Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1894-95

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Feb. 22nd Another load of coke has been got for the school.

" 23rd. Received further notice that the Drawing Examination would be on Monday Feb. 26th at 2 p.m. Heard the Infants recite.

" 26th. Drawing Examination at 2 p.m. Gave Girls and Infants holiday in the afternoon. All the boys ~~St~~ except one St. IV boy, Frederick Bolter, were present. In St. I. 11 boys. St. II. 5 boys. St. III. 7 boys. St. IV. 5 boys; St. V. 3 boys. Total 31 boys.

March 1st Heard the upper division of Infants read and recite this morning. The Rector came in and took Standards V and VI with their Recitation.

" 5th Gave the Infants a music lesson, and heard them sing their songs.

" 6th School Inspection. 71 present. Geography for upper Standards for the ensuing year as recommended by H. M. Inspector is British North America, Australia and Cape Colony.

" 7th Rearranged the classes for the ensuing year.

Infants:- Object Lessons for the year ended Feb. 28th 1895

1.- A Coat. 2.- Leather. 3.- Cotton. 4.- Wool. 5.- Linen.
6.- Wheat. 7.- Rice. 8.- The Potato. 9.- Salt. 10.- Sugar.
11.- The Sun. 12.- Spring. 13.- Summer. 14.- Autumn.
15.- Winter. 16.- The Carpenter's Shop. 17. Printing.
18.- The Blacksmith's Shop. 19.- Glass-making
20.- The Cow. 21.- The Elephant. 22.- The Cat.
23.- The Swallow. 24.- Lime. 25.- Form. 26.- Colour.

Recitations for the Year ended Feb. 28th 1895.

Infants:- 1. "The Tradespeople". 2.- "Jamie the gentleman".
3.- "Capital Fun". 4.- "The Pond and the Brook".
5.- The Ill-natured Brier.

Standard I.- "Be Kind." (Century Reader, No 3. page 121.)
" II.- "The English Boy". (Mrs Hemans.)
" III.- "Bruce and the Spider". (Eliza Cook.)
" IV.- "The Death of De Bourne". (Sir Walter Scott.)
" V.- "New Year's Eve" and "The Conclusion"
from "The May Queen" (Tennyson.)
" VI & VII.- "Flodden Field". (Sir Walter Scott)

Approved. H. F. Curry.

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Music taught by the Tonic Sol-fa Method.

Songs for the Year ended Feb. 28th 1894.

ivision I – Infants: – 1.– The Brook
2.– Gentle Bee
3.– Come, Come, Come.

ivision II – St. I & II. 1.– Some Folks do
2.– The Sports of Childhood
3.– The Hero
4.– Come, Come, Come.
5.– The Burlesque Band.

) ivision III. St. III & Above. 1.– To the Mountain
2.– Some Folks Do
3.– True Freedom
4.– The Sports of Childhood
5.– The Hero
6.– The Burlesque Band.

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March 13th Received the Duplicate Schedule.

" 16th Heard the Infant class read in the morning, and gave the same class a music lesson in the afternoon. Two infants have been admitted this week.

" 22nd Closed for Easter Holiday.

" 28th Received the Drawing Report. The award is "Good."

April 2nd Reopened school this morning. Admitted four fresh scholars. Mrs Leslie will be unable for some weeks to attend to the needlework. Miss M.E. Leslie took charge of the girls in needlework this afternoon and will continue to do so during Mrs Leslie's absence.

" 3rd. Received Report of H.M. Inspector. Copy of last year's account of income and expenditure posted on the school door. The monitress was obliged to go home ill this morning. Heard the Upper division of Infants read.

" 4th Admitted another infant. Monitress absent ill.

" 5th Gave an arithmetic lesson to the Upper division of Infants

Summary of the Inspector's Report.

"The children are orderly. They sing well, and the girls have received careful instruction in Needlework. Reading is on the whole fairly good. Handwriting and Spelling are satisfactory, but Composition is weak. The lower standards appear to be backward in Arithmetic. On the whole a very fair knowledge is shewn of Geography, the boys answering on this subject very much better than the girls. The infants are in very fair order and are making fair progress."

H. Few is recognised under Article 68 of the Code.

T. B. Buchanan
Correspondent.

Staff for the ensuing year:—

Hugh Leslie, Head Teacher
Harriet Few, Article 68.
Jeanie J. Wilkins Monitress.

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April 9th Monitress still absent ill. Gave arithmetic to the Upper division of Infants this morning.

" 11th Monitress able to attend school again.

" 13th Gave a Reading lesson to the lower division of Infants this afternoon.

" 20th Gave a Music lesson to the Infants this afternoon.

" 23rd Infant Teacher absent this afternoon. The Infant girls were taken in Needlework along with the Standard girls by Miss M.E. Leslie, and George Feltham was put in charge of the Infant boys.

" 27th Mrs Harriet Few the Infant Teacher, has been unable, owing to pressing domestic affairs, to attend since Tuesday morning. The Infant Class has been taken since then by Miss M.E. Leslie. Admitted another scholar to the Infant Class this week

" 30th Mrs Harriet Few having resigned the post of Infant Teacher in this School, Mary Elizabeth Leslie has been appointed to the Infant Class, and will continue to teach the Class under Art. 68.

May 2nd. Tomorrow being Ascension Day, notice was given that School would meet for Religious instruction, and for attendance at Church Service, but not for Secular lessons.

" 3rd Ascension Day. Religious instruction in the morning. Registers not marked. School closed in the afternoon.

" 8th. Came in without notice at 3.30 & called register all in order.

J. B. Buchanan (Correspondent)

Notice put up in the School that the Diocesan Inspection would take place in this school on Tuesday May 22, 189

" 11th. School closed for Whitsuntide holiday.

" 21st. Reopened School this morning. Reminded the children that the Diocesan Inspection would take place tomorrow, Tuesday May 22nd.

" 22nd Diocesan Inspection.

" 30th. Examined the Infant class in Reading and Arithmetic this morning.

" 31st. Gave standards III and over work on paper today. Map-drawing in the afternoon

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June 8th Opened school at 12.50 this afternoon. Registers closed at 1 o'clock p.m. School closed at 3 o'clock p.m., to give the teachers the opportunity of attending the agricultural Show at Devizes.

" 15th There has been a considerable falling off in the attendance this week, chiefly in the standards.

" 18th Mr Colburn, accompanied by Miss Schaus, came into the school this afternoon to see the needlework.

25 Called registers at 2.40. Rec infant wrongly entered. rest correct.

J. B. Buchanan.

" 25th Arthur G. Noyes, an infant, was incorrectly marked present this afternoon. The error was not discovered until between 2 and 3 o'clock p.m., when the Registers were being checked by the Rector, owing to a very small and backward 1st. Standard child, who is working in the Infant class, being accidentally counted among the Infants, making the number counted to correspond with the number of infants marked. The mark was at once cancelled.

June 29th Visited School without Notice this morning. Found Register correctly marked, 58 children present out of 85 on books. All at work. Room was rather hot, some blinds for windows seemed necessary, & if more windows were made to open it would improve the ventilation during such hot weather.

S. Norris

June 29th Closed School for four weeks holiday.

July 30th Owing to an outbreak of diphtheria in the parish the School which should have reopened today, is to remain closed for the present by order of the Medical Sanitary Officer.

Aug. 6th School still closed by order of the Medical Sanitary Officer.

" 13th School reopened today under the restriction that no child from Mill Lane, that part of the parish affected

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by diphtheria, should be allowed to attend until a certificate of disinfection of those affected should be granted by the Medical Sanitary officer.
George Feltham has been appointed by the Managers as a Candidate on Probation to fill the vacancy in the Staff caused by the resignation of Jeanie Janet Wilkins. His name has been removed from the Register.

Aug. 20th. School closed for parish festivities
" 21st. School closed for Day School treat.
" 22nd. The children from Mill Lane are not to attend school for one month longer from the 20th of August by order of the Medical Sanitary officer.
" 31st. Examined the upper division of Infants in reading this morning. Several children are still absent from school. Francis Grimnell and William Noyes are kept away to work. The Mill Lane children are still absent on account of diphtheria.

Sept. 7th Gave an arithmetic lesson to the Infant Class this morning.

" 14th The attendance has been low throughout the week. Heard the Infants sing this afternoon.

" 19th 500 Sheets of Drawing paper, 2 doz: Black lead pencils, 4 packets 2nd Grade Drawing Cards, 2 doz. Exercise copies, 1 box of Crayons and 4 packets of Mat weaving Materials have been got for the School.

" 26th Cecil Swanborough died this morning of diphtheria. His name has been removed from the Register.

" 28th A new Oxford Reversible desk has been got to replace one of the old ones which has been altered to suit the Infant Class.

Oct. 1st Small attendance, only 26 Standard children present in the afternoon. A number absent potato picking.

" 4th Mr. Dowse came into the School today to inquire about the School attendance.

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Oct. 8th Master summoned to appear as a witness in County Court case at Devizes. Left school in charge of Mrs Leslie and the Infant Teacher at 9.30 a.m.
Francis Grimnell and William Noyes have returned to school.

" 16th Commenced to light fires in the school today.

" 22nd. A load of coke has been got for the school.

" 26th Heard the Upper Division of Infants read this morning.

Nov. 2nd There are no more cases of diphtheria in the parish, but the children from Mill Lane are still withheld from attendance at school for the present, by order of the Medical Sanitary Officer.

" 9th Edward Pearce, Edward Ellis and Edith Bolter, being unable to make sufficient progress in the Ist Standard, have been removed to the Upper Division of the Infant Class.

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Nov. 14th Only thirty three children present this morning. Roads flooded with the heavy rain. No school in the afternoon, as the roads in the parish were quite impassable.

" 19th Permission has been given by the Medical Sanitary Officer for the children in Mill Lane, with the exception of the Swanboroughs, to attend school.

" 20th Sent Llewellyn Noyes home this morning as he complained of sore throat.

" 26th Admitted a fresh scholar.

" 30th Heard the Infant Class read this morning. Another load of coke has been got.

" Called registers at 2.10. all correct

T. B. Buchanan

Dec. 3rd Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

" 7th Heard the Lower Division of Infants read. One child from the Iˢᵗ standard withdrawn this week, having gone from the parish.

" 10th Mr Wᵐ Haine came into the school this afternoon and stayed for a

short time during the drawing lesson.

Dec. 11th Mr Thomas Colbourne came into the school this afternoon and stayed for a short time.

" 18th Sidney, Evelyn, and Frederick Hallett arrived at school so wet this morning that I thought it unsafe for them to remain, they were therefore sent home to change their clothing.

" 21st School visited by the Rector accompanied by Mr Colbourne and a lady visitor. After some announcements about the distribution of prizes school closed for two weeks holiday, the children receiving oranges and biscuits from Mr Colbourne as they passed out of school.

Jan. 7th 1895. Reopened school. A number absent on account of the snow. The Swanboroughs have returned to school. The Rector and Mr Colbourne came into school at the close of the afternoons attendance and gave prizes to those who

had done well in the Diocesan Inspection.

Jan. 9th Agnes and George Swanborough are absent sick. Mrs Colborne came into school to look at the needlework. Filled out, and returned to the Rector, Form E, Science and Art Department.

" 15th Mr. William Haine visited the school this afternoon.

" 17th Sidney, Evelyn and Frederick Hallett are absent sick.

" 18th Examined the Writing and Drawing of the Infant Class. A number of infants are not attending just now owing to the weather.

" 21st Received notice that the Drawing Inspection would be on Friday Feb 8th at 9 a.m.

" 23rd Agnes Swanborough obliged to go home again with sore throat. Some more coke has been got for the school.

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Jany. 28. Called the Register at 11.5 A.M, & found all entries correct. T. B. Buchanan, Manager.

Feb. 1st Heard the Infants recite this morning. A number of the very young children in the Infant Class are not attending, owing to the severe weather. Sidney Hallett is absent owing to sickness in the family.

" 8th " Drawing Inspection this morning. Four boys absent, three sick, and one too delicate to attend on so cold a morning.

" 11th " Heard the Infants sing this morning.

" 12th " Mr Colborne came into school this morning and gave some woollen hoods to some of the younger girls. Upper Class taken in Scripture by the Rector from 11-15 a.m. to 12. Another load of coke has been got for the school.

" 14th " A supply of books, paper, ink, pens, slates pencils, Needlework materials, Kindergarten materials &c. has been got for the school.

" 15th " Heard the Upper Division of Infants read this morning. School visited by Mr. Colborne.

Feb. 18th Monitor absent sick.

" 19th Received notice that the school would be visited for the annual inspection by Mr. Curry H.M.I. on Monday the 18th of March 1895 at 2.30 p.m.
Received information that Sidney Hallett was sick.

" 20th A new desk has been got for the use of the master. The old desk has been put into the class-room for the use of the Infant teacher. Monitor able to attend school again.

" 22rd Heard the Infants sing. Some more Bibles, prayer books, a set of St. V. arithmetic cards were brought in by the Rector today. A new Oxford Reversible School desk was ordered along with the materials received on the 14th but it has not yet arrived.

" 26th A good deal of sickness prevalent among the children. The Swanborough are not allowed to attend yet. Some of the very young children in the Infant class have been absent for a con-