Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1897-98

Volume 1, pages 451-465 (15 pages)

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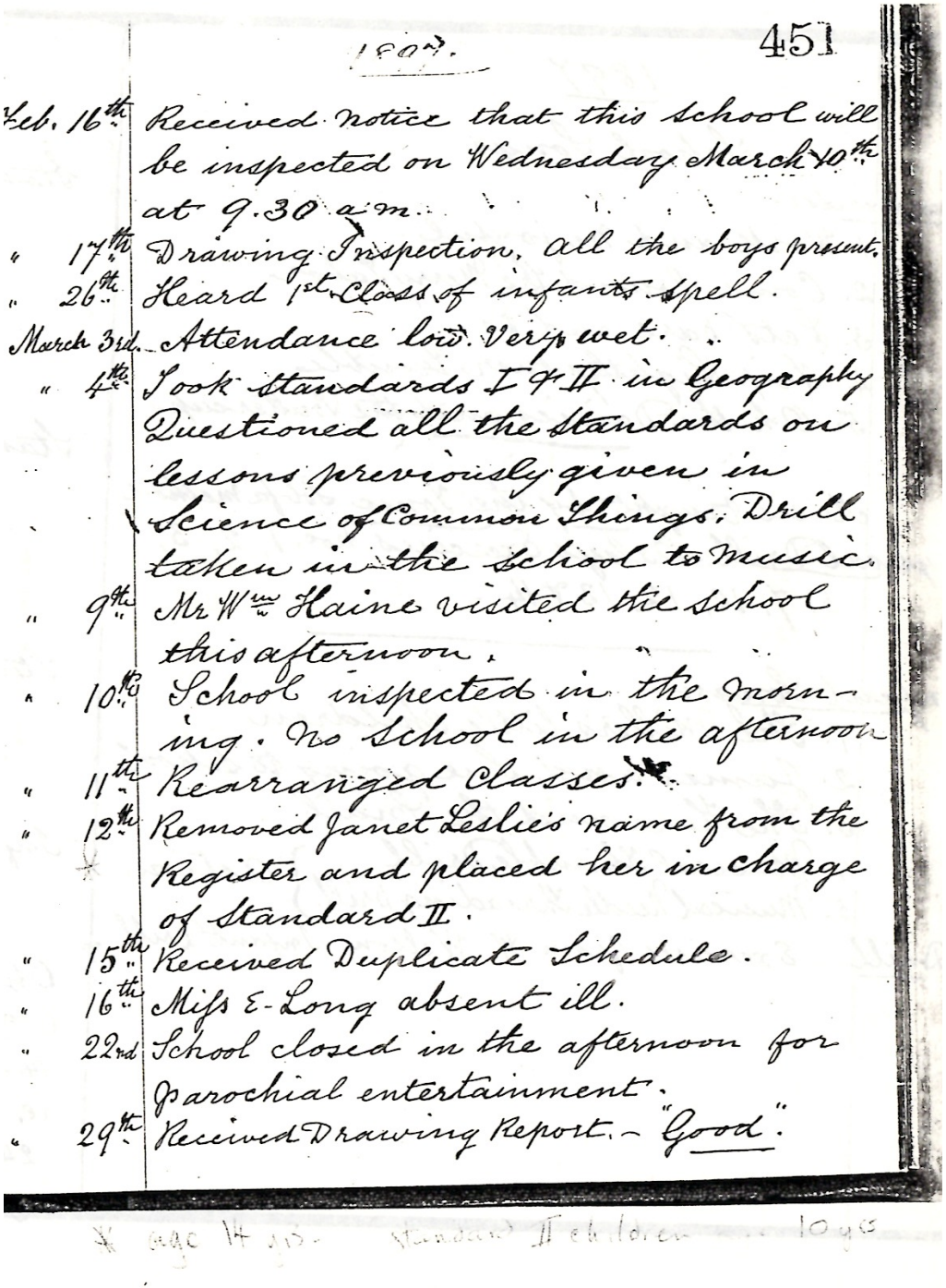

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Feb. 16th Received notice that this school will be inspected on Wednesday March 10th at 9.30 a.m.

17th Drawing Inspection, all the boys present.

26th Heard 1st Class of infants spell.

March 3rd. Attendance low. Very wet.

4th Took Standards I & II in Geography Questioned all the Standards on lessons previously given in Science of Common Things. Drill taken in the school to music.

9th Mr Wm Haine visited the school this afternoon.

10th School inspected in the morning. No school in the afternoon

11th Rearranged classes.

12th Removed Janet Leslie's name from the Register and placed her in charge of Standard II. [Pencil footnote, later hand: * age 14 yrs. Standard II children 10 yrs?]

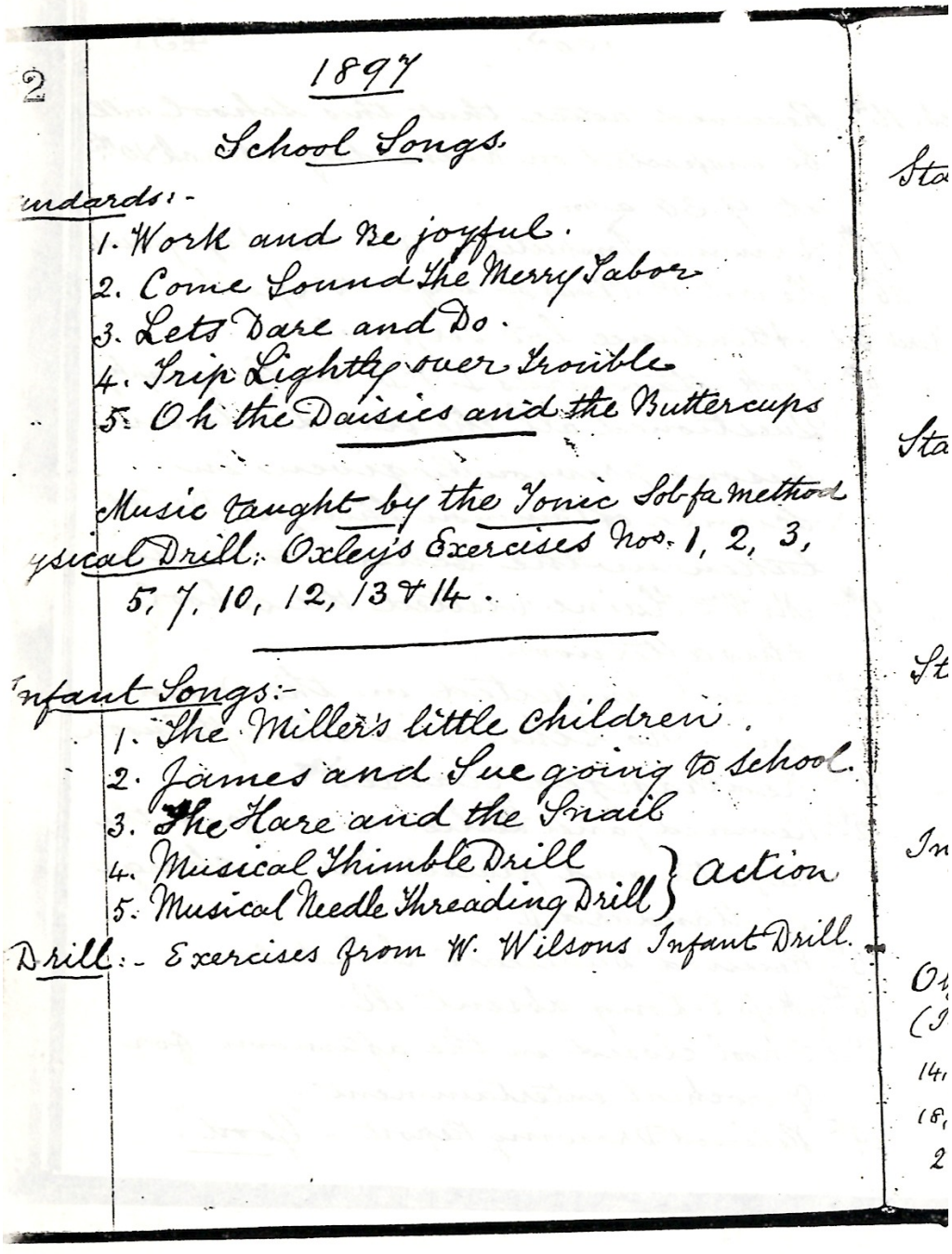
15th Received Duplicate Schedule.

16th Miss E. Long absent ill.

22nd School closed in the afternoon for parochial entertainment.

29th Received Drawing Report. - "Good".

Uncertain readings: Header year is faint; read as 1897 (March 10th 1897 was a Wednesday, which agrees with the entry); Pencil footnote at the foot of the page, in a later hand: ' age 14 yrs. Standard II children 10 yrs' - the last figure is uncertain; Mr Wm Haine's role is not stated; recorded as manager by inference; Janet Leslie is presumably related to the headmaster Hugh Leslie, but the page does not say so*



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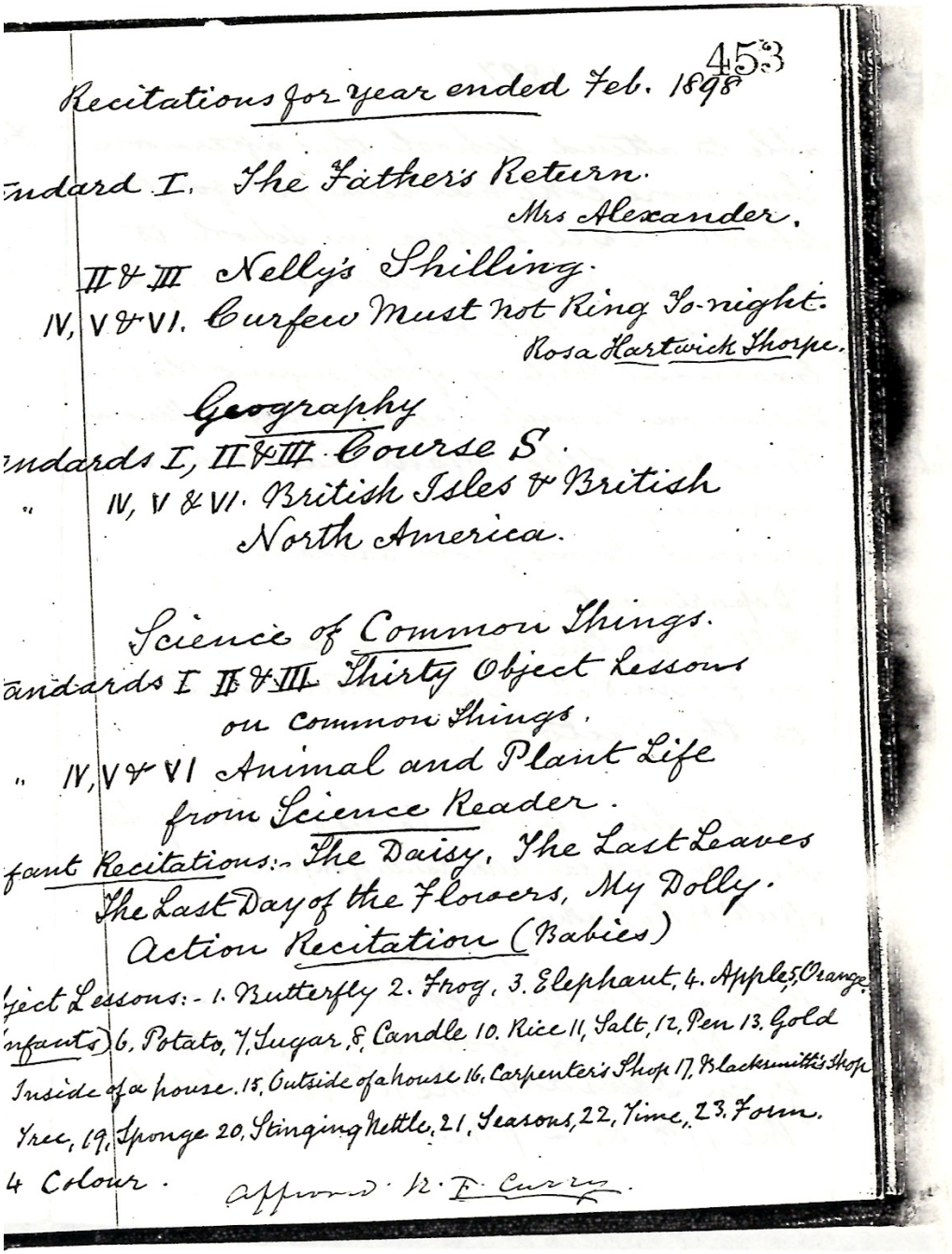
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Approved R. F. Curry.

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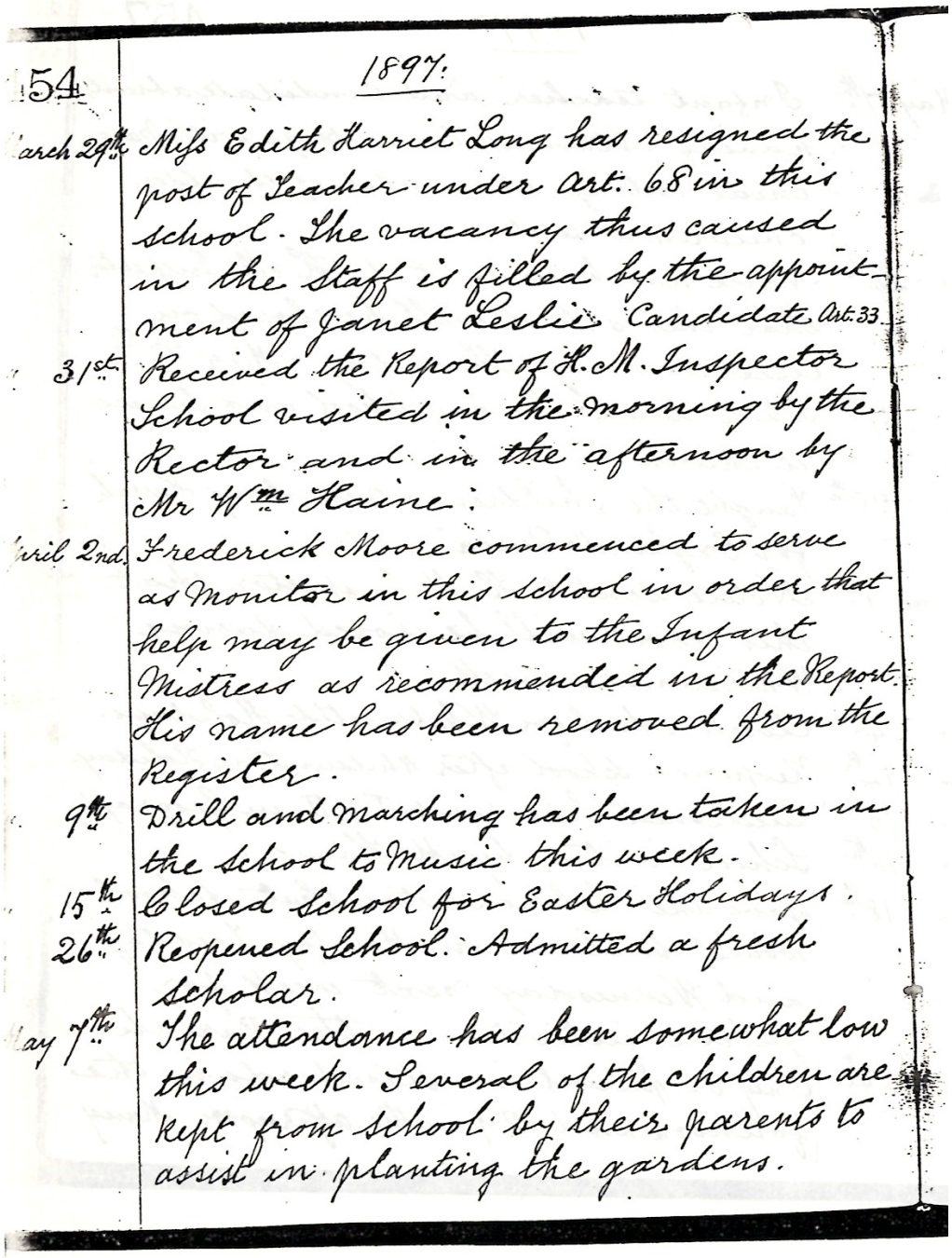
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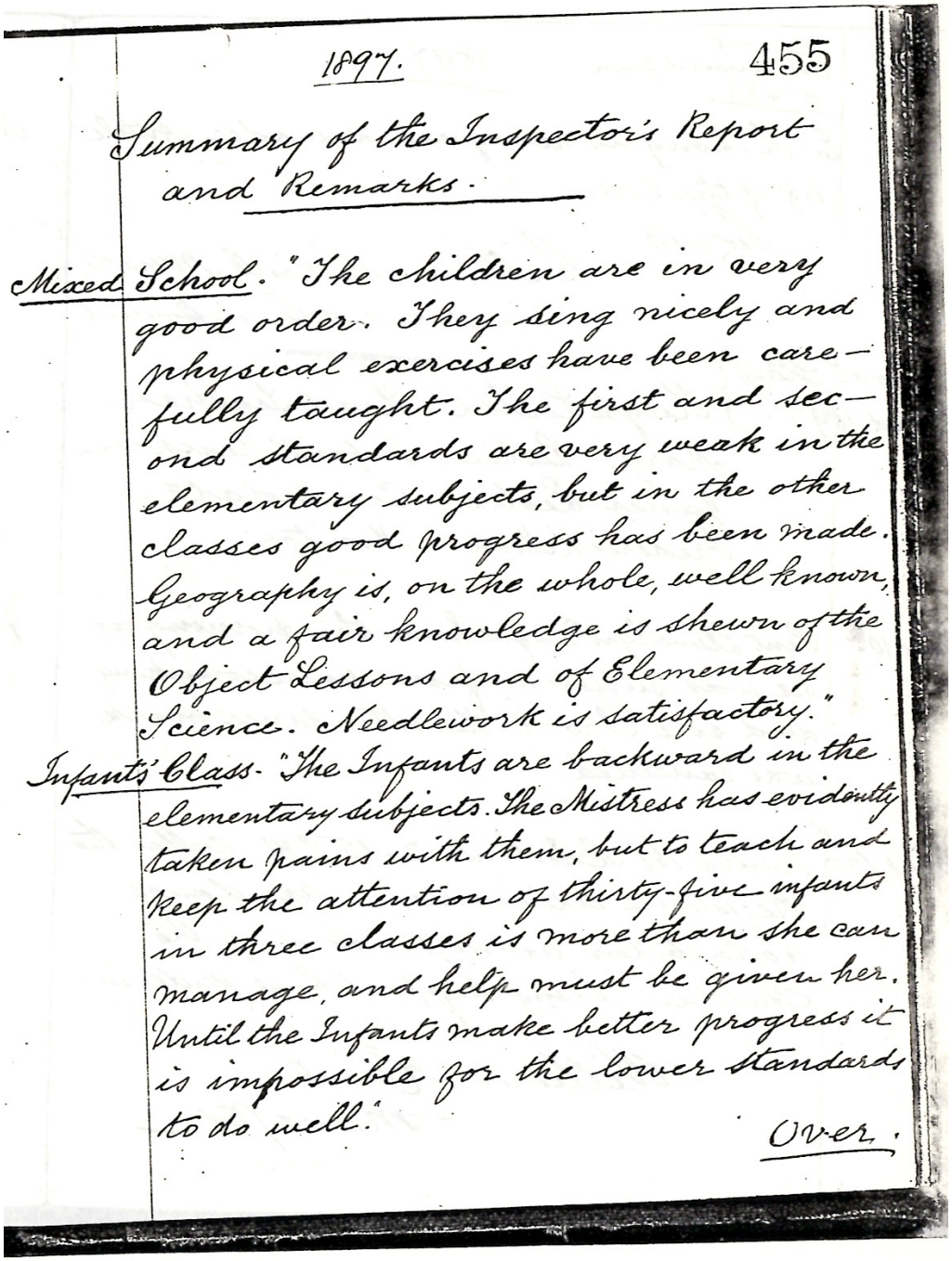

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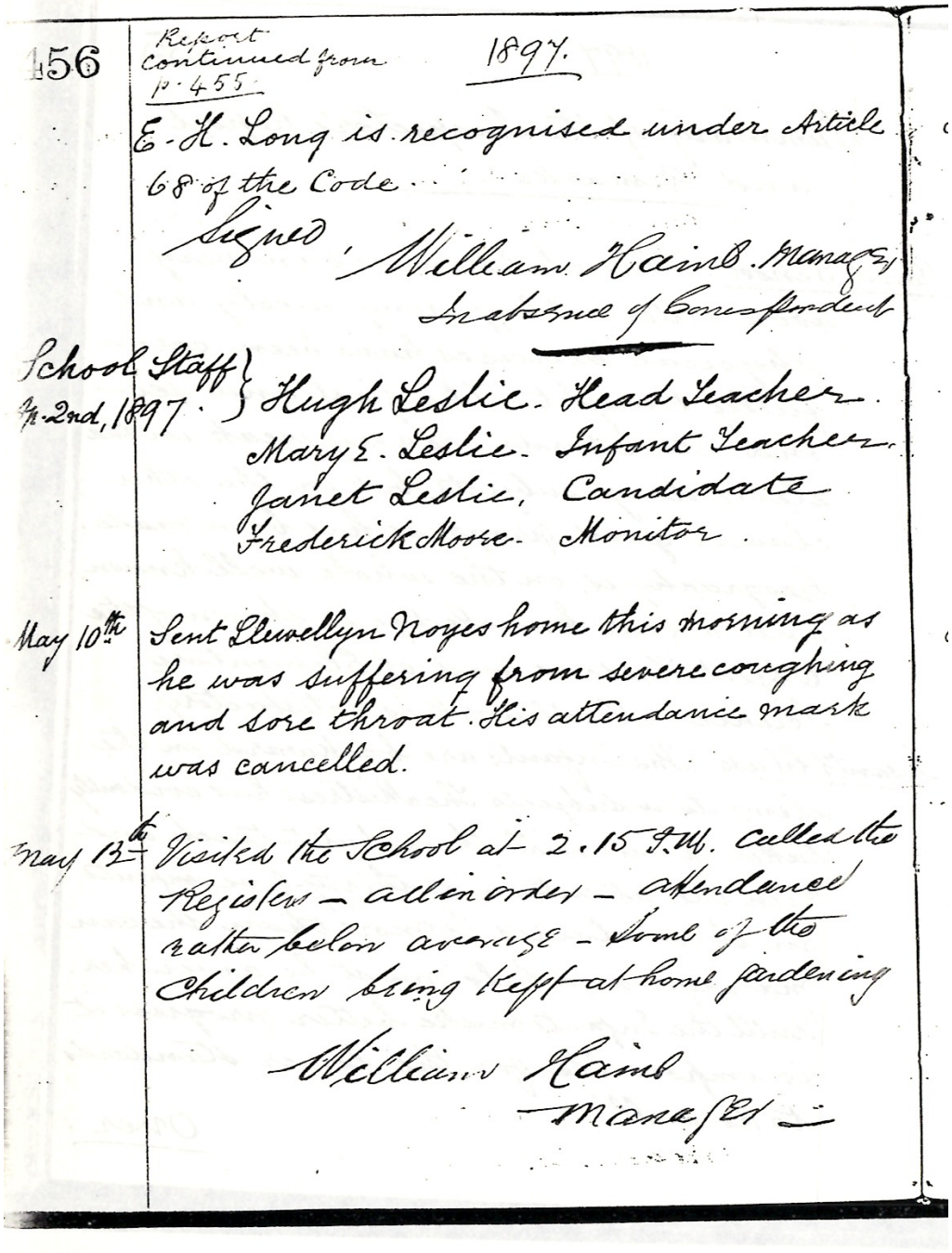
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In absence of Correspondent
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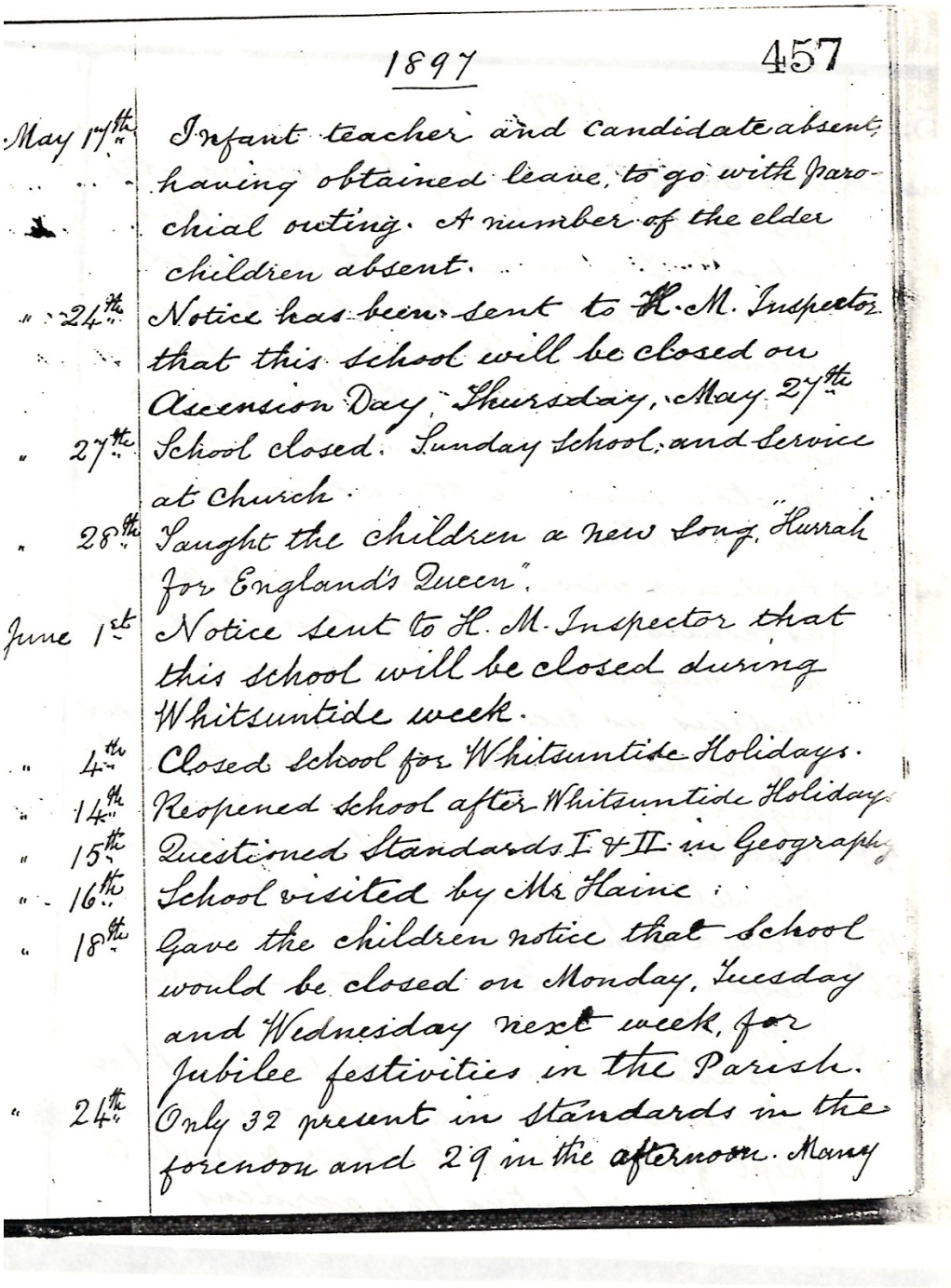

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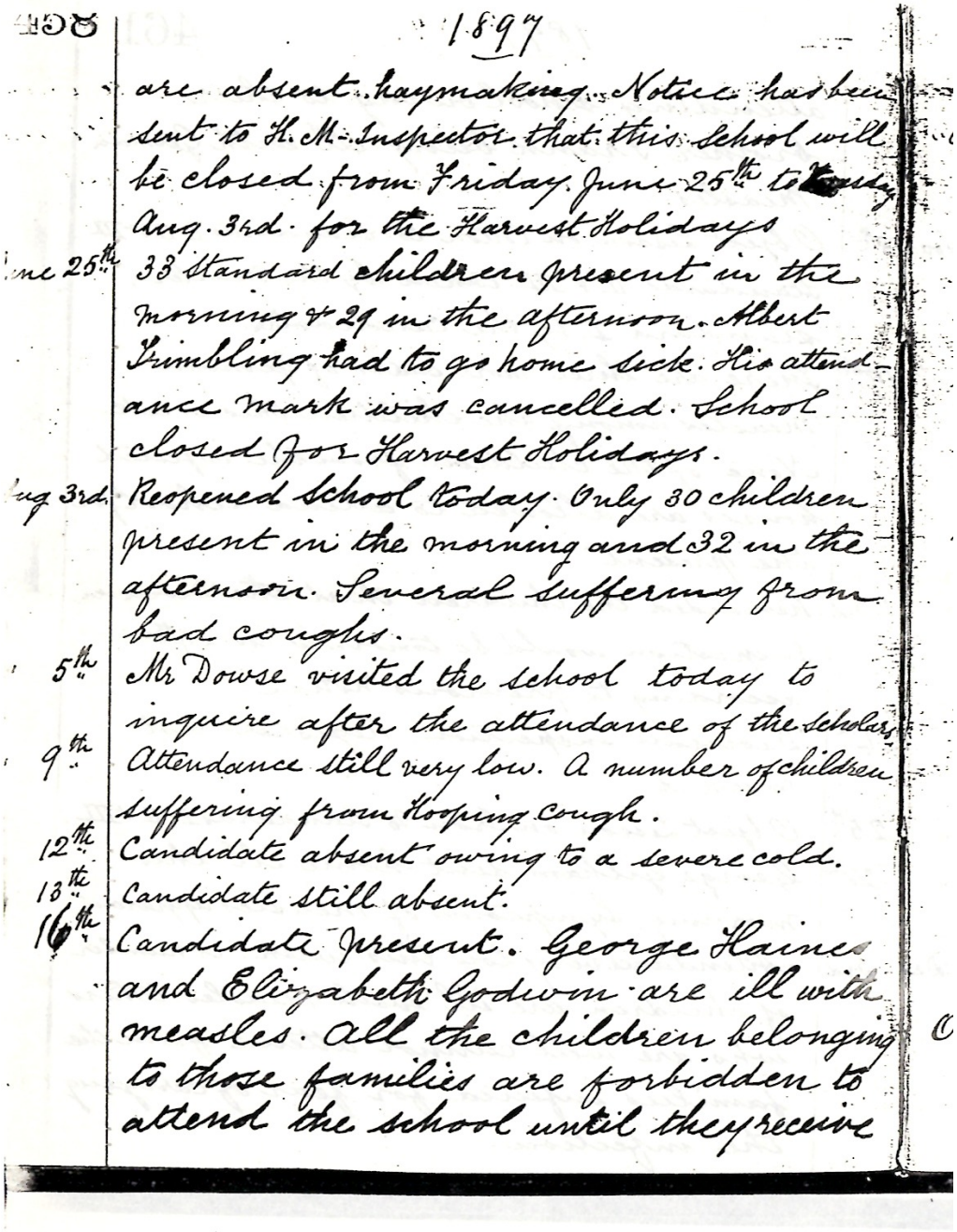
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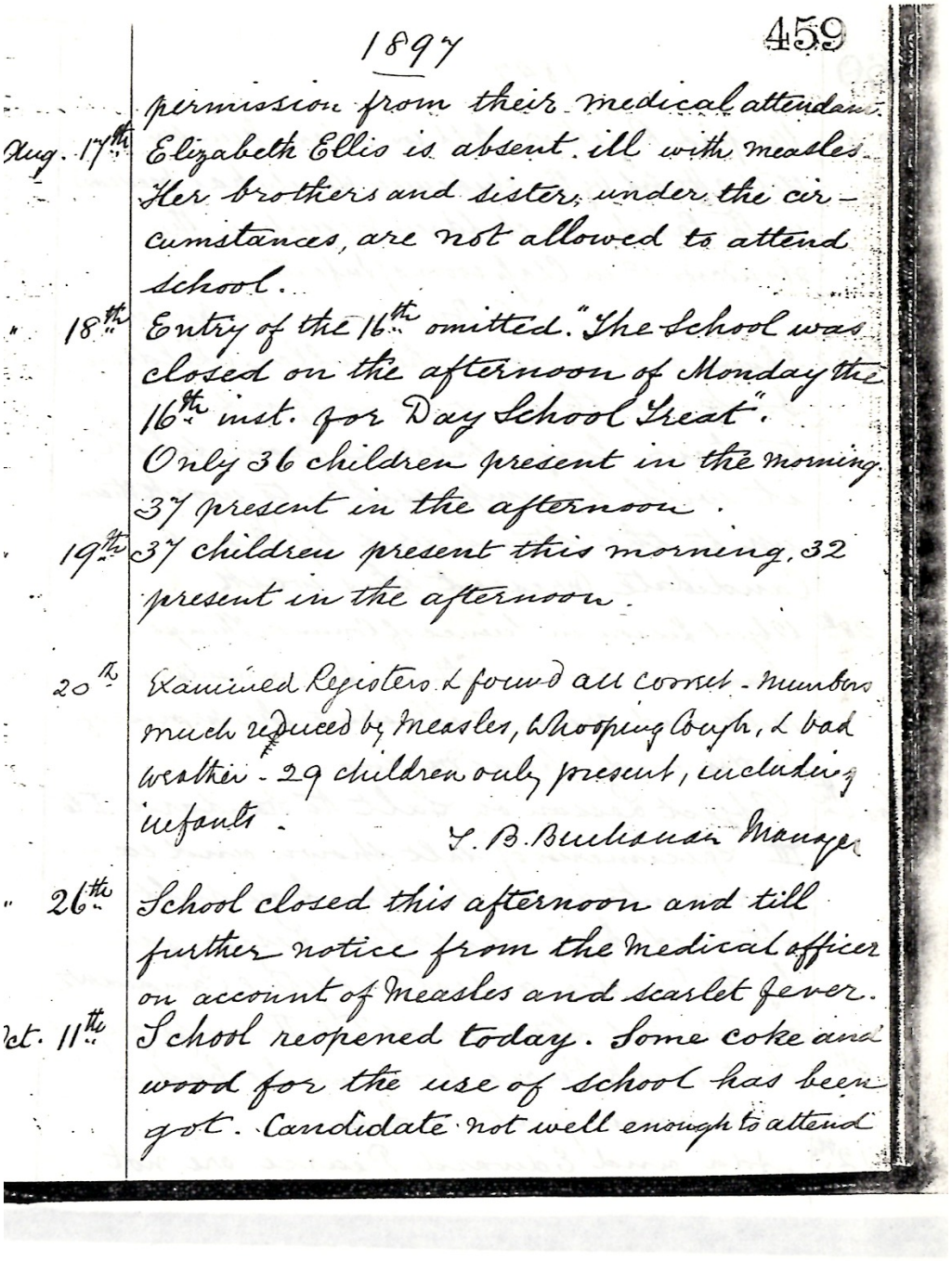

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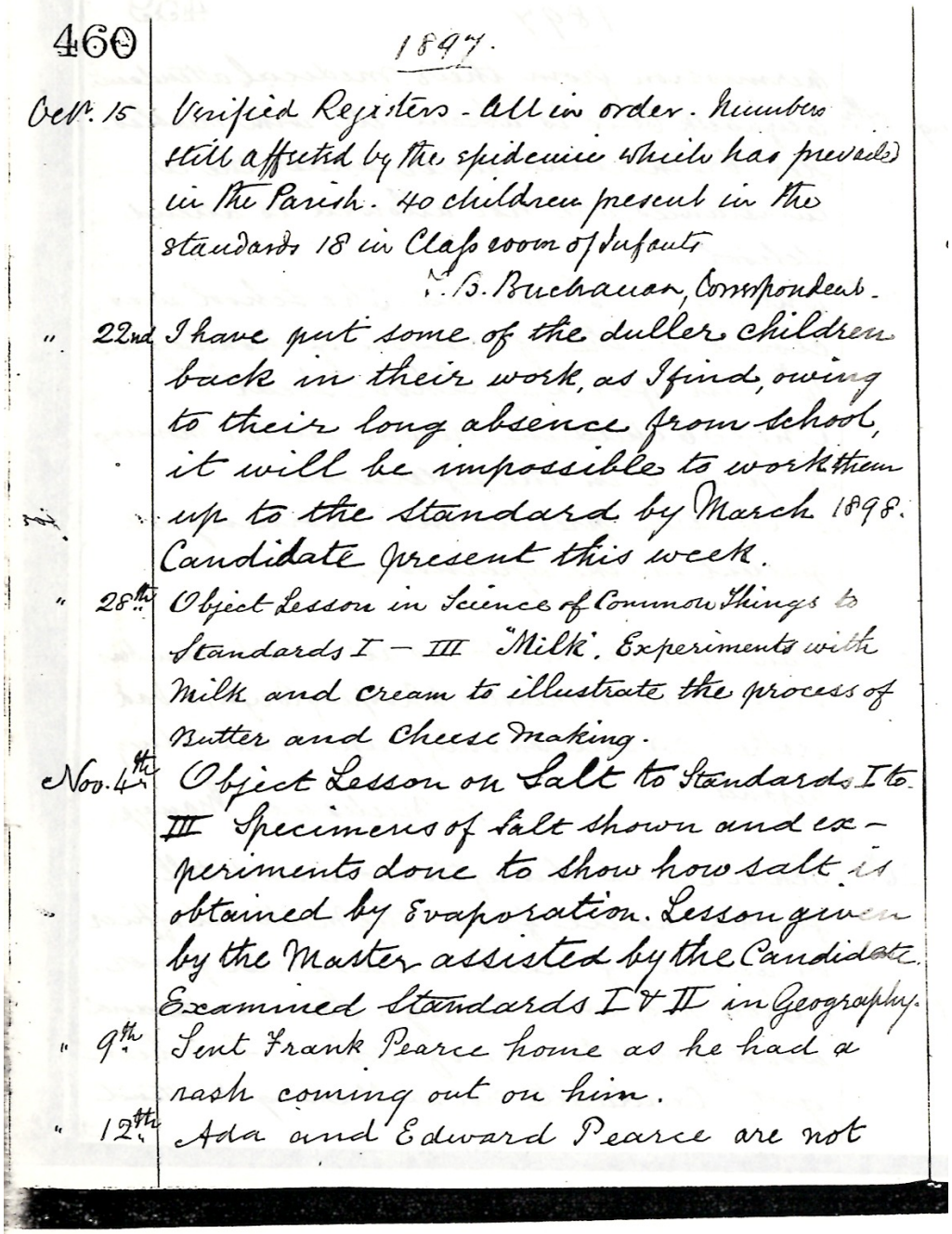

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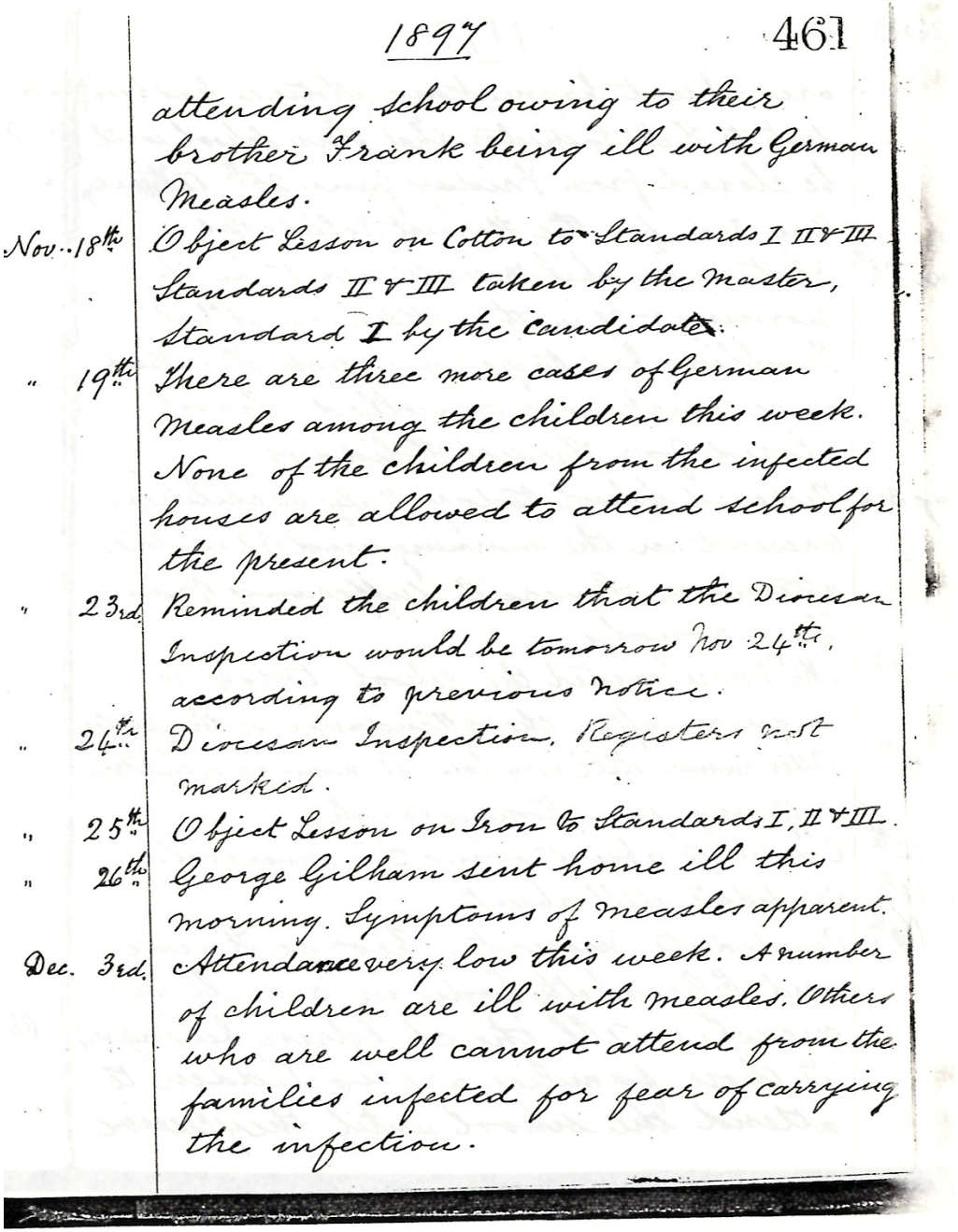

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" 24th Diocesan Inspection. Registers not marked.

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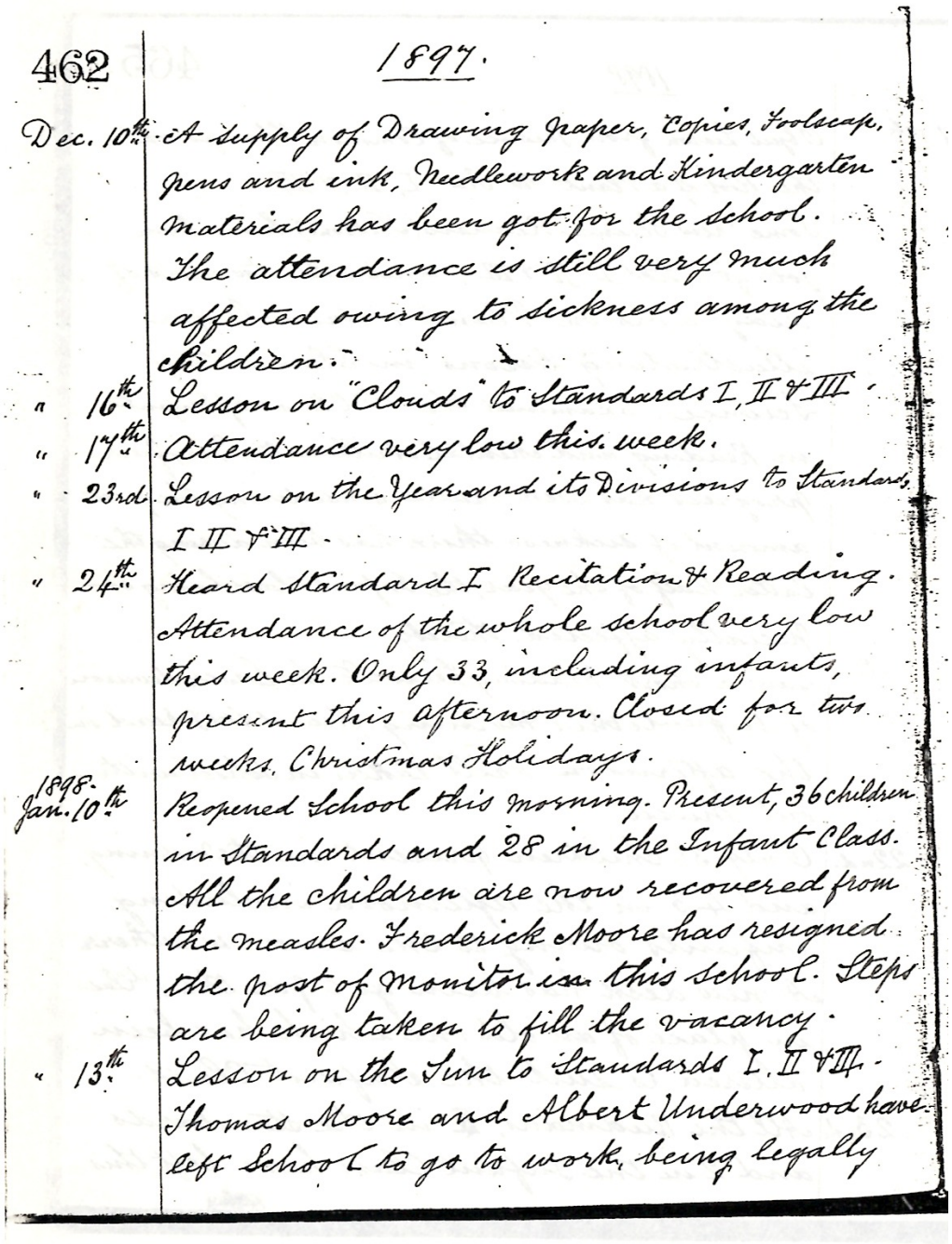
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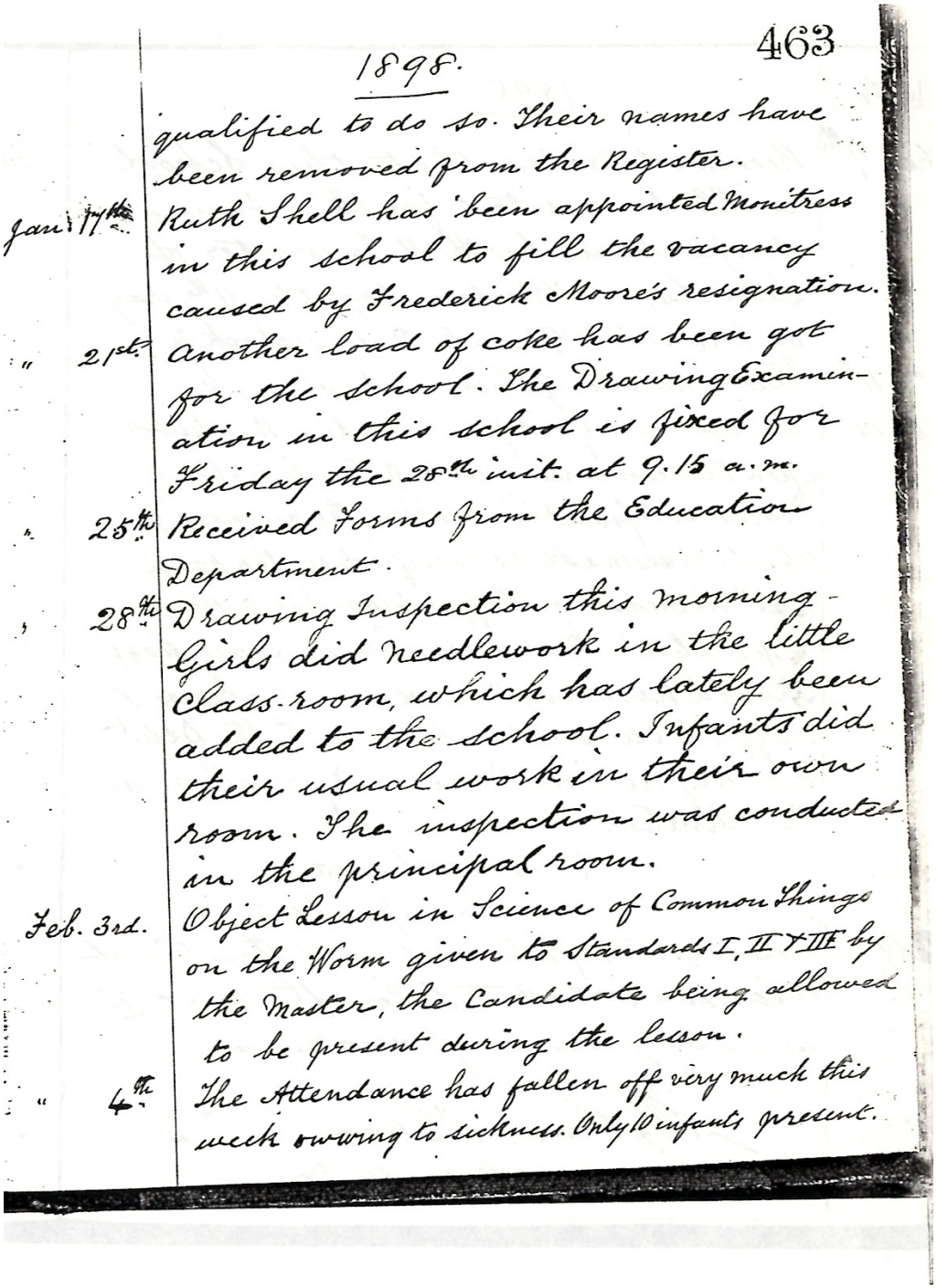

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qualified to do so. Their names have been removed from the Register.

Jan 17th Ruth Shell has been appointed Monitress in this school to fill the vacancy caused by Frederick Moore's resignation.

" 21st Another load of coke has been got for the school. The Drawing Examination in this school is fixed for Friday the 28th inst. at 9.15 a.m.

" 25th Received Forms from the Education Department.

" 28th Drawing Inspection this morning - Girls did needlework in the little class-room, which has lately been added to the school. Infants did their usual work in their own room. The inspection was conducted in the principal room.

Feb. 3rd. Object Lesson in Science of Common Things on the Worm given to Standards I, II & III by the Master, the Candidate being allowed to be present during the lesson.

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" 21st. Another load of coke has been got for the school. The Drawing Examination in this school is fixed for Friday the 28th inst. at 9.15 a.m.

" 25th. Received Forms from the Education Department.

" 28th Drawing Inspection this morning - Girls did needlework in the little class-room, which has lately been added to the school. Infants did their usual work in their own room. The inspection was conducted in the principal room.

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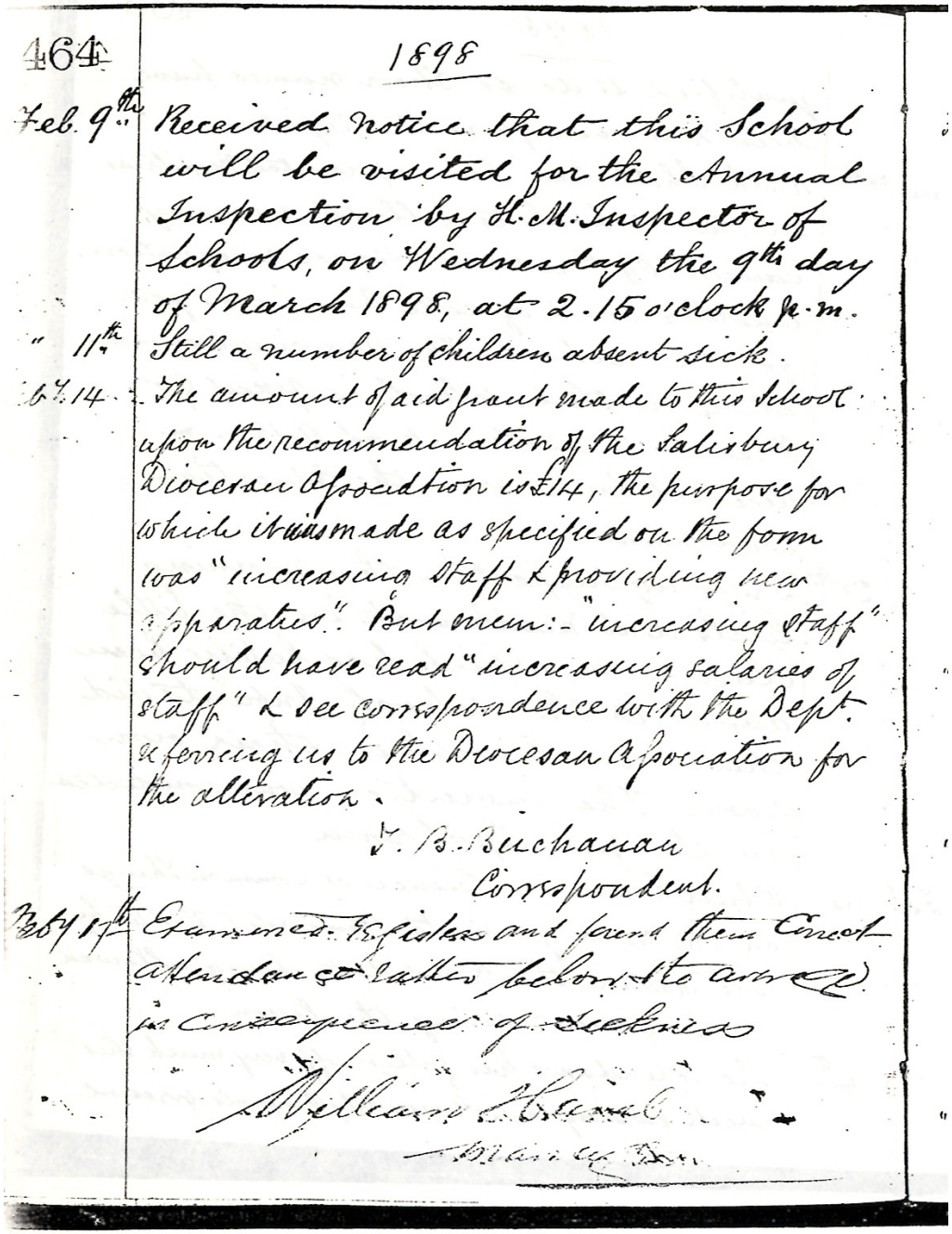

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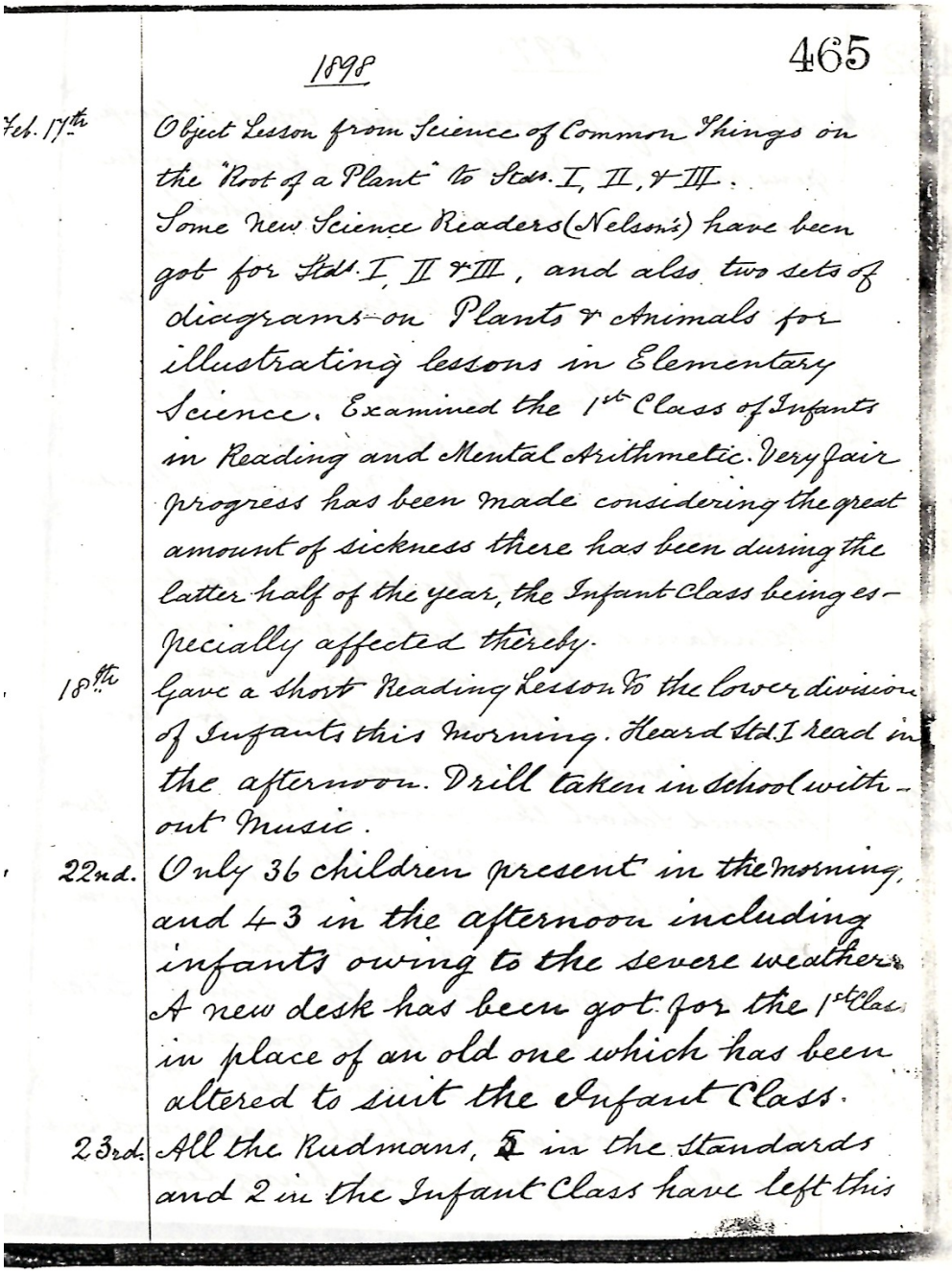

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