Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1899-00

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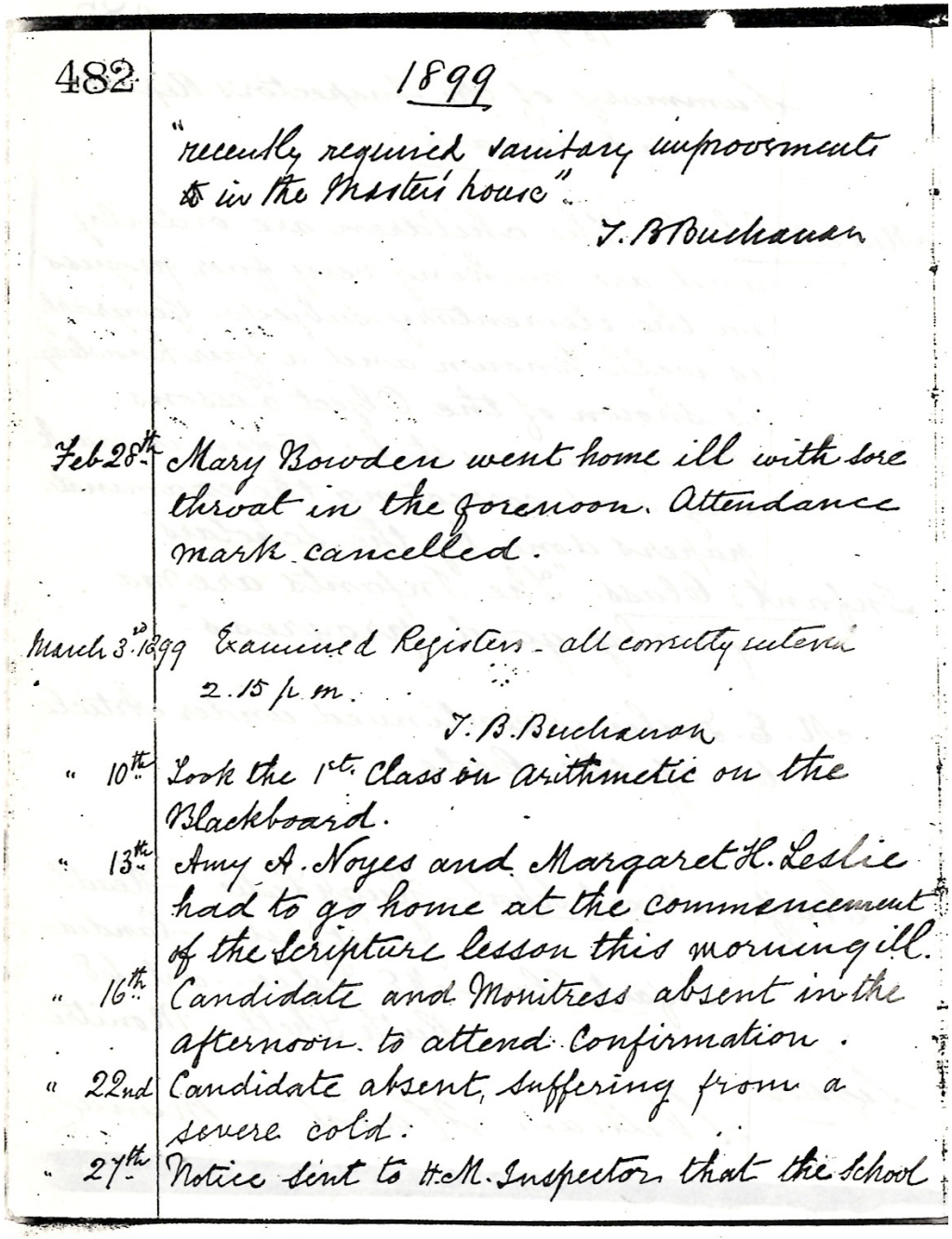
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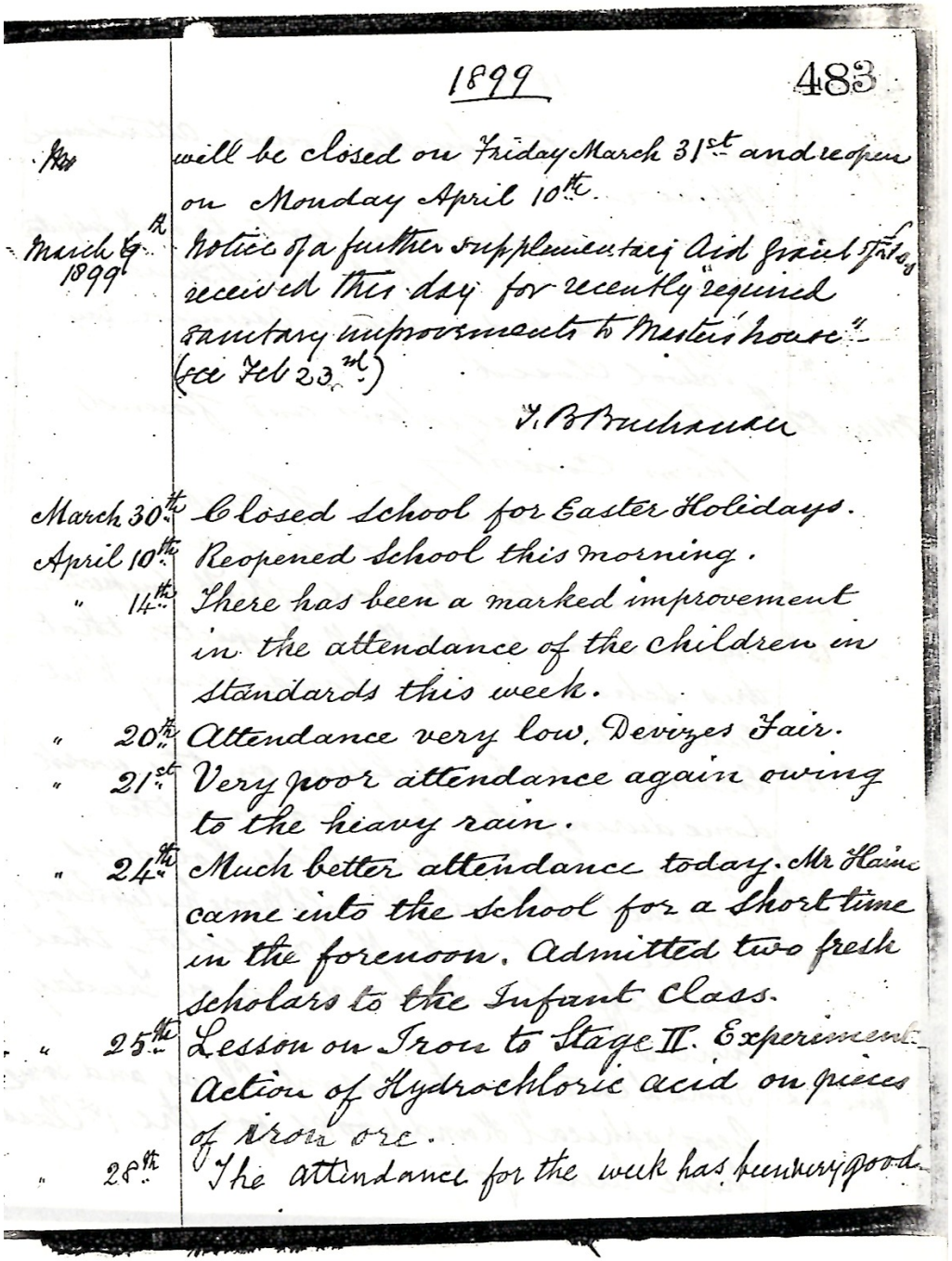

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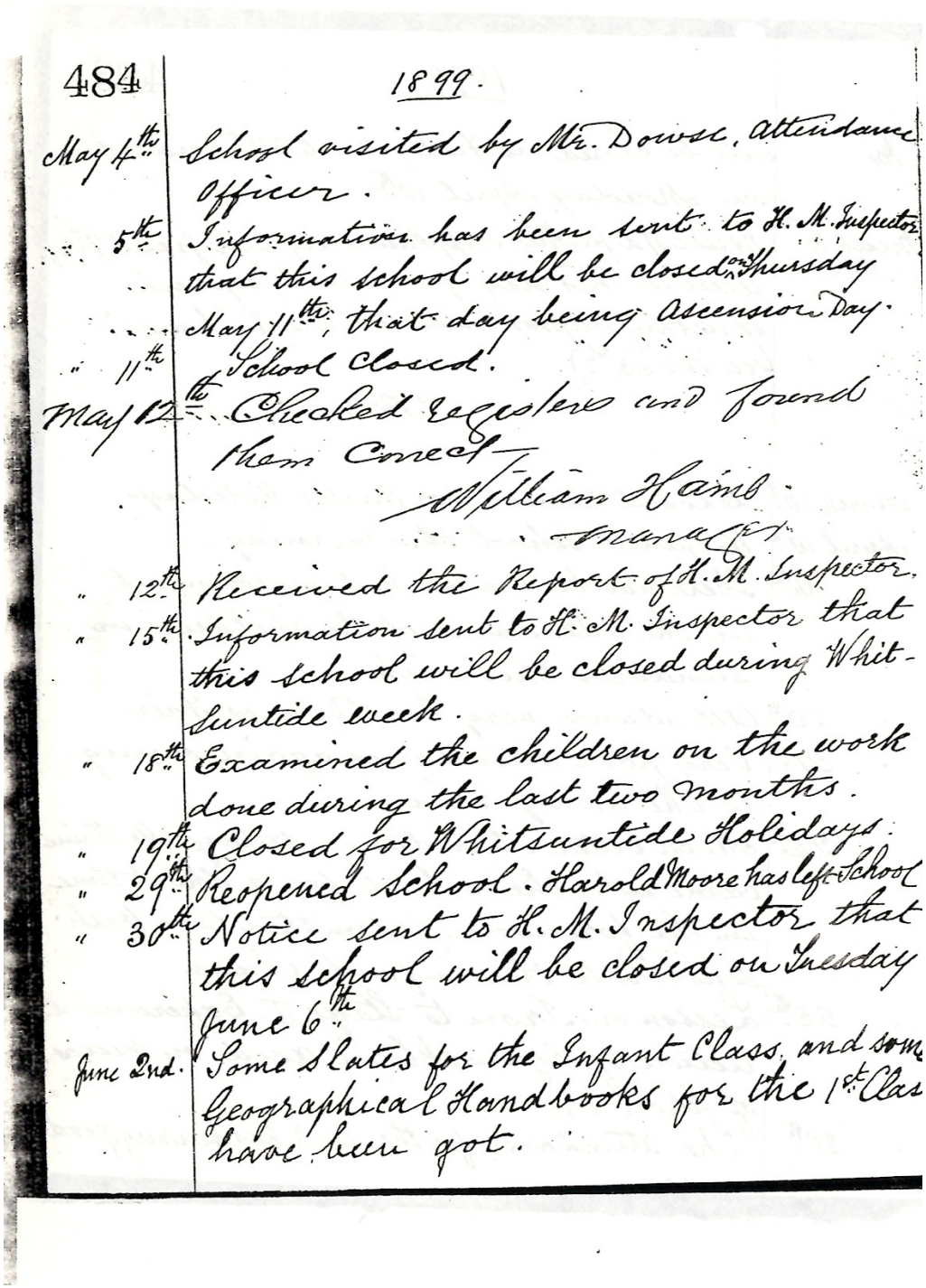
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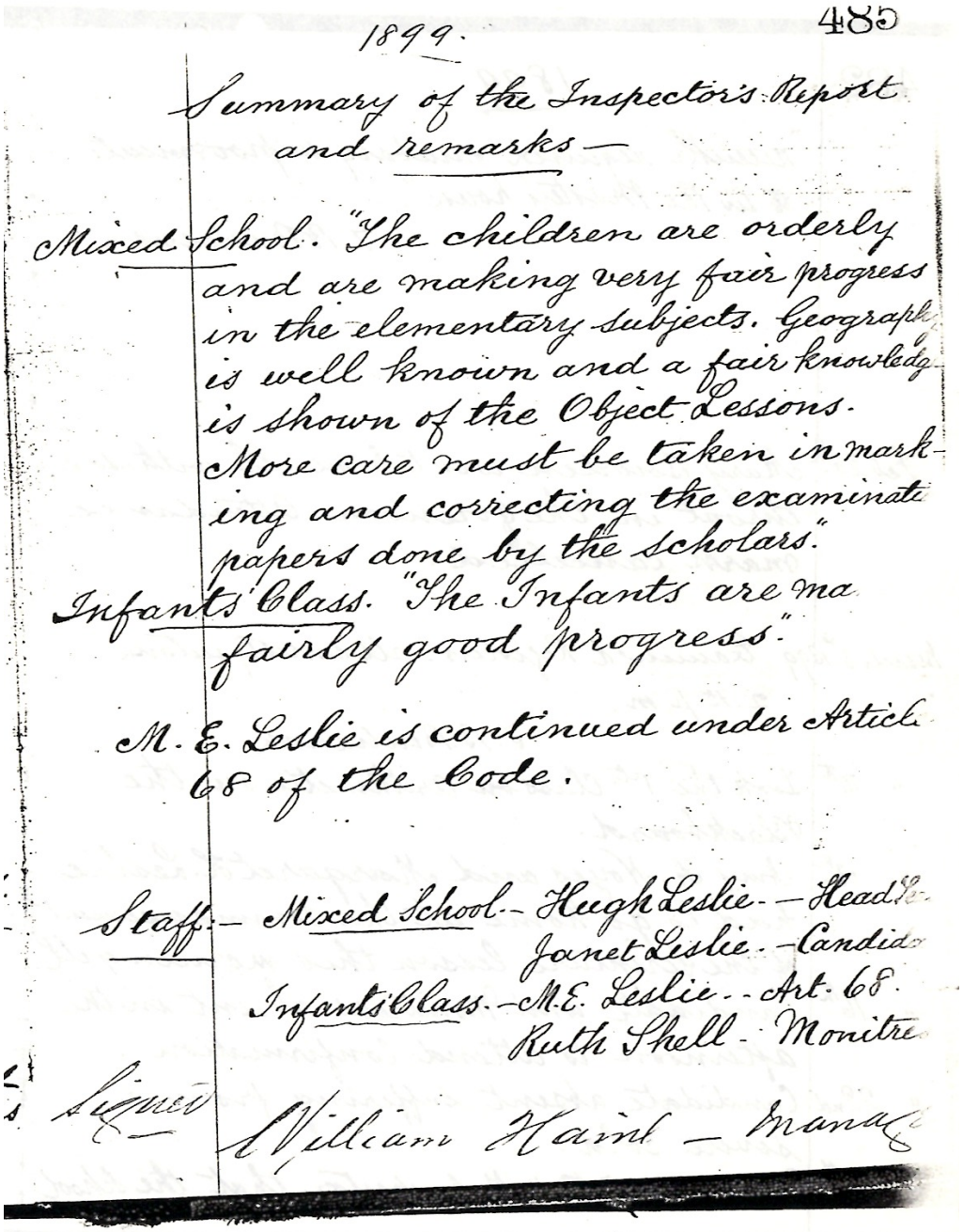
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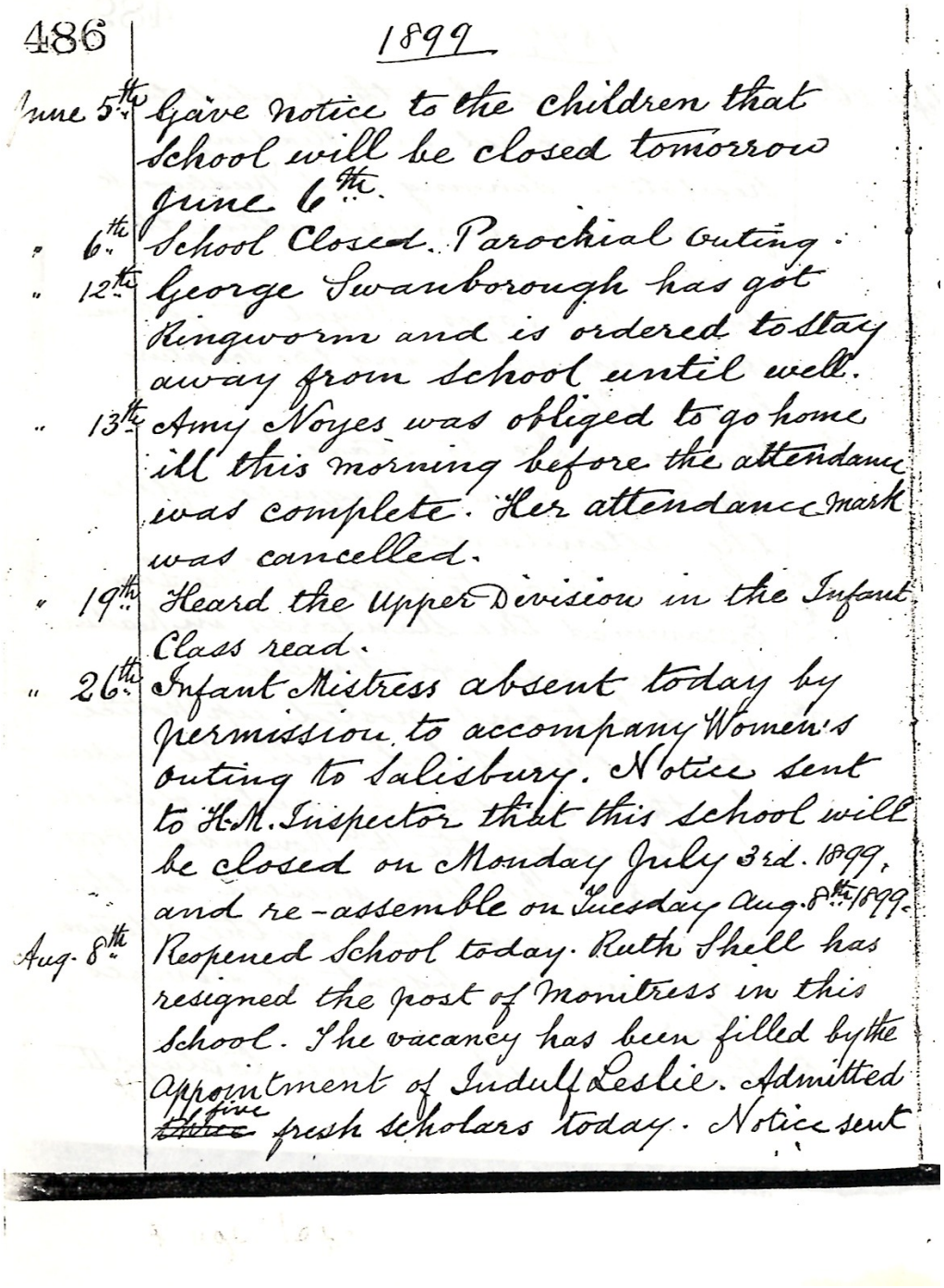

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" 6th School Closed. Parochial outing.

" 12th George Swanborough has got Ringworm and is ordered to stay away from school until well.

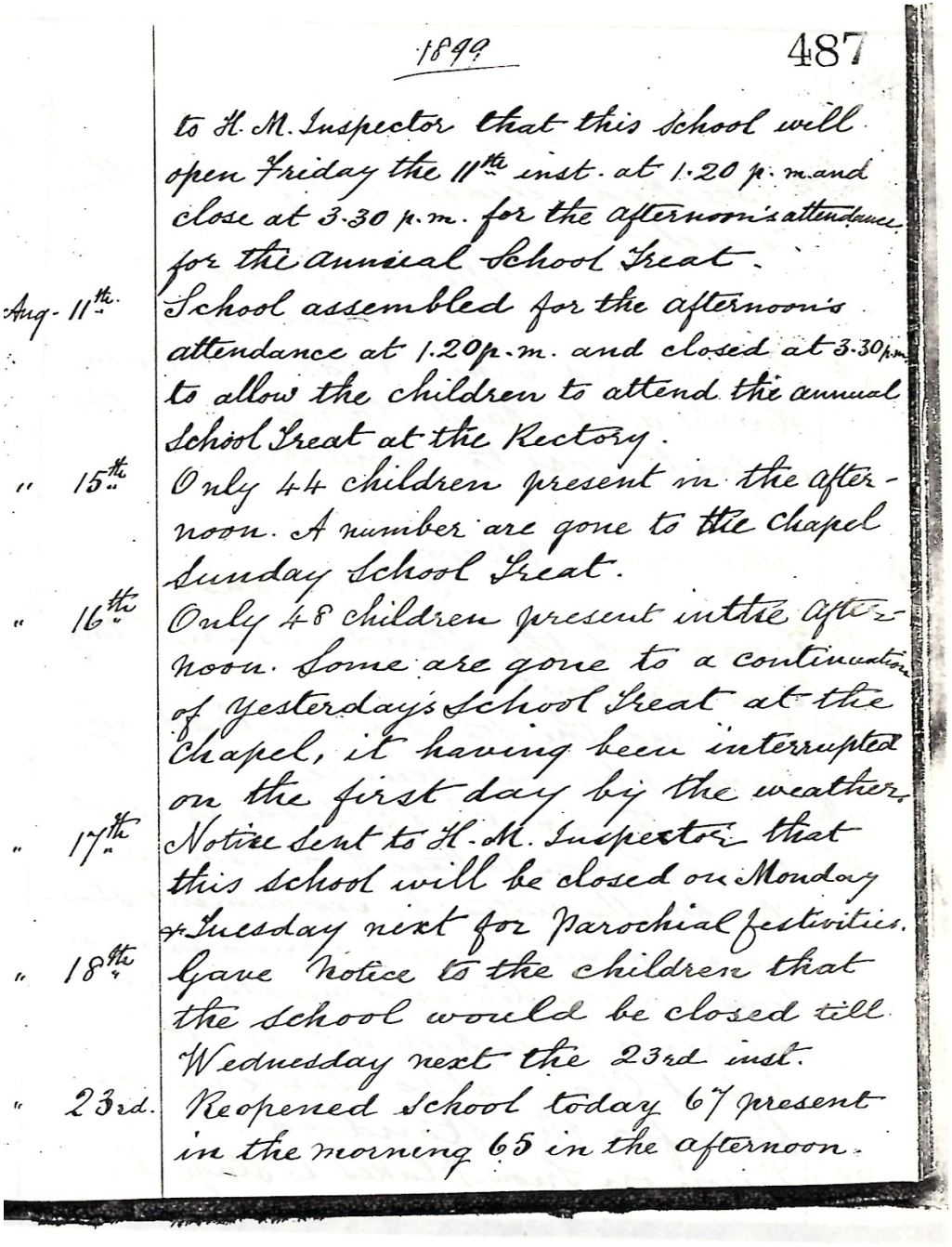
" 13th Amy Noyes was obliged to go home ill this morning before the attendance was complete. Her attendance mark was cancelled.

" 19th Heard the Upper Division in the Infant Class read.

" 26th Infant Mistress absent today by permission to accompany Women's outing to Salisbury. Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed on Monday July 3rd. 1899. and re-assemble on Tuesday Aug. 8th. 1899.

Aug. 8th Reopened School today. Ruth Shell has resigned the post of Monitress in this School. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Indulf [?] Leslie. Admitted five fresh scholars today. Notice sent

Uncertain readings: 'Indulf' Leslie: the first name reads as 'Indulf' but could be 'Ingulf' or a similar uncommon name; 'three' is struck through on the last line and 'five' is written above it; The last entry (Aug. 8th) carries on to the next page after 'Notice sent'



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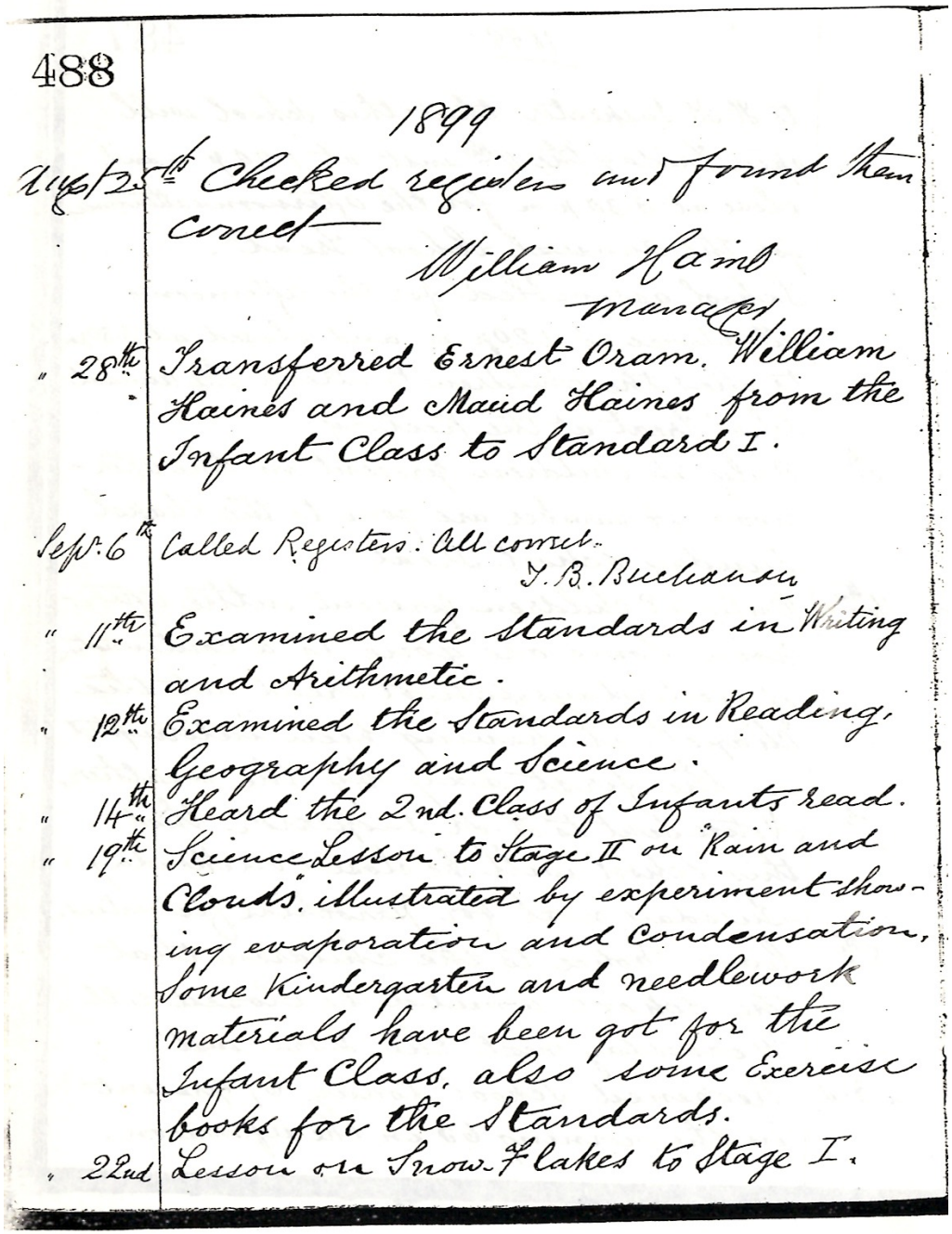
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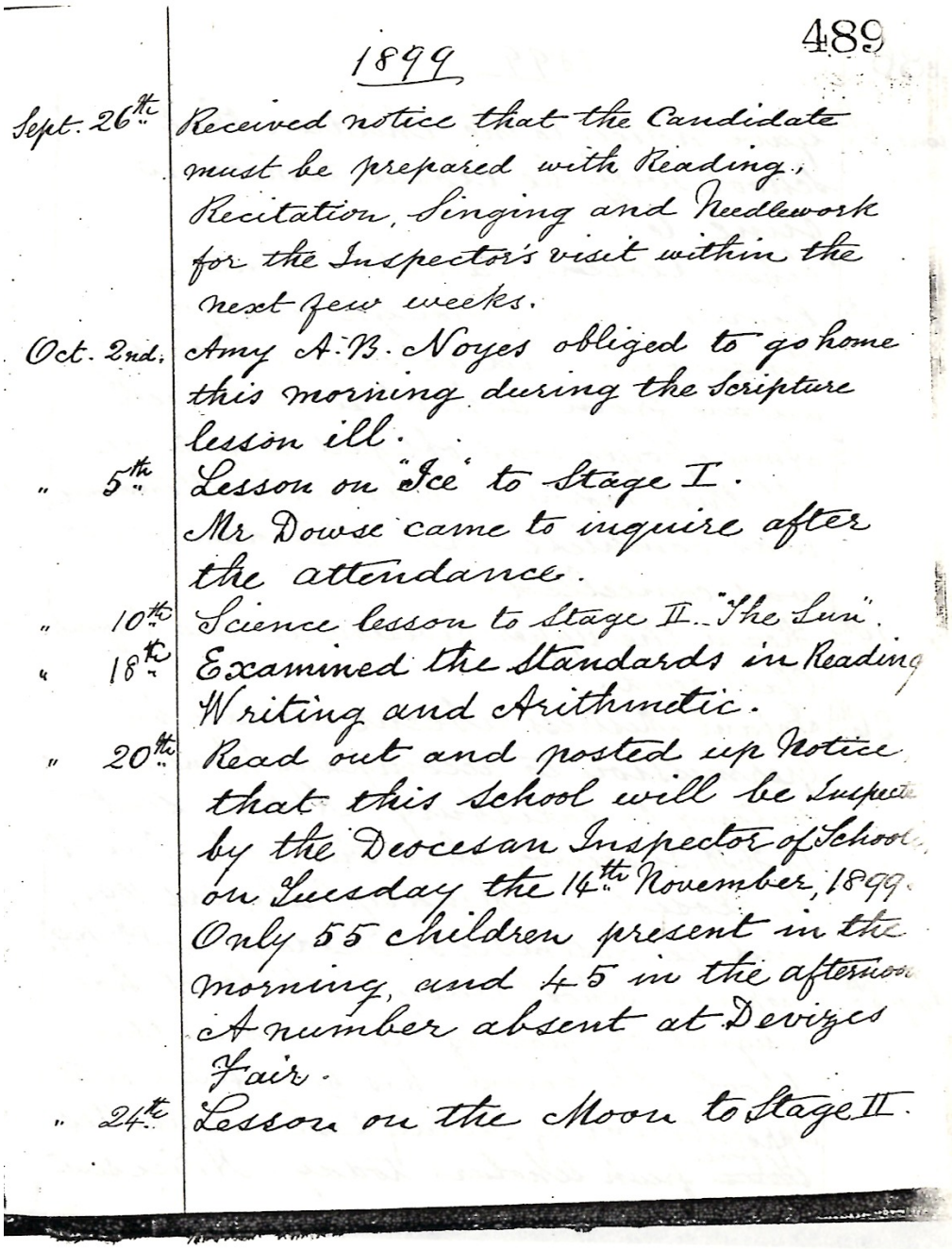

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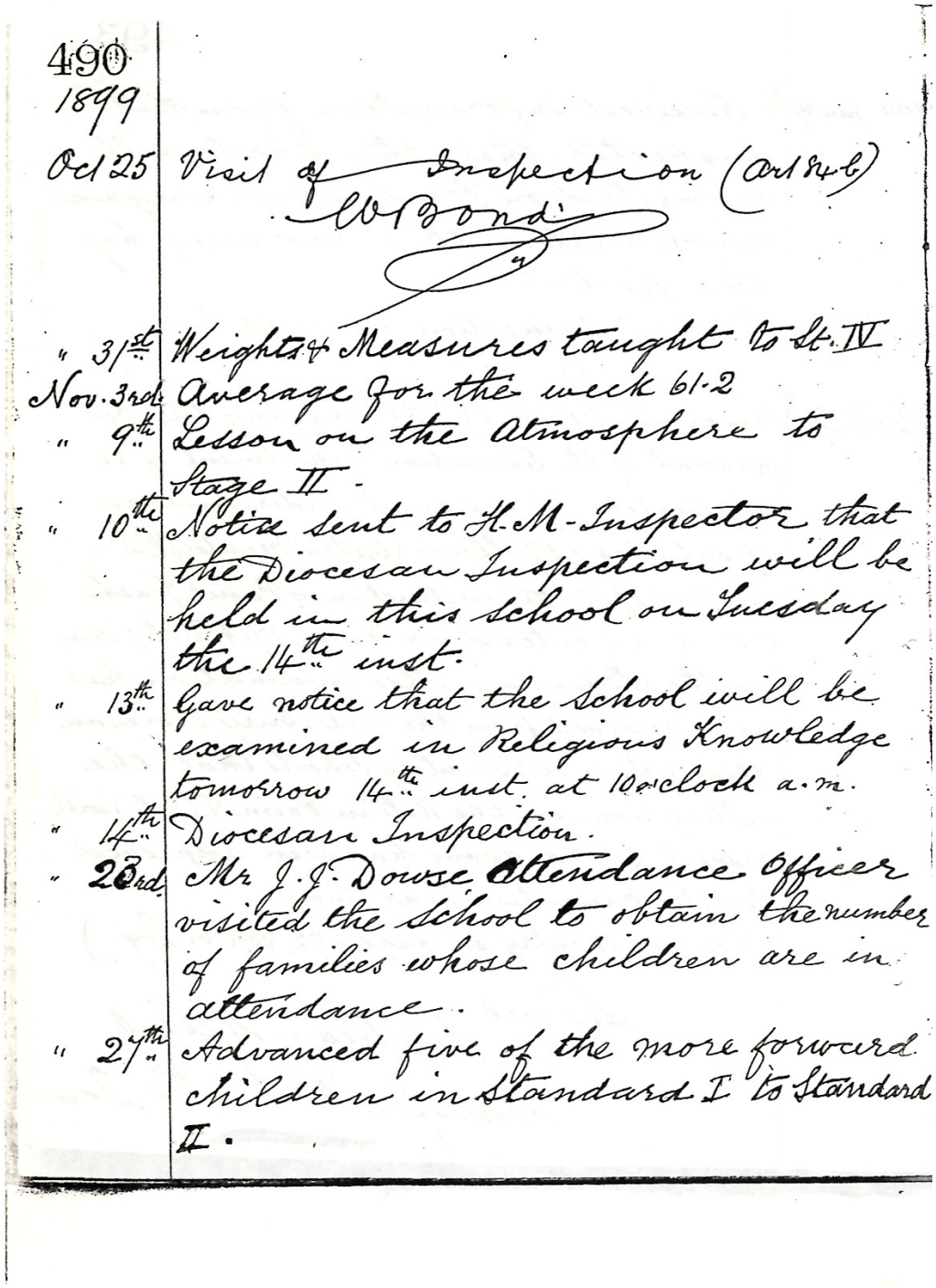
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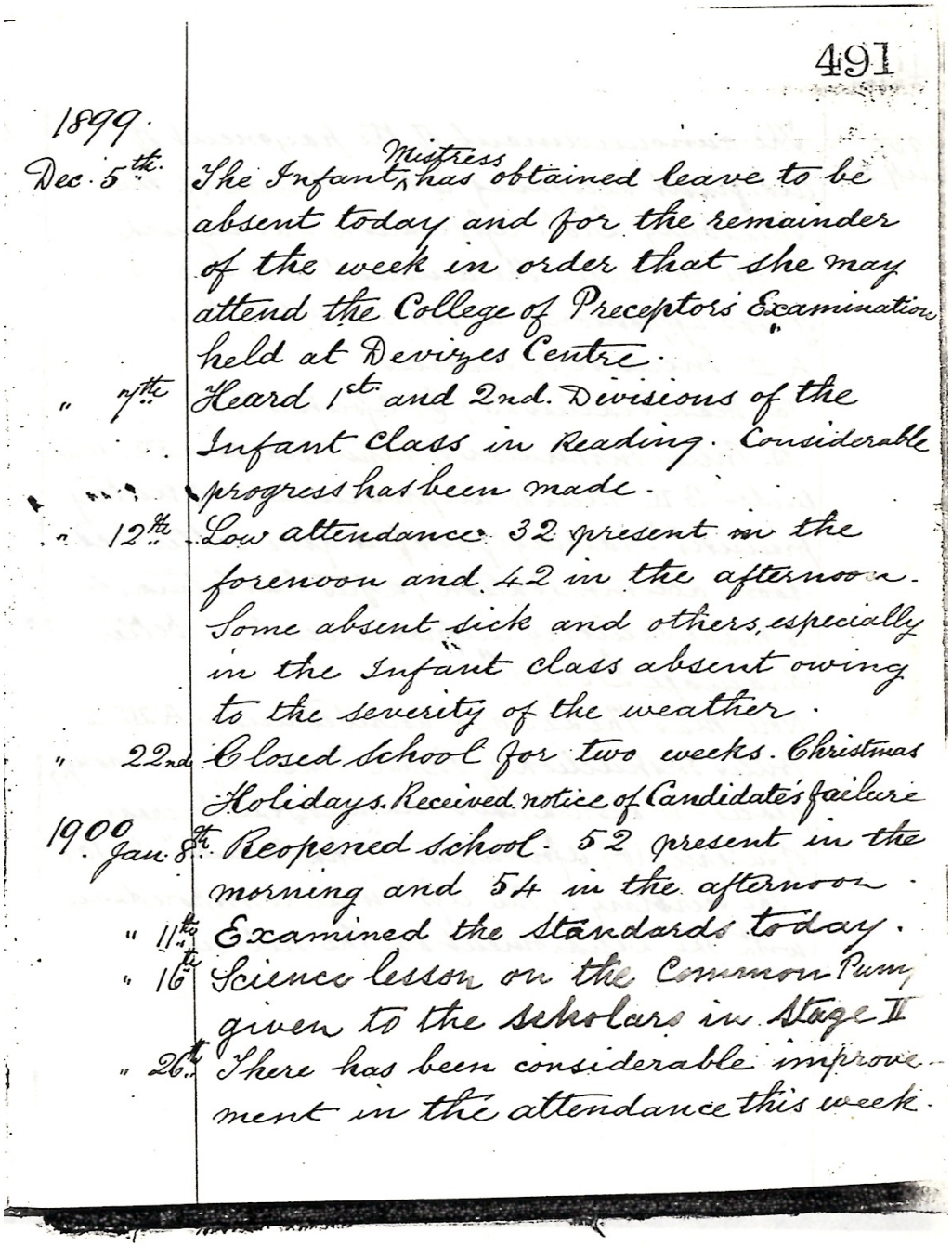

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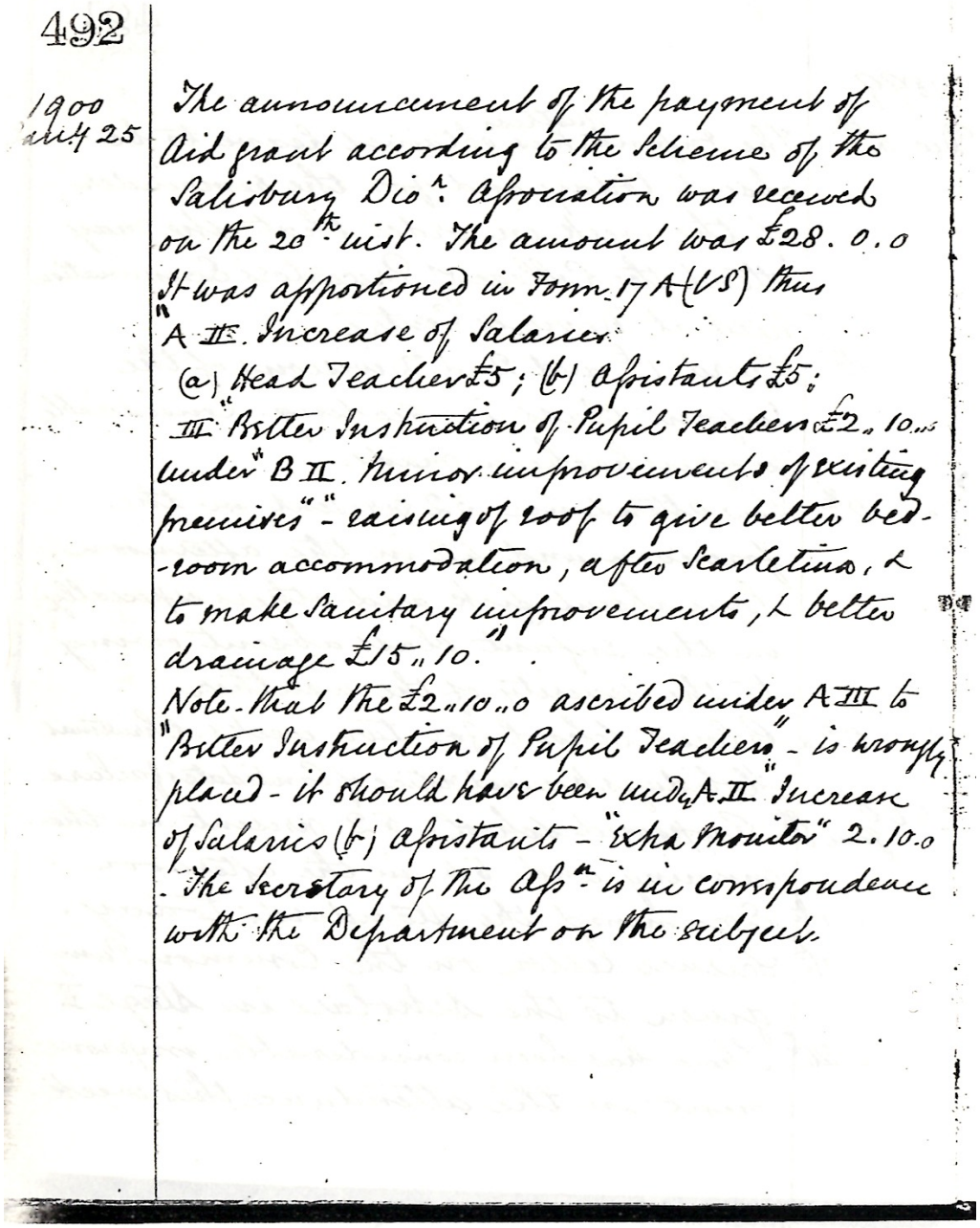
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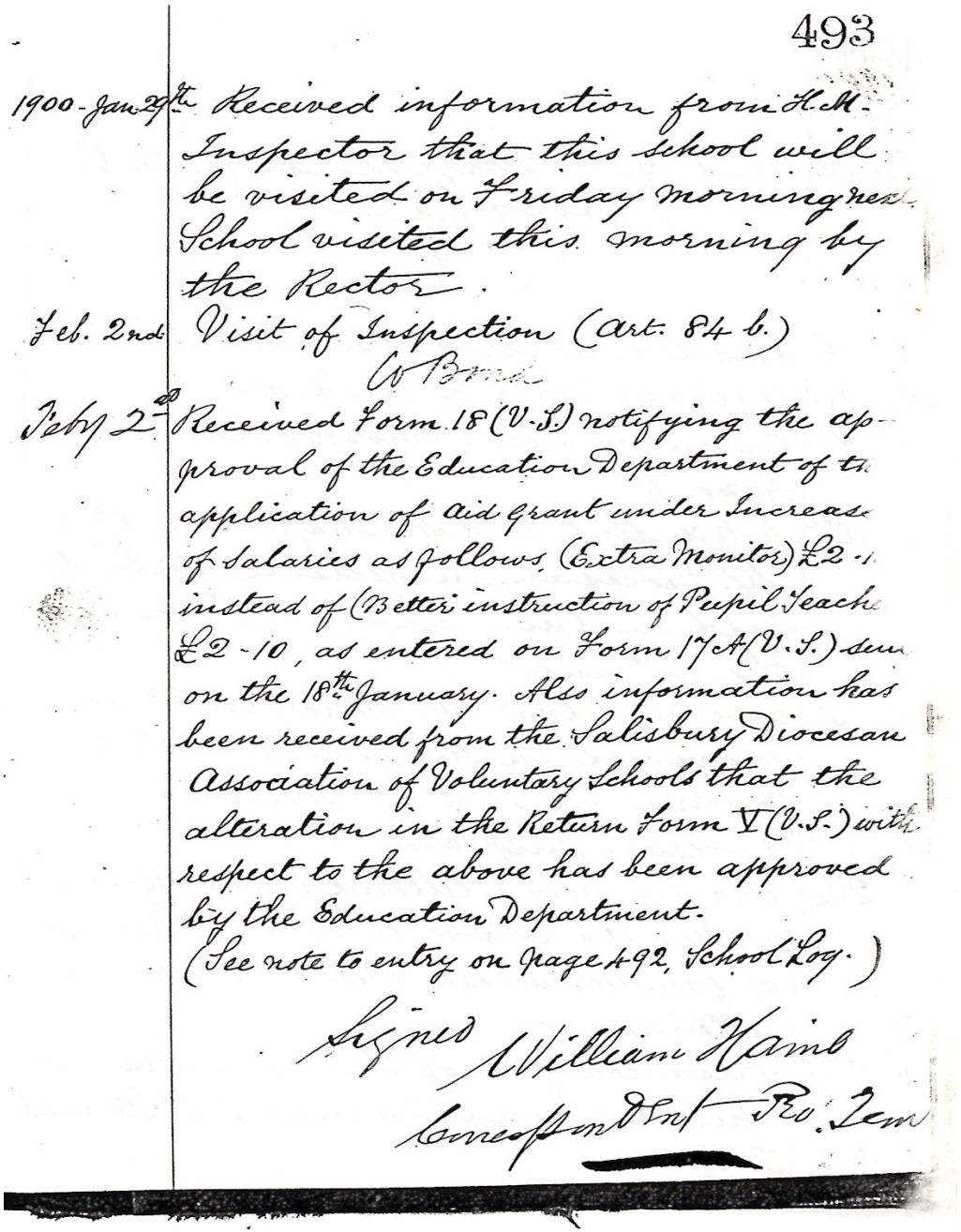
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Feb. 2nd Visit of Inspection (Art: 84 b.)
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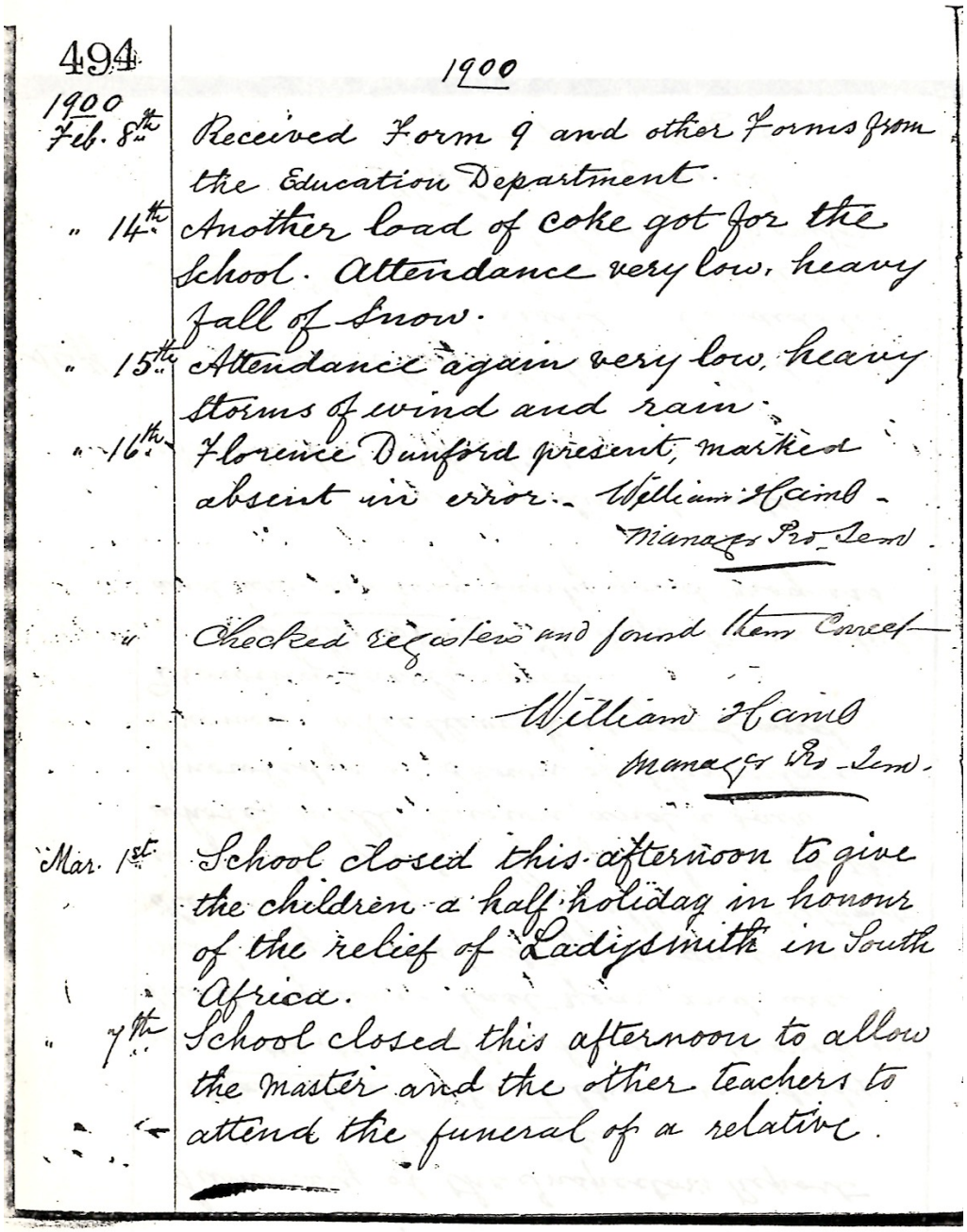

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