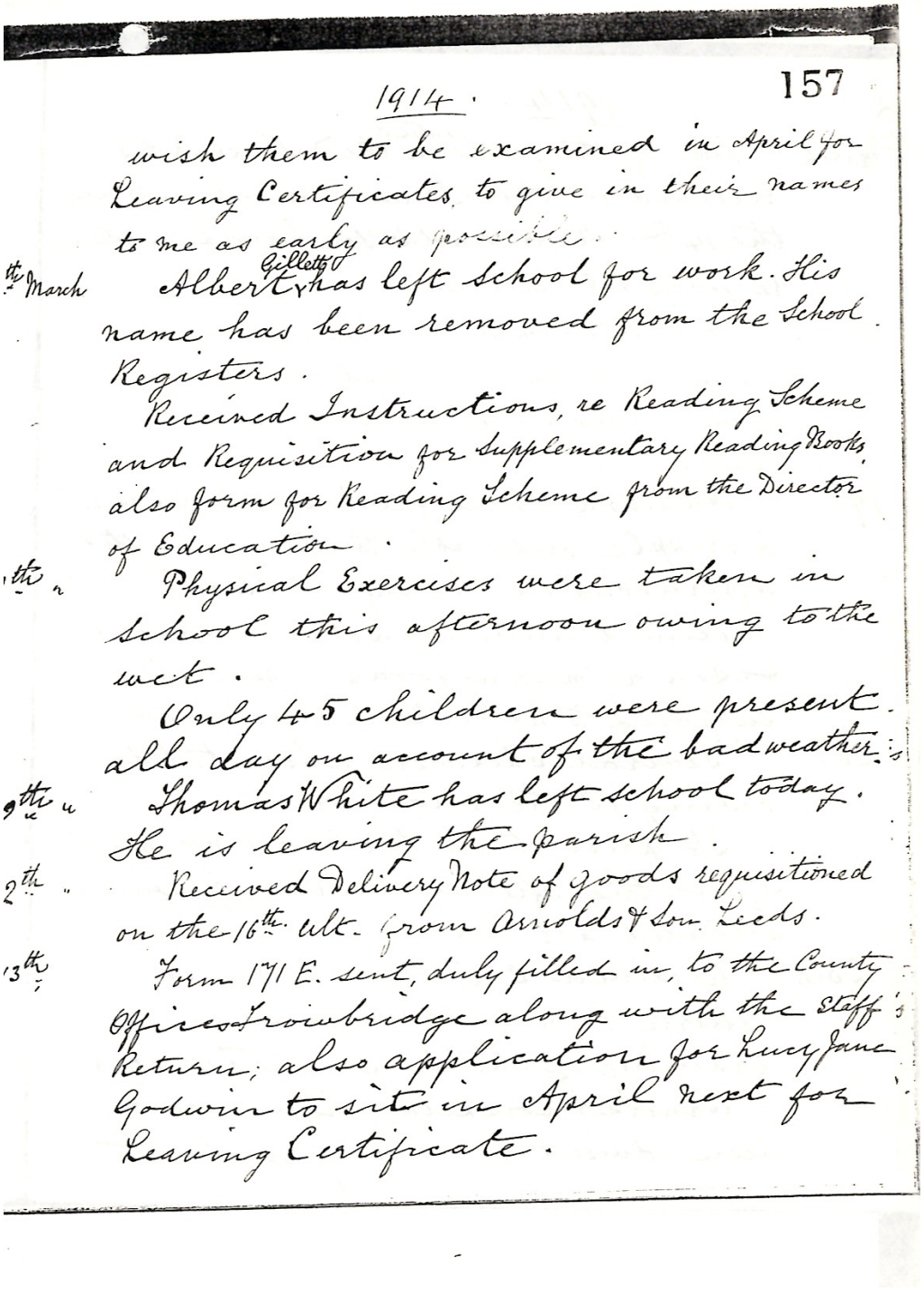
Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1914-15

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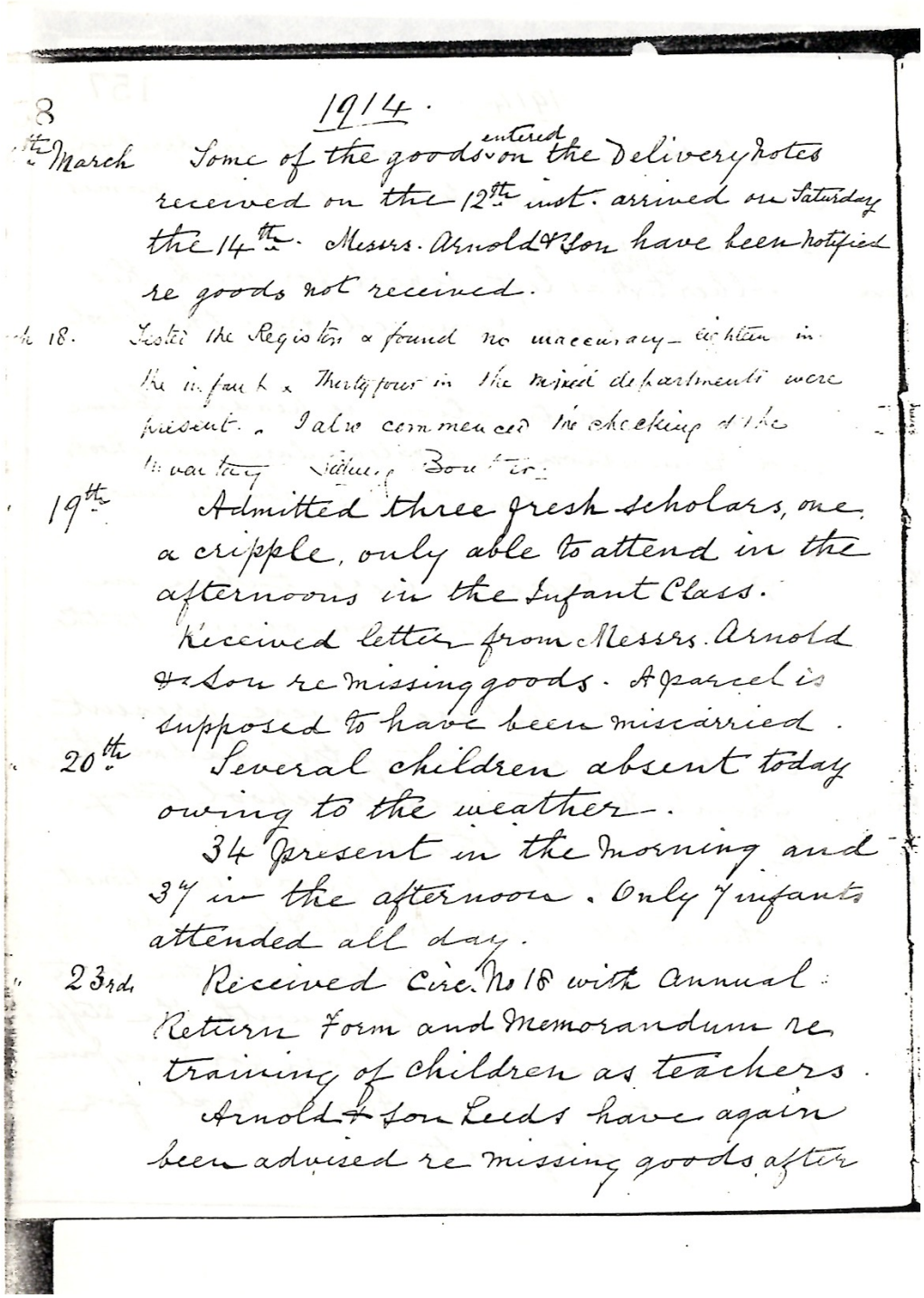
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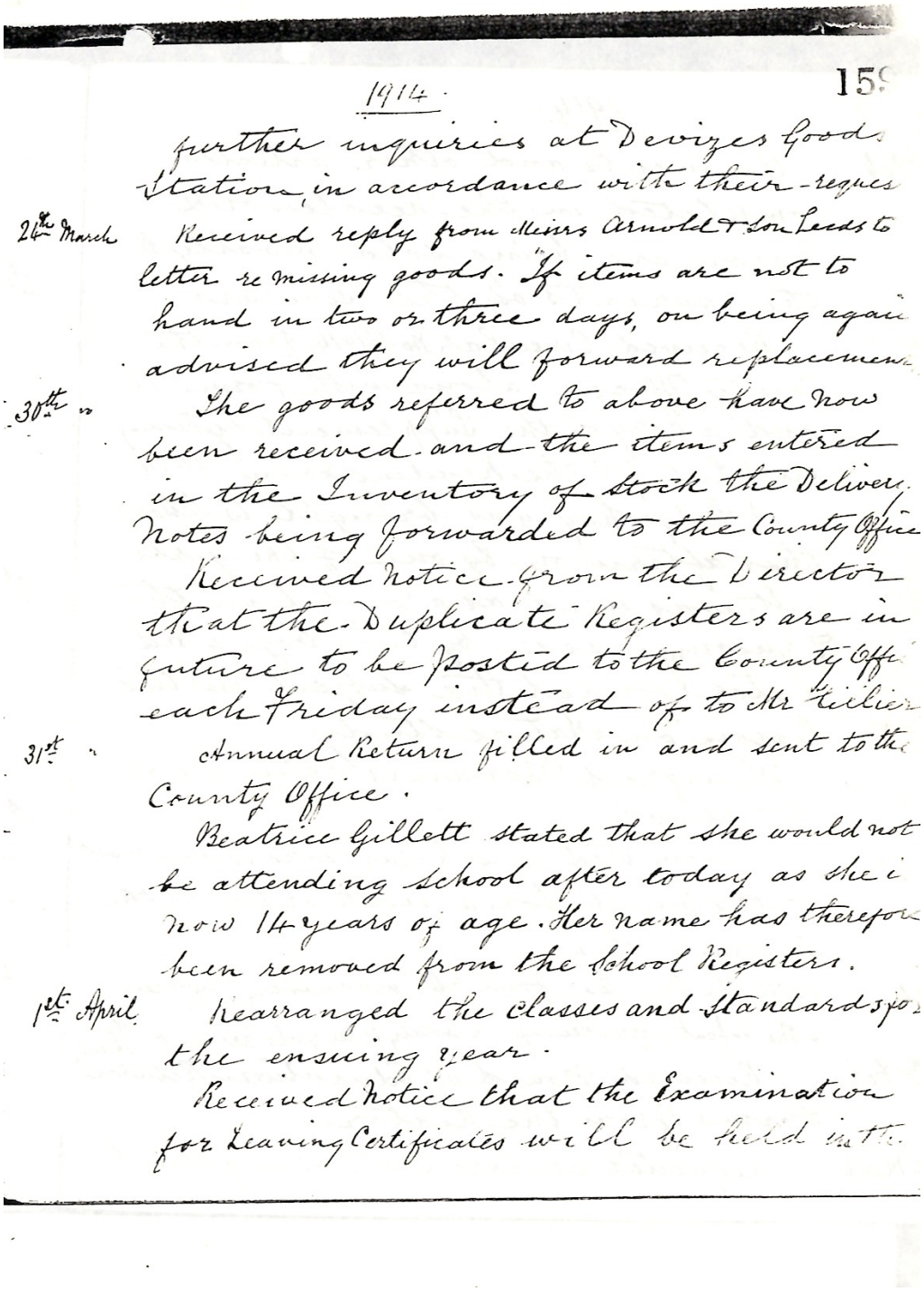
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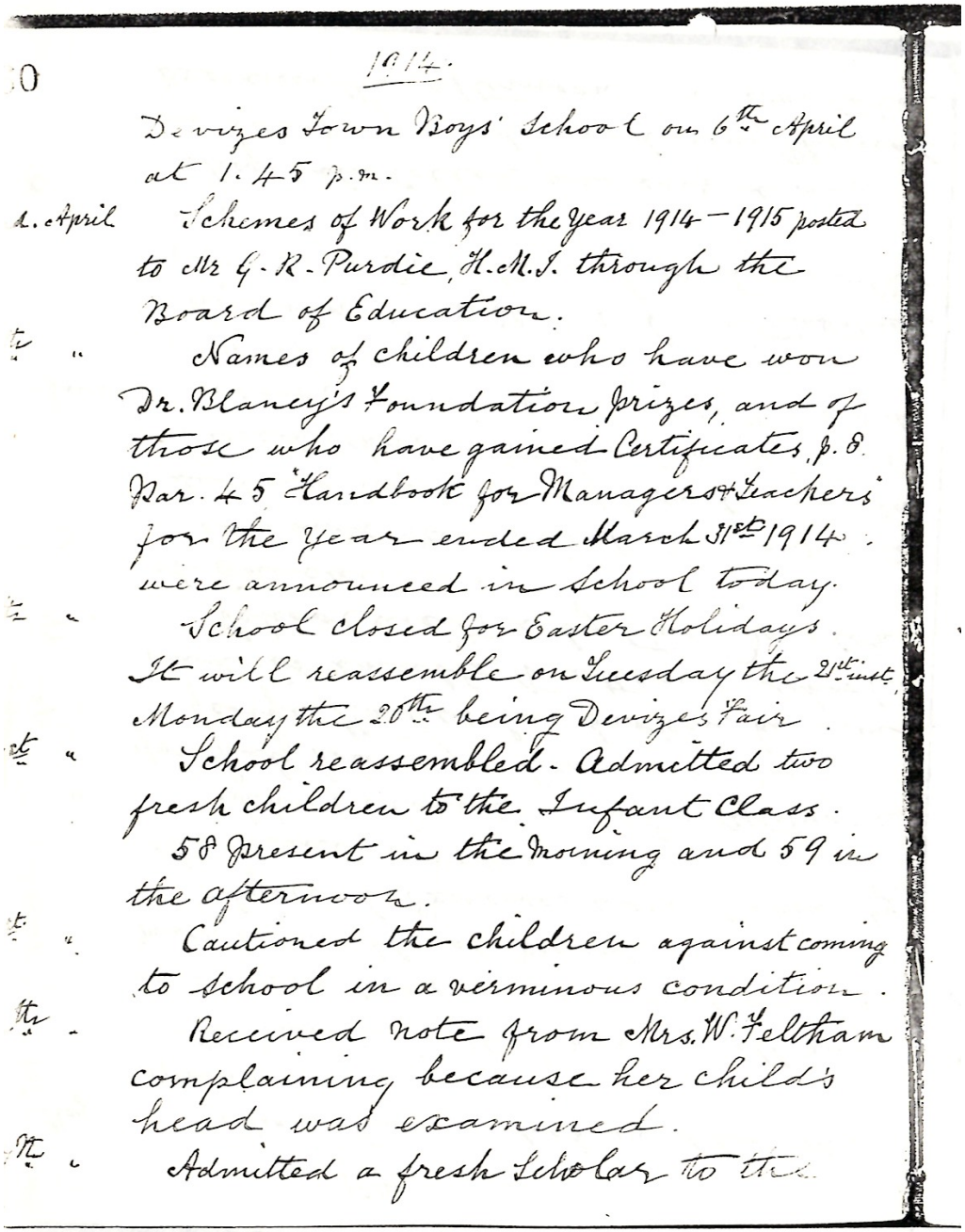
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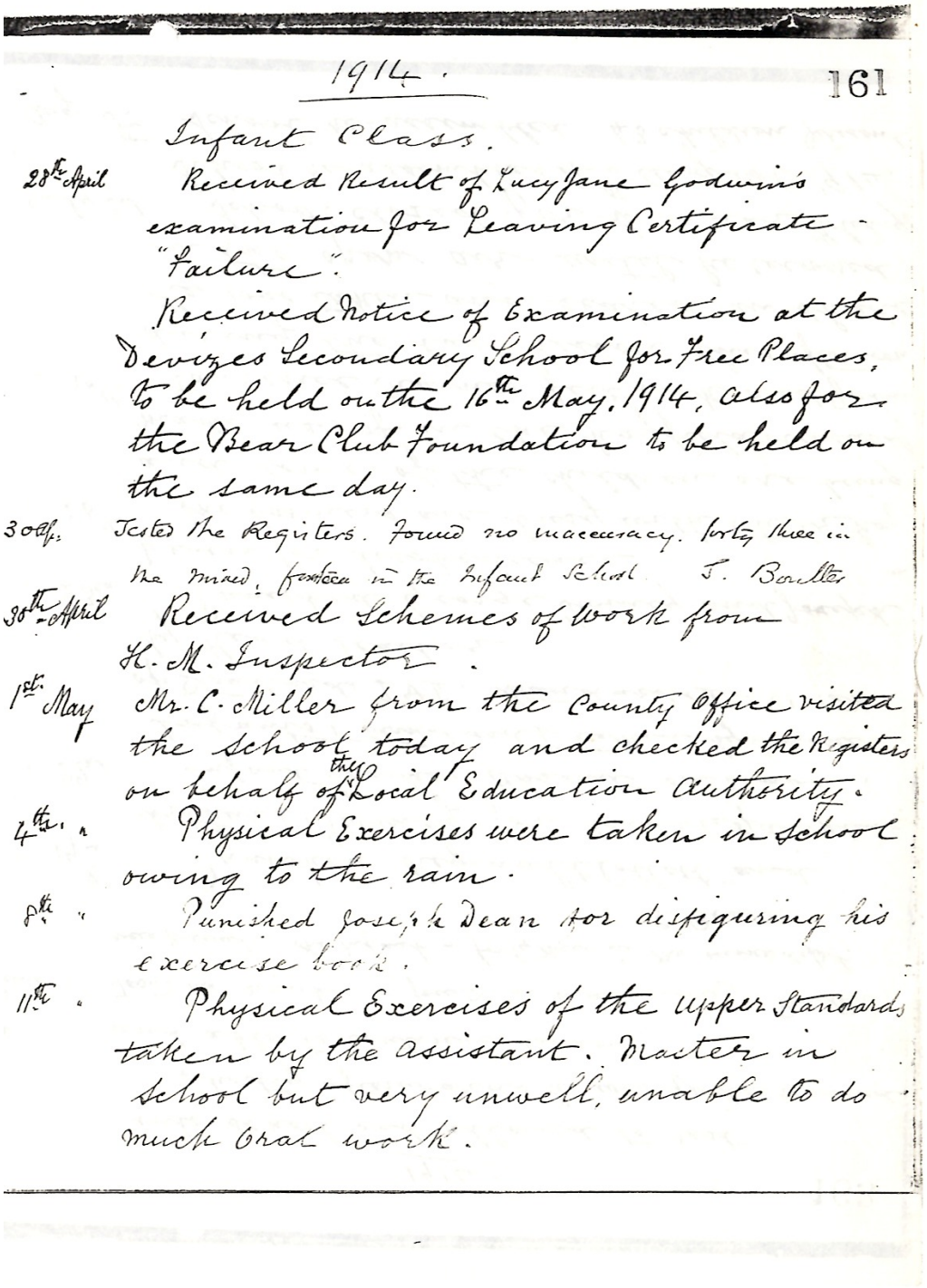
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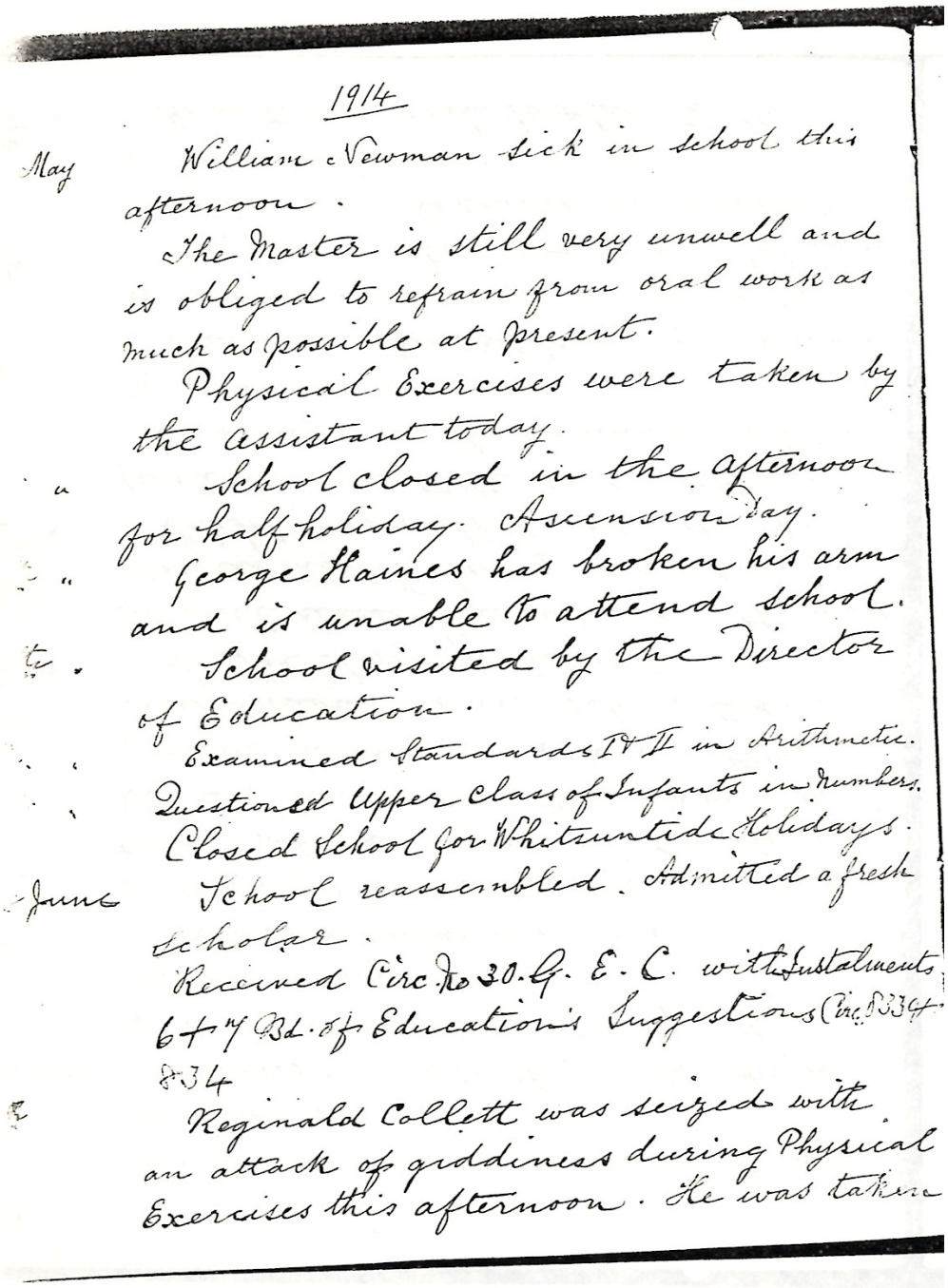
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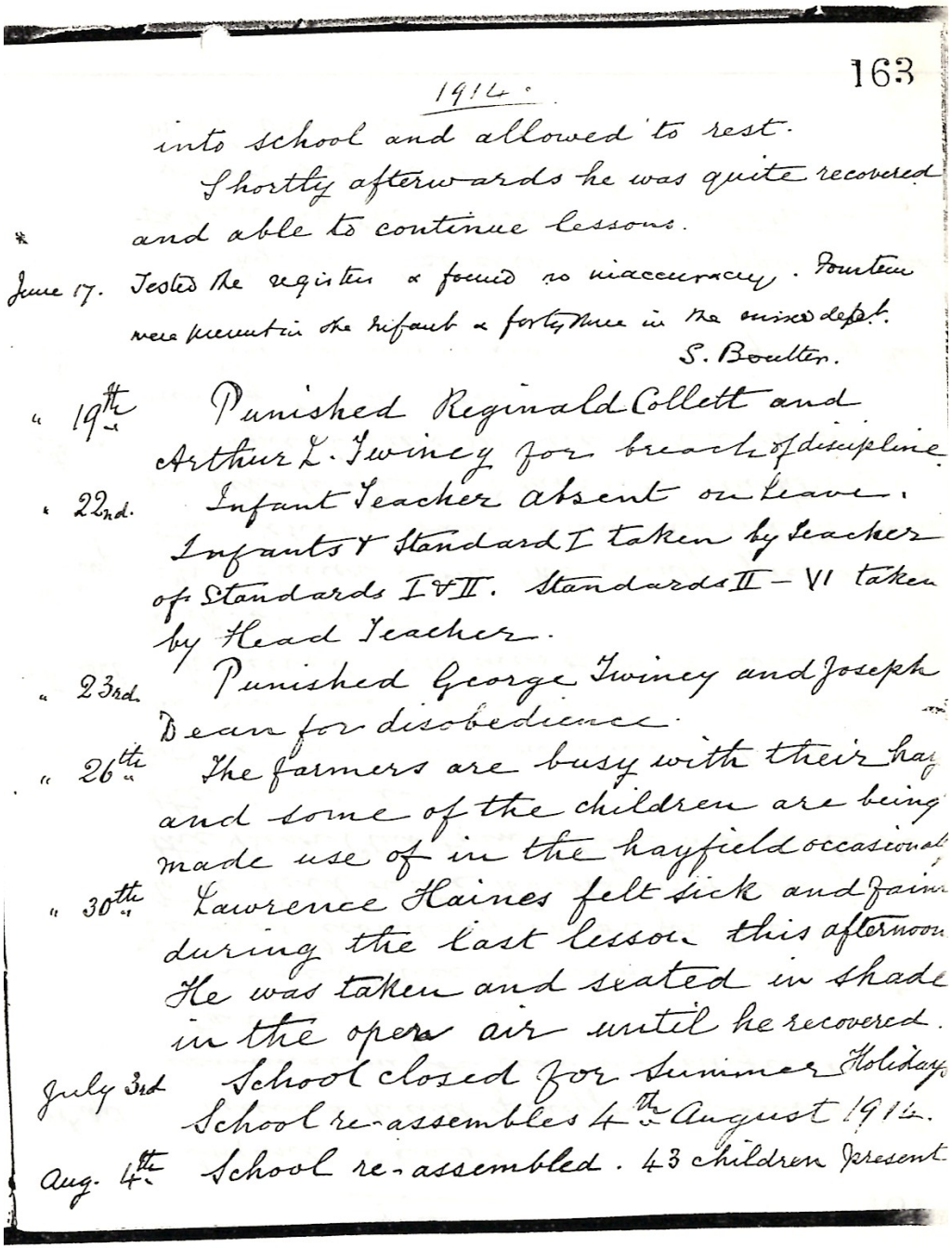
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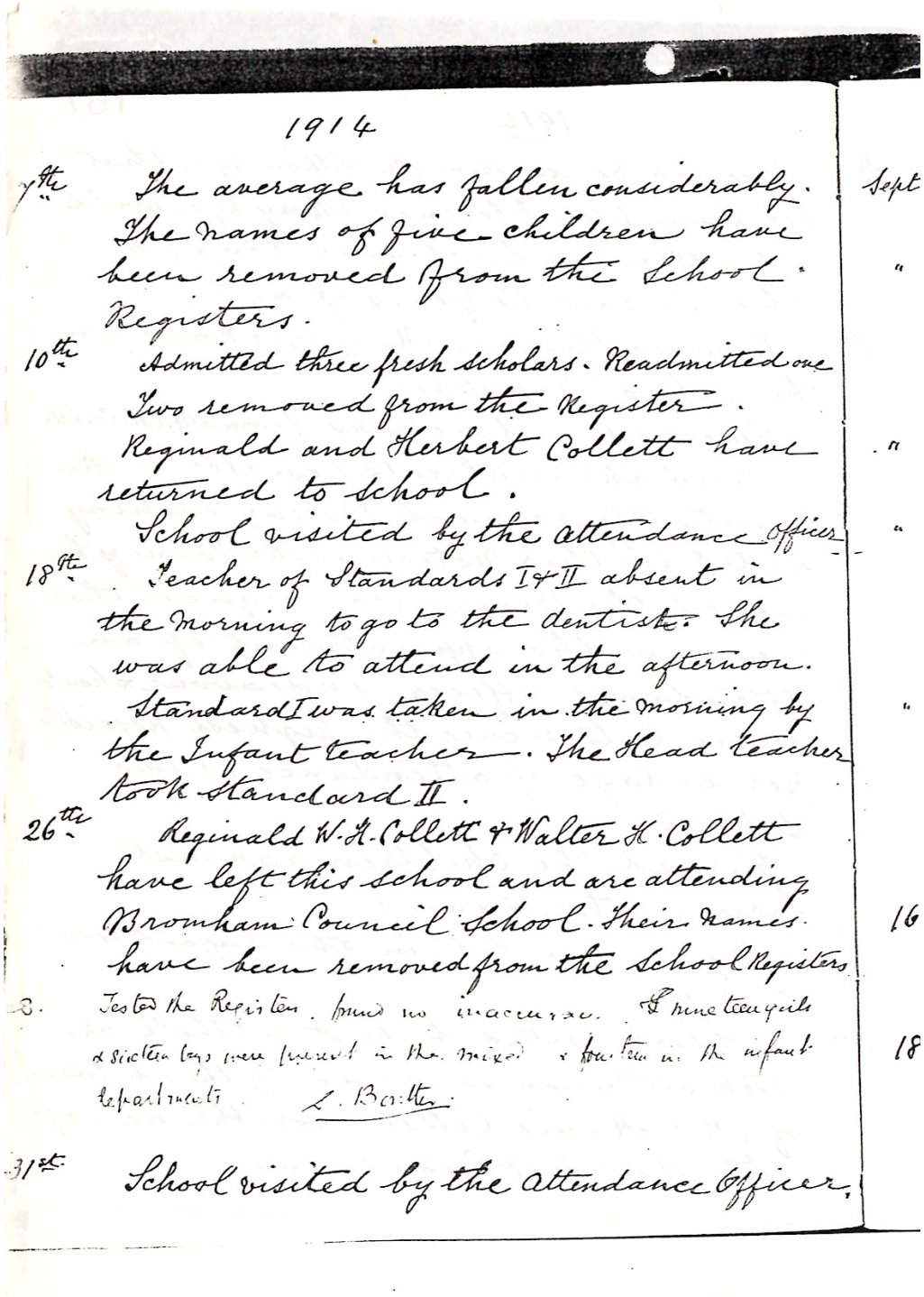
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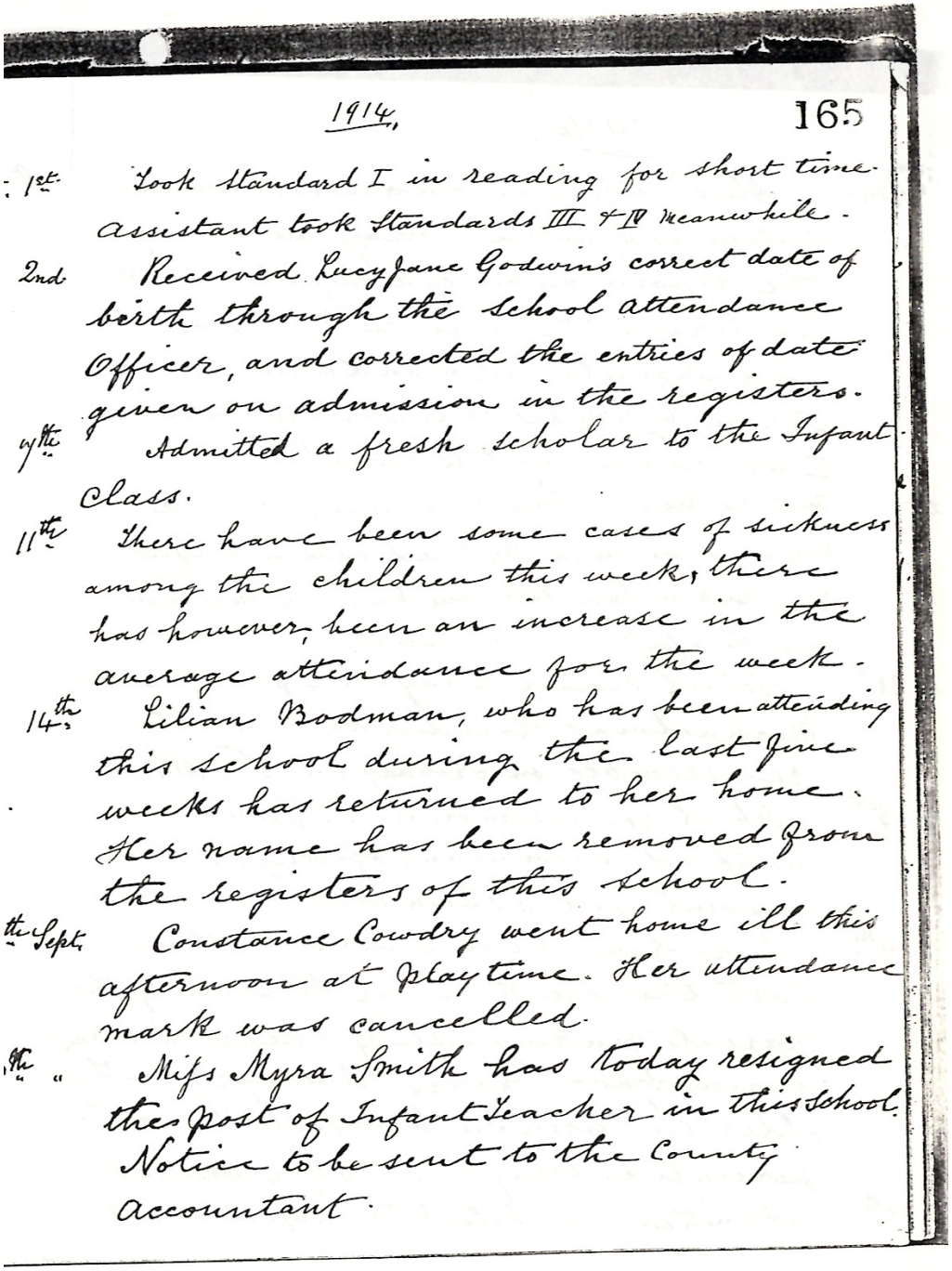
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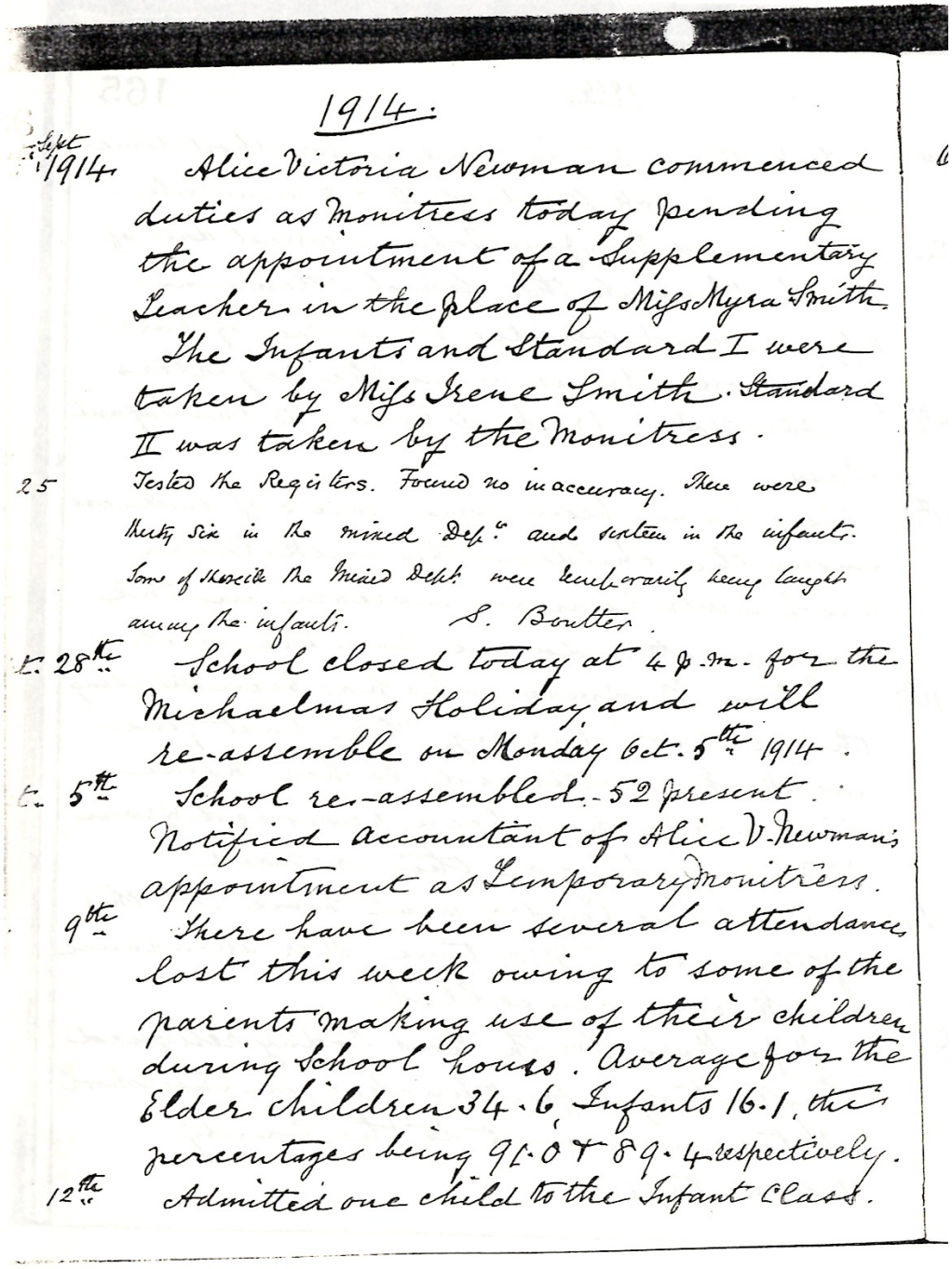
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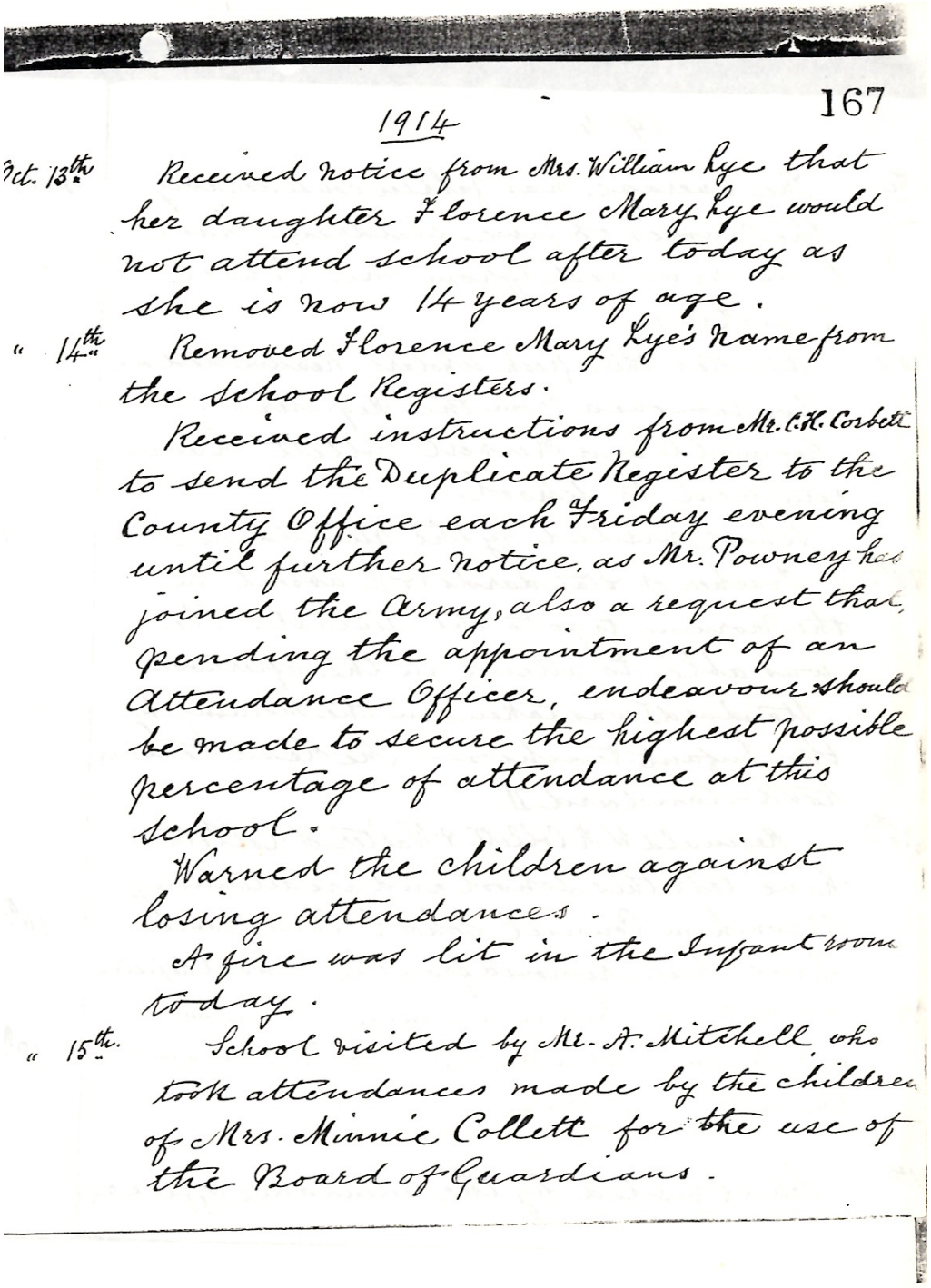
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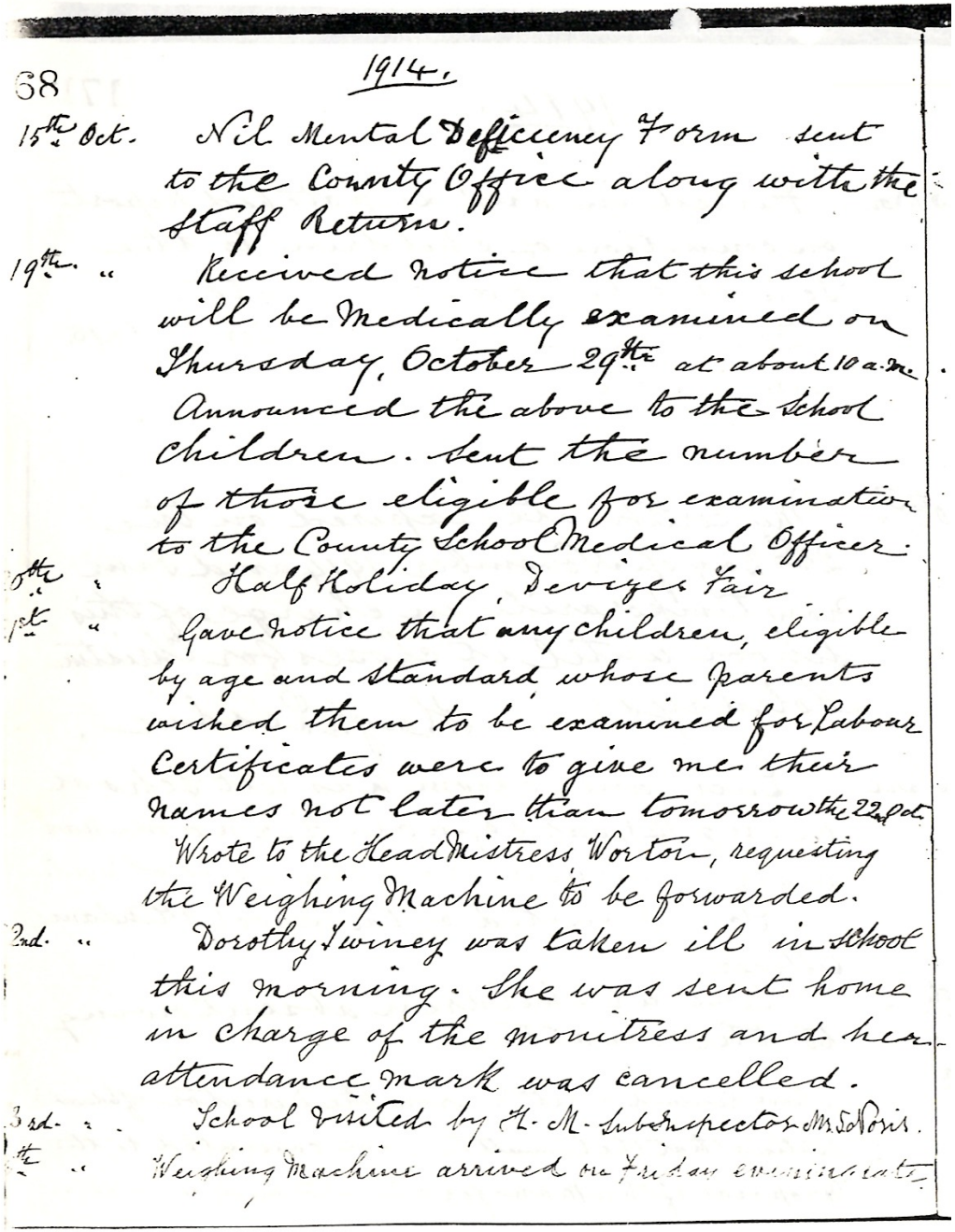
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15th Oct. Nil Mental Defficiency Form sent to the County Office along with the Staff Return.

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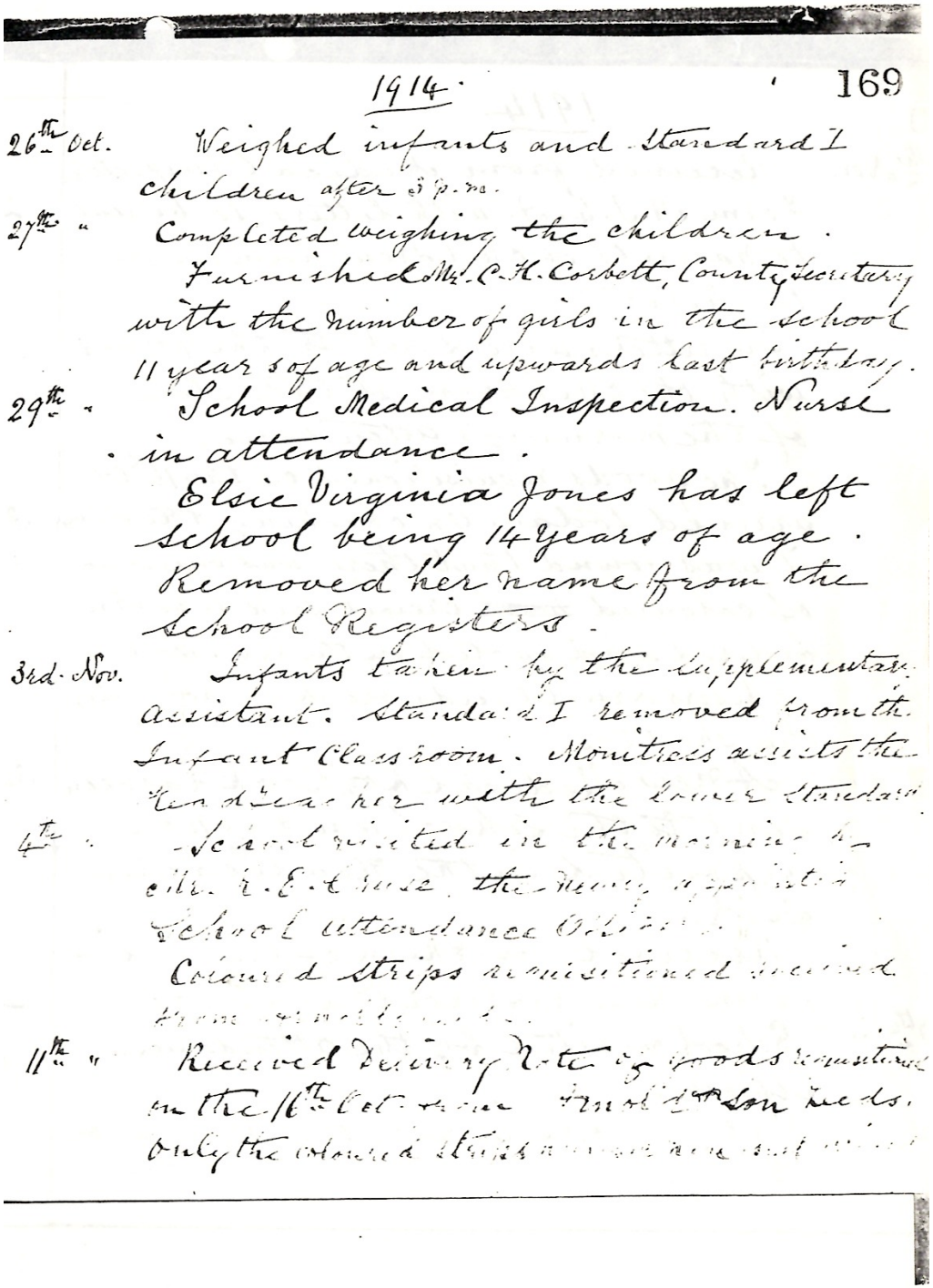
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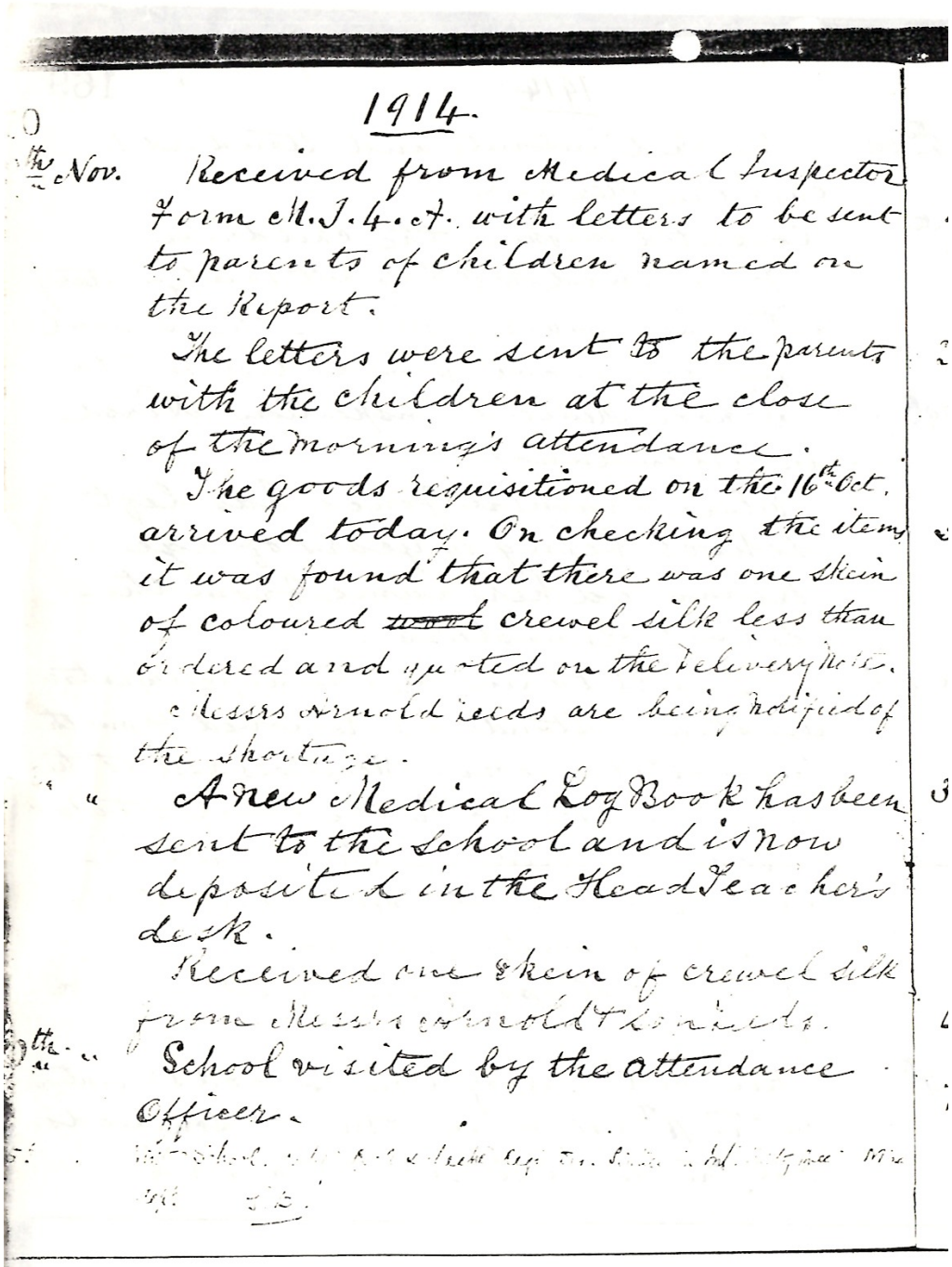
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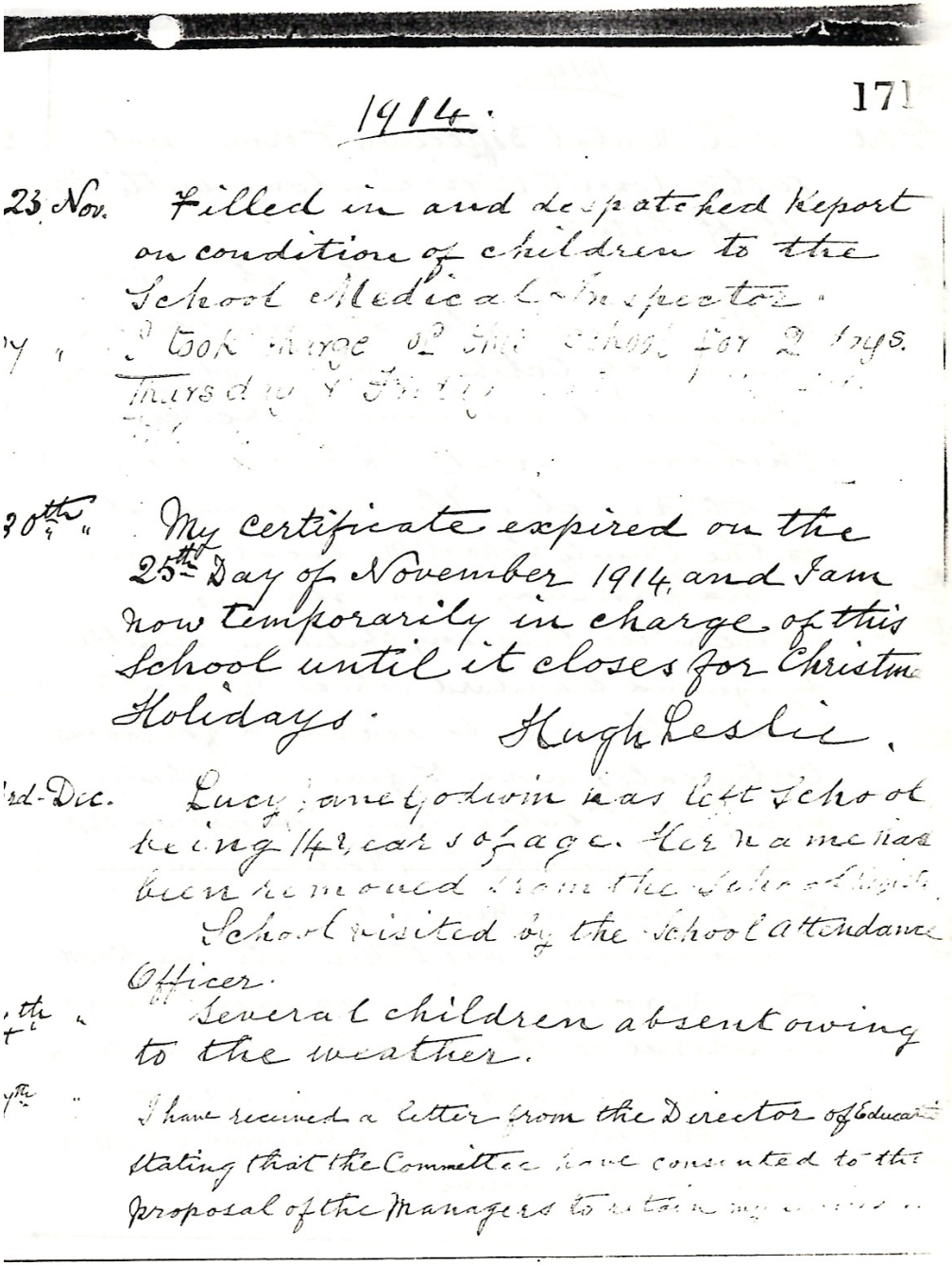
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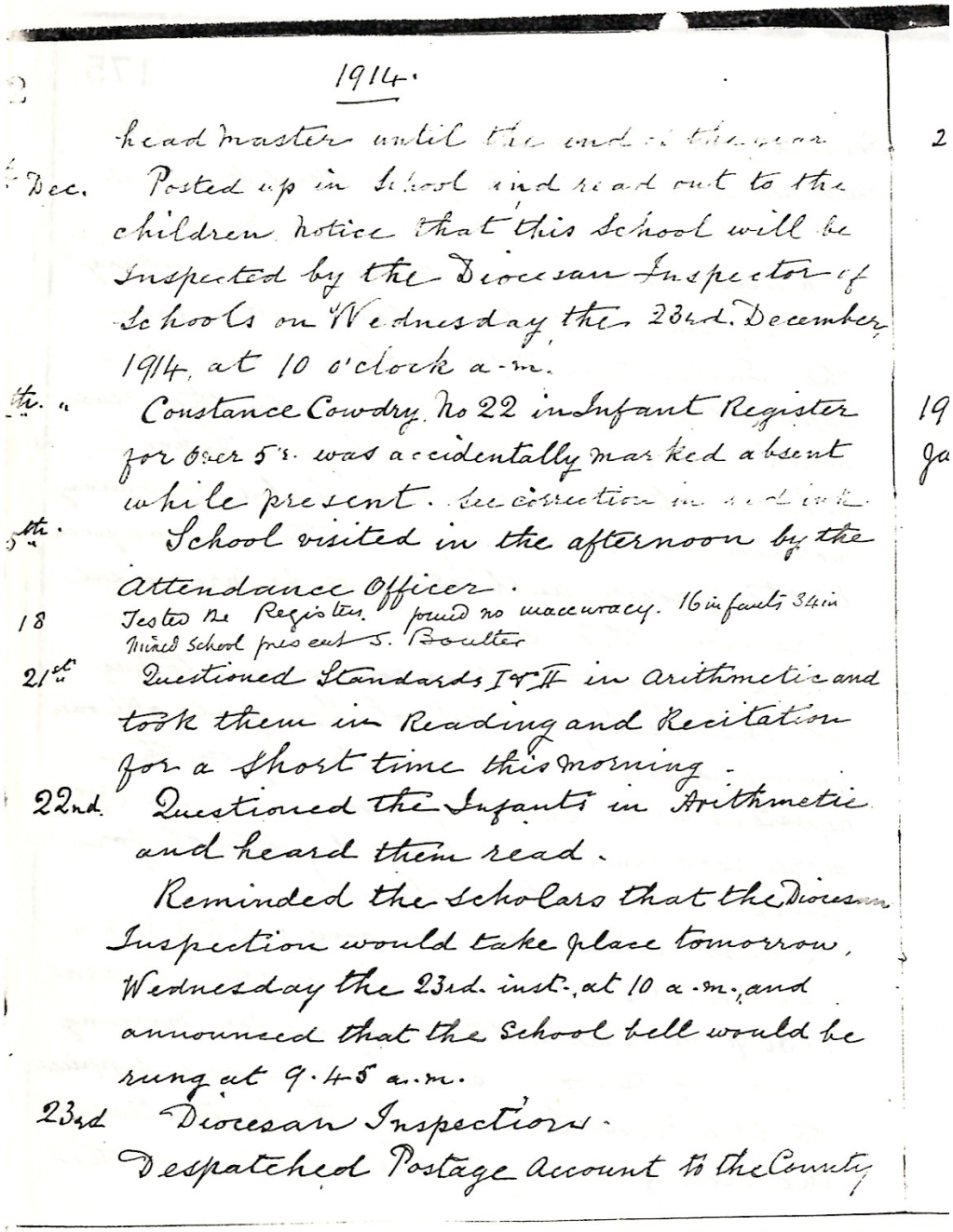
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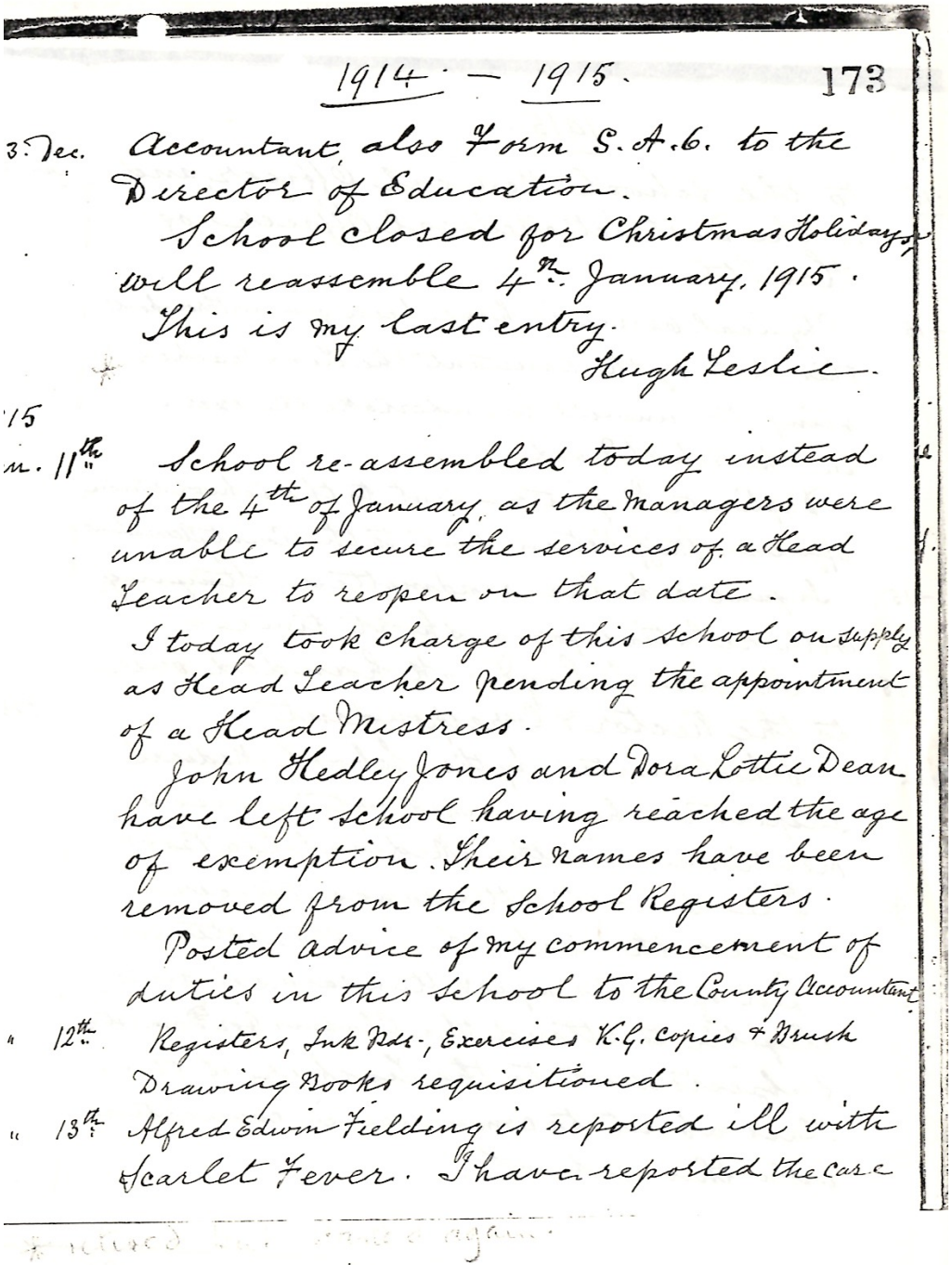
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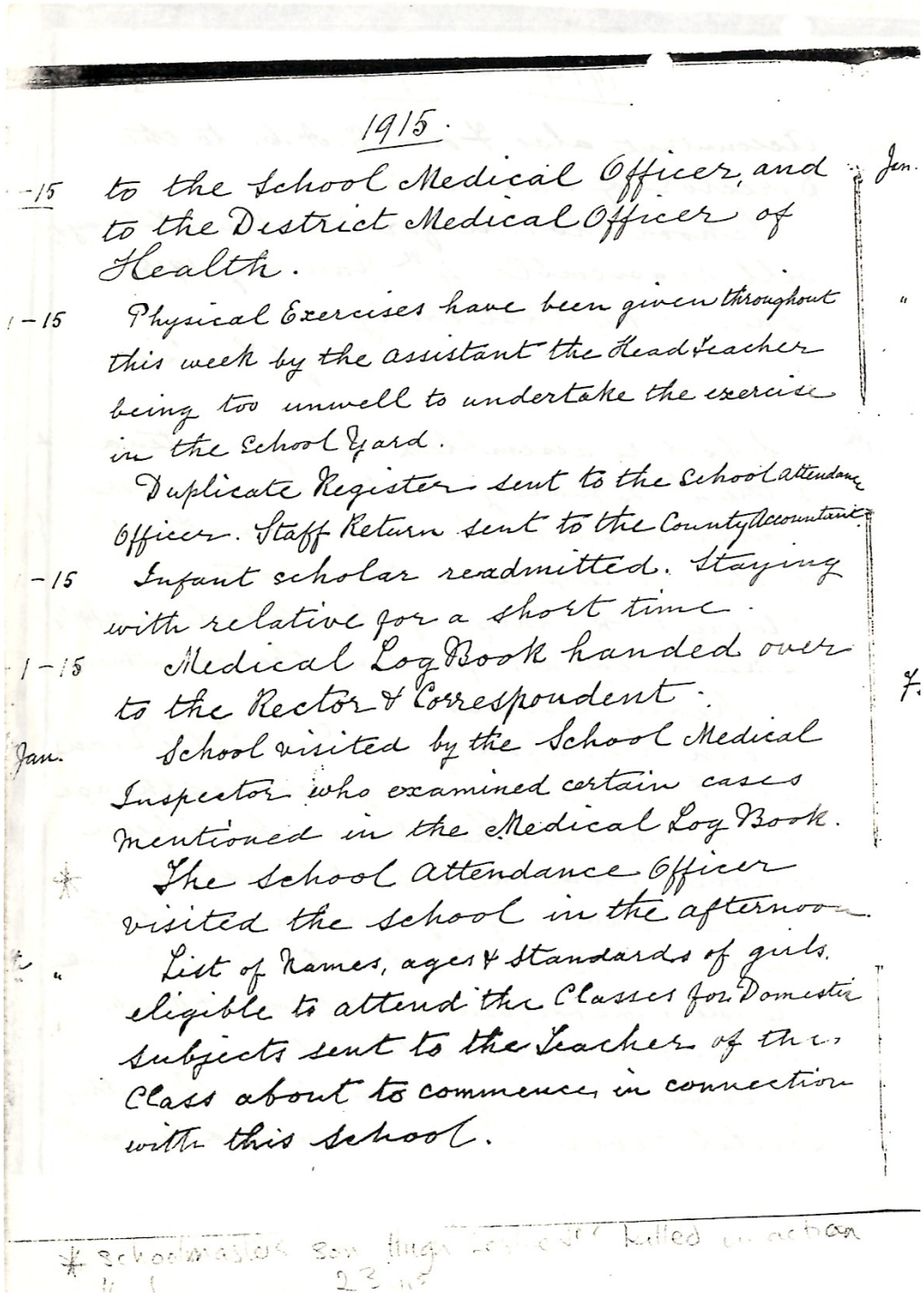
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1-15 Physical Exercises have been given throughout this week by the assistant the Head Teacher being too unwell to undertake the exercise in the School Yard.

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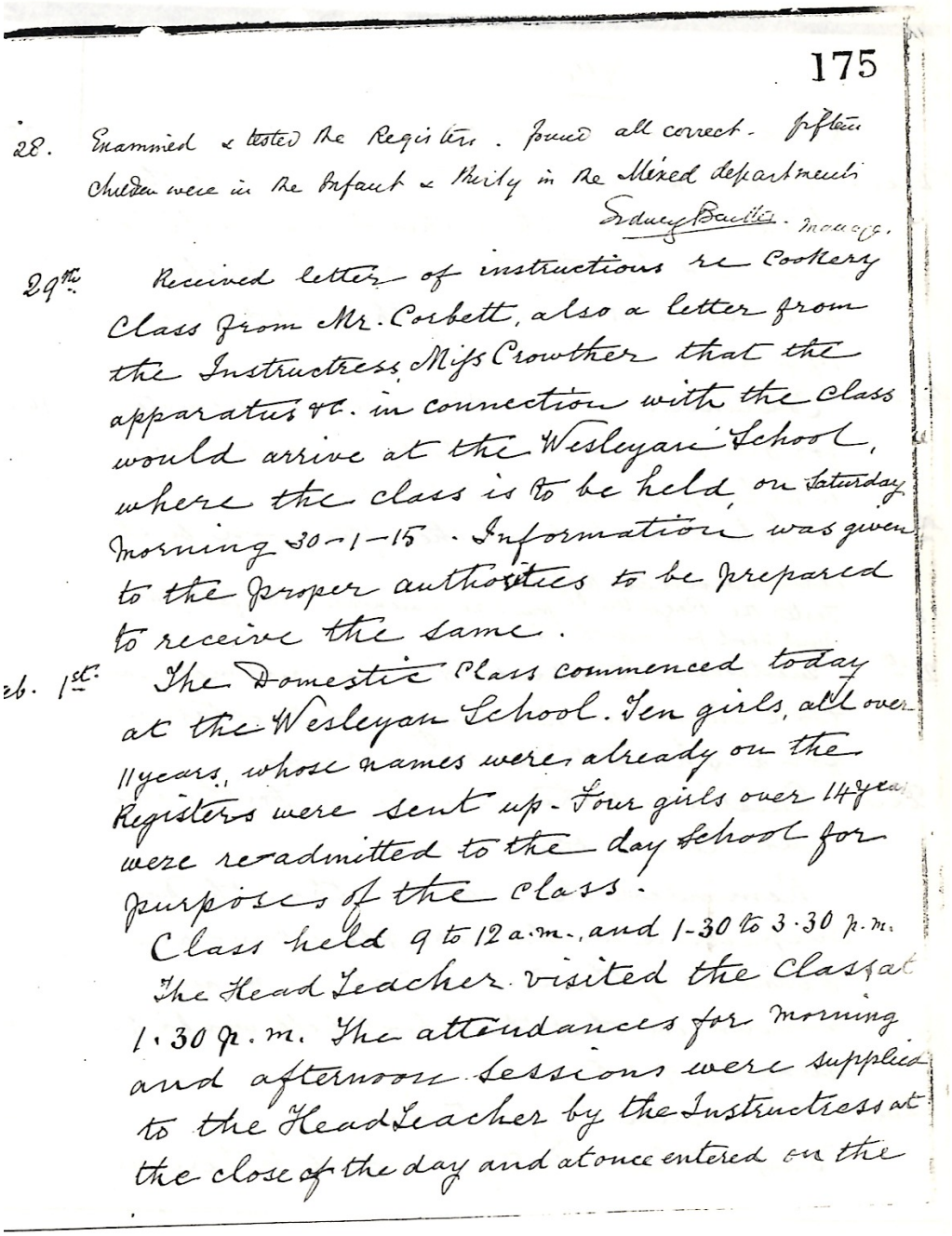
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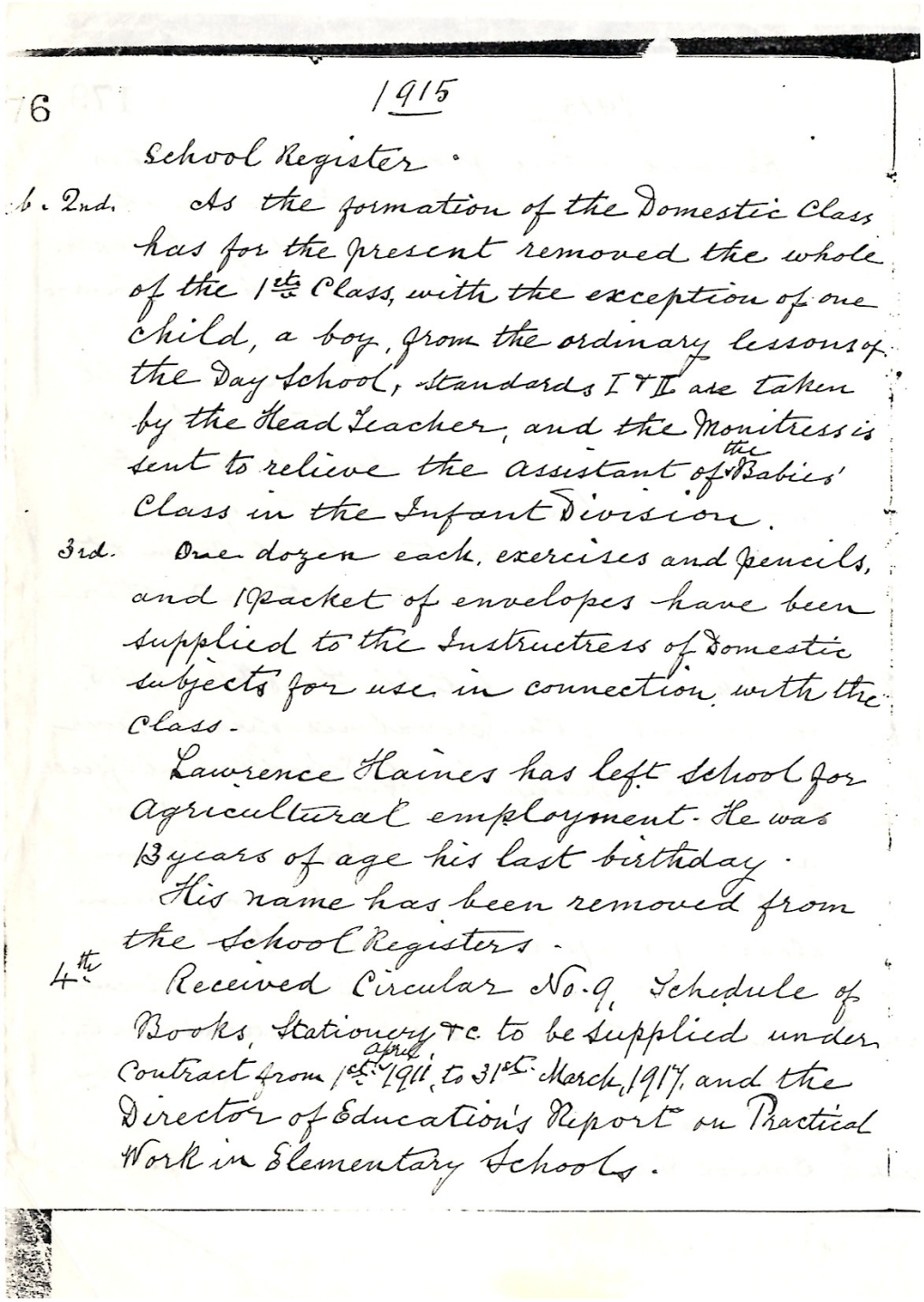
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School Register.

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3rd. One dozen each, exercises and pencils, and 1 Packet of envelopes have been supplied to the Instructress of Domestic subjects for use in connection with the class.

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His name has been removed from the School Registers.

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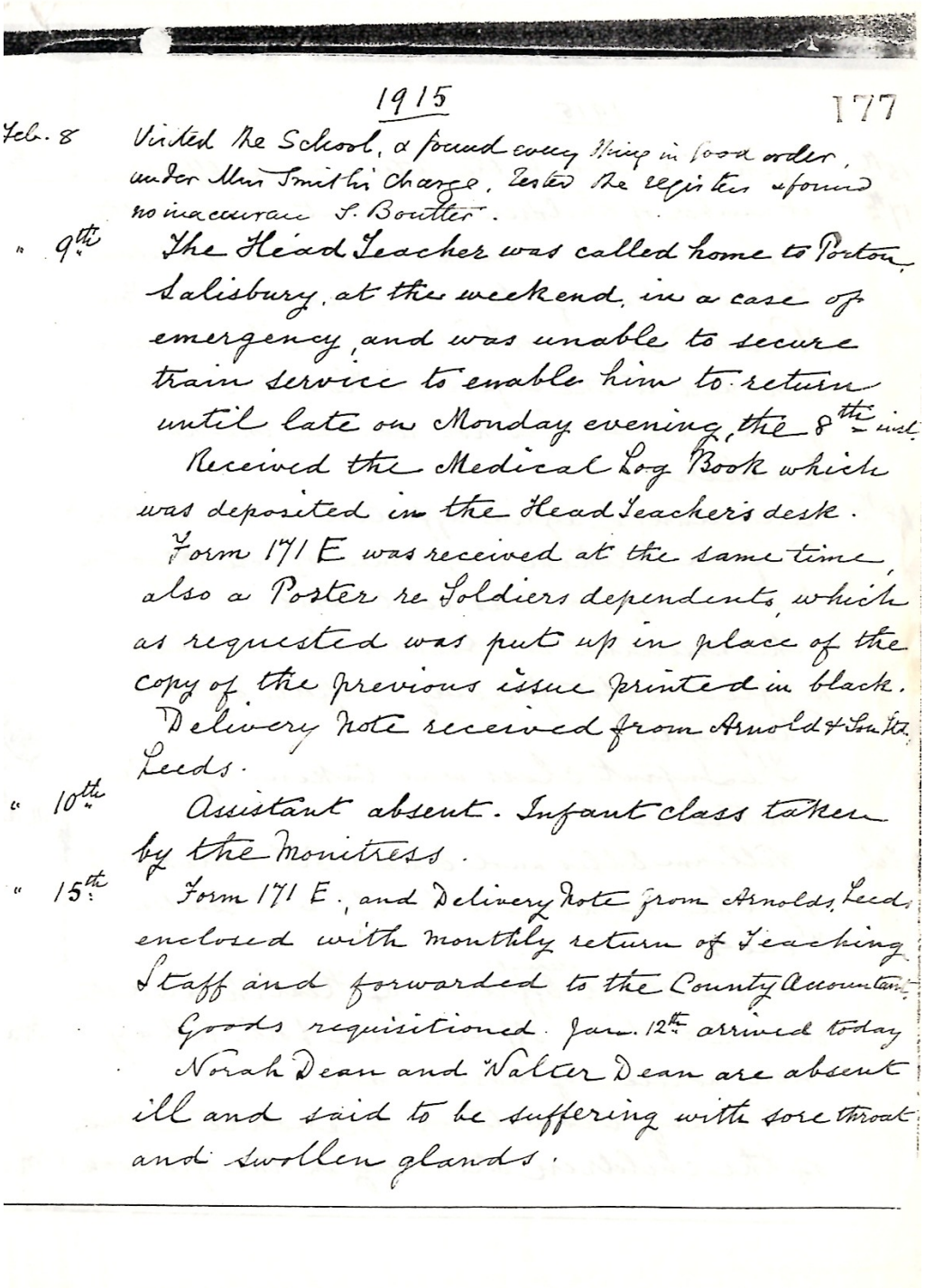
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1915 177

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" 9th The Head Teacher was called home to Porton, Salisbury, at the weekend, in a case of emergency, and was unable to secure train service to enable him to return until late on Monday evening, the 8th inst.

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Form 171 E was received at the same time, also a Poster re Soldiers dependents, which as requested was put up in place of the copy of the previous issue printed in black.

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" 10th Assistant absent. Infant class taken by the Monitress.

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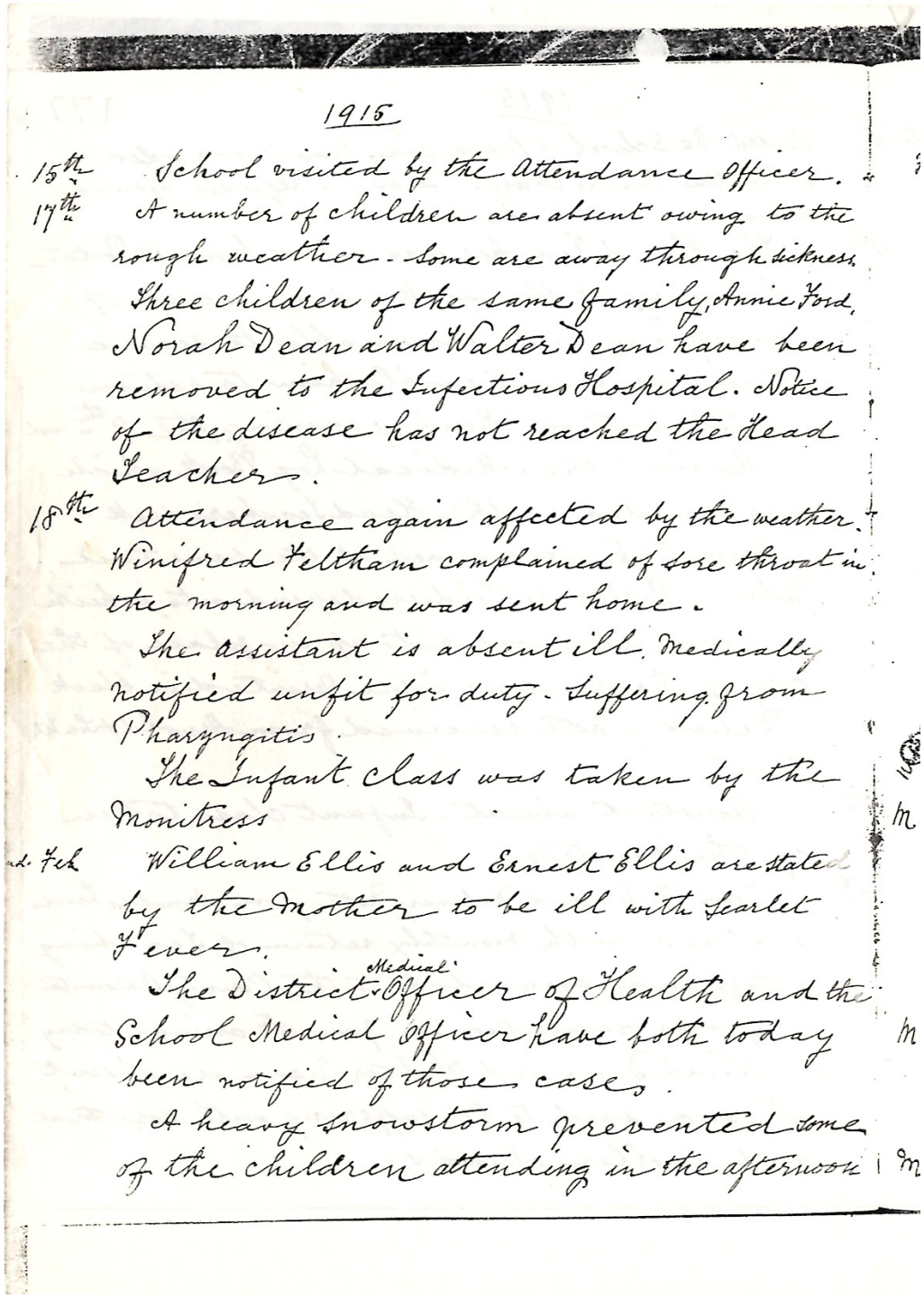
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1915

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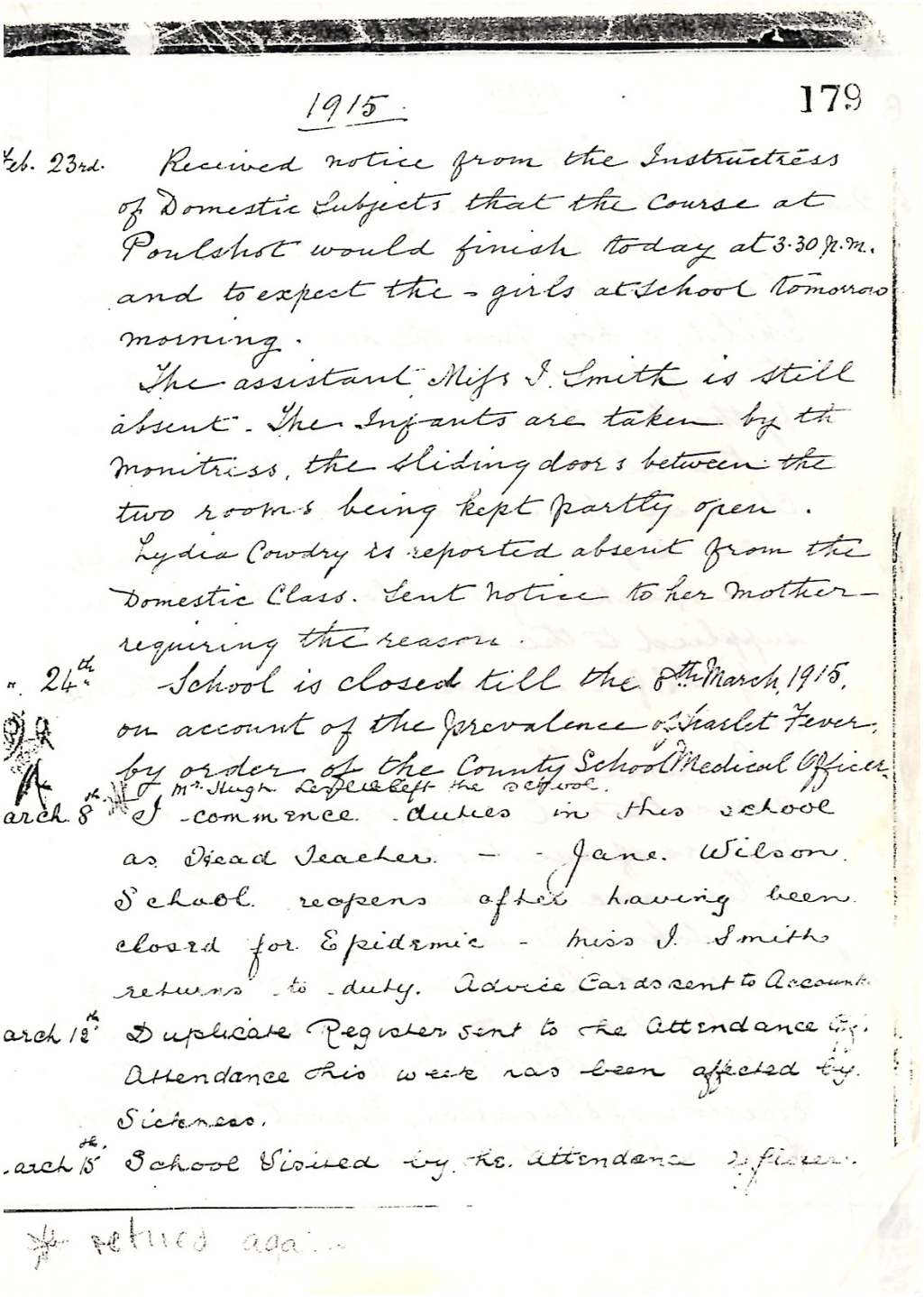
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1915. 179

Feb. 23rd. Received notice from the Instructress of Domestic Subjects that the Course at Poulshot would finish today at 3.30 p.m. and to expect the girls at school tomorrow morning.

The assistant Miss I. Smith is still absent. The Infants are taken by th monitriss, the sliding doors between the two rooms being kept partly open.

Lydia Cowdry is reported absent from the Domestic Class. Sent notice to her mother requiring the reason.

" 24th School is closed till the 8th March, 1915, on account of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever, by order of the County School Medical Officer.

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* retired again

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" 24th School is closed till the 8th March, 1915, on account of the prevalence of Scarlet Fever, by order of the County School Medical Officer. * Mr Hugh Leslie left the school.

March 8th I commence duties in this school as Head Teacher. - - Jane. Wilson. School reopens after having been closed for Epidemic - Miss I. Smith returns to duty. Advice Cards sent to Account. [* retires again — pencil note at foot of page]

March 12th Duplicate Register sent to the Attendance Off. Attendance this week has been affected by Sickness.

March 15th School Visited by the attendance Officer.

Uncertain readings: Interlinear note 'Mr Hugh Leslie left the school' is in a smaller, later-looking hand; 'Leslie' seems to be written over or corrected; Pencil note at the foot reads ' retires again' (could be 'retired again'), and it is unclear which asterisk it goes with; 'Account.' at the end of the March 8th entry may be short for 'Accountant'; 'Attendance Off.' (March 12th) is shortened at the page edge, probably 'Officer'; 'Cowdry' could also be read 'Cowdrey'; 'Visited' in the March 15th entry looks like 'Visised'; There are a stamp or initials in the margin beside the Feb 24th entry; The 'M' of 'March' in the margin dates is cut off at the page edge*

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