Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1892-93

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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

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are eighteen fresh cases of sickness this week. Herbert Gilham has gone ~~[illegible]~~ to work, therefore his name has been removed from the Register. His parents say that he is thirteen years old; if he is, his age was given incorrectly when he first entered the school.

Five sets of Ablett's Demonstration Sheets for Drawing, 6 doz. Exercises, 1 doz slates, 2 doz. Millboards, some Drawing Pins. Reading Books for Standards I & II, a T square, and a 24 in. ruler have been got for the school.

March 14th Attendance much better today; 52 present in the morning and 50 in the afternoon.

" 18th The Needlework has been taken on the Sewing afternoons this week by Mrs Leslie.

The Rector has given Religious Instruction to the 1st Class every morning this week from 11.15 a. m to 12.

" 21st The award Good has been given on the results of the Examination in Drawing for this school which was held on February 18th

" 25th School Inspection. 54 children present

March 28th Arranged the scholars in their Standards for the ensuing year. Drawing for the boys in Standards from 2 to 3. Standard III taken in Freehand by Mrs. Buchanan.

April 1st Having received a Medical certificate to the effect, that Charles Swanborough suffers from headaches which are increased by School work, and that it would be advisable for him to leave school as early as possible. I have taken his name from the school Register. Two fresh scholars have been admitted this week.

" 7th Mr. Dowse came into the school this morning to inquire into the attendances of William Jones and Emma Godwin.

" 8th The attendance has largely increased. Four fresh scholars have been admitted during the week. Religious instruction has been given to the 1st Class from 11.15 a.m. to 12 by the Rector.

" 14th Tomorrow being Good Friday, School closed today for the Easter Holiday.

" 25th Reopened School today.

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April 29th Received Government Report. The school was visited in the afternoon by the Rector and Mr. W. Haine. In accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Curry, H. M. Inspector, only one class subject, that is, Geography will be taken this year.

Summary of Inspector's Report.

"The children are orderly and on the whole are making fair progress in the elementary subjects, but the third standard is very weak in spelling. Singing and needlework are good. On the whole a fair knowledge ~~of Geography~~ is shown of Geography, but Grammar is not known sufficiently well to receive a Grant. I think one class subject is as much as the Master can undertake at present. The Infants are making fair progress."

M. E. Leslie { Arithmetic, Geography and History

Staff:- Hugh Leslie. — Master
M. E. Leslie. — Pupil Teacher
J. J. Wilkins. — Monitress

J B Buchanan, Correspondent

May 2nd. Mary Jones's head is in a very bad state with sores. She has therefore been warned not to come to school again until it is quite well.

" 6th. Diocesan Inspection.

" 11th. Mrs Buchanan took the 1st Class boys in Freehand Drawing this afternoon.

" 13th. Model lesson in Long Division by the Master this morning.

" 18th. School closed this afternoon owing to the master being absent at a Choir Festival at Steeple Ashton.

" 26th. Ascension Day. School closed in the afternoon.

June 3rd. Attendance rather low this week. Announced to the children that there would be no school on Whit-Monday, but that the school would be open during the remainder of the week.

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une 7th Opened school today. Attendance low. Wm B. Leslie will give temporary assistance with the lower standards this week to enable the Pupil Teacher to have a little extra time at her own studies. Mr. Haine came into the school for a short time this morning.

" 17th Attendance rather better this ~~week~~ week.

" 20th Mrs Buchanan took the 1st Class boys in Freehand Drawing this afternoon.

ly 1st. Closed school for five weeks holiday.

g. 8th Reopened school today. Admitted three children to the Infant Class. A number of children absent at a Chapel treat. Mr. Wm Haine visited the school for a short time this morning. The monitress has leave of absence for one week longer during which the Infants will be taken by the Pupil Teacher and the Ist & IInd Standards by Wm B. Leslie.

12th Gave notice to the children, that, owing to a fete to be held on Monday by the Poulshot Parish Church Association, and a treat to be given by the Rector to the

Day School on Tuesday. School would be closed on those days.

Aug. 15th No School.
" 16th No School.
" 24th Mrs Buchanan took the 1st Class in Freehand Drawing this afternoon.
" 26th Instruction in Religious knowledge has been given to the 1st Class this week by the Rector.
" 29th Cautioned the boys against stone throwing.
" 31st Instruction in Freehand Drawing given to the 1st Class by Mrs. Buchanan.
Sept. 2nd. 1st and 2nd classes detained half an hour after time at the morning's attendance for Spelling. A besom and ½lb of Permanganate of potash have been got for the use of the school.
" 9th Extra Spelling instead of Music this afternoon.
" 16th Cecil Swanborough, Charles Dean, and Arthur Bolter have been removed from the 1st Standard to the Upper Division of the Infant Class, as their backwardness is a great hindrance

to the progress of the children in Standard I.

Sept. 19th William Bell Leslie is employed as a voluntary and temporary Monitor in this school, and will receive regularly the instruction necessary to prepare him for examination as a Candidate at the inspection of the school in March, 1893. Instruction in Freehand Drawing given to the 1st Class by Mrs Buchanan this afternoon.

" 20th A ton of coke has been got for the school.

" 30th Agnes Swanborough and her brothers Cecil and George are absent on account of the former having some Skin complaint. Mrs. Buchanan unable to attend to the Freehand of the 1st Class this week. Scale Drawing given by the Master. Occasional instruction in Religious Knowledge given by the Rector.

Oct. 7th At present the Upper Division of Infants and backward 1st Standard children are taken in Reading and Arithmetic by the master, but are taken in Writing and Kindergarten by the

Monitress. Standard III is taken by the Pupil Teacher.

Oct. 11th. Called the registers - found one mistake in the Infant Class, owing to a child being allowed to be present, whose name was not on the books and whose Mother was away from home.

J. B. Buchanan.

Edith Bolter was accidentally marked present when absent this afternoon, and the mistake was not discovered at the time, owing to a child, who is too young to be admitted, who was allowed during the mother's absence from home, to be present with her sister in the Infant Class, being counted among those whose names are on the Register, thus causing the number of children counted in school to correspond with the number marked present on the Register. The attendance mark was cancelled and the necessary deduction made as soon as the error was detected.

" 14th. Frederick Bolter, Francis Trimmell, Frederick Bowden, Henry Newman, Amelia Bowden, Annie Bolter, Arthur Swanborough, Elsie Ely, Mabel Swanborough, and Emma Godwin

reported for non attendance.

Oct. 18th Commenced to have fires in the school George Feltham has been appointed to light them.

" 20th 300 Sheets of Drawing paper, 18 Slates, Lon Foolscap and some Scripture prints ha been got for the School.

" 27th Gave Map drawing to the 1st and 2nd cla

Nov. 4th Walter Rudman is away from home on a visit, but is attending school where he is staying.

" 7th A new Black-board 30in X 24in and easel 5ft. 6in., 4 doz. Copies, 100 sheets of Squared Paper, 6 doz Pencil holders, 2 boxes of Pencil and 3 boxes of Chalk have been got for the School.

The carpenter is busy putting a new cupboard in the class-room. The old book shelves have been taken down, and u til the cupboard is finished, I am oblig to keep a number of books on the school table.

~~Thomas~~ Arthur, Mabel, and Eliza Swanborough have left this schoo

the family having left the parish.

Nov. 16th School visited this afternoon by Mr. W. Haine

" 18th Standard III commenced to do sums on paper

" 21st Elsie Ely is absent under medical orders on account of an eruption on her neck.

" 23rd. Mrs Buchanan came into school this afternoon to request the 1st Class boys to attend at the Rectory in the evening to receive a lesson in Freehand Drawing as she was unable to attend during the hour appointed for the Drawing Lesson in the school. Mechanical Drawing was given to the 1st class this afternoon.

" 29 Called the Registers this day at 3.50 p.m a good attendance & all correct

P.B. Buchanan Manager

Dec. 1st Mrs Buchanan came into the school to tell the 1st Class boys to attend at the Rectory on Saturday evening for Freehand. Frederick, Mary, and Florence Jones have left this school having removed from the Parish. Walter Rudman's name has been removed from

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the Register as he is away from the parish for an indefinite time.
Received 2/- from the Rector to pay the Pupil Teachers fee to the West Wilts Pupil Teachers' Improvement Association.

Dec. 9th Eliza Haines went home ill this morning. Attendance low this week. Some are absent sick, and many of the very young children in the Infant Class are kept at home on account of the cold weather.

12th The Rector and Mr. Wm Haine came into the school this morning at 11 o'clock. The Rector remained and gave a Scripture Lesson to the 1st Class. Mechanical Drawing given to the 1st class in the afternoon from 2 to 3, Freehand to Standard III. right-lined figures to Standards I and II with rulers and Freehand.

20th Opened at 12.50 this afternoon, Registers closed at 1 p.m. to allow school to close at 3 p.m., in order that the school-room might be prepared for an entertainment to be held in it this evening.

Dec. 21st Attendance very low this morning only 36 including infants present.

" 22nd Attendance still low 40 present.

" 23rd Attendance being still considerably below the average, School was closed this morning at 10 a.m. for two weeks holiday. As the full time of the attendance was not made, the marks of those present were cancelled.

Jan. 9th 1893 Reopened School this morning. Elizabeth and Alice Brown are absent, ill with Scarlet Fever.

11th 1 ton of coke was brought for the use of the School today.

16th Monitress absent this morning, owing to the illness of her mother and sister. Mrs Buchanan took the 1st. Class boys in Freehand Drawing this afternoon, from 2 till 3. A bottle of ink and a box of pens have been got for the School.

Jan. 27th visited the School at 2.30 p.m. Called the register & found them correctly marked.

W. B. Buchanan.

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Jan. 24th The 1st Class has been taken in Scripture throughout the week from 11.15 a.m. to 12 by the Rector. The name of Alice Brown who died on Wednesday from Scarlet Fever has been removed from the Register.

" 31st Detained Standards I. II & III after 12 o'clock for sums.

Feb. 1st Mrs Buchanan took the 1st class in Freehand Drawing this afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock.

" 2nd Gave maps of England to the 1st class to be done for homework.

" 3rd. Received Forms and Schedules from the Education Department. Filled up Form 8 M.

" 7th Filled in and returned Form E to the Rector. It is proposed to hold the Drawing Examination of this school on the 14th of February at 2 p.m. Gave Map-drawing to the 1st Class this afternoon. Gave Geography and Drawing to the 1st and 2nd classes for home-work.

8th Called the Registers this day at 3 P.M. a good attendance had. Correct

William Haine Manager

Feb. 13th Frank Newman has returned to school, after an absence of five weeks through sickness.

" 14th Drawing Examination this afternoon. All the boys were present and did their work and answered the questions put to them in a very creditable manner. Received notice that the school would be inspected by H.M.I. Mr Curry on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

" 15th Standard III and above did Map-Drawing this afternoon. Standards I and II drew a plan of the school-room.

" 23rd Mr J.J. Dowse visited the school today to inquire after the attendance of the children. The following children were cautioned for irregular attendance: Agnes Swanborough, Frederick Bowden, and Herbert Oram.

" 27th Mrs Buchanan came into the school this morning to say that she was unable to take the lesson in Freehand in the afternoon. Monitress absent. The 1st Class did Map Drawing in place of Freehand. The Rector heard the

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IIIrd Standard boys recite this afternoon
In the absence of the Monitress the Infant
class was taken by William Bell Leslie. Mo
A door has been put up at the entrance
leading from the playground to the boys
offices.

Feb. 28th George Feltham is ill with Scarlet
Fever. Agnes Swanborough is absent
owing to the sickness of her parents.

March 1st. Mrs Buchanan took Standards IV and V
in Freehand Drawing this afternoon.

" 3rd Received Report on the Examination
of the school in Drawing. The award
is "Good".
The Managers have decided to retain
the services of Mary Elizabeth Leslie
whose fourth year of Apprenticeship
expired on the 28th February, until
the result of William Bell Leslie's
examination as Candidate for Pupil
Teachership is known.

" 10th The Rowde police came into the school
this afternoon to seek information ~~in~~
respecting some boys who had thrown