Poulshot School Log Book - school year 1895-96

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siderable number of weeks.

March 1st Commenced to mark attendances in new Registers for the year 1895-1896.
Examined the writing of the Upper division of Infants.

" 6th " Questioned the Infant class in arithmet

" 7th " Mr Wm Haine came into school for a sho time this afternoon.

" 8th " Heard the Infant Class recite this after- noon.

" 12th " The new Oxford Reversible School desk which was ordered from the National Society came yesterday evening and wa put together ready for use in school this morning.

" 13th " Heard the Infant sing from the Modulator this afternoon.

" 15th " Janet Leslie obliged to leave school ill before the completion of the morning's attendance. Attendance mark cancelled.

" 18th " School Inspected by Mr Norris, Assistant Inspector of Schools. 73 children present.

Songs for Year ended February 28th 189

Divisions

I. Infants

1. In the Snow
2. Now Welcome to the Newborn Year.
3. See the Rain is Falling.

II.

Standards I to II.

1. Drive the Nail Aright
2. The Knife-Grinder
3. The Brave Comrade
4. Sing the Praise of Music
5. The Stately Homes of England

III.

Standards III to V.

1. Drive the Nail Aright.
2. The Brave Comrade.
3. The Stately Homes of England.
4. My Father has a Merry Heart.
5. The Knife-Grinder.

All the Divisions taught Music by the Tonic Sol-fa System.

Lists and Schemes for year ending Feb. 1896.

Object Lessons for Infant Class.

Animal Life:- 1. The Lion. 2. The Tiger. 3. The Sparrow. 4. The Dog.

Common Objects:- 5. A Slate. 6. A Book 7. A Bottle. 8. Ink.

Natural Productions:- 9. Sago. 10. Sea. 11. Sponge. 12. Cork.

Phenomena of Nature:- 13. A Storm. 14. Rain 15. A River. 16. Snow.

Miscellaneous:- 17. Time. 18. Form. 19. Colour. 20. A House.

Recitations for Infants for year ending Feb. 1896

1. What the Worm says
2. How Beautiful
3. The Cruel Sea.
4. A Letter
5. Sleep Darling Baby
6. The Best They can
7. I'll be a Gentleman

} S.N.

8. Baby
9. Little Bodies

} For the babies.

Recitations for year ending February 1896.

Standard I. } ~~The Parrot and the Crows.~~
" II. } Father is Coming.
" III. } ~~The Lake of the Red Lands.~~
" IV. } Lady Clare.
" V and VI. The Battle of Bannockburn, lines 101 to 273

Pupil Teacher, first year:- A distant prospect of Eton College. By Gray.

Class Subjects for Feb. 1896.

1st Subject. Stands. I, II & III. Schedule II. (Geography)
" " IV, V, and VI, ~~British Isles and Australasia~~ Europe, without Russia.
2nd " Standards I & II History, 1st Stage } Course
" III, IV, V & VI " 2nd. Stage } S.

Approved.
18th March 1895
S. Norris.

1895

March 26th. Sidney, Evelyn and Frederick Hallett cannot attend school for some time owing to measles in the family.

" 28th. Monitor absent this afternoon owing to unavoidable circumstances.

April 1st. School visited by Mr. Colborne in the morning. Monitor unavoidably absent today.

" 3rd. School visited by Mr Colborne in the afternoon.

" 5th. Monitor unavoidably absent in the morning.

" 11th. Mr Colborne came into the school this morning. Closed at the end of the morning's attendance for the Easter Holidays.

" 22nd. Reopened school this morning. Admitted another child to the Infant Class. The Report of H.M. Inspector has been received. A copy of the school account has been posted on the school door.

Summary of the Inspector's Report.

Mixed School. "The children are orderly. They read fairly well, but do not appear to understand much of what they read. Writing is fairly good, Composition and Arithmetic are fair, Spelling is weak. On the whole, a fair knowledge is shown of Geography: Needlework and Singing are fairly good. Blinds must be procured for the windows, and more of the windows must be made to open."

Infants' Class. The infants are orderly and are making fair progress in the elementary subjects. Object Lessons are fair and Kindergarten exercises have been taught. Singing is fairly good."

The defects in the premises referred to by H.M. Inspector in the concluding sentence of his report upon the Mixed Department should be at once remedied (Article 85(a) of the Code).

G.H. Feltham is recognised under

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Article 33 of the Code and M.E. Leslie under Article 68.

School Staff for 1895:-

Hugh Leslie. - Head Teacher.
Mary E. Leslie. - Infant Teacher.
George H. Feltham. - Candidate.

J.B. Buchanan
Correspondent

May 3rd. Exercises in Musical Drill taken to musical accompaniment: Exercise.- Arm practice, from Medburn Musical Drill.
" 7th " School visited this morning by the Rector.
" 14th " Mr Haine came into the School this morning to make an enquiry respecting blinds for the windows.

1895

May 17th The school windows have been measured for blinds, and it is purposed to make more windows to open in the holidays. Two scholars readmitted this week. One infant admitted.

" 20th Readmitted another scholar today. Gave notice that school would be closed tomorrow on account of parochial festivities.

" 21st School closed.

" 22nd Mr Colborne, Mr Haine and Mr Miller came into the school, to see which would be the best way to improve the ventilation of the schoolroom, and classroom.

23rd called the Registers ~~the Log book~~ and found all correct and good attendance and all in order

Thomas Colborne
Manager

" 31st Took Standards I & II in Mental Arithm. Gave monitor extra time at his own lessons. Taught new drill, "Shoulder" Practice. Closed for Whitsuntide holida

1895.

June 10th Reopened school. 71 children present. Mr Haine visited the school in the morning. Blinds have been got for the windows.

" 11th Took Standards I and II in Geography in the afternoon. Monitor allowed the afternoon for his own lessons. School visited by Mr Colborne.

" 21st The attendance has been rather lower this week than usual, owing to the haymaking having commenced.

" 28th Attendance rather better this week.

July 5th Evelyn Hallett obliged to go home sick this morning. Closed for four weeks holiday.

Aug. 6th Reopened school. Two Boyle's patent ventilating shafts have been put in, one in the large room and one in the classroom.

" 8th Only 43 children present this afternoon 24 in standards, and 19 infants. A tea at the Wesleyan Chapel has taken away a large number of the children.

" 9th School visited by Mr Colborne.

1895

Aug. 13th Only 43 children present including infants in the morning owing to the heavy rain. 63 children present in the afternoon.

" 16th Gave notice that the school would be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 19th & 20th for parish festivities.

" 21st 59 children present in the morning and 58 in the afternoon. School visited by the Rector who was struck with the coolness and freshness of the air in the room, it being a very hot day. The improvements recently made with regard to the ventilation add greatly to the comfort in the room.

" 27th " Monitor obliged to go home early in the day ill.

" 28th The Monitor is absent ill. 73 childn present in the morning 70 in the afternoon.

1895

August 29th visited the School and checked Registers without notice found all in order and good attendance. Monitor still absent through illness. Head Teacher and Infant Teacher expressed themselves as much pleased with the improved ventilation of the School room and Infants room.

Thomas Colborne
Manager

Sept. 5th Monitor still absent sick.

" 6th Standards III to V commenced to work on paper this week.

" 9th The monitor has been ordered by the doctor to have a rest and change of air, consequently he will be absent for some weeks.

" 10th A Ton and a half of coke has been got for the use of the school when needed.

" 19th Gave Map Drawing to the Upper Standards this afternoon

" 20th The potato picking has somewhat interfe

with the attendance this week.

Sept. 24th George Fielding, an infant, was marked absent in error this morning. The error was at once corrected.

" 26th Received Circular No. 191, and Form No. 1294 c. from the Department of Science and Art. Gave Map Drawing to the Upper Standards this afternoon.

" 27th Owing to the absence of the monitor a little deviation from the order of lessons on the Time Table has been necessary.

Oct. 3rd. Mr Colborne who is leaving the parish visited the school today to say good-bye to the children.

" 4th Alice Bolter, an infant, was taken ill in school this afternoon and had to be sent home in charge her brother Arthur Bolter before the attendance was completed. Their attendance marks were cancelled.

" 8th The monitor was able to resume his duties today.

1895

Oct. 10th. Rearranged the desks. The children in the standards now face the class-room, and the Head Teacher's position is between the class-room and the standards. I find the arrangement much more convenient for the working of the school.

" 15th. Eighty-one children present this afternoon. Forty-five in standards and thirty-six infants.

" 17th. Had fires lighted in the school today.

" 18th. Average for the week 75.7

" 21st. Thomas Moore marked absent in error. The mistake was corrected. Only 53 children present this afternoon, Devizes Fair.

Nov. 1st. The attendance has fallen off somewhat this week. Robert Walling has gone away on a visit for a month. Gave a Spelling lesson on the Black-board to the upper standards this afternoon.

" 4th. Cautioned the children about irregular attendance. Frederick Ellis, Frederick Bolter, George White, George Haines, William Haines, and Emma Godwin have been reported for irregular attendance

during the last two weeks ending Nov. 1st.

Nov. 5th Written Examination in Religious Knowledge from 11.25 to 12.25.

" 6th Written Examination in Religious Knowledge from 11.20 to 12.20

" 7th " Written Examination in Religious Knowledge from 11.20 to 12.20. Punished William Henry Gilham for using improper language, and for insubordination.

" 8th " Examined the Upper Division of Infants in Reading this morning.

" 15th " The names of Evelyn, and Frederick Hallett have been removed from the Register as they are now attending Rowde School. Reminded the childr that Monday 18th is the day appointe for the Inspection Religious Knowle Average for the week 70.4.

" 18th " Religious Inspection.

1895

Nov 20th Visited this School and checked Registers without notice found all in order and good attendance

William Hains
Manager

" 21st. Heard an exercise on musical thimble Drill given to the Infants this afternoon.

" 22nd. Gave a lesson on the Metric System to the Upper Standards in the afternoon.

" 26th. Examined Standards I. & II. in Geography

Dec. 5th " School visited by Mr J.J. Dowse, the attendance Officer. Reported William Newman, Sidney Hallett and Emma Godwin for irregular attendance.

" 6th " Money sums in Mental Arithmetic to Standard II this afternoon: Questions on Metric tables to Upper standards.

" 12th " Wet afternoon, only 4-9 children present including infants.

" 13th " Mental Arithmetic this afternoon to Upper Standards on Weights and Measures and easy Fractions.

1895 - 1896

Dec. 20th Examined infants in Reading and arithmetic. The Rector and Miss Buchanan visited the school in the afternoon during the Singing Lesson, and at the close distributed prizes to the children who were successful at the Diocesan Inspection. Closed for Christmas Holidays.

Jan. 6th 1896. Reopened school. 73 children present. Filled out and returned Science and Art Form E.

The needlework of the standards was taken this afternoon, and will be taken for the next two or three weeks, by Miss J. Wilkins, Mrs Lee being unable at present to attend on account of health.

" 17th Llewellyn Noyes obliged to go home sick this morning. A number of children are absent sick.

" 20th Heard the infants sing from the Modulator this afternoon.

1896

Jan 23rd. Visited School at 11.5; called registers - correctly marked. Fair attendance - several children absent with bad coughs.

J. B. Buchanan. Manager

" 28th. Heard the Upper Division of infants read.

Feb 3rd. Received information that the school will be examined in Drawing on Wednesday, February 19th at 2.15 p.m. Filled out and returned Form 8 M. of the Education Department.

" 6th " Examined the Second Class of Infants in Reading and Arithmetic.

" 11th " Received notice that the School will be inspected on Thursday March 19th at 2. p.m.

" 14th " Took St. I. in Arithmetic and Reading this morning: Mental Arithmetic to all the standards in the afternoon. Spelling by means of Word-building. Average for the week including infants 73.1.

" 17th " Mrs Leslie is still unable to attend to the Needlework. That subject is taught for the present by Miss J. J. Wilkins.

1896

Feb. 19th Drawing Inspection this afternoon. All the boys, 29 were present.

" 20th Received a 2nd notice of Inspection to the effect that the will be inspected on the 16th of March at 2 p.m. instead of on the 19th.

" 27th Susan Trimnell is unable to attend school at present owing to an accident having happened to her glasses.

March 2nd Admitted a fresh scholar to Standard II.

" 6th Heard the Infants sing and recite this morning.

" 10th Heard the Infants do Needle and Thimble Drill Songs.

" 11th Received Drawing Report. The award is "Good". George Henry Feltham has passed 2nd Class in Freehand, 2nd grade. The Rector came into the school this afternoon.

" 16th School Inspection.

" 17th Rearranged the classes for the ensuing year.