Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1912-13

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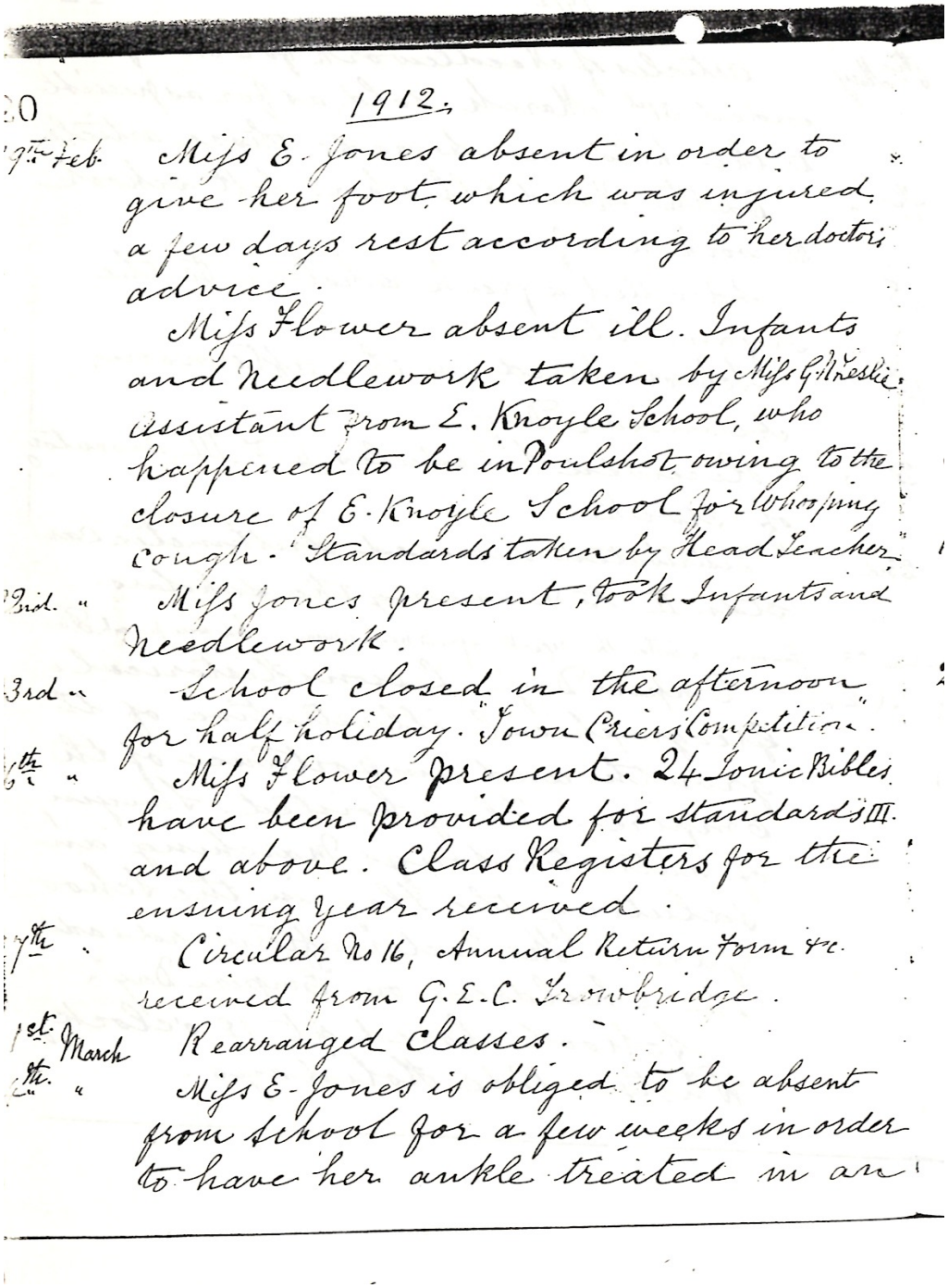

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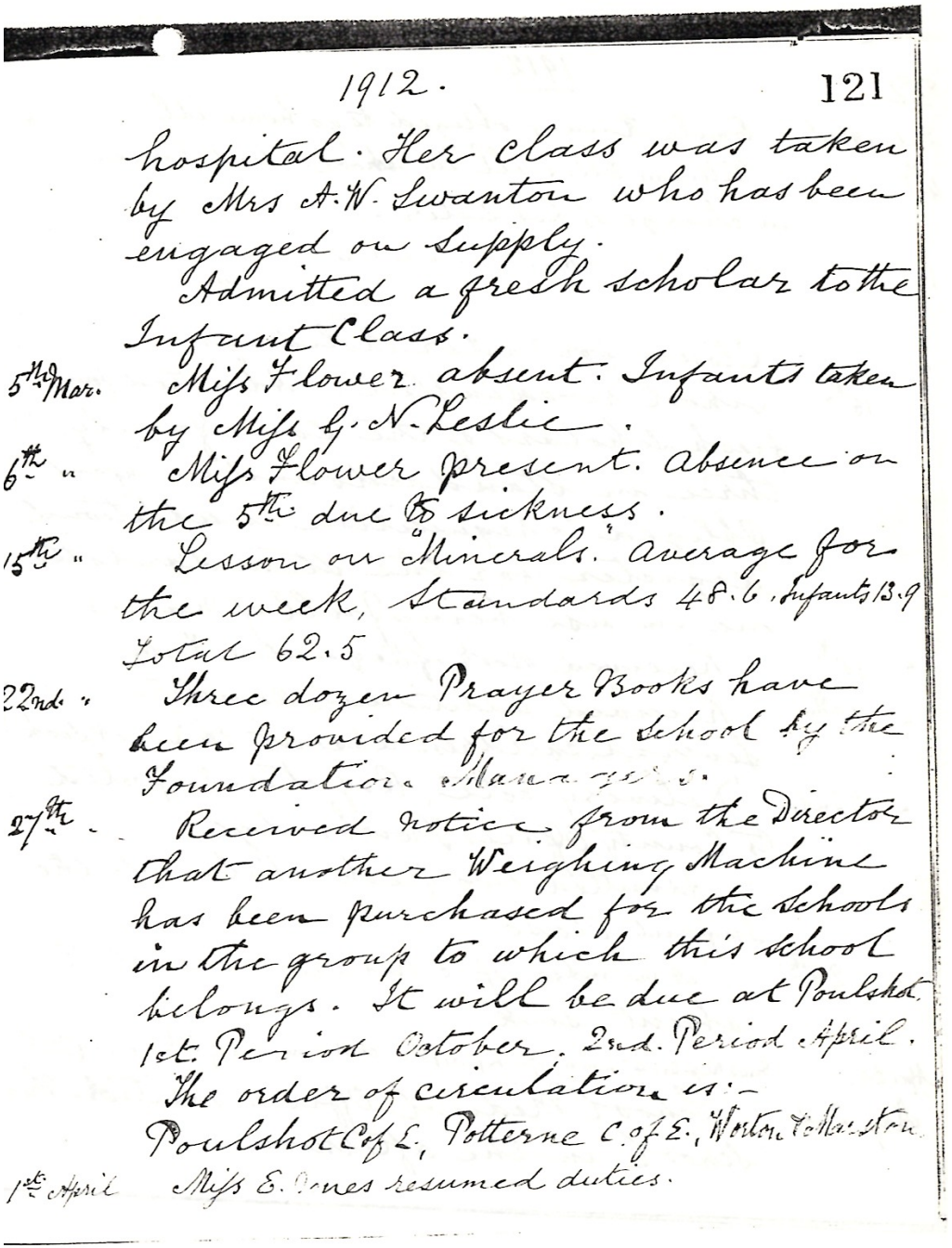

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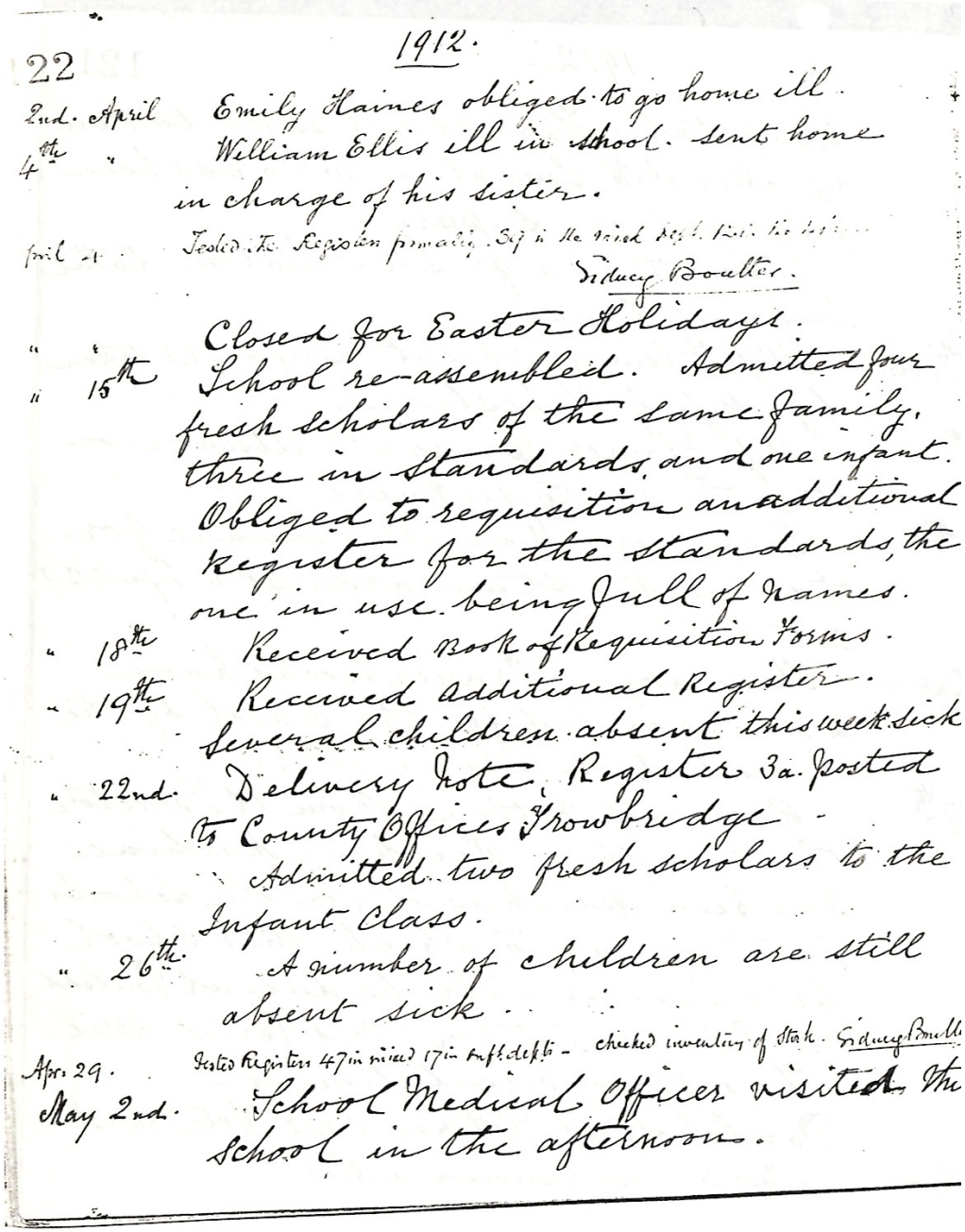

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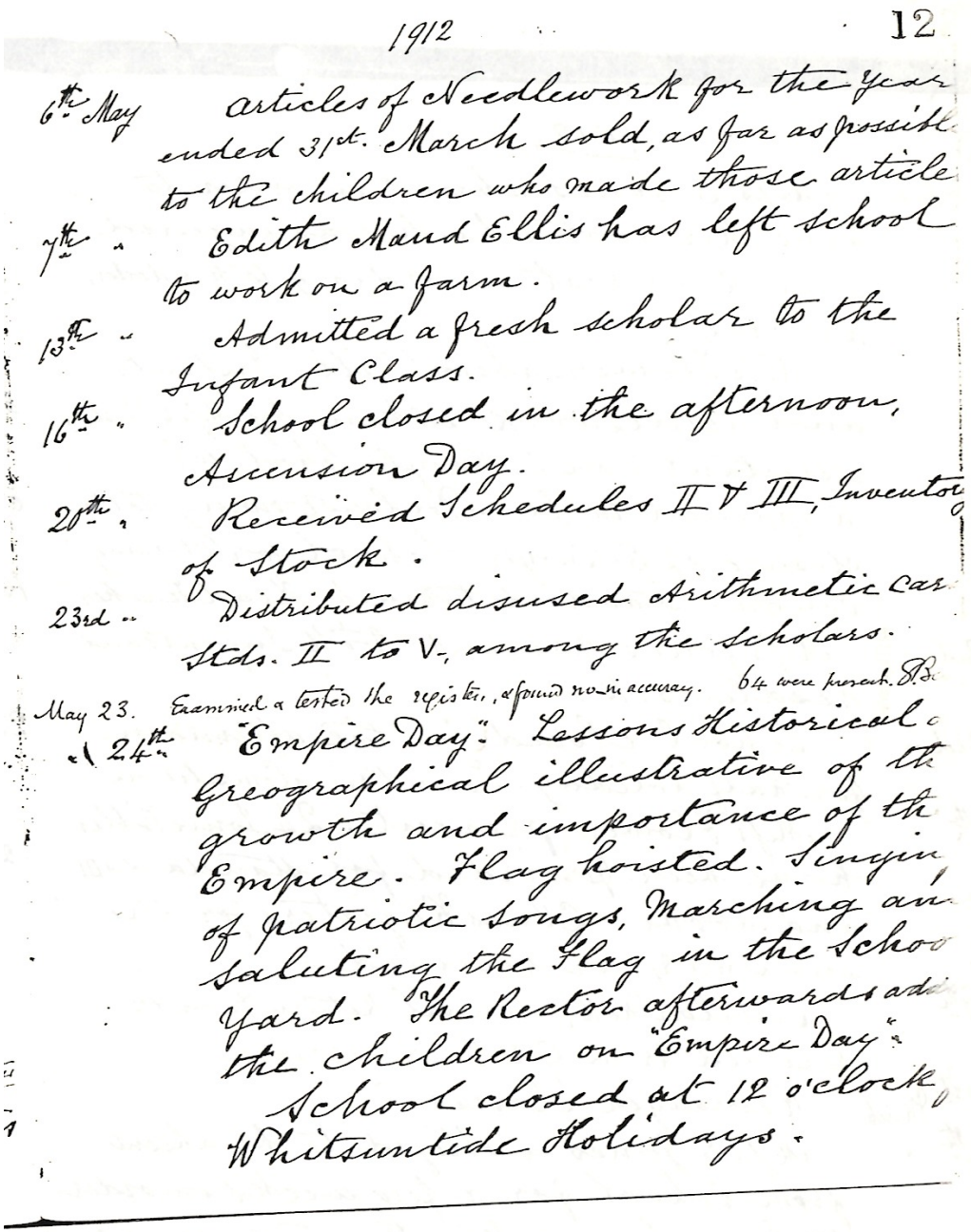
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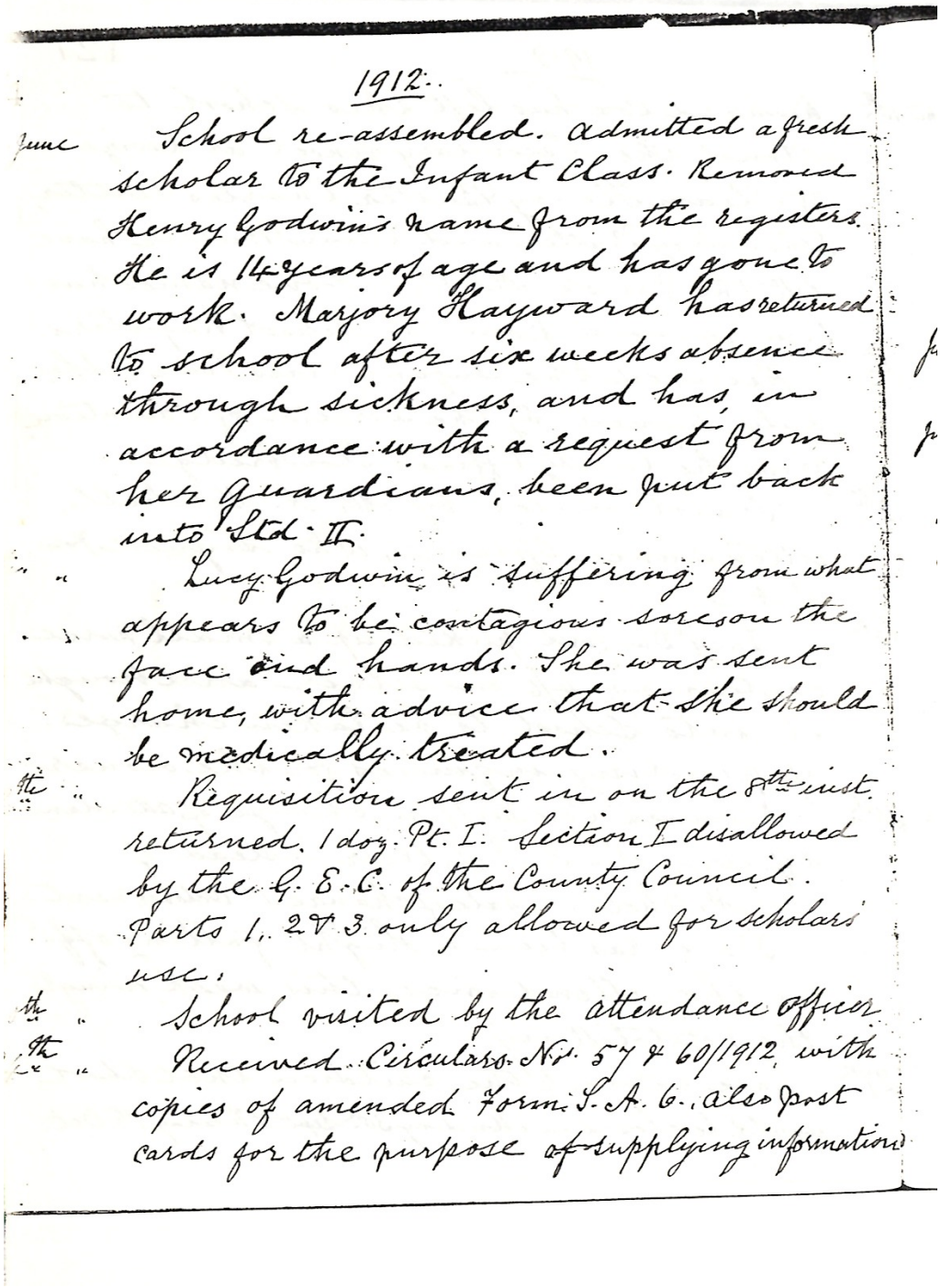

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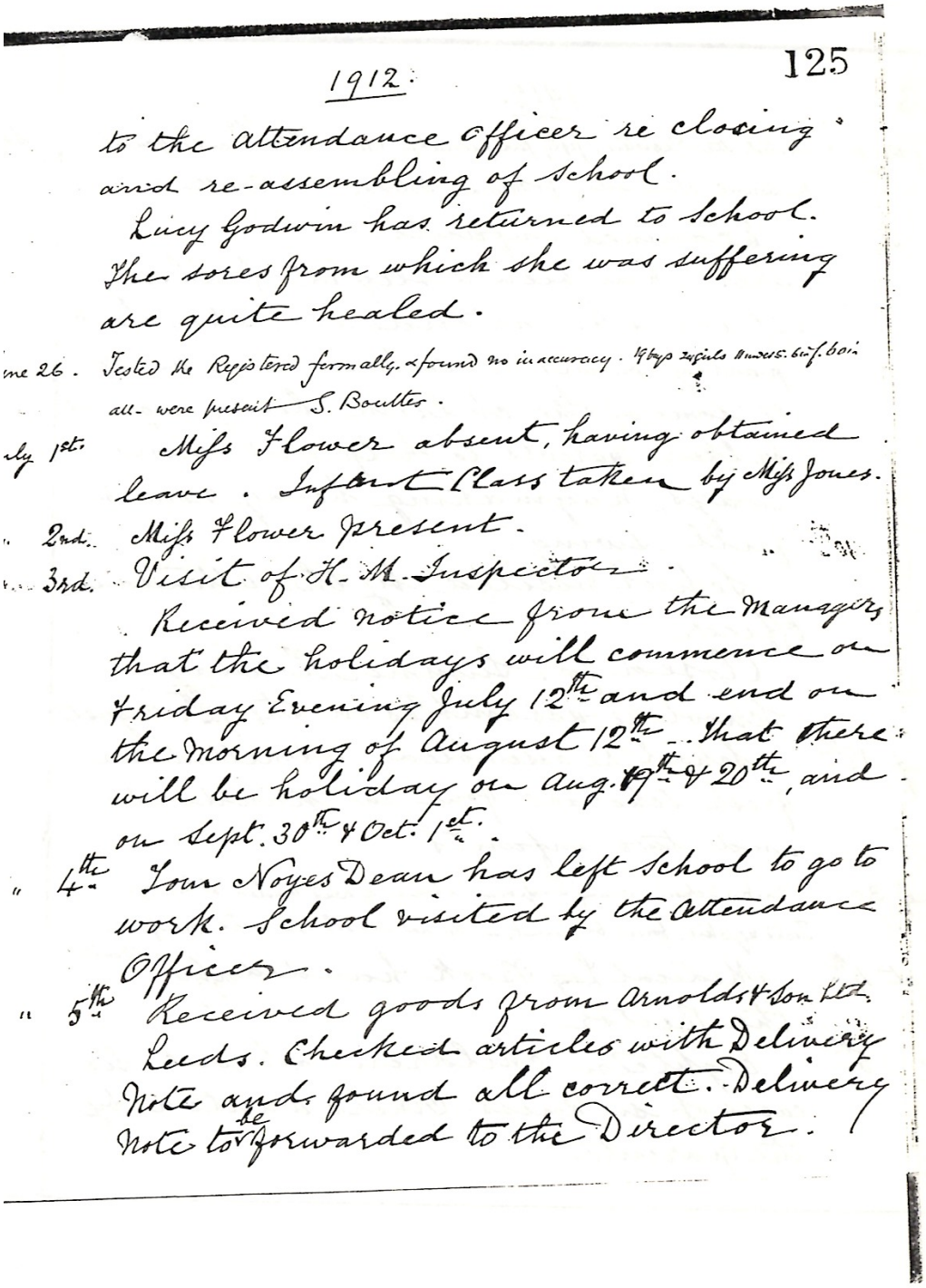

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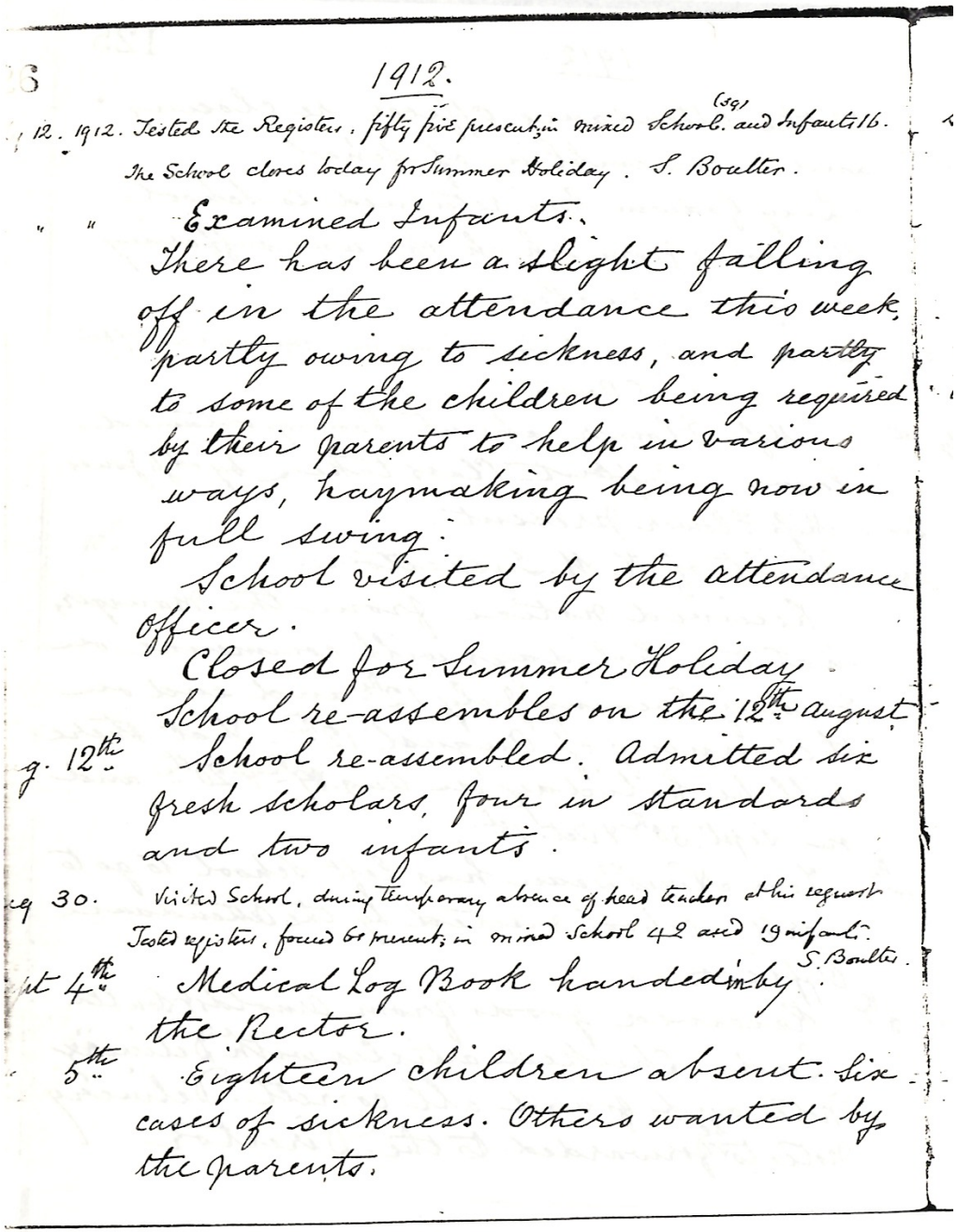

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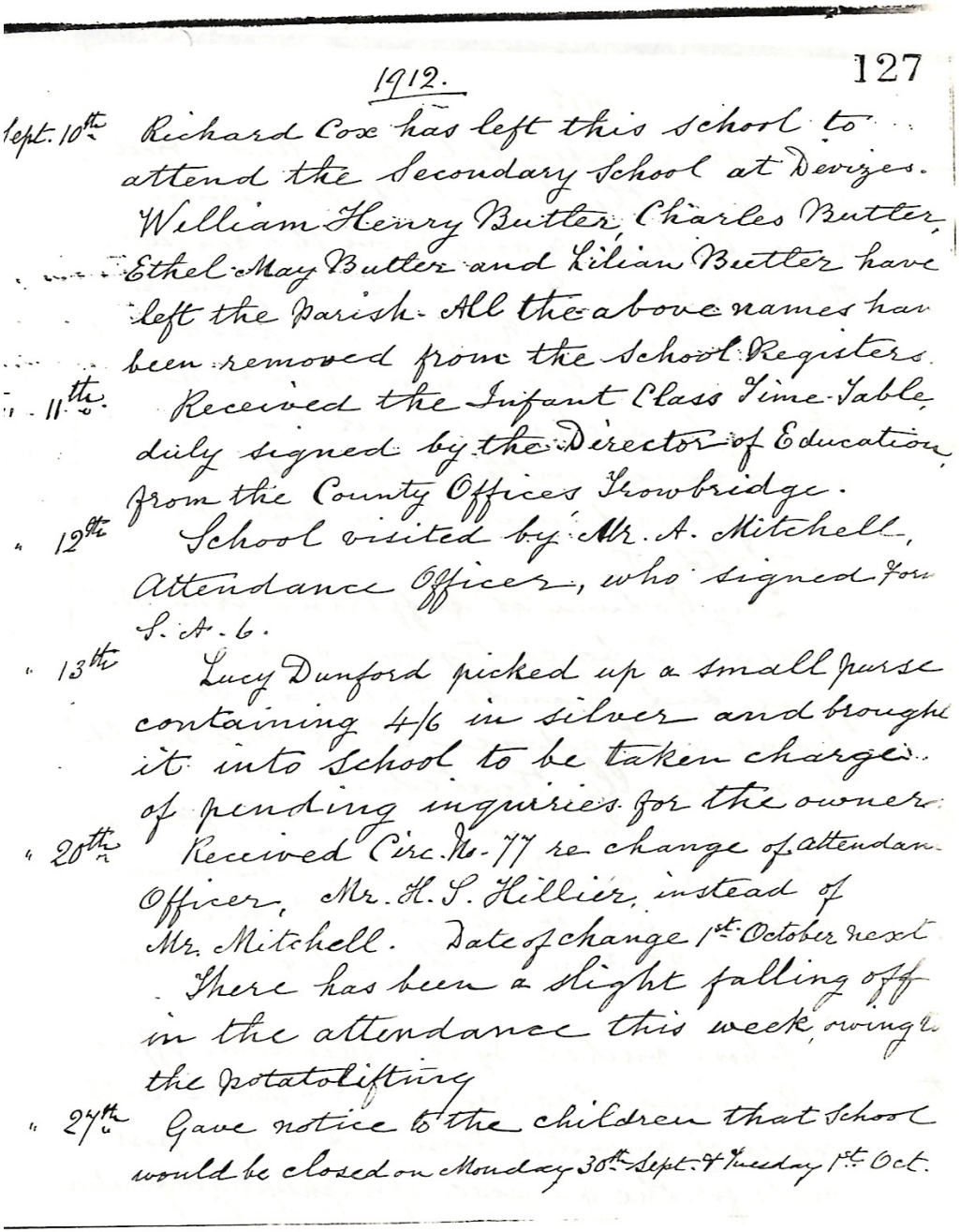

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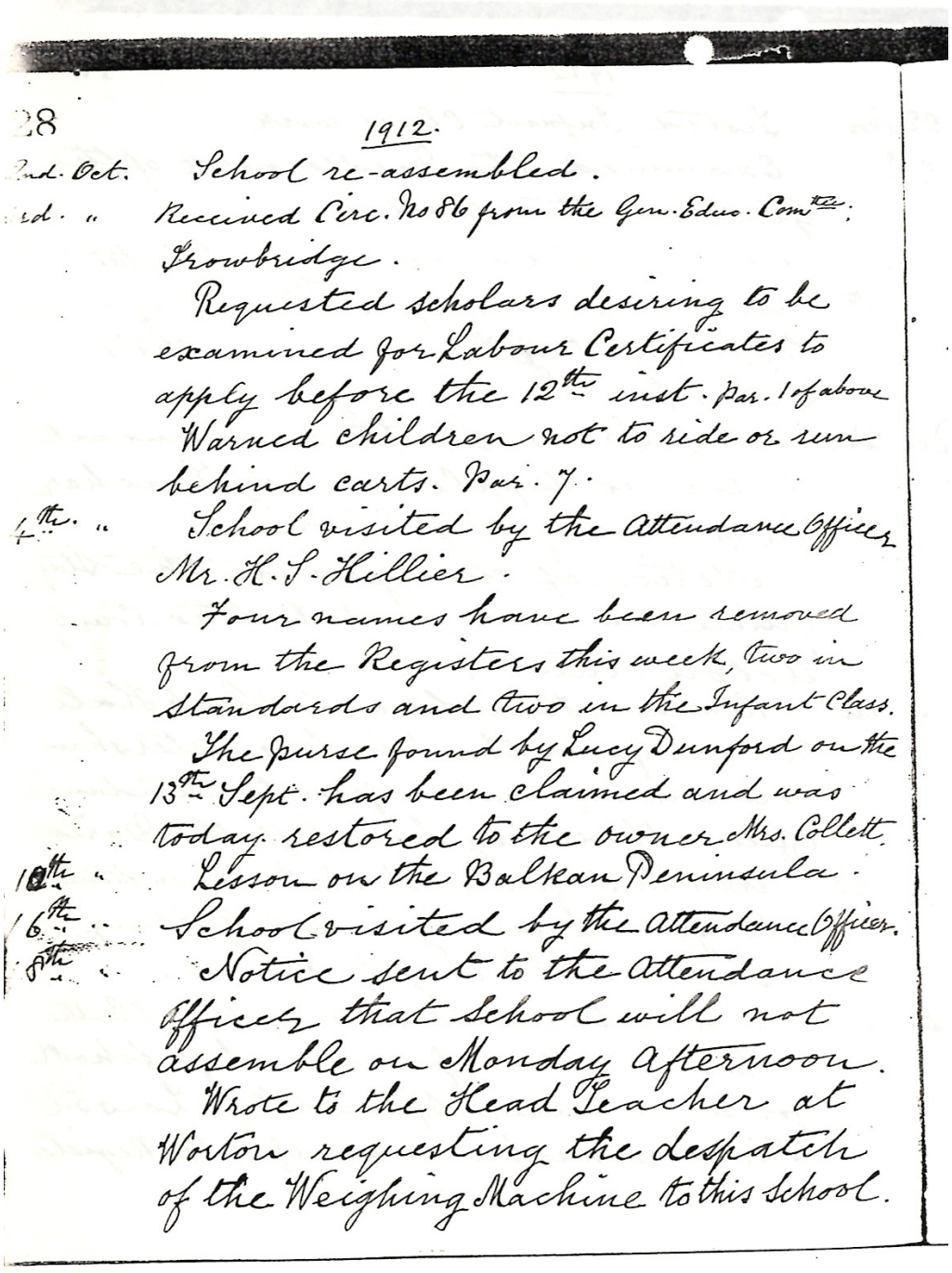
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Warned children not to ride or run behind carts. Par. 7.

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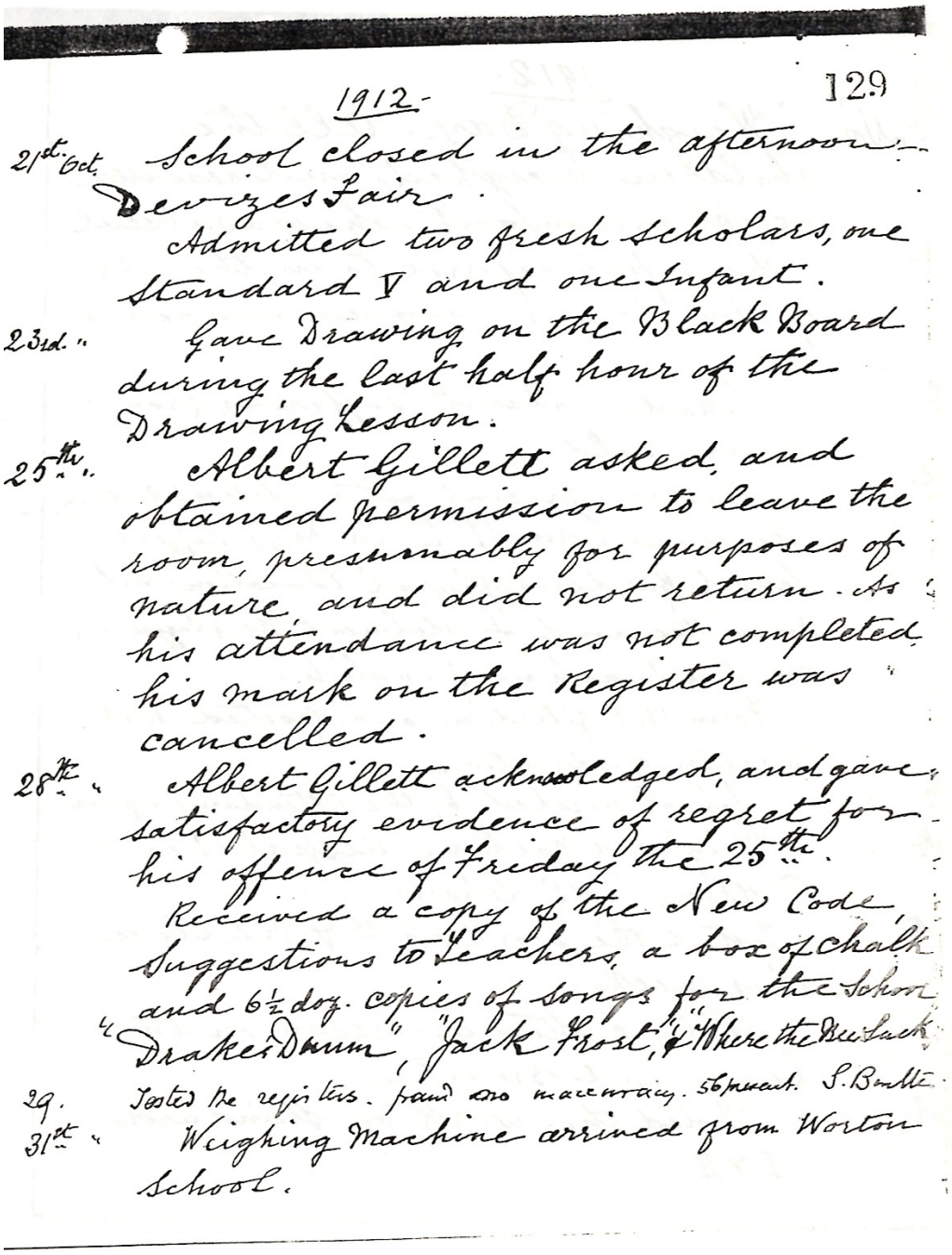

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Admitted two fresh scholars, one Standard V and one Infant.

23rd. " Gave Drawing on the Black Board during the last half hour of the Drawing Lesson.

25th. " Albert Gillett asked, and obtained permission to leave the room, presumably for purposes of nature, and did not return. As his attendance was not completed, his mark on the Register was cancelled.

28th. " Albert Gillett acknowledged, and gave satisfactory evidence of regret for his offence of Friday the 25th.
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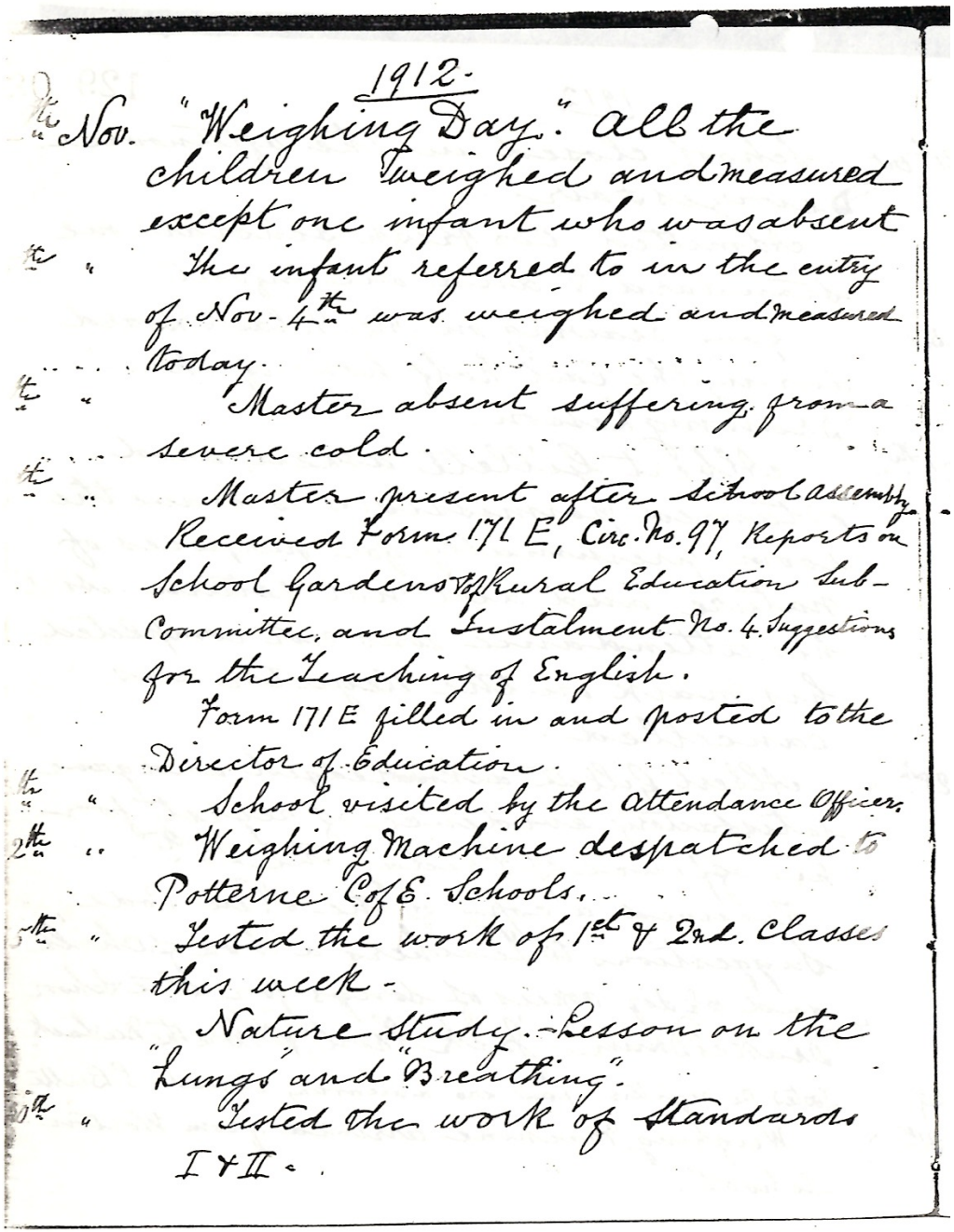

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Nov. "Weighing Day." All the children weighed and measured except one infant who was absent

" The infant referred to in the entry of Nov. 4th was weighed and measured today.

" Master absent suffering from a severe cold.

" Master present after School assembly. Received Form 171 E, Circ. No. 97, Reports on School Gardens & Rural Education Sub-Committee, and Instalment No. 4. Suggestions for the Teaching of English.

Form 171 E filled in and posted to the Director of Education.

" School visited by the Attendance Officer.

" Weighing Machine despatched to Potterne C of E. Schools.

" Tested the work of 1st & 2nd. Classes this week.

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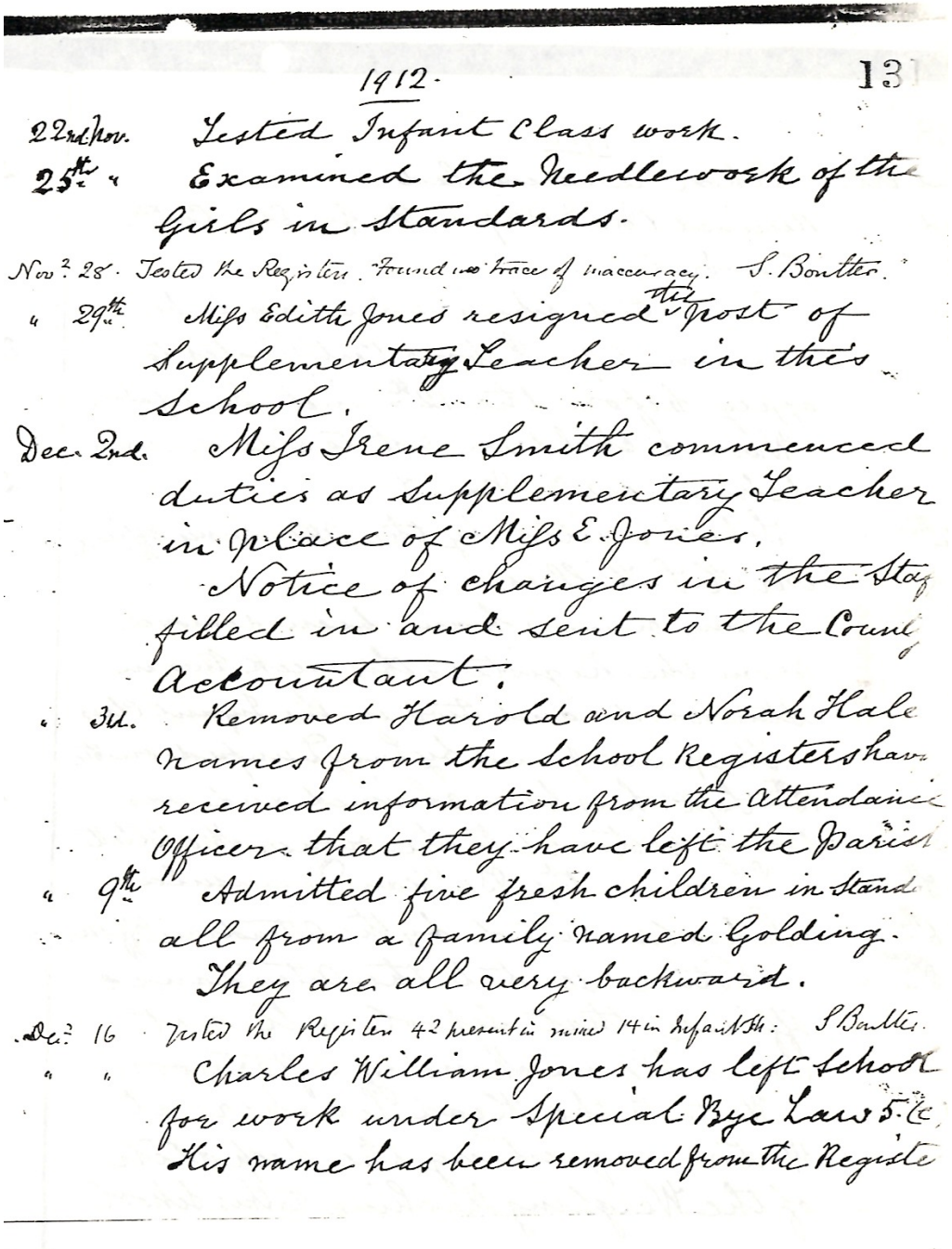

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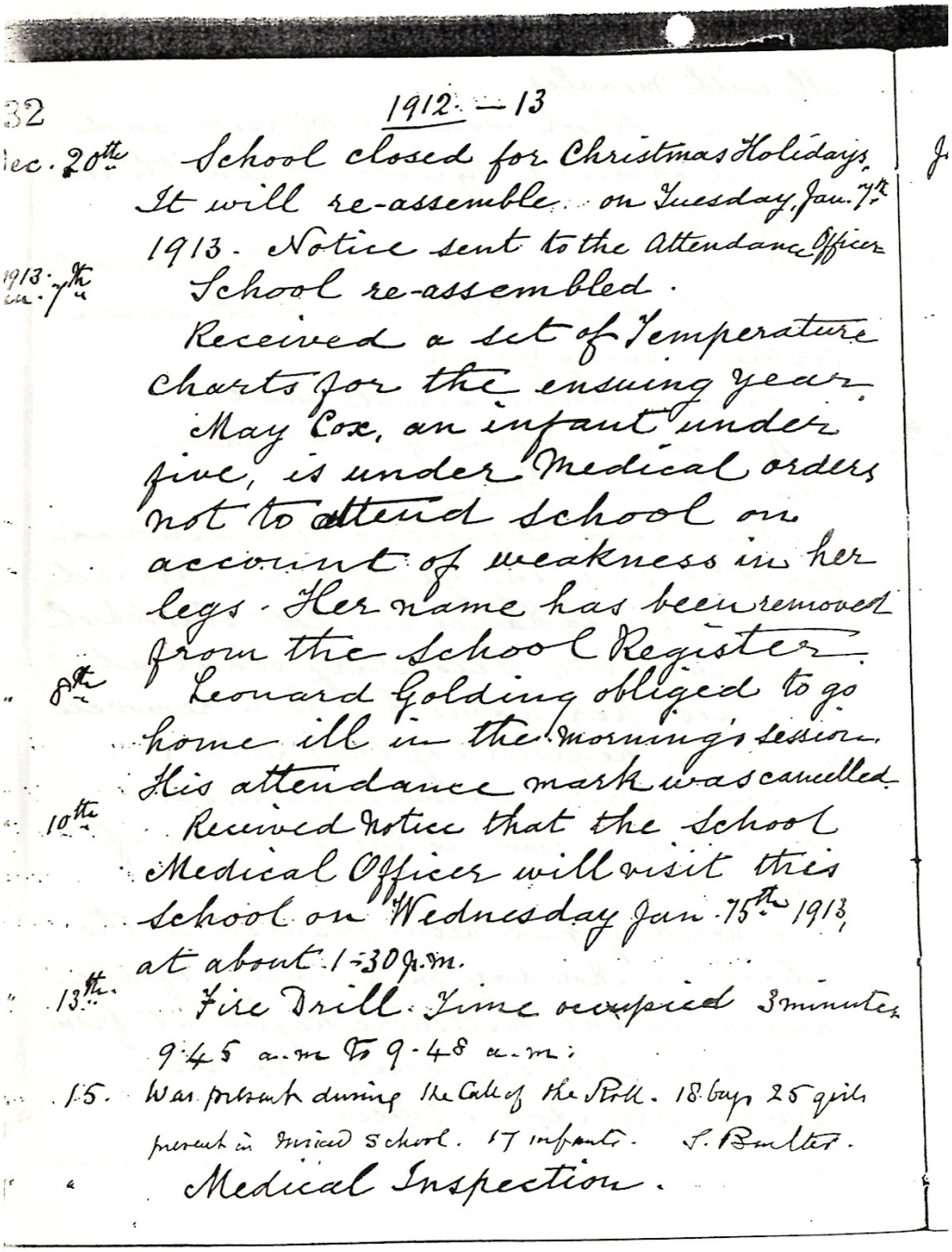

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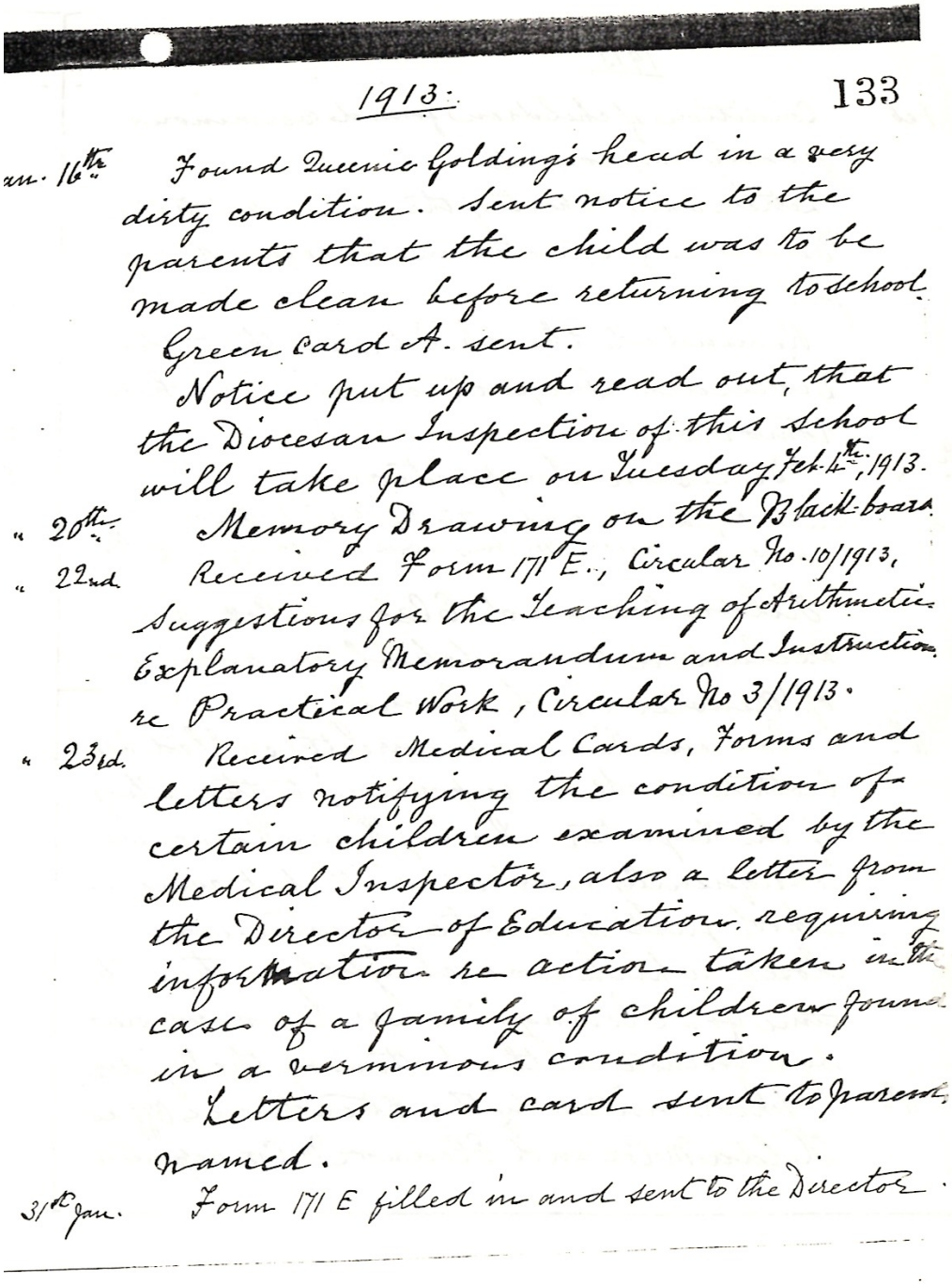

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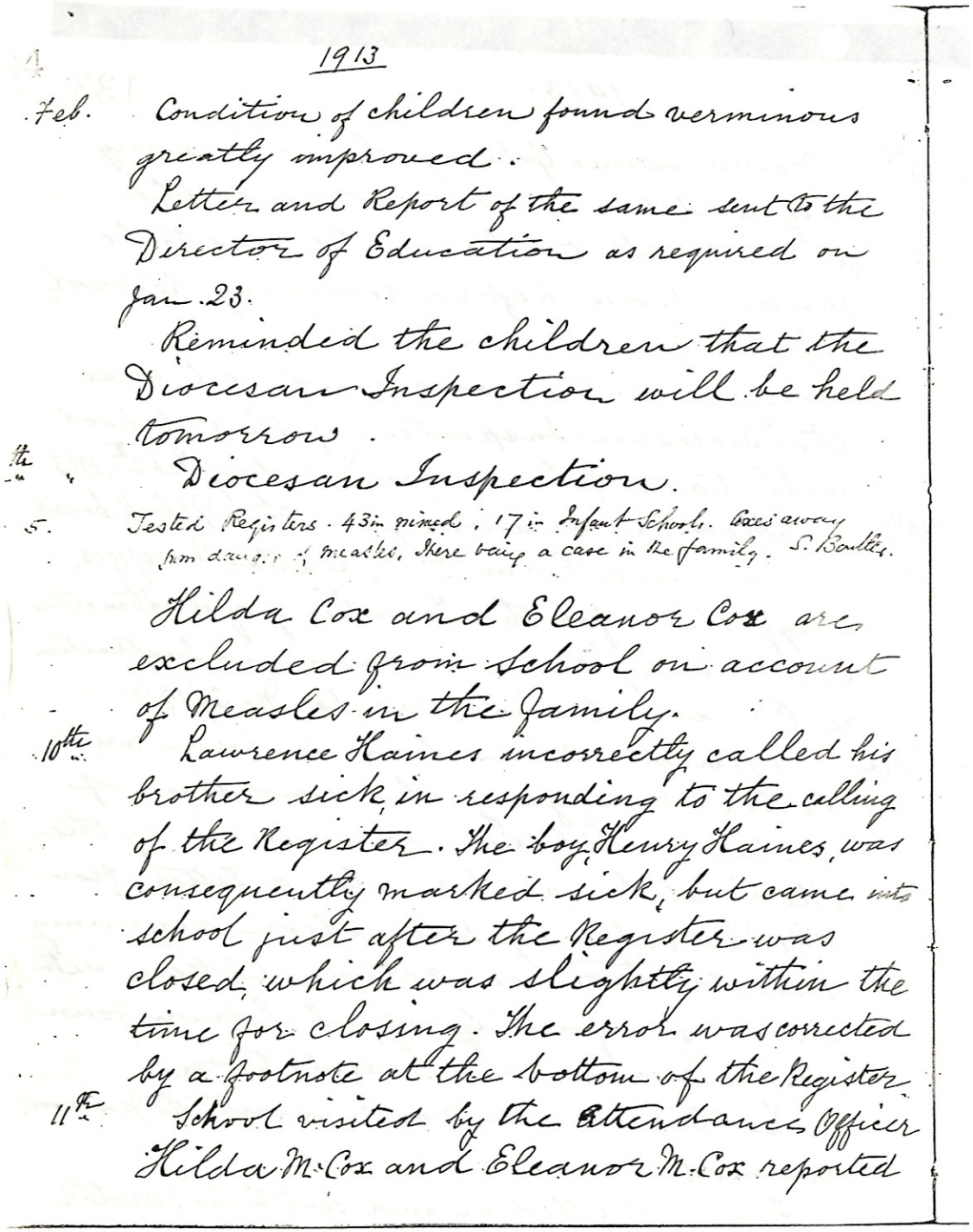

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