Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1882-83

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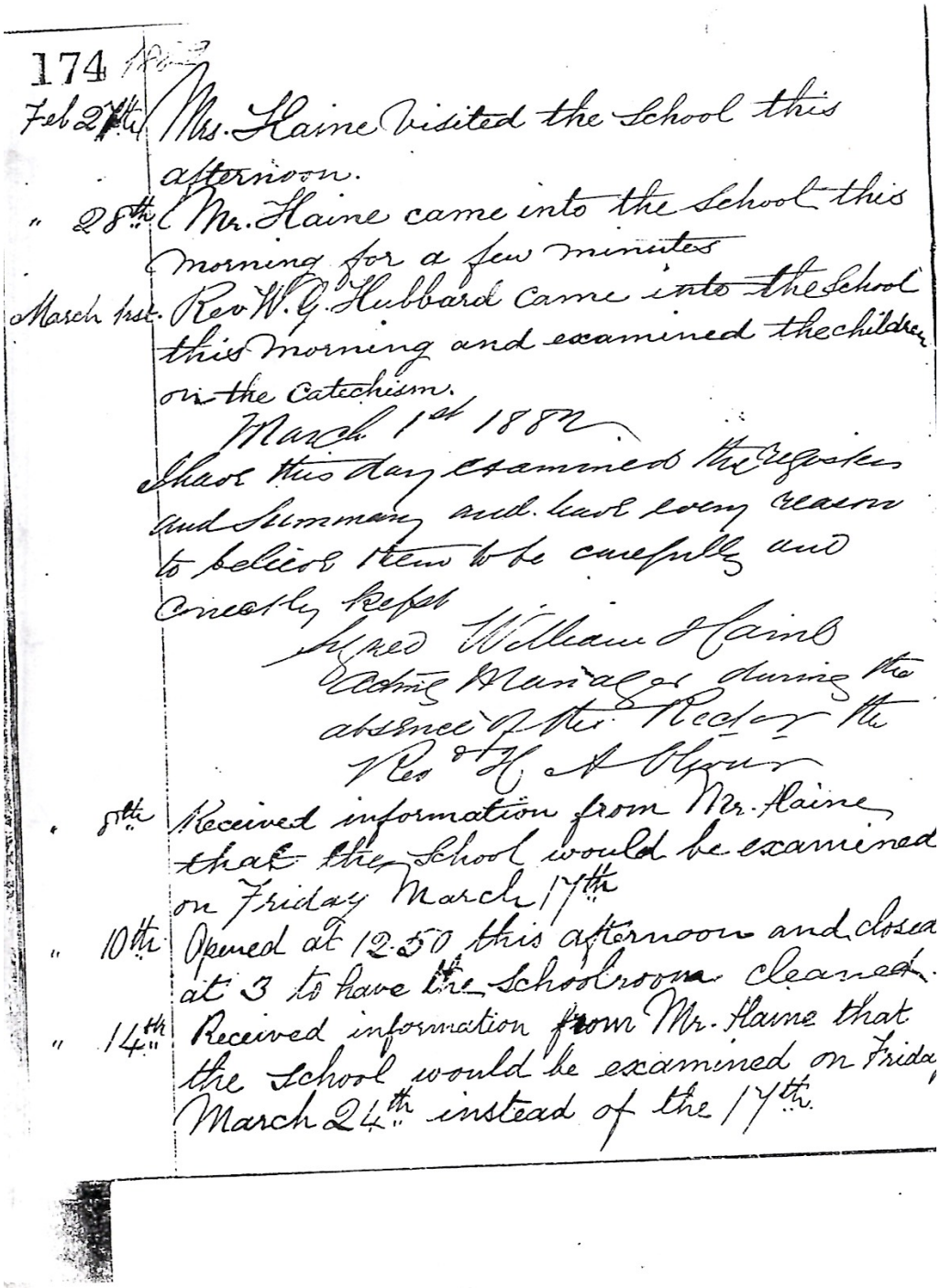
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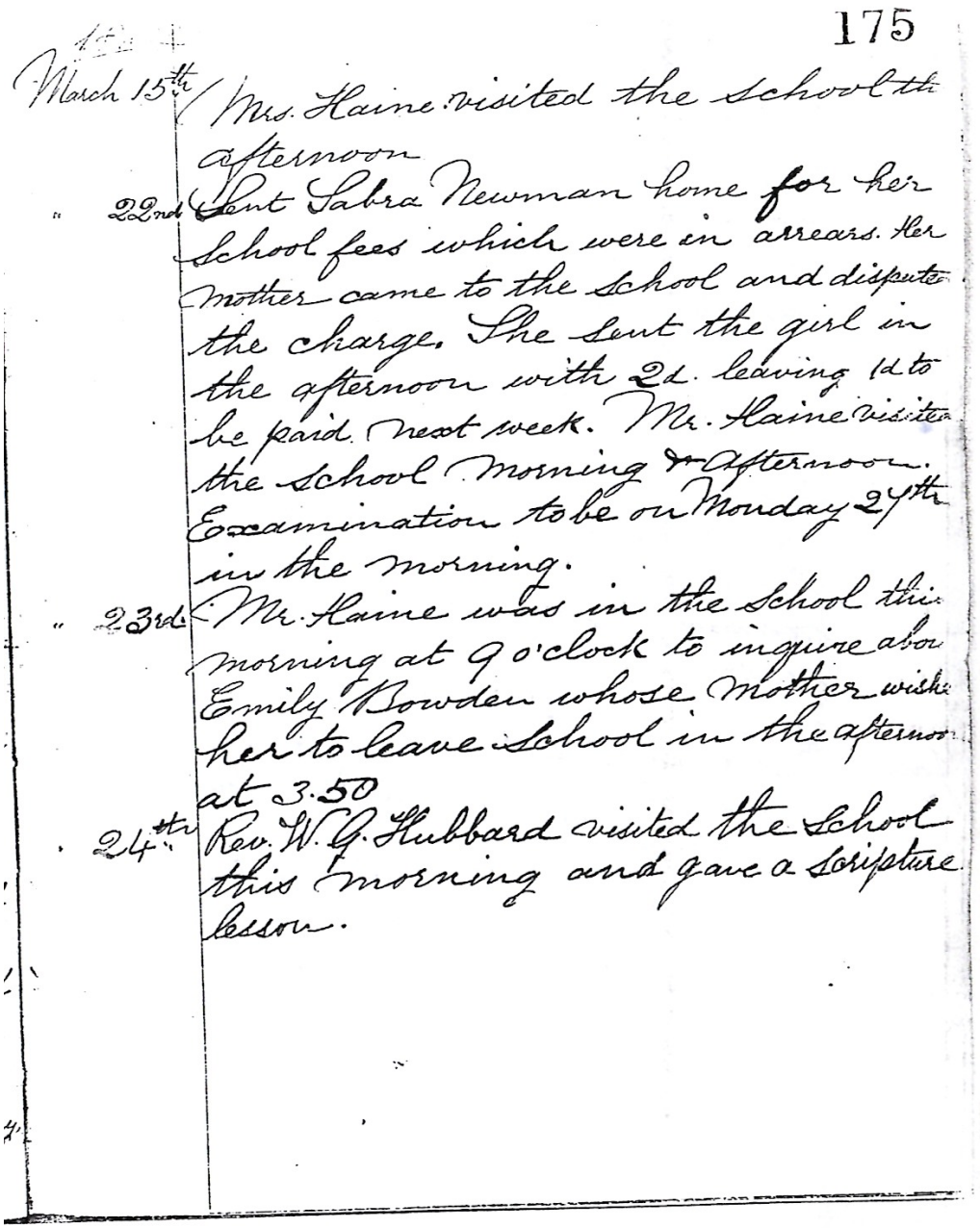

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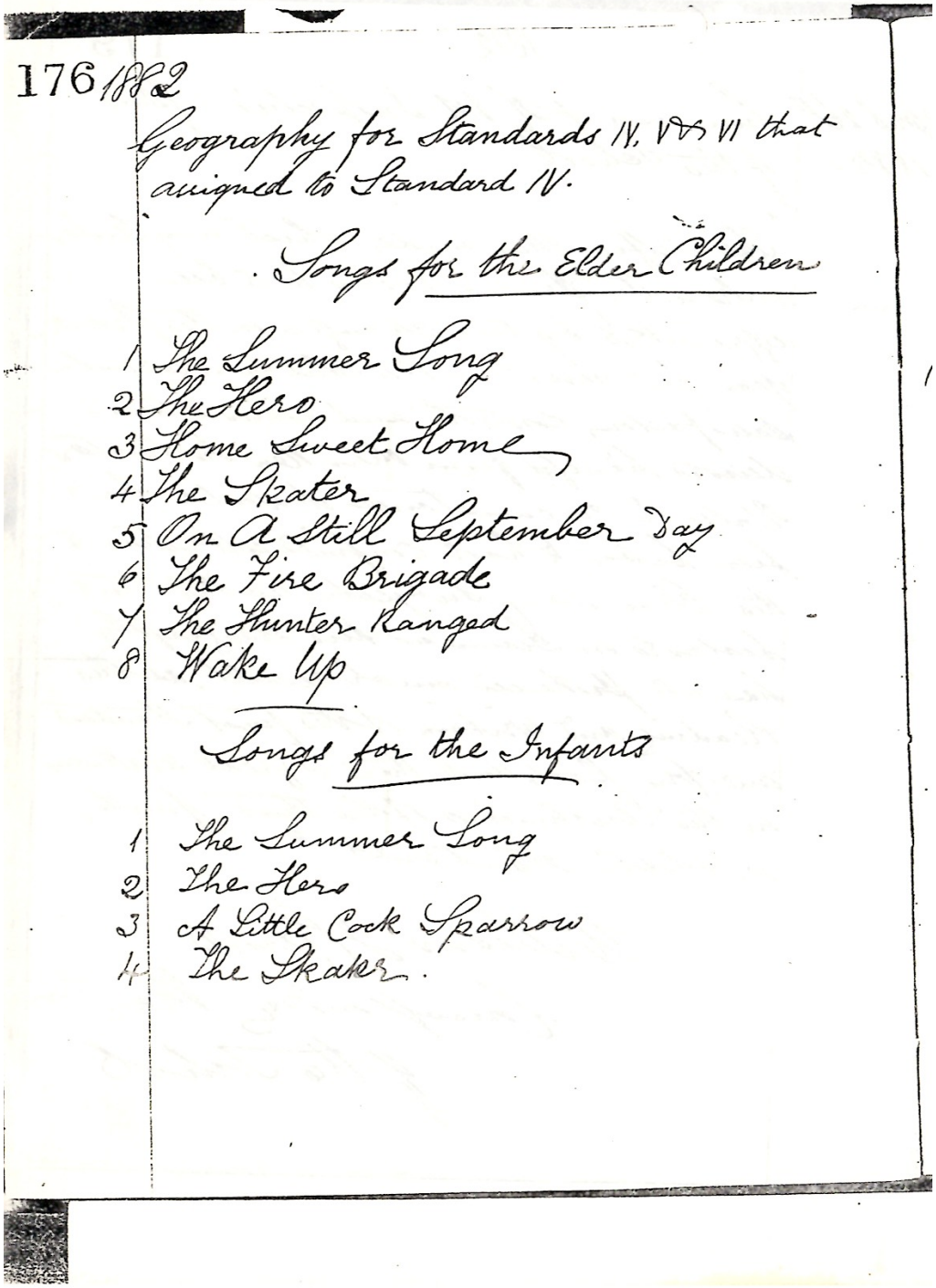
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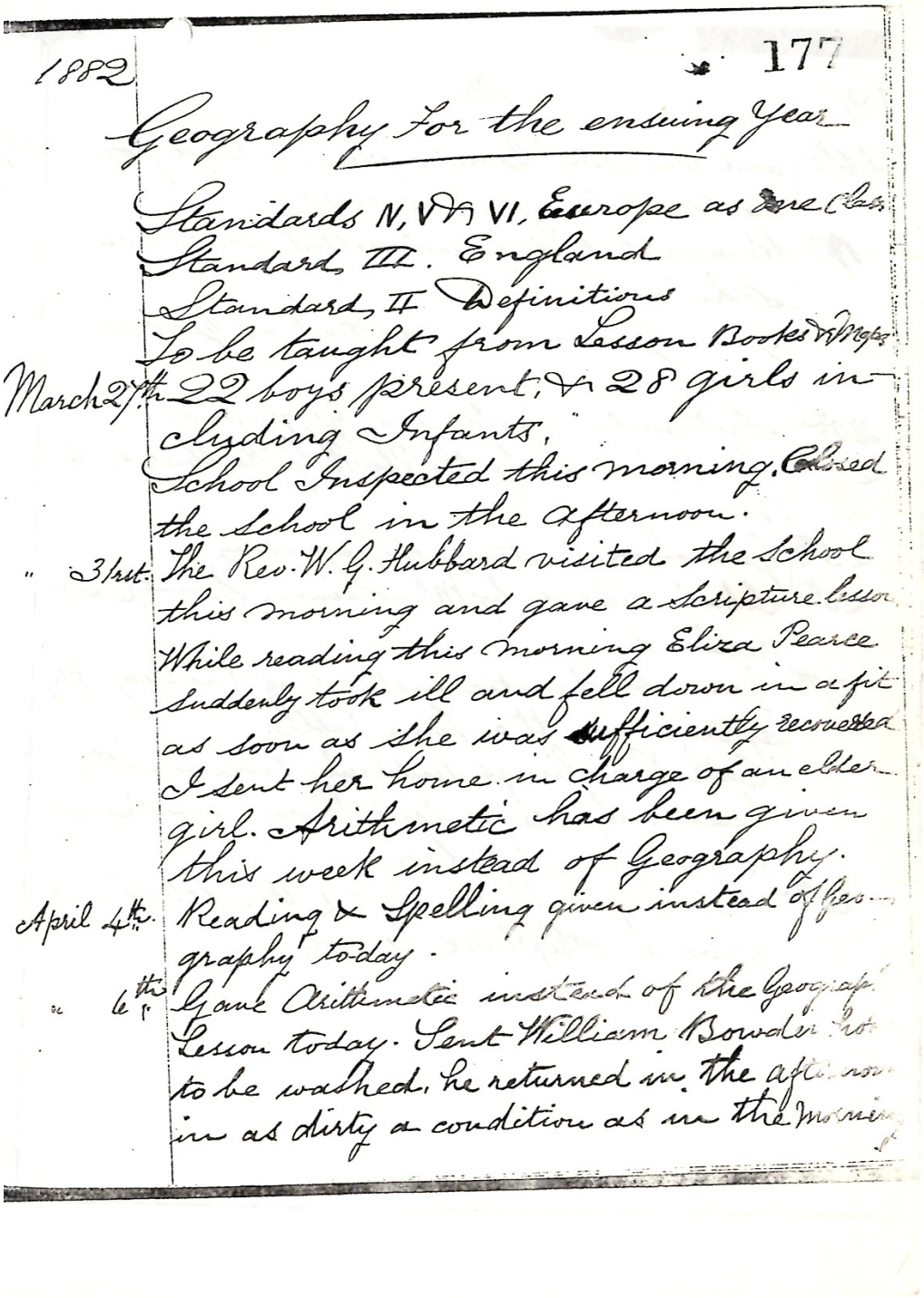
Uncertain readings: Line 2: 'assigned' is written with a long double s that looks like 'auigned'; Song 7: 'The Hunter Ranged' is a doubtful reading; the second word could be read differently; Infant song 4: written like 'Skakr', but it is probably 'The Skater', repeating song 4 from the elder children's list; Line 1: the '&' in 'IV, V & VI' is cramped and partly unclear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Geography for the ensuing Year

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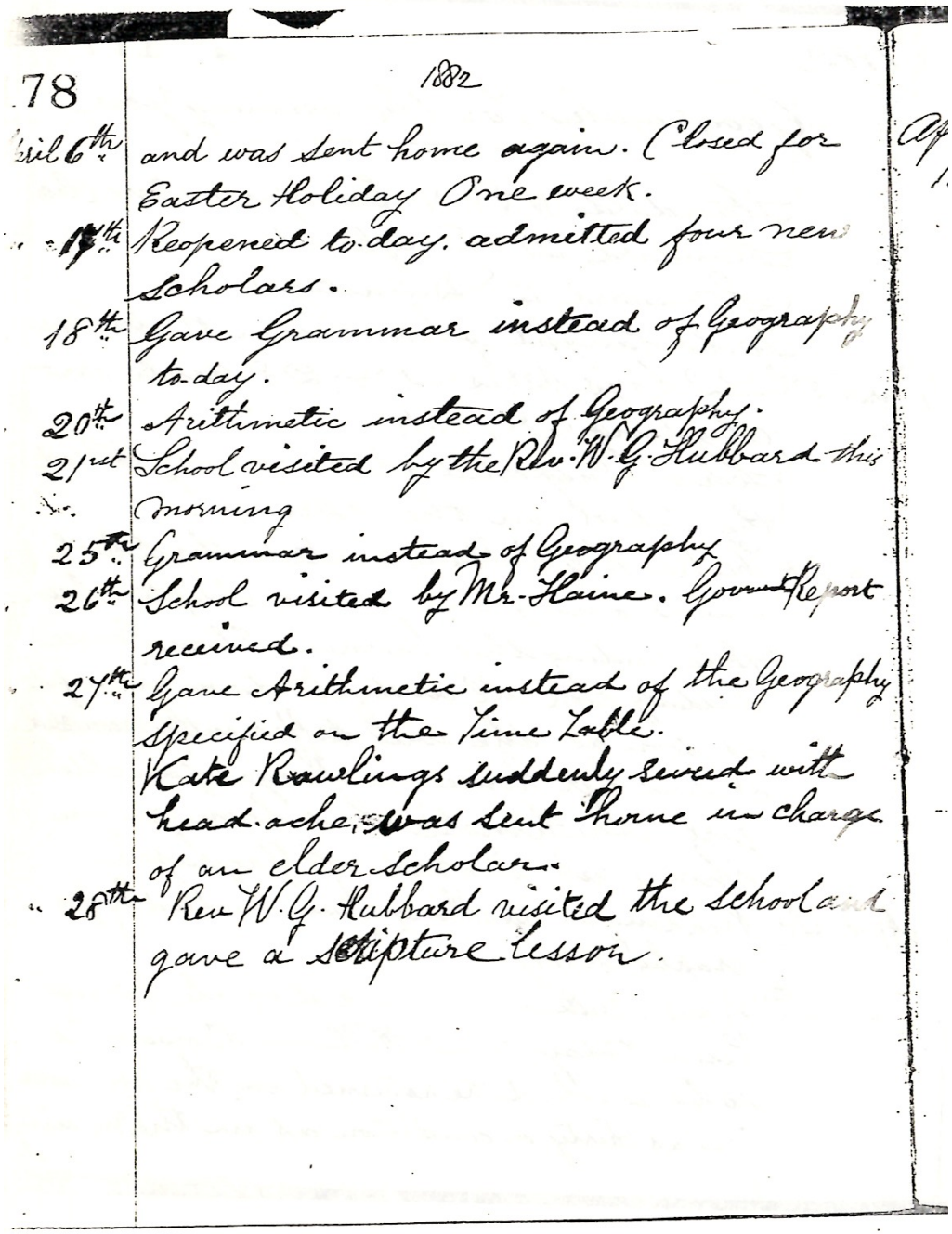
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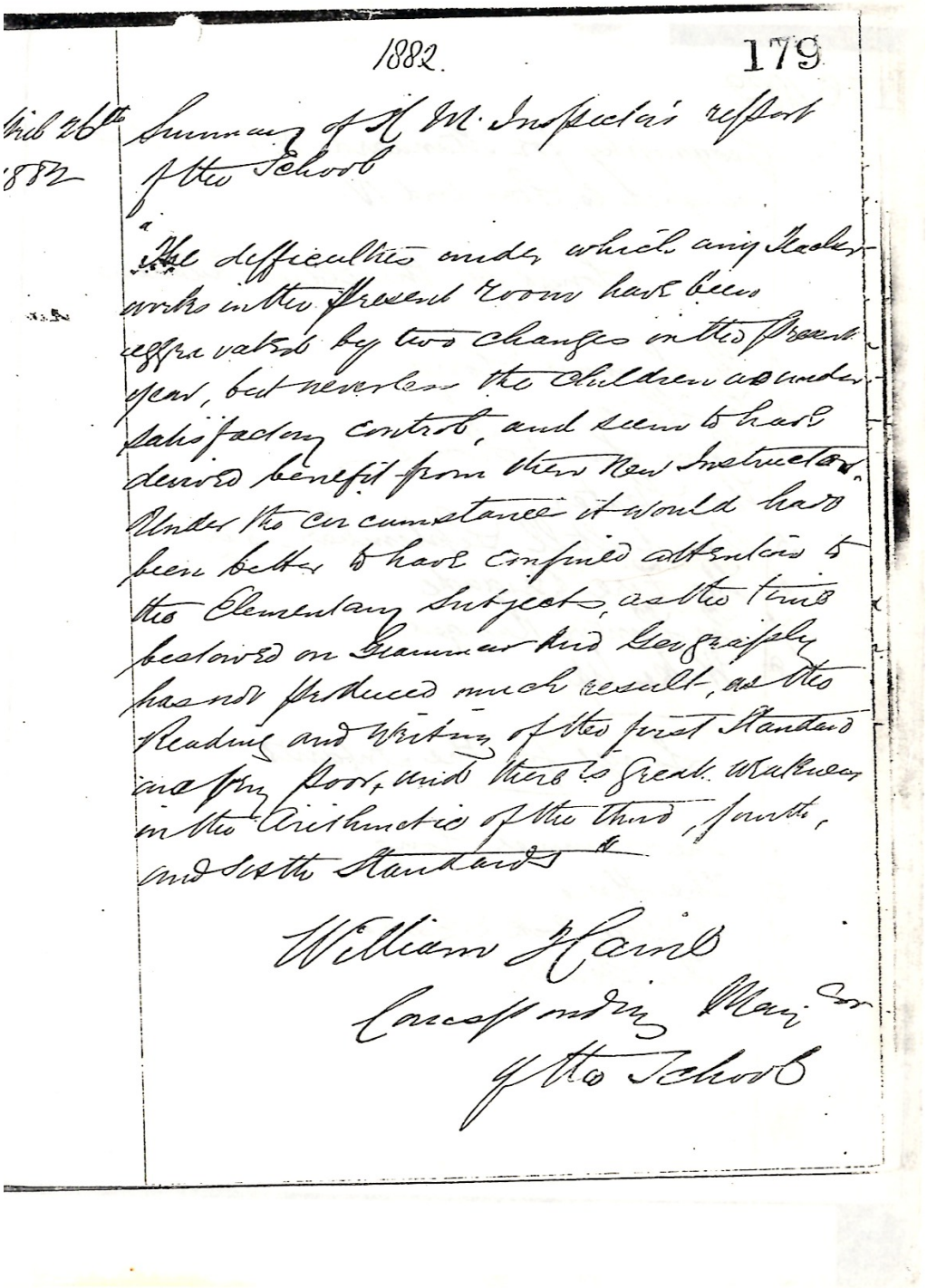

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Ril 26th 1882

Summary of H. M. Inspector's report of the School

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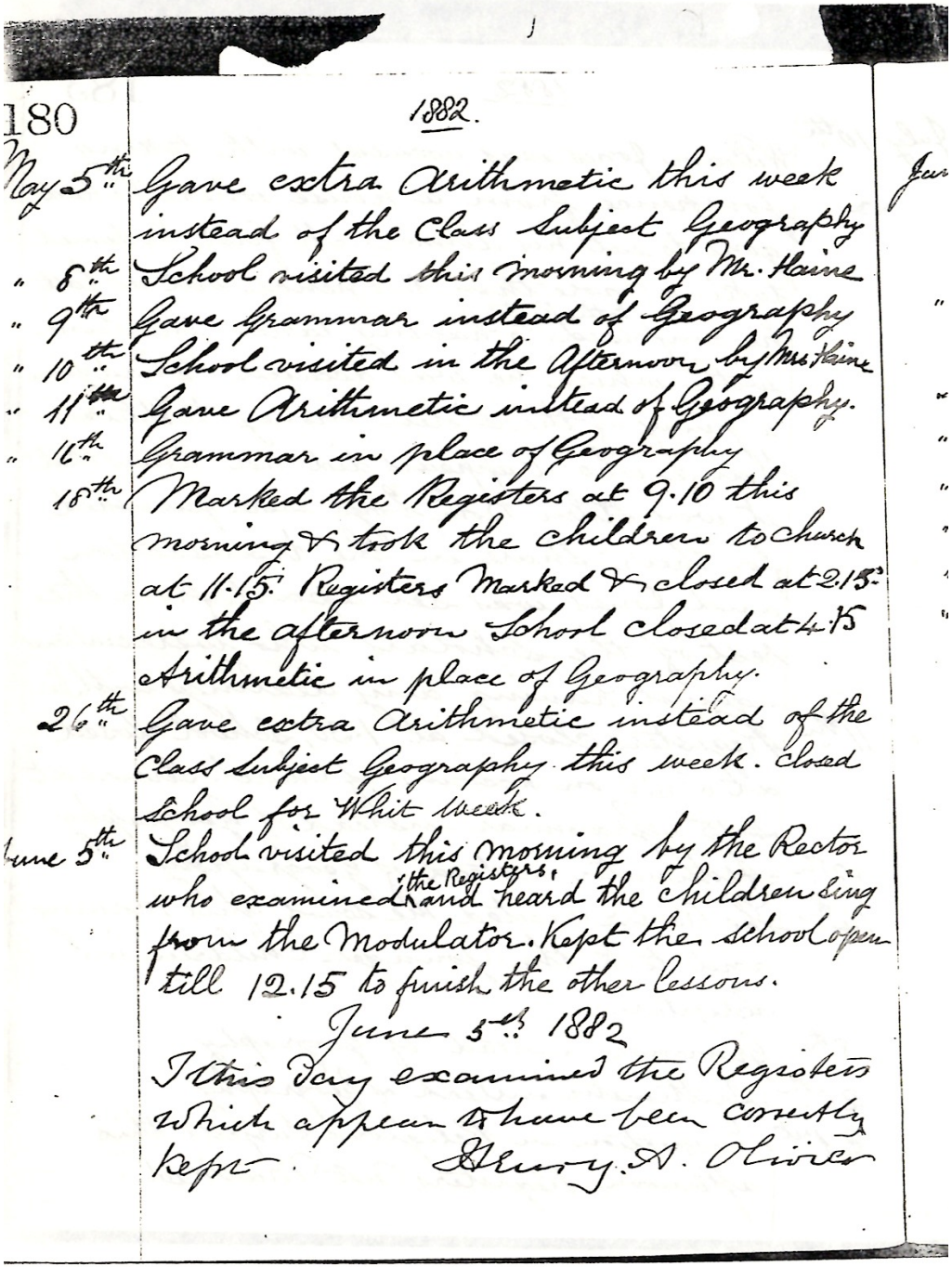
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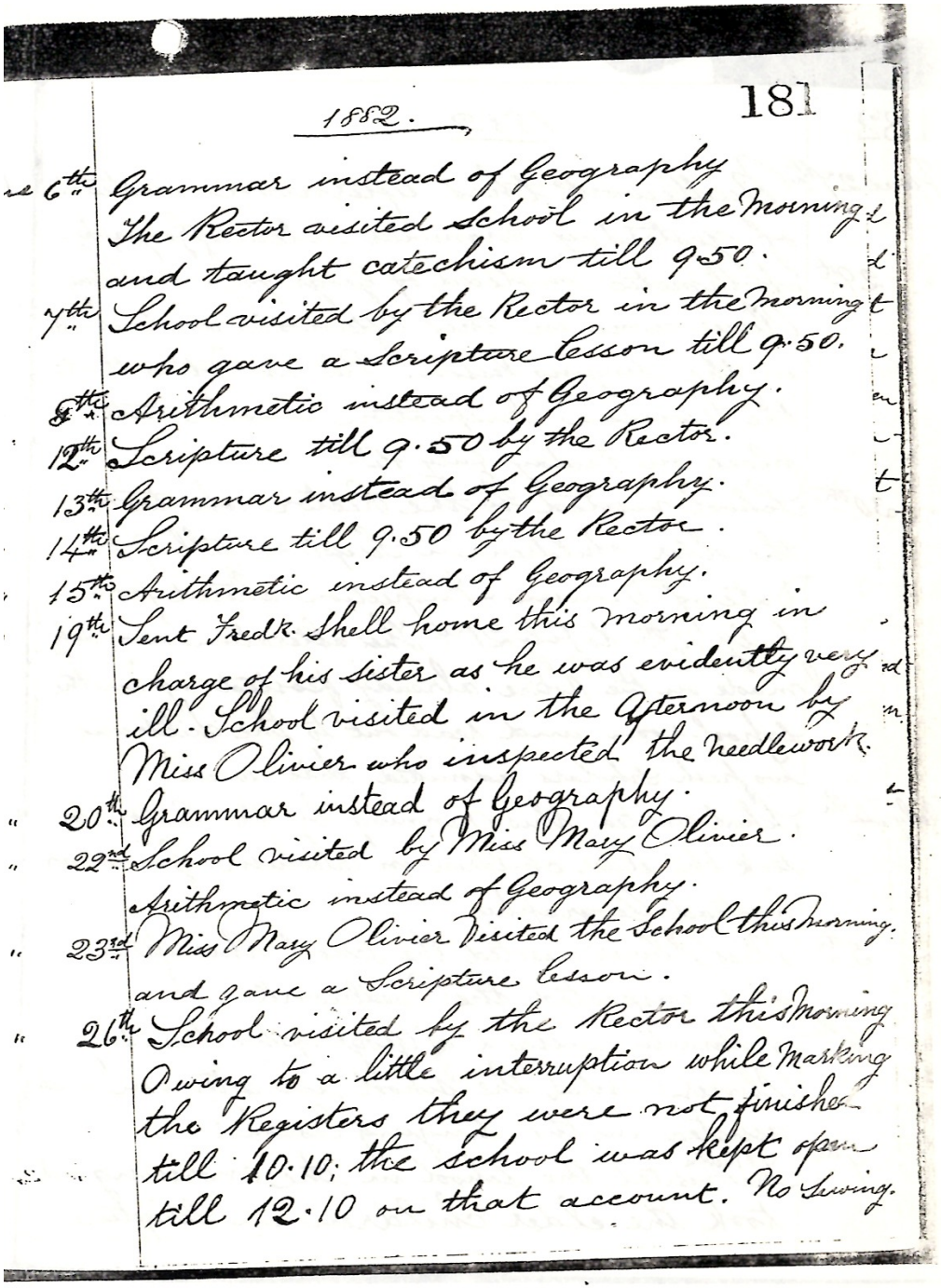

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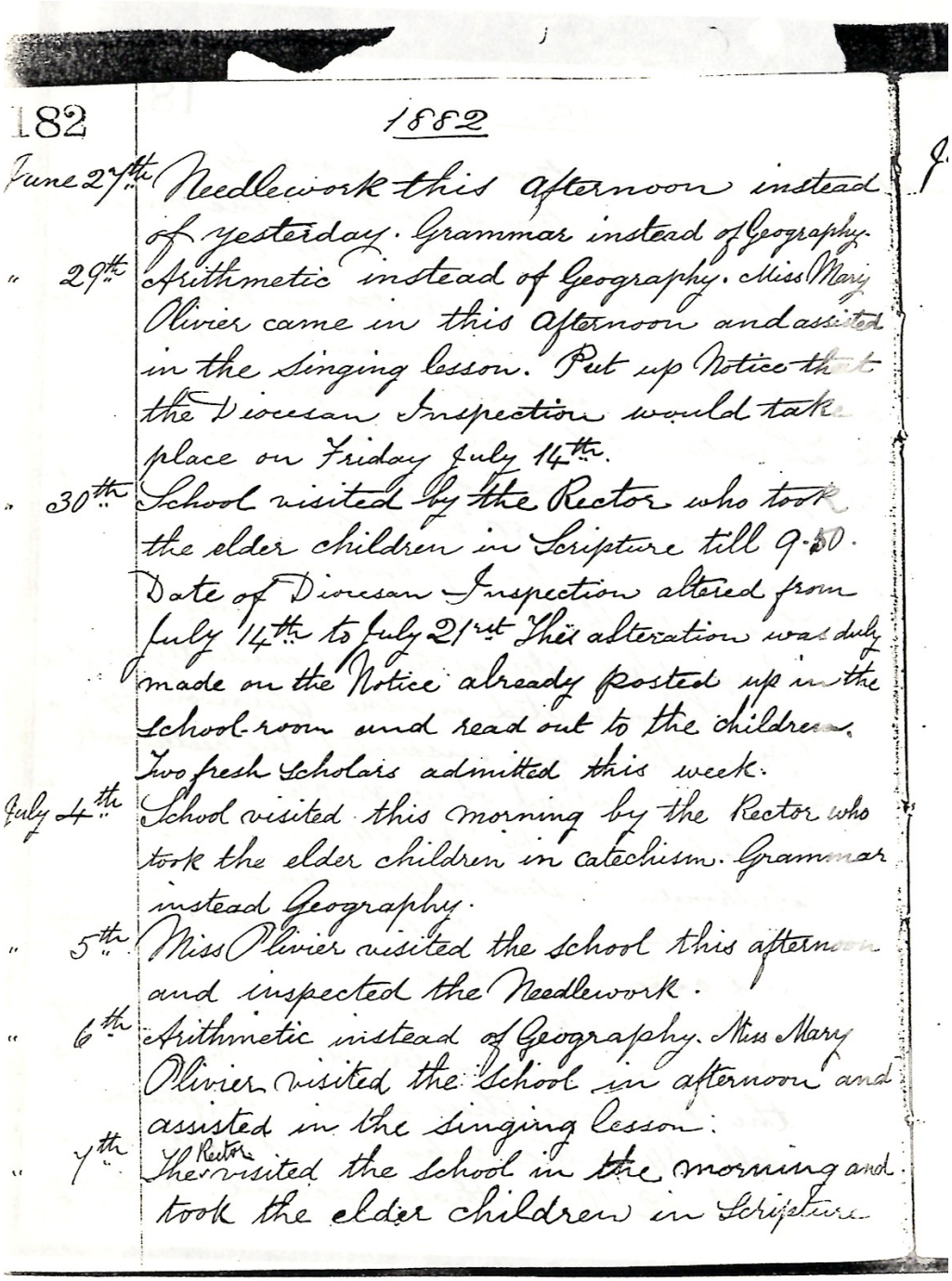

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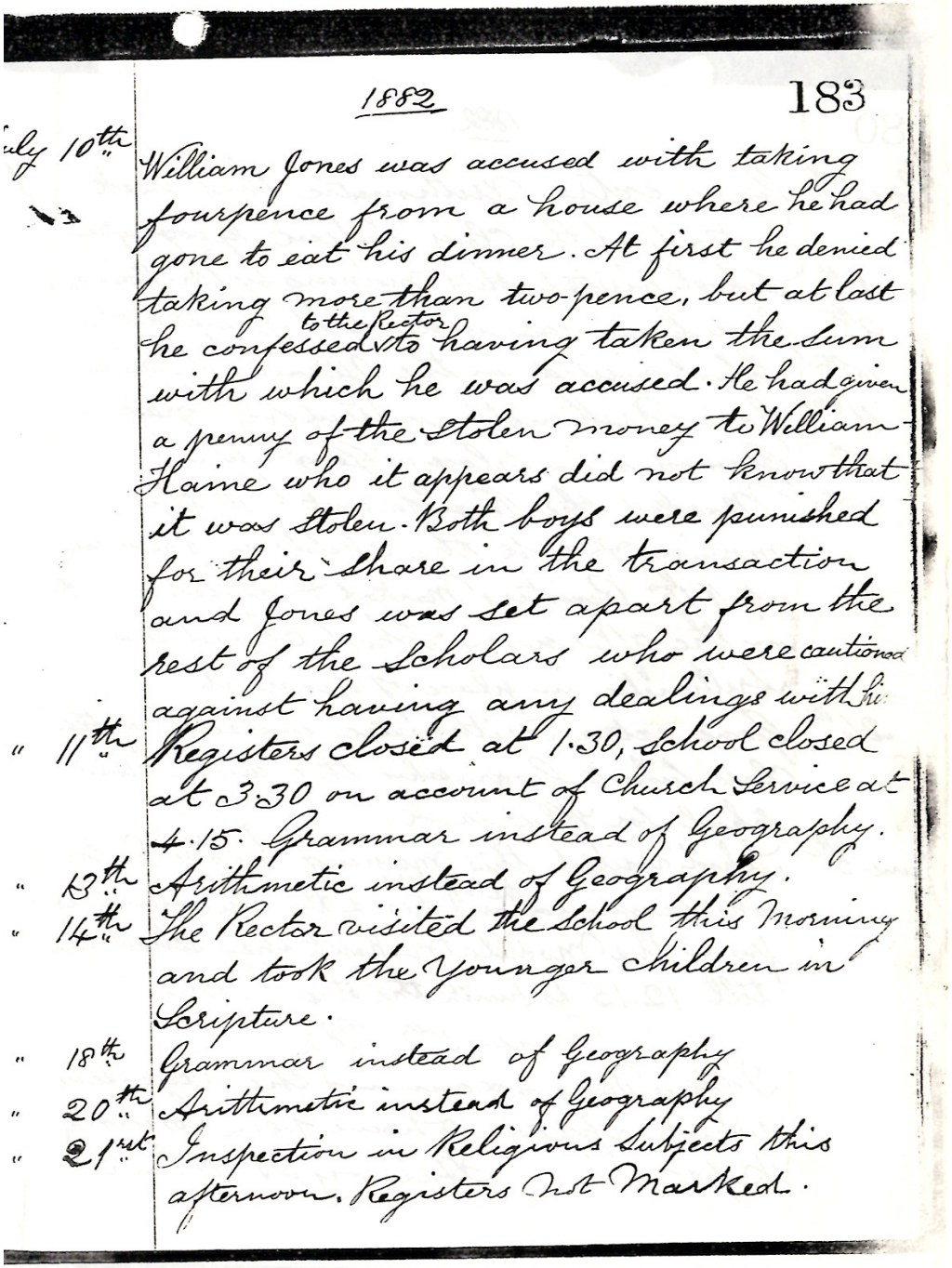

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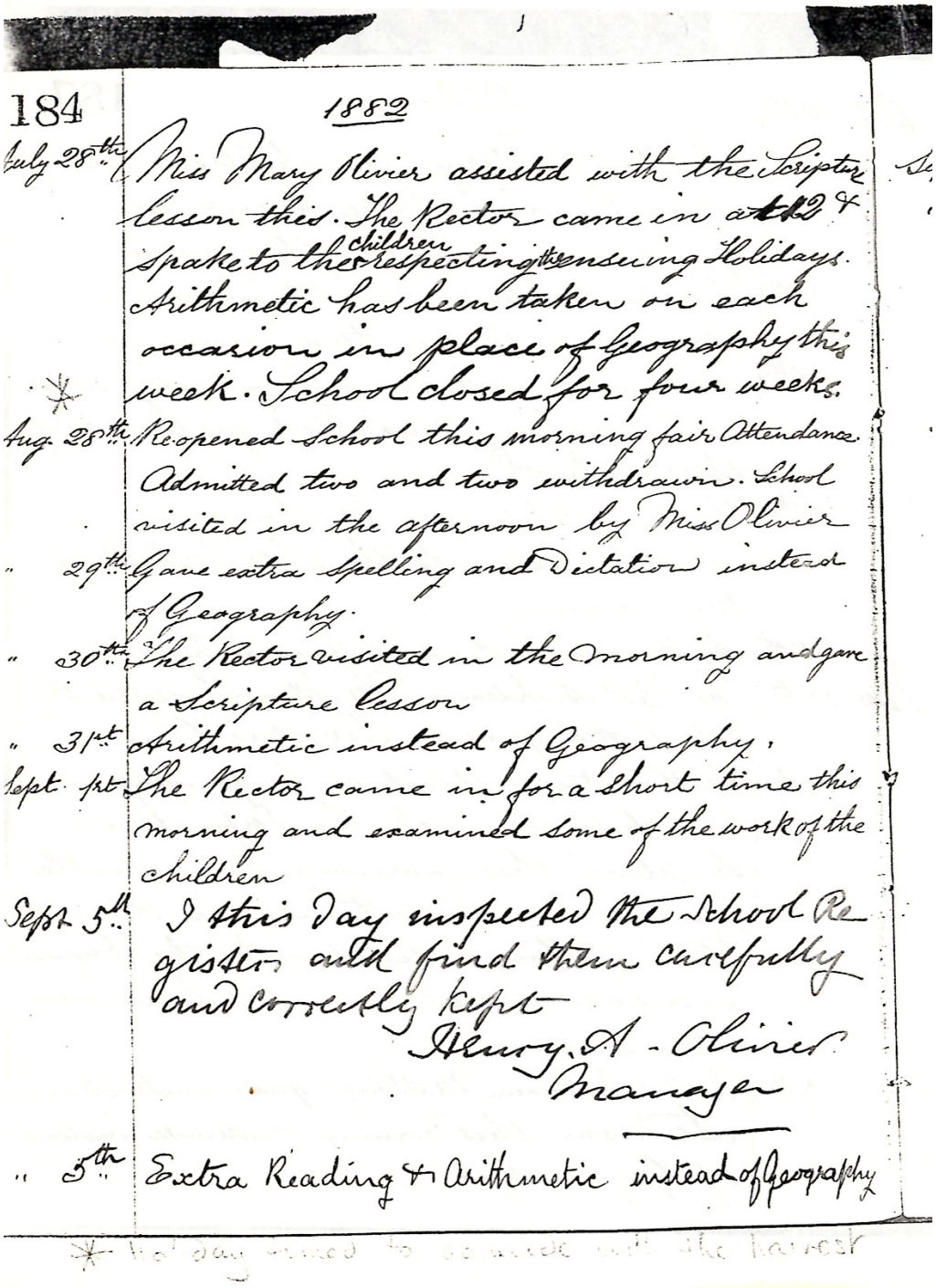

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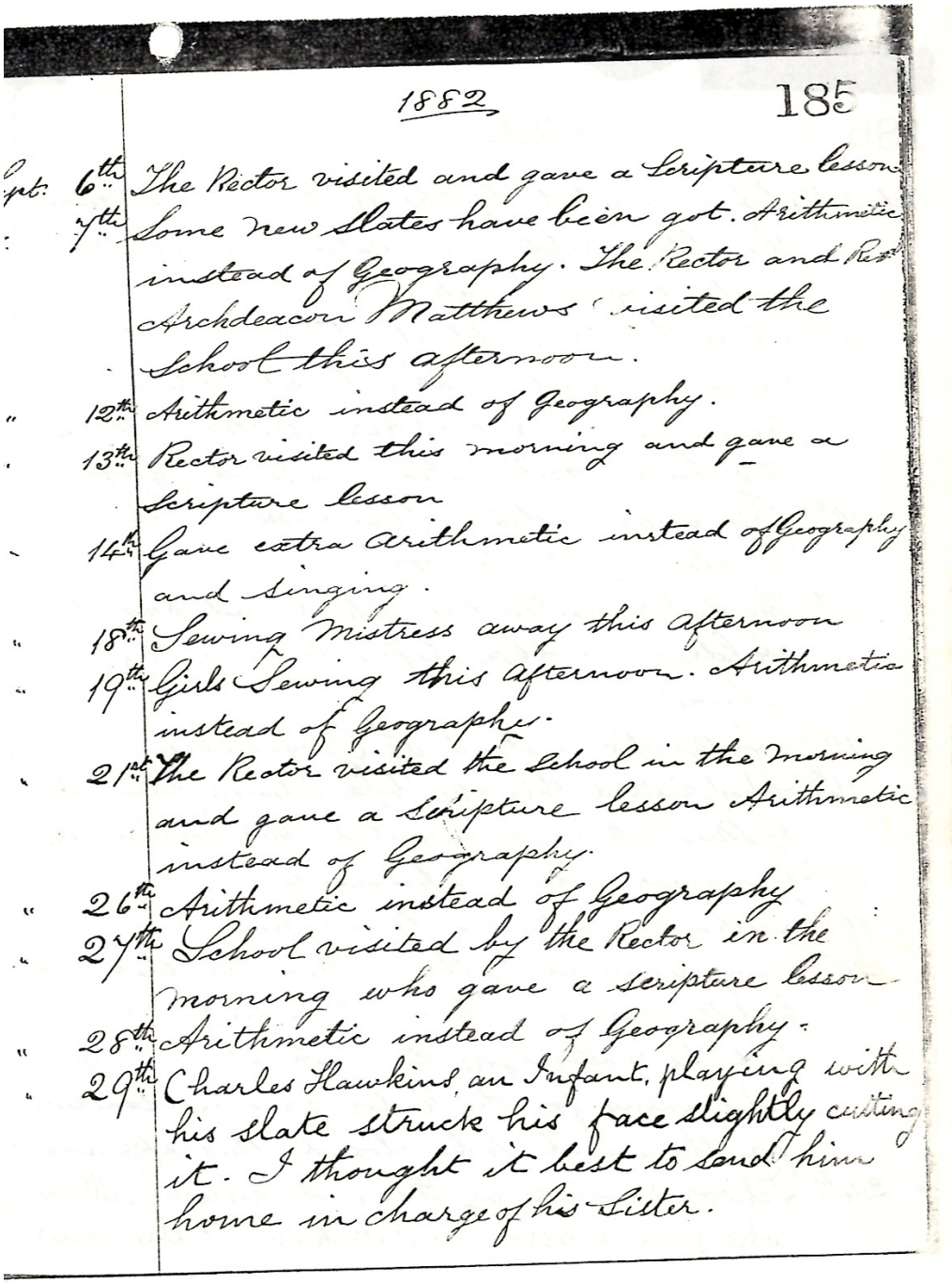
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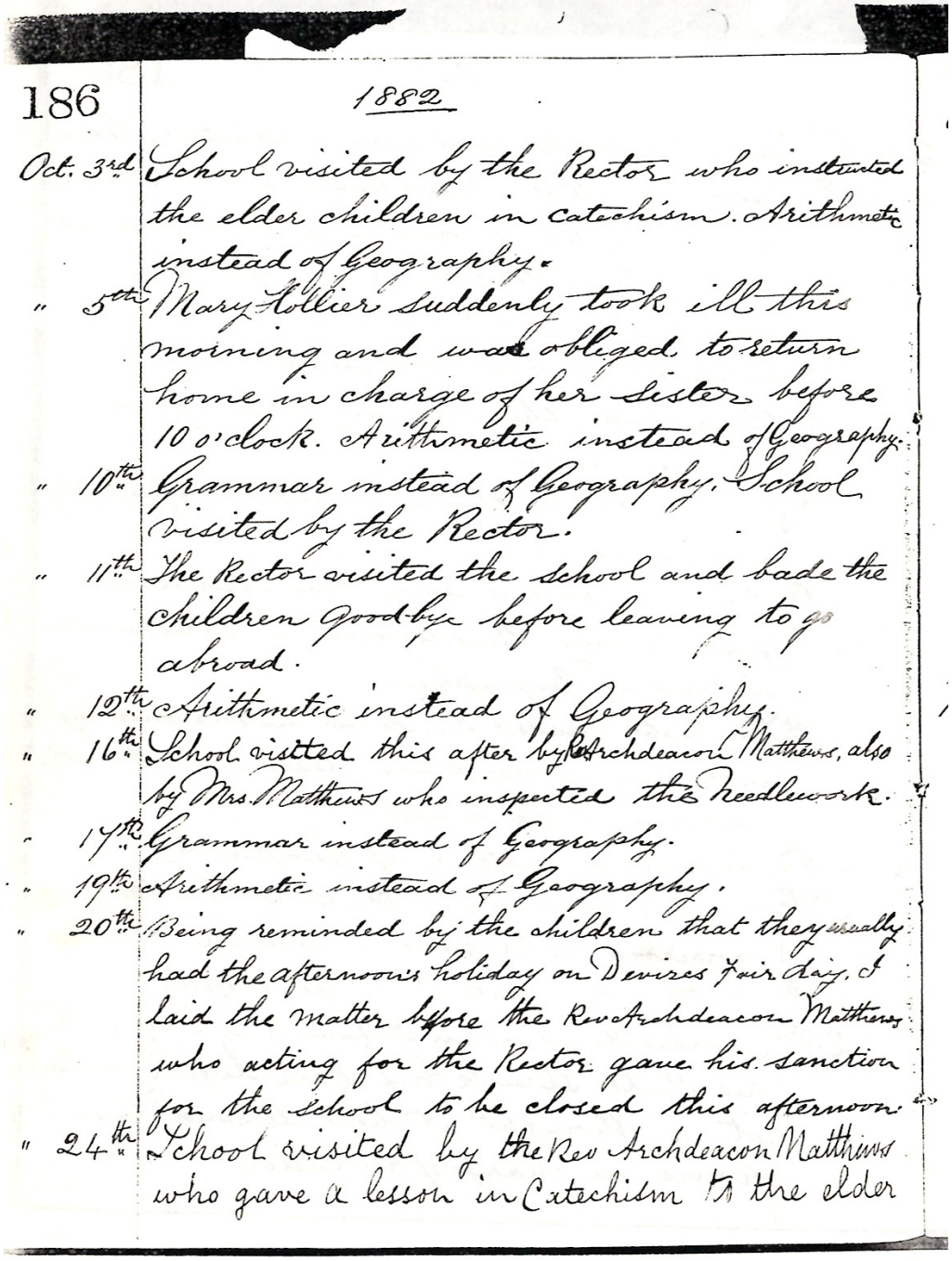

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Oct. 3rd School visited by the Rector who instructed the elder children in catechism. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 5th Mary Hollier suddenly took ill this morning and was obliged to return home in charge of her sister before 10 o'clock. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 10th Grammar instead of Geography. School visited by the Rector.

" 11th The Rector visited the school and bade the children Good-bye before leaving to go abroad.

" 12th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 16th School visited this after by Archdeacon Matthews, also by Mrs. Matthews who inspected the needlework.

" 17th Grammar instead of Geography.

" 19th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 20th Being reminded by the children that they usually had the afternoons holiday on Devizes Fair day, I laid the matter before the Rev Archdeacon Matthews who acting for the Rector gave his sanction for the school to be closed this afternoon.

" 24th School visited by the Rev Archdeacon Matthews who gave a lesson in Catechism to the elder

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5th Mary Hollier suddenly took ill this morning and was obliged to return home in charge of her sister before 10 o'clock. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

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11th The Rector visited the school and bade the children Good-bye before leaving to go abroad.

12th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

16th School visited this after by Rev Archdeacon Matthews, also by Mrs Matthews who inspected the needlework.

17th Grammar instead of Geography.

19th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

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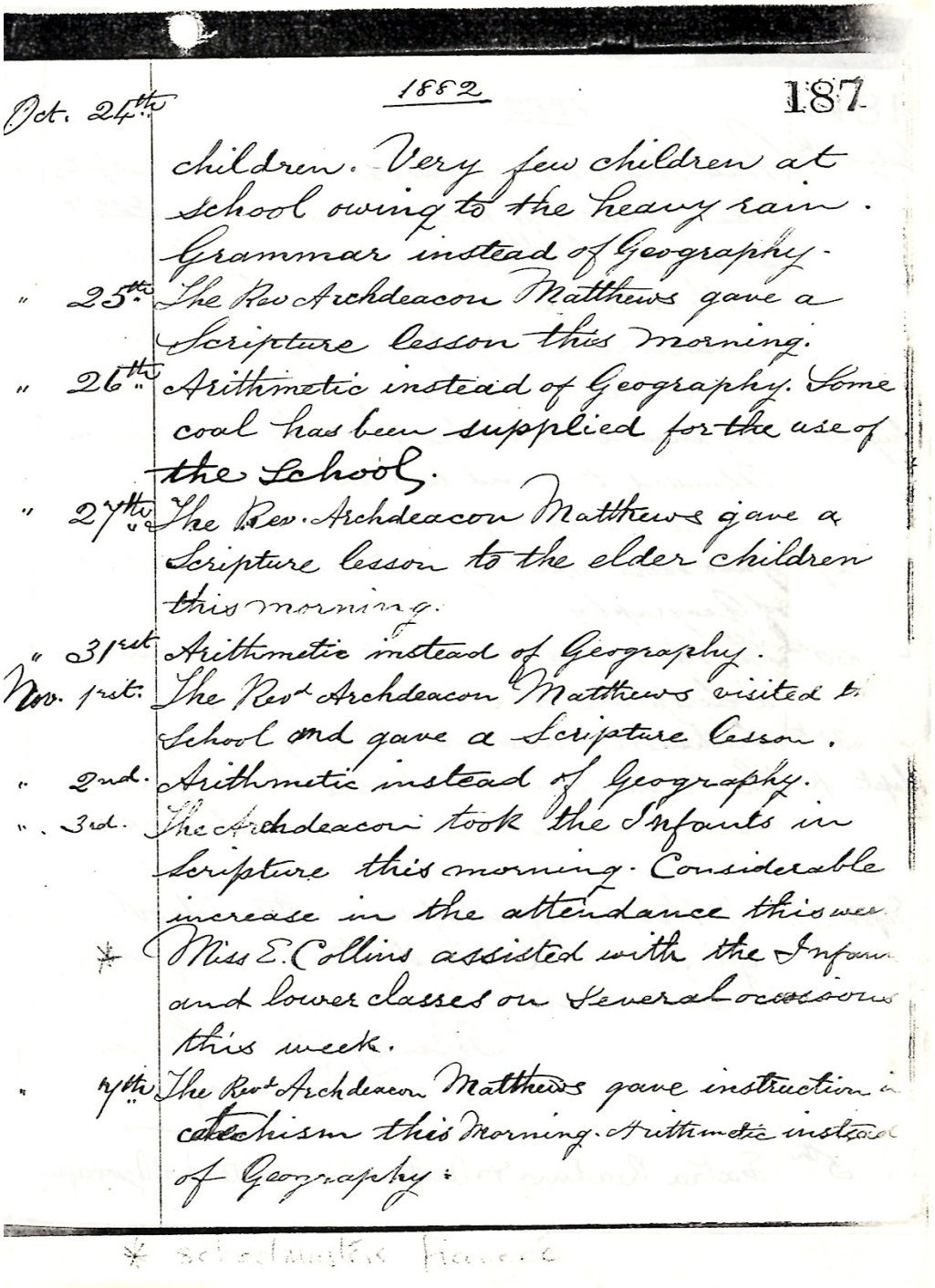

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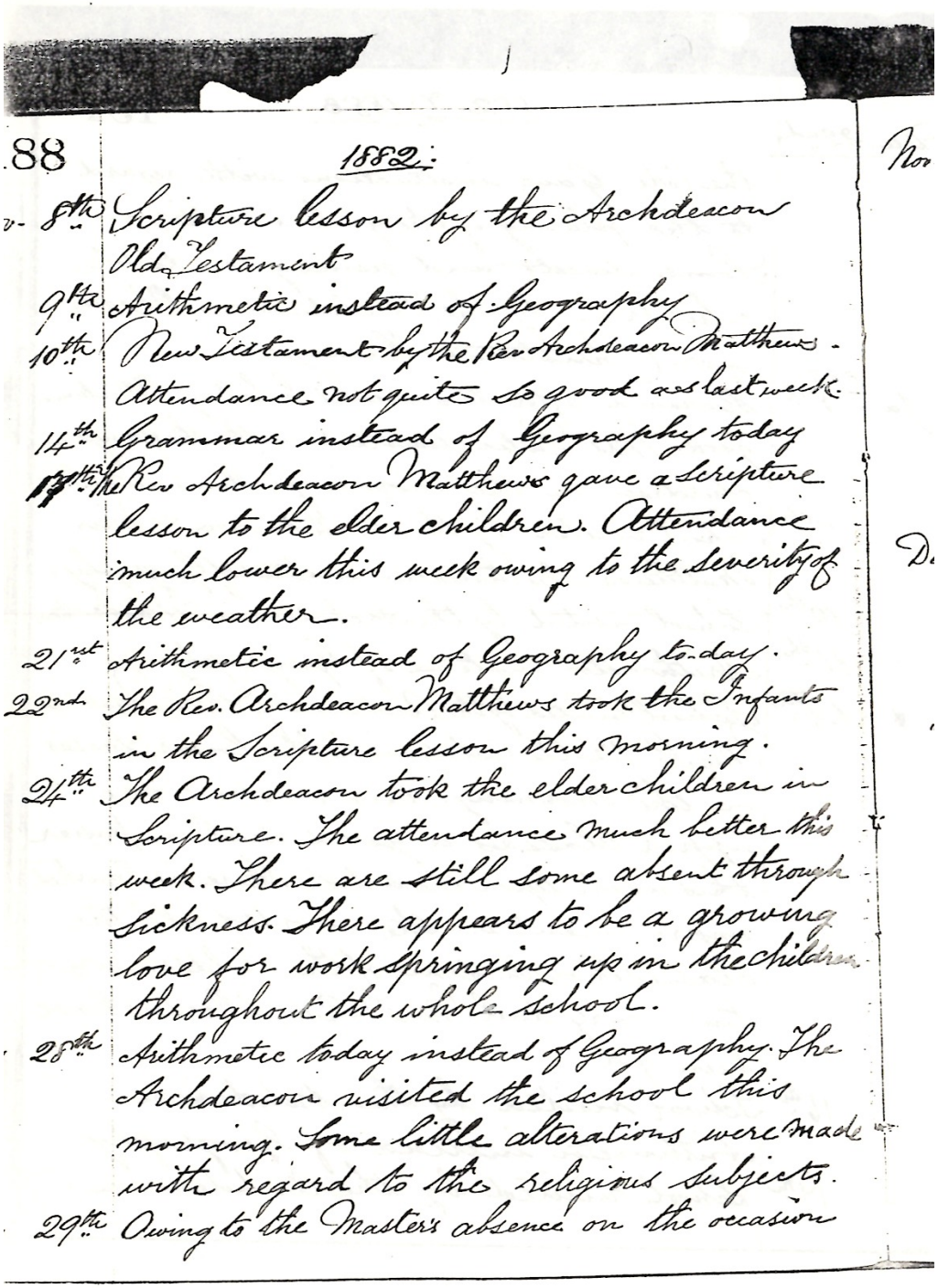
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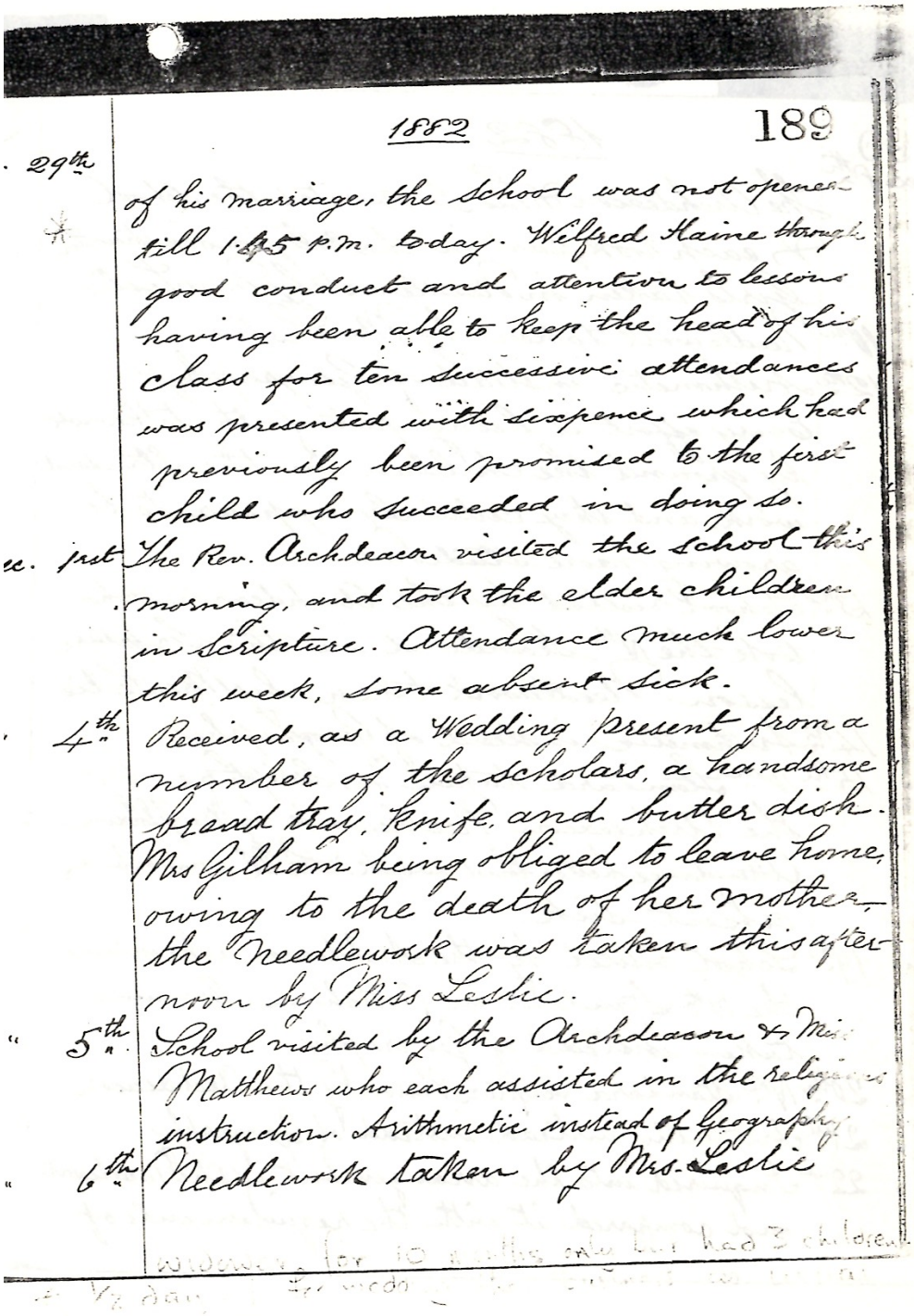
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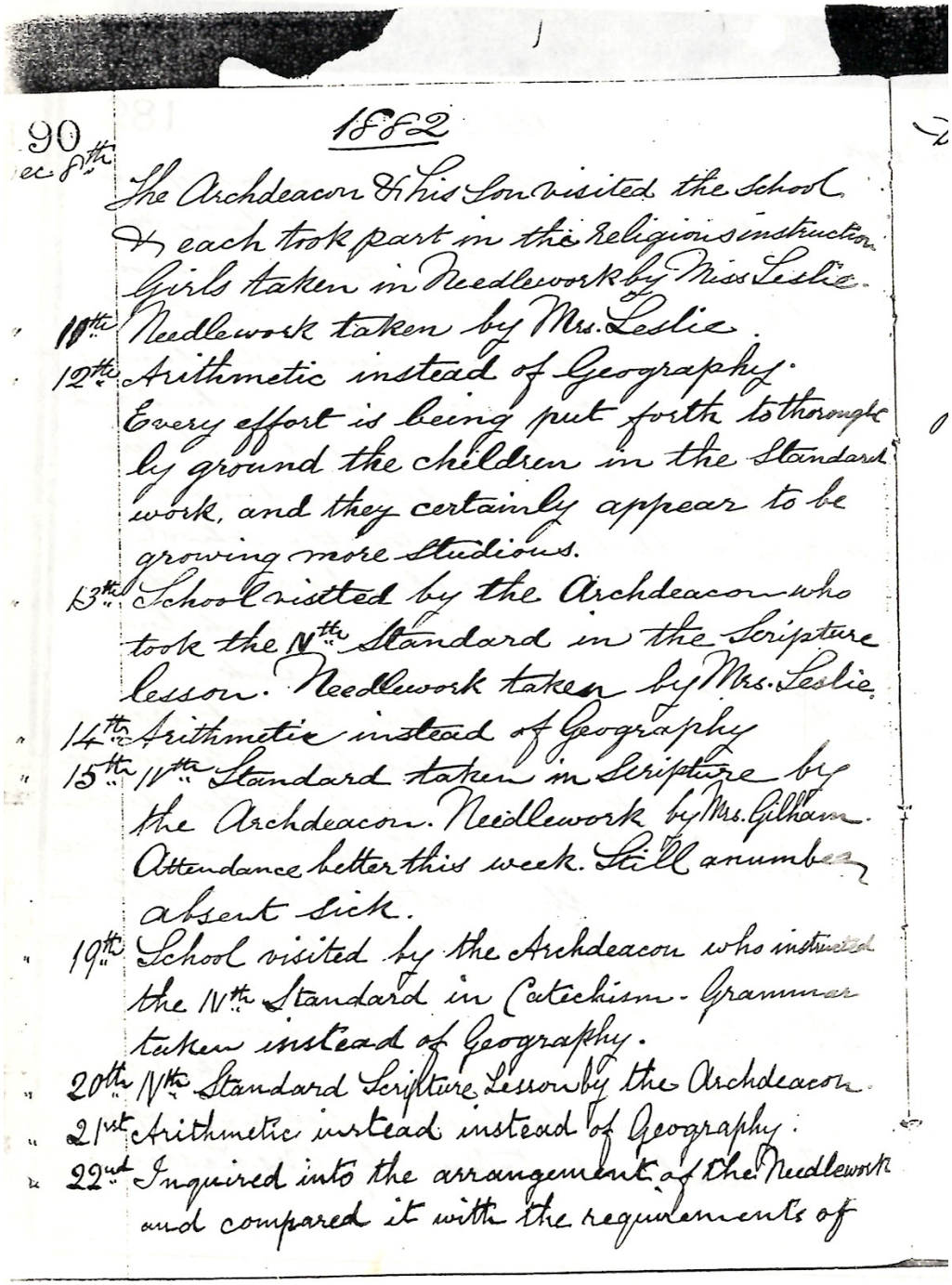

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14th Arithmetic instead of Geography

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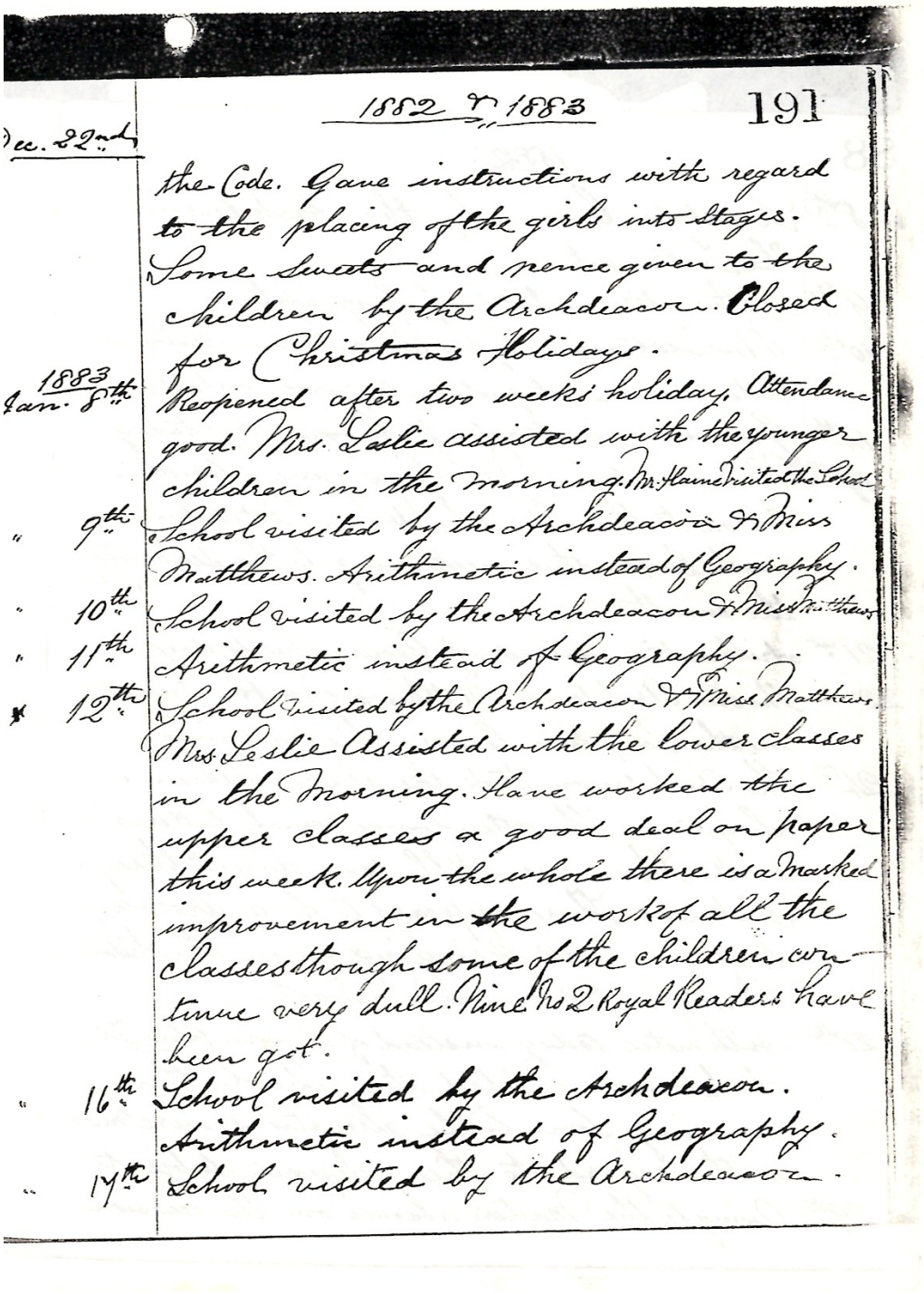

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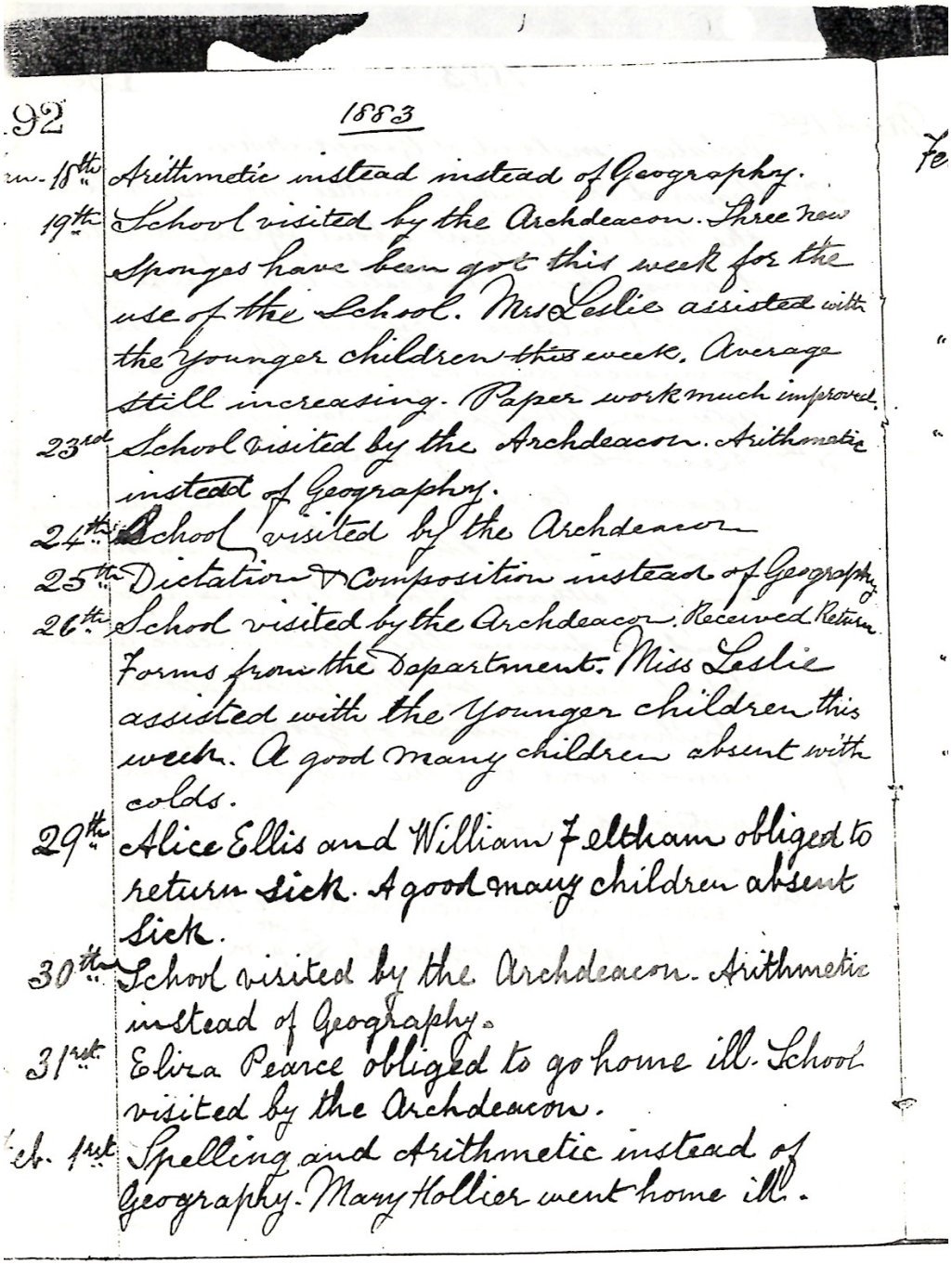
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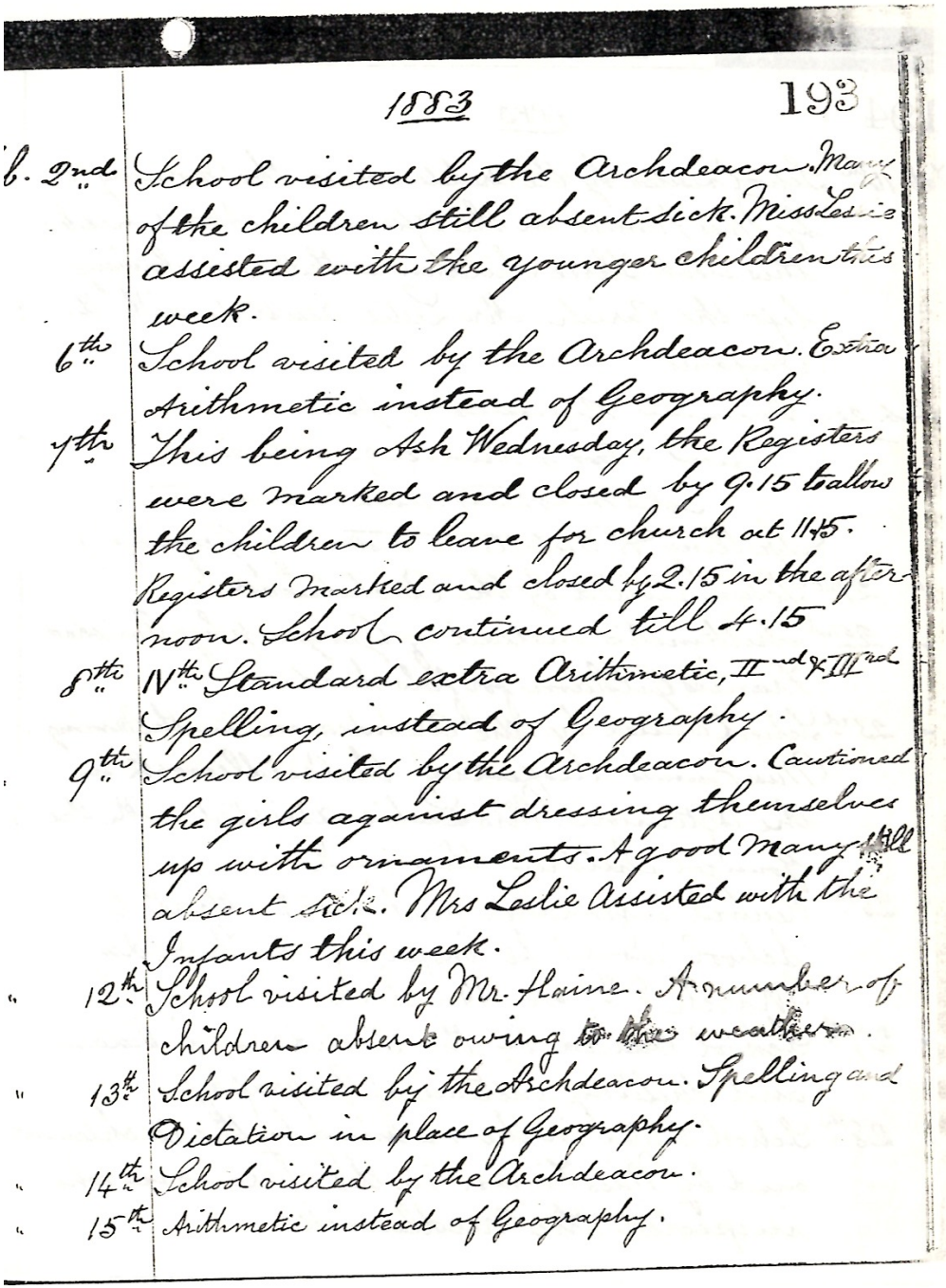

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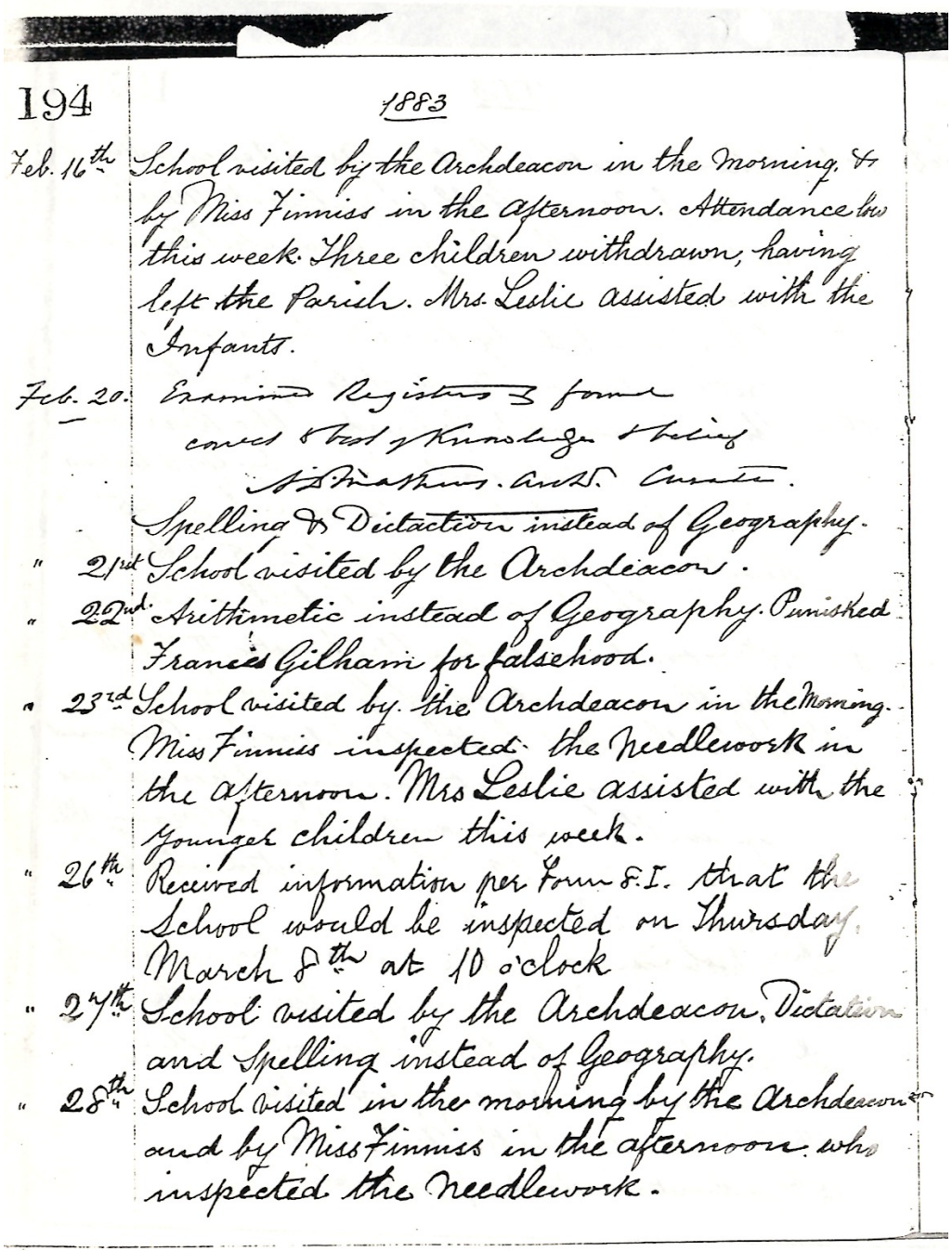

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