Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1903-04

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Feb: 24th. Visit of Inspection in the morning.
S. Norris.

" 9th. Received. Schedule Form 63 shewing results of Examination of children presented for Certificates of Proficiency.

" 13th. Received Form 8 (1) a re Collective Examination of Candidates for Pupil Teachership. Information filled in and returned same day.

" 18th. Walter Bowden went home ill. Attendance mark cancelled.

" 25th. Arthur Noyes fainted in the playground this morning before school opened. After being restored he was taken to the School house until he could safely be sent home.

March 2nd. Received notice from the Medical Officer that Arthur, Edgar & Ernest Noyes were not to be allowed to attend till further notice as there is a suspicion of Scarletina having been in the family recently.

" 6th. Received notice from the Medical Officer that Ernest, Edgar & Arthur Noyes are suffering from Scarletina. A supply of book

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Stationery, Kindergaiten materials, and wands for Physical Drill has been got for the School.

ch 13th — Visited School, & called register: all correct.
J. B. Buchanan

17th Elizabeth Ellis went home ill. Attendance mark cancelled. Several cases of sickness among the children.

24th Received notice from the Medical Officer of Health that there is a case of Scarlet Fever in the house of Charles Pearce, and that no person from that house should be allowed to attend School until certified free from infection.

ril 3rd Attendance still very low.

4th Received notice from the Medical Officer that Lizzie Newman is suffering from Scarlet fever.

Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this School will close for Easter Holidays on Thursday next the 9th inst. at noon, and will reassemble on Monday the 20th inst.

9th Closed School at 12 o'clock noon for Easter Holidays.

Summary of the Inspector's Report.

"The children are orderly, but their general progress cannot be regarded as more than fair. Arithmetic is very inaccurate and much of the oral work is weak. The teaching they receive does not render the scholars thoughtful and intelligent.

The infants are receiving careful instruction, and are, on the whole, making satisfactory progress. The higher principal grant will not again be recommended unless better results are shown in the upper part of the School."

S. J. Buchanan,
Acting Correspondent.

Staff:- Hugh Leslie, Principal Teacher.
Mary E. Leslie, Asst. Infants.
Ethel E. Leslie, Candidate.
Ellen E. Newman, Monitress.

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il 20th Reopened School. Poor attendance. Several children ill. Some cases of Scarlet fever.

22nd. Received notice that George Fielding is suffering from Scarlet fever.

y 1st The attendance keeps very low. Several are absent ill, others are not allowed to attend owing to Scarlet fever in the family. Standard II is now taken by the Infant Teacher in the same room with the elder infants and Standard I, the class being small. Standard III by the Candidate, Standards IV, V & VI by the Head Teacher. The babies are in a separate room taken by the Monitress.

5th Florence Noyes obliged to go home ill. Attendance cancelled.

11th Received Form 17 A (P). Report on examination of Candidate from this School.
Ethel E. Leslie, Candidate. Passed.
Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that this School will be closed on Wednesday afternoon the 13th inst.

May 13th School closed in the afternoon.
" 15th Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this school will be closed on Tuesday next the 19th inst. Attendance still very low.
" 19th School closed for the day.
" 25th Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this school will be closed during Whitsuntide week.
" 29th Closed for Whitsuntide Holidays.
June 8th School re-assembled today.
" 9th Commenced to use Evans's Midland Gramma in the Standards.
" 16th Heard the 2nd. Class Infants read.
" 19th Examined Standard III in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.
" 23rd. Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this Schoo will close on Friday June 26, 1903 for Midsummer Holidays and re-assemble o Monday August the 10th 1903.
" 26th Closed School for Midsummer Holidays. Attendance very low. 42 present in the Morning and 35 in the afternoon.
Aug. 10th Re-opened School today.
" 11 " Visited School & called Registers. All duly entered.
J. B. Buchanan

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13th. Notice sent to H. M. Inspector that this School will be closed from 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 17th inst. till 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday the 18th inst. owing to Parish Festivities connected with Poulshot Feast.

17th. School closed in the afternoon.

18th. School closed in the forenoon.

24th. Small attendance in the morning. Very wet. Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that School would be closed on Thursday afternoon for children's School treat.

27th. School closed in the afternoon.

Oct. 3rd. School visited by Mr. Mitchell the School Attendance Officer.

11th. A pane of glass has been blown out of one of the windows in the Infant Room during the last night. Steps are to be taken to replace it at once. Several children absent. Some are away gathering wood that has been blown off the trees by the gale last night.

18th. Attendance somewhat better this week.

24th. School visited by Mr. Mitchell, School Attendance Officer.

Sept. 29th 40 children present in Standards this afternoon and 26 infants. Total 66.

Oct. 5th Ernest Cram has returned to School after being away between nine and ten weeks out of the School time.

Received Requisition Forms, Copy of Powers and Duties of Managers, and Directory from the General Education Committee of the Wilts County Council.

" 8th School visited by Mr. Mitchell, School attendance Officer.

" 15th Examination of work in Standards. Considerable improvement in Standard II. both in their Reading and answers. Standard III require, and are receiving more attention than any other Class in the School. There was some very good answering upon the whole from the 1st Class.

" 16th Heard Standard I read. The reading I find much improved and a great deal of intelligence was shown in the answers. This Class is taken by the Infant Teacher.

" 20th Heard 1st Class Infants read:

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Oct. 28th School met at 1.30 instead of 2 and closed at 3.30 instead of 4 this afternoon.

30th Three fresh scholars admitted this week. The names of Arthur Hale and William Pearce have been removed from the Register, they having reached the age of total exemption, and wishing to be employed full time.

Nov 5th visit of Inspection (AM184) W. Bond

" 13th Considerable improvement in the attendance.

" 16th Notice read out to the children and put up in the school that this School will be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector of Schools on Thursday the 3rd December 1903.

" 17th Received a note from Mrs Dunford stating that Arthur Dunford has orders from the Doctor not to ~~attend~~ attend School owing to his present state of ill-health.

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Nov. 18th. Visited School, & called Registers - all in order.
J. B. Buchanan

" 18th. Received Stock Book for Elementary School also attendance Forms and Notices from the Wilts County Council Education Commit.

" 26th. Notice sent to H. M. Inspector and to the County Education Committee that this School will be closed for Diocesan Inspection on Thursday December the 3rd. 1903.

Dec. 2nd. Gave Fire alarm Drill this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Instructions carried out without any confusi although no previous warning was given to eith Staff or children. Children turned out and formed in the yard. Lessons resumed within three minutes from the time that the fir order was given.

" 3rd. Diocesan Inspection. No secular lesson. Registers not marked.

9th. Visited School. Called registers - all correctly mark
J. B. Buchanan

" 14th. Admitted a fresh scholar. Hugh Leslie is returned to School. Arthur Dunford is st absent ill.

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21st visited School formally – & called registers –
T. N Buchanan

" Notice has been sent to H. M. Inspector and to the General Education Committee that this School will be closed from Dec. 25th to Jan. 11th 1904.

" 24th Closed for Christmas Holidays.

Jan. 11th 1904. Re-opened School today. Edith Annie Newman has left School having reached the age of Total Exemption. Her name has been removed from the Register. Received Rubber Stamp.

Jany 20th Visited School & called Registers all in good order
William Hamb

" 22nd. Requisition for School materials sent in to the General Education Committee.

" 28th The Correspondent brought in a parcel of paper and envelopes.

" 29th The attendance has not been so good this week. There are several cases of sickness among the children.

Feb. 1st Held an examination today. Stds. II – VI.

" 2nd Examined Standard I.

" 4th Held a second examination in Writing and Arithmetic of Stds. II – VI.

" 8th Received Form 63 Board of Education, also notice from H.M. Inspector that this school will be visited on Thursday morning next. A parcel of School Materials has arrived from Arnold & Son, Leeds. Informed the children that those wishing to have Labour Certificates could be examined on Thursday.

Visit of Inspection
George S. Hodson.
Febr: 11th 1904.

Feby 18th Visited School & Called Registers. all correct & in good order Edmund L. White

" 19th Rearranged the classes for the work of the ensuing.

" 23rd Commenced to teach the children to use either hand in the Writing Lesson. The lines are written alternately with