Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1889-90

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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.

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March 5th Received notice that the School would be inspected on Tuesday the 12th of March 1889, at 10 o'clock. Announced to the Children that tomorrow being Ash-Wednesday the School would close for Church Service in the Morning at 11. Attendance thin owing to the snow and a good many cases of sickness.

" 6th Ash-Wednesday. Lessons not taken in the morning according to the Time Table. Children left School for Church at 10.45 Registers not marked. School in the afternoon. Egbert Haine marked absent, having come in after the closing of the Registers.

" 8th William Bowden went home sick this morning. His attendance mark was cancelled.

" 11th The Rector and Mr Few came into the School this morning for a short time

" 12th School Inspection.

" 13th Received Duplicate Schedule. Advanced the children who had passed to a higher Standard. Commenced to work the School according to the new Time Table. Mr Haine

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Recitations, Reading Books, and List of Object Lessons for the Year ending February 28th 1890 subject to the approval of H.M. Inspector.

Recitations:- Standard I.- "Little Birds Sleep Sweetly," Page 12 Griffith and Farran's Poetry for the Standards.

Standard II.- "The Woodmouse" Page 86, Royal Reader No. 2.

Standard III.- "The Dog At His Masters Grave," and "The Sailor's Mother" Pages 114 & 128 Royal Reader No 3

* Standard IV.- "The Death Of De Boune". Scott's Lord Of the Isles Page 189 Royal Reader No 4.

Standard V.- "An Order for a Picture" By Alice Cary Page 387 Royal Reader No 5

Standard VI & VII.- The same as Standard V, and "The Triumphs of the English Language" By J.G. Lyons Page 118 Royal Reader No 5

Pupil Teacher 1st Year.- "Davids Lament For Absalom" By N.P. Willis. Page 79 Royal Reader No 5

Second Reading Books for the Standards:- Nelson's Geographical Series, "The World at Home", Standards IV, V, VI & VII to read from No 4. of the Series.

* H. M. Inspector recommends the same poetry to be given to Standards IV, V, VI & VII, with additional lines for Standards V, VI & VII.

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Object Lessons for the Year ending February 28th 1890 :-

(1) Time (2) Form. (3) Colour (4) Rain (5) Frost (6) The Seasons (7) Coal (8) Slate (9) Stone (10) Gold (11) Silver (12) Copper (13) Iron (14) Lead (15) Tin (16) Wood (17) A House (18) A Farm (19) Cotton (20) Linen (21) Wool (22) Leather (23) Paper (24) Ink (25) Pens (26) Pencils (27) Glass (28) India Rubber (29) Sponge (30) The Earth (31) Wheat (32) Barley (33) Oats (34) Rice

C. J. Johnstone

visited the School this morning. Lesson on Time to the Infants by the Master.

March 14th The Reading Lesson to the Infants in the morning, was given by the Master: instead of the Ball Frame Lesson, which was given by the Monitress. Lesson on Form to the Infants by the Monitress.

" 15th William Bath and Jeanie Wilkins, VI Standard children, have left School. Their names have been removed from the Registers.
Lesson on Leather to the Infants by the Master in the morning. Lesson on a Map in the Afternoon, also by the Master.

" 18 Henry Swanborough absent Sick. I am informed by his father that the doctor has stated that the said child is liable to have fits should pressure be put on him with regard to lessons.

" 21 Mr Dowse, attendance Officer visited the School this Morning.

" 22 Reported William Bowden, George Tadd, Eliza Gilham, & Charles Swanborough for

irregular attendance.

March 25. Sent Emma Godwin, a 1st Standard child home this morning for money to pay for her copy. The child said that her mother said she was not to have a copy. She did not return. Fred Ellis came in this afternoon after the Registers were closed. He was marked absent.

The following is the Summary of the Inspectors Report.

"The Discipline, the Grammar of the lower Classes, "and the Reading and the Arithmetic are now fair. "The Grammar of the Upper Classes and the "Spelling continue weak; and should improve "if an increased grant is to be recommended "another year. The Singing by note is also "a little weak in the upper classes."

Entered Charles Martin
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Apl 2. I have this afternoon examined the Registers & find the numbers correct

C. Martin

Apr. 5th Gave a lesson on the Sheep to the Infants this morning. Edith Pear sick in the School just before closing for dinner. She did not come in the afternoon.

" 12th George White, an Infant, absent this afternoon, ill with fits. Object Lesson in the forenoon by the master on "The Cow". The Reeds came into the School this afternoon

" 15th Sewing taken by the Master's Sister Sarah E. Leslie, Mrs. Leslie being unable to attend.

" 18th Closed this afternoon at 3.45 p.m for Easter Holidays. The afternoon's attendance was cancelled. Only 35 including Infants present.

" 29th Reopened School. Robert and Gilbert Haine withdrawn from this School. Admitted three fresh scholars.

" 30th Admitted another fresh scholar today

May 1st Admitted another fresh scholar.

" 3rd. Lesson on "The Pig" in the morning to the Infants by the master. Needlework

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taken by S. E. Leslie, the sewing mistress being too ill to attend. Gave notice that the written examination of Religious Knowledge would be tomorrow at 9 a.m.

May 9th Mr. Gordon from Seend visited this School in the morning shortly after the commencement of Secular Lessons and stopped to the close of the attendance to see the working of the classes.

10th Mary Feltham commenced duties on Monday May 6th as additional monitress, and will teach only on the forenoons of Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, but both forenoons and afternoons of Tuesdays & Thurdays. Commencing each morning at 10 a.m. Lesson this morning by the Master, "The Horse" to Infant Class.

" 13th Announced to the children that this School would be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector on Friday May 31st 1889. A notice to that effect has been hung up in the School-room.

" 14th Received a certificate stating that Rosina Tadd is unable to attend school.

* Daughter Margaret Helen Born (my grandmother)

May 17th. Lesson on Form to the Infants by the master this morning.

" 20th. While the master was collecting and marking down the school fees this morning, the pupil-teacher in moving a book accidentally overturned an inkwell on the Registers, and very much disfigured some of the pages.

" 22nd. An opening has been made in the master's desk in which an inkwell may be fixed so as to prevent it being easily upset. Left the school for a few minutes in the morning being requested by Mr. Long to go after Albert Trimnell who was stopping about his farm and who refused either to go home or come to school. The boy has been absent every day this week as yet. The Master gave a lesson on rain to the infants in the afternoon.

" 24th. Lesson on the 'Seasons' to the Infants by the master this morning

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May 23 I have today examined the Registers & found the numbers correct.

~~" 29~~ C. Martin [illegible]

" 29. Gave notice that tomorrow being Ascension Day, there would be no day school but that Sunday School lessons would be taken before going to Service at the Church at 11 o'clock.

" 30th Ascension Day. No School.

" 31st Diocesan Inspection in the afternoon. Religious Instruction in the morning.

June 5th Gave notice that there would be no School tomorrow, as the master would be at Salisbury with the choir.

" 7th A large number of children absent this morning. Only 37 including infants, present. Closed secular lessons at 11 a.m. and practised church music the remainder of the morning. Registers cancelled for the morning's attendance. 49 present in the afternoon. Lessons according to Time-Table. Gave notice that there would be holiday on Whit-Monday but that there would be

school on Whit Tuesday and during the rest of the week.

June 13th Sent Elizabeth Swanborough home for her school fees and those of her brothers this morning at the first marking of the Register. Although there was sufficient time for her to return before the closing of the Register she did not do so. Her arrears with those of her brothers amount to 8/5. She absent in the afternoon. Reported Rosina Sadd, Elizabeth Swanborough, and Fanny Cleverley for irregular attendance.

" 14th Lesson on "Time" to the infants this morning, by the Master.

" 20th Only 44 present this afternoon in time to be marked. 2 came in after the Registers were closed. Closed school at 3.30 p.m. for five weeks holiday. Afternoons attendance cancelled.

July 29th Reopened School after five weeks holiday 59 present in the morning & 58 in the afternoon

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Aug. 5th Francis Moore, who had his right arm very badly broken at the commencement of the holidays, has returned to school. He is at present unable to use the pen with his right hand.

" 8th Frank Newman went home ill this morning Reported Herbert Gilham for non-attendance

" 12th Eliza Haines, whose parents have left the village, has returned to stay with her grand-parents, and has been readmitted to the school.

" 14th Herbert Gilham has returned to school.

" 16th Lesson on "Time" to the Infants this morning by the master.

" 19th Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

" 22nd Mr. Dowse, Attendance Officer, came in to inquire into the attendance of those whose attendance at school has lately been irregular.

" 23rd Lesson on "Form" to the Infants this morning by the master. As Alfred Fruin is especially dull at Arithmetic but fairly good at his Reading & Writing I have been obliged to

remove him to the Ist. Standard for the former subject, while he reads and writes in the IInd Standard to which he properly belongs.

Aug. 30th. Inquired why Rosina Tadd was not attending school, her brother George said that she had to stop at home to nurse the baby.

Sept. 6th. Commenced to give Standard II sums from Wykes's Arithmetic Cards this week.

" 9th. Mrs Leslie gave some biscuits and sweets to the Infants, and the most orderly of the elder children.

" 12th. Some exercise copies have been got for the 1st & 2nd classes. Commenced to give Standards V & VI work on paper today.

" 13th. Lesson to the Infants on Slate this morning by the master.

" 18th. Frederick Bowden having some very bad sores on his hands and face, I told him to stay at home till he was well.

" 19th. Reported Elizabeth Ann Bowden and Henry Charles

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Noyes Trollope for nonattendance.

Sept. 23 Henry Charles Noyes Trollope and James William Bowden have left this school to go to a school in Devizes.

" 27 Mr. Haine came into the school for a short time this morning. Lesson on "Cotton" to the Infants by the Master.

" 30th " Needlework taken by Mrs. Leslie.

Oct. 4th " A large number of children from the Infant class absent sick. Some have chicken pox. Emma Godwin of 1st Standard has Scarlet fever.

" 11th " Attendance lower this week owing to the sickness among the Infants. Lesson on "Wool" to the Infants this morning by the Master.

" 14th " Received information that the Rector has written to H.M. Inspector respecting the examination for pupil teachers which is to take place this Month. This school has not as yet been informed of the time and place for the said examination.

" 17th " Received information that the pupil teacher should be at the British school, Trowbridge on Saturday Oct. 19th 1889 at 10 a.m. for examination

Oct. 21st Devizes Fair. Only 38 children present in the morning, and 32 in the afternoon. Closed school at 3.30 p.m. Attendance for the afternoon cancelled, the two hours not being completed. Elizabeth, Henry, Arthur and Mabel Swanborough, and Frederick Frain have Scarlet Fever.

Oct. 24 I saw this afternoon Examined the Register & found it correct.

Charles Martin, Oct. 24. 1889

Oct. 25th. Received Notice from Mr. J. Gale of his intention to visit this school on Wednesday Next October 30th at 9.30. The Rector states that he has written to ask Mr Gale to postpone his visit on account of the number of absentees through Sickness. Alfred Pearce has scarlet fever.

" 29th It being Eliza Gilham's turn to stop and assist in sweeping the school, the girl was on the point of doing so, when her mother, Mrs Gilham, came into the school and took her away

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Nov. 1st. Lesson to the Infants in the morning by the Master on "Pencils". As the IIIrd & IVth Standard did their dictation very carelessly, they were kept back for a short time in the dinner hour to do the lesson over again. A few children take home lessons. Attendance low this week owing to the sickness among the children.

" 4th. School open in the morning. Closed in the afternoon and the remainder of the week by Dr Waylen's orders on account of fevers.

" 11th. The School is still closed on account of fever in the parish, by orders of Dr. Waylen.

" 19th. School opened this morning by permission from the medical officer Dr. Waylen, who instructed me not to receive any children from families who had the fever unless I first received a medical certificate

" 29th. Lesson on ink to the Infants by the Master. The Rector came in this morning to know what children had

been punctual and regular in attendance for the last four weeks that the School has been open.

Dec. 2 Received Medical certificates shewing that the children of Mrs Charles Pearce and Mrs William Pearce may now attend School.

" 6th Lesson on "Form" to the Infants this morning by the Master. Attendance a little better this week.

" 13th Elizabeth Brown is absent sick. William Waltham is absent with a sprained ankle. Charles and Herbert Hawkins, Elizabeth, Henry, Arthur & Mabel Swanborough are still absent. Lesson on Glass this morning to the Infants by the Master.

" 16th Charles and Herbert Hawkins returned to School this morning bringing with them a Medical certificate stating that they might attend School.

" 20th Lesson on the Earth to the Infants by the Master. Gave prizes and certificates to

some of the children for passing in Standards, for good attendance and for good conduct. The School will be closed during the next week for the Christmas Holiday.

Dec. 30th Reopened school. Henry, Mabel, & Arthur Swanborough have returned to school.

" 31st Told George Tadd to come cleaner to school. Gave notice that there would be no School tomorrow, New Year's Day.

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" 10th Standards taken by the Master and P.T. with Reading and Dictation in the morning. Lesson on "Lime", and Writing Lesson to the Infants by the Monitress. Attendance much better this weeks.

Jan. 17th Punished William Bell Leslie and William Feltham for talking while the Rector was giving a scripture Lesson to their class. Kept Standards II, III & IV after 12 o'clock, to do their dictation over again, which they had done badly. Lesson on Glass to the Infants by the pupil teacher.

" 20th Gave the IIth and Vth Standards extra sums instead of Reading and Dictatio this afternoon.

" 21st The Monitress gave the Ball Frame lesson to the Infants this morning, to allow the master to give extra attention to the Arithmetic of the 1st. Class.

" 24th Sewing Mistress absent ill. Needlework in charge of the Pupil teacher Gave extra Sums to the IVth & Vth Standard boys this afternoon, from 3 to 4.

" 27th Pupil teacher absent owing to the illness of her mother Mrs. Leslie. The monitress ha agreed to come at 9 a.m. and teach throughou

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the whole of both morning and afternoon's attendance every day during the P. T.s absence. Occasional help also given by the VI Standard boy. No needlework this afternoon. Girls did the same lessons as the boys.

Jan. 31st. Mrs. Martin brought in Govt. Return Forms. Filled out, and returned Form S. M. to the Rector.

Feb. 3rd. Pupil Teacher present from 10 a.m. Monitress came at 9 a.m. to take P. T.s Class in Scripture. Sewing Mistress ill. Needlework class conducted by the P. T. Miss Martin came into School between 3 & 4 p.m., and remained for a short time examining the needlework of the girls.

" 5th Miss Martin came into School for a short time during the needlework lesson, and examined the work of the girls.

" 7th Ball Frame and Reading of Infants taken by the master in the morning. Fourth Standard detained till 12.30 to do sums

over again which had been incorrectly worked during the Arithmetic lesson.

Feb. 10th Gave home work to all the standards except Standard I. Sewing mistress still too ill to attend. Needlework class conducted by the Pupil teacher.

Feb 12. I have today examined the Registers & found the numbers correct.
Charles Martin - Manager.

" " The Sewing mistress was at school this afternoon, and took the girls in needlework.

" 13th Ernest Newman was obliged to go home ill this morning, before his name was called on the Register.

" 14th The following Children are absent sick. Ernest Newman, Mary Jane Ellis, William Henry Gilham, Alfred George Gilham, Ada Pearce, and Ruth Noyes Shell.

" 17th Monitress absent sick. Both of the Vth Standard boys absent.

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Feb. 17th The following children will have their names entered on the Exception Schedule at ensuing Examination:- Under head I.- Henry Swanborough, Willie Noyes, Herbert Cram, Elizabeth Brown Herbert Gilham, Alfred Fruin, Mary Jane Ellis, George Newman, Francis Moore, Rosina Todd. Eliza Gilham.
Under head III.- Mabel Swanborough and Arthur Swanborough.

" 18th The girls had extra needlework this afternoon. Gave notice that, tomorrow being Ash-Wednesday, School would close in the morning to allow the children to attend service at the Church at 11 a.m.

" 19th Ash Wednesday. Registers not marked in the morning. Closed at 10.35 a.m. to go to church. School as usual in the afternoon Only 40 children present. Eliza Gilham has not attended on sewing afternoons since January 10th.

" 20th Only 33 present in the morning, and 32 in the afternoon, owing to sickness

among the children.

Feb. 21st Herbert Oram went home sick this morning. 28 children present in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. Monitress still absent. Sewing Mistress absent owing to the illness of her child. No needlework this afternoon. The few girls present did lessons along with the boys.

" 24th Received notice that the school would be examined on the 19th of March. Mrs Leslie absent from needlework owing to her child having Scarlet Fever. Pupil Teacher absent by Dr Wayler's orders. Master allowed to attend school on condition that he entirely keeps apart from the sick child.

" 25th Alice Long has been engaged as temporary Monitress until the Pupil Teacher is allowed to attend School. I may here state that William Bell Leslie and Rudulf Leslie also are forbidden by Dr. Wayler to attend school owing to

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their Sister Janet Leslie's illness.
Mary Feltham, Monitress, absent owing to her mother's illness.

Feb. 26th. Dr Waylen came into the school this morning and examined each child to see if any were attending who had Scarlet Fever. There were no traces of fever discerned among the children then present. Monitress again absent owing to her mother's illness. No Needlework.

" 27th. Warned the children against reporting that the school was to be closed.
The Rector came into school this afternoon to make inquiries respecting the reporting of Henry Noyes Trollope for non-attendance and to show that there were good reasons for the boy's absence. As yet no formal report of his non-attendance has been sent to the Attendance Officer.
Henry Noyes Trollope, absent to mind the younger children at home during his mother's illness. Rosina Tadd, absent owing her mother's illness. Fanny Cleverley

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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.