Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1891-92

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to commence at 8.55 a.m. The Arithmetic of the Upper Division of Infants has been taken chiefly by the master this week.

Feb. 27th Registers marked and closed by 8.55 a.m. Closed at 10.55 for an interval of 15 minutes. Registers marked and closed for a second attendance by 11.15 a.m. Closed school at 1.15 to allow the Master and the teachers to visit the Infant School at Potterne to see the Kindergarten worked.

March 2nd The upper Division of Infants practised Stick plaiting this afternoon for a short time.

" 6th The Infants did Stick plaiting and Stick laying on the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday this week. A lesson on Time was given by the monitress this morning.

" 10th A heavy Storm of Snow prevented the greater part of the children attending today. There were

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24 present in the morning and 26 in the afternoon. The Infants had weaving of paper mats this afternoon, and drawing on slates lined in squares. It being their first attempt at mat weaving, which I may say was attended with very fair results, they were allowed to take their mats home with them as a little encouragement.

March 13th. The attendance has been low throughout this week owing to the weather. Some are absent sick. Mr Wm Haine came into School for a short time this morning.

" 17th. Mr. Haine came into school with information that the school would be inspected on Wednesday April 1st at 11 a.m. instead of Tuesday March 31st. and to inquire respecting the entry of the fees paid by the Guardians for Ernest Hale.

" 19th. Mr. Haine came into the school this

morning with a communication from Mr. Taylor. Stating that there would be an objection to any other day than Easter Wednesday, 1st April, on which to hold the children's service at the church. It was therefore requested that Mr. Haine should ask H. M. Inspector to appoint another day for the School Inspection. Indulf Leslie tripped himself up this morning and fell against a desk sustaining a severe cut on the head. The upper division of Infants took some more paper mats which they had made home this afternoon.

March 20th Mr. Haine was in the school for a short time both in the morning and afternoon today. There are some more cases of sickness among the children.

" 23rd Received information that the school would be inspected on March 31st.

* age 5 yrs

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at 11 a.m. School visited by Archdeacon Buchanan this afternoon.

March 26th Gave notice that, tomorrow, being Good Friday, there would be no Day School, except that School would open at 10 a.m. for Religious Instruction

" 27th Religious Instruction from 10 a.m. to 12

" 30th Mrs Leslie too ill to attend school this afternoon. Needlework taken by the Pupil Teacher. School visited by Mr. Haine. Received notice that the school would be inspected on the 31st at 10.45 a.m.

Music:- By the Tonic Sol-fa Notation in three divisions.

Songs:- For the year ending Feb. 28th 1891.

Division I. (1) The Swing (2) The Lambkin (3) The Mill

" II. (1) Children join in Singing (2) The Swing (3) The Song of the Grass. (4) The Summer Now is Here (5) The Reapers.

" III (1) The Summer Now is here. (2) The Song of the Grass. (3) The Daisy (4) The Winter Song.

(5) The Brook (6) Children join in Singing
(7) The Reapers.

Object Lessons. Feb. 29th 1892

1. A Letter. 2. A Steel Pen. 3. An Umbrella
4. A Brick. 5. A Table. 6. A Basket.
7. A Chair 8. A Candle. 9. Cotton 10 Leather
11. Wool 12. Paper. 13. Salt. 14. A Coat.
15. The Cat. 16. The Cow 17. The Dog 18 The Horse
19. The Carpenter's Shop. 20. The Grocer's
Shop. 21. The Blacksmith's Shop. 22. The
Shoemaker's Shop. 23 Time. 24. Form
25. Colour.

Recitations. Feb. 29th 1892.

Infants:-

Stand. I. The Father's Return Page 14 Griffith & Farra
" II. Early Rising & Good Night & Good Morning Royal Reader No 2. p. 16 & 8
" III. Lucy Gray Royal Reader No 3. p. 103.
" IV } Gray's Elegy
" V }
" VI & VII. The Field of Waterloo & The Battle of the Baltic

Pupil Teacher The Field of Waterloo

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Class Subjects. Feb. 29th 1892.

English and Geography.
Course S. Supplement to Schedule II
New Code 1890-91.

March 31st School Inspection. Closed for Easter Holiday one week.

April 8th Reopened school. Arranged the children in their classes for the ensuing year. Commenced to teach Drawing to the Boys.

" 15th Harold Moore and Frederick Moore were sent home this afternoon owing to their brother Thomas having measles This is the third case of measles among the children attending this school. Mrs. Leslie very ill, unable to attend to the Needlework. That lesson was therefore given by the Pupil Teacher.

" 22nd School closed on account of measles, by order of Medical authority, a case having occurred in the Master's house, besides a number of other cases in the village.

April 17th – The following is the summary of the report received this morning from H. M. Inspector of Schools.

"The Children are orderly and are making on the whole, fair progress in the elementary subjects, but handwriting and arithmetic should improve. – The class subjects are fairly known, and singing and needlework are good – The infants are in fair order and are making fair progress"

* M. E. Leslie has passed fairly but should attend to History and knowledge of Method –

William Haine
Acting Manager pro-tem.

27th of April 1891.

School still closed. The Pupil Teacher is ill with Measles. According to Medical accounts there are over twenty families in the parish under treatment for the disease, and in some houses three or four cases. There are five cases in the Master's house.

May 4th School still closed. Written Examination in Religious Knowledge for Pupil Teacher and Scholars in this School postponed till November.

" 20th Opened School today after being closed four weeks on account of measles. 37 present in the morning and 40 in the afternoon. Religious Instruction will in future be given after Secular Lessons in the morning's attendance, instead of before. Notice of this has been given to all the parents of children attending this School.

" 21st Mr. Wm Haine came into School this morning for a short time.

" 22nd The Rector came in this morning at 11.15

and took the 1st class in Scripture.

May 25th The Rector came into the school for a short time this afternoon.

" 29th The attendance is a little better for the week, though there are still a good many absent. George Newman has been reported this week for non-attendance.

June 1st The Monitress was obliged to go home ill this morning. The Infant Class was for the remainder of the attendance taken by the Pupil Teacher, while W. B. Leslie, the VIIth Standard Boy assisted the Master in hearing the lower Standards read. Gave notice to the children that the school would be inspected in Religious Knowledge on Monday June 15th, also put up a notice to that effect in the school.

" 2nd Monitress present today.

" 8th The Diocesan Inspection will be on Tuesday 16th instead of Monday 15th.

* Youngest child of Mr Partridge

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June 16th Diocesan Inspection.

" 23rd School visited by the Rector this afternoon.

" 26th Admitted a fresh scholar this week.

July 1st. A tin of Carbolic Powder has been got for the use of the school.

" 8th A Kindergarten Black-Board, 1 doz. Kindergarten Slates, Materials for Mat-weaving, Stick-plaiting, Stick-laying & Bead-work have been got for the Infants. Also a jar of ink, Exercises, Drawing Books, Paper, rulers, set squares, compasses and other Drawing Materials have been got for the Standards. Mrs. Buchanan has kindly promised to assist in giving the Instruction in Drawing.

" 10th Closed for two weeks holiday, as the attendance was beginning to get low, a good many children being kept away through the Haymaking

July 27th Reopened School. Poor attendance. 39 present in the morning and 46 in the afternoon.

Aug. 4th Only 44 children present in the morning. In the afternoon only 33 presented themselves. The bulk of the children had gone to see the Review on the Downs. It was therefore thought advisable not to continue the afternoon's attendance. School was therefore closed at 3 p.m. and the afternoon's attendance cancelled.

" 7th The Sewing Mistress has gone from home for a little change and rest. The Needlework is taken by the Pupil Teacher.

" 10th Mrs Buchanan came in this afternoon and took the III & IV Standard in Freehand Drawing.

" 17th No School this afternoon. School treat in the Rectory Grounds.

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Aug. 24th Mrs Leslie took the girls in Needle-work this afternoon. Mrs Buchanan assisted with the Drawing.

" 26th Mr Wm Haine came into the school for a short time this morning.

" 31st From today the education given in this school is to be free of charge. Warning has been given that the children must attend regularly.

Sept. 9th Received notice that the Examination for Pupil Teachers would be held in the Girls British School, Trowbridge. Oct. 24th at 9.45. Mrs. Leslie too unwell to attend to the Needlework this afternoon. The Pupil Teacher took charge of the Girls in the Sewing Lesson. Mrs Buchanan came in and assisted in giving instruction in the Drawing Lesson to the boys. The School Stove has been taken away to be repaired.

" 11th Mr. Wm Haine came into the school for a short time this afternoon. Taught

some musical drill exercises to the children this afternoon during the music lesson.

Sept. 14th. Today the Rector began to receive the pence of those children whose parents wished to make investments for them in the Post Office Savings Bank.

" 15th. A number of children absent this afternoon to go to a treat in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel. Only 33 including Infants present.

" 23rd. Called the Registers at 2.30 this day & found everything correct.

V. B. Buchanan
Correspondent.

" 25th. The Rector comes in daily and gives instruction in Religious Knowledge to the 1st Class. from 11.15 a.m. to 12. Admitted five fresh scholars this week.

Oct. 2nd. Attendance good throughout the week On Monday Tuesday & Friday of this week the Rector gave Religious

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instruction to the 1st Class. The School Stove has been brought back, and one lent by the Rector, has been placed in the Class-room, to be used in that room instead of the open grate.

Oct. 9th Admitted two fresh scholars this week. The Religious instruction of the 1st Class has been given by the Rector throughout this week.

" 12th School closed today to allow the master to attend an Examination in Drawing on the Black-board at Bristol.

" 13th Admitted a fresh scholar to-day

" 14th Elsie Ely was taken ill shortly after the commencement of lessons this morning. She was sent home in charge of Agnes Swanborough with whose parents she is staying. The ~~name~~ attendance marks of both children were cancelled.

" Admitted a fresh scholar in the afternoon.

" 15th The Rector accompanied by another gentleman visited the School in the morning.

Owing to the School being closed on Monday, and the Rector's absence on the two following days, the Children's pence for the Saving's Bank was not taken until to-day. The Rector having given notice in the morning, came in at 1.55 p.m. and collected it.

Oct. 23rd. Admitted a fresh scholar this week. Ernest Hale a IVth Standard boy has been withdrawn from this school, having left the parish. The Rector has taken the 1st Class in the Scripture throughout this week, from 11.15 a.m to 12. Sewing Mistress unable to attend to the Needlework. The Needlework lesson given by the Pupil Teacher.

" 26th Model lesson in Arithmetic to the Infant Class by the Master in the presence of the Monitress.

" 27th Agnes Swanborough went home sick this morning. Her attendance mark was cancelled. Punished the whole of the IIIrd Standard except one girl

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for copying. Mr. Wm Haine came into the school for a short time this morning.

Oct. 29th Gave notice that there would be no school in the afternoon, owing to the burial service of Mrs Fisher. which is to be held at the church at 2 o'clock.

" 30th Mrs Leslie is too unwell at present to attend to the Needlework. The few girls in attendance are taken in that subject by the Pupil Teacher.

Nov. 4th Mrs Buchanan gave a Drawing lesson in Freehand to the boys in the IIIrd Standard and above, this afternoon The I^st & IInd Standards & Infants were taken in Freehand, Mechanical and Kindergarten Drawing by the master.

" 9th A subscription of 2/- has been sent from this school to the West Wilts association for the improvement of Pupil Teachers, and a syllabus of work has been received in return, in order that the Pupil Teacher may prepare for exam

ations to be held by the associat
in February and June 1892.

Nov. 12th Heard the Upper Division of Infant
read this morning, and also gave
a model Spelling lesson to the
whole of the Infant Class in
the presence of the Monitress.

" 18th Mrs Buchanan gave a lesson in Freeh
Drawing to the boys in 1st & 2nd clas
Mechanical and Kindergarten Drawing
given by the master.

" 20th Religious instruction has been given
to the 1st Class this week by the Recto
The following children in Standard
will be presented as exceptions at
School Examination in March 189
Eliza Haines. Mabel Swanboroug
Cecil Swanborough, Harold Moore
& Elsie Ely.

" 25th Mr Dowse, the Attendance Officer
to the School to inquire if there wer
any cases of irregular attendanc

" 26th Gave a model reading lesson to t
lower division of Infants.

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Nov. 27th The Rector has given Religious Instruction to the 1st Class every morning this week except Tuesday morning. Mrs. Leslie is still unable to attend to the Needlework. The sewing lesson is given in her absence by the Pupil Teacher.

" 30th Playtime was given at 11.10 this morning, instead of at 10.50, thus coming immediately between the Secular and the Religious instruction, in order to allow the boys of the 1st Class, who wished, to attend Service at the church at 11.30.

Dec. 4th Gave some special exercises in Numeration to Standard III today. Also extra arithmetic to the same Standard, instead of Music.

" 7th Pupil Teacher's lessons taken at the master's house in the evening, as owing to her mother's illness she was unable to stay from 12 to 1 o'clock

" 10th Pupil Teacher again unable to stay for lessons from 12 to 1. Lessons taken in the evening at the master's house. Heard the lower division of Infants read.

* See High Book

Dec. 11th A second supply of coke has been got for the school this week. Religious Instruction was given to the 1st. Class by the Rector on the mornings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. The Rector came into school this afternoon to receive the notices of children who wished to withdraw money from the Savings Bank.

" 14th IIIrd. Standard and above commenced to do their work on paper today.

" 18th Closed school for the Christmas Holidays. The school will reopen on Monday, January 4th. 1892.

1892 Jan. 4th Reopened School today. Two dozen 48 page exercise books have been got for the upper standards. Commenced to use Writing Copies without copy-Heads, the copy for the lesson in Hand-Writing being set on the Black-board by the Teacher. Drawing in Standards

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by the Master. Kindergarten Drawing and Needlework taken by the Pupil Teacher. Sewing Mistress too ill to attend. The Rector gave Religious Instruction in the morning and also visited the school in the afternoon. William Jones, who was supposed to have left this school has returned. Alfred Pearce, Herbert Gilham, Herbert Cram, William Noyes & Albert Trimnell will be presented in the same standards as last year for their Arithmetic & Dictation.

Jan 6. 1892 Called the Registers & found the entries correct. T. B. Buchanan Manager

" 8th Francis Trimnell is absent ill with a serious skin complaint, and the Managers think it advisable for his brothers, Alfred and Albert Trimnell to stay away from school until all danger of infection is gone.

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Jan. 12th. The Monitress was suddenly taken ill this morning while giving a Reading Lesson to her class. She was obliged to go home for the rest of the forenoon, but was able to attend in the afternoon.

" 15th. A number of children are absent ill, others are absent owing to sickness in their family. Some very young children in the Infant class are absent on account of the cold weather. Extra Needlework to the girls, and extra Transcript and Map-Drawing to the boys were given this afternoon, instead of the Music Lesson, owing to the Master having a severe cold.

" 21st. Received notice that the West Wilts Association for the Improvement of Pupil Teachers will hold an Examination in the Boys' British School Devizes, on Saturday Feb. 13th 1892 commencing at 9.45 a.m.

" 22nd Eliza Haines went home ill this afternoon

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Jany 25 The Rector visited the School in the afternoon, & called the Registers - found all correct

T B Buchanan

" " Monitress absent ill. Infants taken by the Pupil Teacher.

Told Agnes Swanborough that she must stay away from school until she ~~is~~ is thoroughly recovered from Ringworm. Having examined her head, I do not think it would be safe as yet, for her to mix with the other children.

" 29th Monitress still absent ill.

Feb. 1st. School visited this morning by Mr. W. Haine. Received the Forms from the Education Department. Monitress still absent.

" 3rd. Filled out, and returned Form 8.M. to the Rector.

" 4th Mr. W. Haine came into the school for a short time this morning. The Rector came in in the afternoon and brought in the Forms in connection with the Drawing Examination. It is proposed to hold

the Examination on Thursday Feb. 18th 1892. at 2. P.M.

Feb. 5th The 1st Class have received Religious Instruction at the Rectory from 11.15 to 12 a.m. this week, as the Rector is suffering from a severe cold.

" 12th The monitress is still absent. The Drawing Examination is fixed for Thursday Feb. 18th 1892 at 2 P.M. The Rector has attended at the school and given instruction in Religious knowledge to the 1st Class from 11.15 to 12 a.m. during this week.

" 15th The Monitress came to school this morning after an absence of three weeks. Ellen Newman an infant went home ill this morning. Mrs Leslie was able to take the girls in needlework this afternoon.

" 16th A number of children are ill with Mumps in the village. And the Medical Officer Dr. Waylen has given instructions that children are not to be allowed to attend school who come from houses

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where anyone is suffering from the complaint. 29 children were present this morning, and 30 in the afternoon

Feb. 18th. Only 24 children present in the morning. Boys examined in Drawing in the afternoon. Girls and Infants were not required to attend. Received notice that this school will be inspected by Mr. Curry, H.M.I. on Friday, March 25th 1892, at 9.30 a.m.

" 19th. Only 13 children (Boys) were present this morning. No attendance was marked, but after some Reading and Singing, and their usual Religious instruction they were dismissed at 11.30 a.m. As the Drawing Inspector had asked for the boys to have a half holiday when it could be conveniently arranged, it was given to them this afternoon.

" 22nd. Pupil Teacher absent ill.

Feb. 23rd called registers - half the School absent through sickness - marking correct 2.42 p.m.

D. B. Buchanan

" " Albert Timnell, Alfred Timnell, & Francis

Grimnell returned to school today.
Mrs Buchanan visited the school this afternoon.

Feb. 26th The Pupil Teacher is still absent ill.
Needlework was taught to the girls this afternoon during the whole two hours by Mrs. Leslie. The Monitress assisted with the Infants. Gave a lesson to the 1st & 2nd Class Boys on the Metric System.

" 29th The Pupil Teacher returned to school today.

March 4th Needlework and Infant Class taken this afternoon by Mrs. Leslie. Gave a lesson to the 1st & 2nd Class Boys on Decimal Fractions and the Metric Tables. The attendance continues low. A large number still absent through sickness.

" 10th Gave a model lesson on Long Division to Standard III

" 11th The Pupil Teacher gave lesson on Long Division to Standard III, also a lesson on the parts of a sentence to the same class. There