Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1884-85

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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

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March 5th in for a few minutes this afternoon. Punished Herbert Rawlings for falsehood.

" 6th " Infants taken by the master in the morning, Standard II by the Infant teacher. Louisa Tadd punished for idleness in the writing Lesson. William Jones for talking while the rest of the Scholars were singing. Standard I detained for a few minutes in the dinner hour as a punishment for idleness.

" 7th " Infants taken by the Master Standard II by the Infant teacher. Frederick Shell and others who were absent sick have returned this week. Jane Shell and George Tadd are now absent sick.

" 10th " School inspected to-day.

" 11th " Arranged the classes for the ensuing year.

" 12th " School visited by the Rector in the morning and afternoon. Received the [illegible]

" 14th " School visited by the Rector. The Infant boys did needlework along with the girls this afternoon.

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March 17th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Kept the elder children in at playtime as a punishment for talking. Infant boys took needlework along with the girls.

" 21st School visited by the Rector. Infant boys took needlework along with the girls in the afternoon.

" 24th A number of children absent this afternoon. Some came in after the Registers were marked.

" 25th " Children attended Church at 11.30. Opened at 2in the afternoon and closed at 4.15 to allow time for dinner.

" 28th " Infants Boys Needlework with the girls. Some of the children are suffering from colds, some absent on that account.

" 31st " The children of Standards III. IV & V having become subscribers to "The Scholar", a Monthly Educational Paper for School & home, their Reading & Arithmetic were taken from it this morning. I think it is likely to create within them a greater love of learning. School visited by the Rector.

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April 2nd. School visited by the Rector Infant Boys Needlework.

" 3rd. Kept Standards I & II at Arithmetic and Tables this afternoon instead of singing and Standard II was detained a few minutes after time as a punishment for being rather idle.

" 4th School visited by the Rector in the morning, Mr. Haine also came in to inquire about the number of children attending the Sunday School.

April 5th 1884

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

"The children are in satisfactory order and have passed fairly in the Elementary Subjects. The Reading and Handwriting are fair, Spelling of the first and second Standards only pretty fair, of third fair and of the fourth Standard fairly good. Composition of the fifth Standard child very fair, but Handwriting only pretty fair. The Repetition of the first Standard is weak and the Grammar of the fourth pretty fair, of the fifth Standard imperfect and on the whole the English is fair. The Arithmetic has been well taught and the Singing by note has been very successful."

"The Infants too are under fair control and have passed fairly well in their Singing by note. They are, however, backward in Reading, and while those over six years of age write and sum very fairly, those under six years of age know scarcely anything of their elementary work."

S. E. Leslie is recognised as qualified to serve under Article 84.

Chas. Martin.
Manager

April 9th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Herbert Rawlings is obliged to be absent from school having to submit to an operation on the head. Infant Boys Needlework.

" 10th School visited by the Rector. Closed for Easter Holiday.

" 21st Reopened school today, very small attendance a number of the children being at the Fair. There are also some absent sick. Infant boys took needlework with the girls.

" 22nd Herbert Rawlings has returned to school. A larger attendance today.

" 24th Mr Dowse the attendance officer visited the school this morning

" 25th. Infant boys Needlework this afternoon

" 28th Extra Reading and Spelling instead of Writing

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April 30th A bottle of School ink has been got for the school. Infant boys sewing.

May 1st Received a visit from Mr Dowse this morning. Attendance rather low today.

" 7th Infant boys sewing in the afternoon. Some children absent sick.

" 9th Wilfred Haine has fever, his brothers are absent on account of it.

" 12th Henry Butler went home sick this morning. Only 36 marked present in the afternoon 4 came in after being marked absent. There is a sale in the village today and a number of children are absent on that account.

" 14th School visited by the Rector. Infant Boys sewing in the afternoon.

" 16th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Afternoon's attendance very small. Infant Boys sewing.

" 19th School visited by the Rector. Attendance rather low. Infant Boys Needlework.

" 20th School visited by the Rector. Kept the children in at playtime for being rather inattentive to order. Infants received drill.

May 21st Gave notice to the children to meet at 10 tomorrow morning for religious service it being Ascension Day. School will open in the afternoon at the usual time for Secular instruction.

" 22nd Only 24 marked present this afternoon, two came in after the Registers were closed and were marked absent.

" 27th Attendance low this afternoon 46 present, out of which 4 were late and marked absent.

" 28th Gave notice to the children that the School would be closed tomorrow as I should be with the choir at the Salisbury Festival.

" 30th Infant Boys sewing in the afternoon as usual. Gave notice that there would be holiday on Whit-Monday, but that the School would open on the day following, Whit-Tuesday. There will be five weeks at Mid-Summer instead of the usual four weeks.

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June 3rd As only twenty children presented themselves in the morning, the School was not opened for lessons according to the Time-Table. The Registers not marked in the morning. Afternoon, School not opened only twenty-two being present.

" 4th Opened School with 43 present in the morning 39 in the afternoon. Two came in late and were marked absent. The Rector visited the School in the morning.

" 5th Kept Harry Butler and Herbert Combley in after School for causing a disturbance during Prayers.

" 6th Mr Haines boys are still absent owing to their having fevers in the family. Infant boys sewing.

June 9 I have today examined the Registers & find that they are correctly marked.

C. Martin. Manager

" 10th Kept the IInd Standard back to do their Spellings this afternoon.

" 12th Infant Teacher absent today. Infants taught partly in the large room. I was assisted by two of the 1st Class children in turns.

June 17th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Eliza Sadd obliged to go home with headache. A number of children came in late in the afternoon and were marked absent.

" 20th School visited by the Rector this morning. Attendance of elder children low.

" 23rd Eliza Sadd obliged to go home ill

" 27th Diocesan Inspection this afternoon. School closed for five weeks holiday

August 4th Reopened in the New school-room 55 present in the morning and 54 in the afternoon. Admitted seven children. School visited by the Rector

" 7th School closed this afternoon for the concert.

" 8th Infant boys needlework in the afternoon.

" 11th Jennie Wilkins obliged to go home ill. I sent her in charge of her sister Mabel.

" 13th School visited by the Rector. Infant boys took needlework in the afternoon.

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Aug. 18th. School visited by the Rector. Thin attendance, today being Poulshot Feast.

" 20th. Standard II kept in after 12 to repeat tables & Standard I after 4 to learn Spelling.

" 22nd. Infant Boys Needlework this afternoon.

" 24th. School visited by the Rector. Infant Boys Needlework.

" 28th. School visited by the Rector and friends visiting at the Rectory.

" 29th. Kate Rawlings obliged to go home ill. Infant Boys Needlework in the afternoon.

Sept. 2nd. School visited by the Rector.

" 3rd. School visited by the Rector. Infant Boys sewing.

" 4th. Eliza Tadd went home sick in the morning but was at school in the afternoon.

" 5th. Infant Boys Needlework. The children are making steady progress with their elementary work. there are however two or three whose natural inability to grasp arithmetic renders it necessary to work them in that subject with a lower standard than their own.

" 9th. School visited in the morning by the Rector and in the afternoon by Mr Laine. A good many absent in the afternoon

Sept. 10th School visited by the Rector. Infant Boys Needlework.

" 12th Mr. Medlicott came in to see the school this morning. Infant Boys Needlework in the afternoon.

" 19th School visited by the Rector. Sydney Pearce an Infant swallowed a piece of pencil. I sent word to his parents of the accident. Infant Boys Sewing.

" 23rd School visited by the Rector. Inquired respecting the cause of so many absentees and was informed that many were gathering Black Berries.

" 25th Gave extra arithmetic this afternoon instead of Singing.

" 30th School visited by the Rector this morning. Mr. Haine also came in for a few minutes in the course of the mornings attendance.

Oct. 6th Mary Hollier is unable to do needle-work owing to weak eyes. She did hers this afternoon instead.

" 7th School visited by the Rector in the morning. Gave no playtime to-day as a punishment for idleness.

Oct. 10th Caught Herbert Combley Smoking in the playtime. Took the pipe from him, and cautioned him and the rest of the boys against such practices. Infant boys take needlework.

15 I last this afternoon Examined the registers & find them correctly marked.

17th The Infant Boys seem to be progressing fairly with their sewing and knitting. The attendance of some of the elder children is very irregular just now.

20th Attendance very low today. A number of children absent to go to Devizes Fair.

24th Attendance rather low this afternoon. Infant Boys needlework.

28th Service at 11.15 to-day. Mr Haine and a friend visited the school this afternoon.

30th Ellen Drewitt sick in school this morning. absent in the afternoon.

Nov. 3rd Mr Haine came into the school this morning for a short time.

" 11th Alice Long marked absent this morning by mistake. School visited by the Rector.

" 12th Infant Boys Needlework in the afternoon.

Nov. 19th Arithmetic on paper by Standards II and upwards. The Infant Boys continue to make progress with their needlework.

" 24th " William Bowden went home at 3 o'clock this afternoon to go to the doctor with his eye. Malinda Hawkins is absent with Ringworm.

ec. 2nd. School visited by the Rector. Gave the children singing instead of sending them out to play this afternoon as it was raining. There are some absent through sickness.

" 3rd. School visited by Mr Haine who gave information respecting stone throwing among the boys, his son, Gilbert Haine being absent in consequence of having received a blow from. Punished James Trimnell the boy who threw the stone, and warned the rest of the boys.

" 8th Charles Swanborough who has been absent sick returned this afternoon but was marked absent through mistake. Boys in Infant Class needlework in the afternoon.

" 10th Examined the registers found the numbers Correct C. Martin Manager.

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Dec. 16th School visited by the Rector.
" 17th Infant Boys Needlework.
" 19th Closed for Christmas Holidays, Two Weeks.
1884 Jan. 5th Reopened School this morning. The Rector visited the School and punished William Jones for ill behaviour in Church.
" 9th Mary Hollier obliged to go home sick.
" 12th School visited by the Rector. Found Sarah Underwood, who is attending this school for a short time, in such a condition with vermin that I was obliged to send her home to be cleaned. Arithmetic on paper. Infant Boys sewing in the afternoon.
" 13th Louisa Tadd having fallen on the ice at playtime was obliged to go home to be dried.
" 16th Arithmetic on paper today. Mental arithmetic to Standards I & II. The Vth Standard boys are doing extra Arithmetic instead of Euclid and Algebra.
" 19th Kept some of the girls in after time for being idle during the sewing lesson.
" 20th School visited by the Rector.

Jan. 21 Arithmetic on paper today to Standards II and upwards. Mental Arithmetic to the boys in the afternoon. Infant Boys Sewing

" 27th " School visited by the Rector. Charles Hawkins obliged to be absent with a bad head. Charles Swanborough sick in School. He had, according to his sisters statement, been having cider. Kept Standard II after time as a punishment for idleness this afternoon.

" 30th " A number of Children absent sick. Received Government Return Forms from the Rector. Filled up and returned Form 8, M. Infant Boys Needlework.

Feb. 2nd. Registers marked and closed by 9.10 this morning. Lessons closed at 11.10. Church Service at 11.15. A number of children absent owing to the weather and sickness.

" 3rd. Exhibited a small pocket compass to the children in standards and explained its use.

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Feb 4th School visited this afternoon by Mr. Haine. The Rector also came in to inquire about a little girl who was said to have Ringworm.

" 10th Still a number of children absent sick. School visited by the Rector this afternoon.

" 12th Punished William Jones smartly for playing truant and for enticing another boy, William Bath to do the same and to bring money from home to spend with him.

" 18th Ash Wednesday, Registers not marked in the morning. Children go to church at 11 o'clock.

" 20 This afternoon I examined the entries in the Register & found them ~~correct~~. - C. Martin - Manager.

" 23rd Arithmetic and Dictation on paper to-day. Infant Boys Needlework in the afternoon.

" 24th Received information that this school would be inspected on Monday March 2nd. at 2 o'clock pm.

" 25th School visited by the Rector.

" 27th School visited by the Rector. Infant Boys Needlework. There are still some absent sick.