Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1909-10

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are to be provided for the children in the Standards.

6th Feb. Registers requisitioned on the 11th inst. not arrived yet. Correspondent wired for them to be sent at once.

March 2. 1909. Test the numbers present practically every day. Shane today further checked the figures in the registers just closed & Signed them. Shane checked the list of permanent furniture in the inventory today. S. Boulton

" 4th Received goods requisitioned. Registers were received per post in time for use on the 1st inst. those sent in parcel to be returned to Arnold & Sons, Leeds.

" 12th There has been a falling off in the attendance this week owing to several of the children being sick.

" 19th Received notice that the children will be medically inspected on Tuesday next the 23rd. inst. at 3.30 p.m.

" 23rd. Medical Inspection - 10 children inspected

" 25th Received information through the Correspondence from the General Education Committee, that Reading Books not in use, but in good condition should be sent into store, but that no fresh Readers

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could be had on requisition.
Books in too bad a condition for School use might be given as suggested to the children.

March Admitted three fresh Scholars.

April Received Circ. No. 32 from G. E. C. with form re Staffing of Schools also Board of Education Form 171. Return of Number of Scholars of various ages. Forms requiring information re Readers in the School and those desired on requisition have also been received.

" Returned Annual Return, Form re Staffing and Bd. of Edn Form 171 all duly filled in to the Correspondent to be sent to the General Education Committee, Trowbridge.

" Found the child Louisa Alexander's head in verminous condition. Sent word the mother by the eldest boy that she must send her children clean to school. Average for the week 63.5.
Closed for Easter Holidays.

" School reassembled today. Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class. 7 years of age. Not been at School before. Had about one term private tuition.

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Removed the Alexanders' names from the Registers. Left the Parish.

th April The Rector read out the names of the children who for attendance, conduct and progress during the year ending February 28th 1909 were entitled to prizes under the Blaney's Charity Scheme. The names were Elsie Bowden, Edna L. Haines Lucy Dunford and Hilda M. Cox.

d. May Elsie Bowden's name has been removed from the Register. She has left this school to attend the Devizes Secondary School.

th " " A jug and two drinking cups have been provided to supply the children with drinking water.

th " A slight falling off in the attendance this week.

21st " Ellen Dean's name has been removed from the School Registers. She is 14 years of age and has left school. A wash bowl and stand have been supplied for the use of the boys.

25th " Closed for Whitsuntide Holidays.

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7th June — School re-assembled this morning. Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant class. Allowed Marjorie Hayward, an Infant to leave School at 3 p.m. as her mother had come from Bristol to see her. Her attendance mark for the afternoon was cancelled.

9th " — Nature Study - 'Buttercups'. Children brought Specimens.

11th " — Lesson on Elms. Specimens of leaves and seeds brought by the children.

14th " — The Managers have decided that the School shall close on Friday July 16th for the Summer Holidays and reopen on on Aug. 18th.

15th " — Medical Inspection in the afternoon.

16th " — School closed in the afternoon for recreative purposes.

17th " — The Weighing Machine and Measuring Standard are come. The balance arm of the machine is found to be slightly bent. Weighed and measured the children who were Medically examined on the 15th inst.

21st " — Gave away to the children by permission of the Managers a number of worn out Readers

15 No 2 Royal Rdrs., 11 No 3 (Nelson's) 16 Courses Stds. I–II (Blackie Century Geo. Rdrs).

28th June. 12 Copies Bk. 6, 12 copies Bk. 4, & 18 Copies of Bk. 2 Nelson's Royal Prince Readers have been provided for the use of the children in Standards.

5th July. Readmitted Dora Lottie Dean to this school.

7th " Lesson on Flowering plants and Flowerless plants.

15th " Lesson on the Privet. Closed school for Summer Holidays

18th Aug. School re-assembled

20th " Lesson on the Potato Disease.

27th " Annual Certificates were given to eleven children.

3rd. Sept. Questioned Bertha Hale as to the reason of her sister Dorothy's non-attendance at School. She stated that her father gave orders that she was to attend, but that she would not do so. It appears that the girl Dorothy Hale takes advantage of her father's absence from home while attending to his work at Potterne.

6th " Jesse Haines received a severe kick on the shin while playing foot ball before school this morning. He was sent home after

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having his leg bandaged.

th Sept. Lesson on Ruminants. Black Board illustration The Stomach of the cow.

pt. 15th Gave Second and Third Class boys Drawing on the Blackboard.

17th Nature Study Lesson The Three Kingdoms of Nature. Revision

23rd. Received notice from H. M. Inspector that an Examination of Candidates for Labour Certificates will be held at the Girls Town School on Friday 1st Oct. at 2 p.m. Gave notice of the Examination to the Scholars and requested that parents having children whom they wish to be examined for Certificates should make application at once.

" 24th The attendance has been very low this owing to many children being absent potatoe picking.

" 27th Form 8. L. C. ~~Fly leaf filled and~~ returned to the Rector. No applications for Labour Certificates.

" 30th School visited by Mr. Mitchell the attendance Officers.

4th Oct. Removed Dorothy Hale's name from the School Registers, her exemption being authorised by the County Council.
Lesson on air. Experiment. tumbler full of water held in an inverted position.

13th " Only 46 children present this morning owing to heavy rains.

20th " School closed in the afternoon for half holiday.

22nd " Examined the elder Infants in Reading and Arithmetic.

25th " Received Circulars 95, 96 & 97 with Forms and Notices for Medical Inspection.
Commenced to have fires in school rooms.

26th " Received notice that the School Medical Inspector will inspect this School on Tuesday the 2nd day of Nov. ~~at~~ 1909 at 10.30 a.m.

27th " Sent Notices and Form M.I.2 to parents whose children are to be Medically examined. Owing to the death of their mother Thomas and Eleanor White were allowed to leave School before the close of the attendance.
Marks cancelled.

29. Visit of Inspection
W. H. Dolman.

1st. Weighed and measured children to be medically examined.

2nd. Medical Inspection. Admitted two fresh scholars.

10th Received instructions from School Medical Officer to send Weighing Machine to Makers for repairs and adjustment.

11th Weighing Machine sent to the Makers Messrs. Bartlett & Son, Brislington Works, Bristol.

15th Attendance low owing to the severe weather.

23 Visited the Schools at 10 o'clock & called Register Found Everything Correct & in Order E. L. White.

Dec Dora Lottie Dean went home sick. Attendance mark cancelled.

" Sewing Mistress suffering from sore throat, unable to attend. Girls did home needlework and practice under the guidance of Alice A. Leslie an ex Scholar.

9th Dec. Read out put up notice that the Diocesan Inspection will take place in this school on Wednesday 22nd. Dec. 1909. A tin of disinfectant and some sawdust have been supplied for the use of the school.

10th " Needlework has been taken this week by Miss J. Leslie.

14th " Removed Ivy Lucy Feltham's name from the Register. She has left school. Exempt by age

21st " Reminded the children that the Diocesan Inspection would take place tomorrow.

22nd " Diocesan Inspection.

23rd " Mill Lane children were unable to attend school this morning owing to the lane being flooded. Closed at noon for Christmas Holidays.

10th Jan. 1910. School re-assembled today. 55 children present in the morning and 56 in the afternoon. A measuring standard has been forwarded from Bromham to this school. This school is already supplied with one therefore notification of the circumstance has been sent to the County

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Jan. Received Circ. No. 119, Catalogue from Supplementary Library (Set A.). Syllabus of Lessons on Temperance and revised Syllabus of Physical Exercises Board of Education.

" Herbert Dean has left school for Agricultural employment. Edgar Jack Bowden has gone to St. Peter's School Devizes. Their names have been removed from the Register.

" John James Noyes has left for work. A number of children are absent sick.

Feb. Attendance has fallen off considerably owing to sickness.

" Examined the 1st. Class Infants in Reading and Arithmetic.

" Examined the 2nd. Class Infants in Reading and Arithmetic. Several children still away sick.

" Sewing Mistress very ill, unable to attend school this afternoon. Girls took ordinary lessons.

" Needlework taken by Miss Janet Leslie. Sewing Mistress still sick.

24 I took an opportunity when in the School during secular instruction of testing the registers & found no inaccuracy. Forty six were present, although the morning was very stormy. It may be well to make that I compare the number present at noon with the number on the board almost daily.

" 28th Mrs. Elizabeth J. Leslie Sewing Mistress resigned.

1st March Miss Edith Jones, Supplementary Teacher has been appointed to assist with the Standards and to teach the girls Needlework. She commenced duties today.

Rearranged classes for the ensuing year. Edgar Noyes has left school to go to work admitted one child to the Infant Class.

Sent Notice to the county accountant of Changes in Staff.

3rd " A quantity of School Materials requisitioned has arrived from Arnold & Son, Leeds. Several boxes, knitting pins were broken in transit.

4th " Notice sent to Arnold & Son re broken knitting pins.