Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1908-09

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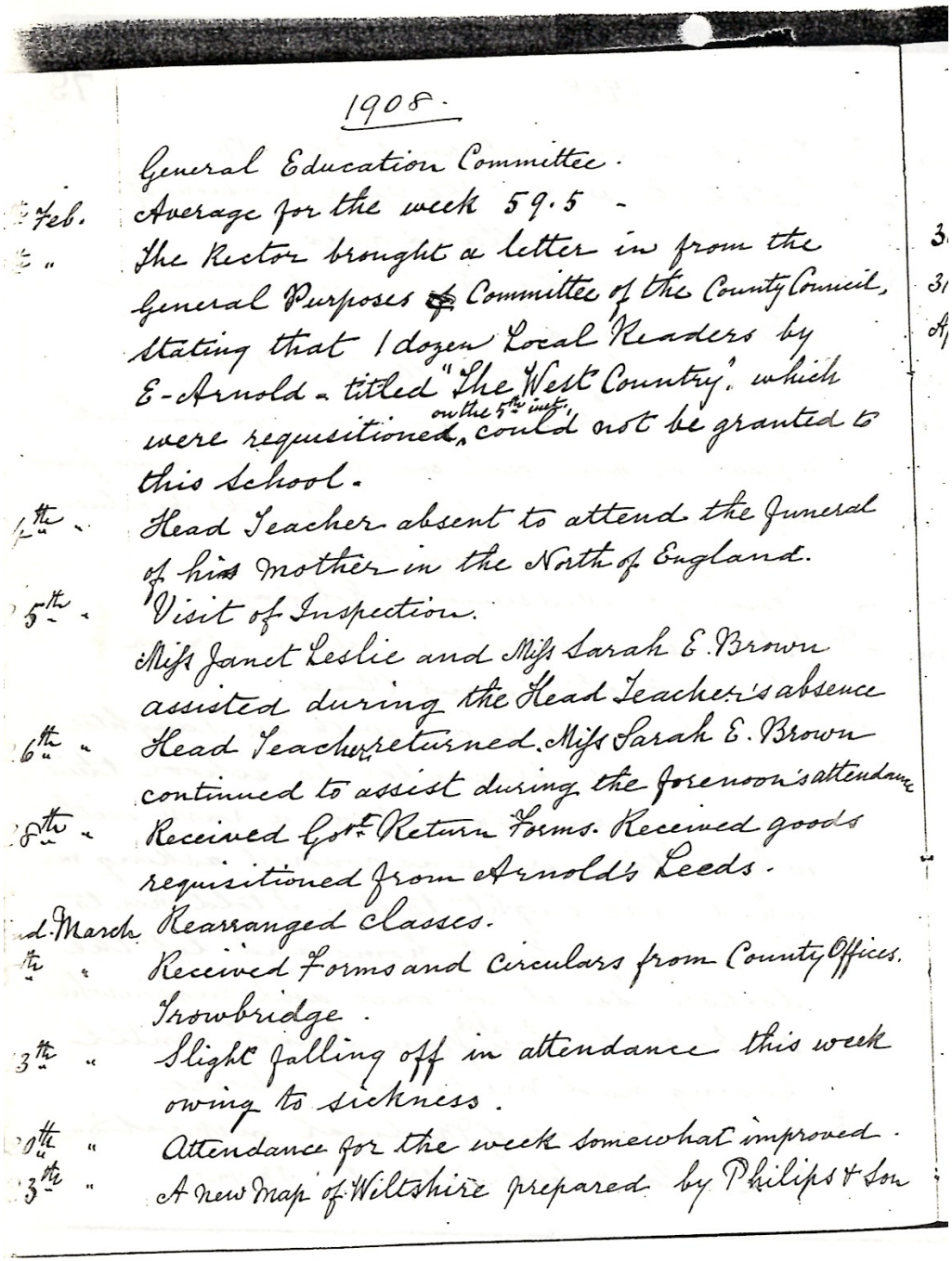

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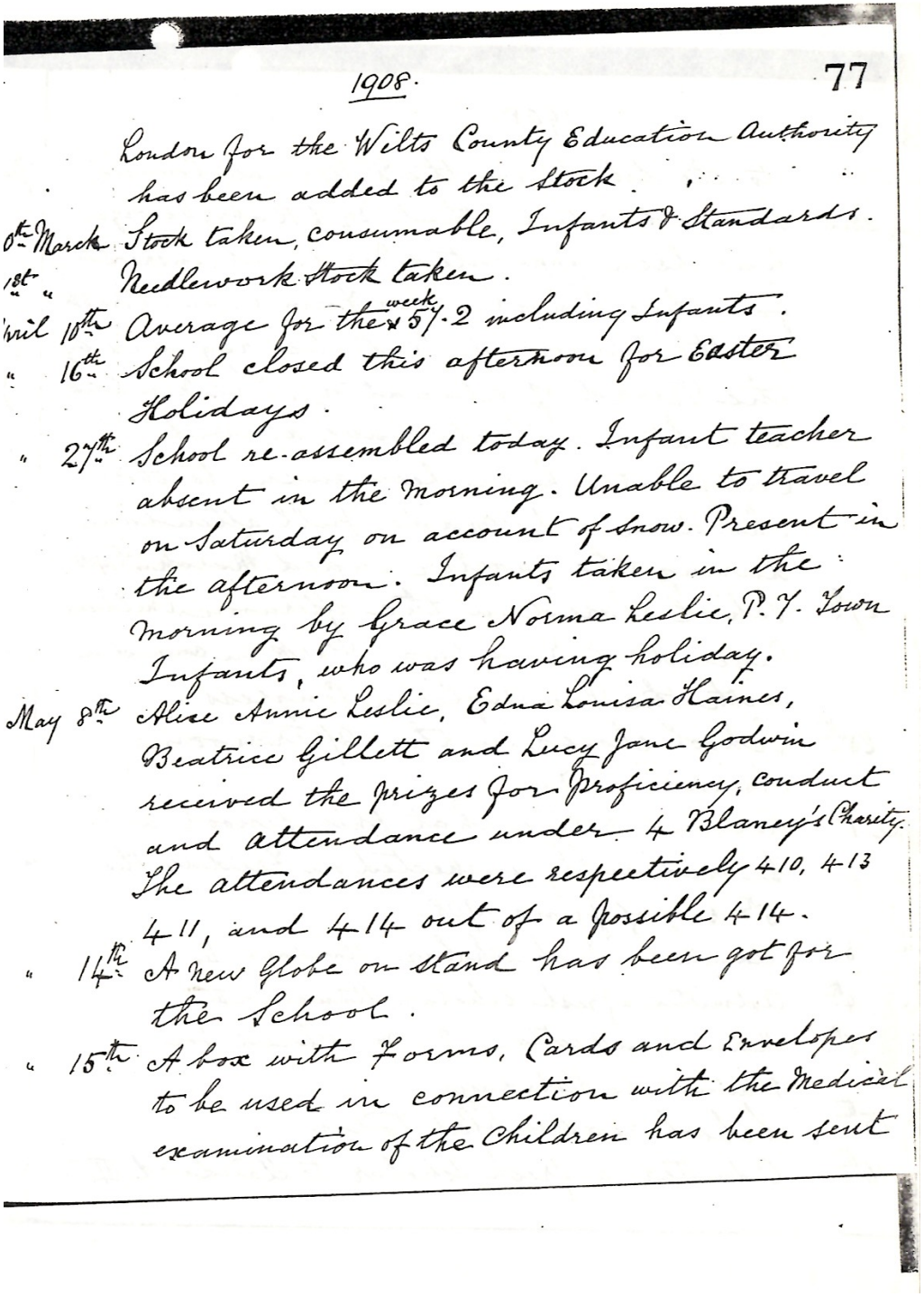

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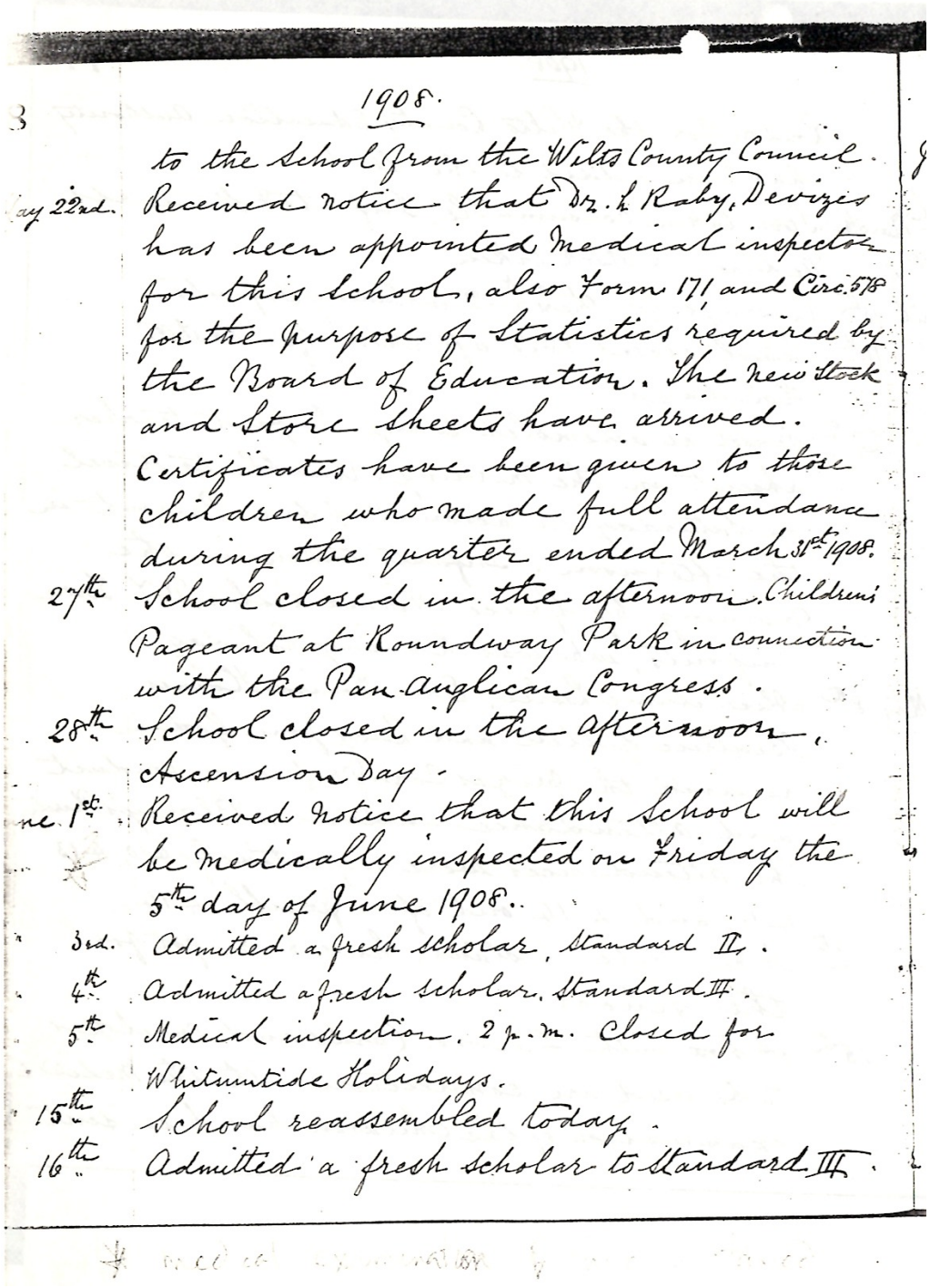

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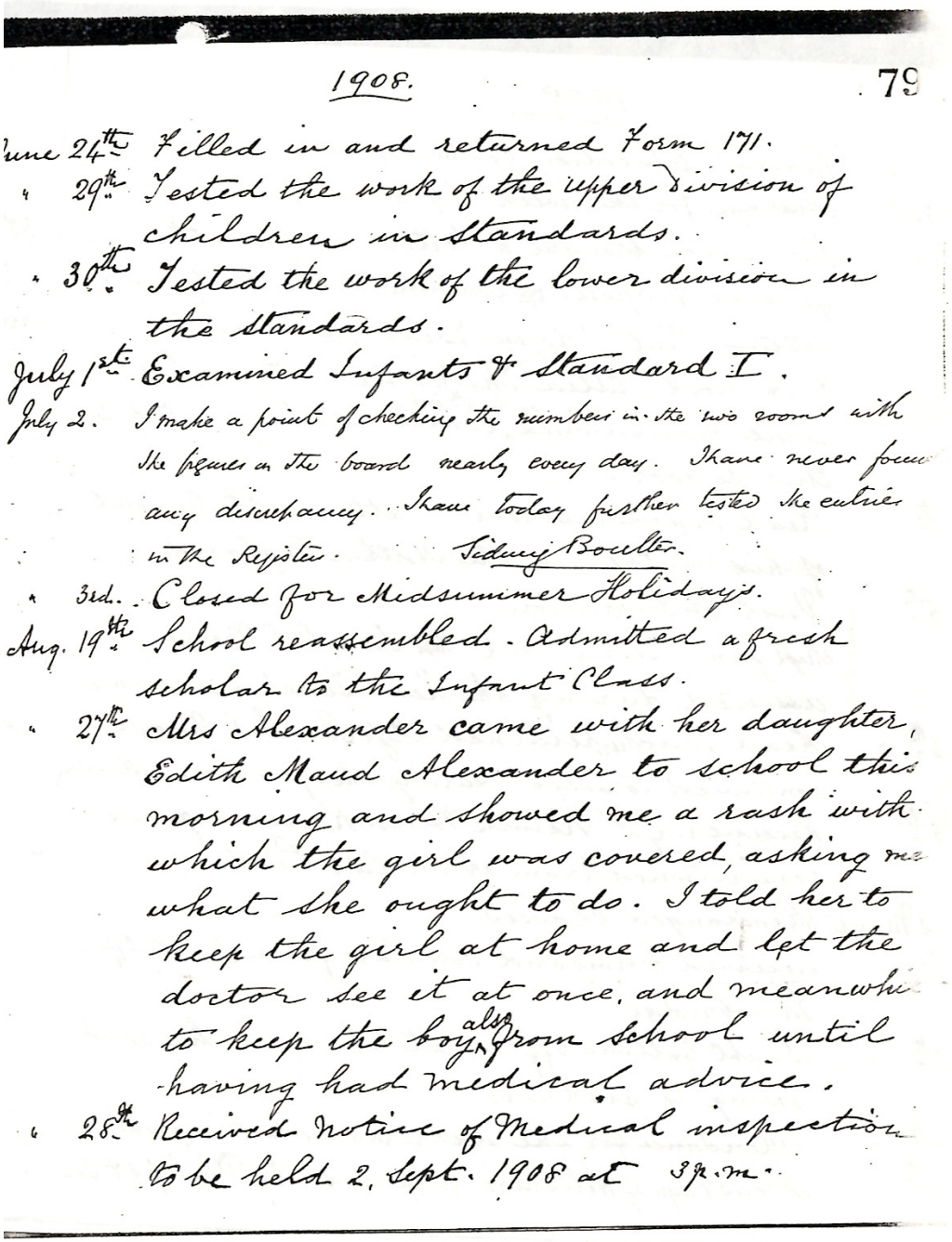

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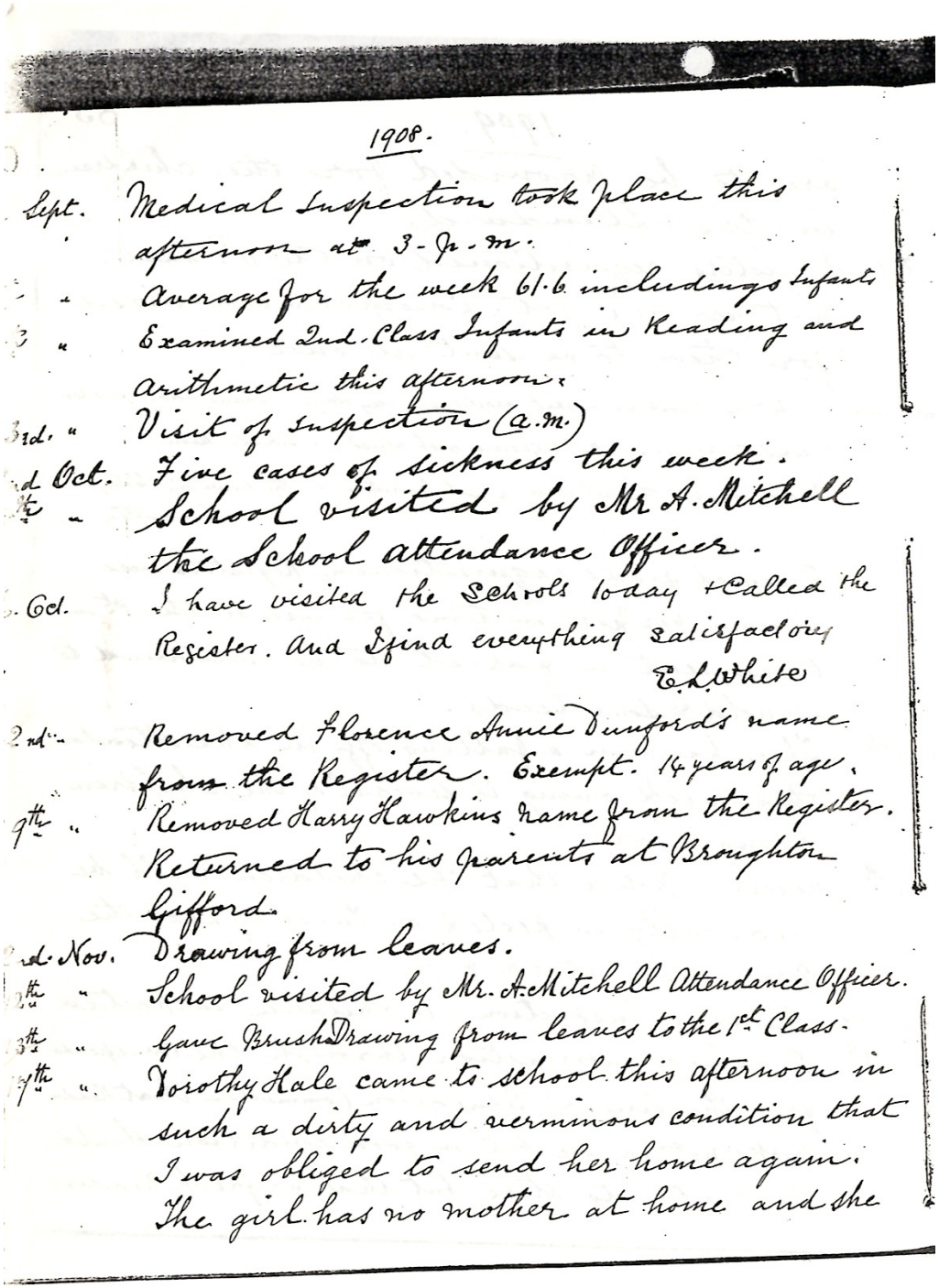

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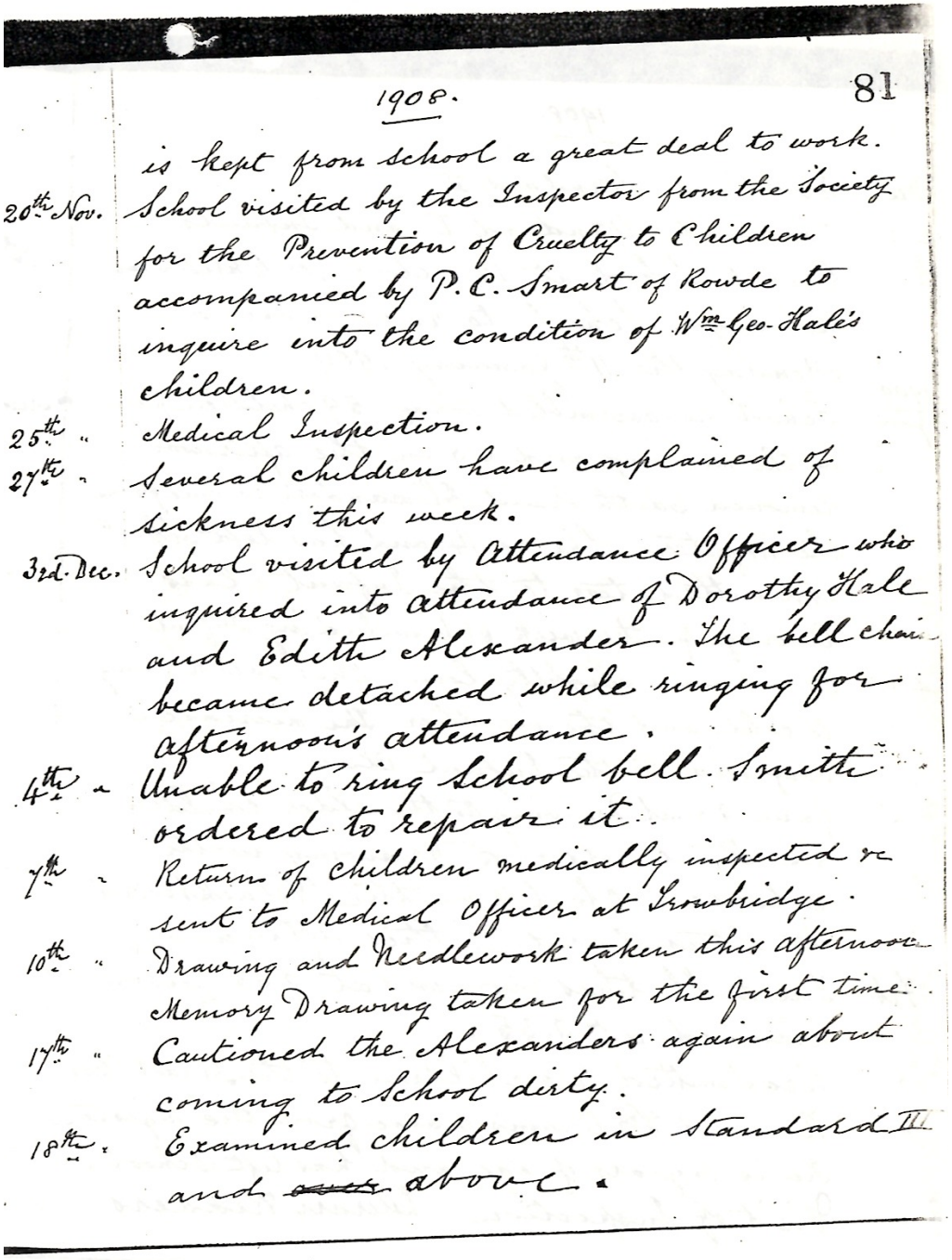

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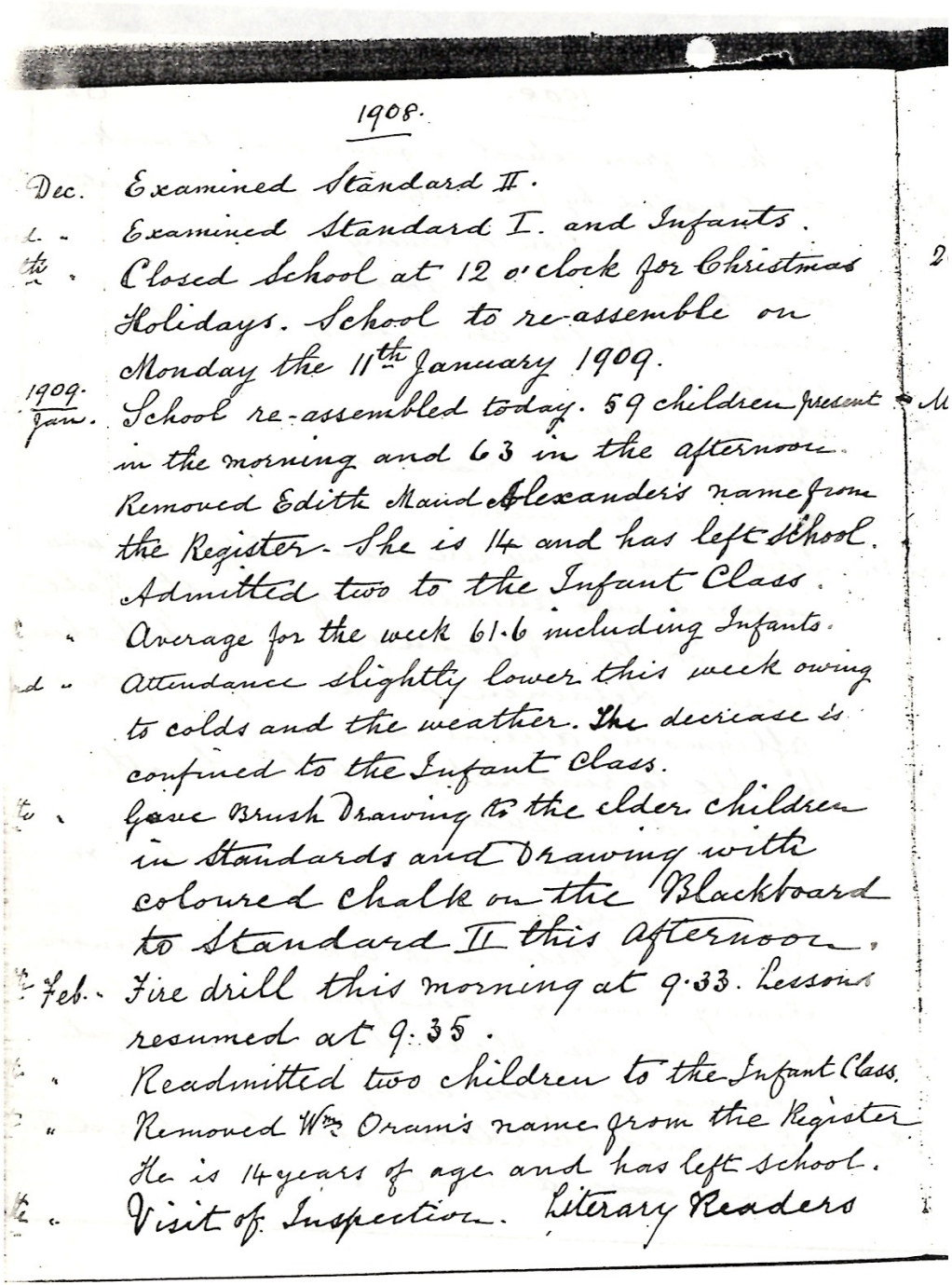

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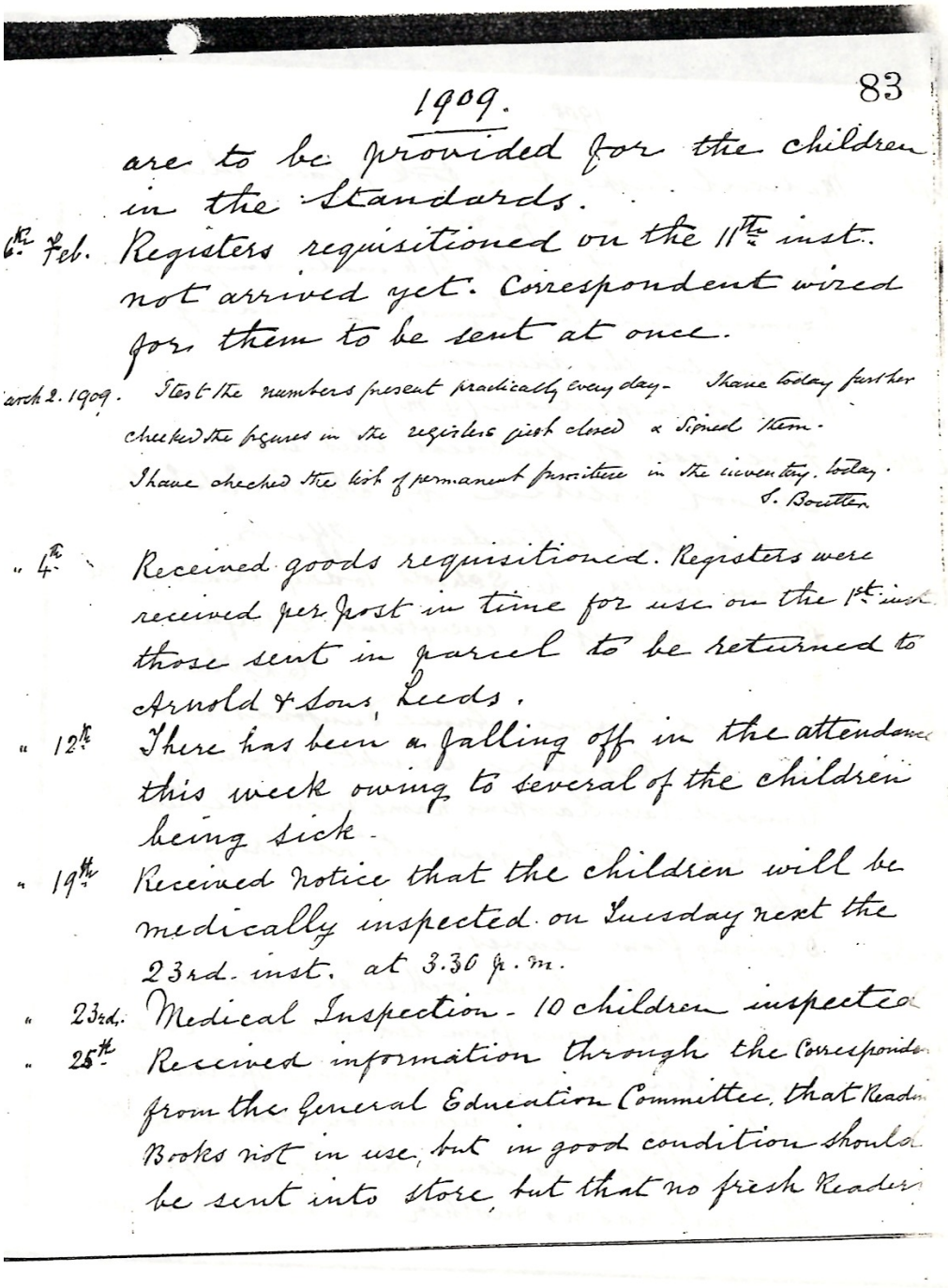

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