Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1896-97

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Feb. 19th Drawing Inspection this afternoon. All the boys, 29 were present.

" 20th Received a 2nd notice of Inspection to the effect that the will be inspected on the 16th of March at 2 p.m. instead of on the 19th.

" 27th Susan Trimnell is unable to attend school at present owing to an accident having happened to her glasses.

March 2nd Admitted a fresh scholar to Standard II.

" 6th Heard the Infants sing and recite this morning.

" 10th Heard the Infants do Needle and Thimble Drill Songs.

" 11th Received Drawing Report. The award is "Good". George Henry Feltham has passed 2nd Class in Freehand, 2nd grade. The Rector came into the school this afternoon.

" 16th School Inspection.

" 17th Rearranged the classes for the ensuing year.

Songs for the Year ended February 29th 1896

Groups II & III.

1. How Sweet 'Tis to Play.
2. Gay Little Dandelion.
3. Poor Little Fisher Boy.
4. Look on The Bright Side.
5. The Spider.

Infants.

1. The Bird's Nest.
2. See The Rain is Falling.
3. Here We Stand (Action Song)

Drill Songs
- (Musical Threading Drill (Song with action)
- (Musical Thimble Drill (Song with action)

Music taught by the Tonic Sol-fa Method.

Recitations for the Year ended Feb. 28th 1897.

Standards:-

I & II. The Beggar Man

III & IV. The Pipes of Lucknow

V & VI. Horatius.

fants:-

1. Golden Keys.
2. A Letter.
3. How Little it costs.
4. I'll be a Gentleman.
5. Darling Baby.

Geography Scheme

Standards
I. II & III

Course S.

IV & V.

British Colonies and Dependencies.

Standards
I. II & III

Object Lessons from Science of Common Things.

Lessons on Animals, Plants and common Inorganic Substances,

Object Lessons for Infants for Year 1896-10.

1	The Cow	5	Penny	9	Railway Station
2	Camel	6	Table	10	Bread
3	Horse	7	shoemakers Shop.	11	Coal
4	Hen	8	Coat	12	Soap
13	Milk	16	Seashore	19	Form
14	Butter	17	Spring	20	Colour
15	Water	18	Time		

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March 18th George Henry Feltham having decided not to be articled as a Pupil Teacher in this school, it is purposed by the Managers to fill the vacancy thus caused in the School Staff, by employing a Female over eighteen, until Janet Leslie is old enough to become a Candidate on Probation, and to submit the plan to H. M. Inspector for approval.

" 19th Object Lesson, introductory, from Science of Common Things, to Standards I, II, & III. Science Lesson, Solids, to Standards IV, V, & VI.

" 20th A letter has been received by the Rector from H. M. Inspector, approving of the temporary appointment of a Female over eighteen as mentioned above. Miss Edith Long has been appointed by the Managers as art. 68, and will commence duties in this school on Monday, March 23rd. 1896. Average for the week, 72.8.

" 23rd. Miss Edith Harriet Long commenced to teach in this school today under Art. 68 of the Code. George Henry Feltham will continue to serve till Easter. William Newman ~~Wood~~ Sidney Hallett, and Laura Deane have

applied to be exempt from attendi
at school. The needlework was taken
this afternoon, and will continue to
be taken during Mrs Leslie's absence
by Miss E. H. Long.

March 24th Object Lesson in Science. Minerals
classified.

" 26th Received schedule showing results in Vth
Standard work at the Examination. William
Newman, Sidney Hallett, Laura Deane and
Janet Leslie passed in all three subjects
Frederick Moore failed in Arithmetic, and
Ellen Bowden failed in Writing. William
Newman and Laura have left school and
Sidney Hallett intends to leave at Easte
Object Lessons in Science. Revision of previou
lessons. The children seem very much in
terested in, and to enjoy these lessons.

" 27th Drill in the School Yard this morning.

April 1st. Closed for Easter Holidays. George
Henry Feltham resigned his pla
in this school today.

" 13th Reopened school today.

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April 14th Received Report of H. M. Inspector on inspection held March 16th 1896. Received notice that the recognition of Edith Long during the current school year under Art. 73 of the Code will depend upon her obtaining H. M. Inspector's approval at the next inspection (Art. 68), and will be subject to her being eighteen years of age at the date from which such recognition is desired.

" 16th Copy of account of Income and Expenditure for year ended Feb. 29th 1896 posted on the school door. Object Lesson on the Horse to all the Standards by means of picture and diagram.

" 20th Edith Rudman has gone away from home for a short time. She is expected to return before the end of the School Year.

" 29th Received from the National Society a parcel of books and other materials for School use. Blackie's Geography Readers No VI, and Science Readers No III have been got for Upper Standards. No IV Science Readers are also ordered, but they have not yet arrived. The Waverley Primers and Infant Readers have been got for the

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Summary of the Inspector's Report and Remarks.

Mixed School. "The children are orderly. They sing nicely, and the girls have received careful instruction in Needlework. Reading is fairly good, and satisfactory progress has been made in Arithmetic, but Spelling is rather weak. On the whole a good knowledge is shown of the class subject.
The Recitations are well known"

Infants' Class. "The infants are making fair progress. Some new Reading books should be provided for them."
I am to call attention to the last paragraph of Article 85(b) of the Code.

Staff:— Hugh Leslie, Head Teacher
Mary E. Leslie, Art. 68. Infants.
Edith H. Long. Female over eighteen.

Signed William Hamil
Manager
In absence of Correspondent.

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Infant Class. Received information that Edith Rudman would not return to this school, her name has therefore been taken from the Register.

May 6th. No IV. Science Readers (Blackie's) received today.

" 7th " Science lesson from Science Readers to Upper Division.

" 8th " Examined Standard I in Arithmetic. Taught a new exercise in Drill to Standards, taken from Free Exercises in Oxley's Manual. Drill taken in the Playground. Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed on the afternoon of Thursday May 14th, Ascension Day.

" 13th " Mrs Jones sent word that her children could not come to school for a few days as they are not well.

" 14th " No School this afternoon according to previous notice.

" 15th " Allowed the boys to have cricket today during the time for Physical Drill, as I wished to give the girls separate instruction in Wand Drill.

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May 18th Visited the School without notice checked registers and found all in good order —
Signed William Haines
Manager

" 19th Lesson on the 'Cat' to Standards I, II, & III
Lesson on the Cow to Standards IV, V, & VI

" 20th Gave the children Drill exercises to music this afternoon. School visited by Mr & Mrs Sparrow. Mrs. Sparrow played the Drill music.

" 21st. School visited by the Rector.

" 22nd. Too wet for children to drill in the yard this morning. Drill taken in School to music. Examined Standard I in Arithmetic. Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this School will be closed during Whitsuntide week.
Closed for Whitsuntide Holidays.

June 1st. Reopened School today. 76 children present in the morning and 71 in the afternoon.

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June 11th Having noticed that Ellen Newman was suffering from a sore throat, and that she seemed to be otherwise unwell, I sent word to her mother to keep her from school until she was well.

" 12th School visited by Mr. Haine.

" 16th Object Lesson on Insects. Living Spider and cockroach shown to children, differences in division of body and number of limbs pointed out.

" 19th Taught the children a new drill this morning. Gave Decimal Arithmetic to Standards N. V & VI in the afternoon.

" 22nd Only 55 present this afternoon, including infants.

" 23rd Only 54 present this afternoon, including infants. Science Lesson on the Kestrel and the Barn Owl to upper Standards.

" 24th Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed from June 26th for four weeks, and also on Bank Holiday, August 3rd.

" 26th Mr. Haine visited the school this afternoon. Closed for Midsummer Holidays.

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July 27th Reopened school today, 74 present in the morning and 71 in the afternoon. The Rector visited the school in the morning at the close of secular work and gave the scripture lesson to the I st Class. The school yard has been newly laid with gravel, therefore the children assemble for school and do their drill on the green for the present until the gravel is more firmly set.

" 29th 49 present in the morning, 44 in the afternoon. A number away with the chapel Sunday School outing.

" 31st Gave notice to the children that school would be closed on Monday Aug. 3rd, that day being Bank Holiday.

Aug. 3rd. School closed.

" 5th Heard Standard I read. Found a good many backward in reading.

" 7th " Heard the upper division of infants read. Two children in the class seemed very backward, the rest read very fairly.

" 12th " Only 25 children in standards present in the

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morning and 24 in the afternoon. A large number absent with a Band of Hope trip to Edington.

Aug. 13th Object lesson on Stems of Plants to Standards I, II & III.

" 14th The Rector announced to the children that the School would be closed on Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 17th & 18th for Poulshot Feast the first day to be occupied with the entertainment of the adult part of the Parish, and the second with that of the School children.

" 20th Revisionary lesson on Stems and roots of plants to Standards I, II, & III. Questioned 1st Class on lessons previously given on the Frog, & the Snail.

" 21st. Visited the School without notice at 2.30. Called registers, & found them correctly marked.

J. B. Buchanan (Correspondent)

" 26th Examined the writing of the Infant Class. There is a marked improvement in the writing of the elder infants.

" 27th Object Lesson to Standards I, II & III "The Potato Plan illustrated by the plant itself. Questioned 1st Clas on lessons previously given on insects.

Aug. 28th Examined Standard I in arithmetic
Sept. 3rd Heard Standard I read. Gave lesson on "Leaves of Plants" to standards I, II & III. Lesson on the "Hive Bee" from Science Readers to I st Class.
" 11th Gave a Black-board lesson on Decimal Money to the 1st class this morning. Heard Standard I read this afternoon.
" 17th Lesson on Flowers to Standards I, II & III.
" 18th Gave the children drill to music in school this afternoon.
" 22nd Too wet for the children to drill in the playground. Music drill taken in school.
" 23rd Examined Standard I in Tables during Arithmetic lesson in the morning and gave the teacher of the class some hints as to the method of teaching the table. Gave 1st Class drawing on paper this afternoon.
" 30th Taught the children a new exercise in drill. Drill and marching taken in the yard. Examined writing of the Infant Class this afternoon

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Oct. 2nd. Heard the Infant class read this morning. School visited by Mr Haine in the afternoon.

" 8th. Object Lesson on Salt to Standards I, II & III.

" 12th " Had fires lighted in school. Weather very cold.

" 15th " Gave an Object Lesson on Coal to Standards I II & III this afternoon.

" 19th " Gave the children drill to music this afternoon.

" 20th " Out of 50 children in standards only 25 were present this afternoon. A large number at Devizes Fair. 27 Infants present.

" 21st " Several of the boys away from school picking up, and leading mangolds.

" 23rd. Heard Standard I read. Considerable improvement in the reading of this Standard since I last heard it.

" 26th " Notice put up and read out that the Diocesan Inspection will be held in this School on Wednesday November 11th at 2. p.m.

" 30th " Heard IInd Division of Infant Class read this morning.

Nov. 3rd. Examined upper classes on lessons previ

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ously given on different classes of animals, and gave a short lesson on the "Heart and circulation of the blood". The children seemed much interested and gave some very intelligent answers.

Nov. 6th Heard upper division of the Infant Class read this morning. Gave ~~extra~~ extra Spelling instead of Drill this afternoon.

" 11th Diocesian Inspection. No Secular Lessons given. Registers not marked.

16th Visited the School at 2.25 pm. Called the Registers & found them correctly marked

J. B. Buchanan. Manager

" 18th Examined the Ist Standard in Tables and Mental arithmetic this morning.

" 19th Lesson on "Clay" given by the master to Standards I, II & III.

" 20th Heard Infant Class questioned in Mental Arithmetic this morning.

" 26th Lesson on "Slate" to Standards I, II & III. given by the master.

Dec. 2nd Examined Standard I in Arithmetic.

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Dec. 3rd. Lesson on "Chalk" given by the Master to Standards I, II & III. Drill taken to Music.

" 4th " Heard infants receive arithmetic lesson on the Ball Frame. The attendance was very low this afternoon owing to the heavy rain.

" 9th " Heard part of the infant class a Reading Lesson.

" 10th " Science Lesson on "Composition of Water" given to upper Standards, illustrated by the decomposition of water by the action of Sodium, and the burning of evolved hydrogen.

" 11th " Heard Standard I read. Drill taken in the school to Music.

" 14th " Maps of Africa and Australia, Diagrams of insects injurious to crops, Diagram of Potato disease, materials for Needlework ~~&c.&c.~~ Kindergarten, and Drawing have been got for the School.

" 21st " Only 24 children in Standards present in the morning and 31 in the afternoon. A large number absent begging. 28 infants present in the morning and 26 in the afternoon.

c. 23rd. The Rector visited the school in the afternoon, and at the close of lessons distributed rewards to the children who had answered best in the written and oral examinations in Religious Knowledge. School closed till January 11th 1897 for Christmas Holidays.

97 Jan 11th Reopened School:

" 12th Science Lesson to Ist Class on the Three Kingdoms of Nature.

Jan 15th Visited the School at 3.30 - Called the Register throughout - All correct

J. B Buchanan

Jan. 15th Examined upper division of the Infant class in arithmetic. Drill taken in school to music.

" 18th Miss E. Long absent sick.

" 20th Received notice that the Examination of this school in Drawing is fixed for Tuesday Feb. 16th at 2. p. m. Needle-work taken today by Mrs. Leslie. Miss E Long is ~~still~~ absent sick.

" 21st Revisionary lesson in Science to Standards I II & III on Three Kingdoms of Nature. Miss E. Long.

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able to attend school this afternoon.

Jan. 22nd. Some more coke has been got for the school. Drill taken in school to music at present, weather not favorable for drill in the playground.

" 26th Examined Writing of the Infant Class. Lesson on Turnip Beetle to Upper Standards.

Feb. 2nd. Heard part of the Infant Class read this morning.

" 3rd. Received Forms from Education Department.

" 4th. Filled in the required entries on Form 8 M. and returned it to the Rector.

" 5th. Visited the School at 2.30 - Called all the Registers - all in order - Wet day - Attendance of Infants much affected by the weather.

T. B. Buchanan

" 12th Received notice that the examination in Drawing would be postponed from ~~Tuesday~~ the 16th to Wednesday the 17th at 2 p.m.

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.

" 15th " Received Duplicate Schedule.

" 16th " Miss E. Long absent ill.

" 22nd School closed in the afternoon for Parochial entertainment.

" 29th Received Drawing Report. - "Good".

* age 14 yrs. Standard II children 10 yrs