Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1890-91

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absent, owing to the illness of her parents and others members of the family. Monitress still absent.

Feb. 28th. Alfred Pearce went home ill this morning.

March 3rd. The New National Reading Books, "The Primer" and "The Infant Reader" have been got for the Infant Class Commenced to use the National Registers today instead of the Durham Registers. Monitress present today. Attendance very low owing to sickness.

" 4th. Charles Hawkins went home ill this morning.

" 7th. No needlework this week. Sewing Mistress still unable to attend owing to two of her children having fever Pupil Teacher and VI Standard boy still absent.

March 11 I have this morning examined the Register & found the numbers correct.

Charles Martin
Manager.

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March 11th The Sixes in the Infant Class commenced to read from the New Infant Reader.

" 14th Mr. William Haine one of the School Managers came into the school for a short time this morning. The Rector came in this afternoon to have an error corrected on the Schedule. Sewing Mistress, Pupil Teacher and VI Standard boy still absent. No needlework this week. Girls do their other lessons. When the Sewing Mistress is again able to attend, extra afternoons will be given to the needle-work.

" 17th Pupil Teacher and VI Standard boy present today. Sewing Mistress absent. Girls practised needlework in charge of the Pupil teacher.

" 18th Sewing Mistress present this afternoon. Girls did needlework.

" 19th School Inspection.

" 20th Extra needlework this afternoon. Sewing Mistress present. In future the Infant boys will do needlework along with the girls.

Recitations, Reading Books, and Object Lessons for February 28th, 1891.

Recitations:- St. I.- "The Cradle Song"- Page 11, Griffith and Farran's Poetry for the Standards.
St. II.- "A Noble boy," and "Let us Speak the best we can". Pages 138 and 142. No. 2. Nelson's Royal Readers.
St. III.- "We are Seven", No. 3. Nelson's Royal Readers. Page 47.
St. IV. & V. - "Christmas", From Scotts Marmion.
St. VI & VII.- 150 lines of Goldsmith's Deserted Village.
Pupil Teacher, - 2nd. Year. 80 lines of Goldsmith's Deserted Village.

Reading Books for the Infants. The New National Reading Books. "The Primer" and the "Infant Reader".

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Object Lessons:- 1. The Sheep, 2. The cow. 3. The horse, 4. The goat. 5. The pig. 6. The dog 7. The cat, 8. The hen. 9. The duck 10. The goose 11. Coal, 12. Stone, 13. Slate, 14. Iron, 15. Gold. 16. Silver. 17. Copper 18. Lead, 19. Tin, 20. Money 21. Tea, 22. Coffee, 23. Sugar, 24. Corn, 25. Rice. 26. A House, 27. The Seasons. 28. Time. 29. Form. 30. Colour, 31. Cotton, 32. Linen, 33. Wool. 34. Leather, 35. Paper.

Music:- By the Tonic Sol-fa Notation, in three divisions.

Songs for year ending Feb. 28th 1890.

Division I. Infants.
1. "Gently Evening Bendeth".
2. "Sunshine."
3. "The Wind".

Division II. Standards I & II.
1. "Come Let us gaily wander".
2. "Marching Song."
3. "The Spring Song."
4. "Morning". 5. "Be in Time"

Division III Standards III to VI
The same as Division II & the following
(1) "The Fisher Boy"
(2) "The Sweet Valley"
(3) "The Rosy Morn."

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March 21st Received Duplicate Schedule.
Mabel Swanborough and Eliza Haine will continue to work in the Infant class until sufficiently advanced to remove to the Iˢᵗ Standard. The Pupil Teacher will take charge of Standard II during the ensuing year, except when she is required to assist with the girls and Infants in the Needlework. The boys of Standard II will be taken by the Master on Sewing afternoons. The Monitress will take charge of the Infants, under the supervision of the Master, except on those afternoons in which needlework is taken.
A writing lesson was given on the Blackboard to the boys in Standards by the Master this afternoon. The Rector brought in a printed list of the Children who had passed in three Subjects

24th George Ladd, Elizabeth Swanborough, Eliza

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Gilham and Rosina Tadd have left school. Their names have therefore been removed from the Register. Three fresh scholars have been admitted, and one readmitted.

March 25th. Monitress absent. Extra needlework to the girls and Infants. taken by the Pupil Teacher. Readmitted another Scholar.

" 27th. Extra needlework to girls and infants. Sewing Mistress present.

April 3rd. Informed the children that the School would be closed tomorrow, Good Friday and also the whole of next week for Easter Holidays.

" 14th. Reopened School. Readmitted one child to the Infant Class.

" 18th. Needlework taken by the Pupil Teacher this afternoon.

" 24th. The children promised that they would try to get their parents to hear them read aloud at home as often as convenient. I have asked the children to do this in order that both they and their parents might be more interested in the work of the school,

but this home reading is to be in addition to, and not in any way to take the place of the ordinary reading lesson in school.

April 28th Mary Feltham having resigned her place as Monitress in this school, Jeanie Janet Wilkins has been for the present appointed to fill the vacancy. Ruth Shell having received a certificate from Dr Waylen, is now attending school. She must however continue to work in the Infant class at present, as she is in a very backward condition.

" 30th No school in the afternoon. Master gone with choir to choral festival at Bradford.

May 8th Closed at 3 p.m. to allow the children to see the Yeomenry drill on the Green. 46 children present. Attendance for afternoon cancelled.

" 14th Gave notice that tomorrow being Ascension Day there would be no Day School, but that there would be Sunday School and

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Service in the morning. also Service in the evening in the School.

May 22nd Gave notice that there would be Religious Instruction from 9 till 12 tomorrow, and that the Examination in Religious Knowledge would commence at 2 in the afternoon.

" 23rd Instruction in Religious subjects in the morning Diocesan inspection in the afternoon.

" 26th Whit-Monday. No School.

" 27th No attendance in the morning. School opened again in the afternoon with fifty children present.

The following is the Summary of the Inspectors Report.-

"The Children are in very fair order & have made good progress in Arithmetic, but they are still weak in Spelling, & the Reading in the lower Standards is not Satisfactory. The Recitations are well known, & a fair knowledge is shown of Grammar. The Infants are making fair progress".

R.E. Lessons has passed fairly, but should attend to History & Geography.

Entered May 31. 1890

Charles Martin Manager.

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June 2nd Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant class.

" 13th The heavy storms of rain have somewhat affected the attendance this week.

" 16th Evan Haine and Amelia Bowden went home ill this morning.

" 20th Eliza Haines went home ill this afternoon. The said child is a very backward 1st Standard child, quite unfit to work either with her own standard or with the upper Division of Infants, and seems too delicate to bear any pressure with regard to lessons.

" 25th Only 41 present this afternoon. A good many absent owing to the hay-making. Closed for Midsummer holidays, to reopen on August 4th. School being closed at 3.20 p.m. the attendance was therefore incomplete and was cancelled.

" 27th Rain having come on, the school was opened yesterday and today with the expectation that haymaking being suspended more children might

June 27 attend. The numbers attending however on each occasion were so far below the average that school was dismissed before the time required for attendance was complete and finally closed for Holidays.

Aug. 5th Reopened School today. Readmitted one Scholar to the IIIrd Standard, and admitted one to the Infant class.

" 7th School closed this afternoon for the School treat in the Rectory Grounds.

" 8th Attendance very low throughout this week.

" 14th Reported Frank Newman, Francis Trimnell Fanny Cleverley and Willie Noyes for non-attendance.

" 22nd. Attendance much better this week.

" 29th Kept several children in at play-time for being careless in their arithmetic.

Sept. 5th The Upper Division of Infants and backward Ist. Standard children are

* [illegible] Grace Horsa born

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for the present taken as a group by the master in Arithmetic. Mrs. Leslie is at present unable to attend to the Needlework. The Pupil Teacher takes charge of the girls and Infants on Sewing afternoons. Only 41 Children present this afternoon.

Sept 12th Only 44 present this afternoon. The Second Standard were detained till 12.30 to learn Spelling, and also kept in at playtime in the afternoon for the same purpose. Spent some time in the Arithmetic lesson in giving Mental exercises to IV & V Standards. Standard III commenced to work "Wykes's Arithmetic Cards to-day

Sept 17 This afternoon I have Examined the Registers & find the numbers correct

Charles Martin Manager

" 23rd Mr. Medlicott came into School this morning to warn the boys against throwing sticks and stones into the

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chestnut trees on the Green.

Sept. 29th Commenced to give Spellings from the Midland Spelling Books.

Oct. 1st Had Photograph of the School children taken today.

" 3rd. Gave a lesson in Freehand Drawing to the boys, from the Upper Division of Infants upwards. Time from 3.40 to 4 p.m.

" 6th Put up a notice showing the time during which the pupil teacher is instructed by the Master, viz: From 12 o'clock till 1 p.m.

The Rector brought in some paper for the children to work on.

" 7th The Monitress commenced today to receive instruction from the Master from 12 o'clock to 12.30. Gave Standard III Arithmetic on paper. Homework; — Tables to Standards I & II; Tables and Spellings to Standards III and upwards.

" 9th Gave the 1st. Class a Reading Lesson from the Wiltshire Gazette, Oct. 2nd.

Subject, the "Potato Crop". Standard IV did Arithmetic on paper in the afternoon.

Oct. 17th Map Drawing and Music this afternoon

" 20th Only 26 children including Infants came to School this afternoon. Devizes Fair. Registers not marked. Children dismissed at 3 p. m.

Oct 22 I have today looked over the registers & find the numbers Correct

C. Martin. Manager.

" 27th Admitted a new scholar, said to have been in the second Standard in the last school which he attended, but so backward that it is doubtful that he will be fit to present in that Standard in March.

" 29th Gave an Arithmetic Lesson to the Infant Class this morning, the Monitress being allowed to look on during the lesson. Also heard the Class read from the Primers.

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Nov. 7th School visited this morning by the Rector accompanied by the Rev H Olivier formerly Rector of this parish. Kept Standards II, III & IV in after 12 to learn Spellings for having done their dictation badly. Gave an extra Spelling lesson on the board this afternoon.

" 10th This morning a boy came from Leend seeking admission to this School. because the School in that parish is closed on account of Diphtheria. The case being stated to the Rector the boy was sent home it being thought unwise to admit him under such circumstances.

" 17th Admitted a boy from Worton parish. He is ten years of age, but I find him extremely backward even for standad I. Five children Fanny, Emily, Charles, George and Florence Cleverley have been

withdrawn: having left this Parish. Alfred & Albert Tunnell are unable to work the Arithmetic of the IIIrd. Standard I have therefore placed them in Standard II.

Nov. 28th. Gave Spellings on the Black-board to Standards I & II; words which had been incorrectly spelled in the Dictation to Standards III & IV & Map-Drawing to Standard VI from 3.30 to 4 this afternoon. Standards V & VIII absent.

Dec. 8 I have this morning examined the registers & found the numbers correct.

Charles Martin - Manager -

Mr. Haine came into the school today for a short time between 12 and 1 o'clock. Gave a Drawing lesson on the Black Board this afternoon from 3.40 to 4 p.m.

" 12th Attendance low this week. Some of the Infants are absent on account of

the cold. others are absent sick.

Dec. 17th Francis Trimnell is absent sick from a severe blow which he received in falling on the ice.

" 19th Heavy fall of Snow. Only 25 present in the morning. Attendance not completed. Registers cancelled. Only 28 came in the afternoon Registers not marked. Complete attendance not made. Closed school for Christmas Holidays.

1891 Jan. 5th Reopened school this morning. Attendance low. Many children that have to come from a distance are absent owing to the weather.

" 8th I have prepared a few objects from cardboard, Squares, Circles, and straight slips for the purpose of giving lessons on Form, Number &c., to the Infant Class. Gave a lesson to the Class on Number by means of the straight slips in the presence of the Monitress. The children seemed to enjoy the lesson very much. Heard the Upper Division of Infants read

this afternoon.

Jan. 9th. Gave a lesson on "Form" to the Infants this morning. The Monitress was allowed to look on during the whole of the lesson. Standards III & IV with the exception of two boys were kept in to do their Dictation over again after 12 o'clock. A new desk has been provided to fit on to the gallery for the use of the Infants.

" 13th. Mr. Wm. Haine, one of the School managers came into the school for a short time this afternoon. The attendance continues very much below the average owing to the ~~[illegible]~~ state of the weather.

" 14th. Kept the First Class in after 12 o'clock to do their parsing over again which they had done badly the day before.

" 15th. Examined the Infant Class in Tables & Mental Arithmetic this afternoon

" 16th. Gave a Lesson on Form to the Infant Class. Kept Standards III & IV in after

12 o'clock for bad Spelling in their Dictation. The same piece was given in the afternoon with much better results.

in 20th Francis Trimnell was present at the marking of the Registers in the morning but was marked absent in error. The error was discovered and corrected on the numbers being counted. Attendance better today 50 present in the morning and 51 in the afternoon.

21st Gave a lesson on Stick-Plaiting to the Pupil Teacher and the Monitress to-day. I am trying to introduce some of the Kindergarten Gifts to infants.

30th Received the Forms and Schedules relating to the School inspection this morning. The 1st. Class did Map Drawing from 3.35 to 4 this afternoon. Attendance a little better this week.

31st Filled out and returned Form 8 M. to

the Rector.

Feb. 3rd. I have induced the most of the 1st. Class and some of the 2nd Class to take in the Scholar's Magazine, from which I allow them to have their Reading Lesson twice in the week. I hope in this way to encourage in the children some inclination to home reading.

" 5th Mr. Martin brought in a copy of the Kindergarten Manual. I have had some of the Infant class slates ruled in squares.

" 9th Distributed a number of Prize books among the children which the Rev. C. Martin had given me for that purpose.

" 10th Lesson on Form to the Infant Class by the Monitress. Announced to the children that Secular Lessons would begin at Nine o'clock tomorrow morning, and that the scholars would be taken to Morning service at the Church at 11 a.m.

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Feb. 11th The Registers were marked at 9 a.m. but the attendance was afterwards cancelled, lessons being concluded before the completion of the two hours, the Master and children leaving school for church at 10.45 a.m. for Divine Service, it being Ash Wednesday. The Rev C. Martin came into School in the afternoon with information that this School would be inspected on the 31st day of March at 11 a.m.

16th Mr. Wm. Haine, Corresponding Manager for the present, came into the school for a short time this afternoon.

23rd Gave a lesson on Stick Plaiting to the Pupil Teacher and the Monitress today

24th The Pupil Teacher and the Monitress took the Infants in Card plaiting while the Master gave the singing lesson to the Standards.

26th Needle-work was taken this afternoon instead of tomorrow. Gave notice that School would open tomorrow at 8.45 a.m. Registers to be closed and Secular lessons

to commence at 8.55 a.m. The Arithmetic of the Upper Division of Infants has been taken chiefly by the master this week.

Feb. 27th Registers marked and closed by 8.55 a.m. Closed at 10.55 for an interval of 15 minutes. Registers marked and closed for a second attendance by 11.15 a.m. Closed school at 1.15 to allow the Master and the teachers to visit the Infant School at Potterne to see the Kindergarten worked.

March 2nd The upper Division of Infants practised Stick plaiting this afternoon for a short time.

" 6th The Infants did Stick plaiting and Stick laying on the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday this week. A lesson on Time was given by the monitress this morning.

" 10th A heavy Storm of Snow prevented the greater part of the children attending today. There were