

The Very Beginning

ALMS
HOUSES

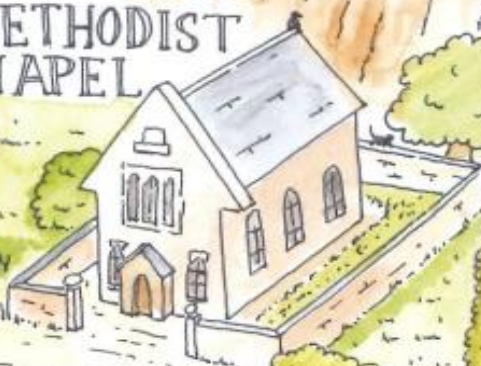


LAND FOR
NEW
SCHOOL

Once near the edge of Sale Moor, a Head Master stood by his school's front door. His name was Mr William Slate, and he was born in 1868. Now it was the year 1902, and Mr Slate wasn't sure what to do. His school had become too small and too old. "We will build you a new school," he was told. "It will be the best school and will be built quite near. Look at this map, we will build it here."

METHODIST
CHAPEL

WOODROSE
COTTAGES

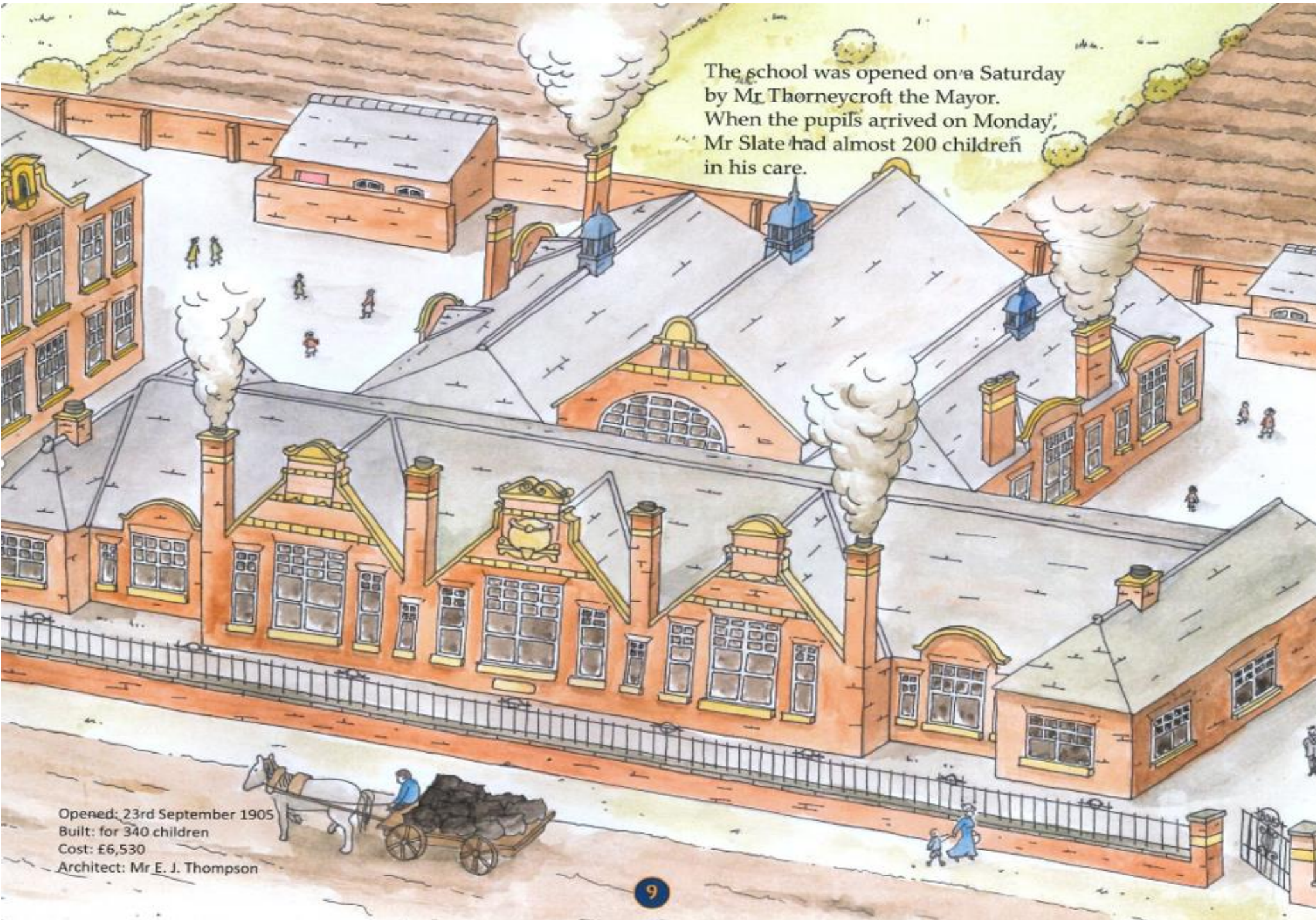


NORTHENDEN ROAD

SALE LODGE
SCHOOL



VILLAGE
1/2 MILE



The school was opened on a Saturday
by Mr Thorneycroft the Mayor.
When the pupils arrived on Monday,
Mr Slate had almost 200 children
in his care.

Opened: 23rd September 1905
Built: for 340 children
Cost: £6,530
Architect: Mr E. J. Thompson

Worthington Road Council School was an infant, junior and senior school all rolled into one. Children arrived aged five and when they reached fourteen they were gone.

There were just four classes at first. Then more children arrived until the school began to burst.

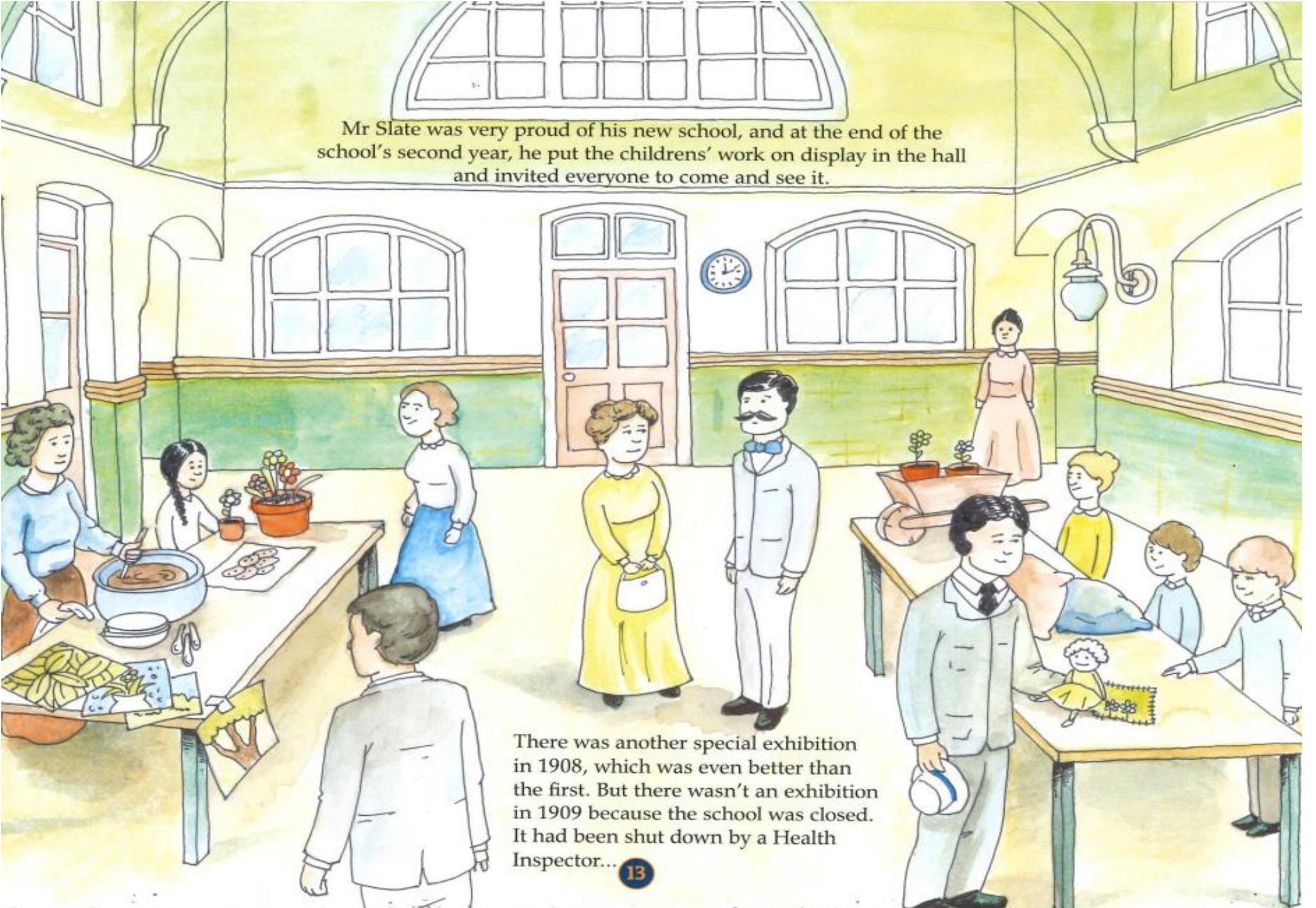
The rooms were lit by gas lamps and heated up by coal. To make the new school a success was every teacher's goal.

There were two playgrounds, one for boys, one for girls. At break time they played games, ran, jumped and did twirls.

The boys and girls each had their own door, which led to the seven main classrooms which each had a wooden floor.

There was a central hall which had a window of stained glass. Its colourful light shone down on every class.





Mr Slate was very proud of his new school, and at the end of the school's second year, he put the childrens' work on display in the hall and invited everyone to come and see it.

There was another special exhibition in 1908, which was even better than the first. But there wasn't an exhibition in 1909 because the school was closed. It had been shut down by a Health Inspector...