Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1900-01

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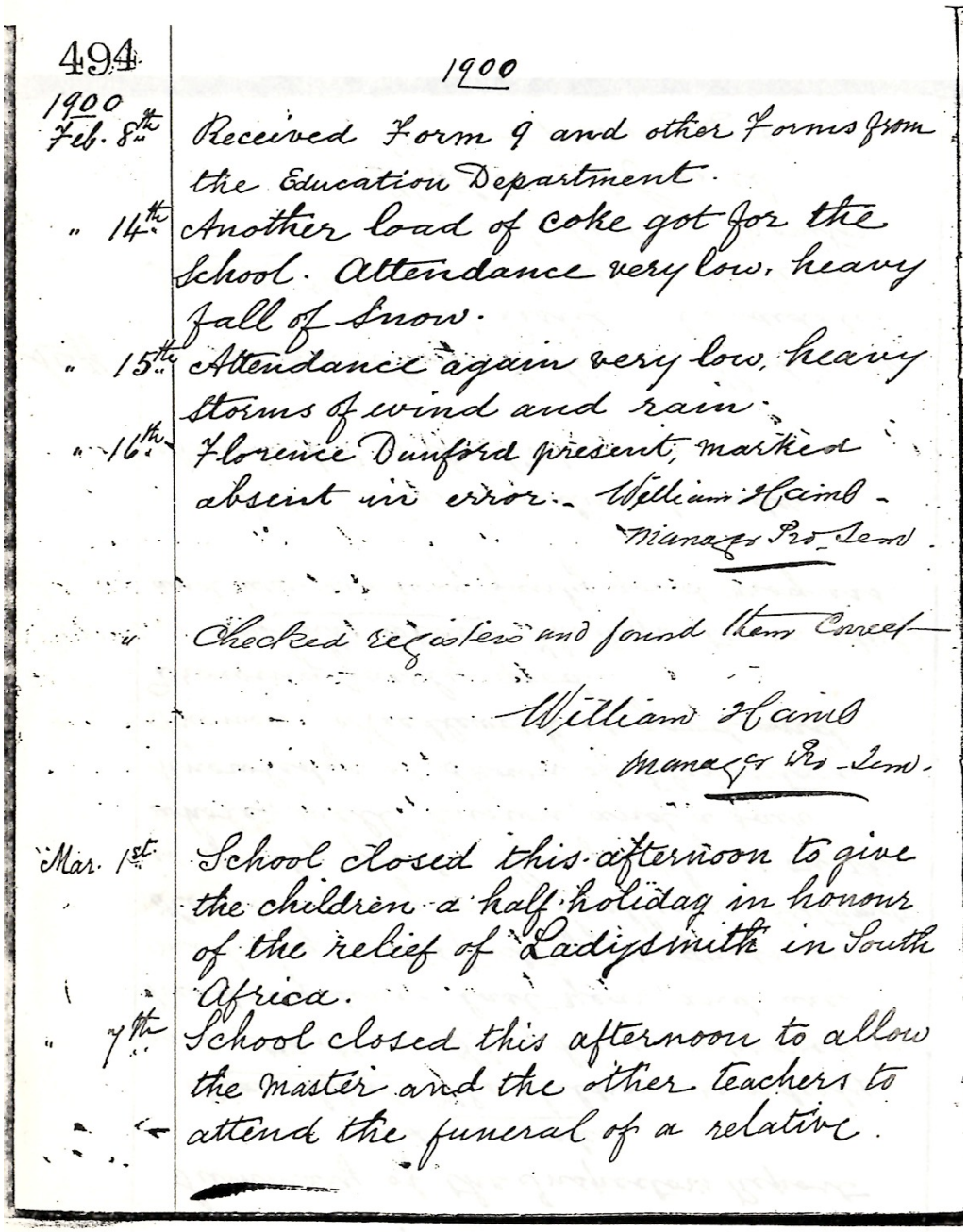

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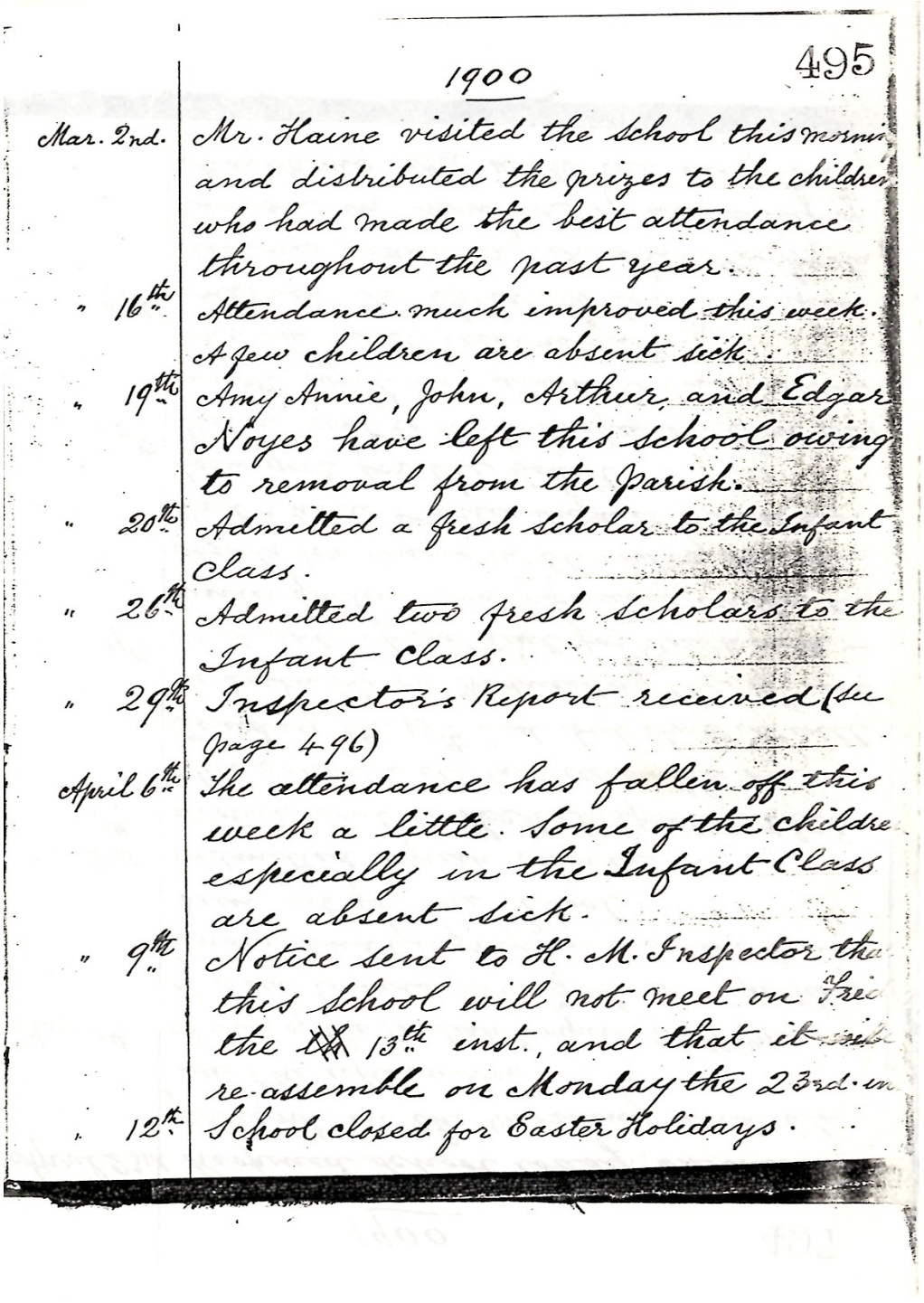

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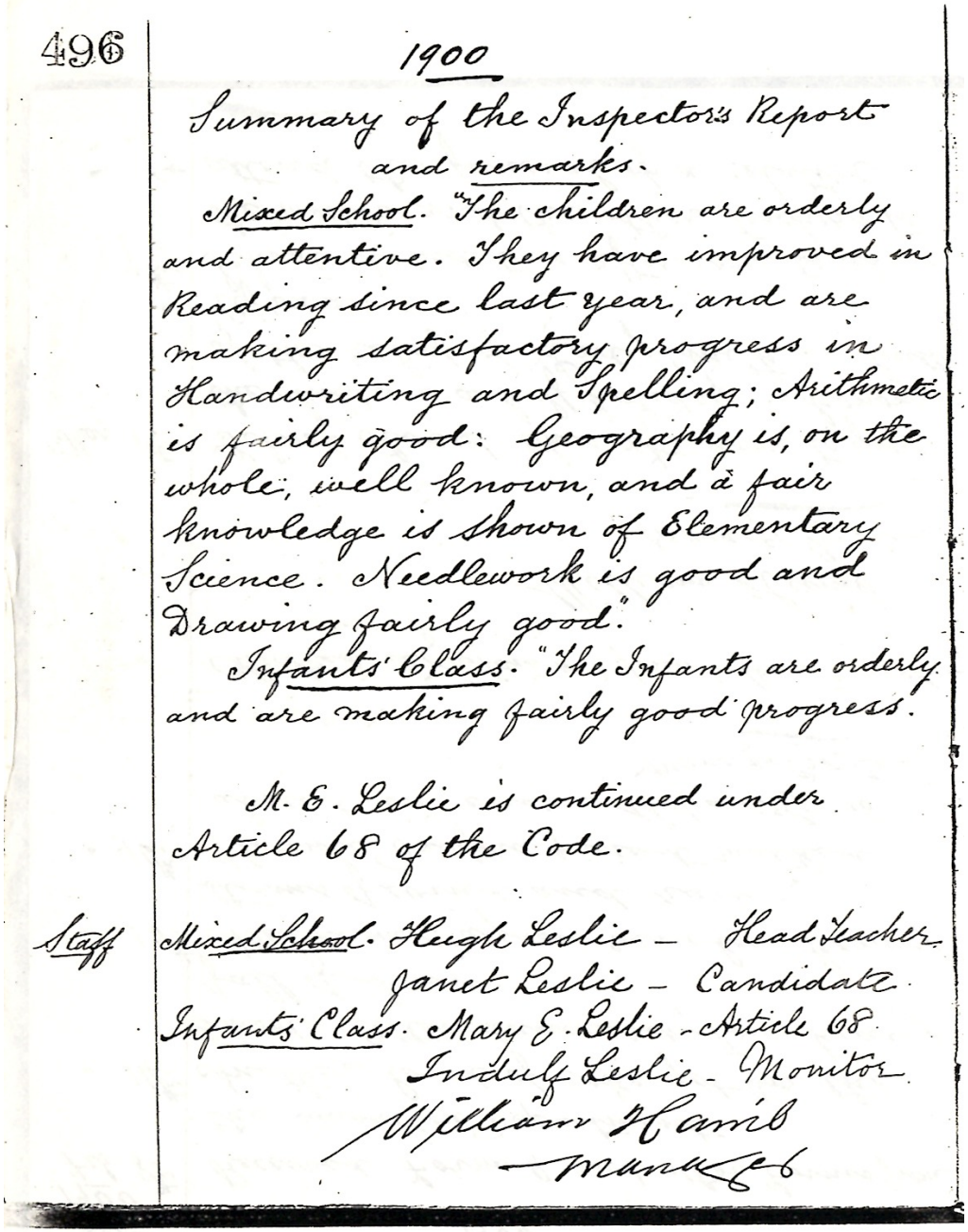
Uncertain readings: Right-hand ends of several lines are cut off at the page edge: 'mornin[g]', 'childre[n]' (twice), 'tha[t]', 'Fri[day]', 'it [will]', 'in[st.]' are supplied from context; 9th entry: a struck-out figure (possibly '14' or '13') before '13th inst.'; 'Mr. Haine': the surname reading looks clear, but who he was is not stated; recorded as manager on the assumption that he was a school manager or benefactor; 'Amy Annie' could be one child with two given names or two separate children (Amy and Annie)



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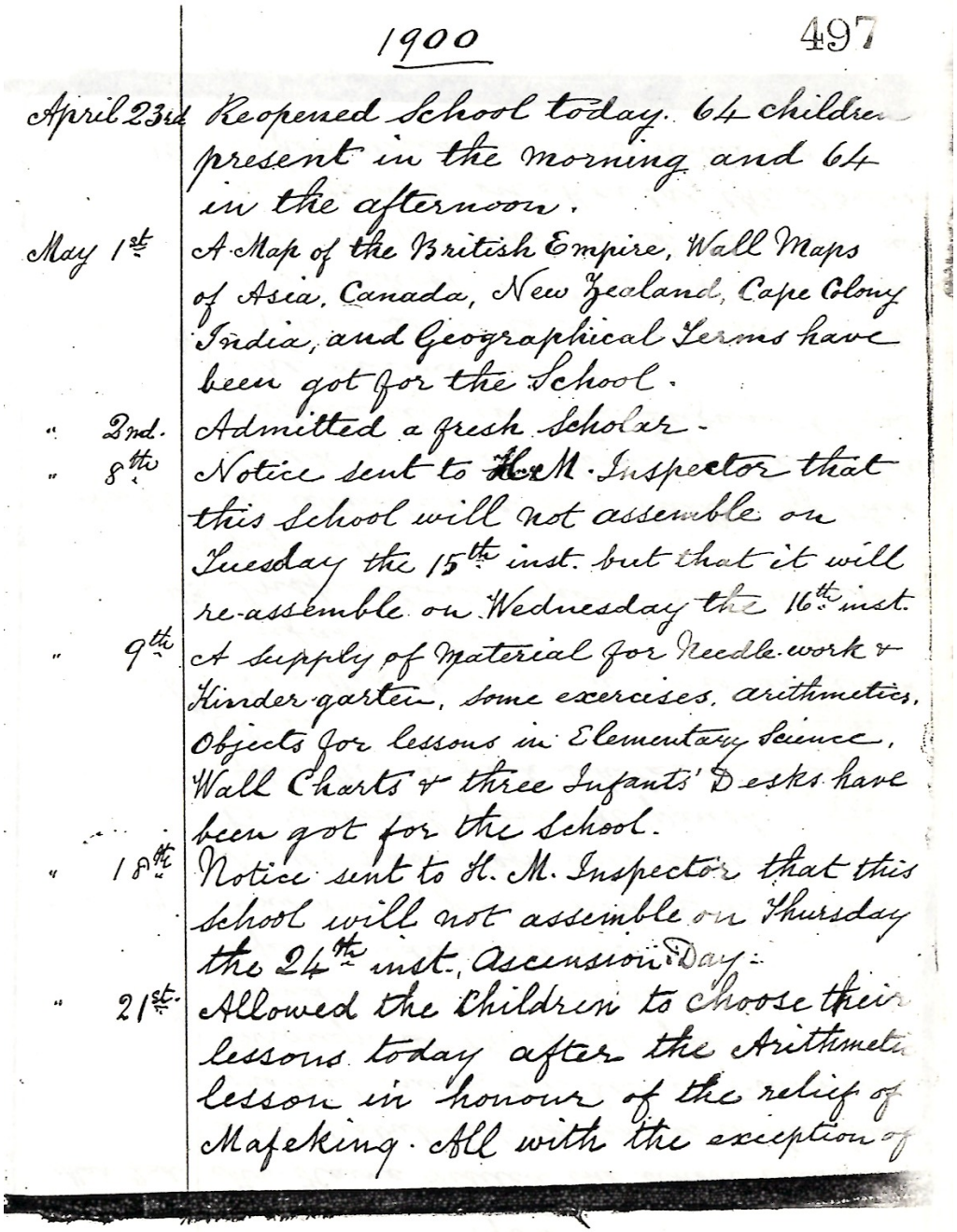

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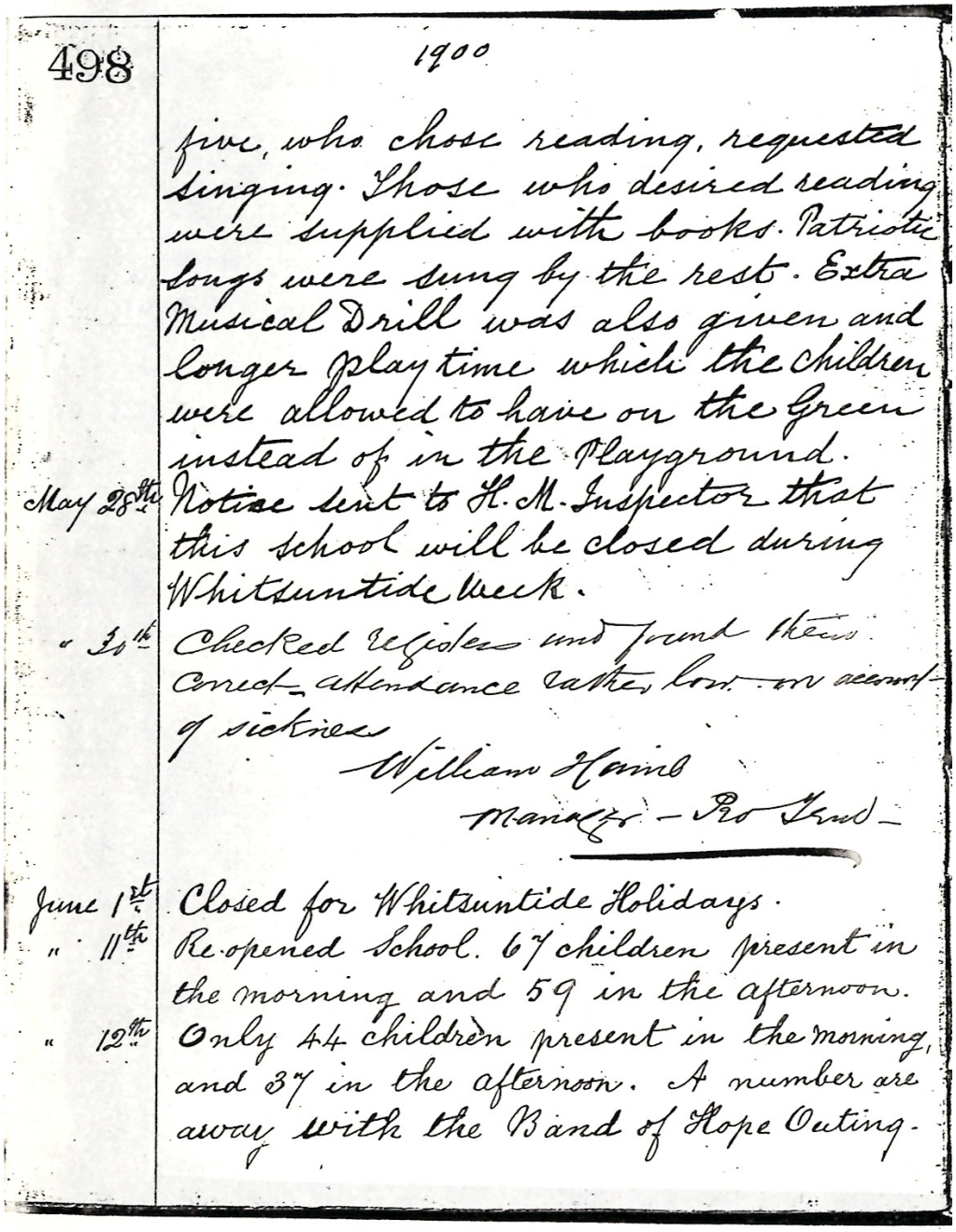
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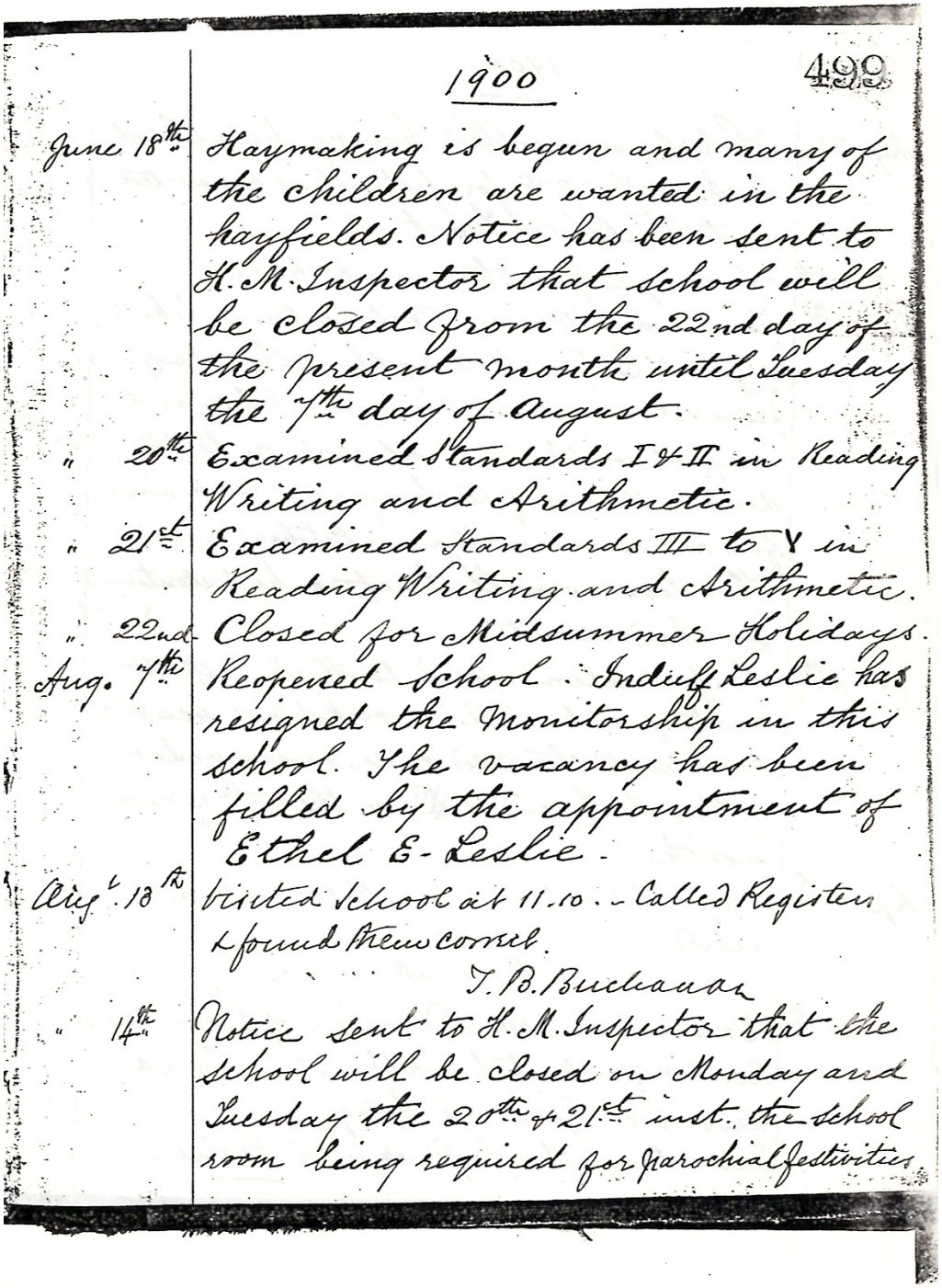

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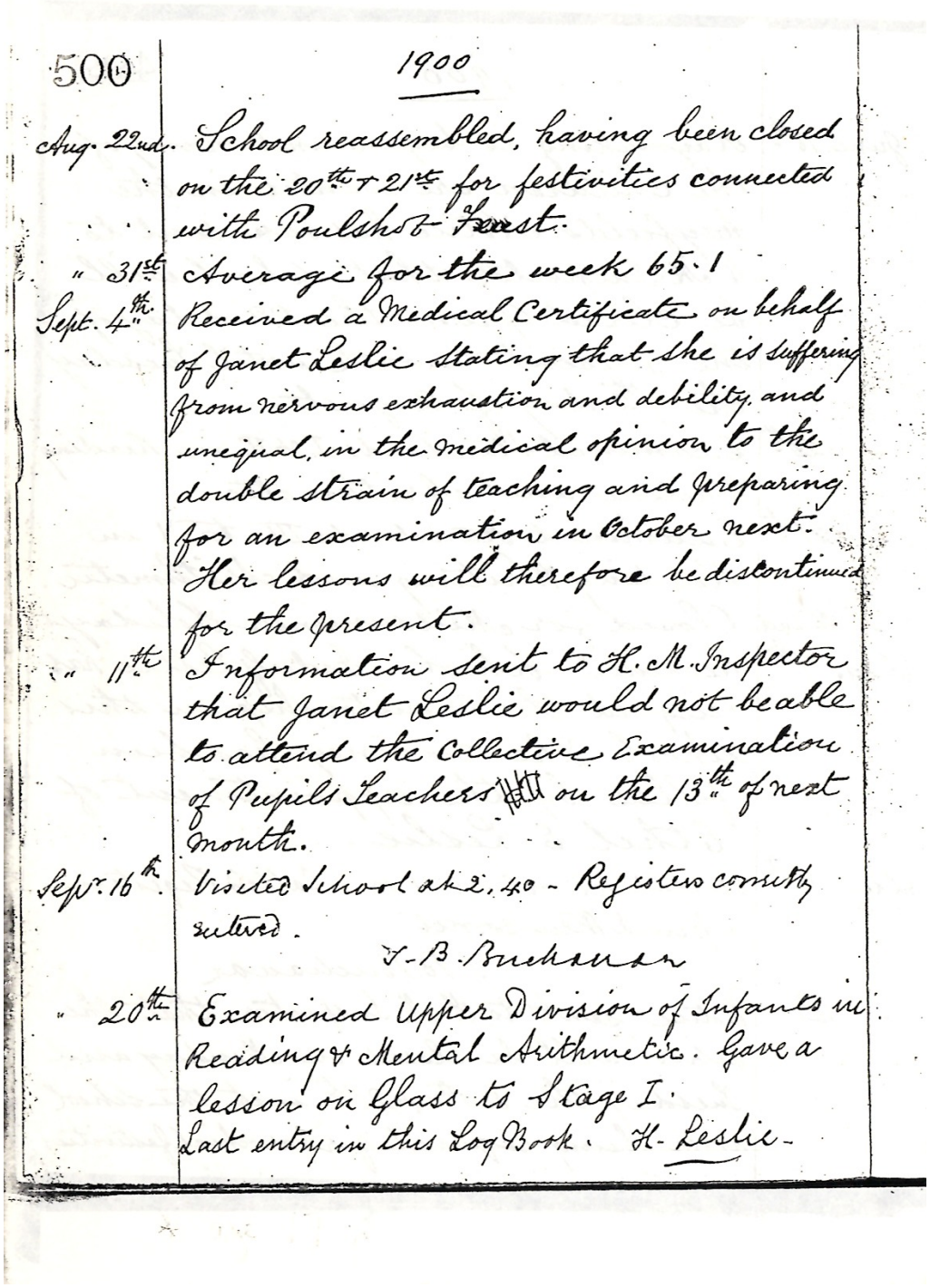

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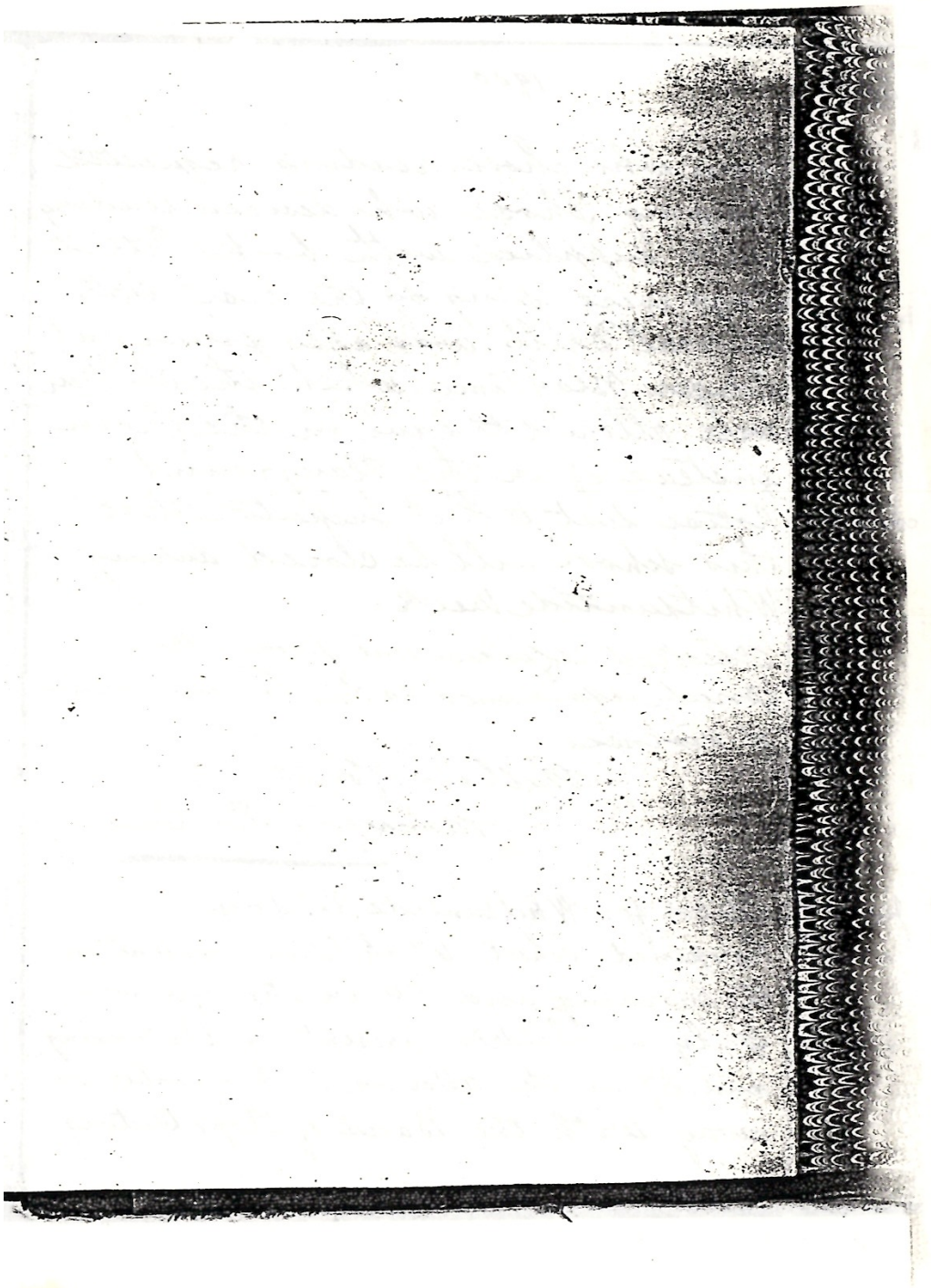

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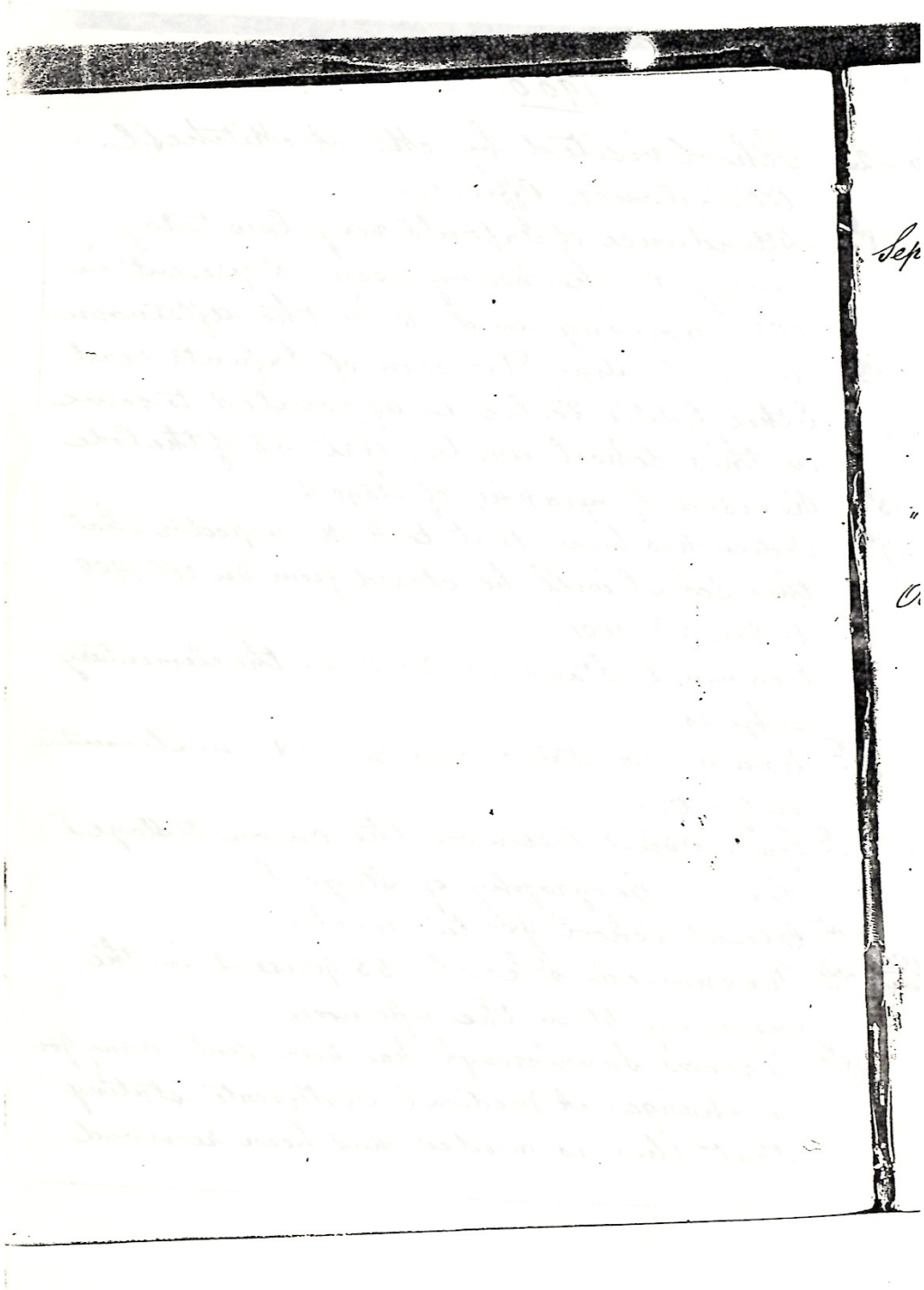

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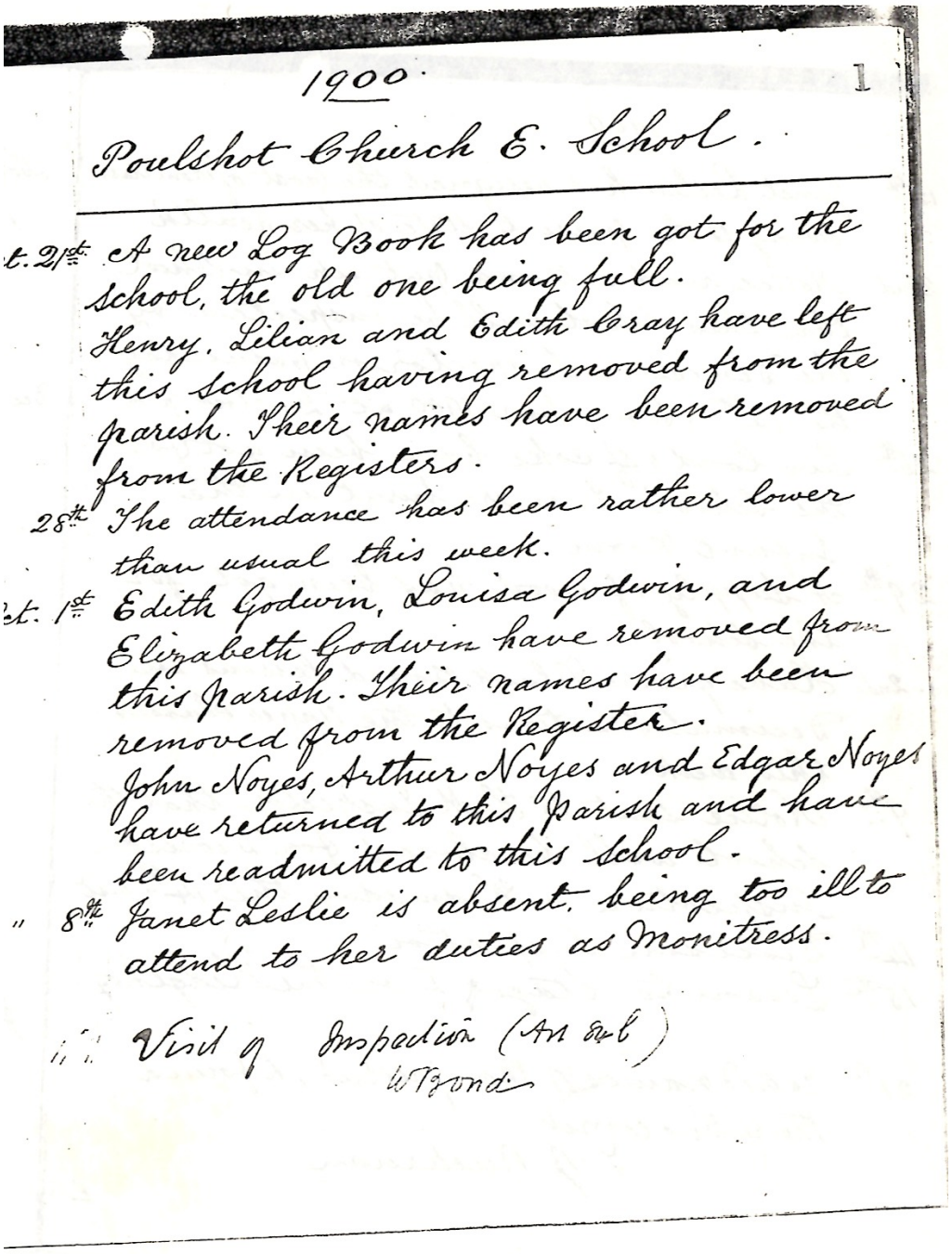

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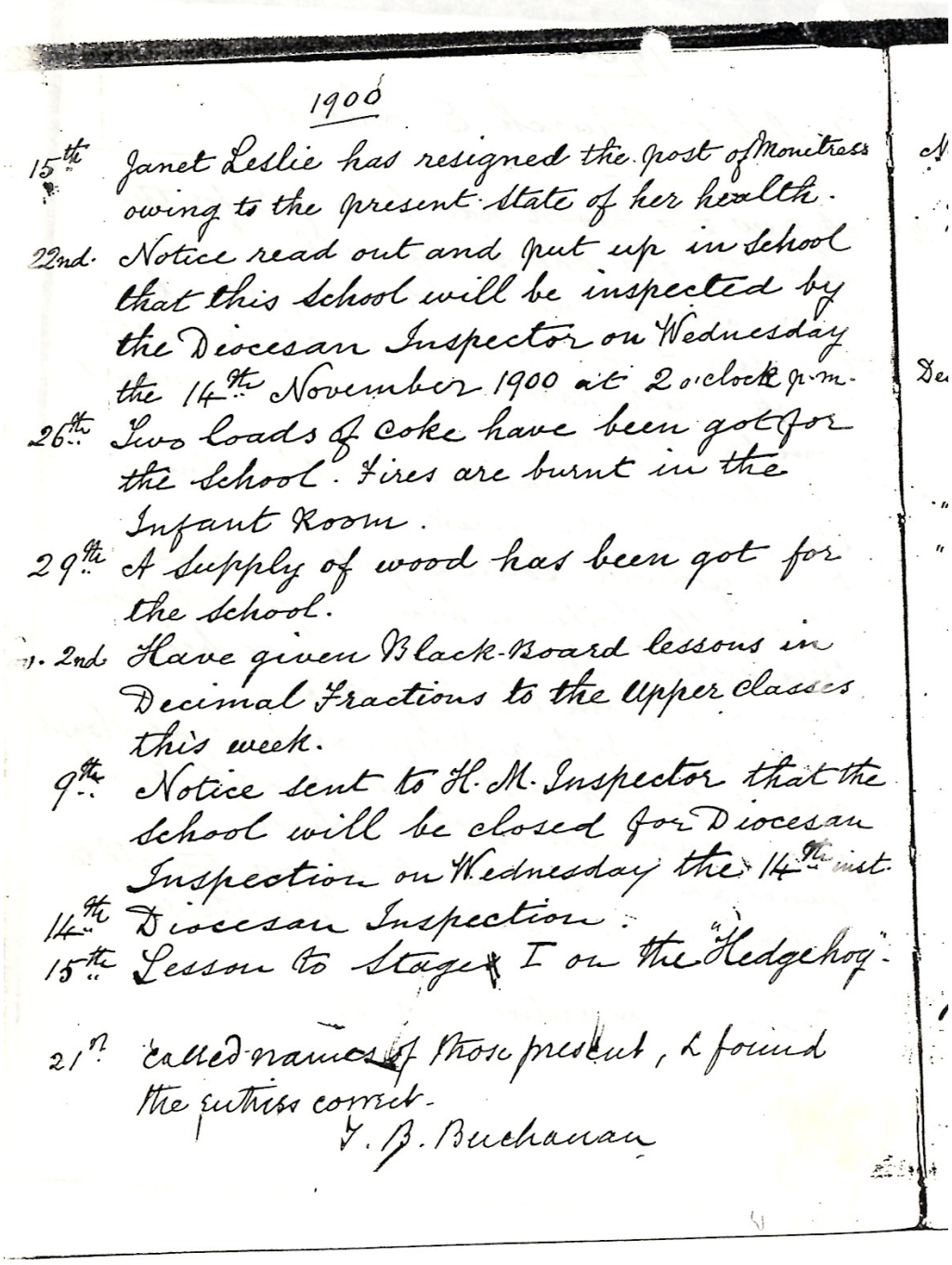

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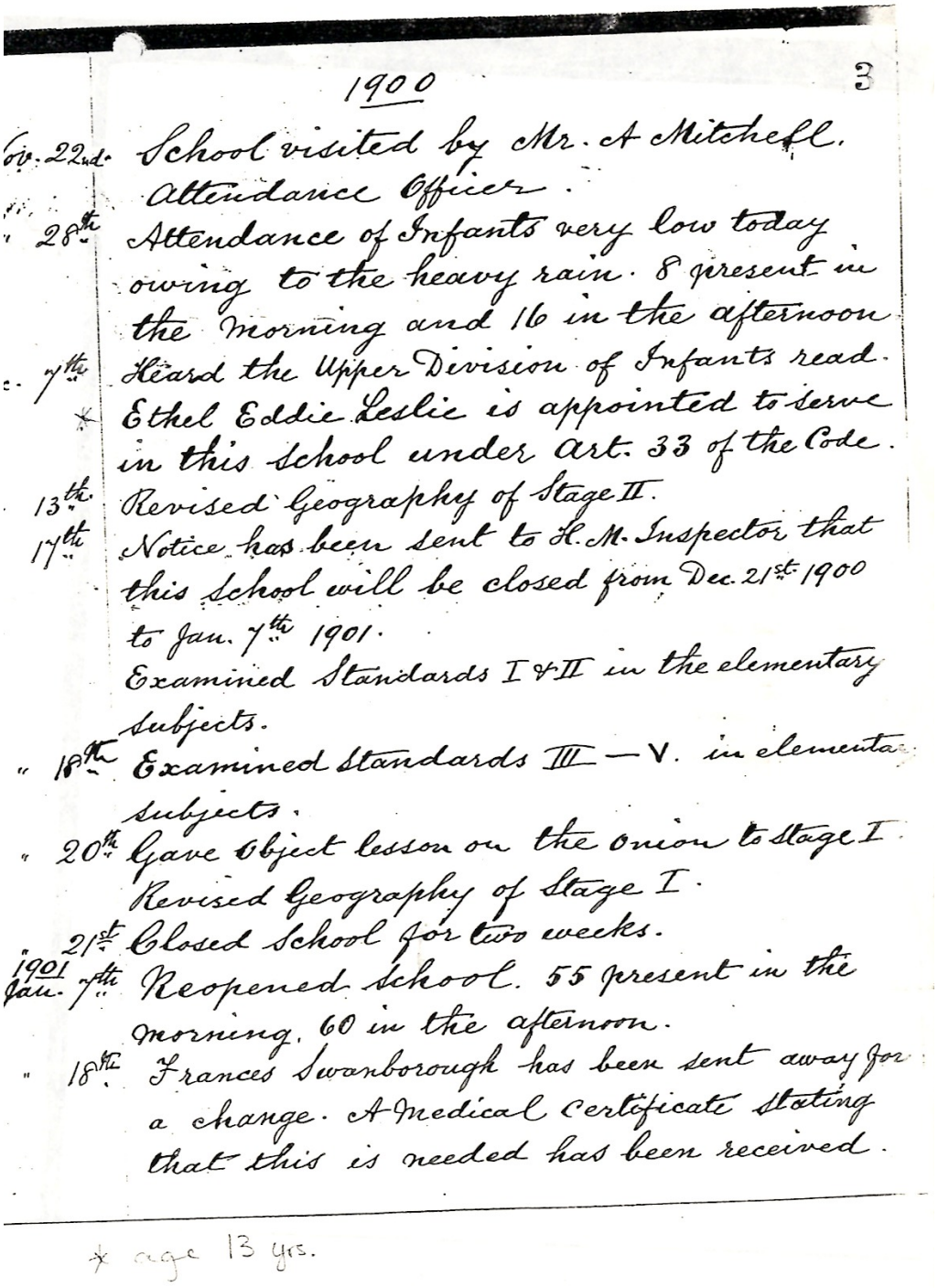

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Nov. 22nd. School visited by Mr. A Mitchell. Attendance Officer.

" 28th Attendance of Infants very low today owing to the heavy rain. 8 present in the morning and 16 in the afternoon

Dec. 7th Heard the Upper Division of Infants read.

***** Ethel Eddie Leslie is appointed to serve in this School under Art. 33 of the Code. [footnote at foot of page, apparently added later:] * age 13 yrs.

13th Revised Geography of Stage II.

17th Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this School will be closed from Dec. 21st 1900 to Jan. 7th 1901.

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21st Closed School for two weeks.

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" 18th Frances Swanborough has been sent away for a change. A Medical Certificate stating that this is needed has been received.

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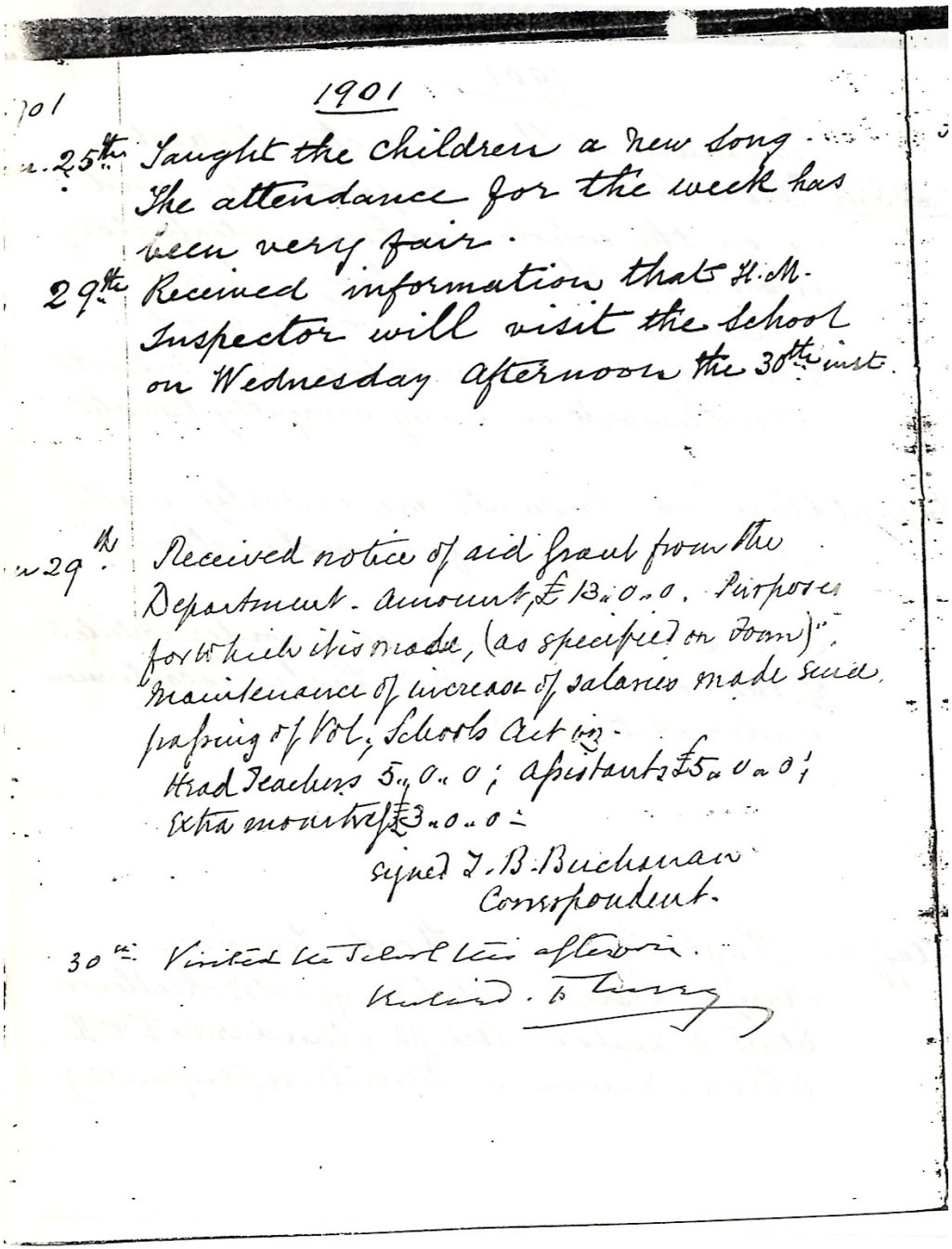

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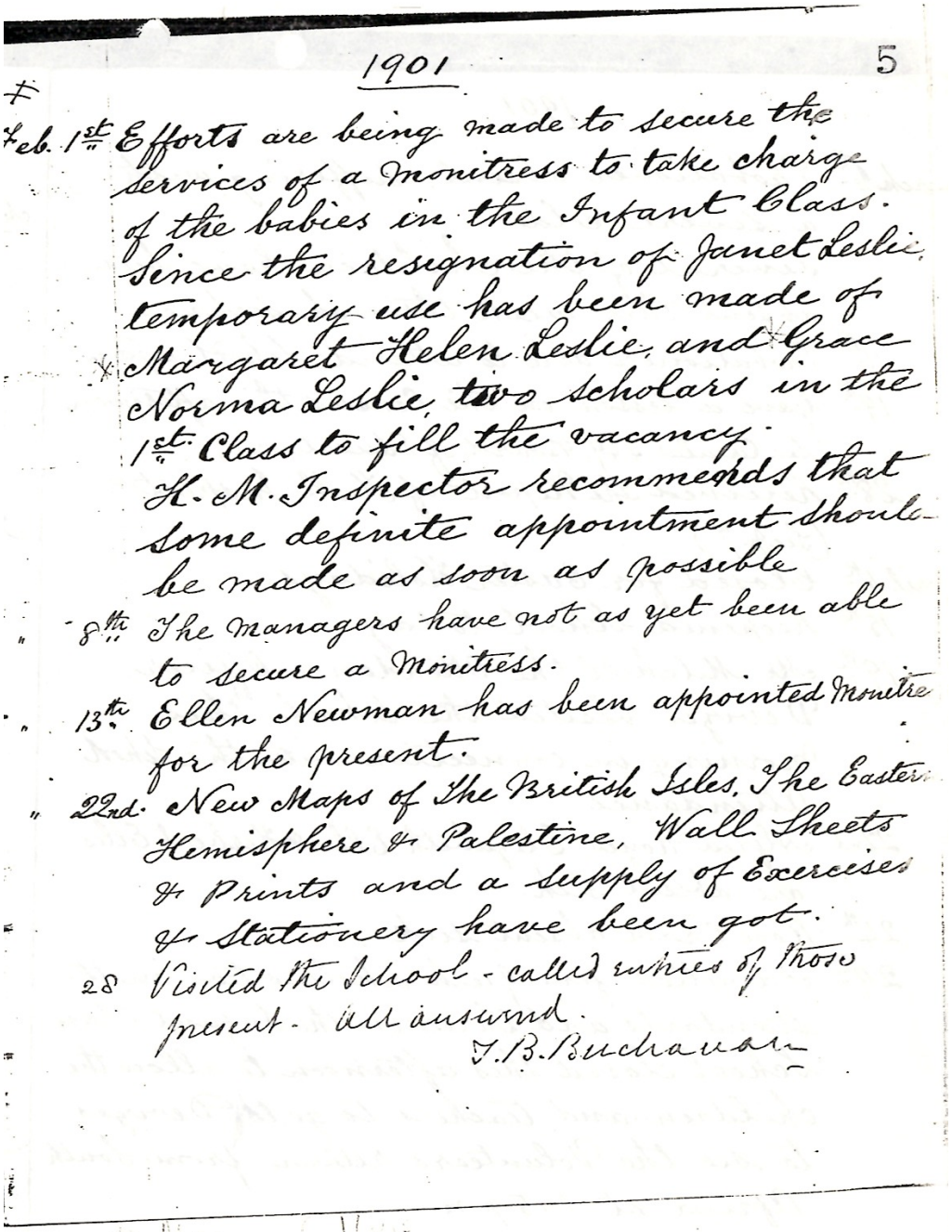
[illegible]25th Taught the children a new song. The attendance for the week has been very fair.

29th Received information that H.M. Inspector will visit the School on Wednesday afternoon the 30th inst.

[illegible]29th Received notice of aid grant from the Department. amount, £13..0..0. Purposes for which it is made, (as specified on Form)". "maintenance of increase of salaries made since passing of Vol, Schools Act viz. Head Teachers 5..0..0; assistants £5..0..0; Extra monitress £3..0..0". signed [T?]. B. Buchanan Correspondent.

30th Visited the School this afternoon. [illegible signature]

Uncertain readings: Month in the margin is cut off at the binding; only a final letter (probably 'n.') is visible. January is inferred because Wednesday 30th fits January 1901 and Friday 25th fits a week-end attendance note. October 1901 is also possible.; Page number partly cut off; read as 101 following OCR.; Correspondent's initial could be T, J or I; probably T. B. Buchanan.; Signature of the visitor on the 30th (presumably the HM Inspector) is unreadable; it looks something like 'Richard ? Tinney' but this is very uncertain.; The quotation marks around the grant purposes are as on the page; the opening mark is unclear.



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