Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1897-98

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Feb. 16th. Received notice that this School will be inspected on Wednesday March 10th at 9.30 a.m.

" 17th Drawing Inspection. all the boys present.

" 26th Heard 1st Class of infants Spell.

March 3rd. Attendance low. Very wet.

" 4th. Took Standards I & II in Geography Questioned all the Standards on lessons previously given in Science of Common Things. Drill taken in the School to music.

" 9th " Mr Wm Haine visited the School this afternoon.

" 10th School inspected in the morning. No School in the afternoon

" 11th Rearranged Classes.

" 12th Removed Janet Leslie's name from the Register and placed her in charge of Standard II.

" 15th " Received Duplicate Schedule.

" 16th " Miss E. Long absent ill.

" 22nd School closed in the afternoon for Parochial entertainment.

" 29th Received Drawing Report. - "Good".

* age 14 yrs. Standard II children 10 yrs

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School Songs.

undards:-

1. Work and Be joyful.
2. Come Sound the Merry Labor
3. Lets Dare and Do.
4. Trip Lightly over Trouble
5. Oh the Daisies and the Buttercups

Music taught by the Tonic Sol-fa method

ysical Drill:- Oxley's Exercises Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13 & 14.

Infant Songs:-

1. The Miller's little children.
2. James and Sue going to school.
3. The Hare and the Snail
4. Musical Thimble Drill } action
5. Musical Needle Threading Drill }

Drill:- Exercises from W. Wilsons Infant Drill.

Recitations for year ended Feb. 1898

ndard I. The Father's Return.
Mrs Alexander.

II & III Nelly's Shilling.
IV, V & VI. Curfew Must not Ring To-night.
Rosa Hartwick Thorpe.

Geography
ndards I, II & III. Course S.
" IV, V & VI. British Isles & British North America.

Science of Common Things.
andards I II & III. Thirty Object Lessons on common things.
" IV, V & VI Animal and Plant Life from Science Reader.

fant Recitations:- The Daisy, The Last Leaves
The Last Day of the Flowers, My Dolly.
Action Recitation (Babies)

bject Lessons:- 1. Butterfly 2. Frog, 3. Elephant, 4. Apple, 5. Orange,
Infants) 6. Potato, 7. Sugar, 8. Candle 10. Rice 11, Salt, 12, Pen 13. Gold
Inside of a house. 15. Outside of a house 16. Carpenter's Shop 17. Blacksmith's Shop
Tree, 19. Sponge 20. Stinging Nettle, 21. Seasons, 22. Time, 23. Form.
4 Colour. Approved R. E. Currey.

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March 29th Miss Edith Harriet Long has resigned the post of Teacher under Art. 68 in this school. The vacancy thus caused in the Staff is filled by the appointment of Janet Leslie Candidate Art. 33.

" 31st Received the Report of H.M. Inspector School visited in the morning by the Rector and in the afternoon by Mr Wm Haine.

April 2nd. Frederick Moore commenced to serve as Monitor in this school in order that help may be given to the Infant Mistress as recommended in the Report. His name has been removed from the Register.

" 9th Drill and marching has been taken in the school to Music this week.

" 15th Closed School for Easter Holidays.

" 26th Reopened School. Admitted a fresh scholar.

May 7th The attendance has been somewhat low this week. Several of the children are kept from school by their parents to assist in planting the gardens.

Summary of the Inspector's Report and Remarks.

Mixed School. "The children are in very good order. They sing nicely and physical exercises have been carefully taught. The first and second standards are very weak in the elementary subjects, but in the other classes good progress has been made. Geography is, on the whole, well known, and a fair knowledge is shewn of the Object Lessons and of Elementary Science. Needlework is satisfactory."

Infants' Class. "The Infants are backward in the elementary subjects. The Mistress has evidently taken pains with them, but to teach and keep the attention of thirty-five infants in three classes is more than she can manage, and help must be given her. Until the Infants make better progress it is impossible for the lower standards to do well."

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E. H. Long is recognised under Article 68 of the Code

Signed, William Haines. Manager
In absence of Correspondent

School Staff } Hugh Leslie. Head Teacher.
Jn. 2nd, 1897. } Mary E. Leslie. Infant Teacher.
Janet Leslie, Candidate
Frederick Moore. Monitor.

May 10th Sent Llewellyn Noyes home this morning as he was suffering from severe coughing and sore throat. His attendance mark was cancelled.

May 13th Visited the School at 2.15 P.M. called the Registers — all in order — attendance rather below average — some of the Children being kept at home gardening

William Haines
Manager

May 17th Infant teacher and candidate absent, having obtained leave, to go with Parochial outing. A number of the elder children absent.

" 24th Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 27th

" 27th School closed. Sunday School, and Service at Church.

" 28th Taught the children a new song, "Hurrah for England's Queen".

June 1st Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed during Whitsuntide week.

" 4th Closed school for Whitsuntide Holidays.

" 14th Reopened school after Whitsuntide Holiday

" 15th Questioned Standards I. & II. in Geography

" 16th School visited by Mr Haine:

" 18th Gave the children notice that school would be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, for Jubilee festivities in the Parish.

" 24th Only 32 present in standards in the forenoon and 29 in the afternoon. Many

are absent haymaking. Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed from Friday June 25th to Friday Aug. 3rd. for the Harvest Holidays

ne 25th 33 Standard Children present in the morning & 29 in the afternoon. Albert Trimbling had to go home sick. His attendance mark was cancelled. School closed for Harvest Holidays.

ug 3rd. Reopened School today. Only 30 children present in the morning and 32 in the afternoon. Several suffering from bad coughs.

5th " Mr Dowse visited the school today to inquire after the attendance of the scholars.

9th " Attendance still very low. A number of children suffering from Hooping Cough.

12th " Candidate absent owing to a severe cold.

13th " Candidate still absent.

16th " Candidate present. George Haines and Elizabeth Godwin are ill with measles. All the children belonging to those families are forbidden to attend the school until they receive

permission from their medical attendant.

Aug. 17th Elizabeth Ellis is absent ill with measles. Her brothers and sister, under the circumstances, are not allowed to attend school.

" 18th Entry of the 16th omitted. "The School was closed on the afternoon of Monday the 16th inst. for Day School Treat".
Only 36 children present in the morning.
37 present in the afternoon.

" 19th 37 children present this morning, 32 present in the afternoon.

" 20th Examined Registers & found all correct - numbers much reduced by Measles, Whooping Cough, & bad weather - 29 children only present, including infants.
J. B. Buchanan Manager

" 26th School closed this afternoon and till further notice from the Medical officer on account of Measles and Scarlet fever.

Oct. 11th School reopened today. Some coke and wood for the use of school has been got. Candidate not well enough to attend

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Oct. 15 Vnified Registers - All in order. Numbers still affected by the epidemic which has prevailed in the Parish. 40 children present in the standards 18 in Class room of Infants

T. B. Buchanan, Correspondent.

" 22nd I have put some of the duller children back in their work, as I find, owing to their long absence from school, it will be impossible to work them up to the standard by March 1898. Candidate present this week.

" 28th Object Lesson in Science of Common Things to Standards I – III "Milk". Experiments with Milk and Cream to illustrate the process of Butter and Cheese making.

Nov. 4th Object Lesson on Salt to Standards I to III Specimens of Salt shown and experiments done to show how salt is obtained by Evaporation. Lesson given by the Master assisted by the Candidate. Examined Standards I & II in Geography.

" 9th Sent Frank Pearce home as he had a rash coming out on him.

" 12th Ada and Edward Pearce are not

attending school owing to their brother Frank being ill with German Measles.

Nov. 18th Object Lesson on Cotton to Standards I II & III. Standards II & III taken by the Master, Standard I by the candidate.

" 19th There are three more cases of German Measles among the children this week. None of the children from the infected houses are allowed to attend school for the present.

" 23rd Reminded the children that the Diocesan Inspection would be tomorrow Nov 24th, according to previous notice.

" 24th Diocesan Inspection. Registers not marked.

" 25th Object Lesson on Iron to Standards I, II & III.

" 26th George Gilham sent home ill this morning. Symptoms of measles apparent.

Dec. 3rd. Attendance very low this week. A number of children are ill with measles. Others who are well cannot attend from the families infected for fear of carrying the infection.

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Dec. 10th. A supply of Drawing paper, Copies, Foolscap, pens and ink, Needlework and Kindergarten materials has been got for the school. The attendance is still very much affected owing to sickness among the children.

" 16th. Lesson on "Clouds" to Standards I, II & III.

" 17th. Attendance very low this week.

" 23rd. Lesson on the Year and its Divisions to Standards I II & III.

" 24th. Heard Standard I Recitation & Reading. Attendance of the whole school very low this week. Only 33, including infants, present this afternoon. Closed for two weeks, Christmas Holidays.

1898. Jan. 10th. Reopened School this morning. Present, 36 children in Standards and 28 in the Infant Class. All the children are now recovered from the measles. Frederick Moore has resigned the post of monitor in this school. Steps are being taken to fill the vacancy.

" 13th. Lesson on the Sun to Standards I. II & III. Thomas Moore and Albert Underwood have left School to go to work, being legally

qualified to do so. Their names have been removed from the Register.

Jan 17th Ruth Shell has been appointed Monitress in this school to fill the vacancy caused by Frederick Moore's resignation.

" 21st Another load of coke has been got for the school. The Drawing Examination in this school is fixed for Friday the 28th inst. at 9.15 a.m.

" 25th Received Forms from the Education Department.

" 28th Drawing Inspection this morning - Girls did needlework in the little class-room, which has lately been added to the school. Infants did their usual work in their own room. The inspection was conducted in the principal room.

Feb. 3rd. Object Lesson in Science of Common Things on the Worm given to Standards I, II & III by the Master, the Candidate being allowed to be present during the lesson.

" 4th The Attendance has fallen off very much this week owwing to sickness. Only 10 infants present.

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Feb. 9th Received notice that this School will be visited for the Annual Inspection by H.M. Inspector of Schools, on Wednesday the 9th day of March 1898, at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

" 11th Still a number of children absent sick.

Feb. 14 The amount of aid grant made to this School upon the recommendation of the Salisbury Diocesan Association is £14, the purpose for which it was made as specified on the form was "increasing staff & providing new apparatus". But mem:- "increasing staff" should have read "increasing salaries of staff" & see correspondence with the Dept. referring us to the Diocesan Association for the alteration.

T. B. Buchanan
Correspondent.

Feby 17th Examined Register and found them Correct attendance rather below the average in consequence of sickness

William Hamel
Manager

Feb. 17th Object Lesson from Science of Common Things on the "Root of a Plant" to Stds. I, II, & III. Some new Science Readers (Nelson's) have been got for Stds. I, II & III, and also two sets of diagrams on Plants & Animals for illustrating lessons in Elementary Science. Examined the 1st Class of Infants in Reading and Mental Arithmetic. Very fair progress has been made considering the great amount of sickness there has been during the latter half of the year, the Infant Class being especially affected thereby.

18th Gave a short Reading Lesson to the lower division of Infants this morning. Heard Std. I read in the afternoon. Drill taken in school without Music.

22nd. Only 36 children present in the morning, and 43 in the afternoon including infants owing to the severe weather. A new desk has been got for the 1st Class in place of an old one which has been altered to suit the Infant Class.

23rd. All the Rudmans, 5 in the Standards and 2 in the Infant Class have left this