Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1910-11

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24 I took an opportunity when in the School during secular instruction of testing the registers & found no inaccuracy. Forty six were present, although the morning was very stormy. It may be well to make that I compare the number present at noon with the number on the board almost daily.

" 28th Mrs. Elizabeth J. Leslie Sewing Mistress resigned.

1st March Miss Edith Jones, Supplementary Teacher has been appointed to assist with the Standards and to teach the girls Needlework. She commenced duties today.

Rearranged classes for the ensuing year. Edgar Noyes has left school to go to work admitted one child to the Infant Class.

Sent Notice to the county accountant of Changes in Staff.

3rd " A quantity of School Materials requisitioned has arrived from Arnold & Son, Leeds. Several boxes, knitting pins were broken in transit.

4th " Notice sent to Arnold & Son re broken knitting pins.

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March. Admitted two children to the Infant Class.
" Invoices of Materials from Arnolds Leeds posted to County Offices Trowbridge.
Broken knitting pins have been replaced by Arnold & Son Leeds.
Department Forms duly filled in, and Registers handed in to the Correspondent
" A boy, David Dean, while whipping his top in the School Playground in the dinner hour, swung the top from his whip against the school window and broke a pane. The boy himself voluntarily gave information of the occurrence.
The children were cautioned to be more careful and the possibility of accidents arising, not only to property, but to themselves, even in whipping a top was pointed out.
Ellen Dunford and Jesse Haines are absent from School very ill.
th " Fire Drill 11·12 a.m. 11·14 a.m.
th " Received Winifred Lucy Feltham's Birth Certificate. Verified age entry in School Register.

8th March Nature Study Lesson on the Slow-worm, illustrated by living Specimen brought to School by one of the Scholars.
Received Circulars 16 & 19, Annual Return & other Forms also Notice Cards to Parents re children's heads.

rch 21. Tested the Registers & Signed them. also checked the Book Totals. Sidney Butler.

" 22nd. Issued Notice cards A to each girl attending School.

" 23rd. Lesson on the Leather Jacket.

" 24th Closed School at Noon for Easter Holidays
Parcel of books received from Arnold & Sons Ltd. 1 doz. Royal Primers & 60 books Supplementary Library.

4th April School reassembled. Admitted five children, three in the Infant Class and two in Standard 1.
Box received from the County Office to hold the books of the Supplementary Library.

11th " Forms 8 L.C. & 63 E received. Notice of Special Examination of Candidates for Labour Certificates at Devizes Town Boys' School on Wednesday the 13th inst at 2.15 read out in School. Children whose parents wished them to be examined told to

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make application to the Master.

April No applications for Examination for Labour Certificates. Forms 8 L.C. & 63 E. returned to the correspondent.

" Richard Cox came to school this morning but was sent home again as he was evidently very ill.

" School closed in the afternoon for half holiday.

" A new Blackboard, 36"X30", lined on one side, and easel with map slide have been got for use in room for standards.

Commenced to use story books from Supplementary Library Set. K.

" Accommodation - Numbers received from Bd. of Education. Present - Elder children 63 Infants 30. Revised - Elder children 49 Infants 27.

" Time Table returned unsigned. To be used for the present and submitted to H.M. Inspector on his next visit to the school on his arrival.

4th May Lesson on germination of seeds, illustrated by specimens.

There has been a falling off in the attendance this week. Jesse Haines has left school for work. His name has been removed from the Register.

7th " School closed this afternoon to allow Teachers and Scholars to attend the Proclamation of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. in Devizes.

Received five Yearly Certificates for children who have not previously received similar certificates, also Circulars 3447 41 with Board of Education Form 171 E. and other Forms from the General Education Committee, Trowbridge.

12th " Yearly Certificates issued to children entitled to receive them.

13th " Closed School for Whitsuntide Holidays. Reassemble Monday the 23rd. inst. at 2 p.m.

23rd " School reassembled at 2 p.m.

Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

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th May First & Second classes composition on the Blackboard.

Standards I & II Nature Study ramble.

" Received notice that the Managers had decided at their meeting on the 30th inst. that there should be a holiday on the 8th June on the occasion of postponed fete of the Benefit Society, and that the summer holidays should begin on July 8th and end Aug. 17th

June Medical Inspection Cards of Charles Hugh & John Shotton Leslie, also Statement re Physical Exercises posted to the Director of Education, County Offices, Trowbridge

" The Measuring Standard sent to this school from Bromham, (see p. 91, entry 10.1.10) has been handed to the Correspondent to be forwarded according to instruction from the Medical Inspector to the Tisbury Infant School.

" Closed for holiday Benefit Society Fete

" Composition and Drawing taken on the Blackboard.

22nd June Received a letter from the Headmaster of the Potterne Schools requesting that the weighing Machine be sent on as soon as possible.

Replied stating the fact that the machine has not yet been received at Poulshot School but is at present at the Rowde School.

Some of the children had to return this morning owing to their clothing being too wet for them to remain at school.

23rd " Received Weighing Machine from Rowde Schools.

Weighed and measured children to be medically inspected.

Weighing Machine forwarded to the Potterne Schools.

27th " Infants taken this morning by Miss E. Jones, the Infant Teacher having had leave of absence till the afternoon, to enable her to go to Portsmouth during the week-end.

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June 4th Discovered that Ernest Noyes was suffering from some internal trouble which seemed serious.

Sent a message to the boy's father advising him to see a doctor about the matter without delay.

" 5th " Ernest Noyes absent. Received a note from the father stating that he was taking the boy to the doctor.

Examined Standards I & II this week.

The class has made very good progress under Miss E. Jones.

July 7 attended at 3.40 p.m. called the roll, & tested the Registers. 51 children were present. S. Boulter.

" 8th Examined Upper Standards and Infants this week.

Although there is a decided improvement in the work of the Upper Standards, much remains to be done to bring it up to the standard desirable.

The Infants are making satisfactory progress.

Closed for Summer Holidays.

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Aug. 17th School reassembled today.
Received supply of Chalk, crayons, modelling Knives & Blotting papers as per requisition.
Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

" 26th Gave a lesson on Nasal breathing.

Sept. 2nd. The lessons this week have been mainly done by the children on the Blackboard.

" 8th Composition, Oral and on the Blackboard.

" 12th Miss E. Jones absent on leave in order that she might be able to visit her sister. Alice A. Leslie assisted during the absence of Miss Jones.

" 23rd 84 metal number plates have been provided by the G. E. C. for the pegs in the lobbies.

" 28th Drawing on the Blackboard.

Oct. 3rd Admitted five children of a family named Jones, three in Standards and two in the Infant Class.

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Oct. 4. Tested the Registers, found no inaccuracy. Thirteen present in the mixed, twenty in the Infant Room. A family of five children have just come to the Parish and attend the school. T. Boutter.

Visit of Inspection
George S. Hodson, H.M.I.

13th Fires lighted in both rooms today.
"The chancel room is not to be used as a Classroom.
Pegs for cloaks & hats to be 12in apart, only two rows, & lower row alternating with upper". (By order of H.M.I.)

20th School closed in the afternoon for holiday. Devizes Fair.

24th Notice of Labour Examination to be held at the Town Boys' School on Wednesday Oct. 26th at 2 p.m. received.
Read and explained notice to the children. Received no applications.

25th "Miss Edith Jones is recognised as a Supplementary Teacher of the lowest

class of older scholars in this School." (Letter from Gen. Ed. Committee to the Correspondent.)

Reginald Collett's name has been removed from the Register as he is gone from the Parish.

4th Nov. Head Teacher absent ill. Miss M. E. Leslie Certificated assistant, who was home on occasional holiday for the day took charge of the School.

7th " Head Teacher present, but owing to his still being very unwell a slight deviation from the Time Table was necessary and Wednesdays lessons were taken instead of those for Monday.

The pegs in the Boys' lobby have been altered in accordance with H.M. Inspector's instructions, those in the Girls' lobby will be altered in due course.

9th " 1½ doz. Pt. I, 1 doz. each of Pt. II & Pt. III Hyde's Lessons in the use of English Sea have been got for the children in standards. Admitted a fresh scholar to the Infant Class.

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8th Nov. Received Circ. No. 119 from the Education Department, Trowbridge requiring weights and heights of children.

Received notice that the School Medical Inspector will visit this school on Wednesday Nov. 30th at about 2 p.m. for the purposes of Medical Inspection.

21st " The pegs in the Girls' lobby have been altered and number plates affixed.

23rd " Sent out enquiry forms and notices to parents whose children are to be medically examined on the 30th inst.

24th " Received Weighing Machine from Rowde School.

Weighed and measured the children

30th " School visited by the Medical Inspector for purposes of Medical inspection.

1st Dec. Weighing Machine despatched to Potterne Schools per Underwood.

7th " Received notice that this school will be visited and inspected ...

religious Knowledge by the Diocesan Inspector on Thursday the 22nd. Dec. 1910.

Notice was read out and posted up in the School to that effect.

7th Dec. Received Medical cards of children medically examined on the 30th Nov., with letter to be forwarded to the parents of Henry Godwin, and form on which to return result of letter to the Medical Inspector.

The letter was despatched to Henry Godwin's father [illegible]

14th " Henry Godwin has been placed under medical treatment for enlarged tonsils.

22nd " Diocesan Inspection. School closed for Christmas Holidays.

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9th Jan. School re-assembled.

13th " Received Circ. No. 3, Sheet (I. D. 1) &c. from County Office

17th " Received [illegible] from County Office

27th " Several children are absent on account of [illegible]

30th " Examined Infant Class.

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Feb. Temperature recorded at 35° & 38° on the School assembling at [illegible]

The Caretaker was notified of the lowness of Temperature in the School and asked to take steps to remedy it.

[illegible] Tested the Registers formally & found no inaccuracy 3 only forty five present. There are several severe colds & coughs among children. S. Boutter.

" Head Teacher absent on leave from Managers to attend Musical Inspection of Students at Salisbury Training College.

" Average very low owing to sickness among the children.

[illegible] " Attendance much improved this [illegible]

[illegible] " Miss Edith Jones, the teacher of Standard I & II absent owing to the illness of her sister. Information sent by wire.

[illegible] " Miss Jones still absent. Received a letter saying that the doctors had told her she ought not to leave her sister [illegible]

22nd Feb Received another letter from Miss Jones. Unable to leave her sister for a few more days.

24th " Unable to have Needlework & Drawing this week owing to the absence of the Assistant.

School materials as per requisition received.

27th " Miss Jones still absent. Needlework of Standards attended to by the Infant Teacher - Boys Drawing.

28th " The Director has been notified of Miss Jones absence.

Miss Adcock, whose notice to leave expires today, will be allowed by the Committee to remain on the staff as long as she finds it convenient.

Supplementary being advertised for.

1st March Rearranged the classes and Standards.

Needlework taken by the Infant Teacher.

10th " Miss E. Jones still absent from school. Needlework taken by the Infant Teacher