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Whitsuntide holidays.

These holidays commenced on Friday morning with cheap trips and scholars' processions. The school trips, with one exception, were confined to Bacup. Christ Church schools went to Blackpool, Mount Pleasant (Wesleyan) to Bangor and Zion (Baptist) to Keswick. The exception was Haslingden Road Free Church schools, Rawtenstall, which went to Windermere. On Friday afternoon the scholars of St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, with those of St. John's School, Alma, and Constablee Church School, joined in procession, with five brass bands, and after passing through Rawtenstall separated, St Mary's visiting Horncliffe House, Mr H.H. Hardman's Cliffe Tower, Mr R.H. Hardman's and Oak Hill House, the residence of Major Hardman, and then returned to school for tea. St John's visited Miss Ashworth's Green Bank and Captain Patrick's Cloughfold, and then proceeded to Newchurch, where they had tea in the Oddfellows' Hall. The scholars of Constablee School, after parting from the others, went to Alder Grange, the residences of J.W. Whitehead, Esq, J.P., Springfield House, and Crawshaw Hall, Crawshawbooth, the residences of George Haworth Esq and T. Brooks Esq respectively, after which they returned to their school, where they had tea. On Saturday the scholars of Longholme Wesleyan School had their annual procession, accompanied part of the route by the Cloughfold School. After passing through Rawtenstall, they proceeded to Brynbella, the residence of P.H. Whitehead Esq, where they were served with coffee and buns. On the same day the scholars of St James the Less (Roman Catholic) had their usual procession with two bands of music. Leaving the school, they passed through Rawtenstall, Hareholme, and Waterfoot, to Newchurch, to Dr Wilson's, and then into a field, where they enjoyed themselves for the rest of the day. This procession attracted considerable attention along the route, as most of the little girls were dressed in white. The processions on both days brought a goodly number of visitors to Rawtenstall from the surrounding district.