Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1883-84

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March 1st Dictation instead of Geography.

" 2nd Required to attend Committee meeting held at the Rectory. Absent about fifteen minutes, during which Mrs Leslie took charge of the School. Children very orderly. Mrs Leslie commenced duties as Sewing Mistress this afternoon. Mrs Gilham having resigned.

" 5th Received 2/- from the Archdeacon to purchase some sewing materials for the School. Punished Emily Feltham & Sabra Newman for Misconduct during the Arithmetic Lesson

" 6th School visited by the Archdeacon. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 7th Received word that the inspection would be postponed to Tuesday 13th of March at 10.30 a.m.

" 8th Received information that the inspection would be held today at ~~2~~ 2.30 p.m.

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Songs For The Elder Children.

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1.- True Freedom
2.- Song of the Minutes.
3.- Winter Song
4.- On the Waters
5.- Song of the Cooper
6.- Little Blue Jay
7.- The Merry School Boy
8.- On The Mountain

Songs For The Infants.

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1.- Little Blue Jay
2.- The Merry School Boy
3.- Song of the Minutes.
4.- Song of the Cooper.

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Scholars present for Inspection:—
27 Boys and 31 girls.

School Inspected.

March 9th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews.
Arranged the classes for the ensuing year.
Invoice of Materials for Needlework

	s	d
2 yds of Calico — — —	0	11
12 Thimbles — — —	0	4½
2 reels of cotton — — —	0	2
3 Packets of Needles — — —	0	4
½ yd of Flannel — — —	0	6½
Tape — — —	0	1½
	2	5½
Advanced by the Archdeacon	2	0
Due to the Master		5½

March 16th Exam.d Registers: found correct
A D Matthews corresp.t 16.3.83

" 16th Admitted four new scholars this week.
Received Duplicate Schedule today.
The children have applied themselves to the work for the ensuing year with fair intelligence and zeal.

" 20th School visited by the Archdeacon

" 21st School visited by the Archdeacon

" 22nd Closed for Easter Holiday. Average low this week. A number of children sick.

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March 31st Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report on the School.

"The Discipline and Teaching are much hampered by the crowded state of the school-room. Some steps should at once be taken to remedy this inconvenience, by enlarging the present room, or building a Class-room. The children read fairly, spell fairly except in the first and second Standards, and work their Sums fairly well in the first, well in the third, but only pretty fairly in the second and fourth Standards. Boys' Grammar good; Girls' Needlework moderate. The Infants are very backward."

The Grant under Article 106 (a) Code of 1882, will be seriously endangered next year unless H.M. Inspector can report favourably upon the arrangements for the Instruction of the Infants.

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A.S. Mathews.
Manager pro tem.
3.4.83

April 3rd. School visited by the Archdeacon.

" 4th. School visited by the Archdeacon. Very good attendance this morning.

" 6th. School visited by the Archdeacon. The work has been very fairly done by all the children this week except the Ist Standard in which there are some very backward and dull children.

" 9th. Admitted one and readmitted two scholars this morning.

" 10th. Received a medical certificate stating that Sarah Hollier's absence was necessitated by the delicate state of her health.

" 12th. Received 3/11 from Mr. Dowse, fees paid by the Guardians for four children for Quart ended Dec 31th.

" 13th. School visited by the Archdeacon.

20th " 20th. Surprise visit to Registers.

Everything correct. A. D. Mathan concept

" 20th. A number of the children have bought home lesson books for Geography. Owing to the fair at Devizes, the attendance today was very low.

[illegible] room was [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

* grant was positively [illegible] to the children's achievements

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April 27th Three Infants admitted this week. There are now 76 on the books, of which 68 have this week presented themselves at school. Average for the week 53.2. Miss Leslie took the Needlework this afternoon, Mrs. Leslie being from home.

May 3rd Being Ascension Day there was no school in the morning, the children being taken to church. School opened at 2 in the afternoon and closed at 4.15. Registers marked by 2.15.

" 4th School visited by the Archdeacon and Miss Matthews. Gave instructions to certain of the elder children to attend for religious examination tomorrow, Saturday, at 9 a.m.

" 7th Admitted two new scholars to the Infant Class

" 8th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews

" 9th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews

" 10th Gave a music lesson this afternoon combining the Tonic Sol-fa Method with the Staff Notation.

" 11th The Archdeacon gave Mabel Lew sixpence as a reward for her unexceptionably good conduct.

Closed for Whitsuntide, one week.

" 21st Reopened School, good attendance. Miss Leslie assisted with the Infants & took the Needlework today

May 24th Gave a music lesson, using the Staff Notation with the Tonic Sol-fa Method.

" 25th School visited by the Archdeacon. There has been considerable improvement in the order this week notwithstanding our increased attendance.

" 28th Admitted two fresh Scholars today. The Rector came in for a few minutes as the School was being dismissed.

" 30th Found Martha Alford's head in such a filthy state that I was obliged to send her home to have it cleaned. The sister who was not quite so bad was kept apart from the other children and warned to come cleaner to School.

" 31st Again found Martha Alford's head in a bad state and sent her and her sister into the school yard to clean each other, they however got out of yard and ran home.

June 1st Martha Alford and her sister came to School this morning in a much better condition. They were corrected for running away the day before without le

June 4th School visited by the Rector. Miss Leslie assisted and took the Needlework, Mrs Leslie suffering from a cold.

" 5th School visited by the Rector. Miss Leslie assisted with the Infants

" 6th Miss Olivier visited the school in the afternoon. Mrs. Leslie took the Sewing.

" 7th The Rector visited the school and heard the children sing. Cautioned the boys about stone throwing

" 8th Severely reproved Henry Butler and William Haine for destroying a nest of newly hatched birds. The rest of the scholars seemed very much shocked as the cruelty of the deed was pointed out to them, and William Haine appeared somewhat ashamed of his part in the matter

" 11th Miss Leslie assisted in the school and attended to the Needlework

" 12th School visited by the Rector

" 13th To-day the children competed for prizes which I am giving as a little stimulus to greater diligence. The Rector has promised to

June 13th judge their work & Needlework taken by Miss Leslie

15th " Large attendance throughout the week. very good order.

19th " Gave the prizes to the children who were successful in the competition of last week. School visited by the Rector.

21st " School visited by Mr Dowse the attendance officer.

22nd. School visited by the Rector. Miss Leslie has assisted in the School this week and attended to the Needlework.

25th " Needlework attended to by Miss Leslie.

28th " Music, practice on the Modulator and writing exercise in the Staff Notation from 3 to 4 p.m.

29th " Miss Leslie took the Needlework. Kept Eliza Ladd, Martha & Laura Alford apart from the other children as they were found to have dirty heads!

July 2nd The Rector visited the School and distributed prizes to the children who had passed in three subjects

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July 6th " Diocesan Inspection this afternoon. Infants and Needlework taken by Miss Leslie this week.

" 11th " William Jones was accused with carrying away Sarah Gilham's copy from the desk in which both children were writing. The Rector went to the boy's home and succeeded in making him produce the copy from which two leaves had been torn.

" 12th " William Jones present this morning. I talked to him seriously about his dishonest conduct, but as he seemed very penitent and promised amendment I did not inflict any corporal punishment. It is worthy of note that this boy has for some time conducted himself in school much better than he formerly did. It appears that in the present instance he had lost his own copy which was completed, and stole one to present to his Guardians The Rector and the Rev — Olivier from Wilton visited the school.

" 13th " Sent Francis Gilham home for Money for a copy.

July 16th School visited by the Rector this morning

" 19th School visited by the Rector who took measurements of Gallery and School desks and Space required between them

" 20th A good many children are absent Sick.

" 25th The school was visited both by the Rector and Mr. Haine. Attendance very low. Sent Ann Ladd's children home as their sister Eliza has fever.

" 26th As only 24 children presented themselves in the morning, and 22 in the afternoon, the Rector decided upon closing the school for four weeks holiday.

Aug. 27th Reopened School after the holidays, only thirty present in the morning and thirty-one in the afternoon. School visited by the Rector.

" 28th Miss (Leslie) gave a lesson on the Cat to the Infants this morning.

" 29th School visited by the Rector this afternoon, who had received a communication from the Department stating that Miss Leslie might assist under Art. 54 if approved of by H. M. Inspector.

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Sept. 3rd. Returned Frances, Sarah, and Eliza Gilham for a weeks fees, which should have been brought this morning for each child. The Rector examined the entries of fees in each case to ascertain their correctness. The children were sent in the afternoon without the fees and were again returned, the mother disputing the payment.

" 4th. Mrs Gilham sent her children again this morning without their fees for the week. The school rule states that the fee must be paid weekly, and in advance unless satisfactory reason be given for not doing so. In the present instance there is not a satisfactory reason, therefore the children were returned. A lesson on soap and its uses was given to the Infants this morning. School visited by the Rector in the afternoon.

" 5th Returned Frances and Sarah Gilham for their fees. School visited by the Rector who announced a School treat at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sept 6th. Nelson's Sequels to Royal Readers for Standards I, III, IV & V have been got as second Reading books, with Royal Histories as a third for III, IV & V Standards. Geographies, Songbooks, Arithmetic Cards & Books, with pens, paper and Sponges have also been got.

" 7th. Gave Reading Lesson from history to III, IV & V Standards.

" 10th Frances and Sarah Gilham came to School this morning, their father having brought their School fees. Eliza Gilham is absent sick.

" 11th As the ink which has been ordered is not yet come, and we are quite without, I gave extra Reading and Arithmetic this morning instead of Writing in copies. Lesson on birds to the Infants. Mental Arithmetic to IV & V Standards Geography with the Map to I & II Standards, III, IV & V from Geographical Lesson Books.

" 13th The Rector brought in a bottle of ink this morning. Geography Lesson to the children in the Standards.

" 14th The Rector came in this afternoon, and at the close of School, heard the children sing, and

14th gave them some Japanese pictures.
17th The Rector brought in some wall Sheets and Scripture Texts for the School.
18th Object Lesson to the Infants on food. Punished John Hawkins and John Ellis smartly for copying.
19th Punished Eliza Pearce for disobedience.
20th I & II Standards Geography. Motions of the earth. Set part of the I & II Standards to write words from their Lesson Books instead of taking part in the Singing Lesson as a punishment for being rather idle.
21rst Punished Giles Jones for disobedience.
25th Lesson on the "Dog" to the Infants. Punished George Moore for rudeness to other boys in his class.

28th I examined the Registers and Summary and have reason to believe that they have been carefully kept

Henry J. A. Olivier
Manager.

History to Standards III IV & V. Mental Arithmetic to the IVth & Vth Obliged to punish

28th. Sarah Gilham for obstanacy and disobedience

1st. The Rev H.A. Olivier came in this morning to take farewell of teachers and scholars before leaving the Parish. Punished John Ellis, Herbert Rawlings, William Jones and Jane Freun for idleness.

2nd. Arithmetic on paper to Ist & IInd. Standards. Geography, Shape of the earth.

4th. The Rev — Martin, future Rector of this Parish visited the School this afternoon.

5th. History to the upper standards. Mental Arithmetic to the I & II Standards. There are a few children absent through sickness just now.

9th. Lesson on 'Birds' to the Infant Class.

11th. Obliged to send Walter Alford home, his head being in a very bad state with a sore. Warned him not to come to school again till he was well.

12th. History and Mental Arithmetic to Stands. III, IV & V Sent Martha Alford home to be made clean.

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Oct. 15th Inquired about Alford's children to-day, as to their absence, and was informed that they were about to leave home owing to their suffering from some disorder.

" 16th A Lesson on the 'Mouse' given to the Infant Class. Geography to the children in Standards.

" 18th Distributed some scripture cards among the Infants at 12 o'clock, which the Rev H.A. Olivier had promised to them.

" 19th History to the III IV & V Standards, also a few examples in Mental Arithmetic. Punished William Jones and John Ellis for copying.

" 23rd Lesson on 'Colour' to the Infant Class

" 24th Gave Geography, Arithmetic and Singing this Afternoon. The girls will do sewing to-morrow afternoon.

" 25th The girls took sewing this afternoon. the boys Grammar.

" 26th History to III IV & V Standards. Mental Arithmetic to all in the Standards. There are still a few children on the sick list, with the exception of which the attendance is very fair.

* Daughter Janet born

Oct. 30th. Geography to the children in Standards
" 31st. Boys and girls Grammar from 11.45 in the morning
Nov. 1st. Geography to the Standards. Singing in the afternoon.
" 2nd. History to the III. IV & V Standards.
" 5th. Frances Gilham obliged to go home this morning with a sore throat.
" 6th. School visited by Mr. Haine in the morning. Very full school. The children could not go out at playtime on account of the rain.
" 8th. Received a visit from the Rev H. A. Olivier this morning. Geography to the childn in Standards. Singing by the Tonic Sol-fa method in the afternoon.
" 9th. History to the III. IV & V Standards. Gave no playtime this afternoon, as a punishment to the children for being noisy.
" 12th. The Rev C. Martin, Rector of this parish visited the school this morning and instructed the elder children in scripture. Punished Mabel

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Nov. 12th Wilkins, Lydia Hollier, Robert Haine, Giles Jones & James Grimmer for being unruly in School.

" 13th Arithmetic on paper this morning by the II, III, IV & V Standards. Geography in the afternoon. School very much crowded with younger children who were very restless and noisy, owing, I think, to it being very cold. Punished a number of II Standard children for indolence.

" 14th The Rector visited the school this morning and instructed the elder children in Scripture. The children have been more orderly and attentive to their work Gave Mental Arithmetic to the boys in the afternoon.

" 15th School full and crowded. Infants very restless. Some of them appear to suffer from the cold very much although everything is done that can be to keep them warm in the School room.

" 16th School visited by the Rector, who gave a Scripture

Nov 16th lesson to the elder Scholars. The children were very quiet and attentive to their work today. History to Standards III IV & V. Average for the week 51.1

" 19th Cautioned some of the girls about coming to school with dirty heads. Arithmetic on paper this morning

" 20th Lesson on "Colour" to the Infant Class

" 21st. The Rector came in this afternoon to give information about the Choir practice

" 22nd Singing & Geography to-day

" 23rd History to Standards III. IV. V & VI. Punished William Hollier. Jas. Irwin & Jennie Williams

" 26th School visited by the Rector who instructed the elder children in Scripture. Punished Eliza Barnes and other girls for idleness in the Sewing lesson

" 27th The Rector examined the elder Scholars & II Standard in catechism this morning. Geography. I & II Standards "Motions of the Earth". Arithmetic on paper to Standard II & upwards.

" 28th Detained Second Standard boys this afternoon to work sums over which they had failed

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in during the Arithmetic lesson.

Nov 30th History to Standards III & IV. Alford's Children have been withdrawn, the family having left the village, Eliza Ann Pearce has gone to the Workhouse, Louisa Pearce will attend again shortly She is absent on account of her brother's illness.

Dec. 3rd. Punished William Haine for idleness.

" 4th Geography to Standards I II III & IV from Map and books Arithmetic and Dictation on paper. Lesson on Vegetables to the Infants.

" 5th Mrs Martin visited the school to see what was required for the girls in Needlework. The Rector came in to the scripture lesson in the morning.

" 6th. Geography from Map and books. I st & II nd Standards. "Divisions of Water."

" 7th William Haine punished for whistling in school. History to Standards III & IV. The IVth. Standard child is absent owing to illness in her family.

" 10th " School visited by the Rector who instructed the elder children in scripture during the time appointed for that subject

Dec 10th Louisa Pearce has returned, very backward.

" 11th Geography: Standards I & II Motion of the Earth & Seasons of the Year Lesson on "Birds" to the Infants.

" 12th The Rector looked over the Registers, & found that they were satisfactorily kept.

" 13th Geography to Standards I. II. III. IV & V Standards I & II the land & water parts of the Earth from the Map. Punished Henry Butler for lighting matches in the School.

" 14th The Rector came into school this morning for a few minutes. Standards III, IV & V took History as a Reading Lesson.

" 17th School visited by the Rector, who instructed the elder children in Scripture Punished a number of Ist Standard children for idleness.

" 18th Punished Sarah Gilham and Mabel Wilkins for carelessness in their paper work. Arithmetic on paper. Geography to Standards I II. III IV & V Size and Shape of the Earth to Standards I & II.

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Dec. 19th Gave some exercises in Mental Arithmetic to the Boys this Afternoon

" 20th Small Attendance today. Geography to the Children in Standards.

" 21st This being St. Thomas' Day the greater part of the Scholars according to their custom went about begging in the village, only eighteen presenting themselves at School. The Rector therefore gave instructions for the School to be closed for the Christmas Holidays. The Registers were not marked.

1884 Jan. 7th Reopened School. 52 present in the morning and 50 in the afternoon. Punished Lydia Noyes for disobedience and obstinacy. A room belonging to the School-house has been added to the School for a Class-room which we used today for the first time. Work has, in consequence, been gone through very quietly.

" 8th School visited by the Rector. Geography was not taken today as we wish to give more time to the Reading from the Second Reading books and to Grammar. Dictation

8th Subjects were taken instead. Obliged to punish Albert Noyes for persisting in talking. Gave Mental Arithmetic to the upper standards.

10th Gave a Grammar Lesson instead of Geography today. Music in the afternoon by the Tonic Sol-fa Method Lesson on Time. The Measure & pauses.

11th History to Standards III IV & V this morning as a Reading Lesson. The school so much more easily conducted now that we have the Class Room.

14th School visited in the morning by the Rector. Punished William Hollier for injuring the leaves of a book with the point of a pencil, and Eliza Jadd & Frances Gilham for being unruly under the Sewing Mistress.

15 Examined the days entries in the Register, & found them Correct. C. Martin. Master.

16th Grammar instead of Geography Mental Arithmetic for about Ten minutes

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Jan. 17th Gave Grammar instead of Geography today

" 18th School visited by the Rector this morning. Standards III IV & V took History as a Reading Lesson. Mental Arithmetic to the boys in the I st & II nd Standards in the afternoon

" 21st A good many absent today. School visited by the Rector in the morning.

" 22nd A Lesson on the Horse was given to the Infant Class by the Infant teacher. Grammar was taken by the Standards instead of Geography. School visited by the Rector.

" 23rd. Punished Henry Butler, William Heine, Percy Butler, William Jones & William Calligan for being unruly under the Infant teacher. Small attendance this afternoon owing to the weather.

" 24th Arithmetic to Standards I & II and Grammar to III, IV & V instead of Geography to-day.

" 25th History to Standards III IV & V as Reading Lesson this morning. Mental Arithmetic to the boys this afternoon. Louisa Pearce Emma Jane Feltham and Eliza Tadd

5th sent out of the Sewing class for correction. Each received a stroke with the cane. Punished Herbert Combley and William Hollier for Idleness.

28th School visited by the Rector. Frances Gilham punished for standing reading a different lesson, whilst the lesson which the class was reading was being explained. Mental arithmetic to the Infant and Ist & IInd Standard boys. Girls Sewing.

29th School visited by the Rector. Standards took Grammar instead of Geography. Detained Herbert Combley William Hollier & John Ellis after school hours to do a task as a punishment, in the case of Wm Hollier for deception and of the other two for Idleness.

" 30th Frances Gilham and Mary Feltham sent out of the Sewing class for punishment Mental arithmetic to the Infant and Ist Standard boys. School visited by the Rector in the morning.

" 31st Punished Percy Butler for making holes in the leaves of a book. [illegible]

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Jan. 31st instead of Geography to the Standards: School visited by the Rector.

Feb. 1. This morning I examined the day's entries in the Registers & found them Correct. C. Martin Cautioned William Callighan about striking and as his conduct and example has been hurtful to the other children, I have today kept him as much apart from them as practicable. Infants taken this morning by the Master. Standards I & II in the Class-room by the Infant teacher. Received Forms from the Department. Mabel Wilkins sent from the Sewing Class for punishment.

" 4th School visited by the Rector. Arithmetic on paper to the II Standard and upwards

" 5th Lesson to the Infant Class on the "Cow" in the morning. Ist & IInd Standards taken by the Infant teacher. Infants by the Master. Grammar to the standards in the afternoon. School visited by the Rector. Punished Herbert Combley.

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Feb 6th A number of children absent today School visited by the Rector. Obliged to punish William Callighan and John Ellis in the morning. Sarah Gilham and Mary Hollier sent out from the sewing class for punishment.

" 7th Reading and Recitation to the Standards instead of Geography.

" 8th History to Standards III IV & V Standards I & II taken by the Infant teacher in the Class-room, Infants by the Master, Laura Newman sent out of the Class-room to receive punishment. School visited by the Rector.

" 12th Lesson on "Trees" to the Infant Class. Grammar and Reading to the Standards instead of Geography. School visited in the morning by the Rector.

" 13th Infants taken on the gallery by the Master Standards I & II by the Infant teacher in the Class-room.

" 14th John Ellis punished for cutting and marking a desk. Herbert Combley, William Hollier, and William Jones detained after school hours. School visited by the Rector.

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Feb. 14th A lady and gentleman visiting at Mrs Fishers house. came in during Singing Lesson to hear the Children Sing.

" 15th School visited by the Rector. Infants taken by the Master, Standards I & II by the Infant teacher in the Class-room. History to Standards III & IV.

" 18th There are some absent sick. William is attending with his arm slung having hold his shoulder hurt. Fredk. Shell is absent ill.

" 19th Jane Shell is absent on account of her brother having the Measles. Punished Sarah Gilham and Jane Fruin. Mental Arithmetic. Grammar and Reading to the Standards instead of Geography School visited by the Rector. Lesson on "Coal" to the Infant Class.

" 20th School visited by the Rector. Infants taken by the Master. Standards I & II by the Infant teacher in the morning. Girls sewing in the afternoon. Sarah Gilham absent sick. John Hawkins unable to leave his bed with a hurt in his leg. Punished

Feb. 20th John Ellis for being idle after repeated caution

" 21st. Grammar and Spelling instead of Geography. The Rector brought in some new Class Registers and Summary for the ensuing year Frances Gilham obliged to go home ill. her sister Sarah is absent with a sore throat.

" 22nd. School visited by the Rector in the morning. Standards III, IV & V took History as a Reading Lesson: Standards I & II taken by the Infant teacher, Infants by the Master. William Jones punished for copying, and Jane Fruin for Idleness in the Sewing Class.

" 25th. School visited by the Rector. John Hawkins has come to school but he is very lame. Jane Shell and Mary Ellen Drewett have also got back, but Frederick Shell is still absent with hoarseness.

" 26th School visited by the Rector. Grammar and Recitation instead of Geography. Punished William Hollier for being idle and making a noise. Lesson on "Form" to the Infants.

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Feb. 27th Ash Wednesday. No School in the morning children attend church and meet at 2. o'clock for afternoon's attendance Registers to be marked and closed by 2.15 School to close at 4.15 instead of 4.

" " Registers closed at 2.15 this afternoon School kept open till 4.15 this was done to allow the children time to get to school after being at church. Punished Lydia Noyes for using bad language in the Sewing Class.

" 28th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Infants taken in the morning by the Master Standards I & II by the Infant teacher.

" 29th History as Reading Lesson to Standards III & IV Infants taken by the master Standards I & II by the Infant teacher.

March 3rd School visited by the Rector. 1st Standard boys and three of Standard II kept behind for being careless with their Sums.

" 4th School visited by the Rector who brought information that this school would be inspected on Monday March 10th at 2. p.m.

" 5th School visited by the Rector. Mr. Haine came