeen days after Mr Witter became Head Teacher the school was visited by Ofsted.
In July 2019 the Department of Education decided that Ormskirk School must be converted into an academy. However they failed to consult the Foundation Trust, who owned both the school buildings and the land upon which they sit, up to Wigan Road.

After nearly three years of legal negotiations, in which the Trustees were threatened with their assets being seized, which would have meant the end of the Charity in its 410th year, they were successful.

The result was the Old Trust Deed from 2006 was modified and now allows current and ex students up to the age of 25 years to apply to the Charity for funding.
The new academy is a business which in 2022 has five schools altogether. The Trustees will be wary of the change of funding not remaining where it was intended. Priority will be given to students
As the academy no longer wishes to cherish the history of the Old schools and the Foundation Trust, the chattels were removed from the school and taken to Knowsley Hall, where they are being cared for and on display, something they never were in school.

They consist of an Ormskirk grandfather clock from the 1850's, and oak chest from 1612 and the original records book, also from 1612.

Throughout all the legal negotiations Lord Derby, Edward Stanley, have given unwavering support and it is only right and fitting that the chattels have a new home at Knowsley Hall.

Rose Halsall
CHAIRMAN
ORMSKIRK SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST
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