Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1888-89

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Feb. 20th The Rector brought in nine copies of Part IV, English History Reading Books by C. M. Yonge for the use of the 1st Class. The attendance is very low. Only 24 present in the morning, and 33 in the afternoon. Ruth, Charles, and Agnes Swanborough are absent with sore throats. The snow still prevents many who are delicate and who live at a distance from attending.

" 22 Malinda Hawkins is unable to sew, owing to weak eyes.

" 29th Asked why John Fiddler was not at school and was informed by his sister that he could not come because his shoes were bad.

March 7th Mr Haine came into the school this morning for a short time. Ruth, Charles and Agnes Swanborough are attending school now. The attendance has been better this week.

" 13th Received notice from the Rector that the school would be inspected on the 5th day of April.

" 23rd A number of children absent sick this week.

" 28th Inquired why William Bowden was not at school. His sister stated that her mother said he

was coming no more, as he was going to work.

Mar. 29th Informed the children that the Day School would be closed tomorrow. Good Friday, but that otherwise, there would be no holiday this Easter.

April 2nd Attendance good today: 60 present in the morning and 59 in the afternoon

" 4th Children's Service at Church this morning at 11 o'clock.

" 5th Inspection this morning.

" 9th Received Duplicate Schedule

April 13 I have this afternoon examined the Register and find the numbers correct.
Charles Martin. Manager.

" 17th Lesson on "Beef" to the Infants by the Master.

" 18th Received the Report this morning.

" 19th Reported the following children for irregular attendance. Eliza Gilham, Rosina Todd, Ruth Swanborough, William Bowden, Edith Fiddler, Albert Trimnell & John Fiddler.

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April 24th Eliza Haines, an infant, is sick. The doctor says that it is owing to her being too closely kept at School. She has made seven attendances since her name was entered on the Register. Edith Pearce is under Medical treatment for her eyes.

May 1st Mrs Haine complained of her boys taking cold from draughts caused by opening the School windows for ventilation. As I could not say that the windows should not be opened to ventilate the room, she stated that she should be obliged to keep them at home till warmer weather.

" 9th Gave notice that, tomorrow being Ascension Day, there would be no School except Sunday School lessons in the Morning, before going to service at the church at 11 o'clock.

" 16th Put up a notice that the school would be examined in Religious Knowledge on Wednesday May 30th

May 21st Whit-Monday. School closed.

" 24th The Rector came into school this afternoon for a short time

" 25th Attendance very low this week.

" 29th Monitor absent, away from home. J. J. Leslie assisted with the Infants

" 30th Diocesan Inspection this Afternoon at 2½ p.m

" 31st Arthur and Mabel Swanborough are ill with fever Elizabeth their sister cannot for that reason attend school. The boy Henry Swanborough is away from home

June 4th James Gilham came to complain of his child Henry Gilham being beaten. He swore and more than once threatened to strike the master, although assured that his child had not been beaten. The child was not beaten, but set on a form apart from the class for being wilful and disobedient.

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June 15 I have this morning examined the Registers & find the numbers correct

C. Martin - Manager -

Summary of Inspectors Report. Ap. 17. 1888

"The Discipline and the General Character of "the Instruction are, on the whole, fairly "Satisfactory. Spelling however needs much "more attention -

"M. E. Leslie - Failure"

Entered June 15.

C. Martin. Manager.

" 22 The attendance continues very low.

" 25th Examined the children to-day. The Ist Vth & VIth Standards did their work very well but the IInd IIIrd & IVth were very weak in their Sums and Dictation.

" 29th Only 28 children including Infants present this afternoon owing to a Show at Devizes which has drawn away a large number. Registers not marked. School closed at 3 p.m.

July 5th A number of prizes and certificates were given to the children this afternoon after school for Sunday and Day School work. The Rev C. Martin and Mrs Martin distributed the prizes.

" 6th Closed at 3.30 this afternoon for six weeks holiday. Only 28 children including infants present. Attendance in Register cancelled.

Aug. 27th School reopened today after being closed for seven weeks instead of six, owing to the backwardness of the Haymaking. The school will only be closed one week at Christmas instead of two.

Sept. 7th Edith Pearce is ill with Scarlet Fever. The rest of the children from the same house are kept at home on that account.

" 14th Very low attendance this week. A good many absent on account of the harvesting. Only 22 present this afternoon including Infants Registers not marked.

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Sept. 20th	Only 20 Children present (in the afternoon) including infants. Some having gone to a Tea — Party, and others picking up potatoes. Dismissed those present at 3 p.m. Registers not marked.
" 24th "	Sent Ruth Swanborough home for her fees. Better attendance today 51 present.
" 28th "	Attendance very low again. Only 39 present.
Oct. 5th	Attendance continues very low. Reported a number of absentees to Mr. Dowse the Attendance Officer. Many of the children are engaged picking up potatoes.
" 12th "	Extra Arithmetic and Spelling is now being given to the Standards in place of the subject Geography. Attendance still very low.
" 19th	Standards I & II extra writing in copies, and Standards III and upwards extra Reading and Spelling instead of Geography this week. Attendance a little better. Reported Henry Noyes Trollope and William Bowden for irregular attendance.

Oct. 29th The school has been closed during the week ending Oct. 27th owing to a case of Diphtheria in the Master's family. Mary E. Leslie, the Monitress, will not be able to attend for a week or two. Attendance at School small. Only 40 present. A large number absent with Hooping-cough.

" 30th Mary Feltham is acting as Monitress until Mary E. Leslie is able to attend School again.

Nov. 2nd. There has been no Needlework this week owing to the illness of the Master's child, Mrs Leslie being unable as yet to leave him. Extra Reading and Spelling have been taken in place of Geography this week.

" 9th There has been no Needlework this week. A large number still absent sick.

" 12th Mary E. Leslie has resumed her duties as Monitress. Needlework taken by the few girls present, under the Monitress.

" 19th Ellen Drewett is absent from school owing to measles in the family.

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Nov. 23rd. There is still a large number absent with Hooping Cough. Mrs. Leslie is now attending to the Needlework. The children in Standards have had extra sums & spelling this week instead of Geography.

" 26th Received notice that this school would be examined by Mr. James Gale on Monday Dec. 3rd. at 9.15. Herbert Oram went home ill this morning. Commenced today to give 1st. & 2nd Classes work on paper.

" 27th John Butler is absent sick.

Dec. 3rd The School was examined this morning by Mr James Gale.

" 14th William Bowden has returned to school having been absent since last Examination. Attendance a little better this week.

" 21st St. Thomas's Day. A number of children absent begging. There is still a large number on the sick list.

" 24th Gave notice that the school would be closed tomorrow, being Christmas Day

" 31st No school tomorrow being New Years Day

Jan. 3rd. George, Henry, & William Newman have got the Ringworm, I have therefore told them to stay at home till they are well again.

Jan 8th I have this morning Examined the registers and find the Numbers correct

William Hains
Manager

" 14th Reported the following children for irregular attendance:- William Bowden, Ruth Swanborough & Elizabeth Swanborough. Rosina Todd has a sore throat, and is ordered by the doctor to stay at home till the warm weather. John Butler has returned to school after an absence of eleven weeks.

" 23rd Admitted a new scholar this morning

" 24th Mr. Dowse, attendance Officer, came into the school to inquire after the attendance of William Bowden,

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Jan. 24th Ruth Swanborough and Elizabeth Swanborough

" 25th Ruth Swanborough stated that she and her sister Agnes were going to another school. The boys Charles and Cecil Swanborough are still coming to this school. The attendance has been much better this week, although we have still some cases of sickness.

" 30th The Rector brought in the Forms from the Education Department. Mr. Haine came into the school for a short time this morning. I have filled out, and returned Form 8.M. to the Rector.

Feb. 8th The following Children will be presented as Exceptions at the ensuing Examination Presented in the same Standard as last year having failed in two subjects and unable to proceed to a higher Standard. Robert Haine, William Feltham, Francis Moore, Henry Noyes Trollope, Charles Swanborough, Mary Jane Ellis, Edith Pearce, Elizabeth Ann Bowden, Alfred Trimnell, Albert Trimnell, Henry Swanborough, Egbert Haine, and,

Elizabeth Brown.
To be withheld from the Examination.
~~Henry C~~ Arthur Swanborough, who has been a good deal absent through sickness and who is naturally a delicate child. Amelia Bowden who is naturally a delicate child. Rosina Tadd, who is now and has been for some weeks absent with a bad throat; being ordered by the doctor to stay at home till the warm weather.

Feb. 11th Only 36 children present in the morning and 42 in the afternoon owing to the Snow.

" 15th Herbert Oram came in at 10.5 a.m. and was marked absent; Registers being closed at 10 a.m.. Attendance much better this week with the exception of Monday. The children in Standard continue to take extra Sums and Spelling instead of Geography, except that the 1st Class take a second Reading Lesson on Thursday

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afternoons from the IVth Standard Geographical Reader.

Feb. 18 I have this morning examined the register, & found an Error in the fourth Standard. When checking the Register the Master had asked the top boy to count the Standard Children. He had given the number 31 instead of 30, & so the Error had not been detected till I counted them again.

Charles Martin Manager.

Alfred Pearce was this morning accidentally called, and marked present on the first marking of the Register, being absent. On the numbers in the Standards being counted by William Bate a VI Standard boy, before the final closing of the Register at 10. a.m., he gave 31 instead of 30, making the totals appear correct. The error was thus not detected until 20 minutes later when the Registers were checked by the Rector.

Gilbert Haine came into school this afternoon at 2.22 p.m. His excuse was that he could not come sooner. He was marked absent.

" 20th Gilbert Haine again came in after the Registers were closed. He was marked

absent. He was detained to do some work at home.

Feb. 21st Jesse Andrews left school at 3.30 p.m. His attendance mark was cancelled. Sydney Pearce is absent with a sore face. Cecil Swanborough is not coming to school again until he is five years old.

" 22nd Ernest Newman went home shortly after school opened this afternoon with headache. His attendance was cancelled.

" 25th John Thomas Leslie, formerly a Candidate in this School (Art. 41.) assisted as monitor today and will continue to do so until about the end of March when he will go to enter on his duties in Rowde School.

March 1st A number of children absent this week suffering from colds and sore throats.

" 4th School visited in the morning by Mr. Haine, Mr. Few & Mr. Moore, Managers. Only 35 children present in the afternoon owing to a heavy fall of snow.