Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1902-03

Volume 2, pages 18-31 (14 pages)

Log book of Poulshot School kept by the headmaster, Hugh Leslie (1880-1915). Given to the Poulshot Village Trust by his granddaughter, with full rights to use and publish. Transcription: AWS Textract OCR corrected by Claude (AI) against the page image; it may contain errors - the page image is the authoritative record.

Produced 22 November 2026.

1902.

th Heard the Lower Division of Infants read.

th Received Forms for Annual Returns to the Board of Education.

11. Visit of inspection

H.R. Mines.

" In afternoon called School Registers & found all entries correct

T.B. Buchanan
Correspondent.

" Rearranged Classes for the ensuing year.

21st " Another load of coke has been got for the School. A number of children are absent through sickness.

27th " Received Form 13 granting permission to Mary E. Leslie to attend the Examination, under Art. 46, in December 1902. The requisite entries were made on the fly-leaf, which was detached from the Form, and forwarded to the Office of the Board of Education ~~of Education~~ by return.

rch 6th " Schemes and lists of Object Lessons forwarded for approval of H.M. Inspector.

" 7th " Commenced to teach Choruses from "Caractacus"

March 11th Called register during afternoon School - All correctly marked

J. B. Buchanan Manager.

" 13th School closed in the forenoon to allow teachers and elder children to attend Confirmation service which was being held in the Parish - School reassembled in the afternoon.

" 20th Received Report of H. M. Inspector.

" 24th Notice has ~~been~~ sent to H. M. Inspector that this school will not assemble on Friday the 28th but that it will reassemble on Monday April 7th 1902.

April 7th School reassembled today. Received a note from Mrs Dunford requesting that her daughter Ada Dunford might be excused if she proved unable to do her writing properly as there was apparently something the matter with her. The child seemed to be suffering from some nervous affection, and although allowed to remain at school during the day, no pressure whatever was put upon her with regard to lessons.

" 8th Ada Dunford is unfit to attend School.

1902.

Summary of The Inspector's Report.

Mixed School. "The discipline is satisfactory and much of the work is fairly well done. The Reading should, however, be more accurate and expressive, and Arithmetic should be taught with greater thoroughness. The girls' Needlework is good."

Infant Class. "The infants are in good order and are being taught with a very fair measure of success. There is however much room for improvement in the Reading. The children in the upper section of the class should have a greater variety of Reading matter". "E. E. Leslie is continued under Article 33 of the Code".

T. B. Buchanan
(Correspondent.)

Staff:- Hugh Leslie. Head.
Mary E. Leslie. Infants.
Ethel E. Leslie. Art. 33.
Ellen E. Newman. Monitress.

Summary of Syllabus of Instruction for the year ending Feby. 28th 1903.

Mixed Department.

Upper Division:- Elementary Science of Common Things.

~~Clay, Coal, Chalk, Porous Substances, Soluble Substances.~~

~~Solvents, Water, acids.~~

Gases:- ~~Oxygen, Nitrogen, Carbonic Acid gas, The Atmosphere~~

Metals. ~~Iron, Tin, Copper, Lead, Zinc.~~

Alloys. ~~Bronze, Brass, Pewter.~~

Plants. Parts of a Flower, Work of the Flower Insects & Flowers

Animals. Fishes, Birds, Mammals. Work on a farm at different seasons. &c &c

English:- Parsing and Analysis.

Composition - Subjects from Readers - Scientific Historical and Geographical, Letter writing.

Reading - From Scientific, Historical and Geographical Readers.

Repetition - Waterloo - Byron; Ye Mariners of England, Campbell; The Meeting of the Waters - Moore

History - Contents of Historical Reader with oral exposition.

Geography. - Contents of Geographical Reader with oral exposition - British Colonies and Dependencies. Easy Map Drawing.

Arithmetic. - Sched. I for Stds. IV, V & VI.

Drawing. - Boys in Std. III & over grouped and work in two divisions. Freehand & Geometrical.

Summary of Syllabus continued.

Lower Division.— Elementary Science & Geography combined
Lessons on animals, Plants, Minerals, Natural
phenomena, Geography of neighbourhood an
outlines of England. Geographical term
Objects & diagrams used.
Arithmetic.— Schedule I Standards I, II, III

Singing.

Appendix IV Revised Instructions.

English.

Science & Geographical Readers
Copybooks & Transcription.
Formation of easy sentences. Dictation
Noun, verb, adjective & adverb.
Repetition: The Childrens Hour; Loss of the Royal Geo

Needlework

Appendix III Revised Instructions.

Drawing.

Boys, Stds. I & II grouped as per code.

Physical Training.

Both Divisions:— As per Code with Dumb-bells.

1902.

April 14th Annie Oram obliged to go home ill.
Attendance mark cancelled.

" 25th Edith Trimbling obliged to go home ill during the Scripture Lesson. While school was being dismissed after Morning's lessons William Oram slipped on the step and fell, cutting his head rather badly against the edge of the door. He was brought into school and his wound was dressed before going home.

May 2nd As the number of infants on the Register is much lower, only 24 Standard I. has been sent into the Infant room. There are 8 children in Std. I.

" 5th Information sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will not meet on Thursday 8th inst Ascension Day.

" 9th School re-assembled today.

" 12th Master absent from 9.25 a.m. to 11.35 a.m. to give evidence in County Court case at Devizes.

" 13th Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed during Whitsuntide week.

May 26th. School reassembled today. A supply of materials for needlework and Kindergarten, Exercises and Readers, Handbooks and other materials for school use has been. Several of the children have to be kept away on account of Ringworm.

" 28th. Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed on Tuesday June 3rd. 1902.

June 3rd. School closed.

" 6th. Several children still absent sick.

" 13th. Attendance very low owing to the heavy rain. 27 present in standards and 7 in the Infant class.

" 20th. School closed for one week for Coronation services and festivities.

" 27th. School will not reassemble again until Tuesday August 5th 1902. Haymaking having commenced in the parish.

Aug 5th. School reassembled today. Attendance low.

Aug 6th. Visited the School at 3.45 - Called Registers, & found all entries duly made

J. B. Buchanan Corrspondent

1902

15th School closed this afternoon for School treat.

18th School closed for Parochial Festivities. (Poulshot Feast).

28th Mr. Mitchell the attendance officer visited the school to enquire into the attendance of the children.

29th Ada Dunford, who has only lately returned to School is absent ill. No pressure whatever is being put upon her while in school in consideration of the delicate state of her health.

2nd- School closed for postponed Coronation Festivities.

3rd- School reassembled today at 2 o'clock p.m.

p. 3d. Attended & called registers this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Found all correct & in order

J. B. Buchanan - Manager

12th Took Standard II in Mental Arithmetic and Recitation.

15th Candidate attended Pupil Teacher's Centre at Devizes in the forenoon and the Infant Teacher, who will sit for the King's Scholarship in December attended in the afternoon. The Candidate's duties were taken by Margaret

M. Leslie, VI Standard Scholar acting as monitress, No attendance being marked for her on that occasion, and the Infant Teacher's by Janet Leslie, Ex-Candidate. For the convenience of this arrangement Needlework & Drawing will be taken on Fridays instead of Mondays while the Infant Teacher is attending the centre

Sept. 18th Infant Teacher attended P. S. Centre in the forenoon Infants taken by Janet Leslie. Candidate attended the centre in the afternoon. Margaret M. Leslie acted as monitress.

" 19th Needlework and Drawing taken this afternoon instead of Monday afternoon

" 25th Took Standard II in Geography.

" 26th Heard Repetition of Standard II.

Oct. 2nd Took all the Standards in English this afternoon.

" 9th Monitress absent this forenoon having obtained leave.

" 10th A quantity of Kindergarten and knitted was handed over to Miss Buchanan Sept. 2nd. to be sold for charity purposes.

1902

Oct 14th Took Standard II in arithmetic this morning

" 16th Monitress allowed to stay at home this morning owing to the illness of her mother.

" 20th Notice given that the Diocesan Inspection will be on the 12th November 1902.

" 21st Heard Standard I read.

Oct. 22d Called the Registers this day at 2.25. Found the entries duly made. T. B. Buchanan

" 29th Arthur Noyes obliged to go home ill. His attendance mark on the Register was cancelled.

Nov. 7th Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this School will be inspected in Religious Knowledge on Wednesday next Nov. 12th.

" 11th Visited the School this morning

Richard F. Curry

" 12th Diocesan Inspection. Registers not marked.

" 13th Arthur Noyes fainted in School this morning at the commencement of opening School. He was at once attended to.

Nov. 20th A load of coke has been got for the school today. Several children are absent sick.

" 25th Gave the 1st. Class Reading and Geography from Handbook of Information on Canada issued by the High Commissioner for Canada

" 28th Blanche Dean arrived at School so wet this afternoon that it was unsafe for her to remain. She was therefore sent home and her attendance mark was cancelled.

~~30th~~

Dec. 1st An iron guard has been fixed round the stove in the large room.

Dec. 5th Called Registers at 2.50. Entries correct, - all in order. T. B. Buchanan - Correspondent.

" 12th There has been a slight improvement in the attendance this week.

" 16th Infant Teacher absent this week to attend the Examination for King's Scholarship. Janet Leslie assisted in the school. Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that the School will close on the 24th inst. for two weeks Christmas Holidays

1903

17th Called registers @ 2.15 Entries Correct and all in order — William Haines
manager

23.
8th Reopened School. Attendance low only 47 present. The School Operetta "Caractacus" was performed by the children yesterday evening and will be repeated by them this evening. The larger Class-room is consequently occupied by the Stage. Lessons were conducted in the principal room and the smaller class-room.
Admitted four fresh scholars.
12th Admitted another fresh scholar.
19th Examined the children in Standards.
21st Certificate of partial exemption for Arthur Hale presented to the Head Teacher.
27th Drill with Dumb-bells taken in school. Too wet for children to go out.
2nd. Received Official Forms from the Board of Education. Notified that the School will be visited by H. M. Inspector on Wednesday morning.

1903

Feb: 24th. Visit of Inspection in the morning.
S. Norris.

" 9th. Received. Schedule Form 63 shewing results of Examination of children presented for Certificates of Proficiency.

" 13th. Received Form 8 (1) a re Collective Examination of Candidates for Pupil Teachership. Information filled in and returned same day.

" 18th. Walter Bowden went home ill. Attendance mark cancelled.

" 25th. Arthur Noyes fainted in the playground this morning before school opened. After being restored he was taken to the School house until he could safely be sent home.

March 2nd. Received notice from the Medical Officer that Arthur, Edgar & Ernest Noyes were not to be allowed to attend till further notice as there is a suspicion of Scarletina having been in the family recently.

" 6th. Received notice from the Medical Officer that Ernest, Edgar & Arthur Noyes are suffering from Scarletina. A supply of book