Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1898-99

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school having gone from the parish. Their names have been removed from the Register. Received Report on Drawing, "Good".

March 2nd. Mr Haine came into the school this afternoon during lessons and stayed till the close of school.

" 3rd. Revision of Object lessons to Standards I II V VII, and Science lessons to 1st Class. Drill taken to numbers without Music.

" 7th " A new clock has been put up in the school. The old one has been put up in the Infant room.

" 8th " Examined the 1st Class of Infants in Reading and Mental Arithmetic. School visited by Mr Haine.

" 9th " School inspected.

" 10th " Rearranged the classes and standards for the ensuing year.

" 15th " Commenced to use Vere Foster's Upright Series of Copy Books throughout the school. Lesson in Elementary Science on Air to the Upper Standards. Lesson on the Holly-tree to the Lower Standards.

School Songs.

Standards. - 1. Chipperee Chip.
2. Grasshopper Green.
3. The Sailor's Native Home.
4. Song of the Cobbler.
5. The Stately Homes of England.

Music taught by the Tonic Sol-fa System.

Physical Drill Exercises from Oxley's Drill.

Infant Songs. -
1. There goes the train
2. What will you be
3. Who taught the bird
4. Buttercups and Daisies
5. Baby Did (Babies)

Music taught from Tonic Sol-fa.

Drill. - Exercises from W. Wilson's Infant Drill.

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Course S. Recitations for 1899.

Stage I "The Daisy" By James Montgomery

" II "Gray's Elegy"

I & II Geography, Course S. in all the Standards.

Elementary Science.

Course S. :—

Stage I. Thirty Object Lessons on Common Things

1 Seeds	6 Water	11 Salt	16 Coal	21 The Cow	26 The Horse	
2 "	7 Air	12 "	17 Iron	22 The Herring	27 Fowls	
3 Green peas	8 Sea	13 Slate	18 "	23 The Shrimp	28 The Rabbit	
4 Apples	9 The Holly	14 Stone	19 The Primrose	24 The Fly	29 The Caterpillar	
5 Wheat	10 The Potato	15 Coal	20 The Buttercup	25 The Cat	30 The Butterfly	

Stage II Course of Lessons founded on Object Lessons of Stage I.

Approved. Richard F. Curry.

March 17th In accordance with Form 18 (V.S), entry of form 17A (V.S) which specified the purpose of the Aid Grant made to this School to be "Increasing Staff and providing new apparatus", - is amended to "Increasing Salaries of Staff and providing new apparatus."
(see entry of ~~March~~ 14th March correspondence)

J. B. Buchanan
Correspondent.

" 22nd Lesson on gases to upper classes

" 31st Lesson on water to lower classes

April 7th Attendance very low. a number of the children are kept from school to assist in potato planting. Closed school for the Easter Holidays.

" 18th Reopened School today, 60 children present in morning, and 59 in the afternoon. Mr. Wm Haine came into the school in the forenoon and brought in the Report of H.M. Inspector which he copied into the Log Book. (See p. 470) Notice has been given by the Department that the annual inspection due in March 1899 will be omitted.

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Summary of the Inspector's report and remarks —

Mixed School — The Children are in good order and they sing nicely. The work has been interfered with by illness during the past year, and under the circumstances the progress made may be considered satisfactory but improvement is needed in Arithmetic — Geography is on the whole well known and a fair knowledge is shown of the objects lessons and of Elementary science Needle work is good —

Infants' Class — The infants are orderly They are still rather backward in the Elementary subjects, but — Considering the illness there has been amongst them during the past year their general progress is fairly satisfactory —

M. E. Leslie is continued under article 68 of the Code.—

Signed William Hazel
Manager.
In absence of Correspondent.

Staff:- Hugh Leslie - Head Teacher.
Mary E. Leslie - Assistant Art. 68.
Janet Leslie - Candidate Art. 35.
Ruth Shell - Monitress.

April 19th Science Lesson to Stages I & II Parts of Plants, illustrated by the Primrose. Admitted a fresh scholar today.
" 20th Drill in school to music in the afternoon. Poor attendance. Several of the children at Devizes Fair.
" 22nd Low attendance in the afternoon.
" 29th Examined the children in Standards on the work of the last two months.

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May 3rd Examined registers and found them Correct — fair average attendance at present — all in good order —

William Haine — Manager.

" 3rd. Lesson on Evaporation to Upper classes. Water evaporated before the children to illustrate lesson.

" 5th Lesson on apples and apple-trees to lower classes. Apple blossoms, and apple-tree plants growing in pot from pips shown.

" 13th Taught the children a new song.

" 16th Florence Noyes sent home this afternoon, ill with sore throat.

" 17th School Closed. Parochial Outing

" 19th Ascension Day. Sunday School and Service at Church. No Day School.

" 23rd Notice has been sent to H.M. Inspector that this school will be closed during Whitsuntide week.

" 27th Very low attendance in the standards. Closed school for Whitsuntide Holidays.

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June 6th Reopened school 60 children present in the morning, 62 in the afternoon. Drill taken in school to music.

" 7th Lesson on Minerals to upper classes

" 9th Elementary Science Lesson to Stage I, "Salt". Rock Salt dissolved, Solution filtered and evaporated before the children to illustrate the method of procuring Common Salt.

" 14th Questioned children in Stage II on lessons already given in Elementary Science. Lesson given to Stage I on the "Cat", illustrated by diagrams, and also by the living animal.

" 15th Only 29 children present in the morning and 23 in the afternoon, infants included. A large number away with a Band of Hope trip.

" 17th Heard the Upper Division of infants read this morning. There is a marked improvement in their reading.

" 20th School visited by Mr Haine. A number of children absent Haymaking.

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June 24th Checked registers and found them correct - bad average attendance in consequence of so many children having been haymaking this week

William Haine
Manager

June 24th School closed for four weeks holiday. Filled in and returned Form 8 I (a) to the correspondent.

Aug. 2nd Reopened School after five weeks holiday. Examined the children on the work already done. The results were as fair as might be expected after the holidays.

" 5th The attendance for the week has been fair.

" 8th By the kindness of Mr Colborne, formerly a resident in this parish, a set of cricket has been provided for the use of the boys attending the school.

" 9th Gave a lesson on "Clouds and Rain" to Stage II.

" 11th Lesson on "Wheat" to Stage I.

" 12th Gave notice that School would be closed

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on Monday & Tuesday Aug. 16th & 17th for Parochial festivities.

Aug 15th School closed.

" 16th School closed.

" 26th Taught the children a new song. The attendance has been a little better this week.

Sept. 2nd. A supply of Writing Copies, Exercises, Pens, Drawing paper, rulers, Word-building & Composition Books, Needle-work & Kindergarten Materials, & two sets of Nelson's Pictures & Diagrams have been got for the School.

" 8th Heard the Upper Division of Infants read.

" 15th Gave a lesson in Elementary Science on Seeds to Stage I.

" 20th Standards I & II commenced to use Blackie's Century Geographical Readers for Course S.

" 22nd. Gave a lesson on Air to Stage I. Taught the children a new exercise in Physical Drill.

" 27th School closed by order of the Medical Officer owing to a case of Scarlet Fever in

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Sept. 28th. the Master's house. School was allowed to reopen today, arrangements having been made for the Master, assistant and Candidate to live away from the School House until all danger of infection is removed. Rose Oram has been ordered by the Medical Officer to stay away from School for the present as she is suspected of being ill recently with Scarlet Fever. It was considered advisable for the rest of the family Harry, Ernest & Annie Oram to stay from School for the time being.

Oct. 3rd. Attendance very low. 46 in the morning and 45 in the afternoon. Arthur and Florence Dunford have returned to School Ada Dunford has been away from the parish and expects to go away again shortly. Indulf and Ethel Leslie are still at the School-house and cannot attend owing to the case of Scarlet Fever there. Margaret Helen Leslie is staying in Devizes. School visited by

the Rector & Mr Wm Haine.

Oct. 7th The attendance has continued much below the average throughout the week.

Oct. 11th Visit of Inspection Art. 54 (b).
W R Dolman.

" 12th John, Edith, Louisa and Elizabeth Godwin have been ordered by the Medical Officer not to attend school at present.

" 13th Candidate absent from school ill

" 14th Candidate still unable to attend school. Dorothy Moore had to go home ill before the completion of the afternoon's attendance. Her attendance mark was cancelled.

" 17th Janet Leslie, Candidate Art 35 still absent ill. In consequence of her illness she was unable to attend the collective examination for Pupil Teachers held on the 15th inst. Acting upon information received from H. M. Inspector she will now prepare

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to sit for examination in the papers of the First Year in October 1899.

The Godwins have returned to school.

Oct. 19th The Candidate present this afternoon.

" 20th Mr. J. J. Dowse Attendance Officer visited the school this morning to inquire into the attendance of children who had been reported for non-attendance.

" 27th " Examined the children in Standards on the work done during the past two months. The attendance is very low owing to sickness.

Nov. 4th " Average attendance for the week 48.2 including infants.

" 8th " John Noyes had to go home this morning ill with sore throat. His attendance mark was cancelled.

" 14th " George Gilham has left school, being qualified by age and previous attendances to do so. His name has been removed from the School Register.

Nov. 15th Diocesan Inspection. Registers not marked.

Nov. 23rd Visited the School - Called the registers - all correctly marked - Time 10.40 A.M. -
J. B. Buchanan

" 28th Mrs Oram's children returned to school today having received permission from the Medical Officer of Health for this district.

Dec. 2nd George Swanborough and Alice Bolter are away from School with sore throats.

" " 7th " Attendance very low this morning, only 39, including infants, present. Very wet. Sent Arthur Noyes home in the afternoon as he had fallen into a ditch on the way to school and his clothing was wet through.

" 15th " Heard the Upper Division of Infants read.

" 19th Examined the Standards in Arithmetic and Writing

" 22nd Examined the Standards in Geography and Science.

Dec. 23rd. Closed school for two weeks Christmas Holidays.

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Jan. 9th Reopened school after two weeks Holiday.

" 12th Gave a Science lesson on Stone to Stage I. Showed the action of hydrochloric acid on Chalk to the Class.

" 11th Form 17A (V.S) received this day from the Department. It stated that in accordance with the approved Scheme for the Distribution of the aid grant of £8 0. 0 will be paid to this School, - and that this grant is made "for the purpose of increased Salaries"

" 20th Drill has been given in the School by J. B. Mulhearn Music this week. Commenced to teach the children a new song today.

" 23rd. Examined the Standards in Writing and Arithmetic today.

Feb. 2nd. Examined the Upper Division of Infants in Reading. School visited by Mr J.J. Dowse.

" 3rd. Taught the children a new Drill.

" 6th " Only 12 infants present owing to the rain.

" 7th " Examined the Standards in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

" 8th " Received notice that the School would

be visited on Friday Morning next by H. M. Inspector

Febry 10th Visit of Inspection (Art 84 b) M. Bond

" "

15 Visited the School & called the Registers - found all correct - Some children absent owing to the bad weather. Total numbers in attendance 48.

T. B. Buchanan

Feb. 15th Received Schedule Indulf Leslie passed Standard V.

" 16th Gave Blackboard lesson on Proportion to the 1st Class.

" 17th Problems in Arithmetic on the Blackboard to Standards II VIII.

" 23rd Blackboard lesson to Standard I in Arithmetic. - Problems.

" Form 17 A. (V. S) received this day from the Dept. It stated that in accordance with the approved scheme for the distribution of the Aid grant, a supplementary grant of £ would be paid to the School for the purpose of

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"recently required sanitary improvements & in the Master's house".

J. B Buchanan

Feb 28th Mary Bowden went home ill with sore throat in the forenoon. Attendance mark cancelled.

March 3rd 1899 Examined Registers - all correctly entered 2.15 p.m.

J. B. Buchanan

" 10th Took the 1st. Class in Arithmetic on the Blackboard.

" 13th Amy A. Noyes and Margaret H. Leslie had to go home at the commencement of the Scripture lesson this morning ill.

" 16th Candidate and Monitress absent in the afternoon to attend Confirmation.

" 22nd Candidate absent, suffering from a severe cold.

" 27th Notice sent to H.M. Inspector that the School