Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1902-03

Volume 2, pages 18-31 (14 pages)

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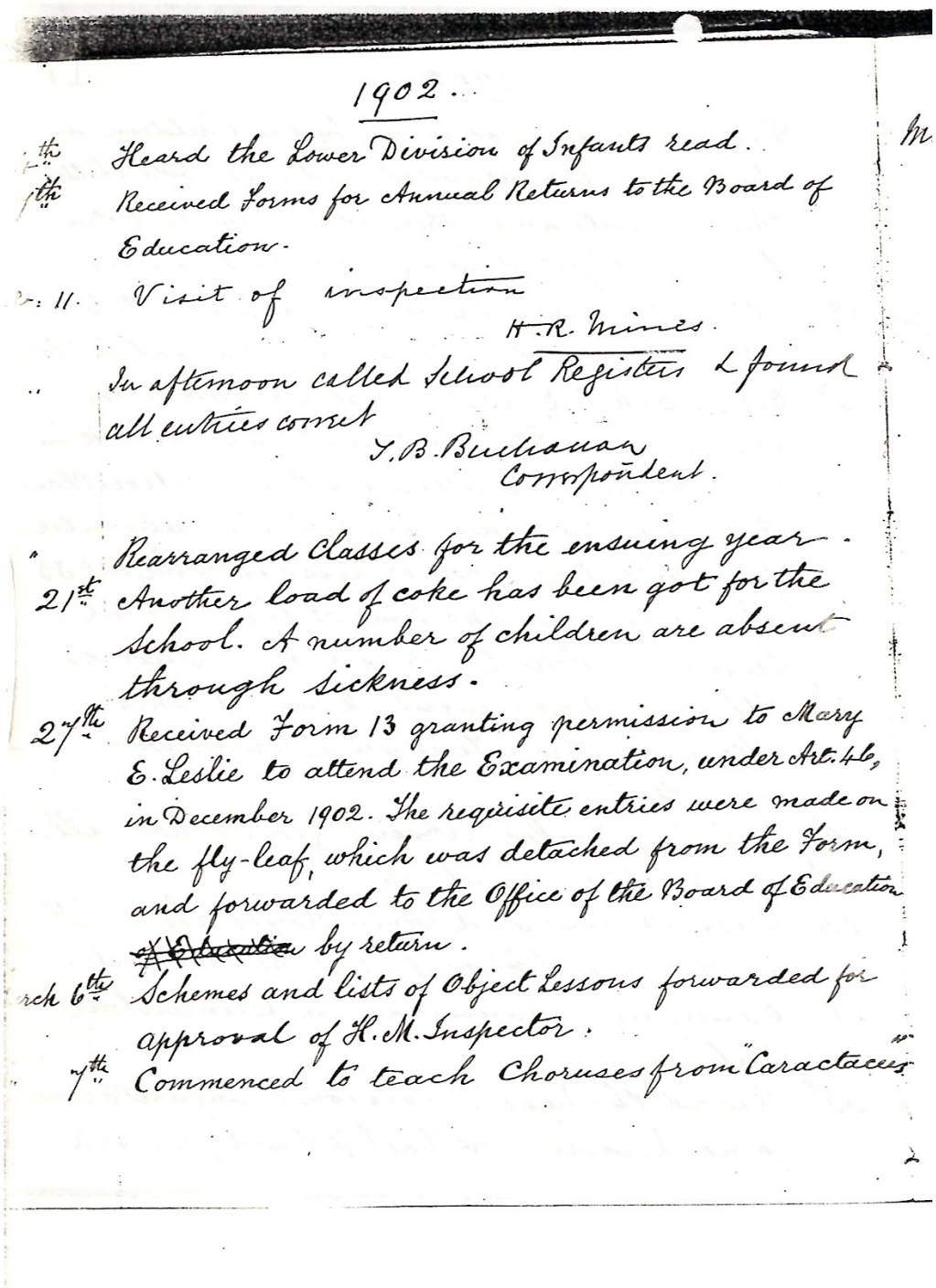

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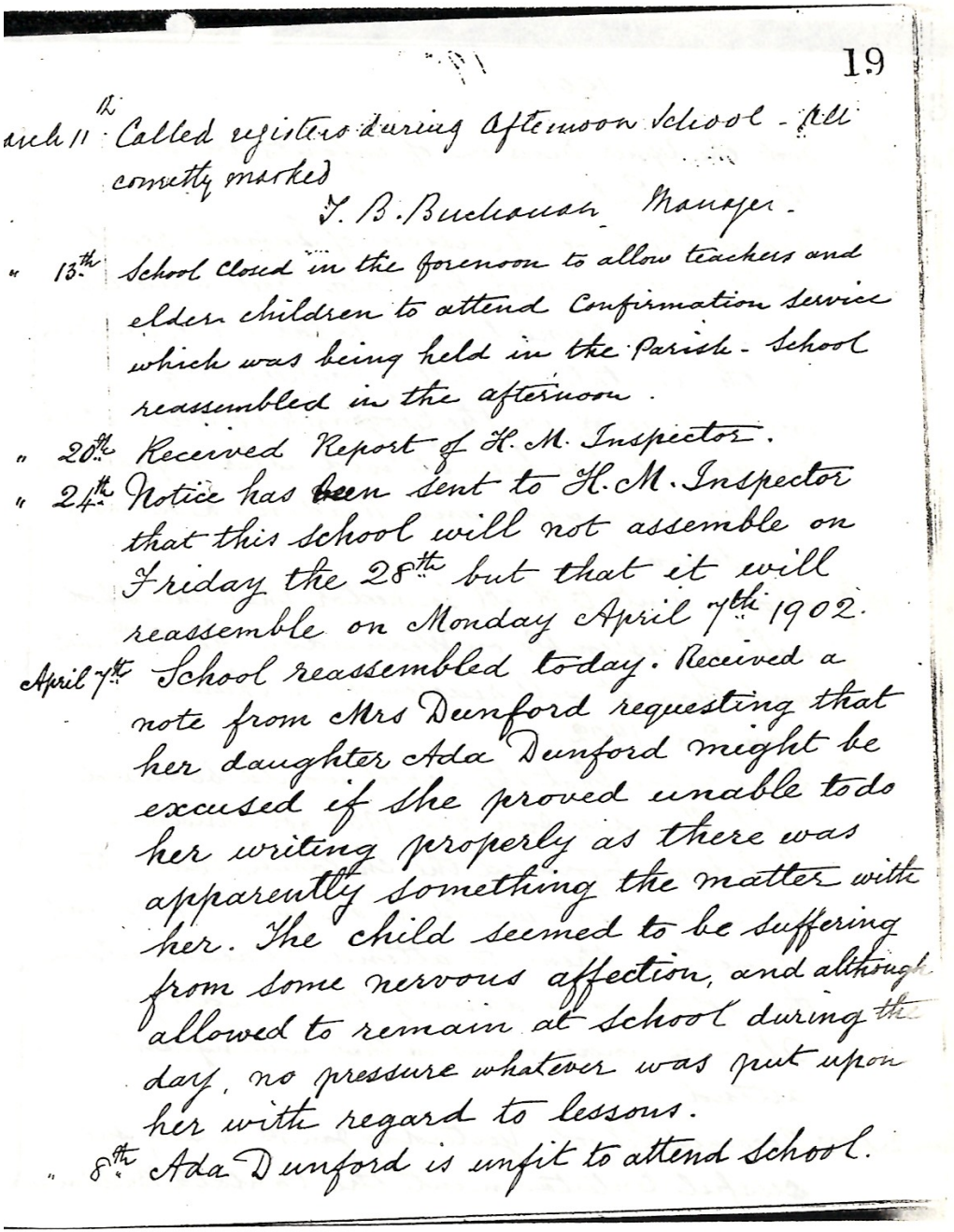

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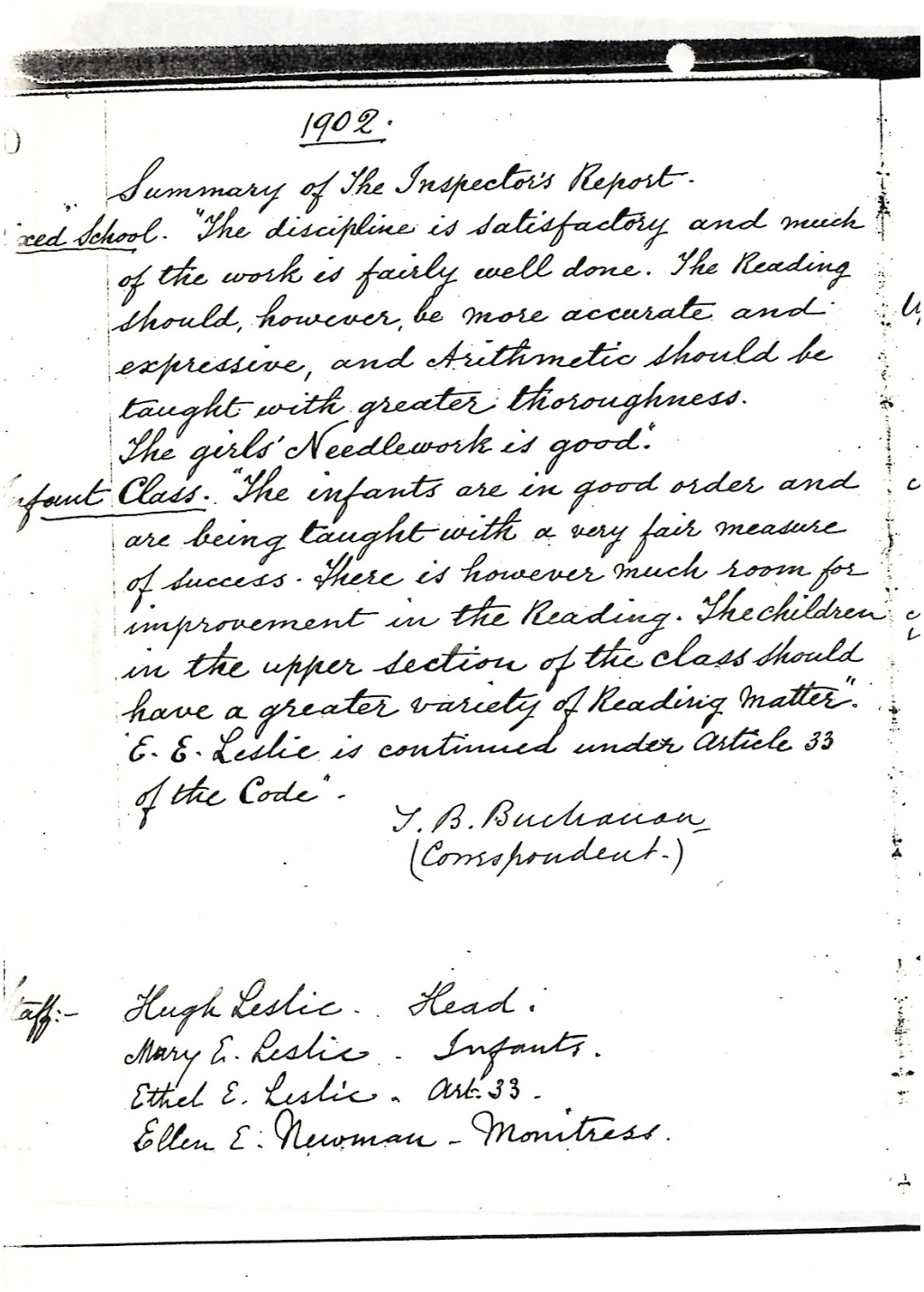

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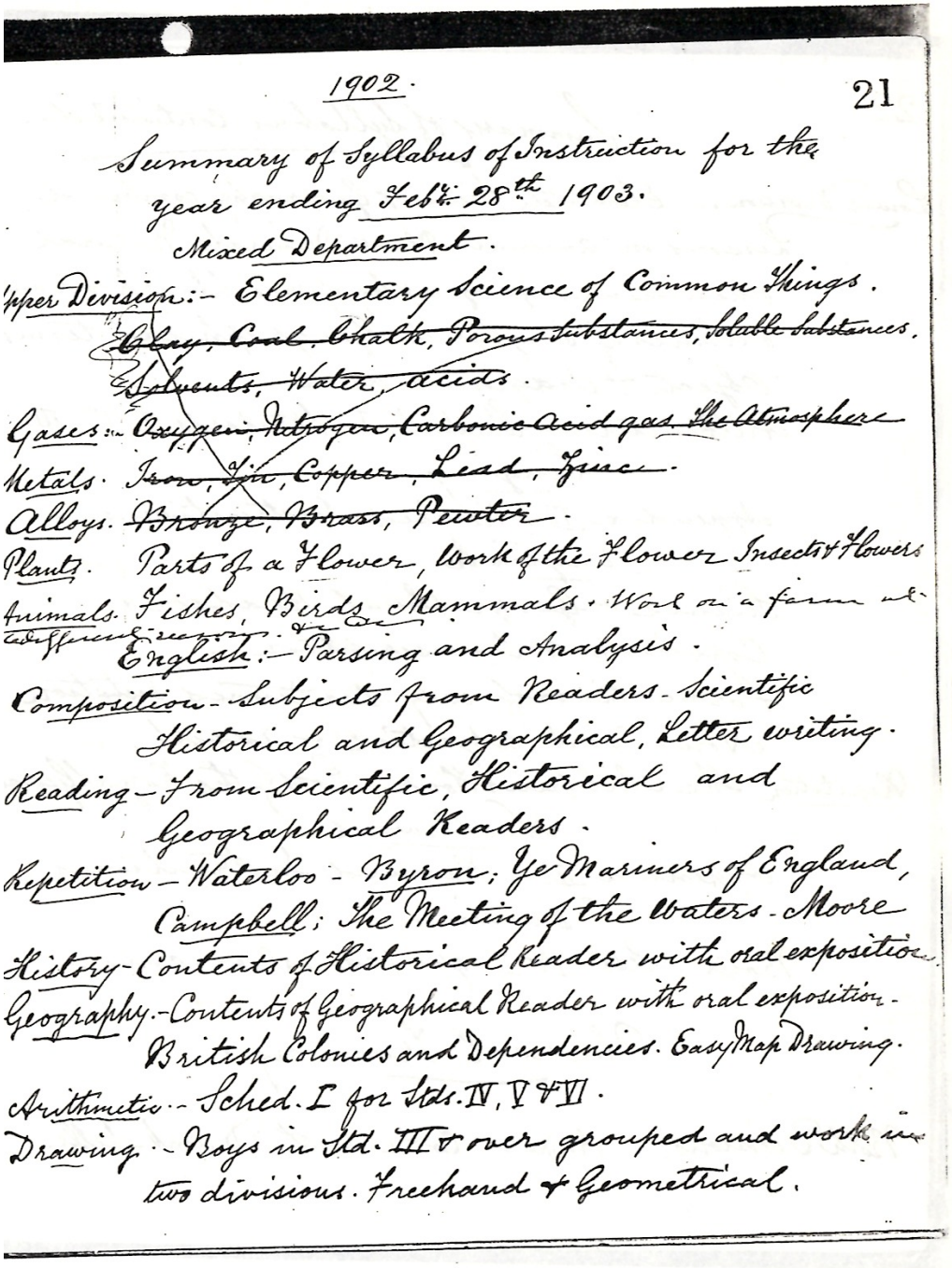

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Metals. ~~Iron, Tin, Copper, Lead, Zinc.~~

Alloys. ~~Bronze, Brass, Pewter.~~

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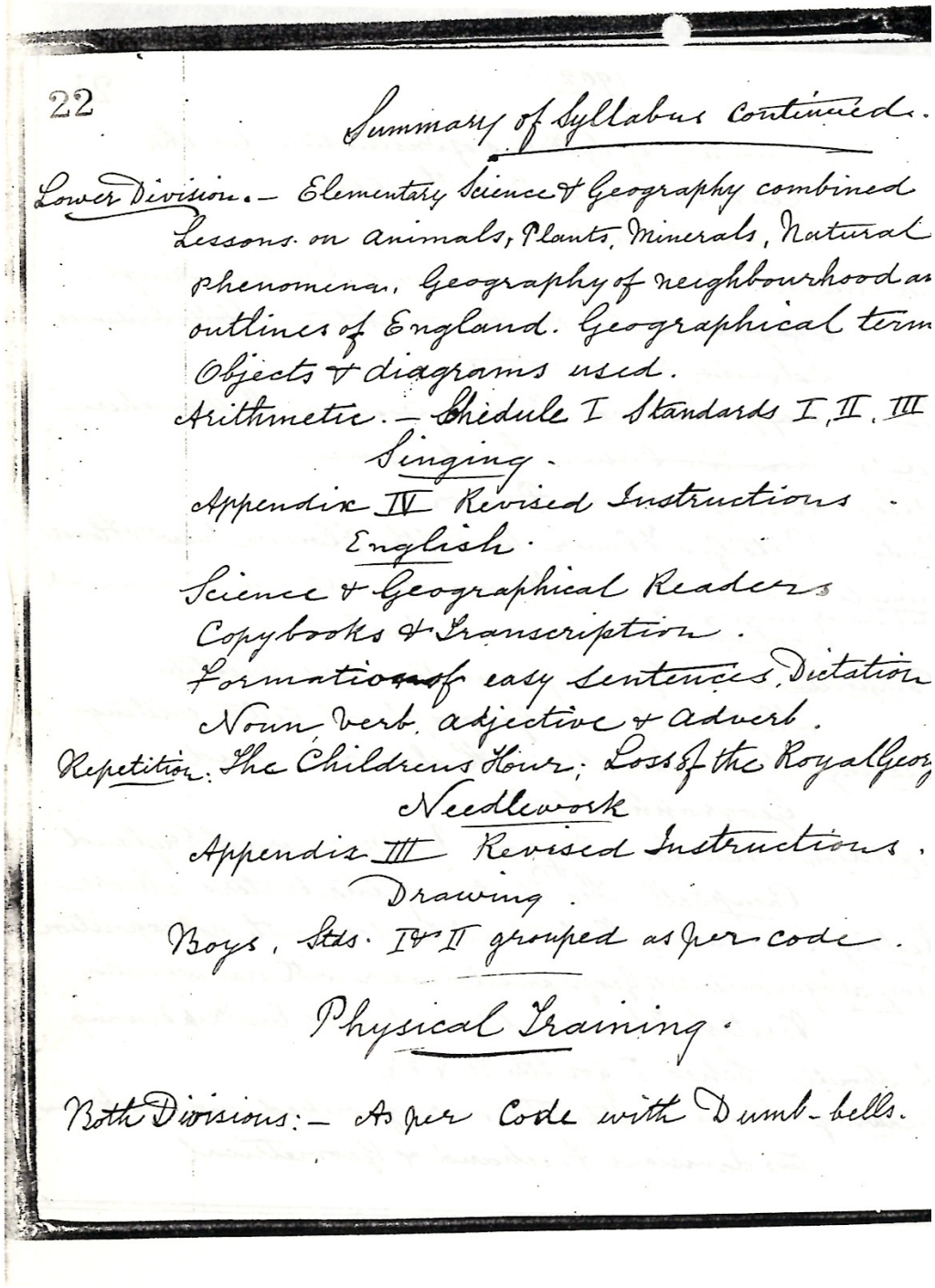
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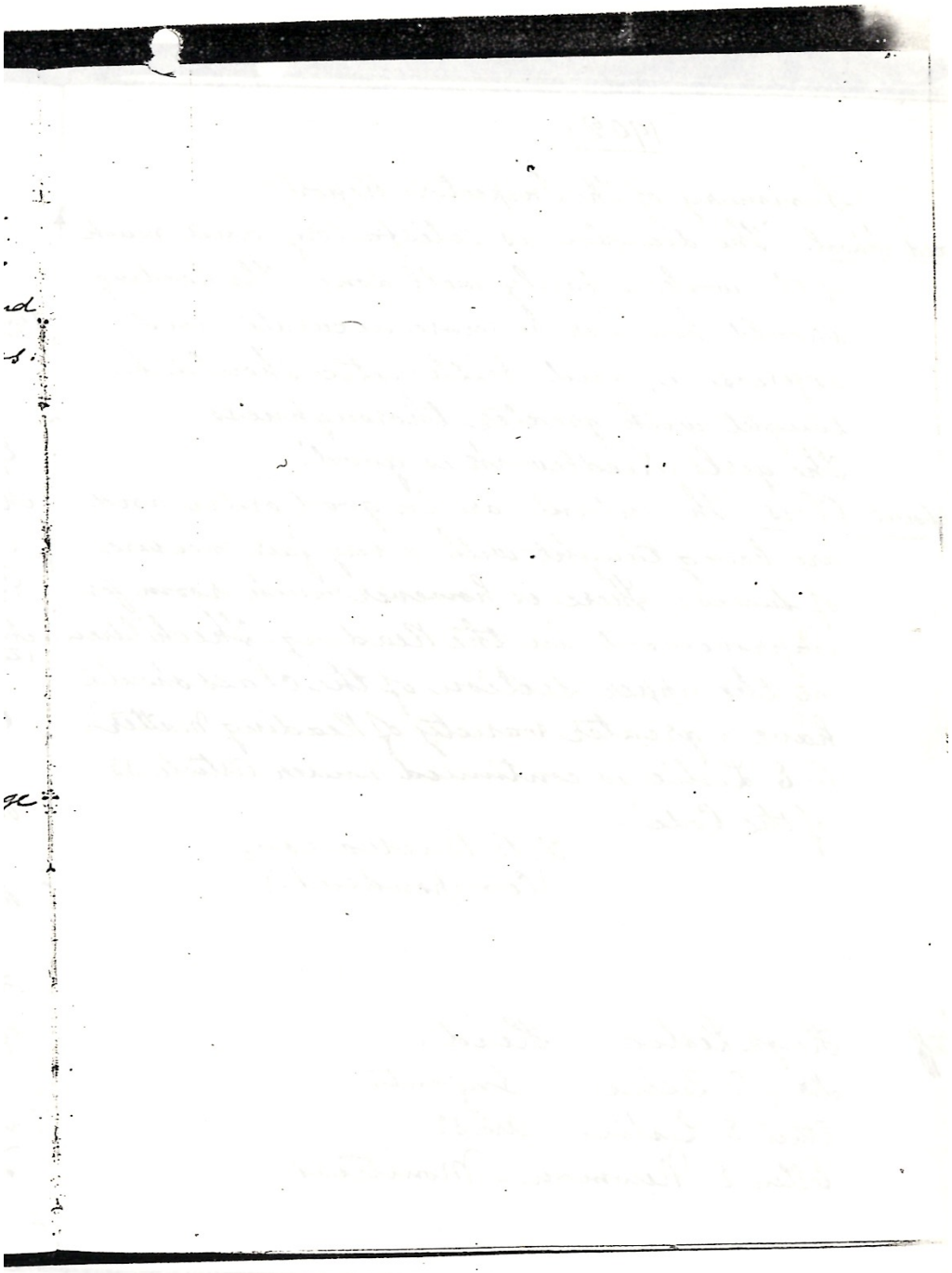

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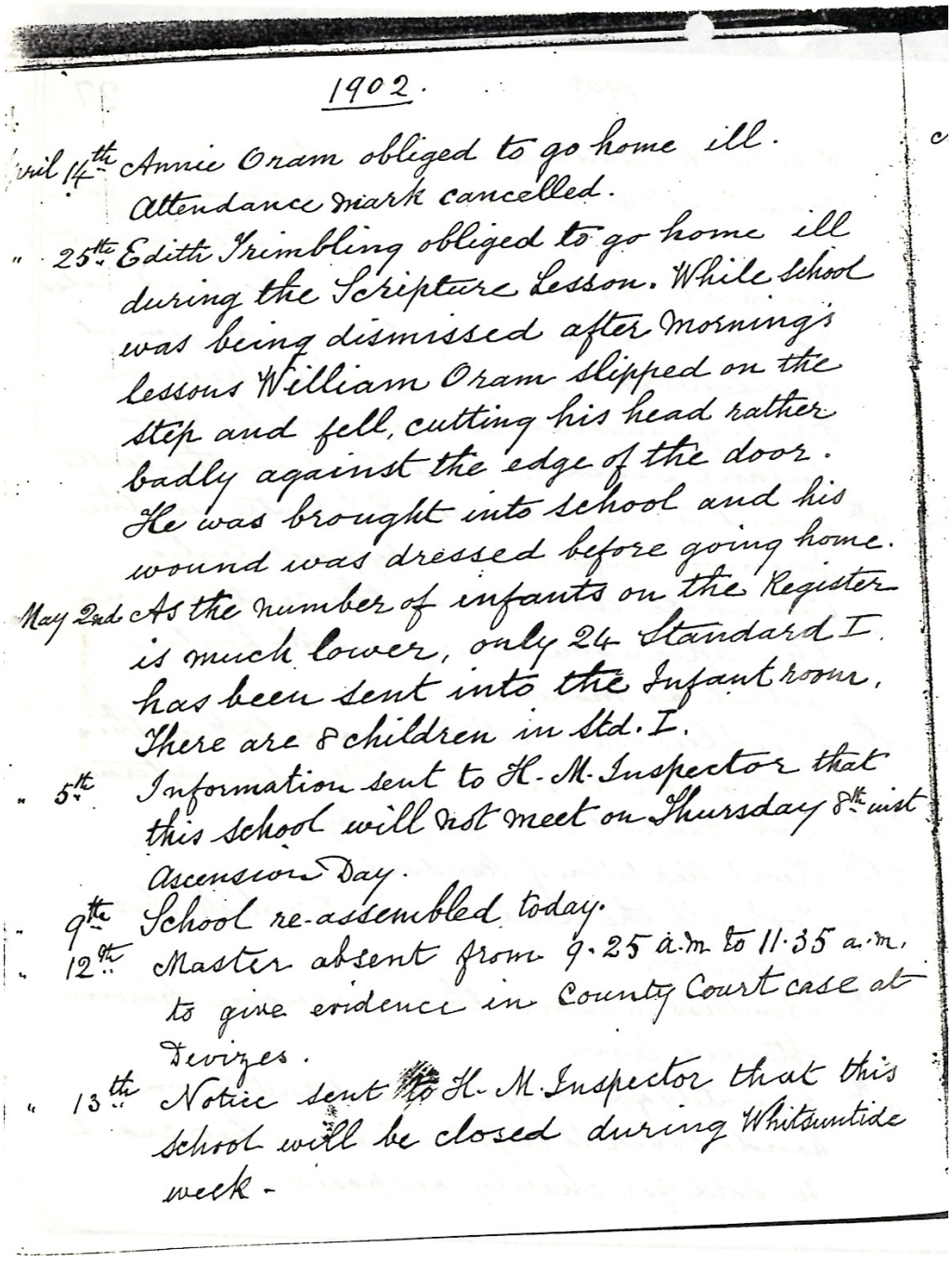

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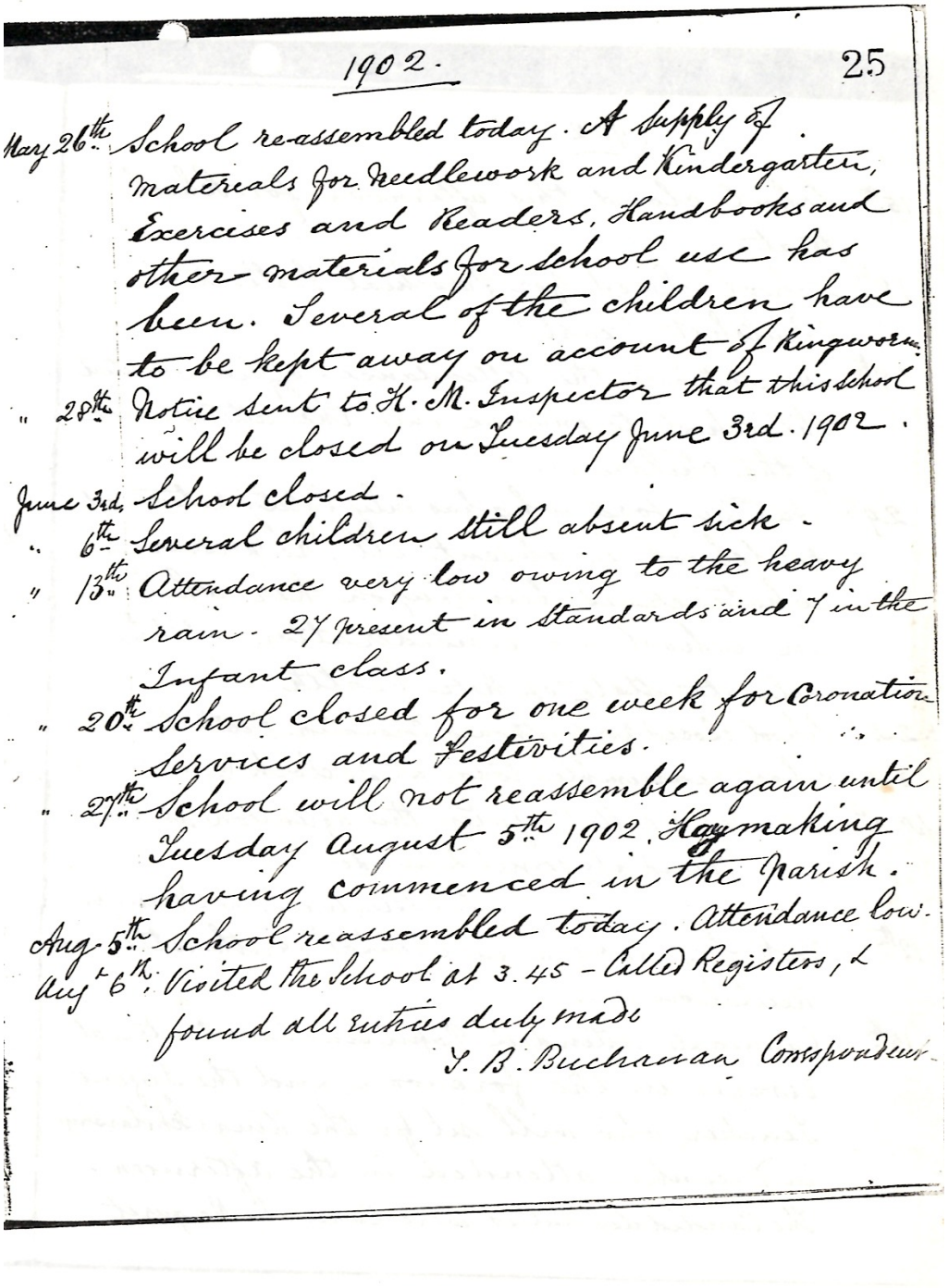

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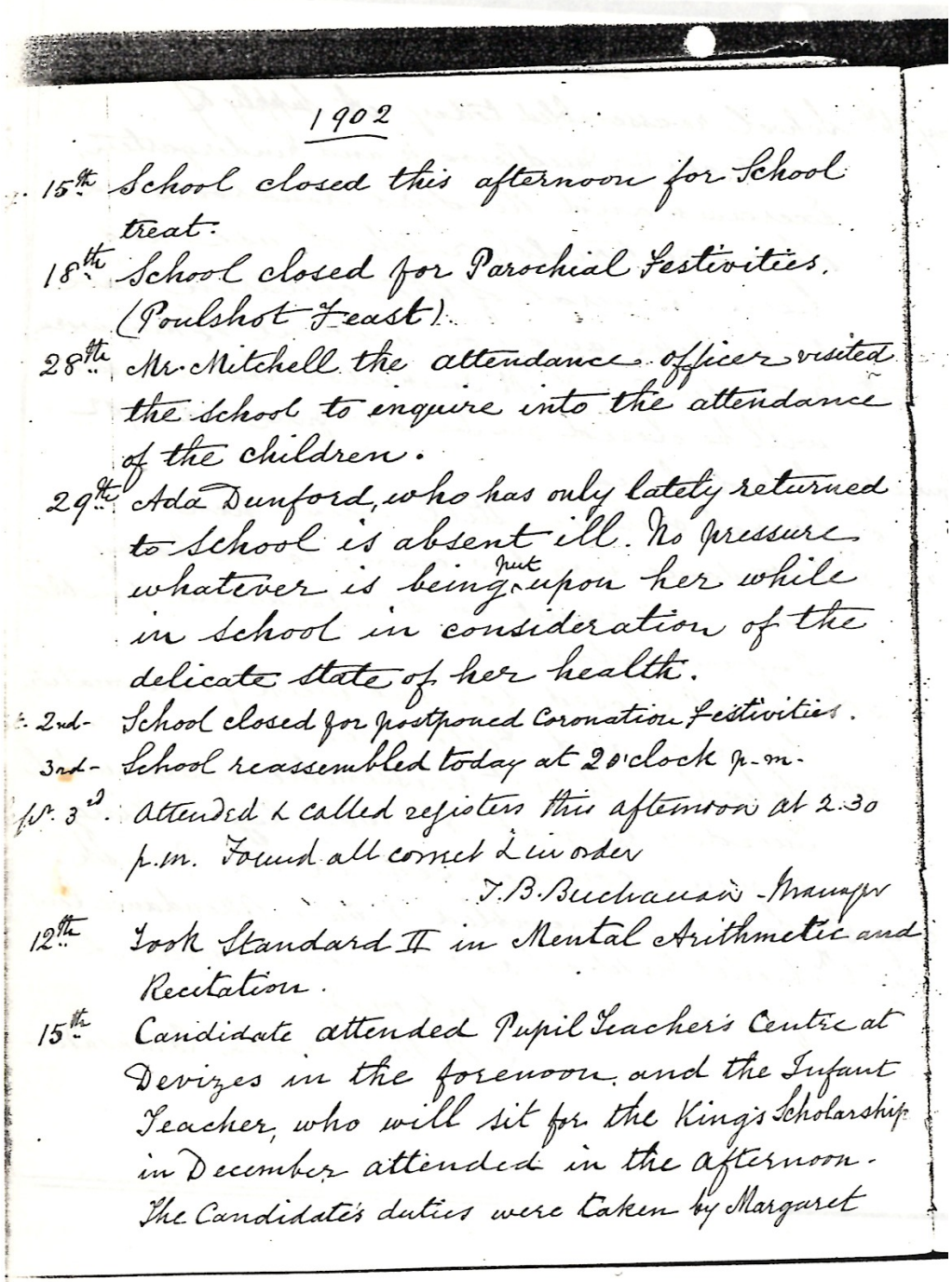

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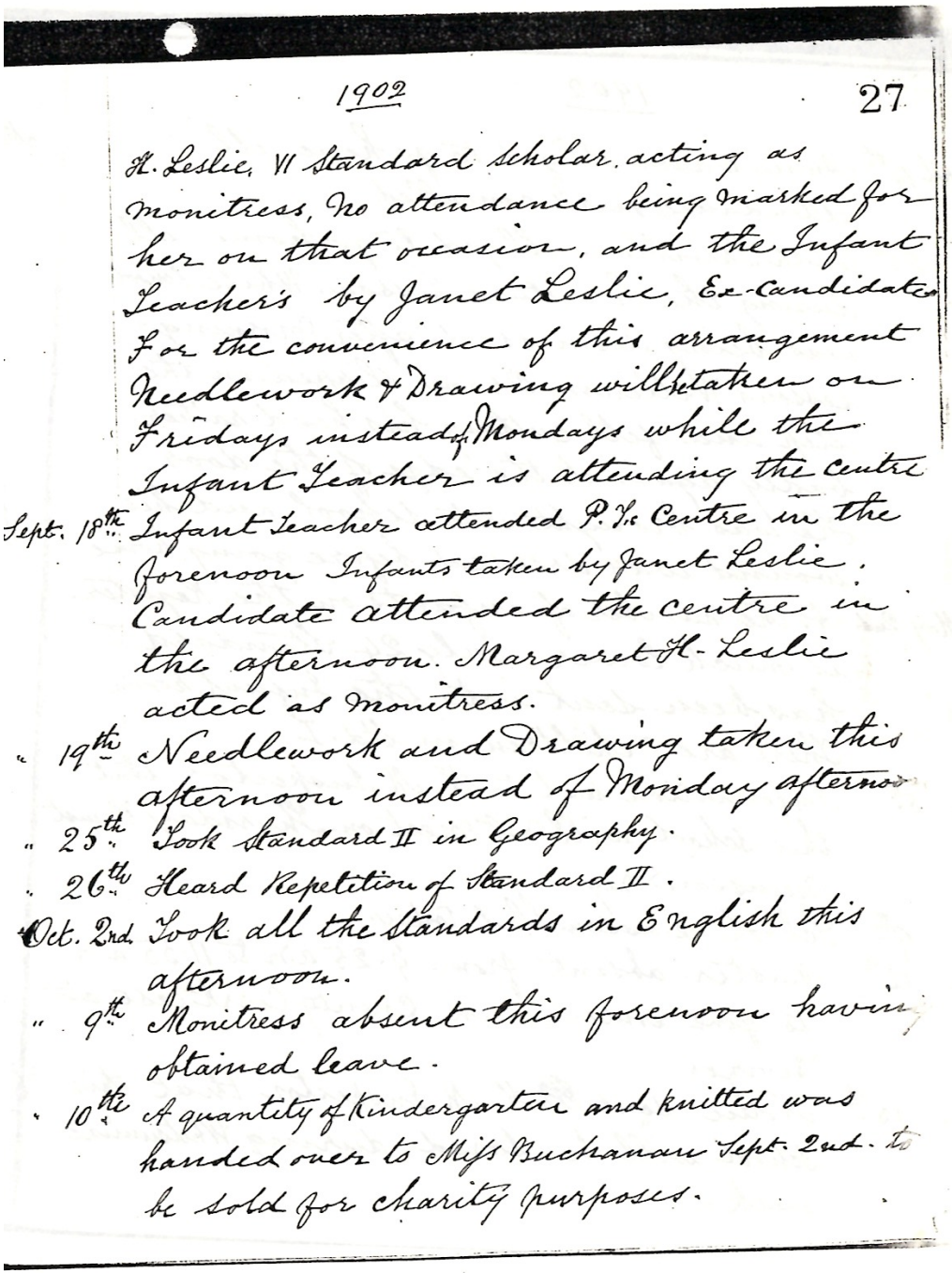
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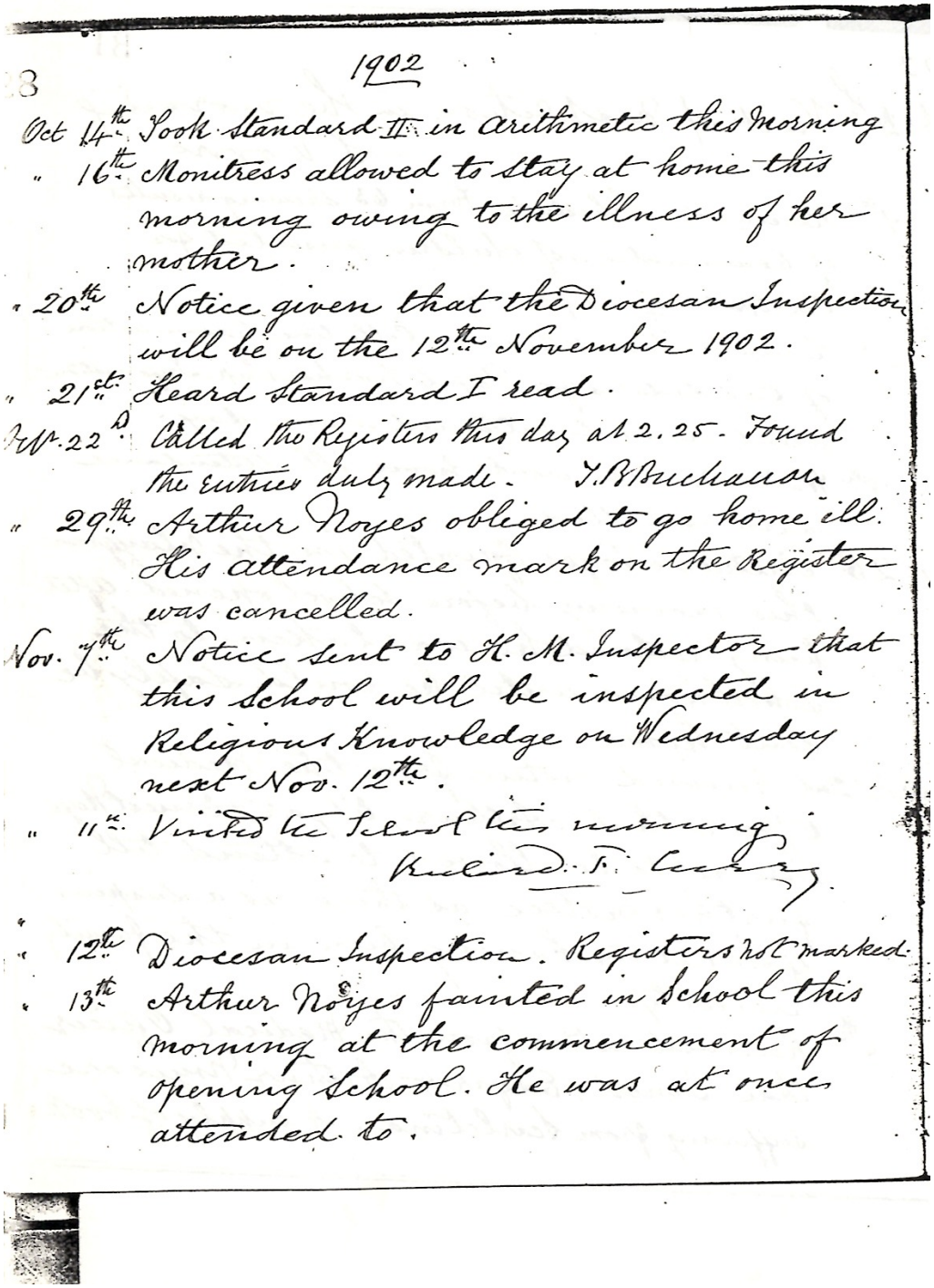

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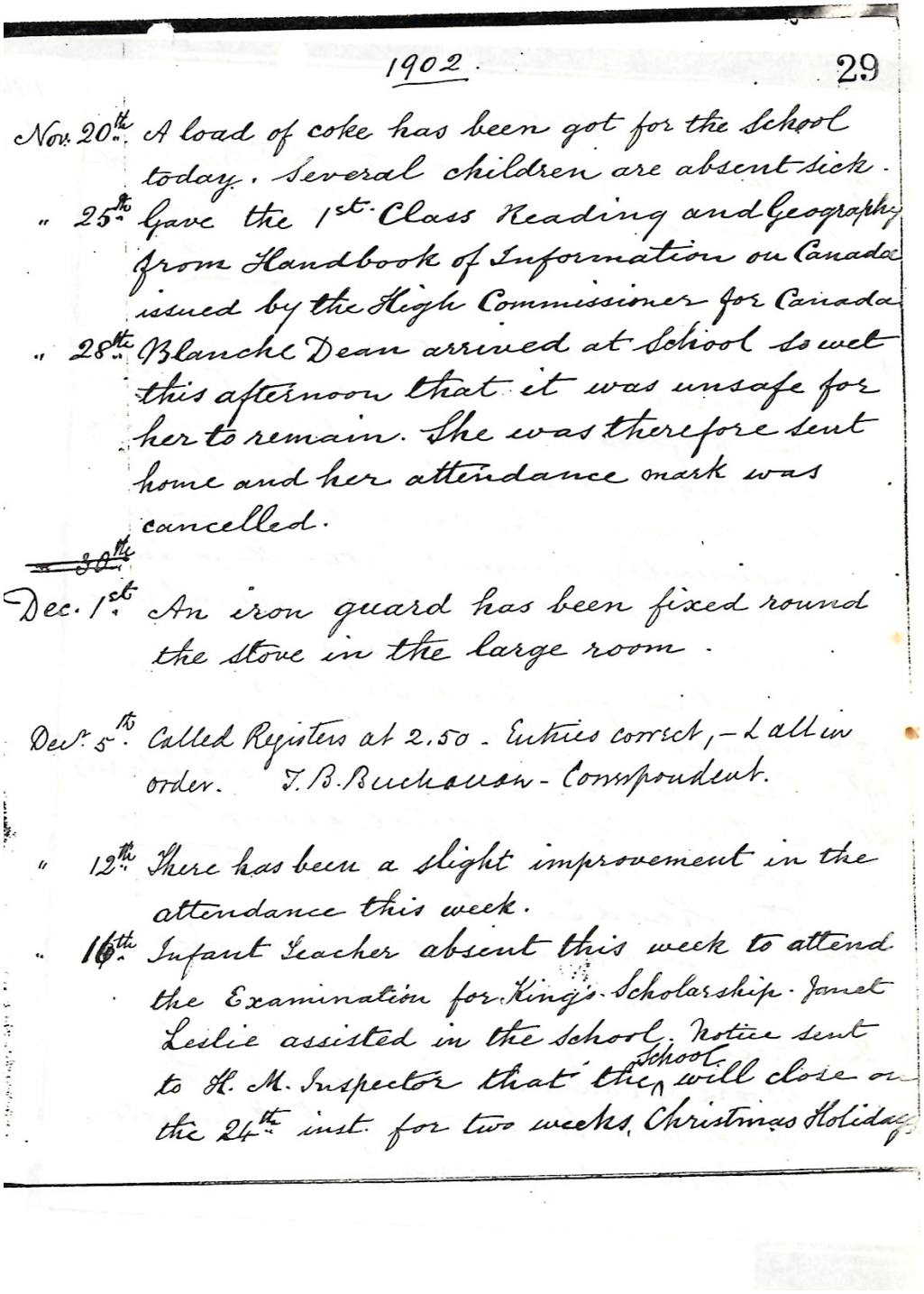

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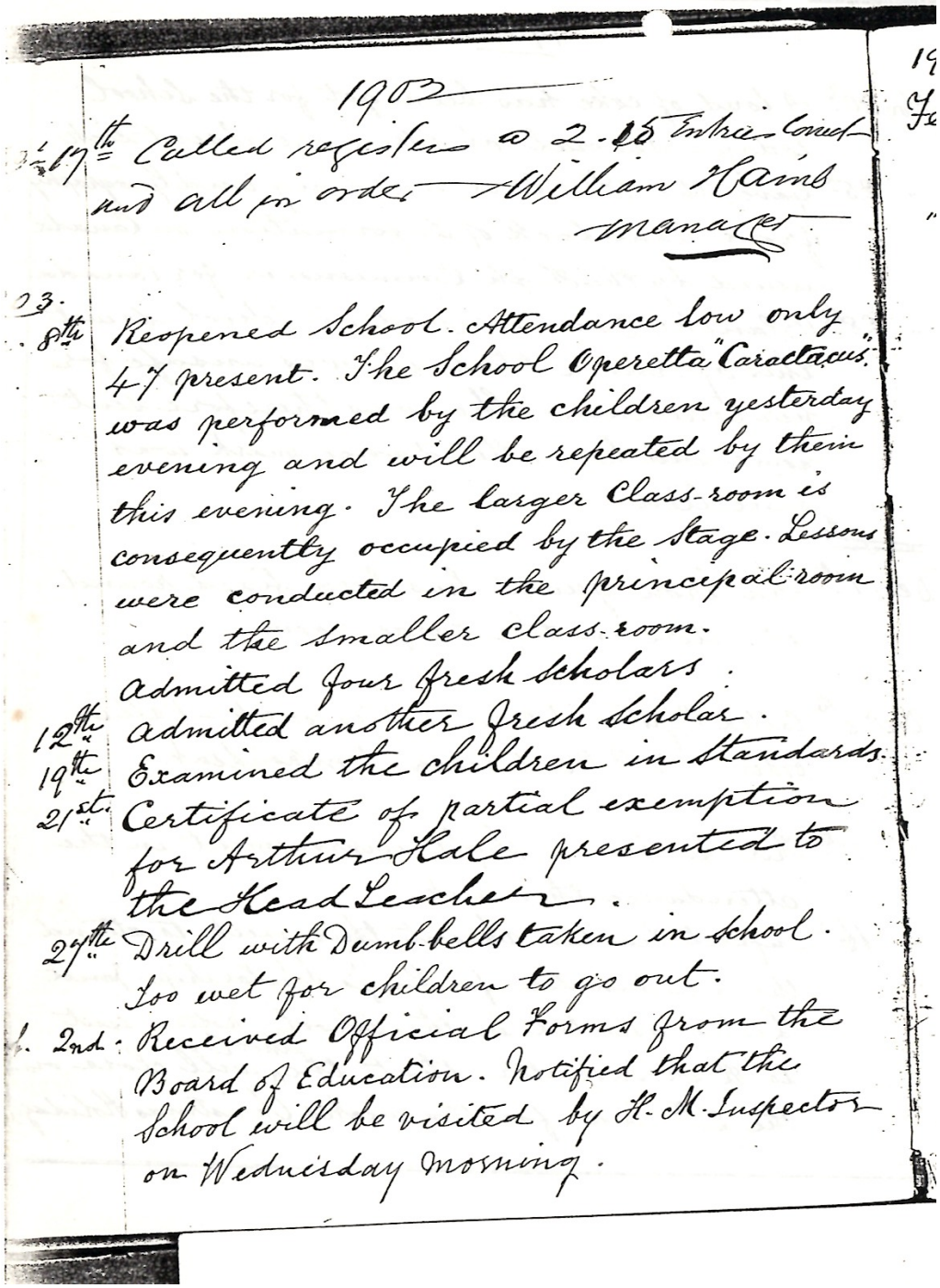

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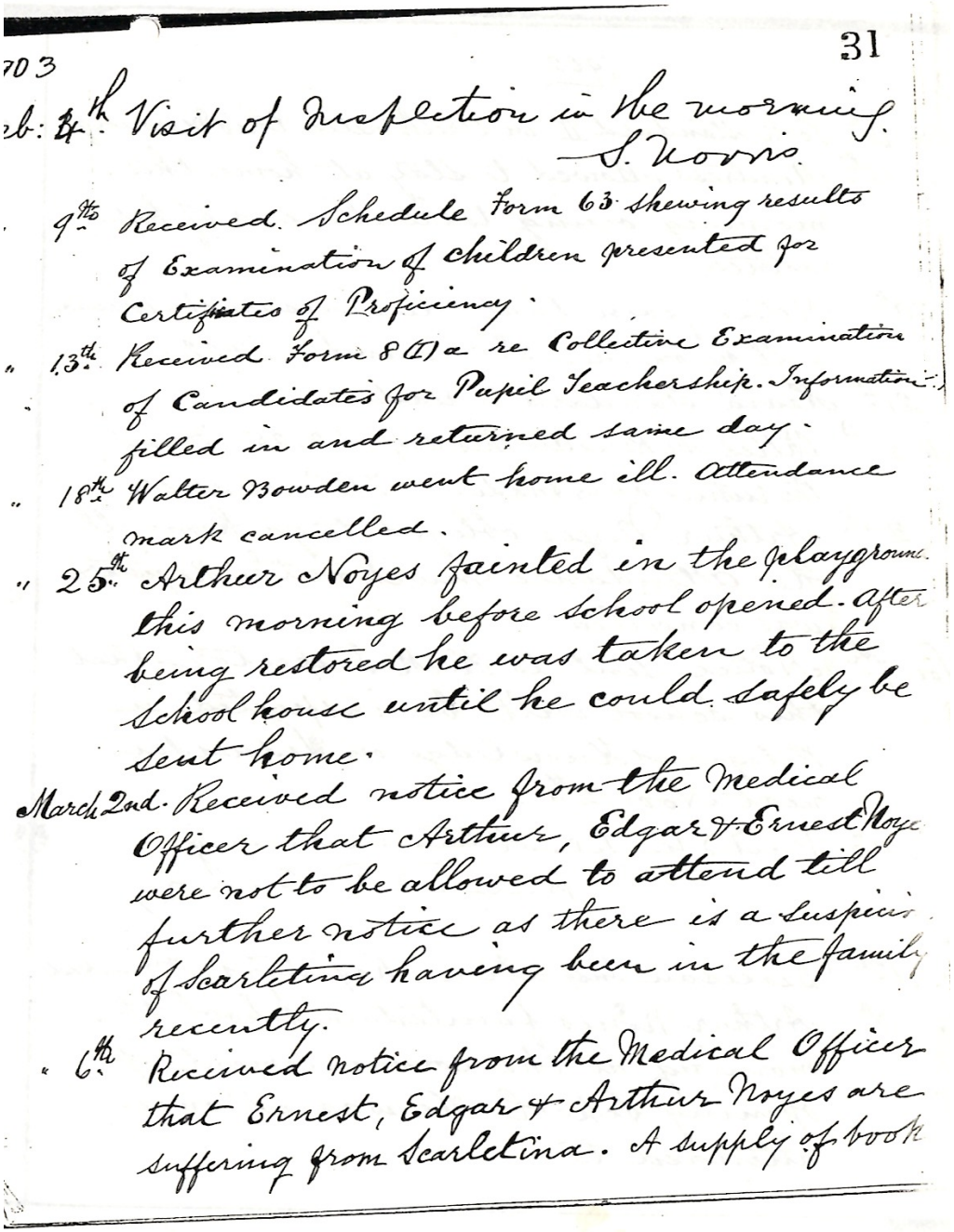
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