Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1887-88

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Feb. 23rd in the afternoon.

Feb 23. I here this afternoon examined the Register & found it numbers correct. Charles Martin. Manager

Feb. 25th School visited by Mr Haine this morning.

" 28th Received notice that the School would be inspected on Tuesday March 8th

March 7th Elizabeth Brown is able to come to school now but her sister Alice is absent with a cold. Francis Trimnell is still absent with bad feet. Henry Swanborough still absent sick John Butler has gone away for a change of air. Mr Few was in the school this morning for a short time.

" 8th Inspection to-day by the Rev C. J. Johnstone

" 9th Received Duplicate Schedule. School visited by Mr Haine.

" 10th The Rector came into the school this afternoon

" 15th A heavy fall of Snow this morning, only 33 children present including Infants. Registers not marked. 17 children present in the afternoon. Registers not marked. Lessons not taken according to the Time Table.

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Object Lessons for the year ending Feb. 29. 1888

(1) Bread (2) Butter (3) Cheese (4) Oatmeal (5) A potato (6) An egg (7) Tea (8) Coffee (9) Cocoa (10) Sugar (11) Wheat (12) Barley (13) Oats (14) Rye (15) Rice (16) Maize (17) Millet (18) Peas (19) Beans (20) Lentils (21) Treacle (22) Honey (23) An orange (24) A Lemon (25) Grapes (26) Figs (27) Dates (28) Currants (29) An apple (30) A pear (31) Beef (32) Veal (33) Mutton (34) Pork (35) Bacon (36) Salt (37) Chalk (38) Clay (39) Slate (40) Stone (41) Coal (42) Iron (43) Cotton (44) Flax (45) Hemp (46) Wool (47) Leather (48) Sponge (49) Water (50) Oil (51) Vinegar (52) Milk (53) Ink (54) — (55) The horse (56) The Ass (57) The Cow (58) The Sheep (59) The Goat (60) The Pig (61) The dog (62) The hen (63) The Goose (64) The Turkey (65) Time (66) Form (67) Colour

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Recitations for Year Ending Feb. 29, 1888

Standard I.— Boy's Song
" II.— The Lost Child
" III.— Beauty & The Wreck of the Golden Bee
" IV.— The Battle of Bannockburn
" V.— Gray's Elegy
VI & VII.— Gray's Elegy & Grace Darling

Pupil Teacher 1st Year: Waterloo

Geography

Lower Division
Standards I II & III } As Shown in the Schedule

Upper Division
Standards IV. V. VI & VII } That assigned to standard IV viz.— The British Isles and British North America.

March 16th Snow very deep only 20 children present. did not hold school according to Time Table. Registers not marked in the morning. Only 22 present in the afternoon Registers not marked.

" 17th 42 Children present in the morning and 39 in the afternoon Registers marked and school carried on according to Timetable

" 23rd Mrs Martin came into school this afternoon and gave two dolls as first and second prizes for the best needlework done for the Examination. Ellen Drewett, first prize; Alice Grinnell Second prize.

" 24th Received Report on Examination today. No memorandum of agreement on behalf of J. J. Leslie issued owing to Form 42 not being sent up. The Form was duly filled up and presented with the other Forms on the day of inspection but through some accident was left behind.

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March 24th Summary of the Inspector's Report March 23, 1887.

"The Singing is the best feature in the School, and the Needlework is very fair. Of the remaining subjects, Reading, Arithmetic and Grammar are fair. Writing is weak, and Copy-books bad. Geography is a complete failure. The School appears to suffer from want of sufficient method and order in the working of it."

A memorandum of agreement cannot be issued on behalf of J. T. Leslie until the enclosed Form 42 has been satisfactorily completed and returned to this Office.

Charles Martin Manager

Form 42

March 31 Attendance rather low. There is a wild beast show at Devizes to attend which a number of children are absent.

April 4th Gave notice to the children that Secular lessons would commence at 9-10 a.m on Thursday, and that there would be Church Service in the School at 11.15 a.m.

" 7th Secular lessons at 9-10 a.m. Service at 11-15 a.m Gave prizes for best work on paper, Closed for

April 7th Easter Holiday. Reopen on Monday April, 18.

" 18th Reopened School to-day. Gave certificates to the children who passed in three subjects at the examination

" 25th John Thomas Leslie will discontinue teaching in this school from today. Mary Elizabeth Leslie will for the present take his place, acting as monitor.

May 2nd Punished John Ellis and George Moore for having defaced some Reading Books belonging to the School.

" 11th Received information from the Rector that the Examination in Religious subjects would be on the 9th of June

" 16th Let the children out at 3.45pm to see the Yeomanry meet on the Green Attendance cancelled.

" 19th No School. Ascension Day.

" 27th Attendance low this week. Gave notice to the children that there would be holiday on Monday. Whit-Monday. School to open on Tuesday.

John aged 13 yrs
Mary aged 12 yrs

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May 31 Only 33 children came to school this morning. School not opened for usual lessons according to Time-Table. Registers not marked.

June 9th Diocesan Inspection this afternoon.

" 16th Lent some of the school seats to Mistisher who was having a party in her Grounds. There was a sufficient number left for school use.

June 20 I was this morning examined the Registers & find the numbers correct. Charles Martin Manager.

" 21st Only 35 children present in the afternoon closed at 3.40 p.m. Afternoons Attendance cancelled. School to be closed tomorrow (Wednesday) for the Jubilee festivities in this parish.

" 23rd Only 28 children presented themselves this morning The Registers were not marked The children present received lessons, but not according to the Time-Table, and were dismissed at 11.45 a.m. 25 present in the afternoon. Dismissed at 3.45 p.m. Registers not marked.

June 24th The Scholars marched in procession following a portrait of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, which was bought and hung up in the School. The Fife and Drum Band were in attendance. The Rector and Mrs Fisher directed the proceedings and gave fruit cake and pudding to the children. Very few children, 34, returning in the afternoon they were dismissed at 3 p.m. Registers not being marked, and school closing for five weeks holiday

Aug. 1st Reopened School. Admitted four fresh scholars, & readmitted one. Sixty children present in the morning, fifty-nine in the afternoon. Informed the children that all children attending this school, while only on a visit to the Parish, would be charged 3d a week in future.

" 5th Emma Godwin, an infant, was kept in this morning with some more of the class for punishment, when her mother walked into the room and took her away.

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Aug. 8th Admitted a fresh Scholar to-day.

" 9th Received information from Mrs. Hollier that her son William has left School.

" 12th Extra Spelling and Reading has been taken by Standards I & II and Grammar by those above instead of Geography this week. I have decided to leave out Geography as a subject at the next Examination.

" 15th Owing to Poulshot Feast today, there was a rather small attendance.

" 22nd Curtains have been hung up over the sliding doors to deaden the sound caused by the classes when working.

" 26th Grammar & Reading instead of Geography this week.

" 29th Mrs. Fisher's treat to the village children this afternoon. Registers not marked. Children left school at three o'clock for to attend the treat.

Sept 1. I Live this afternoon Examined the Registers & find the numbers correct.

Charles Martin. Manager.

Sept. 2nd. Grammar and Spelling instead of Geography this week. Very small attendance today owing to the heavy rains.

" 9th Grammar & Arithmetic in the upper Standards, Spelling in the lower instead of Geography this week. Admitted another child to the Infant class. One withdrawn to go to a Boarding School.

" 14th Thomas Moore, an Infant had to go home sick this afternoon.

" 16th Grammar and Spelling this week instead of Geography

" 19th Tuesday's lessons were taken this afternoon as the Sewing Mistress was ill and not able to attend

" 20th The girls took Needlework this afternoon instead of yesterday.

" 21st Sewing Mistress unable to attend this afternoon. Girls took their other lessons.

" 22nd Needlework this afternoon instead of yesterday

" 30th Upper Standards Grammar, Lower, Spelling instead of Geography this week

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Oct. 7th Admitted two Infant Children this week Extra Grammar and Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 14th The attendance has been much lower this week, many of the children being engaged picking up potatoes. Extra Arithmetic to the First Class instead of singing today.

" 17th Mr Haine came into the School this afternoon

" 20th Devizes Fair. Only 27 children present in the afternoon. They were sent away at 3.15. Registers not marked.

" 28th Arithmetic and Spelling instead Geography this week. Extra Arithmetic this afternoon instead of Grammar. The attendance is still lowering to potato picking.

Nov. 1st A violent Storm of wind and rain. Only 21 children present in the morning. First marking of the Register cancelled. Religious lesson continued till 10.15 a.m. The few children present were then set to Arithmetic and Tables. School dismissed at 11.50 a.m. Only 33 present in the afternoon. No attendance made. Children

Nov. 1st. dismissed at 3.45 p.m.

" 11th. The attendance is still rather low. A few are absent sick. Some cannot attend because their boots let in water, others are gathering potatoes. Extra Arithmetic this week instead of Geography.

Nov. 15 I have this morning Examined the Registers & find the numbers correct. C. Martin Manager

" 18th. The attendance still continues low Arithmetic and Spelling this week instead of Geography.

" 25th. Elizabeth Ann Bowden, a child in Standard I is very ill Arithmetic instead of Geography this week.

Dec. 2nd. Gave easy multiplication sums to the 1st Standard. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 6th. Sums on paper to Standard II & upwards

" 13th. Opened school at 1.20 p.m. Registers Marked & closed by 1.30 p.m, to close school at 3.30 p.m. Owing to a meeting of clergymen at 4 p.m.

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21st St. Thomas' day. A number of the children away begging. No attendance in the morning. Those present cancelled.

22nd " Closed school this afternoon at 3.30 for Christmas Holidays. Only 34 present. The attendance was cancelled.

1888 Jan. 9th Reopened School after two weeks Holiday 49 present in the morning and 52 in the afternoon.

" 13th Only 36 children came to school this afternoon, the rest having gone after the hunters. Did not mark the Registers. Lessons not taken as specified by Time Table. Dismissed those present at 3.45 p.m.

" 20th Only 22 Standard children and 11 Infants present this afternoon, a number of the children being kept at home while their mothers go to a party at Mrs. Fisher's. Registers not marked children present dismissed at 3.30 p.m.

" 23rd Mr Wm Haine came into the school for a short time this morning.

" 27th The Rector has received notice of the Inspection. Arithmetic and Spelling are

being taken instead of Geography.
I. T. Leslie has given some assistance this week in teaching the 1st Standard

Feb 1. 1888 I have this morning Examined the Registers & find the Numbers Correct - Charles Martin
Manager.

School visited this afternoon by Mr. Wm Haine

" 6th Reported some of the children for irregularity of attendance to Mr Dowse, attendance Officer.

" 14th No School to-day. Children not able to attend, owing to the heavy Snow Storm.

" 15th No School. Children unable to attend owing to the snow.

" 16th No attendance marked today as only 25 children including infants presented themselves. Lessons were given to the childre present, but not according to the Time-Table, nor were they detained the full time specified by it, being dismissed at 3.45 p.m.

" 17th Registers not marked this afternoon, only 26 present including infants.

1888

Feb. 20th The Rector brought in nine copies of Part IV, English History Reading Books by C. M. Yonge for the use of the 1st Class. The attendance is very low. Only 24 present in the morning, and 33 in the afternoon. Ruth, Charles, and Agnes Swanborough are absent with sore throats. The snow still prevents many who are delicate and who live at a distance from attending.

" 22 Malinda Hawkins is unable to sew, owing to weak eyes.

" 29th Asked why John Fiddler was not at school and was informed by his sister that he could not come because his shoes were bad.

March 7th Mr Haine came into the school this morning for a short time. Ruth, Charles and Agnes Swanborough are attending school now. The attendance has been better this week.

" 13th Received notice from the Rector that the school would be inspected on the 5th day of April.

" 23rd A number of children absent sick this week.

" 28th Inquired why William Bowden was not at school. His sister stated that her mother said he