# Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1886-87

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he is unable to attend school. Ruth & Charles Swanborough are still absent sick, and Agnes, a younger sister is too young to attend alone.

Feb 19th The Standards above I have done their Arithmatic and Dictation on paper this week.

" 22nd Received notice that Mr. Mines would examine the School on Monday March 1st. at 11 a. m. Elizabeth Swanborough is absent on account of her mother's illness. Giles Jones able to attend school today.

March 1st Inspection by ~~H. M. I.~~ Sub-Inspector Mr. H. R Mines.

" 2nd Received Duplicate Schedule. Arranged the children in classes for the ensuing year. John Thomas Leslie serves as Candidate on Probation

" 10th Ash-Wednesday. School not opened for Lessons as shown on the Time Table in the morning. Registers not marked. Children went to Church. School open in the afternoon.

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Recitations for the year ending February 28th 1887

Standard I.— Our Flowers
" II.— The mother's Book
" III.— The Plumes of Crecy
" IV, V, VI.— Christmas.— From Scott's Marmion

Geography for February 28th 1887

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

Upper Division Standards IV, V & VI } The World

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List of Object Lessons for the Year ending February 28th 1887.

1. Glass. 2. Coal. 3. Stone. 4. Iron. 5. Slate. 6. Clay. 7. Wood. 8. India Rubber. 9. Sponge. 10. Chalk. 11. Horn. 12. Leather 13. Water. 14 Salt. 15. Wool. 16. Bread. 17. Tea. 18. Sugar 19. Coffee. 20. Milk. 21. Rice. 22. An egg. 23. A potato. 24. Butter. 25. Treacle. 26. Honey. 27 Beef. 28. Mutton. 29. Veal. 30. Pork. 31. Bacon. 32. Cheese. 33. An apple. 34. An Orange. 35. Currants. 36 Raisins 37. Lemon. 38. The Horse. 39. The Cow. 40 The Sheep. 41. The Goat. 42. The Pig. 43. The Dog. 44. The Ass. 45. The Hen. 46. The Duck. 47. The Goose. 48. The Turkey. 49. Lessons on "Time", "Form". & "Colour".

March 15 Examined the Registers found them correctly marked. C. Martin Manager.

" 19th A number of Children absent this week through colds.

" 22. School closed today. Master attending the funeral of a friend.

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March 24th Only 26 children present in the morning Registers not marked. Lessons not taken strictly according to time-table. 38 present in the afternoon, Registers not marked.

" 31st Mrs Leslie unable to attend to the needlework this afternoon. Girls did sewing in charge of Mary E. Leslie, VI Standard girl.

April 9th Attendance low this week. Many children kept at home on account of the gardening.

" 12th School visited by Mr W. Laine one of the School Managers this morning.

" 14th Wilfred Laine pricked the back of his hand with his pen this morning at the Writing Lesson. Shortly after he shewed it to me. and as it was then much swollen I sent him home to have it poulticed.

" 20th Devizes Fair today, a number of children absent.

" 21st Louisa Ladd, having left her place previous to the marking of the Registers this morning, was accidentally marked absent. The error was corrected.

April 22. Closed for Easter Holiday, one week.

May 3rd. Reopened after Easter Holiday. Wilfred Haine went home sick this morning.

" 6th. Mr Dowse visited the school to-day and received names of children whose attendance is irregular.

" 7th. Mrs Leslie is unable to attend to the sewing just now. The girls do their sewing in charge of a 1st Class girl.

" 10th. Mr Haine & the Policeman visited the school to question the children about the burning of a hedge. Mrs Oram sent into the school to see if I would speak to the children about killing her young ducks. Upon inquiry I found that George Ladd & George Newman had been driving the hen and the ducks, & that Mrs Oram's own boy, Herbert Oram, had killed one.

" 11th " The policeman came to the school this morning to see if William Bowden was at ~~the~~ Sunday School on Easter Sunday Morning which on looking at

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Summary of the Inspectors Report— March 19. 1886

"The Spelling of the Second and Third Standards is still very weak; and there is much room for improvement in the reading of the lower Standards; but, on the Whole, the results of the Examination, both in the Elementary Subjects and in the two Class Subjects, are fair. The Singing by note according to the Tonic Solfa System is remarkably good, and the girls needlework is improving. The discipline is apt to be a little unsteady."

J. T. Leslie has been recognised as a Candidate on probation (Article 40, -

Charles Martin
Correspondent for the Managers

May 11th the Sunday school Register I found to be the case.

" 12th Minnie Long took charge of the sewing this afternoon.

" 21st Mrs Leslie Still unable to attend to the Needlework Mary E Leslie VI Standard girl took charge of the sewing this afternoon.

" 24th Attendance very low this afternoon. Minnie Long in charge of Sewing.

" 28th Only 35 children presented themselves this afternoon, some away from home, others working, and some at a cricket match on the green. Registers not marked

June 2nd announced that tomorrow being Ascension that there would be Sunday School and Church Service in the morning and holiday in the afternoon.

" 9th The Rector came into the school this afternoon Mrs Leslie is still unable to attend School. Girls do sewing in charge of Minnie Long.

" 11th Mary E. Leslie in charge of sewing.

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June 14th School closed. Whit-Monday

" 18th Mrs. Leslie was able to come into school during part of the Sewing Lesson this afternoon.

" 21st The School treat was given in the Rectory grounds this afternoon, therefore the School was closed.

" 25th Only 41 children came to school this afternoon therefore the Registers were not marked and School broke up for Midsummer Holidays.

Aug. 3rd. Reopened School after five weeks holiday. Admitted three children to the Infant Class.

" 4th Mrs Leslie attended to the needlework this afternoon

" 10th School closed this afternoon to allow everyone to attend a party given by Mrs Fisher.

" 19th Reported to Mr. Dowse, the attendance officer the following children for irregular, and for non attendance: Elizabeth Swanborough, William Swanborough, James Trimnell, Sarah Gilham, Giles Jones, Laura Newman & Lydia Hollier.

Aug. 27th Vere Fosters Copy-Books have been got the school.

Sept 1st Mrs Leslie absent this afternoon. No sewing. Girls & Infants took their other lessons instead.

" 6th Commenced to mark the Registers directly after prayers, marking the children present at prayers, in red ink, and those coming in later, in black ink at the usual time. the Registers being closed at 10 a.m. according to the Time-Table. The Rector advises this plan as being likely to induce punctuality at the opening of the school.

" 13th Mrs Leslie ill, unable to attend to the Needlework this afternoon

" 20th Mrs Leslie presented Mabel Wilkins with a workbox for good behaviour during the sewing Lesson

" 23 I have this day examined the registers & find them correctly Marked Charles Martin Manager

" 27th Sewing Mistress absent this afternoon Tuesday's lessons were taken, and the girls

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will do sewing tomorrow afternoon

Sept 28th Sewing this afternoon instead of yesterday

" 29th Mr. Haine came into the school this morning for a short time

Oct. 1st The Rector brought in Form 8.I.(a), Notice of Pupil Teachers' Examination, with Memorandum for the day of Inspection for the school.

" 8th School closed this afternoon, Confirmation by the Bishop at 3 o'clock.

" 15th There are still some children absent from school sick. Standard III and upwards had extra arithmetic this morning instead of Singing

" 18th Elizabeth Ann Bowden having sore fingers was unable to do sewing this afternoon. She was sent to her other lessons along with the boys in her class.

" 25th The School will be examined by the Diocesan Inspector on November 11th Notice has been put up in the school to that effect.

Nov. 5th Gave the Infant Boys extra Reading, Writing & Counting, instead of Needlework this afternoon.

" 11th Diocesan Inspection this afternoon.

Nov. 19th Mrs Leslie has been unable to attend school this week owing to the illness of her child. The needlework however has been done in charge of M.E. Leslie a VI standard girl. The Infant Boys have had extra Reading Writing and sums instead of Needlework.

" 26 I have this morning examined the Register & find the numbers correct. C. Martin Manager.

" " Filled in and sent away answers to questions issued by the Royal Commission on Education

Dec 3rd Reported a number of children to the attendance Officer, Mr. Dowse, for attending badly.

" 10th There has been a very fair attendance this week.

" 13th Eliza Noyes came to the school to request that her boy, whose name is on the Register as Henry Charles Trollope should be called Noyes. When the boy was admitted he was entered Noyes on the Admission Register but the entry was corrected by the Rev. H. Olivier.

Dec 17th Closed for Christmas Holidays.
Jan. 3rd/1887 Reopened after two weeks Holiday.
" 5th Gave some books away as rewards to some of the children today.
" 14th Promised prizes to the children for the best work on paper in each Standard from the II Standard up. Infant boys continue to do their ordinary lessons instead of Needlework on Sewing Afternoons.
" 21st The following children are absent sick Alfred Trimnell, Francis Trimnell, Frederick Moore, Elizabeth Brown & Annie Spencer. Alice Brown, an Infant of three years is kept at home, the distance being too great for her to come alone.
" 28th Received Forms from the Education Department Filled up, and returned Form (E.N.) to the Rector Charles Swanborough is absent sick. This boy, I am informed by his mother, suffers very much from a trouble in his head.
Feb. 1st Removed Frederick Moore's name from the Register as I am informed that he will not be coming again until summer. owing to delicate health
" 8th Mrs Fisher came into the school

this morning to give information about a Sunday School which she is going to give on Saturday There is a number of children absent sick. Alfred Irwin obliged to go home sick to-day.

Feb. 17th Mr. Dowse, attendance officer visited the school to-day. A large number of children absent sick. Infant Boys extra Reading Writing and Sums instead of Needlework.

" 21st I have enquired concerning the absence of William Swanboroughs children. He informs me that the boy Henry is very ill and they are obliged to keep the girl Elizabeth at home to assist the mother. The boy Arthur is too Young to come alone. Those children have been absent a good deal owing to sickness in the family.

" 23rd. Ash-Wednesday, School not open for ordinary secular lessons. Children go to Church at 10.45 a.m. Registers not marked in the morning. Usual School work

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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.