Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1882-83

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Feb 27th Mrs. Haine visited the School this afternoon.

" 28th Mr. Haine came into the School this morning for a few minutes

March 1st. Rev W. G. Hubbard came into the School this morning and examined the children on the catechism.

March 1st 1882

I have this day examined the registers and Summary and have every reason to believe them to be carefully and correctly kept

Signed William Haine
Acting Manager during the absence of the Rector the Revd H. A. Olivier

" 8th Received information from Mr. Haine that the School would be examined on Friday March 17th

" 10th Opened at 12.50 this afternoon and closed at 3 to have the Schoolroom cleaned.

" 14th Received information from Mr. Haine that the School would be examined on Friday March 24th instead of the 17th.

March 15th / Mrs. Haine visited the School this afternoon

" 22nd Sent Sabra Newman home for her School fees which were in arrears. Her Mother came to the School and disputed the charge. She sent the girl in the afternoon with 2d. leaving 1d to be paid next week. Mr. Haine visited the School Morning & Afternoon. Examination to be on Monday 27th in the morning.

" 23rd Mr. Haine was in the School this morning at 9 o'clock to inquire about Emily Bowden whose Mother wishes her to leave School in the afternoon at 3.50

" 24th Rev. W. G. Hubbard visited the School this morning and gave a Scripture lesson.

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Geography for Standards IV, V & VI that assigned to Standard IV.

Songs for the Elder Children

1 The Summer Song
2 The Hero
3 Home Sweet Home
4 The Skater
5 On A Still September Day
6 The Fire Brigade
7 The Hunter Ranged
8 Wake Up

Songs for the Infants

1 The Summer Song
2 The Hero
3 A Little Cock Sparrow
4 The Skater.

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Geography for the ensuing Year

Standards V, VI & VI. Europe as before Class.
Standard III. England
Standard II Definitions
To be taught from Lesson Books & Maps

March 27th 22 boys present, & 28 girls in Clyding Infants.
School Inspected this morning. Closed the School in the afternoon.

" 31st. The Rev. W. G. Hubbard visited the School this morning and gave a Scripture lesson. While reading this morning Eliza Pearce suddenly took ill and fell down in a fit as soon as she was sufficiently recovered I sent her home in charge of an elder girl. Arithmetic has been given this week instead of Geography.

April 4th. Reading & Spelling given instead of Geography today.

" 6th Gave Arithmetic instead of the Geography Lesson today. Sent William Bowden home to be washed. He returned in the afternoon in as dirty a condition as in the morning.

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April 6th and was sent home again. Closed for Easter Holiday One week.

" 17th Reopened to-day. admitted four new scholars.

18th Gave Grammar instead of Geography to-day.

20th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

21st School visited by the Rev. W. G. Hubbard this morning

25th Grammar instead of Geography

26th School visited by Mr. Haine. Govmt Report received.

27th Gave Arithmetic instead of the Geography Specified on the Time Table.
Kate Rawlings suddenly seized with head-ache, was sent home in charge of an elder Scholar.

" 28th Rev W. G. Hubbard visited the School and gave a Scripture Lesson.

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Summary of H. M. Inspector's report
of the School

The difficulties under which any teacher
works in the present room have been
aggravated by two changes in the present
year, but nevertheless the children are under
satisfactory control, and seem to have
derived benefit from their New Instructor.
Under the circumstance it would have
been better to have confined attention to
the Elementary subjects, as the time
bestowed on Grammar and Geography
has not produced much result, as the
Reading and Writing of the first Standard
are very poor, and there is great weakness
in the Arithmetic of the third, fourth,
and sixth Standards

William Hamb
Correspondg Manr
of the School

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May 5th " Gave extra Arithmetic this week instead of the Class Subject Geography

" 8th " School visited this morning by Mr. Haine

" 9th " Gave Grammar instead of Geography

" 10th " School visited in the afternoon by Mrs Haine

" 11th " Gave Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 16th " Grammar in place of Geography

18th " Marked the Registers at 9.10 this morning & took the children to Church at 11.15. Registers Marked & closed at 2.15. in the afternoon School closed at 4.15 Arithmetic in place of Geography.

26th " Gave extra Arithmetic instead of the Class Subject Geography this week. Closed School for Whit Week.

June 5th " School visited this morning by the Rector who examined the Registers and heard the Children sing from the Modulator. Kept the school open till 12.15 to finish the other lessons.

June 5th 1882

I this Day examined the Registers which appear to have been correctly kept.

Henry A. Oliver

6th " Grammar instead of Geography
The Rector visited School in the morning
and taught catechism till 9.50.
7th " School visited by the Rector in the morning
who gave a Scripture lesson till 9.50.
8th " Arithmetic instead of Geography.
12th " Scripture till 9.50 by the Rector.
13th " Grammar instead of Geography.
14th " Scripture till 9.50 by the Rector.
15th " Arithmetic instead of Geography.
19th " Sent Fredk. Shell home this morning in
charge of his sister as he was evidently very
ill. School visited in the afternoon by
Miss Olivier who inspected the needlework.
20th " Grammar instead of Geography.
22nd " School visited by Miss Mary Olivier.
Arithmetic instead of Geography.
23rd " Miss Mary Olivier visited the School this morning.
and gave a Scripture lesson.
26th " School visited by the Rector this morning
Owing to a little interruption while Marking
the Registers they were not finished
till 10.10; the School was kept open
till 12.10 on that account. No Sewing.

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June 27th Needlework this afternoon instead of yesterday. Grammar instead of Geography.

" 29th Arithmetic instead of Geography. Miss Mary Olivier came in this afternoon and assisted in the singing lesson. Put up Notice that the Diocesan Inspection would take place on Friday July 14th.

" 30th School visited by the Rector who took the elder children in Scripture till 9.50. Date of Diocesan Inspection altered from July 14th to July 21st This alteration was duly made on the Notice already posted up in the School-room and read out to the children. Two fresh Scholars admitted this week.

July 4th School visited this morning by the Rector who took the elder children in catechism. Grammar instead Geography.

" 5th Miss Olivier visited the school this afternoon and inspected the Needlework.

" 6th Arithmetic instead of Geography. Miss Mary Olivier visited the School in afternoon and assisted in the singing lesson.

" 7th The Rector visited the school in the morning and took the elder children in Scripture

July 10th William Jones was accused with taking fourpence from a house where he had gone to eat his dinner. At first he denied taking more than two-pence, but at last he confessed to the Rector having taken the sum with which he was accused. He had given a penny of the stolen money to William Haine who it appears did not know that it was stolen. Both boys were punished for their share in the transaction and Jones was set apart from the rest of the Scholars who were cautioned against having any dealings with him.

" 11th Registers closed at 1.30, School closed at 3.30 on account of Church Service at 4.15. Grammar instead of Geography.

" 13th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 14th The Rector visited the School this Morning and took the Younger Children in Scripture.

" 18th Grammar instead of Geography

" 20th Arithmetic instead of Geography

" 21st Inspection in Religious Subjects this afternoon. Registers not Marked.

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July 28th Miss Mary Olivier assisted with the Scripture lesson this. The Rector came in at 12 & spake to the children respecting the ensuing Holidays. Arithmetic has been taken on each occasion in place of Geography this week. School closed for four weeks.

Aug. 28th Re-opened School this morning fair Attendance. Admitted two and two withdrawn. School visited in the afternoon by Miss Olivier

" 29th Gave extra Spelling and Dictation instead of Geography.

" 30th The Rector visited in the morning and gave a Scripture Lesson

" 31st Arithmetic instead of Geography.

Sept. 1st The Rector came in for a short time this morning and examined some of the work of the children

Sept. 5th I this Day inspected the School Registers and find them carefully and correctly kept

Henry. A. Olivier
Manager

" 5th Extra Reading & Arithmetic instead of Geography

* Holiday granted to coincide with the harvest

Sept. 6th The Rector visited and gave a Scripture lesson
" 7th Some new Slates have been got. Arithmetic instead of Geography. The Rector and Rev. Archdeacon Matthews visited the School this afternoon.
" 12th Arithmetic instead of Geography.
" 13th Rector visited this morning and gave a Scripture lesson
" 14th Gave extra Arithmetic instead of Geography and Singing.
" 18th Sewing Mistress away this afternoon
" 19th Girls Sewing this afternoon. Arithmetic instead of Geography.
" 21st The Rector visited the School in the Morning and gave a Scripture lesson Arithmetic instead of Geography.
" 26th Arithmetic instead of Geography
" 27th School visited by the Rector in the morning who gave a Scripture lesson
" 28th Arithmetic instead of Geography.
" 29th Charles Hawkins, an Infant, playing with his slate struck his face slightly cutting it. I thought it best to send him home in charge of his Sister.

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Oct. 3rd School visited by the Rector who instructed the elder children in catechism. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 5th Mary Collier suddenly took ill this morning and was obliged to return home in charge of her sister before 10 o'clock. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 10th " Grammar instead of Geography. School visited by the Rector.

" 11th " The Rector visited the school and bade the children good-bye before leaving to go abroad.

" 12th " Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 16th " School visited this after by Archdeacon Matthews, also by Mrs. Matthews who inspected the needlework.

" 17th " Grammar instead of Geography.

" 19th " Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 20th " Being reminded by the children that they usually had the afternoon's holiday on Devizes Fair day, I laid the matter before the Rev. Archdeacon Matthews who acting for the Rector gave his sanction for the school to be closed this afternoon.

" 24th " School visited by the Rev Archdeacon Matthews who gave a lesson in Catechism to the elder

Oct. 24th children. Very few children at school owing to the heavy rain. Grammar instead of Geography.

" 25th The Rev Archdeacon Matthews gave a Scripture lesson this morning.

" 26th " Arithmetic instead of Geography. Some coal has been supplied for the use of the School.

" 27th " The Rev. Archdeacon Matthews gave a Scripture lesson to the elder children this morning.

" 31st Arithmetic instead of Geography.

Nov. 1st. The Revd Archdeacon Matthews visited the School and gave a Scripture lesson.

" 2nd. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 3rd. The Archdeacon took the Infants in Scripture this morning. Considerable increase in the attendance this week.

* Miss E. Collins assisted with the Infants and lower classes on several occasions this week.

" 9th " The Revd Archdeacon Matthews gave instruction in catechism this morning. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

* Schoolmistress absent

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8th Scripture lesson by the Archdeacon Old Testament

9th " Arithmetic instead of Geography

10th " New Testament by the Rev Archdeacon Matthews. Attendance not quite so good as last week.

14th " Grammar instead of Geography today

15th The Rev Archdeacon Matthews gave a Scripture lesson to the elder children. Attendance much lower this week owing to the severity of the weather.

21st Arithmetic instead of Geography to-day.

22nd The Rev. Archdeacon Matthews took the Infants in the Scripture lesson this morning.

24th The Archdeacon took the elder children in Scripture. The attendance much better this week. There are still some absent through sickness. There appears to be a growing love for work springing up in the children throughout the whole school.

28th Arithmetic today instead of Geography. The Archdeacon visited the school this morning. Some little alterations were made with regard to the religious subjects.

29th Owing to the Master's absence on the occasion

29th of his marriage, the School was not opened till 1.45 p.m. today. Wilfred Haine through good conduct and attention to lessons having been able to keep the head of his class for ten successive attendances was presented with sixpence which had previously been promised to the first child who succeeded in doing so.

ec. just The Rev. Archdeacon visited the school this morning, and took the elder children in Scripture. Attendance much lower this week, some absent sick.

4th Received, as a Wedding present from a number of the scholars, a handsome bread tray, knife, and butter dish. Mrs Gilham being obliged to leave home, owing to the death of her mother, the Needlework was taken this afternoon by Miss Leslie.

" 5th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews who each assisted in the religious instruction. Arithmetic instead of Geography

" 6th Needlework taken by Mrs. Leslie

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ec 8th The Archdeacon & his Son visited the School & each took part in the Religious instruction. Girls taken in Needlework by Miss Leslie.

10th " Needlework taken by Mrs. Leslie.

12th " Arithmetic instead of Geography. Every effort is being put forth to thoroughly ground the children in the Standard work, and they certainly appear to be growing more studious.

13th " School visited by the Archdeacon who took the IVth Standard in the Scripture lesson. Needlework taken by Mrs. Leslie.

14th " Arithmetic instead of Geography

15th " IVth Standard taken in Scripture by the Archdeacon. Needlework by Mrs. Gilham. Attendance better this week. Still a number absent sick.

19th " School visited by the Archdeacon who instructed the IVth Standard in Catechism. Grammar taken instead of Geography.

20th " IVth Standard Scripture Lesson by the Archdeacon.

21st " Arithmetic instead instead of Geography.

22nd " Inquired into the arrangement of the Needlework and compared it with the requirements of

Dec. 22nd the Code. Gave instructions with regard to the placing of the girls into stages. Some sweets and pence given to the children by the Archdeacon. Closed for Christmas Holidays.

1883 Jan. 8th Reopened after two weeks holiday. Attendance good. Mrs. Leslie assisted with the younger children in the morning. Mr. Haine visited the School

" 9th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 10th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews

" 11th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 12th School visited by the Archdeacon & Miss Matthews Mrs. Leslie Assisted with the lower classes in the morning. Have worked the upper classes a good deal on paper this week. Upon the whole there is a marked improvement in the work of all the classes though some of the children continue very dull. Nine Nos 2 Royal Readers have been got.

" 16th School visited by the Archdeacon. Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 17th School visited by the Archdeacon.

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Jan. 18th Arithmetic instead instead of Geography.
19th School visited by the Archdeacon. Three new Sponges have been got this week for the use of the School. Mrs Leslie assisted with the Younger children this week. Average still increasing. Paper work much improved.
23rd School visited by the Archdeacon. Arithmetic instead of Geography.
24th School visited by the Archdeacon
25th Dictation & Composition instead of Geography
26th School visited by the Archdeacon. Received Return Forms from the Department. Miss Leslie assisted with the Younger children this week. A good many children absent with colds.
29th Alice Ellis and William Feltham obliged to return sick. A good many children absent sick.
30th School visited by the Archdeacon. Arithmetic instead of Geography.
31st Elvira Pearce obliged to go home ill. School visited by the Archdeacon.
Feb. 1st Spelling and Arithmetic instead of Geography. Mary Hollier went home ill.

Feb. 2nd School visited by the Archdeacon. Many of the children still absent sick. Miss Leslie assisted with the younger children this week.

" 6th School visited by the Archdeacon. Extra Arithmetic instead of Geography.

" 7th This being Ash Wednesday, the Registers were marked and closed by 9.15 to allow the children to leave for church at 11.45. Registers marked and closed by 2.15 in the afternoon. School continued till 4.15

" 8th IVth Standard extra Arithmetic, IInd & IIIrd Spelling, instead of Geography.

" 9th School visited by the Archdeacon. Cautioned the girls against dressing themselves up with ornaments. A good many still absent sick. Mrs Leslie Assisted with the Infants this week.

" 12th School visited by Mr. Haine. A number of children absent owing to the weather.

" 13th School visited by the Archdeacon. Spelling and Dictation in place of Geography.

" 14th School visited by the Archdeacon.

" 15th Arithmetic instead of Geography.

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Feb. 16th School visited by the Archdeacon in the morning, & by Miss Finniss in the afternoon. Attendance low this week. Three children withdrawn, having left the Parish. Mrs. Leslie assisted with the Infants.

Feb. 20. Examined Registers & found correct & best of Knowledge & belief
A. D. Mathews. Arch. Curate.

Spelling & Dictaction instead of Geography.

" 21st School visited by the Archdeacon.

" 22nd Arithmetic instead of Geography. Punished Frances Gilham for falsehood.

" 23rd School visited by the Archdeacon in the Morning. Miss Finniss inspected the Needlework in the afternoon. Mrs Leslie assisted with the younger children this week.

" 26th Received information per Form 8. I. that the School would be inspected on Thursday, March 8th at 10 o'clock

" 27th School visited by the Archdeacon. Dictation and Spelling instead of Geography.

" 28th School visited in the morning by the Archdeacon and by Miss Finniss in the afternoon who inspected the Needlework.