Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1905-06

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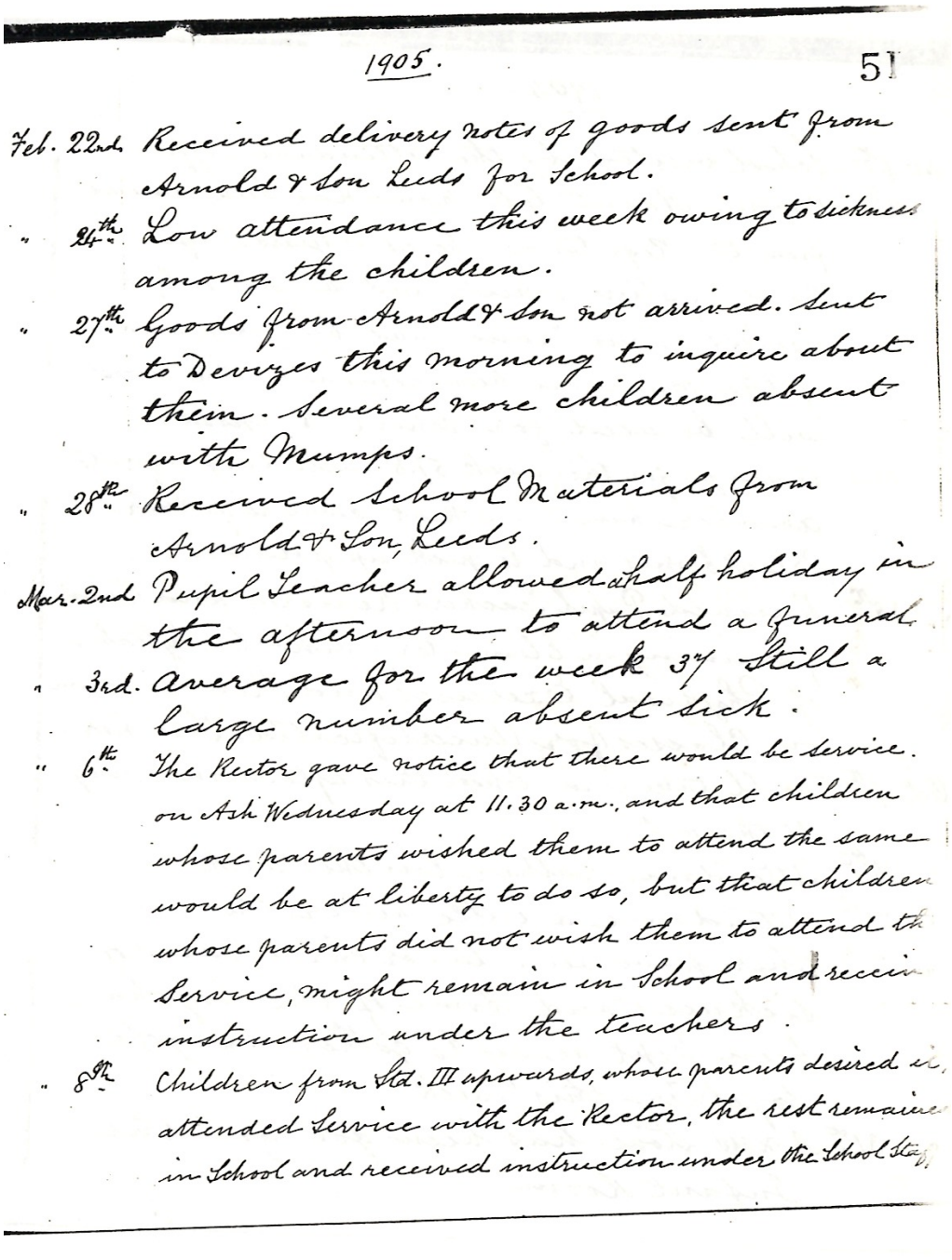

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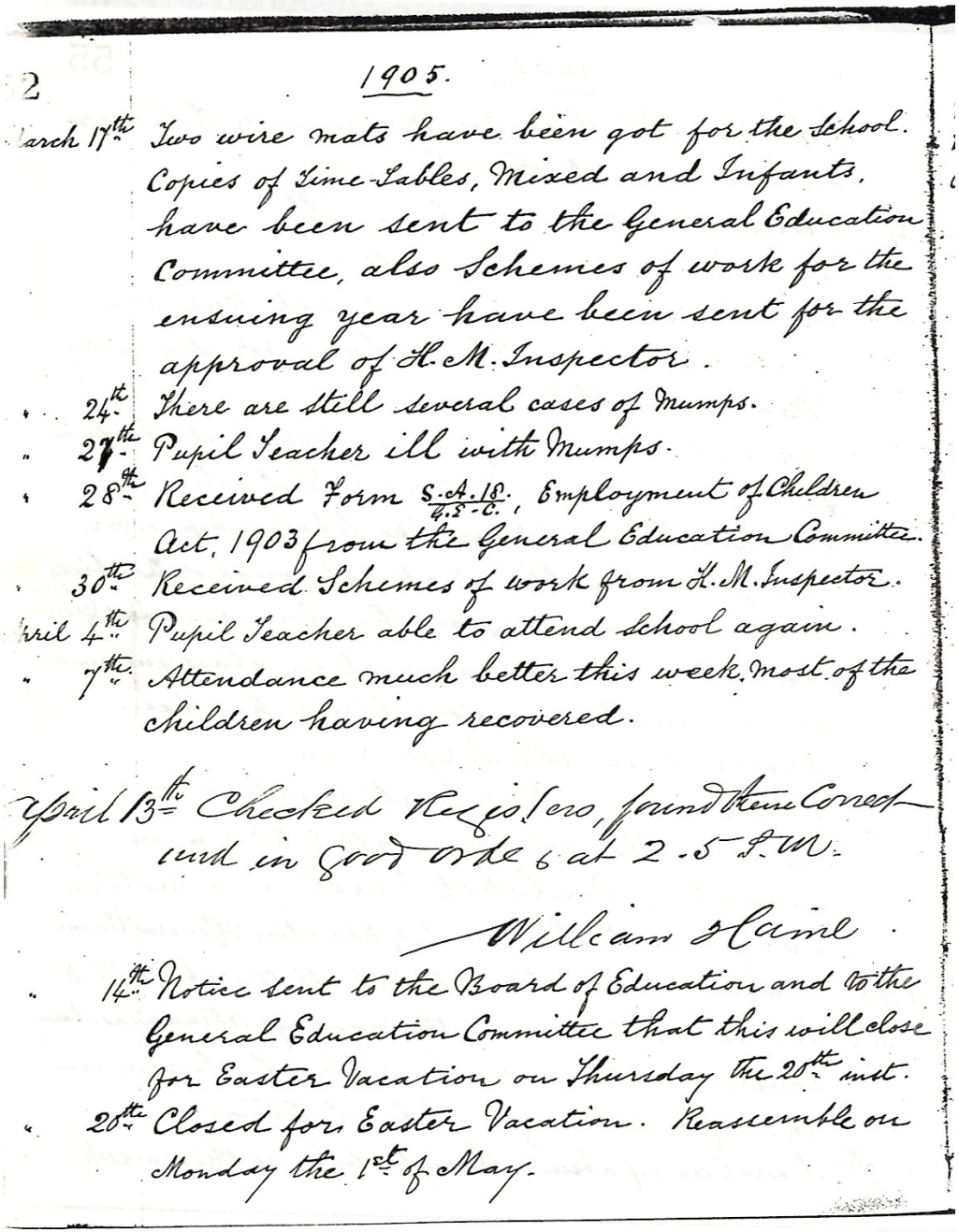

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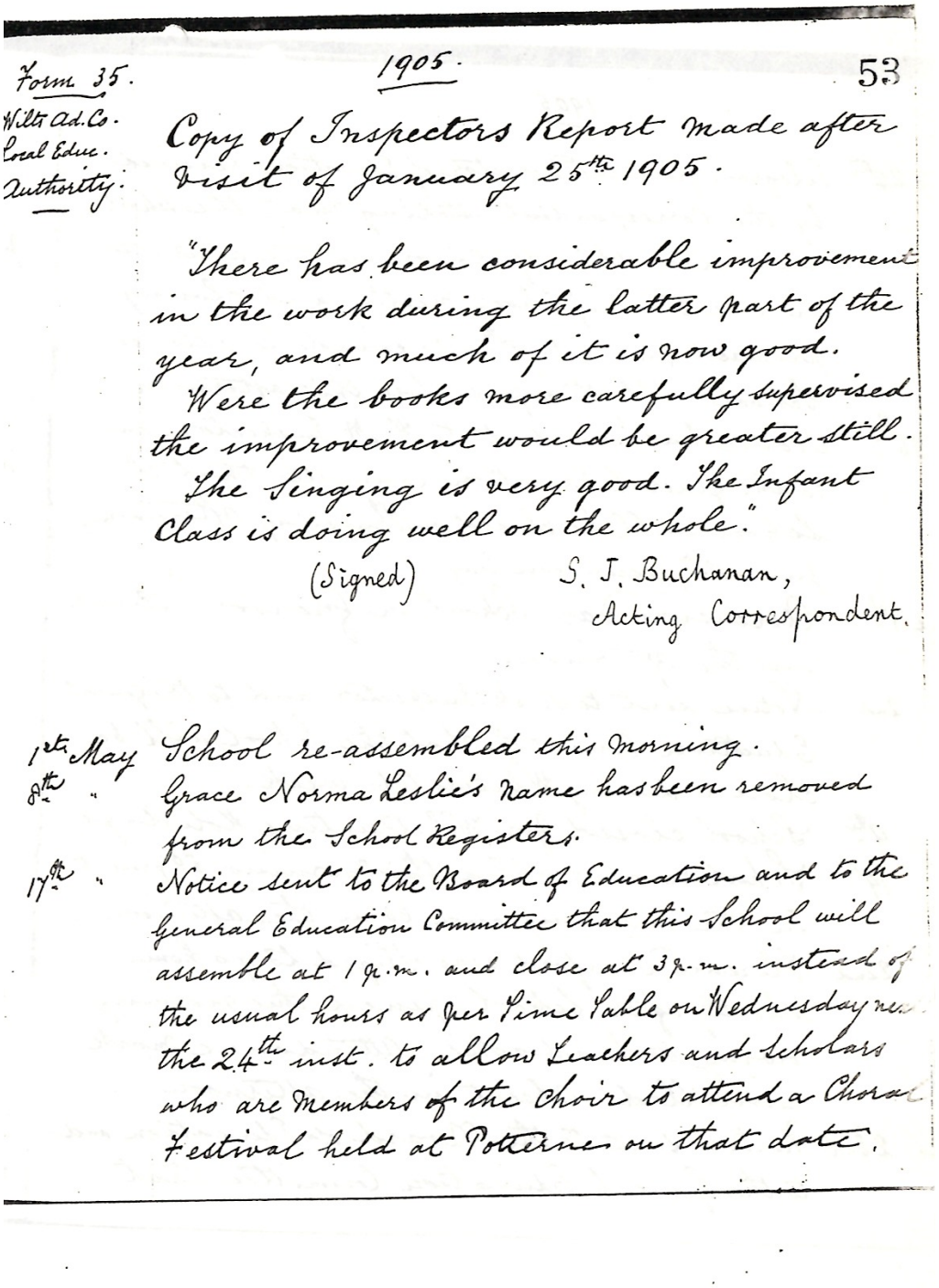

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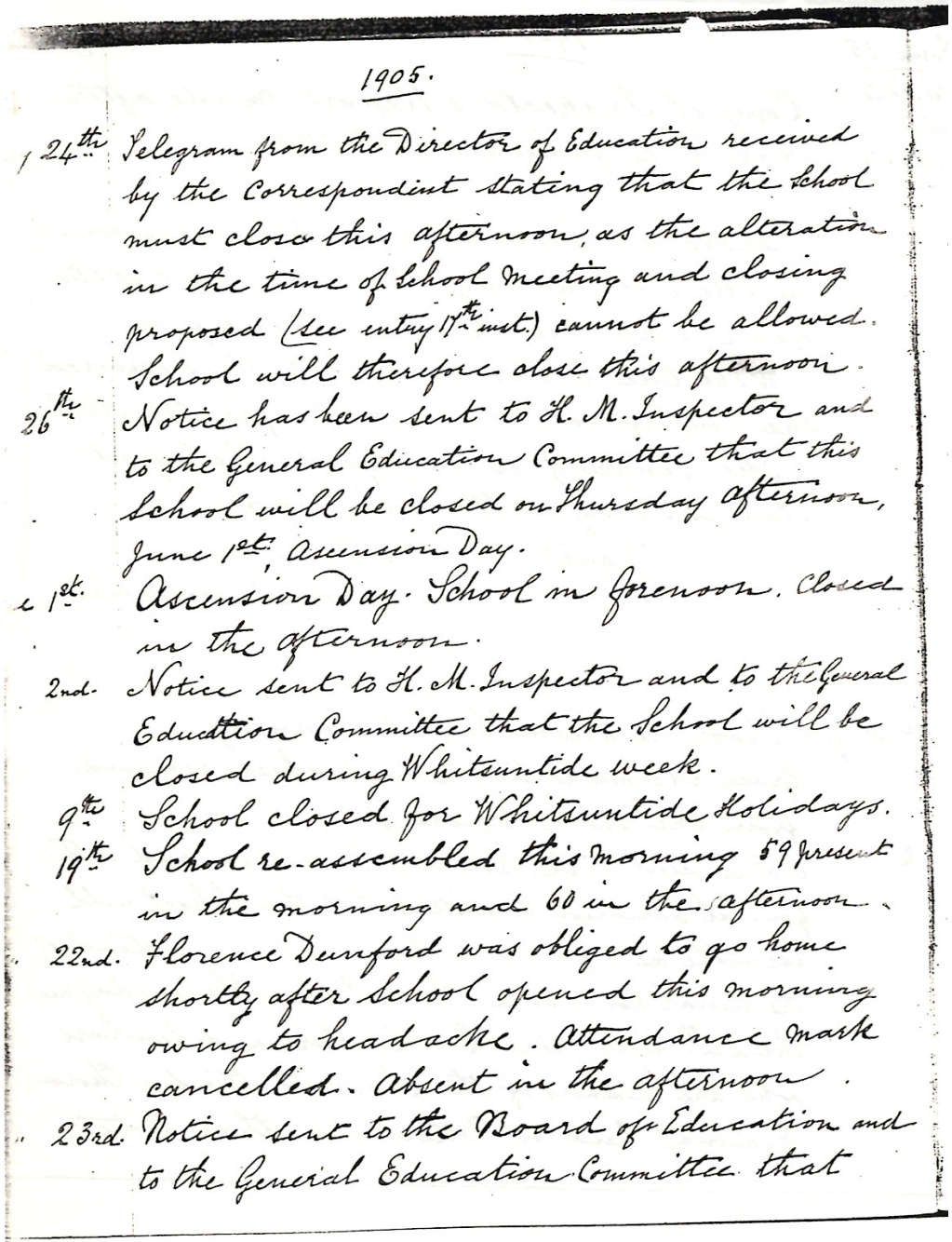

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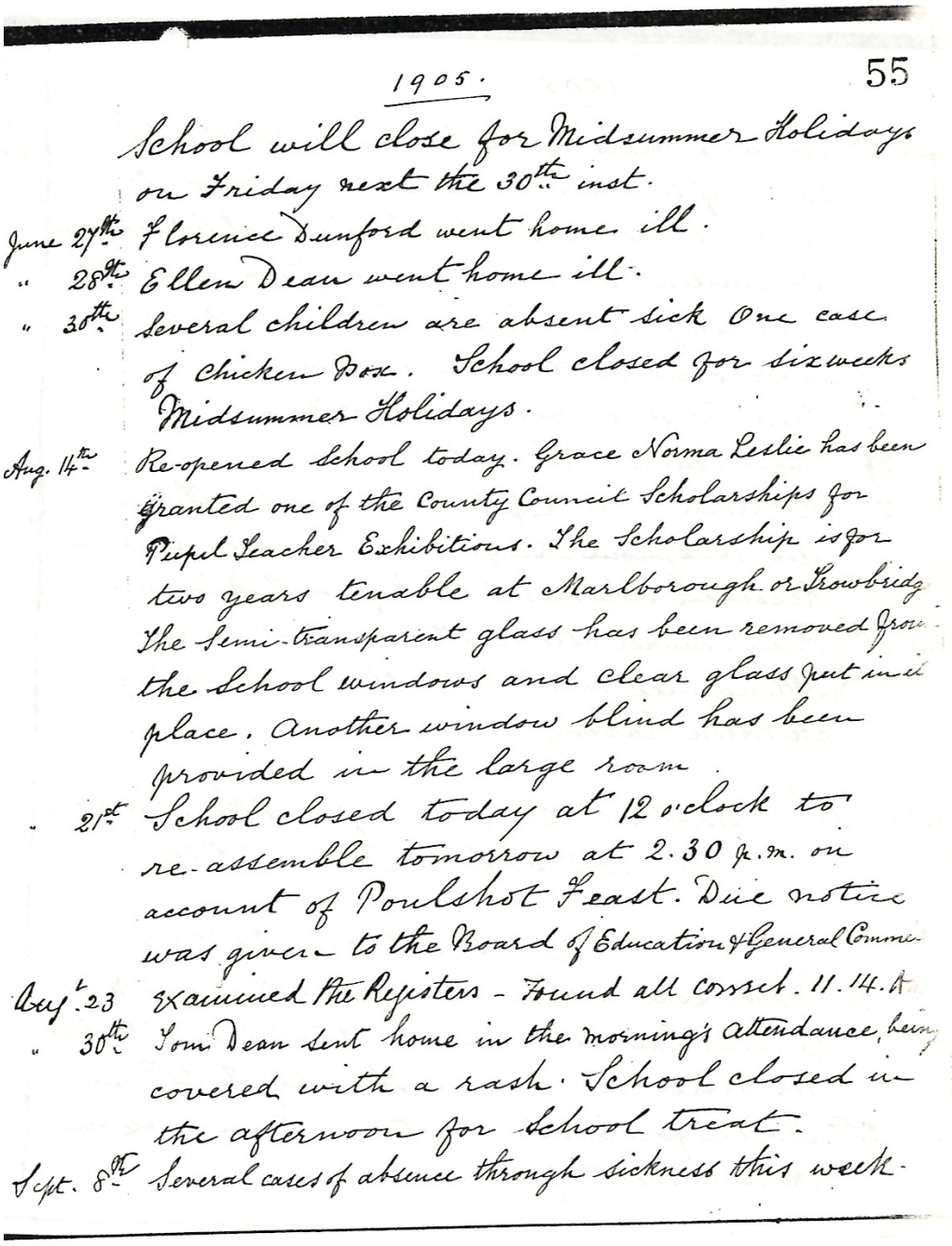

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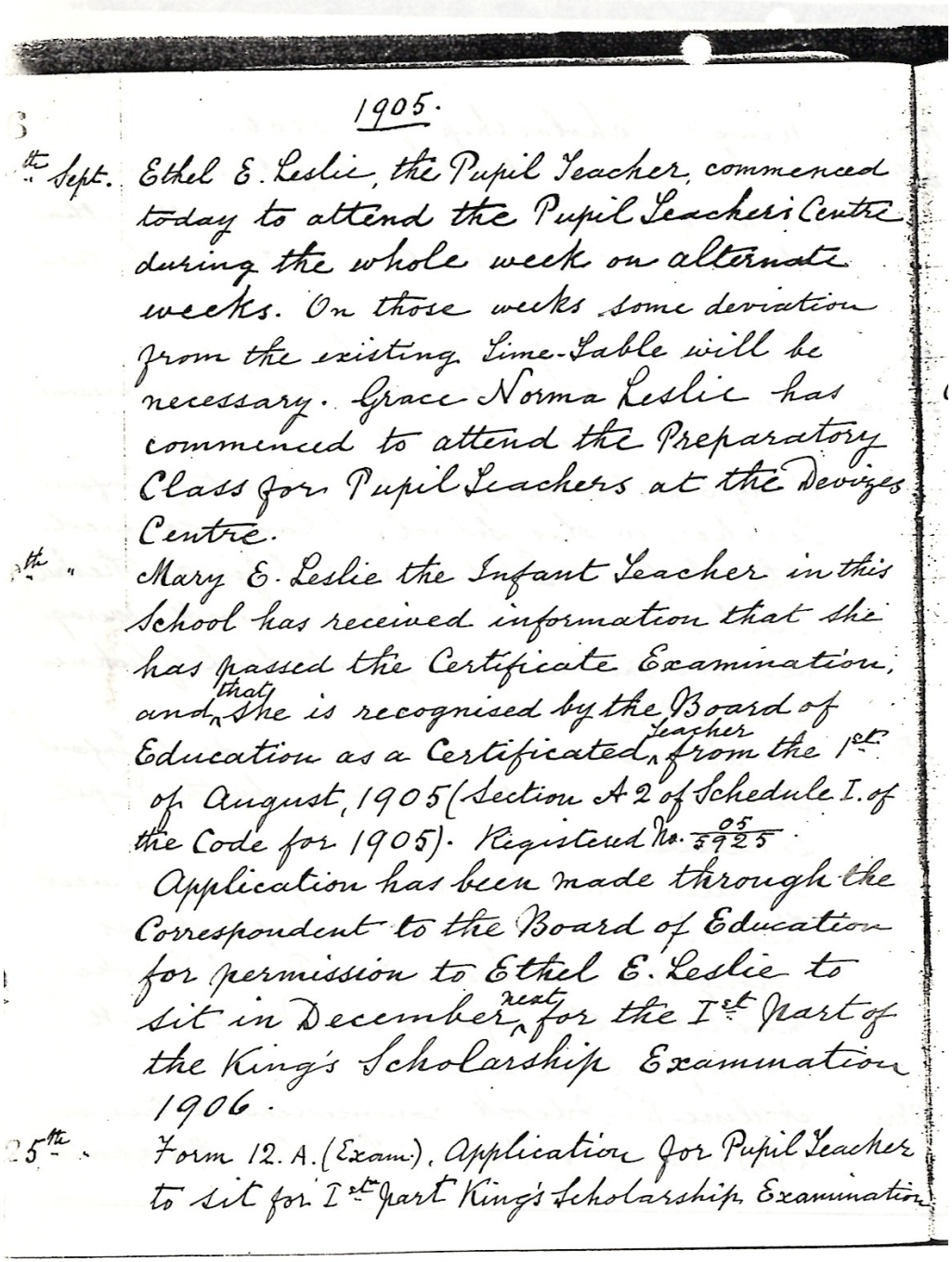

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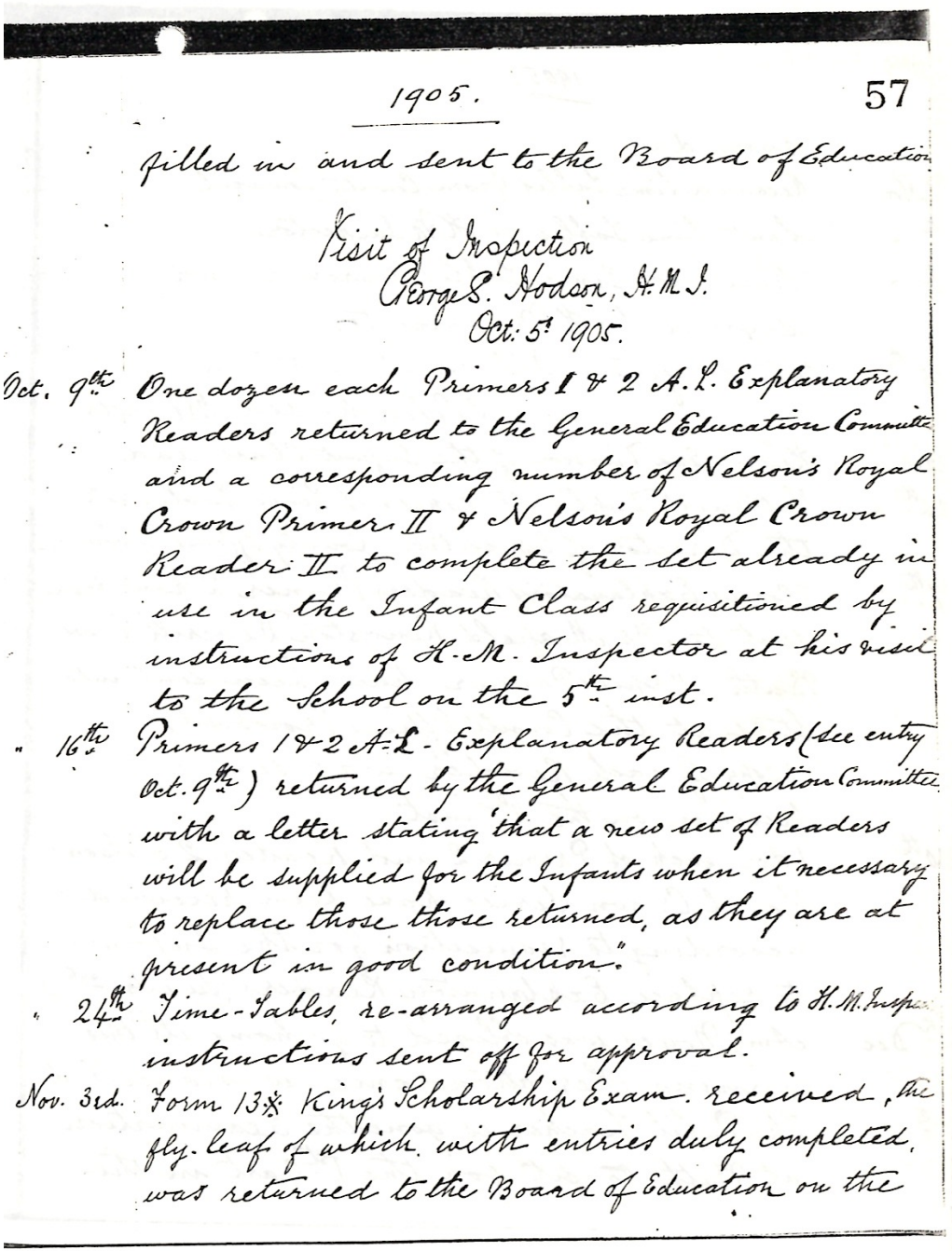

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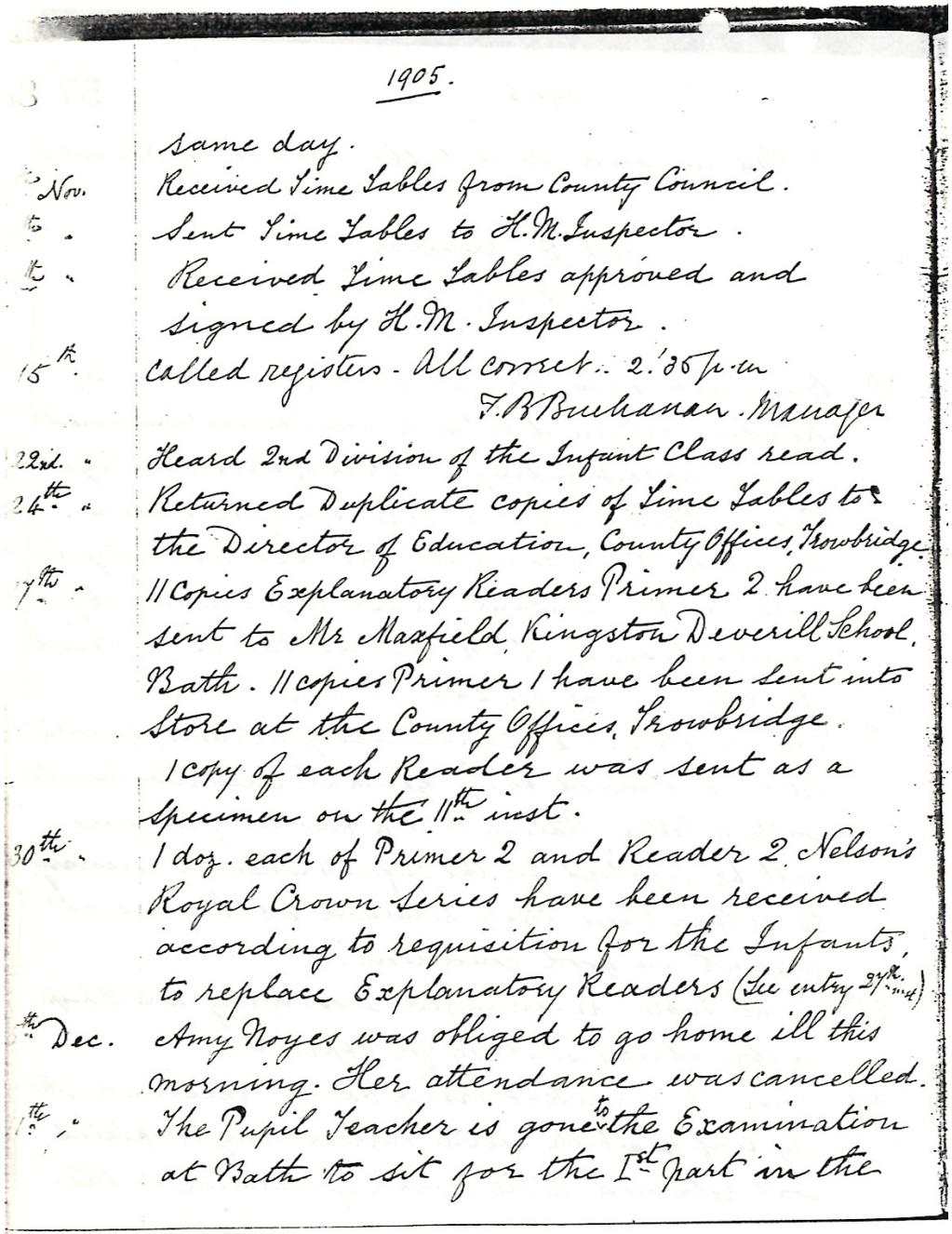

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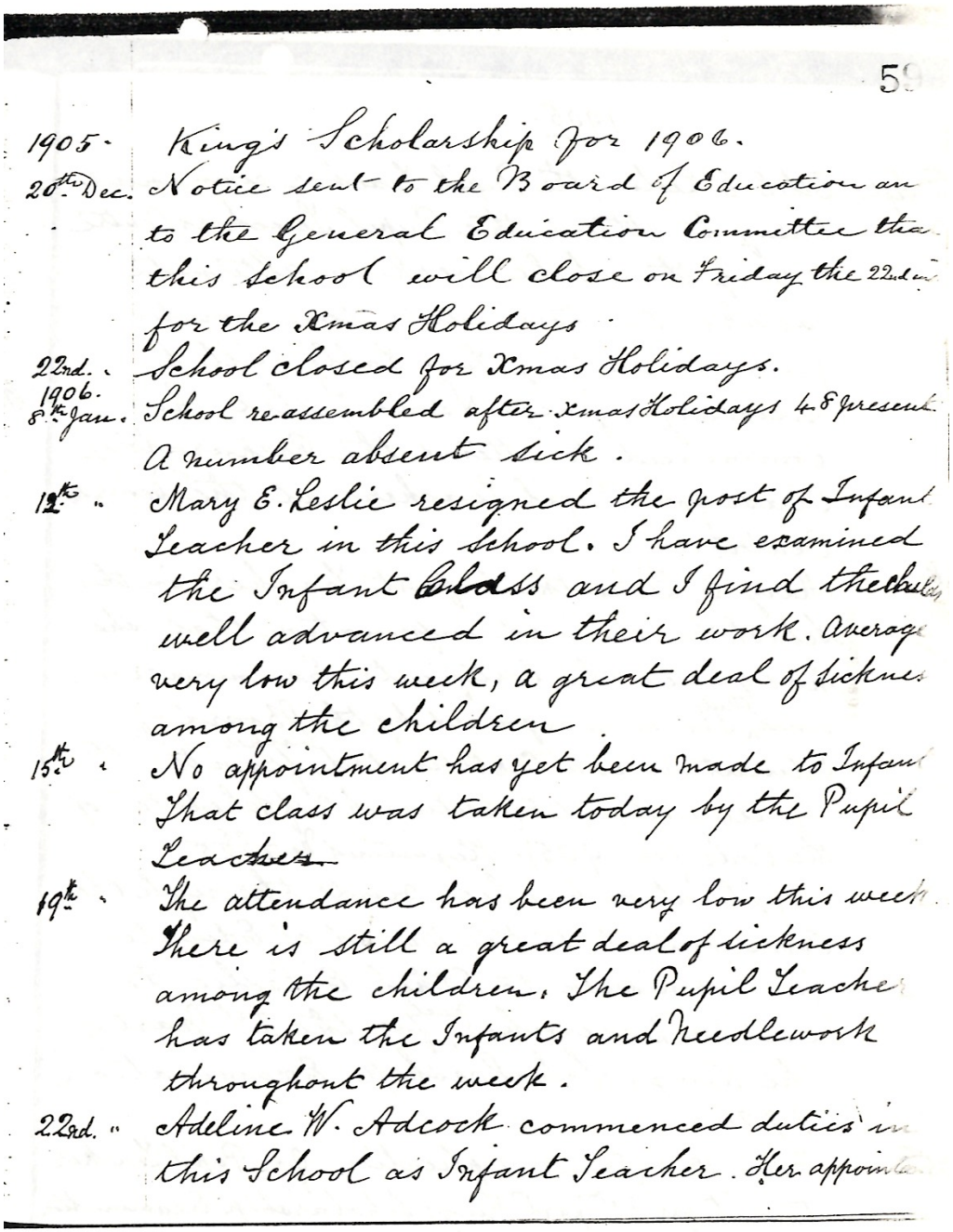

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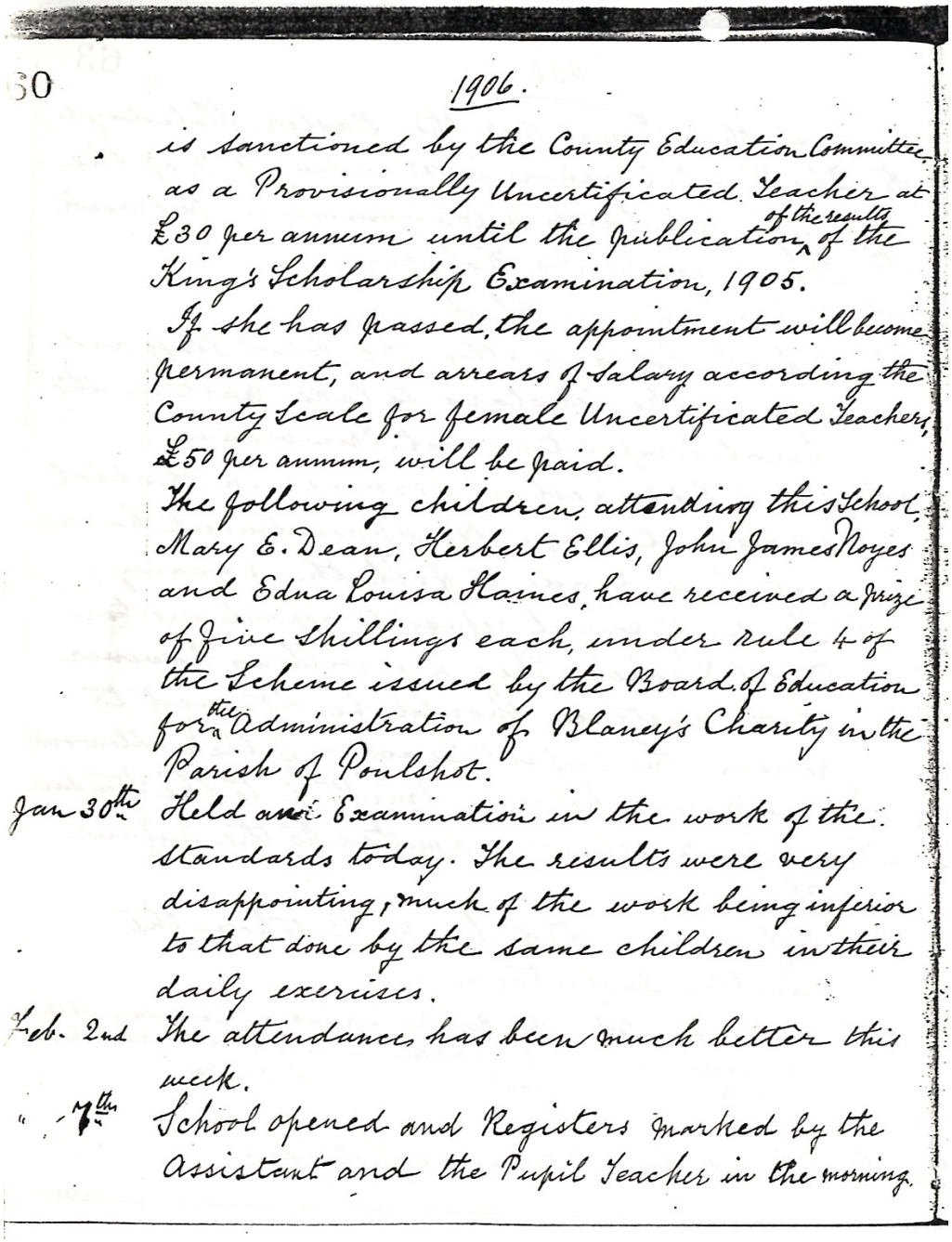

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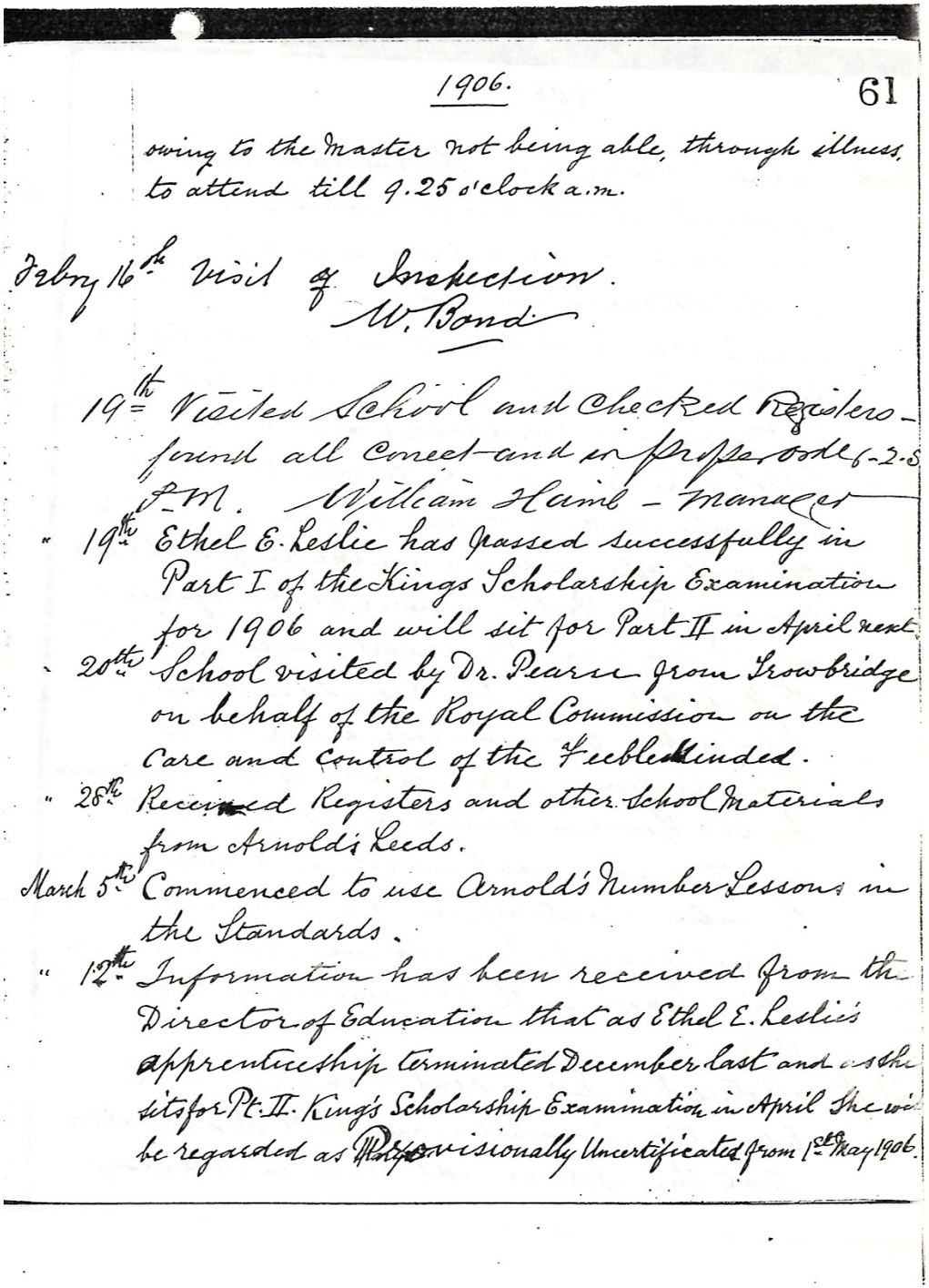

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" 28th Received Registers and other School Materials from Arnold's Leeds.

March 5th Commenced to use Arnold's Number Lessons in the Standards.

" 12th Information has been received from the Director of Education that as Ethel E. Leslie's apprenticeship terminated December last and as she sits for Pt. II. King's Scholarship Examination in April she wi[ll] be regarded as Provisionally Uncertificated from 1st May 1906.

Uncertain readings: '[3.25?] P.M.' at end of 19th entry – figures read '6-2-5' by OCR; could be a time or a date; Manager's surname '[Haine?]' – could be Hame/Haine; 'wi[ll]' – word cut off at right edge; 'Provisionally' – first letters overwritten/corrected in the original

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