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Notes on Transcription

- Arabic numerals have been used for Standards, Classes, Schedules etc. The original contains a mixture of Arabic and Roman numerals for these items.
- For readability, words abbreviated in the original may be expanded in the transcript.
- For readability, punctuation may vary from the original.

1875

Jan 4: I, William Vincent Cook, entered upon the duties of these Schools; a very thin attendance being the first week succeeding the holidays. Find a great difficulty in working the School efficiently owing to a great deficiency of apparatus.

Jan 12: An increase of Scholars upon last week; a great many are sick with the measles. I find the children very backward in every subject, especially Arithmetic.

Jan 19: A thin attendance still, owing to the epidemic.

Jan 28: Am enabled to proceed with work more thoroughly & comfortably because of additional furniture, had been greatly inconvenienced for want of slates. Have awaked to the fact that I have not sufficient teaching power during the afternoon; the Sewing mistress assists me only 30 minutes.

Feb 5: I have noticed this week a marked progress in Arithmetic, especially in the girls of the 1st class; their notation needs much attention. I gave a natural history lesson on Thursday which excited great interest, being something new.

Feb 12: Have commenced this week to teach "extra subjects", as Geography, Grammar, History, the present attainments of the Scholars in these subjects are small.

Feb 19: Have adopted Bryant's Standard Arithmetics, and find them to answer their purpose well. I find that the Scholars as a rule have not been well grounded in this Subject.

Feb 26: The attendance this week has been very poor, partly owing to the inclemency of the weather. Several of the children, however, appear to come or stay away as they please. I intend bringing this matter before the Board. There is a great difficulty in teaching singing, especially with the boys more especially the bigger ones. This I apprehend arises from the fact that they were not taught when younger.

March 5: The Second class are sadly behind with their reading. Have introduced a vigorous system of home lessons, and discover they answer their purpose. The attendance is fair, considering the weather. There has been an improvement this week in the discipline.

March 11: The attendance has been greater than any preceding week this year; it is also more regular, and the scholars are earlier in their attendance than when I first took charge of this school. I have this week introduced Long Division (Simple) to the Third class; as a rule they are not slow in understanding and applying the principle. There is an improvement in the writing of the First & Second classes. The discipline has not been so good as last week, and I have seen fit for the first [time] to adopt corporeal punishment.

March 18: Have been sorry to observe a great falling away of the attendance; the surrounding farmers have commenced tilling and consequently keep their boys at work. This accounts for the exceeding backwardness of many of the scholars.

March 24: I think I may record an improvement in the discipline of the last few days; talking among the scholars while at work is the greatest evil against which there is need to struggle as far as the

question of “discipline” is concerned. The attendance of the third & fourth classes is pretty fair, while that of the two upper class decreases very much.

March 31: Last Thursday the School was not opened in the morning in consequence of the room being required for a Vestry meeting. Also there was a holiday on Friday being Good Friday. We have commenced another quarter; have lost several of my best scholars, who have left. Have not admitted many fresh ones.

April 8: Made an examination of the 3rd Class today, was disappointed in the result. I also find the Dictation of the Second Class far from being satisfactory. I think I may record an improvement in the discipline. I am very anxious about this branch of Education. I greatly feel the need of a separate room for the infants; it is difficult to work a good time-table efficiently with only one room. A great many of the scholars continue to be very irregular in their attendance; this forms a source of abundant discouragement to an earnest teacher. These scholars are among the worst in the school – a natural consequence.

April 15: There is a lack of suitable Geographies & Grammars in connection with the School furniture. When I entered upon the duties of the School the scholars knew little or nothing of either Grammar, Geography or History. A little improvement in these subjects may be reported.

April 22: The Dictation & Spelling of the Second Class still present room for improvement. I am giving special attention to this matter. The Notation is in general pretty defective. Singing improves – there was room for it.

April 28: The attendance of today is larger than I have known before, and suits me to a greater inconvenience than ever. The warm state of the weather, the smallness of the only room and the larger number of children render the working of the School far from being efficient or pleasant.

May 5: I have begun to make special preparations for the Government Examination which will be held next month or the following. Standard 2 can do their work pretty well all through, but I cannot report so well of the remaining Standards. Have just introduced a Series of Arithmetical test cards.

May 12: This has been a week of hard work, with some beneficial results, the various classes improve in the several parts of their work. Next week a holiday is given, being Whitsuntide.

May 28: Have a very poor attendance which is generally the case after a holiday.

June 5: Am unable to make so much progress as I should desire in view of the approaching Examination, owing to the (very) low attendance.

June 10: I am able to report an increased attendance, and a steady improvement in the various subjects, especially Reading & Dictation. The P.T. [pupil teacher] does his work most Satisfactorily, and I am confident of finding in him a valuable assistant.

June 16: Have paid especial attention the P.T.’s instruction in teaching during School hours. Sometimes I watch him take a class, and suggest any improvement that may be necessary or beneficial; at other times I direct him to look on whilst I have charge of a class and give reasons for, and point out the benefits of, my methods as I proceed with my subject. I endeavour to arrange my time table so as to bring my P.T. in contact with, and give him charge of each class in the School. The

attendance is again very good, but I am sorry that some scholars who I intend to present for Examination in a few days are absent.

June 18: The Registers have this day been examined by the Chairman of the School Board, and found correct. I find that Arithmetic is the Subject in which the girls shew less proficiency. I am therefore slightly deviating from the timetable in order that I may devote more time to that subject.

June 25: Examined the Scholars this afternoon in Arithmetic by the Test Cards, the work of third Standard girls is the least satisfactory.

June 30: Have been through a series of preparatory Exams this week. The third Standard boys and the fourth are the most proficient, and the third standard [girls] the least. There is a large attendance this week.

July 2: The School this day was visited by Rev. W. W. Howard H.M.J. who expressed himself satisfied with the results. One, out of those presented, failed in Writing, and but one in Reading, and 5 in Arithmetic. Those who failed in the last mentioned subject were chiefly girls in the third standard. But 24 scholars were presented, thus rendering 72 passes obtainable; out of this number 65 were realised; 96 percent passed in Writing, 96 in Reading and 80 in Arithmetic. The number of infants, under 7, who had made their attendances was 10.

July 9: The attendance this week has been small owing to the hay harvest. I have this week rearranged the classes for another year.

July 16: A thin attendance this week; weather wet to unfavourable. Have found a difficulty in securing & maintaining good discipline; speaking during work is the greatest difficulty with which I have to encounter in getting perfect order during School hours.

July 22: The summary of the Inspectors Report on this School (Examined July 2 of this year) was received by the Clerk yesterday morning, and ran as follows:

The School has passed a very fair examination, taking all circumstances into consideration. The master appears to be very painstaking and interested in his work and likely to be a successful teacher. Singing very fair, Sewing & Knitting very fair. The building can only be recognised as a temporary provision for the wants of the parish. William V. Cook Certificated Teacher 2nd C. 1st D. William W. Phear P.T. 1st Year James Phear Clerk

July 29: The attendance of this week is considerably below the average, and will continue to diminish until after the harvest. I have changed Monday's routine with Wednesday's, because several of the oldest scholars do not attend on the former day; and the work of that day is of more importance than that of Wednesday.

Aug 6: The average of this week is very small. Next week the School breaks up for the harvest holidays. The order this week has been very good.

Aug 13: Broke up for 4 weeks holiday.

Sep 12: Recommenced school duties this morning after an interval of 4 weeks. As usual, the number present is very small being the first week after holidays.

Sep 17: We have not commenced any new work this week on account of the thin attendance, but are anxious to do so next week.

Sep 24: The work of this week has gone on tolerably smoothly. The Standard requiring most attention is No 1 which is unusually large, and mainly composed of scholars just come from the infants; according to the regulations of the New Code, all children over 7 who are qualified by attendance must be presented in Standard 1. This Standard I find to be too high in the school, because some children are not sent to School at all until they are 7 or more years of age.

Sept 30: The attendance continues to be poor, meagre and irregular. I find this to be my greatest difficulty.

Oct 8: A better attendance this week. The 1st Standard is very large and very difficult to work. I was compelled to remove them from the infants before they were really qualified, to suit the Regulations of the New Code.

Oct 15: Have introduced Moffat's 6 Atlas, and Major's Penny Standard Grammar and Geography. The scholars as a whole take a delight in these subjects, and are making considerable progress therein.

Oct 21: I have found it necessary to slightly alternate the Routine substituting Spellings for Reading in the afternoons, in the Upper Standards.

Oct 29: There is an improvement to be noticed in the upper Standards; Standard 1 does not satisfy me in any subject.

Nov 5: I had to digress a little from the Routine this afternoon in order that I might give the children some account of "The Gunpowder Plot." The story seemed entirely new to all and excited much interest.

Nov 12: This week I have taken the 1st & 2nd classes together in Geography in explaining the forms and nations, thereby saving time and labour. The attendance is very [far?] from being what it ought.

Nov 19: The Number on the "Books" steadily increases but the average attendance is not what may be desired or expected.

Nov 26: We have very severe weather upon us now, but our stove is sufficient to keep the school well warmed. The ventilation is very deficient. There are no apertures for the exit of foul air or the admission of pure, except the windows and door, which cannot be kept open at this Season of the year owing to draughts. They are however thrown open during play and dinner hours.

Dec 3: The Registers were this day examined by The Rev E Seymour, Chairman of the School Board, and found correct.

Dec 10: Standards 2 & 3 are making considerable progress in Grammar & Geography. I have commenced to teach the infants the multiplication tables.

Dec 22: Broke up for the Christmas Holidays.

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Jan 14: Commenced School work again this week but with a very Small attendance.

Jan 21: Have had a very fair attendance this week.

Jan 24: Commenced to teach all Standards, from 1 upwards, map drawing from 1:30 to 2 this afternoon, and intend to devote this half-hour to this subject for some time to come. I began by drawing imaginary outlines of capes, bays, rivers etc, illustrative of "Geographical Definitions."

Jan 28: I have noticed a marked improvement in the discipline this week. Some of the biggest boys require great firmness.

Feb 4: The infants are advancing in knowledge and discipline. I have noted, more especially, an improvement in their spelling. The higher Standards take to their extra subjects very well and appear to delight in them. The Standard most backward and the one consequently requiring most skill and attention is No I.

Feb 11: Have put some of the most forward boys in Mensuration. I contemplated their learning Algebra but think the former will prove of most service to them in after life.

Feb 18: The discipline of the School seems to have improved, some of the bigger boys have become much more tractable.

Feb 25: Observing that the 1st Standard was not so forward in Reading and Dictation as I could desire, I have taken this Standard under my special care this week in these subjects, giving the upper Standards into the hands of my P.T. who manages them to my satisfaction.

March 3: The 1st Standard appears to improve under the special attention which I have bestowed upon them this week & last; their Reading & Spelling improves; most of the Scholars in this Standard have nearly mastered Subtraction.

March 10: A very small attendance this week owing to the wintery weather and the indisposition of the children – whooping cough is very prevalent.

March 17: The attendance is certainly improved, although several children suffering from the cough.

March 24: This day closes another Quarter, in which a good deal of work has been accomplished. The various Standards have made marked progress in the three R's and also in Geography and Grammar.

March 31: Several of the eldest scholars have left. It is to be regretted they could not continue at School until the Inspection. I have only three new scholars to supply the places of those who have left, and the attendance this week is smaller than ever. I have commenced making active preparations for the coming Examination.

April 7: This has been a week of hard work and I believe considerable progress has been made. The Geography of Standard 3, the Arithmetic of Standard 2, and the Reading & Spelling of Standard 1 are

the subjects requiring most attention. These facts are the result of a series of Examinations I have been making this week.

April 13: There will a holiday tomorrow in consequence of Good Friday.

April 21: The attendance seems to be worse than ever. This is rather annoying and not agreeable to flesh and blood, especially when one considers that the Examination is rapidly approaching.

Apr 28: The attendance has improved considerably this week, and there have been several names placed on the Register. I have paid particular attention to the Spelling this week with beneficial results to myself & Scholars.

May 5: I begin to find it necessary to deviate slightly from the Time Table, in order that, more time may be devoted to those subjects in which the Scholars are most backward. Geography is the Subject requiring most attention.

May 12: Have had a full School today and the weather is beginning to get warm and oppressive. The P.T. is working hard & well in view of his Examination which takes place on the 27 instant. The Subject in which he is most backward is "Geography."

May 19: We have received information to the effect that the Examination is to take place on the 7th day of June. This day being the date on which the Anniversary of the Benefit Society will be celebrated is very inconvenient for holding an Examination. Reason can scarcely imagine successful results when bells are ringing behind the school, and a band of music playing in front.

May 26: The Registers have again been examined by the Chairman of the School Board, no error detected.

June 2: Accompanied the P.T. to Crediton on Saturday last, which was the day appointed for their Annual Examination. The Inspector's visit is postponed from June 7th till the 12th.

June 7: The School has been closed today in consequence of the Anniversary of the Benefit Society.

June 9: The attendance has been very thin all through the ages. This is unfortunate when, it is considered that the inspection is due on Monday next.

June 12: The School has this day been inspected by the Rev W. W. Howard and his assistant.

June 25: The attendance is very small, averages about 55, only one scholar has been present belonging to the highest class.

June 30: The fresh Sewing Mistress commenced her duties this week.

July 7: A larger daily average this week.

July 14: Weather excessively hot, find the heat very oppressive in our small room.

July 21: The Inspector's report recently received is as follows:

This School has passed a satisfactory Examination except in the first Standard in which there is a weakness in all Subjects. The answering in Geography & Grammar in the first & Second

Classes was creditable. Singing is fair, Sewing & Knitting are fair. My Lords have taken the balance sheet presented on Form IX as covering twelve months. W. H. Phear has passed fairly under Article 19C. Mr. Cook will shortly receive his Certificate.

William V. Cook Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

William W. Phear Pupil Teacher of the 2nd Year

Ilet Smale, Sewing Mistress resigned, her place is supplied by Mrs. Mary Hortop

James Phear Clerk

July 28: The Board have agreed to break us for the harvest holidays next week.

Aug 3: I propose closing school this afternoon in consequence of a School treat given by the Rector, the Rev E. Seymour.

Sep 4: Commenced School duties this morning after an interval of 5 weeks, number of Scholars 70. My Certificate has arrived from the Educational Department containing the following Report:

“W. V. Cook is personally well qualified to be a teacher. He gives a fair lesson and promises to be successful in his School.”

Sep 15: We have got into work pretty well. The attendance, with the exception of my Fourth, is very fair considering this is the first week after the holidays. I have had but 3 or 4 of my Fourth Standard ever since the Inspection (June 12th).

Sep 21: We commenced work this afternoon at 1 p.m. and closed School at 3, so that the Routine has not been strictly adhered to for the time being. There were however 2 hours of instruction after the Registers were marked & closed.

Sep 27: School was not opened this afternoon in consequence of the room being required for the celebration of the Harvest Festival.

Oct 6: The average attendance of the present week has been fair. Several however of the Scholars, have not as yet put in an appearance since the holidays.

Oct 10: The Registers were this day examined by the Chairman of the Board, and found correct.

Oct 13: Average attendance this week 77.

Oct 20: Standard 3 has just been initiated in Long Divisions. They made very satisfactory progress, the boys proceed faster than the girls, owing to their having more time to devote to the said subject than the girls.

Oct 27: The attendance has fallen off considerably this week owing to the ingathering of the potato crop.

Nov 3: An improved attendance, the various standards are progressing favourably with their work.

Nov 10: A very full School this week, average 86, the highest known since I took charge of the School.

Nov 17: Standard 3 is progressing favourably with their Geography & Parsing. The School is very full just now, and the desk accommodation is not nearly sufficient, and we are thereby very much inconvenienced.

Nov 24: I have several scholars who are nearly 20 years of age, and who, consequently cannot be entered on the Registers for the purpose of obtaining a grant. They are deplorably ignorant.

Dec 1: The various standards have been recapitulating the work of the present half-year. I do not intend carrying them through anything new, but would rather they attain some further proficiency in what they already know.

Dec 8: The weather has been very unfavourable the whole of the week, and has reduced my average to 67.

Dec 15: The School continues to make progress, the Infants are doing well in figures, also Standard 2. The average of this week is 93. Registers have this day been examined by [the] Chairman.

Dec 20: Resigned my charge of this School. William V. Cook

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Jan 8: I, (John Cutland with my Sister Elizabeth Cutland as sewing mistress), commenced my duties in this school. The attendance is rather small no doubt on account of the inclemency of the weather. The children are rather backward. Admitted one new scholar.

Jan 12: Spent most of the week in ascertaining how much the children knew. Taught the Second Standard Short Division, and the fourth Standard Square Measure. The order is not very good. Have taken steps to improve it.

Jan 16: Half-holiday this afternoon, the school being occupied for the purpose of auditing the accounts.

Jan 19: The order has improved this week. The home exercises are not well learnt. The average for the week is 85.8. Cannot work well on account of the small size of the room. Admitted one new scholar.

Jan 22: P.T. absent on account of sickness. I therefore had all the classes to look after.

Jan 26: The order has greatly improved, as also has the learning of the home lessons. The average this week is 89.2. Taught Standard 1 Simple Multiplication, Standard 2 Division by composite numbers, and Standard 4 Time measure and Apothecaries Weight. The P.T. works fairly.

Feb 2: The school is progressing favourably. Have begun this week to teach the children beyond the Standard work. There is not nearly enough of desk room for writing etc in the School.

Feb 9: The average this week is 87.2 notwithstanding the inclement weather. The children work well. The P.T. does his homework pretty well. Admitted one new Scholar and readmitted an old one.

Feb 16: Admitted 3 new scholars on Monday. The school work is going on favourably. I examined the children this afternoon in their week's work. I find some are rather idle and have reprimanded them.

Feb 23: The upper classes are doing very favourably in Geography and Grammar. The third Standard have finished the Geography of Devonshire and are revising that of England. Standard 4 have finished the Geography of the Colonies in Europe and Asia and have begun those in America. The same classes are also far on in Arithmetic. But Standards 1 & 2 cannot as a rule put down their sums correctly. I have given Standard 1 a lesson in it, and they have greatly improved.

March 2: I have had great difficulty in keeping good order this week. The fault is that the scholars talk to one another, especially the bigger ones. I have partially overcome it by giving them plenty of work to do and by giving them extra lessons.

March 9: The order has greatly improved this week as also has the attendance mornings. I received orders this week from the Board to prepare John Phear for examination as Candidate.

March 16: Have this week introduced Birkby and Grayston's Reading books. The average this week has been considerably below the average of former weeks on account of the inclemency of the weather.

March 25: The weather has been very rough and stormy, and consequently the average attendance this week is considerably below that of former weeks. Several of the old scholars have left this week to go to work. The fourth Standard is very small and most of them on account of their irregular attendance are backward. The other Standards work pretty well. Some in the Second are backward in Arithmetic, which I discovered by examination.

March 30: Today is holiday being Good Friday. The average is very low this week being only 51.3 on account of Sickness, especially among the smaller ones.

April 6: Sickness still prevails among the children, consequently many are absent. I admitted four new Scholars this week. On examination I find one weak point in the School is Spelling and to remedy it, I have begun to pay especial attention to that Subject.

April 13: The School continues to make favourable progress. Several of the bigger boys have been absent this week, it being a busy time for tilling.

April 20: Several of the scholars, which are the most backward have been absent again this week. I have been working the Scholars in their Standard work this week. I have noticed that some want Special attention paid to them.

April 27: The attendance has greatly increased again this week, the average being 75. A few of the First Standard are weak in Subtraction, and I have been paying them Special attention.

May 4: The scholars that have been present this week have worked well. The attendance is still very irregular and the progress is therefore not so great as it might be.

May 11: I have been revising the work of the different Standards this week. Some children that are given to copying, I have placed by themselves, in order to pay them better attention. A few that will be examined in the upper Standards have been absent for a few weeks and are not yet returned.

May 18: Most of the Scholars about to be examined in the Standards have been present this week. Some of them owing to their long absence are backward in their work, especially in Geography and Grammar. In view of the examination the children are working pretty well.

May 22: Had notice from H. M. Inspector that the Annual Examination will take place on June 25th and that the P.T.'s Exam is on June 2nd. The registers were examined by the Chairman.

May 23: The School was occupied today for club purposes.

May 31: this is the last day of the school year. The average this week is higher than it has been for the past few weeks. Most of the Scholars work well. As the warmth increases the bad ventilation of the School becomes more apparent.

June 8: The most backward of the scholars have been absent this week which is rather discouraging, seeing that the Exam is so near.

June 15: This has been a hard week's work. The same Scholars are absent this week as last. The Singing is not as good as I should like.

June 22: The Singing has improved this week. Most of the children have worked well but I find some are behind in one or two Subjects still.

June 23: The School was inspected today by the Rev W. W. Howard, H. M. Inspector, and his assistant Mr. Turner. 92% result.

June 29: As this is the hay harvest, the average has been rather small this week.

July 6: The attendance has been very scanty again this week, and consequently have not been able to do much. I find the home lessons are not done at all well. Have been showing those present, fresh rules.

July 13: The children that are present are making steady improvement.

July 14: Today received a Summary of the Inspector's report:

This School has done fairly in Reading, Very fairly in Writing & Spelling, pretty fairly in Arithmetic. Singing is fair. Sewing is fair. Under Article 19(c) Grammar & Geography were taken by 38 children, of whom 32 passed in grammar, and 28 in Geography. W. W. Phear has passed fairly. John Cutland Certificated Teacher 2nd Class William W. Phear Pupil Teacher 3rd Year Emma Cutland Sewing Mistress James Phear Clerk.

July 20: The School is still progressing, although the irregular attendance is a great drawback.

July 24: Holiday today, the schoolroom being occupied for the School Board Election.

Aug 3: Many of the larger scholars have been absent this week on account of the hay harvest. The School does not progress as I should wish owing to the irregular attendance.

Aug 10: The attendance has been small again this week on account of the weather.

Aug 17: We broke up today for 4 weeks vacation. The children have worked well during the past week. The home lessons have been better learnt.

Sep 21: Commenced duties again this week after the harvest holidays. The attendance is as usual rather slack this week. I find some have not retained what they learnt before the holidays. The children work well as a rule and the home lessons are fairly learnt.

Sep 28: The attendance has been rather slack again this week. Owing to the irregular attendance I cannot do as well as I should wish. The pupil teacher has been absent today, consequently I have had the school to myself. The order is better than when he is present. I have had to speak to him lately about the noise in his class. He does his home lessons fairly.

Oct 5: Several of the scholars have not returned yet to School, staying at home helping their parents especially the biggest boys. The home lessons have been better learnt, and the children work better than last week. The order has also improved. The Singing is not very good, several of the children having neither voice nor ear for it.

Oct 12: Readmitted a few old scholars this week. The attendance in the higher classes has improved but there has been a falling away in the lower classes. I examined the children this week. On the whole the result was favourable. One serious drawback to improvement is the very irregular attendance, especially of the farmers' children.

Oct 17: The weather has been very stormy again this week and consequently the attendance has been small again. The progress has been favourable this week. Those present of Standard 5 have gone through Practice & Bills of Parcels and have commenced Fractions. The Second Standard have commenced Short Division and the First Standard, Subtraction. We are expecting to remove the new School in a week or two when no doubt the average attendance will be greater.

Oct 26: The average attendance is increased this week to 81.3. The Schoolroom is not nearly large enough to accommodate them, one class interrupts the other. Have done a good week's work. Have had some trouble with Mr Samson about his boy's home lessons which he will not let him learn.

Oct 30: The P.T. after being absent since Monday morning through Sickness has returned.

Nov 2: I have to record Steady progress in most of the classes this week. The third Standard have commenced Compound Multiplication. With the help of Outline Maps of England and Europe the children are making progress in Geography.

Nov 9: The average attendance is increasing greatly, so much so that I scarcely know where to find room for all. On the whole I am very well pleased with the manner in which the scholars work. I have trouble with a few who are rather dull and to make it worse they stay away oftener than others.

Nov 10: Examined the P.T. in work as far as he has got. He answered the questions very well.

Nov 16: Several old scholars have returned. They are far behind the rest of the Scholars.

Nov 19: We entered the new Schoolroom today. There has been another increase of scholars.

Nov 25: This week has proved the new School to be a great deal better than the old one. I have found it necessary to alter the time table in a few places to meet the requirements of the new rooms.

Nov 30: This week the work done has been performed well. I have taken pains to find out the Scholars that are behind the rest and have placed them in classes by themselves, for special instruction.

Dec 7: We have this week done fairly. Have learnt several fresh tunes for the forthcoming treat. The attendance of the Scholars is not very regular. A few old scholars have returned again for the winter. I find them very backward. Owing to the irregular attendance we have 9 different classes in Arithmetic instead of five as it should be. The Second Standard are still rather backward in Arithmetic. The first Standard are behind in Reading and Spelling. Most of the Scholars have made great improvement in writing lately.

Dec 14: This has been a bad week of weather and the children have been irregular in attendance. We have learnt a few pieces more for Singing.

Dec 21: On Tuesday last we had a treat for the children & parents. We broke up today for Christmas vacation which is to last a fortnight.

1878

Jan 7: We began school again today with about 50 scholars.

Jan 11: The attendance has been small all through the week, as is generally the case after holidays. On enquiring I find that several are absent through sickness. Admitted 4 fresh scholars.

Jan 15: Today the accounts were audited by J. Tucker Esq for which purpose the classroom was occupied. Consequently there was no Sewing in the afternoon.

Jan 18: The attendance has increased this week and two old scholars have been readmitted. Have begun to teach the moods etc of the Verb to the first Class. The children are making satisfactory progress.

Jan 25: We have made very fair progress this week. The latter half has been very cold and the smaller ones have found it so in the classroom. The fire is not enough for the rooms, and the children find it bad for writing when it is so cold.

Feb 1: We are still making progress but I still find that some are very dull while others are quick in learning. The dull ones keep the others back a little, but I have picked them out and put them in a class by themselves. I gave the fourth & fifth Standards an Exam in the Geography of Europe as far as we are got. The questions were answered well considering the irregular attendance of some of them. Charles Hawkins, James & Maria Rundle did excellently and I rewarded them with an Atlas of Europe. I have taught the fourth Standard Square Measure, and the first Standard the way to put

down numbers when given to them orally. The attendance has been very large owing to the cold. I punished a boy today for playing truant, the first I have known here.

Feb 8: I have been paying special attention to the backward Scholars in Standards 1 & 2, and I find that a great deal is owing to carelessness. They have greatly improved, although some of them seem to be very dull. Several of the smaller ones have been absent again this week owing to the coldness of the rooms. I brought it before the attention of the Board, but they have not yet done anything in the matter.

Feb 15: This week has been an inclement week for the children, consequently many of the smaller ones have been irregular in attendance. The Pupil Teacher has taught the Second Standard Division by Composite numbers. Yesterday I gave a lesson to the first & second class on Sugar, and from their composition on it, which they did for their exercise, I think they understood what was taught.

Feb 19: Pupil Teacher gave a lesson to 3rd & 4th Classes on the "mouse". He did very fairly for a beginner.

Feb 22: We have been progressing fairly this week. I have been endeavouring to get the children to understand the why and wherefore of the rules of Arithmetic. I had to punish a boy yesterday for disobedience which has been a waking to the rest.

Feb 29: We have been doing pretty favourably again this week, but I find that it is getting almost a rule now for some of the children to stay away on Friday. I have mentioned to the Board about the irregular attendance of the children, but they have not yet done anything in the matter.

March 7: I gave this morning a lesson to the first and Second Classes on Coal, Its properties & Uses. I have paid special attention to the fourth Standard Arithmetic this week and find that in consequence they have made an improvement. The Singing is improving again, but I find there are some who have no voices at all for Singing. This is the case mostly among the bigger ones. Most of the young ones can join with the rest. Composition is also improving as also is Grammar.

March 15: Several of the Scholars have been absent the latter part of the week, potato tilling, which has been rather a drawback, seeing that the Examination is so near.

March 22: The attendance has improved again this week. I have had to punish some of the bigger girls for talking this week. The backward Scholars are making progress. I have also to report an improvement in Geography in the Second Standard.

March 29: We had no Schooling today on account of the inclemency of the weather. It was almost impossible to stay in the school. The fireplaces are not enough for warming the School. The former part of the week was taken up with recapitulating Standard work. Most of the Scholars did pretty well, as usual a few are behind in everything, and require a great deal of care and trouble.

April 1: The weather having cleared off again, we have a good number of Scholars present. I find that a few of the bigger ones that have made the required number of attendances have left, and I expect we shall not have them on the Examination day.

April 5: We have made ordinary progress this week. Several of the larger ones are still absent. Informed of alteration of Examination to July.

April 12: Being fine weather during the week we have had a small attendance, as the children have been helping put the potatoes in the ground.

April 17: Yesterday & today the P.T. has been absent through illness.

April 18: The P.T. has been to school again today. I examined the 3rd Standard today in Geography. They did not get on as well as I expected. Tomorrow is Good Friday. Another of Standard 5 has gone to work.

April 26: Not many at school this week, most of the 3rd, 4th & 5th Standard being absent about tilling potatoes, have therefore been enabled to pay more attention to the rest.

April 29: Today several are absent again. Have admitted 3 new Scholars.

May 3: The average attendance still continues low especially in the higher classes. I taught the third Standard to do Compound Multiplication.

May 10: This week has been a very fair one as to progress, but have not been able to do much owing to the irregularity of the Scholars. Gave the P.T. an Examination in which he did pretty well.

May 17: I have spent most this week in going over old ground. I find a few are rather given to make mistakes in Arithmetic. I therefore have placed them by themselves and have paid them special attention, and they are making a little improvement.

May 24: I have taught to Standard 3 Compound Division. Standard 4 has been working problems in Weights and Measures. I notice an improvement in writing, which on the whole is pretty well done. The boys in Standard 2 are also improving in reading. The home lessons are fairly learnt. The Singing is not so good as I should like it to be. A great number of the bigger Scholars have no ear nor voice for Singing, not having been brought to it when they were young. The infant class is making rapid progress.

May 31: The attendance has been slack again this week. Those that have been, have attended very irregular, consequently we have not been able to make much progress. Received several forms today from Education Dept. for the coming exam.

June 5: I gave a lesson on Water to Classes 1 & 2.

June 7: The attendance is still irregular but we are expecting to have this remedied as an attendance officer has been appointed. Have been going over old ground again to make sure work for the examination.

June 13: We had holiday yesterday on account of the Annual dinner of the Club belonging to this place. Today as on Tuesday there are only about 48 present.

June 19: Received intelligence today that Inspector examination will take place on July 18th and P.T. to be examined on June 29th.

June 21: The Registers have been examined and found correct today by Rev E. Seymour, Chairman of the Board.

June 28: This week a great many have been absent again hay harvesting. I have been working up those present for the examination. I had the School to myself this morning, the P.T. being absent to procure a medical certificate. Our School year ends today. Tomorrow the P.T. goes for his exam at N. Tawton.

July 5: We have been preparing again this week for the examination. Have not been able to do much because there have not been many here and those that have attended have been very irregular.

July 12: The attendance this week has been a great deal better, and we have done a good week's work. Some of those that have been absent for a long time are far behind and I have had to pay them special attention.

July 18: Today the School has been examined by H. F. Codd Esqr, H. M. Inspector of Schools his assistant. Result 89.5 per cent.

July 26: We have had a very few at School again this week, a great many being home hay harvesting. I have been showing those present fresh rules; to Standard 6 Decimals, Standard 5 Practice; Standard 4 Compound Multiplication: Standard 3 Long Division; Standard 2 Multiplication & Standard 1 Addition. I intend taking the Geography of the World for Standards 4, 5 & 6 and have begun Asia. Also commenced the Geography & Grammar in the other Standards. The P.T. has also been studying the Geography of Asia & Algebra.

July 29: We had holiday today on account of the Sunday School Anniversary.

July 31: I was absent today on business. The P.T. took the school.

Aug 2: We broke up today for a month's vacation. We have had a small school again this week, the children being kept home to assist in harvesting.

Sep 2: Today we commenced school again with about 50 children present. During the vacation the report was received by the Clerk of the Board and is as follows:

The children are in good order and very creditably taught. They should however be taught to speak out more distinctly when reading, and care should be taken to see that they understand thoroughly the poetry committed to memory. The Infant class is behind hand in Writing and Number. The box which goes along with the form and colour sheets is wanted, also some object cards, and more reading cards. The most unsatisfactory part of the instruction is that of Needlework, this is very imperfectly taught and without any system. W. W. Phear has passed fairly but should attend to Euclid. Mr Cutland will shortly receive his certificate. John Cutland Certificated Teacher 2nd Class William Walter Phear Pupil Teacher 4th Year B. A. Cutland Sewing Mistress James Phear Clerk

I also received my certificate during the holidays. It says "J Cutland arranges his subjects well, and gives an interesting lesson in simple and intelligible language."

Sep 6: We have done a fair week's work this week. Not many present.

Sep 13: I have taught the scholars a new tune "Excelsior." The attendance is larger than last week, although there are several absent yet, especially the bigger ones. Have made a fresh routine for the

P.T. work after school. He does his home lessons fairly. Several of the girls still come without needlework. I have spoken to them about it. The children that have been present have made fair progress in Arithmetic & the other subjects. The Second Standard are weak in Spelling. The reading of the 4th & 5th Standards is improving. We are using Curtis's Poetical Readers with them.

Sep 20: This week the 2nd Standard has improved in Spelling. Have taught another tune this week "Come boys be merry." The home lessons are done fairly, although there is room for a great deal of improvement. The majority of Standard 3 have learnt to do Long Division. The attendance still continues very small, although the harvest is over. The attendance officer has not yet been to any that are absent. A great many scholars had certificates of proficiency granted them after last examination, and most of those who received them are absent. There are also several absent, who are under age, and who have no certificate. Was disappointed this week by not receiving the books for home lessons as I anticipated. However I expect them tomorrow. I have ordered maps of Asia, Africa, and America and also more slates, books, reading sheets. The children are still in good order. The old master (Mr Cook) paid us a visit this week, and remarked how orderly they were. I find that my plan of keeping behind the latecomers, answered very well, as scarcely any come late now.

Sep 27: I received the books on Tuesday and distributed them. The home lessons have not been very well learnt this week. I suppose this is owing to the books and master being strange to them. Have had some difficulty in getting some of the parents to purchase books for the children. The people are ignorant, and seem to have no desire for their children be any better than themselves. All they require is that their children should know the three R's so that they may obtain the Certificate of Proficiency.

Oct 4: The average attendance has increased this week. A few more of the larger Scholars have returned. We have done a fair week's work. The Infant Class are improving in reading and numbers. Examined the other classes in Arithmetic and placed those that could work with their sums correctly to learn another rule.

Oct 11: Have taught the children another tune, "The hungry fox". The attendance has not been very large this week owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Oct 18: The children have made pretty fair progress this week. We have gone over the Geography of Asia, in the first Class, and have commenced Africa. They are also improving in Grammar. Spelling is rather weak with a few, especially with Standard 2. A few scholars have only this week returned since the vacation. They are as a consequence far behind the rest. The attendance officer has not yet visited me to know the absent ones. He is very much needed, as several are absent again.

Oct 25: The weather has been very rough this week and several have consequently been absent. Standard 4 began Reduction of Weights and Measures & Standard 3 Compound Addition.

Nov 1: The Children have made very fair progress this week but not so much as I could wish owing to the irregular attendance. A few scholars have put in their appearance this week for the first time since the holidays.

Nov 6: The School was closed today on account of the re-opening of the Chapel.

Nov 8: The 5th Standard boys have got as far as Compound Practice in Arithmetic. The girls are not so far on, because they have only been here a week or two since the vacation. They are doing pretty fairly in Analysis. Standard 4 is also progressing in Geography. I have been going over old ground with the other Standards. The Infant Class have improved greatly in writing and numbers. I find Langlers Reading sheets are a great help in teaching reading.

Nov 15: I can still report progress this week. The attendance has not been very large, but those present have attended pretty regular. I examined the 3rd and 4th Standards on Wednesday & Thursday. None obtained full marks for all the Subjects. In the 3rd Standard S. Milford was highest & obtained 54 out of 60. The highest in the 4th was C. Luxton, who obtained 75 out of 80.

Nov 22: I have begun to teach the Second Standard Short Division & Standard 3 Compound Subtraction & Standard 4 Long & Short Measure. Standard 5 have been working Bills of Parcels.

Nov 29: Weather very cold this week, not many here and consequently did not make as much progress as I should like.

Dec 6: More here again this week. The Scholars present have been going over old ground and making sure of that.

Dec 13: The weather this week has been very severe, and as the School is not sufficiently warmed, some of the children have been absent.

Dec 19: Today we broke up the School for a fortnight's holiday. The weather has been so severe that the average is only 30.

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Jan 6: We commenced School today after the vacation, and is always the case after holiday, a very small number was present.

Jan 10: The average has continued small all this week. We have done a very fair week's work.

Jan 13: A larger number is present today. I commenced giving marks daily. The home lessons are pretty well done with the exception of the Second Standard.

Jan 15: The books & accounts were audited yesterday & found correct.

Jan 17: We have had a very fair attendance this week, and the children have on the whole worked very well. Standard 4 has been working Reduction of Money this week, and Standard 5 Multiplication & Division of Fractions. They are also learning the Geography of N. America.

Jan 24: We have not been able to do very much this week on account of the cold. Several of the children have been kept home through it, and great complaint is being raised by the parents about it. I find the giving of marks daily has a good effect.

Jan 31: The weather this week has again been very severe and consequently the average attendance has been small, especially in the infant Class. The rooms are not sufficiently warmed.

Feb 7: A few more have been present this week, but some have attended very irregularly. The home lessons as a rule are very well learnt. I find that some of the Second Standard are behind with their tables, and one or two are very dull in Arithmetic. Great improvement has been made in writing throughout the School. The order has not been as good as I should wish.

Feb 14: We have done a very fair week's work. The children on the whole have worked well. I have taught a fresh tune. The Singing is improving.

Feb 21: The 4th Standard have made great progress this week in Grammar. The third still stumble over the verbs. The attendance has been better this week. Standard 2 are progressing in division. The writing is still improving as is also the spelling.

Feb 28: The attendance on Monday and Tuesday was larger than it has been for the winter, but the weather being very severe the rest of the week, the number present afterwards was only 30. I gave the first Class an examination on Friday afternoon, which was done very well on the whole.

March 7: The home lessons have not been learnt so well this week as on former weeks. The attendance has been pretty regular. The order is very fair.

March 14: The average attendance has been small again this week, several of the children being employed by their parents in tilling potatoes etc. Many of them have not obtained a certificate yet. Notwithstanding, we have done a very fair week's work. The home lessons have been better learnt than they have for some time before.

March 21: The attendance has been just the same this week as last. We have been going over old ground most of the week, and working up the weak points.

March 28: The fourth Standard have been working problems in Arithmetic this week. They have done very fairly. The third Standard boys have been working Compound Multiplication. The other subjects are pretty well known as far as we are got. A few of the larger Scholars have left this week to go to work. A few also of the smaller ones have left, in consequence of their families removing. The Board have granted some calico and cotton for the young girls to learn sewing on. Most of the girls are progressing in that branch, but some are very backward owing to the neglect of their parents.

April 4: This week I have given marks again to the Scholars. They have worked very well and have obtained a good number of marks. A great drawback still is the irregular attendance.

April 11: Today being Good Friday, there has been no schooling. The attendance has been very irregular this week again.

April 14: Today I was absent from the school from 11.30 to 12 a.m. being obliged to go to the station on important business. The P.T. took charge.

April 18: We have got on very favourably this week. The weather has been finer and the attendance has been very fair.

April 25: The P.T. taught the Second Standard Division by Composite numbers. The children have worked well. The P.T. is recapitulating his work. He finds Euclid very hard, especially the exercises.

May 2: Six fresh scholars have been admitted this week. Three of them are very backward, being above 9 years of age, and ignorant of their letters. The attendance has been larger again this week, and the children have made fair progress. The sewing mistress has been absent through illness. Her place has been supplied by Miss Hortop.

May 9: The sewing mistress is still ill, and her place is still supplied by Miss Hortop. The attendance this week has been larger than it has for some time previous. Admitted a few more fresh scholars. A few old ones have also left, who have made the required number of attendances for presentation at the Examination.

May 16: The attendance this week has again been fair. We have begun to work up for the forthcoming examination. I gave the third and fourth Standards an examination on Thursday, at which most did very well. The boys in the Third Standard are rather behind in reading.

May 23: Several of the scholars have been absent this week being ill with the whooping cough. The Sewing mistress has been herself again this week. Only a few of the girls have as yet brought work to prepare for the Examination.

May 30: The Clerk of the Board received the forms etc for the forthcoming examination yesterday. I see on looking over the books that the number of children who have made the required number of attendances is far less than that of last year. Several that have to be examined have been absent this week, their parents having kept them home for the purpose of weeding. Some of the younger ones are still sick. The attendance officer has not been to enquire about the attendances for two months.

June 4: Holiday to day on account of it being the annual day of the Friendly Society.

June 6: The attendance this week has been small and irregular. I have been obliged to punish one of the girls for stealing things from the other scholars, this being the third time she has been found out.

June 13: We have had a full school this week, and have done a good week's work. I have had the first Standard in the large room with the rest, all the week, and have been instructing them myself, the P.T. have the charge of the infants.

June 20: The registers have today been examined by Rev. E. Seymour, the Chairman of the Board and found correct. Several of the Scholars have again been absent, their parents keeping them home to weed. Some have also been absent on account of Sickness. Received Notice of Exam to be held on July 23rd.

June 23: I admitted four fresh scholars.

June 24: Two more scholars have been admitted to-day. Attendance larger again, about 80 present.

June 27: I have been paying attention to the singing. I can report progress in that branch, as also in Sewing. The P.T. goes to Okehampton tomorrow for his Examination.

June 30: Admitted three fresh scholars to-day. Several that have to be examined are absent.

July 4: The children have done a very good week's work this week. We have been paying special attention to the work for Examination.

July 11: We have spent this week in revising and working up the weak subjects. I experience great difficulty in getting a few (that have made over 250 attendances) to attend. Their parents employ them at home for weeding etc. I find that the attendance for the past year only averages 63 as against 74.5 last year.

July 18: We have also spent this week in revising. A few of the Scholars whose names are on the examination Schedule have been absent, one through Sickness. We have done a very good week's work, although a few are so far behind that I have no hopes of their passing. I have placed two in the third Standard for Exam who were examined there last year, but failed in two Subjects.

July 23: The School was examined today by H. F. Codd Esqr H. M. Inspector of Schools, and his assistant. Results not yet known as the Duplicate Schedule was taken away.

July 25: There has been a large number present today and yesterday. Commenced work for another year.

Aug 1: The attendance has continued large throughout the week, and we have done a very fair week's work. Have been teaching fresh Subjects. The majority make progress. A few are dull.

Aug 6: Today received the Duplicate Schedule & my parchment from H.M. Inspector. Results of Exam are Reading 81% Writing 66% Arithmetic 70%. I am rather disappointed in a few of the Scholars. Two or three have passed, whom I expected to fail, and a few failed, that I thought would pass.

The Report on my parchment is "Mr John Cutland appears to work well in his school, and with results on the whole creditable to him."

Aug 8: The attendance has been Small this week, owing to the children being employed at home about saving hay. Those present are getting on very well.

Aug 11: Half-holiday this afternoon, there being a Sunday School Anniversary, at which the greater part of the children attend.

Aug 16: Received the following report to day

"The Discipline is good and the instruction on the whole creditable. Reading, Spelling, and Composition above the third Standard are not however Satisfactory. Geography is well taught, and Grammar fairly so, but needlework is badly taught. The Infant class has much improved and is now in a satisfactory state. Some steps should at once be taken to improve the warming of the room.

The Scholar numbered 40 on the Examination is disqualified (Article 19 (B 6).

A deduction of one-tenth is made for faults of instruction in needlework (Art 32 (B)

W. W. Phear has passed fairly but should attend to teaching.

John Cutland Certificated Teacher, 2nd Class, 1st Division
William Walter Phear Pupil Teacher 5th Year
Bessie A. Cutland Sewing Mistress
James Phear Clerk

Aug 27: The attendance this week has been rather small. The Scholars present have made Satisfactory progress.

Aug 29: To-day broke up for 4 weeks' vacation. The attendance was large in the beginning of the week but has fallen off the last two days owing to the very rainy weather. We have gone through the Geography of Scotland with the first Class. Have taught a fresh tune: "The Little Scarecrow Girl."

Sep 29: Begun school again to-day with less than 40 scholars. The harvest is not finished yet, which accounts for the absence of several.

Oct 3: The average attendance has been small this week. Only a few of the older scholars present. Have spent the week in working over the ground covered before the holiday.

Oct 10: A few more of the scholars have returned this week, but the attendance has been small. Several are employed at home in taking up the potato crops. Have taught the Fourth Standard Compound Multiplication by tens. The fifth Standard are working Practice. The other Standards are making progress in Arithmetic. Reading is rather backward.

Oct 17: Larger number of scholars present this week. Have taught fresh rules in Arithmetic to all the Standards. The first class have been going through the Physical features of Ireland; and have learnt about the Noun, Pronoun, Adjective, Verb, and Adverb. Very few of the Third Standard have been present. Second Standard are very inattentive, and have given me a great deal of trouble. Home lessons are pretty well learnt as a rule.

Oct 24: The weather has been very cold again this week and several of the children have been absent in consequence. New stoves have been ordered by the Board, but are not yet come. The children are progressing very fairly.

Oct 31: A very fair attendance this week. Order has improved. The P.T. works fairly, but requires to pay more attention to his studies. Have taught a fresh tune "Hunting Song." Children are making headway in all branches. Standard 4 boys are backward in reading. They very rarely read anything except in school, being employed when at home in tending cattle etc. Several of the older scholars have not yet put in their appearance since the holidays.

Nov 7: We have made very fair progress this week. The weather has been very cold, and we have felt the want of the stoves, which are come but are not yet put in place.

Nov 14: The attendance has been larger this week. Home lessons have been well learnt as a rule. Attention to work is better. Several of the children have been late mornings.

Nov 21: The stoves were put in the large room on Saturday (15th) and in the Class Room on Monday (17th). Consequently on the latter day we had the infants in the large room with the rest. The stoves are great improvement to the warming of the school. Attendance at proper time mornings, but nearly all the scholars. The children work well.

Nov 28: We have done a fair week's work on the whole and are making progress. The Fourth Standard boys are still backward in Reading. The P.T. gave a Lesson on the "Reindeer" to the 1st Class today. Four scholars left.

Dec 5: Two of the scholars only this week returned to school since the holidays. They are very backward. Weather very severe. Consequently small attendance.

Dec 12: This week we have had a very fair attendance, although the weather has been very cold. Taught Standard 2 Short Division & Standard 4 Reduction. The 5th Standard are working Proportion. P.T. is working well.

Dec 19: Both myself & wife resign our offices as teachers (my wife of sewing) of this school today. Rev. E. Seymour examined the registers.

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Jan 5: I, William Moore together with my sister Ellen Moore as sewing mistress, commenced duties in this school. Very small attendance.

Jan 9: Spent most of the week in examining the children. Notation very weak, as also the Geography. The Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs and the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework. The needlework is very much behind.

Jan 16: Admitted one boy this week. The attendance has been far better. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework. The Revd E. Seymour visited the school several times.

Jan 23: Admitted another pupil this week. The attendance has not been so good as that of the previous week; but the work has been better. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. Revd E. Seymour visited the school, as also did Messrs Martin and Trewin on Thursday.

Jan 30: Taught the children a new song this week. The work in school has been satisfactorily done. Revd E. Seymour visited the School. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 6: Deviated slightly from the Time Table this week to work up the Geography of the 1st Class. The P.T. gave a Lesson to the 4th Standard on "Coffee", and succeeded fairly. The needlework is improving. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 13: The attendance on Monday was small owing to the rough weather. On Wednesday and Thursday I deviated slightly from the Time Table in order to work up the Geography and Grammar of the 1st Class. Taught the children a new song. Went over the back work with the 1st Class, and found them backward in Notation. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 16: In consequence of the very small attendance of this morning the school was not opened in the Afternoon. The weather was very wet and boisterous. Only 38 children present.

Feb 20: There has been a good number of children at school since Monday. One boy and girl have left this week. I have taken steps to improve the reading of the 4th Standard. The Revd E. Seymour visited the school, and Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 27: I have introduced a system of Marks this week with the 1st Class. My brother (Walter Moore) has assisted me this week in school. Revd E. Seymour visited the school, and Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 5: The attendance this week has been better, more of the 2nd and 3rd Standards being present. On Thursday I gave the upper Standards work to do on paper. The results were not so good as I expected. I have given the 1st Standard a little extra time for reading, as it is backward in that subject. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 12: I began to take the P.T. in his lessons at 7 a.m. but he only attended once. Admitted two more scholars. Several girls have been kept away all the sewing afternoons this week, their parents won't let them come to learn that subject. The Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 19: There has been a considerable fall off in the attendance of the 1st Class. Taught the children a new Song. Several girls absent on sewing afternoons this week again. There has been a slight deviation from the Time Table. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 26: The attendance this week has been very small. Admitted another pupil. The school was not opened on Good Friday. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 2: Several of the 1st Class have left this week. Admitted two more pupils. The attendance on Friday was very small, only 40 being present in the morning. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 9: The attendance this week has been better especially that of the 1st Class. We have done a fair week's work. The Geography is still weak in the 4th & [?] Standard. The girls are steadily improving in needlework. One girl is still kept at home sewing afternoon. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 16: This week I have found it necessary to deviate slightly from the Time Table in order to work up the Geography of 1st Class. The attendance has been small, many boys being away to help their fathers plant potatoes. The children are working fairly. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 23: A boy of the 4th Standard has come back to school again this week after being away for nearly 3 months. The children as a whole are working fairly. The Home Lessons are well brought. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 30: Walter Moore has been engaged by Board to fill the office of P.T. providing he passes the Candidate's Examination. I have admitted two fresh scholars. The attendance has been better and

more regular. I find it necessary to deviate from the Time Table. Taught a new son "The rosy sun now setting." Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 5: This being a Band of Hope tea, the School was not opened yesterday afternoon.

May 7: The registers this Afternoon were closed ten minutes earlier than the specified time. Readmitted two scholars.

May 14: My sister Lizzie Moore and Miss L Musgrove have assisted me this week, Walter Moore being absent on leave. The attendance of the two lower Standards has not been good. Children are working fairly.

May 21: Being the Annual day of the Friendly Society there was a holiday on Wednesday. The attendance has been very small. Have deviated from the Time Table. The Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 28: The attendance this week has been very good. The children are working well. I have to deviate from the Time Table in order to work up the Geography. This morning I gave the 5th Standard an Exam in Arithmetic. Miss D. & Miss M. Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 31: The clerk received the forms etc for the forthcoming Exam on Saturday. Admitted three children.

June 4: Mr Trewin one of the Members of the Board paid a visit and stayed during the time the P.T. was receiving his lessons, yesterday morning. The attendance since Tuesday has not been good. Several of the children living at a distance have been kept home, because the measles are in the village. The children are working well. The 5th Standard did very well in the Exam I gave them last Friday. Today I examined the 4th Standard in Arithmetic. They did fairly.

June 11: The attendance this week has been very small. Thirty three not having attended once. Several have [been] kept home weeding whilst others have been absent on account of the measles. The children who were here worked well. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

June 15: I left the School this afternoon in charge of the P.T. and my sister.

June 17: Received notice this morning that the school would be examined on the 20th of July. The attendance has been very small.

June 25: The P.T. goes to North Tawton tomorrow for his Exam. The attendance this week has slightly improved, still there are a great many absent. I have deviated from the Time Table in order to work up the weak subjects. Shewed the 4th Standard how to work problems. Mr. Seymour visited the School. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework. The only Standard 6 in the school has come back this week after being absent for nearly eight weeks.

June 30: The School Year ends today, as also does the P.T. Apprenticeship.

July 2: The attendance has slightly improved this week. I have been paying the Standard Work great attention, especially the weak subjects, consequently there has been a deviation from the general

routine. The children have worked well. The Revds E. Seymour, Collins and Thomson visited the school. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 9: The attendance in the first two classes has not been so good as that of last week, but in the lower classes better. The children on the whole are working well. The girls on the sewing afternoons were taught how to cut out small garments. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 16: Readmitted two scholars this week. The attendance throughout the school has been better. Two or three children who have made the required number of attendances for Examination have been away on account of the measles. Revd E. Seymour visited the school and the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 19: The Revd E. Seymour examined the registers on Saturday and found them to be correct. The girls sewed this Afternoon from 2.45 until 4 p.m.

July 20: Today the school was inspected by H.F. Codd Esqr and his assistant. 7 children were present.

July 23: We had no school to day. The attendance on Thursday was small, most of the children being away Hay Harvesting. On Wednesday (21st) began fresh work for the year with every class. I propose taking the Geography of Europe with the 1st Class.

July 30: I began the Geography of England with the 3rd Standard and the Definitions with the 2nd. Taught the 5th Standard Practice and the Analysis of a Simple Sentence. Attendance rather small owing to wet weather.

Aug 4: Today as the Rector gave a tea to the children who passed the Examination, I opened school at 12:30, closed the registers at 12:55 and dismissed school at 3 p.m. In consequence of this the general routine was not strictly adhered to, still there were two hours of instruction after the registers were closed.

Aug 6: Several of the 4th Standard have been away this week, but the other Standards have been pretty full. The 6th Standard are working Fractions, the 4th Compound Multiplication by Composite Numbers, the 3rd Long Division and the 2nd Multiplication. The 1st Standard have been shown the way to do addition and to put down numbers as far as thousands. I have taken steps to improve the discipline which has not been very satisfactory owing to some boys coming back who have not been at school for some time. Readmitted one boy and admitted one girl.

Aug 9: There was a holiday this afternoon on account of a Sunday School Anniversary, and a great number of children attending.

Aug 11: Only 39 children were present this morning. The School was not opened this afternoon in consequence of the Rector giving a tea to his Sunday school and most of the children attending it.

Aug 15: We broke up to day for a month's Holiday.

Sep 13: Commenced school again today. The attendance was very small. During the holidays the report was received by the Clerk of the Board and is as follows:

“The children are in good Order and have passed a very fair Examination. Needlework continues to be the weakest point in the Instruction, but I am glad to report an advance in this respect during the past year. The warming of the room is now satisfactory.

The Scholars numbered 2 and 35 on the Examination Schedule are disqualified by the footnote to Article 20(a) 2.

W. W. Shear [*err: Phear*] has passed fairly. He should be informed that he is now qualified under Article 79, but not under Article 60.

William Moore Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Walter Moor Pupil Teacher 1st Year

Ellen Moore Sewing Mistress.

James Phear Clerk

Sep 17: Admitted two children and readmitted three this week. The attendance has been very small consequently we haven't made as much progress as I should wish. There has been a good number of Infants present. Took the 2nd and 3rd Standard in Notation this morning. Miss M. Seymour assisted in needlework. Mr. A. G. Searle visited the school.

Sep 22: The P.T. was absent this morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12 a.m. on leave. Attendance very small.

Sep 24: On the whole the attendance has been better this week than last. Admitted one girl. Have done a fair week's work. Taught the children a new son “Life is full of ups and downs.” Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Oct 1: Two boys were admitted this week. Several children have left this week owing to their parents removing. The attendance has been better, still a great number of children have been absent. A good week's work has been done. Taught Standard 6 division of Fractions. Revd E. Seymour visited the school and Miss M. Seymour assisted for needlework.

Oct 8: Admitted three boys this week. Showed the 4th Standard Composition, Multiplication by hundreds and the 6th Complex Fractions. The 2nd & 3rd Standards have very much improved in their Arithmetic, the former in multiplication and the latter in division. The P.T. took the 1st Class in a Geography Lesson. Mrs & Miss M. Seymour assisted in needlework.

Oct 15: I deviated from the Time Table yesterday by opening the school at 8.50 a.m. and marking the registers immediately on coming in, so that a great number of children were enabled to attend a Confirmation Service in Church by all being let out 11.5. The attendance was not so good after Wednesday as on the previous days. We did a fair week's work. Mrs & Miss M. Seymour assisted in the needlework.

Oct 22: Readmitted two boys this week. A very good attendance until Friday. Taught the 4th Standard to multiply by thousands. The other Standards are gradually making headway in their work and improving. The P.T. took the 1st Class in Geography. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Oct 29: Taught the 4th Standard Short Division of Money. Not one Standard 5 girl present during the week. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 5: Admitted one girl. Attendance poor. No Standard 5 girls present. Taught the 6th Standard Decimals, the 4th division by Composite Numbers, and the 2nd Multiplication with noughts. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 12: Cautioned the boys about chalking and writing on the Closet doors. The children have done a fair week's work. Grammar is improving in all classes. I cannot get on with Geography as well as I should wish because of the irregularity of children. Singing is improving. Taught the 4th Standard Compound Division, the 3rd Addition & Composition. The first Standard is working Subtraction. The P.T. is working fairly in school, as well as in his lessons. I find the 2nd Standard boys are backward in Spelling and so have taken steps to improve it. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 19: The children have done a good week's work. The attendance has been good until today. The 5th Standard boys are working Compound Practice and girls Simple. Standard 1 had singing from 3.45 to 4 p.m. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 26: Haven't done so much work this week as I should wish owing to the very scanty attendance. Not more than 35 children were present on any day. A great number are sick, one of the school has died (J Roberts). Readmitted two pupils. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 30: The School has had to be closed today for a period of 5 weeks, on account of diphtheria & Scarletina.

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Jan 10: Commenced school today, after having been closed for six weeks. Only 29 present. Readmitted 4 children. 4 girls and 3 boys have left. Mr Mrs & the Misses Seymour paid a visit.

Jan 14: Since Tuesday there has been a very small attendance, owing to the Snowy weather. Have gone over the back work with children. The Revd E. Seymour paid a visit, and the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Jan 20: On Tuesday and Wednesday the School was not opened in consequence of the severity of the weather. Today it was opened, only three children being present in the morning and twelve in the Afternoon.

Jan 21: Today we have had a very small attendance again. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. The weather still continues stormy and rough. The girls did no sewing yesterday afternoon nor this afternoon as only two were present.

Jan 28: The girls did needlework on Monday afternoon from 2.45 to 4 p.m. to make up the time missed, for the week before. Commenced Short Division with Standard 2. A fair amount of work has been done, considering the small attendance. Revd E. Seymour visited the school.

Feb 4: This week the attendance has been better. Average 53.6. The children are all working well. Home Lessons are well brought. The Misses Seymour assisted in needlework. Taught a New Song "the Swing".

Feb 11: The girls sewed on Monday Afternoon from 2.45 to 4 p.m. Admitted a fresh scholar. 2nd Standard are improving in Division and 3rd in Compound Addition. To improve Punctuality of children have kept some in after School, which appears to have the desired effect. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

Feb 18: Admitted three Scholars on Monday. Average for this week 64.6. Have done a good week's work. Taught a fresh song. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Miss S. Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 25: The Average has improved this week. Admitted another scholar. The children have done a good week's work. Commenced lessons at 7 a.m. with P.T. having taken him from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. since September. Mrs & Miss S. Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 4: On Monday last the girls did needlework from 2.45 to 4 p.m. as it is rather weak. All the children are improving in their work. Have been teaching Standard 5 Proportion. Attendance not quite so good last week. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 11: Admitted one scholar on Monday. Two have left. Average attendance this week 63. The books and accounts were audited on Tuesday and found correct. A good week's work has been done. Singing has improved very much. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 18: This week I have given more time in Arithmetic to the first class, and so have deviated from Time Table. This class is rather behind in this subject in consequence of irregularity. All classes are working fairly. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 25: Admitted another pupil. Standard 1 commenced Subtraction. Have done a good week's work. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 1: Readmitted three scholars. Standard 2 have improved in their Arithmetic. Gave the P.T. an Examination last week at which he did fairly. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Miss Seymour and Miss Collins assisted in needlework.

April 8: Admitted a fresh pupil on Monday. Girls sewed on Monday from 2.45 to 4 p.m. Attendance has not been so good owing to cold weather. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour and Miss Collins assisted in needlework.

April 15: Today being Good Friday school was not opened. The attendance has been small and irregular. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 22: Admitted six scholars. Commenced Geography of Devon with Standard 2. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 29: Readmitted an old pupil. The upper Standards have been fuller this week. The 3rd Standard are improving in Spelling, which has been rather weak. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 2: Absent from School from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. being away on business.

May 6: Admitted a Scholar on Monday. The 4th and 5th Standards are so irregular that their work is not done so well as I should wish. A good week's work has been done. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 13: Admitted Six Scholars and readmitted an old pupil on Monday. The attendance has been good, Average for the week 73. Today I examined the 3rd, 4th & 5th Standard in Arithmetic, at which they did fairly well, except Standard 5. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 20: The School has been well attended this week. On two or three days more than 80 children were present. Admitted a boy on Monday. Have been shewing 3rd and 4th Standards how to work easy problems. Standard 5 did better today at an Arithmetic Exam, than last week. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 27: The Forms etc for the forthcoming Exam were received today. The attendance has not been good, especially that of the 1st Class. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

June 3: On Tuesday Afternoon School was closed. I find it necessary to deviate from general routine, to give special attention to weak subjects. Attendance irregular. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

June 10: On Wednesday there was a Holiday, being the Annual day of the Friendly Society. Readmitted an old pupil. The attendance this week has been poor, and instead of improving as it should, is falling off. A good week's work has been done. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

June 17: Admitted one scholar. The attendance has slightly improved. Gave the boys of the 1st Class some extra time for Geography, because of their very irregular attendance during a great part of the year, and so have deviated from Time Table. A good week's work has been done. Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

June 24: This week I have been giving all classes a series of Examinations and intend doing so until the Inspection. In consequence of this I shall occasionally not strictly adhere to the general routine. By this means I find out all the weak points. I excused the P.T. from Lessons three mornings this week, as lately he has been working hard. His Exam takes place tomorrow at Tavistock. Out of 98 children on the Books 71 attended school once or more the average is 62, which is very poor. Three girls of the 1st Standard have out a possible 39 attendances, made 21, 12, and 9 respectively. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 1: On Monday after there was a holiday, as a great number of children stayed away to attend an Anniversary. Admitted two boys. The School year ended yesterday. The P.T. has been absent this afternoon on leave. Attendance has been better. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. The girls have been sewing all this afternoon, to get on with their needlework.

July 8: Received notice on Tuesday that the Inspection takes place on the 19th of July. Several children have been away this week Harvesting hay. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 15: Revd E. Seymour examined the registers yesterday and found them to be correct. Rather a small school, a good many away Hay Harvesting. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 19: Today the [school] was Inspected by H.F. Codd Esqr & his Assistant.

July 22: On Wednesday commenced work with all classes for another year. Attendance has been very small. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

July 29: Broke up to day for a month's holiday. The P.T. was absent yesterday and today, sick. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

Sept 19: Begun School today with less than 40 children. During the holidays the Clerk of the Board received the report which runs as follows:

Discipline continues to be good and the work on the whole is creditable. Geography and Needlework have improved, but Grammar has fallen off, and there is a good deal of very indifferent Reading in the upper Standards. The Composition of the 5th Standard also needs attention. The attendance is far from satisfactory.

W. Moor has passed fairly, but should attend to Arithmetic.

Mr. Moore will shortly receive his Certificate.

William Moore, Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Walter Moore, Pupil Teacher 2nd Year

Ellen Moore, Sewing Mistress

Edward Seymour, Clerk to the Board

I also received my Certificate during the holidays. It says "W. Moore gives a fairly instructive lesson; and keeps the attention of his Scholars."

Sep 23: Re admitted an old pupil. Attendance has been very small. The P.T. has been absent from school this week, being indisposed. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

Sep 30: Admitted a fresh scholar. The P.T. resumed his duties on Monday. Attendance has been better, still a great many children have been absent. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Oct 7: The attendance has slightly improved this week. A good week's work has been done. For the past fortnight I have been giving a New Time Table a trial. Mrs Seymour assisted in sewing.

Oct 14: Taught a New Song "Hearts of Oak". Standard 5 are working practice, Standard 2 have been shewn multiplication by two figures.

Oct 21: Readmitted an old pupil. A good week's work has been done, Standard 2 are rather weak in reading. Taught Standard 4 Compound Multiplication by hundreds. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. I am still working by the New Time Table.

Oct 28: The attendance has been better this week, still it is far from satisfactory. Taught Standard 4 Compound short Division. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 4: Attendance has slightly improved. Children are improving. Spelling appears to be a weak point throughout the School, so I have taken steps to improve it. The P.T. is working well, both in his class, and Lessons. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 11: On Wednesday the school was not opened. A fair week's work has been done. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 15: Admitted a fresh Scholar on Monday. Attendance has improved this week. Have been teaching Standard 5 Compound Practice. All classes are making progress in their work. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework. Girls did not sew this afternoon.

Nov 25: Standard 2 have commenced Compound Addition. Reading is improving. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Dec 2: The average this week is 70, a great improvement from what it has been. The 2nd Standard have commenced Short Division. Most forward in 1st Standard have been working subtraction. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Dec 9: Standard 4 this week have begun Weights and Measures. A good week's work has been done. The Composition of Standard 5 is improving. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Dec 16: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs and the Misses Seymour assisted in needlework. A good week's work has been done, and all classes are making satisfactory progress.

Dec 23: Commenced School a little earlier this afternoon, consequently the Time Table was not adhered to as regards the "the time of taking the lessons," but they followed each other in their proper order. Broke up for a fortnight's holiday. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

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Jan 9: Opened school to day after a fortnight's holiday. 54 children present. Readmitted an old pupil.

Jan 13: Have been recapitulating back work with all classes. Towards the latter end of this week the attendance fell off on account of Diphtheria making its appearance again. Revd E. Seymour visited the school. Mrs & Miss M. Seymour assisted in needlework.

Jan 20: Readmitted two scholars. Attendance very small. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs & Misses Seymour assisted in needlework.

Jan 27: Taught the 3rd Standard Compound Subtraction. Attendance has been rather better this week. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 3: On Monday an old pupil was readmitted. A good week's work has been done. Shewed Standard 5 Proportion and Standard 4 Reduction of Long Measure. Attendance is an improvement on last week. Still some of the 2nd Standard girls are most irregular in their attendance. Miss Seymour visited school.

Feb 10: Admitted a fresh Scholar on Monday. All classes are making steady progress in their work. The spelling, of the 1st and 2nd Classes, is improving, but that of the 3rd is not quite what it should be. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework this afternoon.

Feb 17: Taught Standard 4 Square Measure. Standard 2 are working division by Composite numbers. A pretty good attendance. Mr Seymour Mrs & Miss Seymour have paid a visit.

Feb 24: Admitted a fresh Scholar on Monday. Children are making satisfactory progression in Grammar and are working well. Revd E. Seymour & Misses Seymour paid a visit.

March 3: The Accounts were examined on Tuesday last and found correct. Admitted a scholar on Monday. There has been a good attendance. Standard 4 has been working cubic Measure and back work. Have been teaching 2nd & 3rd Standards Notation which most of the children can do well. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework on Tuesday.

March 10: Readmitted a Scholar on Monday. The average for this week is 76, quite an improvement on the corresponding week of last year. Taught Standard 4 Cloth Measure. Have been going over back work with 2nd & 3rd Standards. Miss M. Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 17: Admitted two pupils. A good week's work has been done. Received notice that the school will be inspected by the Diocesan Inspector on March 31st. Revd E. and Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

March 24: On Monday a goodly number of children were present, but towards the latter end of the week the attendance fell off in consequence of rough weather. Taught Standard 3 Compound Multiplication & Standard 2 Long Division. Revd E. Mrs & Misses Seymour visited the school.

March 31: Admitted two pupils this week. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Today the children were examined in Scripture by the Revd Hobkirk, due notice having been received, and for this purpose only was the school opened.

April 6: Two or three children have left School this week. There has not been quite as many children present as there was last week. Tomorrow being Good Friday, there will be no School.

April 14: Admitted three pupils on Monday. The attendance of 2 & 3 & 4 Standards has been small. Taught Standard 4 Time and Dry Measure. Have been giving special attention to two Standard 3 boys who are not so forward as the rest of the class. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

April 21: Admitted a boy on Monday. The 2nd Standard girls are very irregular and consequently are not so forward as they ought to be. There has been a good number present in the two lower classes. The Misses Seymour paid a visit.

April 28: The pupil teacher was absent for an hour on Tuesday on leave. The children did not attend very regular on account of rough weather. Today the upper Standards did some arithmetic on paper, for the first time, and did not do as well as I anticipated. Examined P.T. in Geography & Arithmetic.

May 5: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Attendance has been very irregular, a great many staying away tilling potatoes. Taught a new song.

May 12: Not a great many children have attended school, and some have been very irregular. The 3rd Standard have been working easy problems. Miss Mary Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 19: The average is [*far*] from satisfactory just at the time I want the children to be more regular. They are kept at home. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Standard 3 & 4 have been working easy problems.

May 26: Readmitted a pupil this week. Today received "Forms" for forthcoming Exam. There is a decided improvement in the work, as regards correctness. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

May 31: Today was a holiday, being the Annual day of Club.

June 2: Mrs and the Misses Seymour paid a visit. Average attendance rather low. 2nd and 3rd Standards did very well in an Exam. Which I gave to day. Neatness in putting down work is improving. Writing, in the Copy books, is not so good as I should wish, as the parents of some of the children neglect to get suitable books.

June 6: The school was not opened this afternoon.

June 9: Misses Seymour paid a visit and assisted in needlework. The attendance has been a little better. On Thursday I gave Standard 4 an Exam. In Arithmetic at which on the whole they did very fair. A Standard 5 boy has left school this week.

June 16: There has been a good attendance this week. Standard 3 did very well in the Exam. Which I gave them. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. Some of Standard 4 come very irregular to school

June 20: Today received notice that P.T. would be examined on Saturday 24th June and that the school will be Inspected on July 18th.

June 23: This week we have been giving special attention to backward children. Standard 2 girls still come very irregular and two in particular, whose fees are paid, appear to come and stay away just when they please, the Board taking no further steps in the matter than sending the attendance Office month after month to say they must attend more regular, of which no notice is taken by the parents.

June 26: Readmitted an old pupil. P.T. absent this morning on leave. This afternoon there was a holiday.

June 30: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework. A great many children stayed away to day, Hay Harvesting. This week have been paying attention to backward children.

July 7: Several children have been away this week again, and the attendance on the whole has been very irregular. Have been paying attention to backward children. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 14: Examined the children two or three times during the week. Some of the children, to be examined, stayed away for two or three days. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 17: Admitted a boy this morning. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit, he also examined the registers on Saturday and found them to be correct.

July 18: Today the School was Inspected by H.F. Codd Esqr And his Assistant Matta Esqr Results not Known.

July 21: Commenced work for another year. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

July 25: Today received Duplicate Schedule. Results. Reading 91 pc Writing. 86pc Arithmetic. 84 pc.

July 26: Today I received my parchment. The Report [?] "Mr W. Moore is working successfully and well."

July 28: This morning left the school in charge of P.T. for a half hour. There was a holiday this afternoon. A great many children away.

Aug 1: I was absent from school yesterday. The P.T.'s time also expired. A very small attendance indeed.

Aug 4: A very slack attendance again. Most of Standard 3 can manage "Long Division." Standard 2 are working Multiplication with one figure. No first class boys have been present. Charlotte Voaden has been appointed P.T.

Aug 9: There was no school today, in consequence of a Sunday School Treat.

Aug 11: Today broke up for the Harvest Holidays.

Sep 11: Commenced School today after 4 weeks' vacation. 34 children were present.

Sep 13: The following Report, of the School, has been received during the holidays by the Revd E. Seymour:

"The School is in good order, and continues to make satisfactory progress under its present Master. The Class Work has improved, but the Composition of the fifth Standard remains a weak point. The Reading of the upper Standards lacks intelligence, and blunders in the copybooks are not corrected as they should be. A copy of the current Code should always be provided.

You are requested to forward the usual Medical certificate on behalf of C. Voaden.

W. Moore's name has been removed from the register of Pupil Teachers serving in this School.

William Moore Certificated Teacher 2nd Class
Charlotte Voaden Pupil Teacher 1st Year
Ellen Moore Sewing Mistress

Edward Seymour Clerk to the School Board

Sep 13: Admitted a Pupil on Monday. The attendance has been very small this week as the Harvest is not finished. Revd E. Seymour visited the school.

Sep 22: The attendance has somewhat improved. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. We did a fair week's work.

Sep 29: Admitted a boy on Monday. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. The girls did not sew this afternoon. A fair amount of work has been gone through.

Oct 6: Admitted two pupils on Monday. The children are attending very irregularly, and in consequence of this I cannot get on with the work as I should wish. Several children have left School. On Wednesday there was a half holiday.

Oct 13: The P.T. was absent this afternoon on leave. A good week's work has been gone through. The most forward of Standard 2 commenced Compound Addition and of Standard 4 Compound Division. Revd. E. Seymour paid a visit.

Oct 20: Admitted a pupil on Monday. Cautioned P.T. about coming late to school. Standard 5 are working Subtraction of Fractions. All classes are progressing in their work. Revd Seymour paid a visit.

Oct 27: In consequence of inclement weather, the attendance for the week has been small. Still those were present worked very well. Standard 2 are rather backward. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 3: Rough weather again this week, and for this reason attendance irregular. Have been paying special attention to backward scholars. Standard 5 come so irregular that they appear to make no progress in their work. Miss Seymour helped sewing on Friday.

Nov 10: A good week's work has been done. Commenced Geography of Ireland with 1st Class. Children, on the whole, are making progress in their work. Mrs Seymour helped in sewing.

Nov 17: Attendance again irregular. Standard 2 can work multiplication better. Have been paying special attention to Standard 5. Taught a new Song "Wake Lords & Ladies Gay." Mrs Seymour assisted in sewing.

Nov 24: Commenced Reduction of Weights and Measures with Standard 4 and Compound Subtraction with Standard 3. Standard 1 have begun to learn Subtraction. Two or three pupils have left this week.

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Dec 1: A great many children have been away on account of several colds. Commenced Short division with most forward of Standard 2. I find it impossible to keep this Standard together in their work, as it's most irregular. Standard 3 boys can work Compound Subtraction very nicely. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Dec 8: Admitted a fresh pupil on Monday. A fairly good attendance until Thursday and Friday, and then there was a falling off, on account of snow and severe weather. Taught boys of Standard 3 Compound Multiplication by one figure.

Dec 15: Revd E. and Mrs Seymour paid a visit. Attendance small. Punished two little boys on Thursday for disobeying P.T. Composition of Standard 5 is improving, but slowly.

Dec 21: Broke up to day for a fortnight.

Jan 8: Resumed duties to day after the Christmas vacation. Very fair number of children present.

Jan 12: This week I have spent in revising work done. Readmitted an old pupil. Mrs and the Misses Seymour paid a visit.

Jan 19: Admitted a boy on Monday and re-admitted an old Scholar on Wednesday. This week I have been paying special attention to Standards 5[?] & 2 in Arithmetic. The pupils have been very irregular. I have had to punish a few pupils for disobeying P.T. and talking. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework on Wednesday.

Jan 26: Admitted a fresh pupil on Tuesday. I am sorry to say that the children are very irregular, and that a great many have been away. The pupil teacher is bringing her home work better than she has been. The children are making headway in their work. I have been working with backward boys in Standard 2 & 4 and paying special attention to them. Mrs Seymour paid a visit on Monday.

Feb 2: Admitted a pupil on Tuesday. Attendance still poor. Taught Standard 4 Square Measure. All classes are making headway in their work. Mrs & Misses Seymour paid a visit on Thursday.

Feb 8: Today I had to punish a boy for not complying with my commands. He afterwards did what was wished.

Feb 9: Standard 2 can do Short Division very fairly considering irregularity. Standard 3 boys have been working easy problems. Today I was rather surprised to find a boy writing bad language on his slate and shewing it to the girls. I severely reprimanded him but the effect remains to be seen. Mrs Seymour assisted in sewing yesterday. The attendance is far from being good.

Feb 16: A very slack attendance this week in consequence of inclement weather. Paid special attention to Standard 3 girls in Arithmetic. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Feb 19: Received notice that School is to be Inspected in "Religious Knowledge" on Friday March 30th.

Feb 22: No School this afternoon in Consequence of a Band of Hope Tea, to which most of the children went.

Feb 23: A better attendance this week. Have been teaching Standard 5 Simple Proportion. Standard 2 come very irregularly. Spelling and Composition are improving. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

March 2: This week there has been a better attendance. All classes are satisfactorily progressing with their work. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

March 9: Two scholars have made their appearance again who have been absent from school for eight weeks. A great many more children have been present. Revd E. Seymour Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits. Standard 2 are still backward as a whole, but with fine weather I hope to get them to attend with greater regularity when I hope they will be in a more satisfactory state.

March 16: On Tuesday last the Accounts were audited at Okehampton by Dawson Esqr and found correct. I have been paying special attention to Standard 5 in Arithmetic and the P.T. to Standard 1. A good week's work has been done. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

March 22: Tomorrow being Good Friday then School will not be opened.

March 30: Today the School was examined in Scripture by Revd Hobkirk Diocesan Inspector. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

April 6: The attendance has been small. Standard 2 and 3 have been worked up in Notation. Standard 5 can work Simple Proportion fairly now. Mrs Seymour and Miss Seymour assisted on needlework.

April 13: Readmitted two Pupils on Monday. A great many children are still away, and those present attended very irregularly. A fair amount of work has been gone through.

April 20: Mrs Seymour and the Misses Seymour and Miss Collins paid a visit. Attendance still small. Work progressing satisfactorily.

April 27: Nothing worthy of record this week.

May 4: Admitted a pupil on Monday. Mrs and the Misses Seymour paid a visit. The children have attended better. A good week's work has been done.

May 11: Admitted two Scholars on Monday. Mrs Seymour paid a visit. All classes have been recapitulating their work.

May 18: Admitted two pupils on Monday. Wednesday was a holiday being the Annual Day of the Friendly Society. Children very irregular. Backward children have been taken out from their respective Standards and had special attention bestowed on them.

May 25: P.T. absent on Wednesday morn on leave. There was a holiday in the Afternoon. Admitted two pupils on Monday. Standard 5 had special attention paid to them. A good week's work has been done.

June 1: Backward boys and girls have been placed by themselves this week and worked up. Miss Sophie Seymour assisted in sewing.

June 8: Received forms etc for forthcoming Exam. Miss Seymour paid a visit. Average better this week.

June 11: Called over the names in the Registers, without notice and found the Registers correct. Edward Seymour

June 15: Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. I punished two or three children during the week for being careless in their work. There was a good attendance until yesterday and today. I came unexpectedly this afternoon June 22nd called over the names and examined the Registers and found them correct. Edward Seymour

June 22: I examined Standard 3 & 4 today but they not do as well as I expected. A good week's work has been gone through. Revd E. Seymour visited the School. Mrs and Miss Seymour paid a visit.

June 27: On Monday Afternoon there was a holiday, in consequence of a Sunday School Anniversary. To da, received notice of P.T.s Inspection and School Inspection which take place on June 30th & July 17th respectively.

June 29: A fair attendance through the week. The work has been done better and neater. Mrs and Miss Seymour tested the girls in needlework. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

July 6: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. Have been going over backwork. The attendance has not been so good this week. Miss Seymour and Miss Collins paid a visit.

July 13: I have spent the greater part of this week in Examining the children. Revd E. Mrs and Miss Seymour paid a visit.

July 15: I attended this morning. The names were called over, and I examined the registers and found them to be correct. Edward Seymour

July 16: The Revd E. Seymour Examined the Registers etc and found them correct with the exception of A. Bickle's attendance, 409 instead of 399, a mistake made in carrying them forward from quarter to quarter. Revd E and Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

July 17: Today the children were examined by H.F. Codd Esqr And his Assistant.

July 20: Today was a holiday. The children commenced work for another year on Wednesday.

July 27: The attendance has not been good this week as a great many children have been Hay harvesting. Miss Seymour paid a visit. There has been no sewing this afternoon.

July 31: Today I received the Duplicate Schedule.

Aug 1: My parchment Certificate came to day. The Report on it is: Mr W. Moor is an industrious teacher and in many ways his school does him credit.

Aug 3: A small attendance this week. A fair amount of work has been gone through. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Aug 10: On Monday Afternoon I had to absent myself from School. Mr Searle C.M. carries on the School for me. A great many children have been away. A fair amount of work has been gone through.

Aug 15: Today the Clerk of the Board, Revd E. Seymour, received the Report on the School which is as follows:

“The Children are in good Order and the results of the Examination are for the most part creditable. Composition and Arithmetic in the fifth Standard are, however, very defective and Geography must improve if the full amount of Grant is in future to be earned.

The Infant Class is in very fair order, and on the whole creditably taught. More attempt should however be made to meet the requirements of the Code as to varied occupations.

C. Voaden has passed fairly, but should attend to Geography.

W. Moore’s name has been removed from the Register of Pupil Teachers serving in this school.

William Moore Certificated Master 2nd Class

Charlotte Voaden P.T. Second Year

Ellen Moore Sewing Mistress

Edward Seymour, Clerk

Aug 16: This Afternoon is a holiday in consequence of the Revd E. Seymour giving a tea to his Sunday School Scholars most of whom attend the Day School. This morning there was a small attendance.

Aug 17: Today broke up for 4 weeks Holiday. Revd E. Mrs and Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Sep 17: Commenced work again today, after the Harvest vacation with about 30 Scholars.

Sep 21: All the week there has been a small attendance. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Sep 28: A few more children have attended this week than last but still the average is small. Revd E. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Oct 5: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. A great many more children have attended this week. A good week’s work has been done. The P.T. has brought her lessons better learnt this week. She is working pretty well in School. Miss Mary Seymour paid a visit on Wednesday Morn. Mrs Seymour assisted in Sewing this Afternoon.

Oct 12: Admitted two pupils on Monday. Children come to school very irregularly. The parents of two children, won’t allow them to attend school, even when the Board says they may come free, unless they are allowed, besides, a weekly sum for maintenance. The Sewing Mistress has been away this week, so Mrs and the Misses Seymour, took her place on the Afternoon for sewing.

Oct 19: Admitted a Pupil on Monday and readmitted one on Tuesday. A great many more children have attended this week. Standard 2 has been working Multiplication by two figures. Revd E. Seymour visited the School and Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Oct 26: A greater number of children have attended this week. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. Commenced Compound Short Division with Standard 4.

Nov 2: Admitted a Pupil on Tuesday. I Examined the Pupil Teacher in her work but she did not do as well as I expected. The attendance has been rather scanty and irregular, a great many boys having been potato digging. Mrs Seymour assisted in sewing. I attended this morning, heard the names called over and examined the registers, which I found to be correct. Edward Seymour

Nov 9: Admitted two pupils on Monday. Revd E. and Mrs Seymour paid a visit. On the whole the children are working well. I have to punish a few occasionally for disobedience. The girls did not sew this Afternoon.

Nov 16: The boys and girls of the First Class are making an improvement in Composition. I gave them apiece on Wednesday by way of an Examination, and on the whole it was very fairly done. Some of the 3rd Standard boys and girls are very dull and consequently backward. I have taught the children a new song. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Nov 23: Readmitted an old Pupil on Monday. Miss Seymour paid a visit. I have been paying special attention to backward boys and girls of Standards 5 and 2. Some of Standard 1 have been shown subtraction.

Nov 30: On Tuesday Afternoon I was absent from 2 to 3.30 p.m. on business leaving the School in charge of my sister and P.T. Readmitted an old Pupil on Monday. All classes are making satisfactory progress. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits.

Dec 7: Mrs Seymour & Miss paid visits. Commenced Short Division with Standard 2 & Weights and Measures with Standard 4. I have been working hard at Composition with the Upper Standards.

Dec 14: During the week Standards 4, 5 and 6 have been well attended, but Standard 1 and the Infant Class not so well. Standard 5 have commenced Proportion. I Examined the P.T. in her work last week, and she did fairly.

Dec 21: Today we broke up School for a fortnight. Revd E. Seymour and Mrs paid visits. There has been a very fair attendance throughout the week.

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Jan 11: On Monday last School was opened after a fortnight's vacation. 60 Scholars were present. Have been recapitulating backwork.

Jan 18: This week the children have been in better order. Miss Seymour paid a visit. Standard 2 is improving in Arithmetic. Backward Scholars of all Standards have been taken out and worked by themselves.

Jan 25: The Attendance has not been so good this week. The P.T. being very unwell, I excused her from Lessons for three nights. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 1: This week the attendance has not been good, inclement weather being the cause. A good amount of work was gone through. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 8: Two or three children have left this week. Miss M. Seymour paid a visit on Monday. Standard 4 is working Square Measure.

Feb 15: On Tuesday notice was received that the School will be examined in Scripture on March 21st by Revd Hobkirk. A very small attendance this week. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

Feb 22: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework. Attendance rather poor. Have been paying special attention to reading. Shewed Standard 3 Compound Multiplication.

Feb 27: I attended this morning, found the attendance and registers to be correct. Edward Seymour

Feb 29: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit on Wednesday. A great many children have attended this week but some very irregularly. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

March 7: On Monday and Tuesday the attendance was very small in consequence of wet weather, since the attendance has been better. Shewed Standard 3 to Multiply by compound numbers (Compound Multiplication) and took the most backward of Standard 2 to work by themselves. Some of the boys in Standard 3 are backward in Reading and Spelling on account of their irregularity in coming to School. Revd E. & Mrs Seymour paid visits.

March 14: Admitted a pupil on Monday. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework. Backward boys and girls have been taken out by themselves and worked. Commenced Lessons at 7.

March 21: There has been a good attendance throughout the week. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework. Today the School was inspected by the Revd C. Hobkirk, the Diocesan Inspector.

March 28: The attendance this week has not been good, as many boys being away tilling potatoes. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

April 4: Readmitted a Pupil on Monday. Shewed Standard 6 Compound Proportion and paid special attention to Standard 5. Had to punish several children this week. Mrs & Miss Sophy Seymour paid visits.

April 11: Being Good Friday, today was a holiday. Admitted a Pupil on Monday. Mrs Seymour assisted in needlework.

April 18: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. The attendance has been small, that of the 1st Class especially.

April 25: The attendance is still irregular. Mrs Seymour visit the school. Admitted a pupil on Tuesday.

May 2: Admitted a pupil on Monday. Since Easter the attendance has been bad, in fact, one cannot make as much progress as he wishes. Mr Andrew of Halwill visited the School in the week. Miss M. Seymour paid a visit on Friday.

May 9: Admitted a pupil on Monday. The attendance has been very bad all the week, no regularity whatever. Today I had to punish a boy, first class, for disobedience. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

May 16: The attendance since Monday has been very fair. Still 2nd & 3rd Standards have been very irregular. All classes are making progress in their work. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

May 23: There has been a good attendance this week, and a good week's work has been done. Mrs & the Misses Seymour paid visits.

May 30: To da School was broken up for a week's holiday. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits. Received Forms for forthcoming Exam.

June 13: On Tuesday the P.T. was absent with leave. The attendance has been rather poor. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits.

June 20: Attendance has been very irregular throughout the week, in fact is very disheartening seeing that the Exam is so near. Mrs and Miss Seymour paid a visit. On Tuesday afternoon there was a holiday.

June 24: Received notice today that the P.T. will be examined on Saturday 28th of June, and that the School will be Examined on Tuesday July 29th.

June 27: The attendance has been poor, especially that of the 2nd Class. A good week's work has been done. Revd E. & Miss Seymour paid visits.

June 30: The School year ended today. Revd E. Seymour checked the Registers on Saturday last.

July 4: Several children have been absent this week sick. A good week's work has been done.

July 11: The P.T. made an erasure on Tuesday last in 3rd Class Register, so I cautioned her respecting this. On Thursday, my sister, sewing mistress, being absent, her place was filled by Miss Parnell. The attendance throughout the week has been very irregular, one would fancy that the Exam was not very near. The children did a good week's work. Miss Seymour paid a visit, and Miss Hutchinson.

July 18: I Examined all classes on Wednesday. The results passed my expectations. Miss Seymour and Miss Hutchinson paid a visit.

July 25: Several children have been away this week sick. Revd E. and Mrs Seymour paid visits. I had to punish some children for carelessness in their work.

July 27: Revd E Seymour examined Registers etc on Saturday

Poetry

Good Night and Good Morning Standard 1

We are Seven Standard 2

Vision of Belshazzar & Some Murmur When Their Sky Is Clear Standard 3
Goly's Elegy & Homes of England 4, 5 & 6 Standards

Object Lessons:

Animals: Snail, Beaver, Camel, Crocodile, Giraffe.

Vegetables: Potato, Mushroom Rice Plan, Cork Tree, Nutmeg.

Minerals: Gold, Iron, Copper, Lead, Tin.

Trades: Farmer, Smith.

Manufactures: Needle, Candle, Tea Cup, Paper, Glass.

29-7-14 Approved H. F. Codd

July 29: Today the School was Inspected by H. F. Codd Esqr and his assistant.

Aug 1: The attendance gradually fell off from Tuesday. Commenced a fresh year's course on Wednesday. Revd E. & Mrs Seymour paid visits.

Aug 6: Today the duplicate Schedule was received. The results are not so good as I expected. My parchment also came endorsed. "The School is in good order and creditably taught."

Aug 7: There was a Holiday this afternoon, consequent on the Revd E. Seymour giving a tea to his Sunday School.

Aug 8: The attendance has been small this week.

Aug 15: Today we broke up for a month's holiday. The attendance has been small all the week.

Sep 15: This morning School was commenced again, with very few Scholars. During the holidays the Report on the School was received and is as follows:

"The Discipline is good and the instruction on the whole very creditable. English and Geography are not above fair: more attempt should be made to master the meaning of what is learnt by heart."

C. G. Voaden: Geography, History, and Teaching

William Moore Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Charlotte Gerry Voaden, Pupil Teacher 3rd Year

Ellen Moore Sewing Mistress

Edward Seymour, Hon Clerk to School Board

Sep 17: Yesterday Afternoon there was a holiday as Mrs Manning gave a tea to the Scholars.

Sep 19: The attendance has been very small throughout the week.

Sep 27: I attended this morning & found the attendance & registers to be correct. Louisa Seymour

Sep 29: More children have [been] present this week than last. I admitted a boy on Monday last. Mrs Seymour paid a visit. The sewing [mistress] has been absent this week, but her place has been filled by Miss Hortop.

Oct 3: This week the children have been very troublesome, so I have had to cane some of them. Mrs Seymour paid a visit in the week. There has been a better attendance this week.

Oct 10: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. Mrs Seymour was present on Thursday superintending the sewing. There has been a fair attendance throughout the week.

Oct 17: The average for this week is 71. Mrs Seymour paid a visit. A good week's work has been gone through. No Standard 5 boys have been present since the holidays.

Oct 22: I was absent from School on Monday and Tuesday, leaving it in charge of my sister and the Pupil Teacher. Miss Rosetta Hortop's services have been accepted by the School Board as Sewing Mistress.

Oct 24: Mrs Seymour paid a visit. The attendance has been small to-day.

Oct 31: Standard 2 have commenced Compound Short Division. 5th & 6th Standards are very irregular. Standard 3 are working Division still. The Infant Class has not been well attended.

Nov 7: I admitted a pupil on Tuesday. There has been a full School for the week. A good week's work has been done. Mrs Seymour assisted in Sewing.

Nov 14: There has been a good attendance throughout the week. Standard 5 has been working Compound Practice. The most forward of Standard 1 have been working Subtraction. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in Sewing.

Nov 21: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. On the whole there has been a good attendance. Mrs and Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

Nov 28: Mrs & Miss Seymour paid a visit on Thursday. Commenced Simple Proportion with Standard 5, Weights & Measures with Standard 4 & Division with Standard 2.

Dec 5: A good week's work has been done, altho' attendance was small. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Dec 17: I attended the school this morning when the names were called over, and examined the registers which I found to be correct. Edward Seymour

Dec 19: Today School was closed for fortnight's holiday. Revd E. & Mrs Seymour paid visits.

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Jan 9: There has been a scanty attendance. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Jan 16: The attendance again this week has not been so good as it ought. Standard 1 can work Subtraction now fairly. Standard 5 appears to get on nicely with Simple Proportion. Miss [Mrs] & Miss Mary Seymour paid a visit.

Jan 21: The P.T. has not been to School to-day being sick. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Jan 25: The P.T. came back to School yesterday. Received notice – preliminary – that the School will be Examined in Scripture some-time the latter end of March. During the week I was compelled to punish some children for bad behaviour while I was in the Classroom.

Jan 30: There has been a small attendance again this week, and consequently, I cannot get on with my work as I should wish. Mrs Seymour paid visits.

Feb 6: On Monday Afternoon School was not opened in consequence of rough weather. The P.T. has been absent since Tuesday, sick. Mrs Seymour paid a visit. I spent the week in working up backward Scholars of each Standard.

Feb 13: There has been a better attendance this week. The P.T. is still away.

Feb 20: Mrs & Miss Seymour paid a visit. The attendance has been much better. Commenced Fractions with Standard 5. Backward boys and girls of Standard 2 can do Division much better than they did. The P.T. came back to School again last Monday.

Feb 27: Standard 5 commenced "Fractions" this week. I have taken out backwards ones of Standard 2 and worked up in "Short Division". The P.T. did rather a nice paper on some questions in Grammar, Geography & History. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

March 6: The Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. The Accounts were audited on Tuesday. Most of Standard 5 can do "Addition of Fractions". As the reading of Standard 3 is anything but satisfactory, I have been giving them extra time in that subject. The majority of that Standard come very irregular to School. Mrs Seymour assisted in Sewing.

March 13: A good week's work has been done. The reading of Standard 3 is a little better. Received notice that the School will be inspected in Scripture on March 30th. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in Sewing.

March 18: I attended this morning and found the attendance and registers to be correct. Edward Seymour

March 20: The first Cass has not been well attended. Standard 3 reading is improving, so is that of Standard 2. Mrs Seymour & Miss [Seymour] paid a visit as also did the Revd E. Seymour. I punished some children for being disorderly.

March 27: The attendance of the "Upper Standards" has been very irregular. Miss Seymour assisted in needlework. To-day I punished a Standard 2 boy for using bad language.

April 2: Admitted some fresh scholars on Monday. The 1st & 2nd Standards have been well attended, the others not so. The School was examined in Scripture Knowledge on Thursday Afternoon by Revd

Hobkirk. Mr Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits. To-morrow being Good Friday, school will not be opened.

April 10: Mr & Miss Seymour paid a visit. Considering this is Easter-week, there has been a very fair attendance. A very good week's work has been done.

April 14: Received notice, today, of P.T.s Exam.

April 17: The upper Standards have not been well attended this week, a number of children being away tilling potatoes. Mr Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits.

April 24: The attendance is not at all good. A very good week's work has been done. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

May 2: Admitted a Pupil on Monday. There has been a better attendance this week. All classes are improving in their work. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

May 9: On Monday I admitted a Scholar. The attendance has been better this week, still there a few very irregular ones. A good week's work has been done. Standard 3 is still backward. I took out some backward ones of Standard 4 and worked by themselves during the week.

May 15: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. I punished some boys and girls for playing instead of working. Standard 3 appears not to make any headway in its work whatever, which I cannot understand. I examined Standard 4 in Arithmetic but they did not do so well as I expected.

May 22: The attendance is still good, still there are two or three very irregular in Standards 3, 4 & 5 in consequence of which they are behind the rest in their work. I gave the upper Standard an Exam in Arithmetic & Grammar on paper, some did very well. Today School was broke up for Whitsun holidays.

I attended this morning June 3rd and examined the registers, finding them to be correct. Edward Seymour

June 5: The attendance has not been good this week. Mr and Mrs Seymour paid a visit. Received Forms etc. for the forthcoming Exam. On Monday. I was absent on Monday sick.

June 12: The attendance has been rather small this week on account of Measles. The P.T. has been absent for the week sick. Mrs Seymour paid a visit. The children worked very well this week.

June 19: I introduced a fresh set of "Arithmetic Test Cards". The Average is still small. The P.T. has been away all this week again sick, so I have found it rather busy work keeping all classes going. Standard 4 did very well in Arithmetic and Dictation today. Standards 3 & 5 not so well. Mrs Seymour paid visits to the School.

June 22: The P.T. came back to School to-day.

June 23: Received notice that the School is to be inspected on July 9th.

June 26: There has been a very fair attendance throughout the week. Two boys of Standard 4 have not been to school for a fortnight. Revd E. Mrs & Miss Seymour paid visits.

June 29: There was a half holiday this Afternoon in consequence of the Chapel treat to its children.

June 30: The School year ends to-day. The attendance is not good, many being away sick.

July 3: We have been very busy this week. I punished some boys for carelessness in their work. Mrs & Miss Seymour assisted in needlework.

July 9: Revd E. Seymour examined the Registers etc on Monday and found them correct.

Poetry 1885-1886

Standard 1: The Little Girl Who Would Not Say "Please"

Standard 2: Lucy Gray

Standard 3: The Village Blacksmith, and Be Kind to each other

Standards 4, 5, 6: The Saxon and the Gael

Object Lessons.

Animals: Kangaroo, rat, reindeer, horse, tiger

Vegetables: Cloves, cotton plant, cocoa, acorns

Minerals: Marble, black lead, brick

Metals: Pens, Nails

Trades: Wheelwrights, Carpenters

Manufactures: Looking-glass, sugar, sealing-wax

Approved H. F. Codd H.M.I 9 Jul 1885

July 10: The School was examined yesterday by H.M.I. H. F. Codd Esqr Today is a holiday.

July 14: I commenced trying to work by a fresh Time Table yesterday.

July 16: Received my Parchment yesterday endorsed, "The Discipline is good, but the work shews some falling off." The Duplicate Schedule was also received

July 19: The attendance has been slight. I purpose giving the fresh Time Table a trial for some weeks, before finally adopting it. Miss Seymour paid a visit. Fresh work was commenced by all Standards in the week.

July 24: The attendance has not been at all good this week. The children that have been present worked very well.

July 30: Today the Inspector's Report on the School was received, which is as follows:

"The children are in good order, but their instruction shows no progress. No attempt has been made to remedy the defect I drew attention to a year ago. Arithmetic above the second Standard is defective. Needlework has fallen off. Some primers are wanted for use with the Infant Class."

C. G. Voaden, History

William Moore Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Charlotte G. Voaden, Pupil Teacher 4th Year
Rosetta Hortop, Sewing Mistress

William Dawe on behalf of Revd E. Seymour Clerk

July 31: The attendance for the week has been small. A good week's work has been done. Miss Seymour paid a visit.

Aug 7: I was absent from School on Tuesday morn from 9. To 11. Several of the 1st Class have been absent. Standard 5 can do simple Practice fairly. Most of Standard 3 can do Long Division. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Aug 14: We broke up to day for a month's holiday. On account of a scanty attendance on Tuesday morning there was a holiday in the Afternoon, and also on Thursday Afternoon as most of the children went to the Church tea. Mrs Seymour paid a visit.

Sep 18: We commenced School again on Monday with a good number of pupils present, but towards the end of the week the numbers fell off. Most of the week was spent in recapitulating back work.

I hereby certify that the entry on the Register is Correct this 22nd day of September 1885 William Dawe

Sep 25: The attendance this week has not been good. The children who were present worked well. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

Oct 2: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. I may report fair progress this week. The attendance is anything but good.

Oct 9: There has been a very [?] attendance considering the rough state of the weather. Standard 6 can do Vulgar Fractions fairly well & Standard 5 Simple Practice. Standard 4 however are much behind especially in Spelling and Reading. The remaining Standards are doing their work fairly.

Oct 16: Yesterday afternoon was a holiday in consequence of a Harvest Festival, the majority of the children staying away to attend it. The average is not so good as I should wish. Standard 5 commenced Compound Practice & Standard 4 Compound Division & Standard 1 Subtraction.

Oct 25: Admitted a pupil on Monday. On Thursday Mr Martin visited the School. All classes are working very well.

Oct 30: There has been a better attendance this week. Standard 4 do not get on very well with their Division, and two of Standard 3 I have not been able to shew Compound Addition as they do not remember their tables. Standard 2 are improving in Multiplication, and some in this Standard also are weak in "Tables".

Nov 6: There was no sewing this Afternoon but it will be taken on Monday Afternoon instead. Standard 5 are getting on with Proportion very well. I have found it expedient to detain some of the 4th Standard after the other children have gone to work them up in Spelling, as this appears to be in a wretched condition.

Nov 13: There has been a very small attendance this week. Standard 2 have been taught Short Division. Taught a Son, Little bird with bosom red.

I attended this afternoon the 16th day of November 1885 and examined the Registers and found them correct. William H Martin

Nov 20: Several children have been absent this week. The first class has been fairly attended. Standard 4 commenced Weights & Measures. Standard 3 can do Compound Subtraction fairly. Standard 2 are getting on with Division. Fair progress is being made in Geography & English. Mr. W. H. Martin & Mr. P. Hearn visited the School on Monday.

Nov 27: Many children have been away again this week having "Whooping Cough." Composition improves but slowly. Standard 5 commenced Fractions. Standard 4, since I kept it in, pays more attention to learning its spelling, so I hope soon to be able to report progress in this subject.

Dec 4: The attendance has been small. I taught Standard 5 Addition and Subtraction of Fractions. The Fourth Standard is getting on in sums pretty well.

Dec 11: The attendance is still small. The first and second classes have been fairly well attended, but the third and fourth not so. Taught Standards 5 & 6 Bills of Parcels & Simple Interest respectively. I find two or three of Standard 3 very dull at Arithmetic.

The attendance for the week has been very small. I taught Standard 3 Multiplication (Compound) and Standard 4 Long Measure.

This is to certify that I the undersigned attended School this 22nd day of December and that the entry in the Register is Correct Dated this 22nd of December 1885 William Dawe.

Dec 24: Have been going over back work this week. The attendance has been very small. Mr. Dawe visited the School on Tuesday & the Revd E. Seymour on Wednesday. We broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday.

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Jan 15: The average for the week is 47, which is small. Several children have been away on account of Whooping Cough. The 1st and 2nd classes have been fairly attended. Some children have been very troublesome so I have had to punish them. A fair amount of work has been done.

Jan 22: The attendance since Tuesday has been small, snowy weather having set in. Received orders from the Board to prepare Thomas Roberts for the Candidates Exam. All classes are working well.

Jan 29: The attendance this week has been very small. On Wednesday School was closed in consequence of rough weather. Received Geography Readers for 1st Class & Copy Books on Friday. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

Feb 5: Within the past month I have re-admitted several old pupils. The attendance has been better this week, still a number of the 1st Standard and Infants are away. The Spelling of Standard 4 is

improving as is also the Reading. Three of Standard 3 I have placed by themselves, to work Arithmetic, as they are rather slow. I gave the P.T. an Exam. But she did not do as well as I expected.

Feb 12: Readmitted a pupil on Monday. The children bring their "home lessons" well learnt. The Accts. Were audited on Tuesday and found correct. Several of the Infant Class are still away. Today I gave the upper Standard work on paper to do, but it was badly done. Revd E. Seymour paid a visit.

Feb 19: The P.T. was absent Monday morn on leave, and on Tuesday she was away sick. I may report an improvement in writing especially that on Copy Books. The children appear to make fair progress, but some of Standard 4 are very dull at Arithmetic. The attendance is still very unsatisfactory.

Feb 26: The Sewing mistress was absent for a short time on Wednesday. On Monday I admitted two pupils. On the whole a fair amount of work has been done. Standard 4 are rather weak in "Weights & Measures" and those backward ones in Standard 4 are progressing, but slowly.

March 5: The attendance has been a little better this week. The children, on the whole come punctually to school. Mr. Dawe paid a visit.

March 9: Received notice to say of P.T.s Exam. Which is [to] take place on April 10th.

March 10: To-day notice was received of the Scripture Exam, which is to take place on March 26th.

March 12: Revd E. Seymour paid a visit. A good week's work has been done. Standard 4 are improving. I commenced to work problems with this Standard. Standard 2, being rather weak in putting down numbers, have given them a lesson or two in notation.

This is to Certify That I the undersigned attended School this 16th day of March and That The entry on The Register is correct. Dated this 16th day of March 1886 William Dawe

March 22: A Standard 6 boy came back to school again on Monday after being away for nearly six weeks. 4 boys and girls of Standard 4 are very backward, two in consequence of great irregularity, so that when they do come they find their work irksome. Standard 2 can read their Geography Readers a little better than they did at first. Taken on the whole the attendance is very irregular and unsatisfactory.

March 26: Yesterday the School was examined in Scripture by Revd Hobkirk. There has been a small attendance throughout the week. The children present have worked well. Revd E. Seymour paid visits.

April 2: Admitted and re-admitted several pupils on Monday. The attendance of the 4th, 5th & 6th Standards is anything but satisfactory. Standards 2 & 3 have been well attended, so as the Infant Class, but in Standard 1 the attendance has been very irregular. A good week's work has been done. Geography and Grammar are progressing.

April 9: Admitted a pupil on Monday. Some boys and girls have left. The attendance of the First Class has been very poor. The Spelling of Standard 4 and also the Reading is improving, still neither is very satisfactory. The remaining classes continue to make satisfactory progress.

April 16: This week there has been a fairly good attendance, but that of the 2nd Class has been poor. Standard 4 find Problems rather difficult. Standard 1 spelling is not so good as I should wish it to be, but I hope soon to be able to report more favourably on it.

April 22: The attendance this week has been very small. To-morrow being Good Friday, there will be no School.

April 30: The attendance of infants this week has been very small. Thomas Roberts has been absent two days sick.

May 7: Admitted a pupil on Monday. The attendance this week has not been at all good. A good week's work has been done. Thomas Roberts came back to School again Tuesday.

I attended this Morning heard the names called over and the entry on the Register is Correct 14th
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May 14: The average for this week is 69.9. I examined the Classes in the week but they did not do very well. Mr. W. Dawe paid a visit.

May 21: The Sewing Mistress has not been here this Afternoon. The attendance for the week is 72.4. Satisfactory progress is being made. Mr. W. Dawe paid a visit.

May 28: Admitted a pupil on Monday. There has been a very fair attendance throughout the week. I punished a boy on Thursday rather sharply for striking the P.T. Those boys & girls who are behind in Arithmetic I have worked by themselves. The paper work is not done so neatly as I should wish but I hope to see an improvement soon. The Forms for the forthcoming Exam. were received today.

June 4: The average for the week is 79. Admitted two pupils on Monday. Standard 1 attend very irregularly and two of Standard 2.

I hereby certify that I attended School this 7th day of June 1886 heard the Names called over and that the entry on the Register is Correct. Wm Dawe

June 11: Admitted three pupils this week. Mr Dawe paid a visit. The attendance has been fairly good. All classes are working well.

June 18: Broke up to-day for the Whitsun holiday. Have been paying special attention to backward pupils.

June 25: Miss Seymour paid a visit yesterday. Commenced School on Monday, but was obliged to give the Afternoon's holiday in consequence of a School Treat. To-day I examined all classes in writing & arithmetic, but the result was not quite up to my expectation. Since Monday there has been a fairly good attendance.

June 30: The School year ends today as also does the P.T.'s apprenticeship. Received notice on Monday that the Exam will take place on Thursday July 7th, and on Tuesday that Room will be required for General Election.

July 2: Examined some of the Standards to-day. Received a fresh supply of sewing material cards & chalk.

July 8: On Tuesday the registers etc were examined by Mr. W. Dawe for Revd E. Seymour & found correct.

Poetry

Standard 1 Mary's Lamb

2 We Are Seven

3 Let It Pass & The Little Bird

4, 5, 6 & 7 Deserted Village

Object Lessons

Lead, Snail, Grasshopper, Silk, Butterfly, Starch, Wax, Silver, Hops, Bear, Wolf, Chalk, Soap, Ivory

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July 9: Yesterday the School was examined by H. F. Codd Esqr & his assistant R. Matta Esqr Today is a holiday.

July 16: The attendance has not been good this week. Commenced fresh work with all classes.

July 23: This week there has been a very fair attendance, and most of the children are working well. The Duplicate Schedule was received to-day, I feel much put out that so many of Standards 4 & 5 should have failed in Arithmetic.

My Parchment also came endorsed. W. Moore has worked well during the past year in the face of bad attendance.

July 30: Until today there has been a fairly good attendance. Satisfactory progress is being made and the children are working well. Standard 3 are getting on with Long Division & Standard 2 with Multiplication.

Aug 5: The following report on the School has been received today and is as follows:

"The Discipline continues to be good, and I am glad to be able to report substantial progress in the Instruction. Some of the Reading is inaccurate, hurried, and regardless of stops, and the Arithmetic of the fifth and sixth Standards is bad, the work otherwise, is, on the whole decidedly good. This is all the more creditable to the Teacher, who has had to work against bad attendance. It can hardly be necessary that the bulk of the Infants should be withdrawn from School during the winter months."

The special attention of the School Board is drawn to the latter part of H. M. Inspector's Report, and I am to request some explanation on the Subject.

C. G. Voaden Arithmetic*, Geography* and Needlework*

She should be informed that she is not qualified by this Examination under Article 50 or 52. She can be qualified for article 50 only by passing the Examination specified in Article 46

T. Roberts Failure.

William Moore Certificated Teacher 2nd Class
Rosetta Hortop Sewing Mistress

William Dawe

Aug 6: On Monday School was not opened in consequence of very small number in attendance. The average this week has fallen to 60, last week it was 71. A good week's work has been done.

Aug 13: Yesterday Afternoon was a holiday in consequence of a School Treat. The attendance is small. Broke up to day for a month's Holiday. Wm. Dawe paid visits.

Sep 20: Commenced School today with a fair attendance, after 5 weeks' holiday. Admitted two pupils.

Sep 24: Have been going over back work since Monday. The children on the whole have done a very fair week's work.

I hereby Certify that I attended School this morning and the entry on the Register is Correct this 28th day of September 1886 William Dawe

Oct 2: On Wednesday Afternoon there was a holiday by reason of a Church Tea & Festival. There has been a better attendance this week. The work is progressing fairly. Mr. W. Dawe paid a visit.

Oct 9: The attendance has been better this week and the children neither so noisy or troublesome. Standard 5 are working Compound Practice, Standard 4 Compound Division & Standard 3 Compound Addition, Standard 2 Multiplication & Standard 1 Addition.

Oct 15: The average for the week is 70. A few of the [?] boys attend very irregularly, but the Infant Class is well attended. All classes are working well.

Oct 22: The attendance fell off from Wednesday many being away digging potatoes. Three or four children who will be more than seven years of age at the next Exam. I have kept in the Infant Class as they are very backward not having been to School until nearly six years of age.

Oct 29: Readmitted a pupil on Monday and cancelled the names of two 1st Class who have left School. The attendance of some of the Standard boys and girls is still very irregular. I think I may report fair progress in all classes, but one [or] two are behind having only just returned to School.

Nov 5: The average attendance for the week is 78. Commenced Fractions with Standard 5, Reduction of Weights & Measures with Standard 4. Standard 3 is improving in Spelling. Standard 1 is working Subtraction. I can report fair progress in Class Subjects. Thomas Roberts was appointed Candidate by the School Board on October 21st and George Horrell Monitor.

Nov 12: Commenced School today at 1 p.m.; the lessons followed each other in their proper order, but the time of taking them was different to what appears on the Time Table. I left the School in charge of Misses Hortop & Voaden at 2:30.

I hereby certify that I attended School this morning and the entry on the Register is Correct This 17th day of November 1886 William Dawe

Nov 19: The attendance this week has been very irregular. Two boys and two girls of Standards 4 & 5 are so irregular in attendance that they make no progress whatever, yet their parents expect them to pass their Standards. Mr. W. Dawe paid a visit.

Nov 26: The average for the week is 81.5. I commenced to teach Standard 4 how to parse a "Verb". Standard 5 is getting pretty well with Proportion, & Standard 4 with Reduction. Standard 3 can manage its work fairly, but Grammar is its weakest point. Some boys and girls still attend very irregularly. Standard 2 & 3 have been badly attended this week by reason of sickness.

Dec 3: Until Thursday the attendance was good. A good week's work has been done. Standard 2 is getting on with division.

Dec 10: I have spent most of the week in revising back work, a few children I found much behind, and by the manner they attend School, will continue so. Great irregularity still prevails in Standard 4, 5, 6. Standards 5 & 6 have improved in Composition. The Reading of the Infants not being quite satisfactory, I have given that Class more time to that Subject.

Dec 17: The attendance has not been good this week. Shewed Standard 5 Bills of Parcels, Standard 4 Square Measure, Standard 2 can do Short Division to the end of 9 times. Class Subjects progresses satisfactorily. I punished a boy in the week for running out of School

Dec 23: I, William Moore, resign my office of Master of this School as also does Miss Hortop that of Sewing Mistress. Mr. J. Kearns examined the registers.

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Jan 10: I, Edward J. Lobbett together with my sister (Ellen Lobbett) as sewing mistress, commenced duties in this school. Find a great number of children absent. Very severe weather.

Jan 14: Average for the week is 45.3. Spent most of the week in examining the children. Find writing poor & notation weak in the lower Standards. Mr Dawe visited on Wednesday. On Thursday the Rev. E. Seymour brought in notice that the school will be inspected in Scripture on Thursday Feb. 3rd by the Rev. S.[?] Patch.

Jan 21: Re-admitted two pupils this week. Attendance much better. Have been paying particular attention to Arithmetic in Standard 4 & Geography in Standard 3. A fair week's work has been done. Notice has been received from Rev. S. Patch, that the School will be inspected in Scripture on Wed. Feb. 2nd, instead of the 3rd.

Jan 28: Re-admitted a boy this week. Can report fair progress in all subjects, with the exception of two or three children who have attended very irregularly lately. During the week I punished two boys for running out of School. The monitor is absent to-day, in consequence of being unwell.

Feb 4: The monitor returned to school on Wednesday morning. During the same morning the school was inspected in religious knowledge. I have deviated slightly from the time-table on two or three occasions this week in order to work up the Geography & Grammar of the First Class. A good week's

work has been done. I should have mentioned that the Rev. Seymour was present, during the Scripture Examination.

Feb 11: There has been a good attendance this week. Have received a fresh supply of books & slates, & am thereby able to proceed with work much better. Have found it again necessary to deviate from the "Time Table". Can report fair progress in all subjects. I find that I have not help enough in school.

Feb 18: The average is gone down very considerably this week. Shewed Standard 2 how to multiply by 0's. All subjects seem to be progressing favourably.

Feb 25: Attendance slightly better this week, but still irregular. Have been working Standards 4 & 5 in Reduction of Money & Fractions respectively, which they don't appear to know much about. The accounts were audited this week.

March 4: Attendance still rather irregular. Commenced Geog. Readers, with the classes. Standard 3 read theirs badly. Can report fair progress in all Subjects.

I hereby Certify that I attended School this morning and that the entry on the Register is Correct this 11th day of March 1887 William Dawe

March 11: Attendance very fair this week. Standard 1 are improving in writing & Standard 4 in Reduction of money. Mr. Dawe visited to-day.

March 18: Attendance very small this week, in consequence of snow. Improved towards the end of the week, as the weather got better. Am very much in want of additional help in school. Standards are working week, & some can do their work very fairly. The class subjects are improving in the upper Standards.

March 25: Found it necessary to expel a boy this afternoon, with whom I can do nothing. Attendance, very irregular especially in the upper Standards. Work progressing fairly.

April 1: Commenced new quarter. Attendance still very bad in 4, 5 Standards. Admitted a new boy on Monday & cancelled the name of one who has left. Standards are working very fairly with the exception of Standard 1 & infants, & I can't get on with those as I should wish through want of help.

April 8: School was opened on Monday, but has been closed during the rest of the week in consequence of my being taken ill. Admitted three new children (Infants).

April 15: Being still indisposed, Mr Moore assisted by Miss L Musgrove has taken charge of the school this week. Admitted three children to the Infant's class, & cancelled a Standard 5 boy's name, he having left.

April 22: School has again been in the charge of Mr Moore, assisted by Miss Musgrove this week, as I am still ill. Paper work has been begun with the upper standards. Results, not satisfactory. The Candidate was absent on Monday & Tuesday being ill. Admitted a new pupil, & cancelled a boy's name, who has left.

April 29: Being unfit to take charge of the school, Mr Moore, has again taken it on this week. He reports some improvement in the paperwork. Admitted another to the Infant class, re-admitted a pupil, & cancelled the names of three who have left.

May 2: I took charge again this morning, although in a very unfit condition. Attendance Fair.

May 6: Have found the work very trying this week, especially as the candidate has been absent all the week, being ill, & the infant's class is very much increased in numbers. Help is required for them very badly. Admitted a new pupil.

May 13: Attendance very bad in Standards 4 & 5. The Candidate still absent. Paperwork improving slightly, as are also the Class Subjects. One or two girls are behind with their needlework, though not being present when that subject is taken. Admitted two more to the infant class, & cancelled the names of two, who have left.

May 20: Attendance is still bad in upper Standards. Admitted another boy to Infant class, which now numbers 40. T. Roberts, still absent, ill.

May 27: We broke up this morning for the Whitsun Holidays (1 week). T. Roberts returned to school on Tuesday. Attendance rather better in First Class. Cancelled the names of three who have left.

This is to Certify that I attended School this 7th day of June 1887 and that the entry in the Registers is Correct William Dawe

June 10: Commenced school again on Monday (6th) with a fairly good attendance. Two or three of the first class are still away, who should be present, being especially backward with their work. The Board have engaged my sister (Ellen Labbett) to assist me with the Infant Class for two hours daily. The forms for the Examination have arrived. The condition of the work is not at all as I should wish in the Standards. Mr. W. Dawe paid a visit on Tuesday & examined the registers. Admitted another pupil.

June 17: Attendance better in first Class this week. Have been working very busily, but some subjects are still very much behind. The Infant Class is especially behind & has been so all through the time I have been here, & knew very little when I came, because of there not being sufficient help provided for them.

June 24: School was closed on Tuesday in consequence of the Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Attendance is bad among First Class girls again this week. Notice was received on Thursday morning that the school will be inspected on July 7th by H. F. Codd Esqr

June 30: The school-year ended to-day. The attendance for the week has been very fair.

Poetry

Standard 1 "The two kittens"

Standard 2 "Lucy Gray"

Standard 3 "The wreck of the 'Hesperus'"

Standards 4, 5, 6, 7 "The Lady of the Lake" (The Saxon & the Gael)

Object Lessons

Animal Life. Fox, Camel, Whale, Cuckoo Bird's nests.

Vegetable Life. Potato, Tea plant, A field of corn, A meadow.

Mineral Kingdom. Gold, Coal, Salt.

Miscellaneous. A lead pencil, The work of the Farmer, Teeth, The common coins.

Approved H. F. Codd H.M.I 7 July 1887

July 8: The School was examined yesterday by H. F. Codd Esqr & his assistant R. Matta Esqr To-day is a holiday in consequence.

July 15: Commenced fresh work with all Standards. Schedule has been received this week.

July 22: School was not opened on Monday afternoon, in consequence of a school tea. The average has gone down very considerably this week. The Classes are getting on with their new work.

July 29: We broke up this morning for a month's holiday. Attendance small this week.

Aug 29: Commenced school this morning, after a month's vacation, with a small attendance. During the holidays the following report has been received

Mixed School. "The Children continue to be under good discipline, & their attendance has improved, but, owing probably to changes in the Staff, & the bad healthy of the present master, the work has fallen off very much indeed. There is a great deal of very indifferent reading, & a general lack of intelligence, otherwise the Elementary work is, on the whole, fair. Geography, too, is worth the lower Grant, but the English is a failure. Grammar is especially bad. Singing & Needlework are fair."

Infant's Class. "The discipline of the Infant's Class is fairly satisfactory, but the instruction is extremely poor. The principal Teacher requires some more efficient assistance with this Class."

As the Infant's Class have been taught by a Monitor, no Merit Grant has been allowed. (See paragraph 12 of Instructions to H. M. Inspectors.)

The Medical Certificate forwarded for T. Roberts states that he has a Phthisical tendency, & H. M. Inspector thinks that on the score of health, he ought not to be accepted as a Pupil Teacher.

Edward J. Labbett Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Ellen Labbett Sewing Mistress

William Dawe

Sep 2: There has been a very small attendance this week. Have been going over the back work, & find the children have forgotten almost all they had learnt. Admitted a new boy, & cancelled the names of three who have left.

Sep 9: The attendance is better this week, & the children are making some progress with their work. Standard 1 are working two-lined addition, Standard 2 can do multiplication by two figures fairly, Standard 3 Division by two figures, Standard 4 Multiplication by three figures, & Standard 5 Practice by shillings & pounds etc. Cancelled a girl's name, who has left. School was not opened on Thursday afternoon in consequence of a Harvest Fes. & tea.

Sep 16: Attendance very fair, until the latter part of the week. Children working, on the whole, well.

I hereby Certify that I attended School this 23rd day of September 1887 and that the entry on the Registers is Correct William Dawe

Sep 23: School quarter ends to-day. Unable to have sewing this week in consequence of my sister being ill. Mr Wm. Dawe visited today & examined registers. Work progressing fairly, throughout the school.

Sep 29: T. Roberts' engagement terminates to-day, & Charlotte G. Voaden commenced duties having been engaged by the Board to assist with the Infant class, under Art 84.

Sep 30: Have received a fresh stock of "readers" this week, & have no doubt but what the children will improve very much in reading by the use of them. Have shown Standard 4 Short Division of Money. The other Standards have not been taught any fresh rules, as I have kept them employed upon the back work. Cancelled the names of three children who have left.

Oct 7: The attendance is very bad this week. Work progressing fairly, but very disheartening to show fresh rules to such a small proportion of children.

Oct 14: Attendance still very bad, in consequence of potatoe-digging. Standard 2 have been shown to multiply by three figures & are improving a little in their spelling.

Oct 21: No improvement in the attendance. Have shown Standard 5 Compound Practice, & they can do their composition better. Standard 5 are getting on very well with fractions (Vulgar & Decimal).

Oct 28: Still no improvement in attendance. Have readmitted a girl this week. Can report fair progress.

Nov 4: Attendance slightly better this week. Readmitted a girl this week.

Nov 11: Standard 5 are now working Rule of Three. Standard 4 can do Multiplication & Division of Money, excepting, one or two children who don't attend regularly. Class Subjects improving. Attendance still poor in first class.

Nov 18: Attendance very poor indeed in first class this week. Standard 2 have begun to work short division, & are making much improvement in their spelling. Standard 3 are working Compound Addition.

Nov 25: Attendance slightly better this week in first class, & a better week's work has been done. Reading is improving throughout the school.

Nov 28: This is to Certify that I the undersigned attended School this 28th day of November and that the entry on the Registers is Correct William Dawe

Dec 2: Attendance very poor again this week, in upper Standards. Mr W. Dawe visited on Monday and examined the registers.

Dec 9: Cancelled the names of four children who have left. Upper Standards attended badly still. Fair week's work.

Dec 16: Mr Dawe visited on Thursday. Attendance slightly better in upper Standards this week. Work progressing favourably.

Dec 22: School closes this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday. Small attendance during the week, but have been spending time in revising all the work. Some of Standard 6 who have attended regularly can do their Arithmetic fairly. Standard 5 can do Practice, Simple & Compound, Bills of Parcels, & Rule of Three, Standard 4 Multiplication & Division of money, 3 Long Division & Addition of money, Standard 2 can multiply by 3 figures.. & divide by numbers up to 5. The Infants & Standard 1 have also made great improvement with their work. Standard 5 have improved in Composition, & 2, 3, 4 with their Spelling. The Class Subjects are also fairly well on, in all the Standards.

I, Edward J. Lobbett, resign my office as master of this school to-day, as does also my sister (Ellen Lobbett) that of sewing mistress.

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Jan 9: I, George Howard, commenced duties here today as Schoolmaster. Mrs. Howard is engaged as Sewing Mistress.

Jan 13: I find that the children in all the Standards read with no expression whatever not even minding full stops. Standard 4 have not learned any tables only Avoirdupois Weight. Writing in Standards 2 & 3 very poor.

Jan 16: Commenced teaching Tonic-Solfa Notation.

Jan 17: Last week the girls were told to bring material for garments. The have all done so except six 7 these have been supplied by the Sewing Mistress.

Jan 23: Taught the children a new song.

Jan 27: Have made an extra effort every day this week in getting paper work done more neatly. Taken Standard 4 in Reduction. Repetition of tables in all classes several times this week.

Feb 3: Reading continues very poor. All classes from Standard 2 upwards taken together in Mental Arithmetic for about forty-five minutes this afternoon.

I hereby Certify that the entry on the Register is Correct this 8th day of February 1888 Wm Dawe

Feb 10: Ordinary work. I think that the Poetry (The Saxon & the Gael) for Standards 4, 5, 6, is too difficult. Supplied Standard 1 with new Copybooks.

Feb 14: The children learned another song yesterday. Today the School is closed – Snowy weather. This is disheartening as the children can ill-afford the time.

Feb 17: Attendance very poor this week. Average 21 below last week.

Feb 24: Attendance no better yet. The children are reading with more expression, though the progress is very slow. Standard 2 can repeat twenty lines of poetry.

March 2: Ordinary progress. Attendance improving.

March 9: Good work has been done this week. Examined Standard 1, this afternoon. The reading was good but the arithmetic was bad. Writing in all classes has greatly improved.

March 16: The Reading and Repetition is a constant uphill work – especially in Standard 4 & upwards. Taught the Infants a new song, “The Life of a Farmer”. Work, this week, has, on the whole, been very encouraging.

March 23: Gave Standards 3 & 4 a test in Writing and Arithmetic. The work on every paper showed both care and neatness besides a general improvement. The Poetry required in Standard 2 has now been learned.

March 26: Today we commence with the last quarter of this School year. The average attendance for last quarter was 64.6 being 6 less than that of the same quarter last year. The number on the register should not justify this difference.

March 29: The attendance in the upper School has been bad all week. A new song has been rehearsed. Today the following pictures have arrived for the use of the School: “Lion, Lioness, & cubs”, “Brown Bear”, “Camel”, “Elephant”, “Tiger”, “A Ship”, “A Railway Station”, “A Lighthouse”. A Clock face has been added to the School apparatus also. In Needlework, some of the girls have made great progress. The singing by note appears to be learned by the children quite easily. Tomorrow will be Good Friday.

I hereby Certify that I attended School this 3rd day of April 1888 and Examined the Registers and the entry Therein is Correct William Dawe

April 6: The attendance has been very bad this week in Standards 5 & 6. The improvement made in Reading & Recitation, is very encouraging to the teacher. The Copybooks show a marked improvement in neatness of writing. Several families have left neighbourhood.

April 9: Robert Metters 8 years of age & Bessie Metters 11 years of age were admitted last quarter. Previous to this year they have lived three miles from any School and have been out of the reach of any School Board authority. Since admission both have been in the Infants’ Class but today I removed Bessie to Standard 1. She is not fit for the change but it seems a pity that such a big girl should sit with the infants. She was not admitted early enough to be presented for examination.

Examined Standard 1 again today. Arithmetic still appeared to be the backward subject. One of the children William Bickle has been specially attended to since I examined the class, March 9, and now he has done no better.

Tried another song with the Infants "The Organ Man".

April 17: I promised prizes to all who passed in Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. The Av. Attendance in Standards 5 & 6 for the last three weeks ending April 13 has been 14. The No. on the Register was 27. Have drawn the meridian line on the School room floor.

April 18: Emma Cole in Standard 2 is extremely backward. She has been ill the greater part of the last nine months and she is slow to learn. Mr Dawe visited the School.

April 23: Mrs Howard takes, an extra Sewing lesson with the Infants, from 3.15 to 4.00. She informs me that some of the boys are as clever with the needle as the girls are.

April 27: The children continue to make progress. Out of 14 boys constituting Standards 4, 5, & 6 boys, the Average Attendance this week has been 3.5.

May 2: Taught the children in Standard 2 how to tell the time of day. Examined Standard 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Arithmetic and Dictation. The latter was done very nicely on the whole. The Arithmetic was poor especially in Standard 4 and Standard 6. Several who were examined have been away many weeks.

May 7: Mrs Howard was in School from 3.15 to 4.0 p.m. for Infants' Sewing.

May 11: The Attendance of the First Class Boys is still very bad. Rewards have been offered, every month since January, to those who attended the full number of times in four week.

A card has been hung up this week, showing the tables required for Standard 4. Another card has been placed on the wall giving the names of places around Bratton Clovelly, together with their distance from Bratton Clovelly. Taken another Song this week.

May 18: This afternoon I take Standard 1; and I send Standard 2 in the Infants' Room. Standard 1 very backward in figures. Holiday next week.

The School Board yesterday, decided to warn the parents of eight children for their bad attendance.

May 28: Mrs Howard will take an extra Sewing lesson with the children in the Infants' Room from 3.15 to 4.00. Mrs Seymour has been in School. Also Miss Seymour. The children in both rooms sang for them.

This is to certify that I the undersigned attended school this 1st day of June Examined the Registers and the entry Therein is Correct William Dawe

June 1: The Attendance has been good all week. The children have improved greatly in Repetition. The Reading is done with care. Examined Standards 4, 5 & 6 this morning. Learned the words of another song instead of "Drawing". Time 3.20 to 4.00. The children now know five songs. The Infants know three, one which is taken out of the five.

June 6: Mr Lovell tested the Registers this afternoon & found them correct.

June 8: Good Attendance this week.

June 15: Good Attendance. Eighteen children have attended forty times during the last four weeks. The work in Standard 6 might progress more satisfactorily if all the children were in attendance at the same time. One boy, Fred Abell, in this Standard was present 28 times during last quarter. This quarter, (up to the present time), during eleven School weeks he has been 38 times. He is subject to fits and the father does not like to send him regularly.

Mrs Howard will superintend a sewing lesson in the Infants' Room on Monday afternoon – last lesson.

Examined the Registers this 20th day of June and find them Correct. Taken Notice of the girl Cole and it appears to me she is Rather dull in Learning Wm Dawe George Howard

June 21: School inspection – July 5. Good Attendance.

Examined Registers & found them correct – John Lovell 22nd June 1888 George Howard

June 22: Gave an examination in the morning to Standards 3, 4, 5 & 6. Mrs Howard tested Standard 1 in the upper School.

I Certify the Entry on the Registers are Correct this 27th day of June 1888 Wm Dawe George Howard

June 29: The School year ends.

July 2: There was a heavy rainfall all morning. Children living at a distance have not put in an appearance.

July 3: Holiday this afternoon.

July 4: Sarah Glass in Standard 2, has no garment completed to show the Inspector tomorrow. She has made 55 attendances during the last two quarters.

Two object lessons, "Common Coins" and "The work of a farmer" have not been given to the Infants during my term in the School.

Work for 1888-89.

Poetry

Standard 1. "The Sparrow's morning visit"

Standard 2. "Robin Redbreast," and "Grandpapa"

Standard 3. "The Sunbeam," and "The Lark's grave"

Standard 4 & 5. 100 lines from "Deserted Village"

Standard 6. 150 lines from "Deserted Village"

English

Geography. Standards 4, 5, 6 to do the work of Standard 4 as given in Schedule 2.

Object Lessons. Mole, Horse, Horse Hair, Herring, Lion, Elephant, Bee, Snail, Ostrich, Reindeer
Ginger, Linen, Glue, Fur, Silk, Wool, Stone, Sand, Brass, Copper, Silver, Lead
Cotton, Rice, Sugar Cane, Mushroom, Tin, Slate, Chalk, Needle, Candle, Glass, Pin, Carpenter.

Approved Henry F. Codd. H.M.I. 5 July 1888

July 6: Holiday.

July 13: Begun another year's work this week.

July 20: Some older children are away for harvest.

July 27: Ordinary work.

July 30: Inspector's report:

"The discipline, on the whole, continues to be good, and there is improvement in the work; but still much remains to be done. Reading and Recitation are without intelligence, and the peculiar sing-song, hesitating intonation prevalent throughout the School requires to be checked. Spelling and Grammar are weak. Arithmetic also in the fourth and sixth standards is very defective, indeed there are weak standards throughout. Handwriting is very creditable. I have some hesitation in recommending the higher grand for Singing. Geography on the whole is fair. The payment for Needlework has been made with hesitation."

C. G. Voaden is recognised under Article 84.

George Howard, Certificated Teacher 2nd Class.

Charlotte G. Voaden, Article 84.

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress.

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk.

Aug 3: Ordinary work.

Aug 10: Ordinary work.

Aug 13: Holiday in the afternoon.

Aug 14: The School is closed again this afternoon.

The entry on the Registers is Correct this 17th day of August 1888 Wm Dawe George Howard

Aug 17: The School closes today for four weeks.

Sep 18: The School was re-opened yesterday. Bad attendance throughout.

Examined Registers & found correct John Lovell Sept 24th 1888 George Howard

The entry on the Registers is Correct this 26th day of September 1888 William Dawe George Howard

Oct 5: Four dozen pairs of dumb-bells have arrived this week, for use of Infants & Standard 1.

Oct 12: A Children's Concert was given on Tuesday evening this week. The room was crowded.

Oct 16: Mrs Howard ill. No Sewing.

Oct 26: There has been no sewing again this week. Two children William Wivell & Emma Knight appeared at School on Monday morning. Had they not done this, proceedings would have been taken against them. The boy Wivell, aged 11, with not even half time exemption, had not been in the School since July 12.

Nov 12: The little children are learning the dumb-bell exercises very nicely.

I hereby Certify that I attended School this 20th day of November 1888 & the entry on the Registers is Correct Wm Dawe George Howard

Nov 21: Three old scholars each over thirteen years of age have come to School again. Very good attendance. Work appears to go on steadily. Up to the present the children have learned three new songs. In the Infants' room two have been learned.

Nov 27: Holiday. Today the School is being used by the Bible Christians for a luncheon.

Dec 7: Ordinary progress. James Breyley in Second Standard is dull. He has been absent many a time through sickness.

Dec 14: Ordinary work.

Attended School this 19th day of December 1888 found the on the Registers to be Correct William Dawe George Howard

Dec 20: William Wivell has been 54 times during the last half year.

Examined Register & found Correct John Lovell 20th December 1888 George Howard

Dec 22: The School will be closed during the next two weeks. Thomas Spry does not get on as fast as his teacher would like.

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Jan 7: Commenced work again today. On the 16th January, the School will be required for the County Council Election.

Jan 11: All classes are now working Arithmetic from test cards.

Jan 18: Good attendance. The Infants can sing three songs. They also know two games "The Sawyer" and "The Hare".

Bessie Maynard is still away – ill. I have begun to use blank maps during Geography lessons. Standard 6 is the most backward Standard in Arithmetic. That is caused by irregular attendance.

Jan 21: Gave Standards 1, 3 & 4 an examination. Florence Slade makes very little progress.

Jan 25: The reading in Standards 4, 5 & 6 is not good. I have paid particular attention to reading since last examination.

Jan 31: The School has been closed this week since Monday. I had a severe cold and was unable to perform my duties. Three boys are being attended by a doctor for ulcerated throats.

Feb 4: Few children here. Diphtheria has broken out in the village.

Feb 8: Average attendance this week 43.5. The number on Register is 102. Little work has appeared to be done.

Feb 11: (Monday) Attendance rather worse. First one child and then another seems to be attacked with a sore throat. Only a few however are under medical attendance.

Feb 15: Av. attendance 39.9 for the week. Received the following Kindergarten materials, Gift 1, Stick Laying box, Box containing Letter pieces.

Feb 22: Received a Needlework Demonstration frame. Attendance still bad. More than twenty children ill yet. Made a rule that all children who have to write on slates must have a pencil holder.

March 1: The attendance is no better than last week. Mr Banbury's children have been away five weeks. When visited (three miles) Mr Banbury stated that he had been waiting to see whether the "fever" went worse.

A woman in the village sent word to Mr Breyley that his children must not come to her house to eat dinners. This caused the children to stay away from School. They came to School when compelled and two of the three children have since had sore throats. Seven fresh cases of sickness this week including children belonging to two of the members of the School Board – Mr Hearn and Mr Lovell.

March 4: Holiday. Rough weather. I thought it better to send the children home today on account of so many being ill and the weather being so rough. I feel somewhat disappointed in the attendance during the last four weeks.

March 5: Thirty-seven children present this morning. Miss C. Voaden ill in bed with a sore throat.

In visiting the School today I find there are 31 Children away Through illness Chiefly Sore Throats or Diphtheria. In one family There is whooping Cough. One child has died of it. This fifth day of March 1889 William Dawe

March 6: Miss C. Voaden away ill.

March 7: Miss C. Voaden away ill.

March 8: Miss C. Voaden away ill.

March 11: Some children have been ordered to stay at home by Dr Burd. Miss Voaden away.

March 12: This afternoon Dr Snell came in School along with the Clerk & Mr Dawe and informed me that for the present the School must close.

April 1: Re-commenced work.

April 5: Some children have not yet come back to School. The children are kept steadily at their work. Thomas Palmer reads very badly. I do not think he is fit for the Third Standard.

April 12: Removed four names from the Register.

April 18: Have taken three more names off the Register. Four families are affected yet by the Diphtheria – Slade's (four children), Griffin's (two), Woodman's (two), Voaden's (one).

April 23: Two of Mr Slade's children have died within the last few days. But neither was a scholar.

April 29: All Standards are making progress in Arithmetic. During forty-three weeks, that is up to the present in this School year, Bessie Maynard has attended 73 times; William Wivell 93 times; & Sarah Glass 87 times. These children are not half-timers but Bessie Maynard has delicate health.

May 3: We have decorated the School with plans. Yesterday, only two boys in the First Class could tell me what are cockles. None knew of oysters or mussels. Continued bad attendance. Ordinary progress.

May 10: Better attendance.

May 13: Elizabeth Voaden Standard 4 has returned after being away for fifteen weeks through ill health. Bessie Metters Standard 1 is also here. She has been away nearly eleven weeks.

May 17: Arithmetic is done much better. A good deal of mental Arithmetic has been done this year. A deal of trouble has been taken in getting children to hold their knitting needles the proper way. Emma Worth who is now in the Fourth Standard was one among others who did not knit properly.

Attended School this 20th day of May 1889 Examined the Registers Found them to be Correct William Dawe George Howard

May 24: Ordinary progress.

May 27: If the School has to be closed during Whit-week one boy in Standard 3 will only have been on the books 21 weeks at the end of the School year. Several anniversaries take place in Whit-week.

Examined Registers and found correct May 30th 1889 John Lovell

June 3: Diphtheria has again appeared in two families, Mr Lovil's & Mr Barkwell's. Reading is still far from satisfactory.

June 6: The Slades (4) and Robert Metters are away ill. Rosa Slade has not been here for nine weeks.

June 8: The School will be closed during next week because several treats are to be given in this neighbourhood.

Average this week: 58.0. A fortnight ago it was 76.1. The Medical Officer of Health was here today & said if the School had not been closed he would have been obliged to close it. Mr W Lovell of Mender has three children ill; & a fourth one (George) died this afternoon. Mr Lovell of Barton & Mr Roberts, and a few more have children under medical treatment. The work of each class has been steadily pursued.

June 10: The School is closed and is to remain closed until further notice is given.

July 1: Resumed work.

July 2: The following children are to keep away from School for the present:

Amelia Lovil, Jane Lovil, Richard Lovil, Robert Lovil, Robert Lovil, Agnes Lovil, Ellen Breyley, James Breyley, William Breyley, William Barkwell, Thomas Barkwell, Roger Taverner (Roberts), Alfred Roberts, Clara Smallacombe, Letty Smallacombe, James Smallacombe, Thomas Em. Spry (Higgins), Maud M Roberts, Edwin Roberts

July 5: Average about 51. When the School was closed in June I informed H. F. Codd Esqr who thereupon fixed the date of inspection as late in the month as possible.

Elizabeth Voaden who will have to be examined in Standard 4 has only attended 58 times in the last two quarters through sickness & Rosa Slade attended 14 times in the last quarter.

July 12: Geography and English are far from being up to the mark. Some intelligent children are away. Writing and Arithmetic are much better.

July 19: The object lesson on "Linen" has not been given to the Infants. The songs prepared for next week are:

1. The harvest time
2. The Sparrow
3. The Violet
4. Cradle Song
5. Boat Song

Infants

1. Michaelmas Day
2. The Band (Action)
3. Boat Song (Action)

The infants have not been occupied this year with sticklaying or the letter pieces.

Work for the coming year

Object Lessons

Pulse, The skin, Oxen, Sponge, The Dog, Coffee, A clock, Iron, A post office, Coral, The Tiger, Kinds of corn, A needle, Newspaper, Sheep, Starch, An orange and an apple compared, A butcher's shop, The bear, Sugar, snail, wolf, silk, silver, chalk, rat, carpenter, horse.

Poetry

Standard 1 "A big bite"

Standard 2 "The Windmill"

Standard 3 "Jack Frost" & "The Daisy"

Standard 4 & upwards "Deserted Village" (beginning with line 287)

Infants "What the raindrops said"

Geography

Standard 4, 5, 6 to do the work of Standard 6.

Approved H. F. Codd H.M.I.

Tested the registers and found them correct Philip Hearn 23rd July 1889

July 24: School visited by H. F. Codd Esqr & R. Matta Esqr for Government Inspection.

July 29: Closed in the afternoon for an anniversary.

Examined the Registers and [found] them correct 2nd August 1889 John Lovell

Aug 7: Closed this afternoon for a School treat.

Aug 9: Miss C. Voaden ill.

The report of Her Majesty's Inspector has been received to-day.

"The school has laboured under great disadvantages during the past year in consequence of sickness, and a large number of children were absent from the examination for the same reason. Those who were present, however, were very well behaved and acquitted themselves creditably.

The class subjects show improvement, especially Geography, but are not deserving of the higher grant. Singing is not worth the higher grant, the modulator and ear tests yield very unsatisfactory results. Pencilling the copybooks of the first and second standards is an objectionable practice. I have under all the circumstances, though with some hesitation, classed the school as good."

C. G. Voaden is continued under article 84.

Mr Howard will receive his certificate in due course.

George Howard Certificated Teacher, 2nd Class

Charlotte G. Voaden, Article 84

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress

Nicholas Palmer Clerk

Aug 14: Miss Voaden still away ill.

Aug 15: Miss Voaden still away ill. Commence holidays for four weeks. Of the nineteen children ordered to keep away from school eleven have returned.

Sep 16: School re-opened.

Sep 20: Poor attendance.

Examined the Registers found them Correct this 25th day of September 1889 William Dawe

Oct 2: Fred Medland thirteen years of age, was admitted on Monday. In reply to a note I am informed that he has only been to a day school for one month and that was at Patchcott. He has

learned to read easy words by attending a Sunday School but he cannot write the letters neither does he know anything of Arithmetic.

Alfred Roberts Standard 4 has returned. Excepting his sister he is the last of those who have been staying away through Diphtheria. It is sixteen weeks since he was here before.

Oct 3: Two children admitted this week were entered into the Admission Register before a child named Dennis (Ad. No. 462) who commenced last week, 23rd September. This is an over-sight.

Oct 11: Attendance much improved.

Oct 18: Attendance has averaged 77. This is much better since all last quarter was only 53.

Oct 21: The School will be closed this afternoon in order to hold a tea party for the children and parents. After tea the children are giving a concert.

The School Board has informed me that William Bickle, Standard 2, and George Morcom Standard 1 must keep away from School through a fresh case of Diphtheria.

Oct 28: The amount of money received at the Tea party and Concert covered the expenses of the children's tea and left a balance of just a sovereign which is to go towards prizes for good attendance to be given next year.

Oct 29: Mr John Robert's family (4) are away. One child has Diphtheria.

Nov 6: Ordinary progress.

Nov 13: Miss C. Voaden away ill this afternoon. Mrs Howard is taking an extra afternoon for needlework.

Nov 14: Cases of Dulness

Thomas Spry (recorded also on page 215); Thomas Brown (on Exception Schedule 1888, Standard 3); Florrie Hocking, Rosa Slade.

Nov 21: The average attendance during the last month has been over seventy while there has been over a hundred on the books. We have begun to give each child a ticket when it makes ten attendances in a week. The child who gets most tickets in the year will have the best prize. I believe this is making the children attend oftener.

Nov 22: Work goes on steadily. Standard 4 reading requires some special attention.

Nov 29: There are now no cases of Diphtheria though a few children are away ill.

Dec 6: The Chairman of the School Board has been here this afternoon & reference was made to the cases of dulness. Singing from the Modulator progresses very slowly.

Dec 12: Mr John Wimpey's children (3) have to stay away through Diphtheria.

Dec 13: Roger Taverner who was away all last quarter and nearly four weeks in this will not be able to do the work of Standard 5 at the next examination unless he attends regularly in the future.

Dec 19: Ordinary Progress. Attendance not so good this week. Many parents do not trouble about sending their children so regularly when a holiday time is approaching. No sewing this afternoon.

Attended School this 19th of December 1889 Examined the Registers found them Correct William Dawe John Lovell

The School closes for a fortnight.

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Jan 10: Bad attendance throughout the week.

Jan 17: Ordinary progress.

Jan 24: The children are beginning to work sums from cards. Mental arithmetic is not taught thoroughly for want of time.

Jan 30: Ordinary progress.

Feb 7: Average attendance for the week 54.3. Number on the Registers 97. The bad attendance is partly accounted for by sickness.

Feb 10: 40 children present in the morning. 41 in the afternoon.

Feb 13: In consequence of the poor attendance Miss C. Voaden takes Arithmetic instead of Geography with Standards 2 & 3 this (sewing) afternoon. Arithmetic will be taken for the last lesson as usual.

Feb 14: Average for the week 36.8. The boy Medland in Standard 1 does not take sewing because of the short time he will probably attend School.

Feb 21: Singing from the modulator is not very pleasing although it has been practised regularly each week.

Feb 28: Bessie Maynard has been 78 times out of 279. Elizabeth Abell has been seventy times.

March 7: Reading in Standard 4 is still bad.

Examined the Registers this 13th of March 1890 found them to be Correct Wm Dawe

March 14: Ordinary progress.

March 21: Standards 4, 5 & 6 were examined in Arithmetic.

Examined Registers and found correct 28th March 1890 John Lovell

March 28: Examined Standards 1 & 2. Geography in the upper Standards shows some improvement.

April 3: Tomorrow will be Good-Friday.

April 7: Holiday in the afternoon.

April 11: Bad attendance. A great number of children cannot sing at all and the others learn very slowly from the modulator. For a long time during this School year I have had to confine the music lessons to the singing of the common chord.

April 15: Sewing mistress ill. No sewing.

April 16: Mr John Robert's five children are away, two of them being treated by Dr Benson for Diphtheria.

April 22: The youngest child is dead.

April 25: Bad attendance. Rhoda Hooper was admitted just in time to be examined at the School examination in July next. She has been only thirty four times yet owing to her mother being ill and also being ill herself. In work she is behind the others in her class.

May 2: Ordinary progress.

May 5: Half-holiday.

May 9: Writing is done with neatness. The Viaduct Copy books are now being used instead of the New Standard Copy books.

May 16: Average attendance 66.8 out of 91, being highest average in the last seven weeks. Fine weather.

May 23: Mr Dawe was in School soon after three o'clock and remained until after dismissal. Next week the School will be closed, Whitsuntide.

June 2: Miss C. Voaden away owing to her mother's illness. Singing for last lesson in the afternoon instead of Arithmetic.

June 9: Miss C. Voaden will be at home at different times during this week so the Time Table may not be adhered to. The average for the week ending June 6 was 74.9 out of 94 or highest record since November 15.

June 10: John Lovell in the Sixth Standard, son of Mr John Lovell member of the School Board, is ill with Diphtheria. The other four children in the family are being kept away because of it.

June 11: Many children away on account of a choir festival.

June 13: Ordinary progress.

June 16: School closed this afternoon.

June 17: All Mr Lovell's children excepting John are at School again. A week ago the Clerk to the School Board informed me that the boy had Diphtheria.

June 23: Singing instead of Arithmetic this morning. Mr Robert's children have come back to-day.

Examined Registers and found Correct 25th June 1890 John Lovell

June 27: Three children who have been admitted this School year and will be examined in Standard 3 next week did not learn Geography before they came here. All children who were withheld on account of Diphtheria alone from last year's examination are now in one standard higher than they were then excepting four:

Agnes Lovil (No 30 Schedule 1890) who has been promoted two standards

Edwin Roberts (No 7 Schedule 1890) who has been retained in Standard 1

Robert Lovil (No 15 Schedule 1890) who has been retained in Standard 2

William Barkwell (No 60 Schedule 180) who has been retained in Standard 6 having failed in Arithmetic Standards 4 & 5 1887 & 88.

Lilly Spry in the third Standard is rather deaf and so is James Smallacombe in the fourth Standard. He cannot speak distinctly.

Work for 1890-91

Object Lessons: 33 in number

Money, A letter, A steel pen, A slate, An umbrella, A table, A basket, The outside of an house, A candle, The cat, The cow, The dog, The elephant, The lion, The camel, An apple, Wild flowers, The stinging nettle, Wheat, Tea, Different kinds of paper, Cork, Salt, A coat, The carpenter's shop, The grocer's shop, The blacksmith's shop, Ice, rain, The qualities of water, The parts of a river, Winter, A bell.

Repetitions

Standards 4,5,6,7 The Chase: (The Lady of the Lake) beginning with 'The stag at eve had drunk his fill.'

Standard 3 Battle of Blenheim

Standard 2 "The Skylark" from Standard 2 Reader

Standard 1 "Little Willie" from Blackie's Graded Reader, Standard 1

Infants "Kindness" and "The lazy boy"

Schedule 2. Class subjects.

1 English.

[the remainder are crossed out] Approved H. F. Codd 2 July 1890

2 History. The School to be divided in three groups for this subject

Standard 1 to prepare the work of Standard 1

Standard 2 & 3 to prepare the work of Standard 3

Standards 4, 5, 6, 7 to prepare the work of Standard 4

July 1: The average attendance of Infants for the year ended June 30th has been 16.1.

July 2: Albert William Cornish is not coming to the Inspection today. The reason given is that he has cut his forehead badly. He was admitted in this School last week.

July 3: School visited yesterday by H. F. Codd Esqr & R. Matta Esqr for Government Inspection.

This is the first day we work by the new Time Table.

July 10: The Duplicate Examination Schedule was received.

July 14: The school will be closed this afternoon and tomorrow owing to a bazaar.

July 16: Bad attendance. At a meeting of the School Board yesterday nine children whose names are mentioned on the next page were considered as to the classes they ought now to be placed in and the following was agreed to:

| Name | Schedule No 1890 | Standard presented July 1890 | Result R W A | Standard to be now placed in |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Breyley James | 16 | 2 | O O | 3 |
| Knight Ilet | 27 | 2 | O O | 2 |
| Lovil Agnes | 30 | 2 | O O | 2 |
| Spry Lilly | 37 | 3 | O O | 4 |
| Brown Thomas | 46 | 4 | O O O | 5 |
| Breyley Ellen | 48 | 4 | O O | 5 |
| Hornsby Thomas | 55 | 5 | O O | 5 |
| Barkwell Thomas | 56 | 5 | O O O | 5 |
| Worth Emma | 58 | 5 | O O | 5 |

William Dawe (Chairman) George Howard 17th July 1890

Report copied on the next page

July 22: Report of Her Majesty's Inspector to hand 22nd July 1890.

"The discipline on the whole is good, but there is a tendency to turn round and talk. As usually seems to be the case with this school, there has been much sickness to contend with during the year. Under these circumstances I think the results are fairly creditable. Much of the Reading lacks intelligence, and there is some defective Spelling in the third and fourth Standards. The paper work of the fifth Standard too, is poor; otherwise the elementary work is fairly good. Neither of the class subjects is deserving of the higher grant, though well worth the lower. Music also is not deserving of the higher grant. Needlework is well taught, and the infants' class has been well cared for. I have with some hesitation again classed the School as good."

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 84.

George Howard, Certificated Teacher, 2nd Class

Charlotte G Voaden, Article 84

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk

July 22: Half-holiday for a Sunday School treat.

July 29: Ordinary progress.

Aug 4: Poor attendance caused by hay harvest.

Aug 11: Much attention is being paid to arithmetical tables with the object of getting quicker answers to mental or other questions.

Aug 14: This afternoon the children have play in a field.

Aug 20: Children in all classes have made much progress in Arithmetic.

Aug 22: Closed for four weeks. Vacation

Sep 22: Re-opened School.

Examined Registers and found Correct this 23rd of September William Dawe

Sep 29: All the children are busily employed while in the School. During the week the children have appeared bright and cheerful and have shown a desire to improve themselves. A boy in Standard 7 & a girl in Standard 4 have asked me to teach them music (Old Notation). I have promised to give them a short lesson once a week after 4 o'clock.

Oct 3: Average attendance for the quarter just ended 56.5.

Oct 10: A boy in Standard 6 & a girl in Standard 7 are under medical care with ulcerated throats. Those in Standard 4 have made much progress in working reduction of money sums and have grasped the methods quickly.

Oct 17: None in Standard 6 present during the week.

Oct 24: A fair week's work has been done. The Chairman of the Board has been in School twice during the week.

Oct 27: It is very cold in School this morning and the stoves are not in their places. For this reason Standards 2 & 3 are having a spelling lesson in the place of dictation.

Oct 28: Closed in the afternoon.

Oct 29: The children's tea and entertainment took place yesterday. In the course of the evening prizes were distributed for good attendance.

Oct 31: Examined the Registers this 31st day of October 1890 and the entry therein is Correct William Dawe

Nov 7: Average attendance for the week 66. This is more than for any week since 4th July.

Nov 14: Exercise books with lines ruled double are used in every class now and until Christmas for the purpose of improving handwriting. In Standard 2 and the Standards above, letters are written at home by many children about twice a week. These are examined at School and afterwards forwarded to an old Scholar who now lies in Devon and Exeter Hospital. Specimens of handwriting have also been sent to him. During the time for Arithmetic yesterday and today Tables were partly substituted in all classes.

Nov 17: The Clerk has been in the School.

Nov 21: At the meeting of the School Board last evening when all the members were present it was unanimously passed that the School begin in the afternoon at one o'clock instead of half past one and then close half an hour earlier than usual. This change is to begin today and to continue until the 20th of February. Every lesson will have to be taken half an hour earlier than is given on the Time Table. Some old Readers have been distributed. Very frequently children take books home to read of their own accord and they seem pleased to do so.

The formation of sentences containing a given word which could be used either as a noun or verb, or a noun or adjective has occupied much time of standards 2 & 3.

Nov 25: It is very cold in School this morning & one stove is not in use owing to the pipe being broken. Writing lesson in Fourth Standard abandoned and a silent reading lesson is being taken instead. Time: 9.45 to 10.15.

Nov 26: Exercise books are being used in Standard 2 for writing. Slates will be used in future in this Standard for arithmetic only. Seven names taken from the register by order of the School Board.

Nov 28: Very cold. 10.15 to 10.35 Standard 3 are having reading. Standard 2 are in the Infants room because Miss C Voaden only has 4 infants & Standard 1.

At times during silent reading lessons one of the most backward children in the class is chosen to read loudly for the whole length of the lesson away from any class to a first class scholar. No School this afternoon.

Dec 2: Standards 6 & 7 Composition yesterday "Okehampton Station". This morning Standards 4, 5, 6 & 7 wrote about the same subject but this time the lesson was dictated a sentence at a time by the teacher. Work of a similar kind is done nearly once a week and often a story which has been read or perhaps written previously is dictated in the teacher's own words.

Dec 8: Second Standard writing is characterized by neatness. Today the Second & Third Standards had dictation on paper with lines ruled single. This was done by way of variety.

Dec 9: Revd E. Seymour was in School about three o'clock.

Visited the School today 10th December 1890 Registers Correct Wm Dawe

Dec 16: A boy nearly seventeen years of age has begun to attend School to improve himself in Writing and Arithmetic.

Attended School this morning and found the Registers correct J Lovell December 18th 1890

Dec 18: A new Time Table introduced this week.

Dec 19: Three weeks' holiday, Christmas.

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Jan 12: Work resumed. Very few children in the classroom so this afternoon the Second Standard will be placed there, in order that I may devote all the time to the upper Standards which are rather large. Drawing is being taught in the School.

Jan 16: Only a few children are on Standard 1 register so when it is convenient Standard 2 will be taught by Miss C. Voaden and Standard 1 will then be in big room. This may not be continued a very long time. Mr Dawe came in School at dinner time immediately after dismissal.

Jan 19: It is cold for writing so Standard 4 are having a silent reading lesson instead. Standard 5 are having the same kind of lesson as Standard 4. Standard 6 & 7 are learning repetition. The right lessons will not be taken in any class until 11 o'clock. Infants & Standard 1 are singing 11 to 11.30.

Jan 21: There is another boy in the School aged 15½ years. The attendance still continues very poor.

Jan 23: At the conclusion of every copybook lesson each child writes its own name and the date, under the last line written in the Copy book. This custom was begun before Christmas. Some children have lately shown great improvement in their writing.

Examined the Registers this 27th day of January 1891 found them to be Correct Wm Dawe

Jan 30: When Mrs Howard has spare moments she occasionally comes in and takes one of the lower standards. The attendance is not good. Mr Dawe and Mr Palmer were in School on Wednesday morning.

Feb 8: The three children who come regularly and are in the Seventh Standard have each bought an Arithmetic and an Answer book for private work at home. There is another boy in the same standard & he has only made eight attendances during this School year.

Feb 10: Mrs Seymour came in this afternoon just before closing time.

Feb 13: Ordinary progress.

Feb 15: Play time 11 to 11.15 a.m. so that the children may see the hounds at the request of Mr Hearn who has been in School.

Feb 20: Irregular attendance. No School next Tuesday. The room will be occupied by the Northlew District Agricultural Association.

Feb 23: Singing in the Infants' class and Standard 1, for the last lesson this morning.

Feb 25: Wednesday, the School was opened shortly after half past nine. 44 present. This after ploughing-match day.

Feb 27: Singing is taken for a few minutes every day about 11 o'clock in the morning.

March 6: Examinations in writing in all classes have taken the place of Copybooks this week.

March 9: Noon. A strong east wind is blowing and snow is beginning to fall. School commencing at one. Registers will be marked at half past to allow some children to leave early.

March 10: School not opened. The weather was much worse yesterday than I thought it was and on leaving School I became very anxious about some children getting home. One boy was unable to get to his home at Langworthy cottage so he had to stay in the village during the night.

March 16: School opened for the first time since last Monday. Eighteen children present. The attendance officer says that no children can attend yet, excepting those living in the village. Very cold in School. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

March 17: Tuesday afternoon. Needlework (girls), Drawing (boys) from 1.30 until 2.45. Writing 2.50 to 3.20. Arithmetic 3.20 to 4. Not many children being present causes this change from the Time Table.

March 20: Arithmetic instead of Grammar for the first lesson this afternoon in the first class. Average attendance for the week 29.2.

March 27: Good-Friday.

March 31: Needlework and Drawing tomorrow instead of to-day. The sewing mistress is unable to be present this afternoon. Average attendance for the last three quarters ended March 27th has been 59.0.

April 3: Ordinary progress.

April 10: This week Standards 2, 3 & 4 have had an exam. test. A boy over seventeen years of age has been re-admitted.

April 13: John James Bevan is attending School for a few weeks with the consent of the School Board. His name is purposely omitted from the registers because he is twenty years of age.

April 17: All classes are working well.

April 24: There is continued poor attendance.

April 28: Holiday this afternoon.

May 1: Rain fell very heavily this morning and fewer than forty children were present.

May 8: Admitted during the week, two girls Mary & Eva Glover, the younger of which is seven years of age. They have only attended a school for about two months previous to their coming here. Average attendance for Friday 42.5 again 61.1 for all the week.

May 15: Test examination in all Standards.

May 19: The School will be closed tomorrow as the Bratton Clovelly Friendly Society will hold their annual dinner.

May 21: Mrs Howard absent – ill. Wednesday’s lessons will be followed this afternoon (Thursday).

May 22: The School has been open eight times during Whit-week.

Attended School this afternoon & found the Registers Correct 26th May 1891 William Dawe

May 29: The attendance during this week has been greater than that of any previous week in the School year. Much time has been spent on Reading in the first class which has been unusually large.

June 5: This morning the first Standard was brought into the big room for Arithmetic.

Visited the School. Examined Attendance Registers and Admission Register and found them correct 10th June 1891 John Lovell

June 12: Ordinary progress.

June 19: Writing and Repetition have been given fore-most attention all through this week.

June 22: Very poor attendance through an anniversary.

June 23: Mr Dawe and Mr Lovell visited the School in the morning.

June 26:

Work for 1891-92

Infants. Object lessons. 31 in number.

A book, A thimble, A bedstead, Canes, Bricks, A lead pencil, Spoons, The postman, Envelopes, lace, silver, Hills and valleys, Honey, Oranges and lemons, Ginger, Nuts, An acorn, The potato, Cocoa, Caraway seeds, Tea, Eatable roots; Kangaroo, Fox, Eagle, Falcon, Kite, Cuckoo, Running birds, A bird’s nest, The whale.

Poetry

Infants “Daisy Time”

Standard 1 “The Mice”

Standard 2 “The lesser Celandine”, Blackie’s Standard 3 Reader, 40 lines

Standard 3 The same as Standard 2, but 60 lines

Standard 4-6 From Scott’s Marmion, Canto Fifth, “The Court”

Class subjects

Standard 1 Geography (Schedule 2)

Standard 2 Geography (Schedule 2)

Standard 3 Geography (Schedule 2)

Standard 4-6 History. To do the work laid down for Standard 4 on Schedule 2

Approved H. F. Codd H.M.I. 1 July 1891

July 1: Annual inspection by H. F. Codd Esqr and R. Matta Esqr

July 2: Very small attendance. No sewing.

July 3: Average attendance for the first two days of this week 86.5. For the last two days 49.0.

July 10: Nothing worthy of record.

July 17: 44 is average attendance for the week. It is hay harvest in the district.

July 20: Drawing will be taken this (Monday) afternoon from 2.50 to 4.

July 21: Examination in Drawing. Half-holiday afterwards.

Inspector's report received:

"The discipline has very much improved and is now quite satisfactory. Instruction however does not make much progress which is hardly to be wondered at with such a meagre staff. The paper work in the second, third, fourth, and fifth standards is mostly bad; in other respects the elementary work is fairly good. The English in the higher standards is not sufficiently good to entitle the School to the higher Grant. Needlework and Recitation have been well taught and the infants have been well cared for, but I have some hesitation in recommending even the lower grant for Singing. Reading books want renewing and the staff in the main room wants strengthening."

H. M. Inspector is unable to recommend any payment under Article 105.

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68.

George Howard, Certificated Teacher

C. G. Voaden, Article 68

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk

July 24: Standard 1, 2 & 5 have been learning sums from the blackboard during the week.

July 31: Standards 1 & 2 have been grouped together every day for Arithmetic. Bad attendance.

Aug 7: Yesterday the attendance officer was sent for and his attention was drawn to the thinness of the attendance.

Aug 14: From the first to the fourth standard much time has been spent with Arithmetical tables.

Aug 21: The School Board at their last meeting decided to abolish School fees and to provide all School requisites free of charge for all children between three & fifteen years of age.

Half-holiday for the National School treat.

Attended School this 24th of August 1891 Examined the Registers the entry therein is Correct William Dawe

Aug 27: Vacation. Four weeks.

Sep 28: School re-opened.

Sep 29: No sewing as Mrs Howard is unable to come in School. The lessons will be followed as they are set down on the Time Table for Monday afternoon.

Oct 2: The children show signs of progress in every subject.

Oct 9: Drawing: The award which has been made in respect of the instruction in Drawing given in the School is "Good". At a meeting of the School Board held last evening John Wimpey was engaged as monitor to commence duties at once. He will receive lessons from 8 to 9 every School day.

Oct 14: Sewing and Drawing this (Wednesday) afternoon as tomorrow will be a holiday.

Oct 16: Nothing worthy of record.

Oct 23: A cattle fair was held in the village one day during the week and somewhat altered the attendance.

Oct 30: All classes shew an improvement in writing. The attendance of the first class has been bad so far and stops much progress from being made in History.

Nov 6: Ordinary progress.

Nov 13: Received during the week three new sets of Readers for Standard 3 and two new sets for Standard 2.

Nov 20: Two new stoves have been put in the School.

Nov 27: Bad attendance.

Tested the Registers entry Correct this 1st day of December 1891 William Dawe

Visited this morning without notice & found the work going on steadily according to the Time Table. Registers were well kept. I had some talk with the Master about the arrangement & conduct of the work, which are not quite as satisfactory as might be. Henry F. Codd, H.M.I. 4th December 1891.

Dec 11: Examined Standard 3-7 in Arithmetic.

Dec 14: Singing in the morning from 11 to 12.

Dec 18: Twice during the week the third and fourth Standards have been together to learn Reduction from the blackboard.

Dec 21: The Infants' room has been filled with smoke nearly all the day and the scholars of that room have been taught in the large one.

Dec 24: This afternoon a treat will be given to the children the expense of which is borne by voluntary subscriptions. Christmas vacation commences.

1892

Jan 18: School re-commenced. Very cold in the morning as the stoves were not in their places until about a quarter past nine.

Jan 22: Miss C. Voaden absent in the afternoon. Poor attendance.

Jan 26: Today we are trying a new Time Table.

Jan 27: Today we are trying a new Time Table.

Feb 3: Ordinary progress.

Feb 12: The new Time Table has received the approval of Her Majesty's Inspector and it is now adhered to.

Feb 18: Half-holiday because of a tea to take place in the village. This morning there were fewer than forty present.

Feb 19: Snowy weather has prevented the School from being opened today.

Feb 26: Bad attendance. The children in the first class are making fair progress with their class subjects.

March 4: Work has been going on steadily during the week but the continued irregular attendance is a drawback.

March 11: Stormy weather all the week. On Tuesday the Attendance Officer came in school after four in the afternoon to enquire about the attendance.

Examined the Registers this 17th of March 1892 the entry therein is Correct William Dawe

March 18: A slight error crept in one of the Registers at the beginning of the week.

March 25: Ordinary progress.

March 29: No sewing through the sewing mistress being ill.

March 30: Standards 2 & 3 are having a Spelling lesson instead of Writing this cold morning. There is no coal.

April 1: Sewing and Drawing will be taken this (Friday) afternoon to make up for last Tuesday.

April 8: During the last lesson this afternoon Standard 1 was in the upper room because there were present in Standards 4 to 6 only six out of twenty-nine.

April 15: Good Friday.

April 18: Standards 2 & 3 are having a spelling lesson instead of writing this cold morning. Infants and Standard 1 are not being kept to the Time Table; Drill and Singing are to be the last two lessons.

April 22: Ordinary progress. No coal.

April 28: Drill Standard 1 and Infants 11.25 to 12 because of the cold.

April 29: This has been a very cold week and there has not been a fire.

May 3: Infants & Standard 1 taking drill 10.50 to 11.25.

May 6: Nothing worthy of record.

May 13: The school is progressing favourably in every subject.

May 20: This week Standards 3 – 6 have been tested in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

May 27: The children have been very attentive to their work during the week. Rain finds its way through the girls' porch and one afternoon this week one or two hats were noticed to be wet.

June 1: I visited the school, examined registers found them correct William Rice

June 3: Forms relating to the July Inspection were brought in the School this afternoon by the Clerk to the Board.

June 6: Scale drawing test instead of Arithmetic for Standard 5.

June 7: Examination in Drawing conducted by Lt Col Slaughter.

June 8: Annual day of the Bratton Clovelly Friendly Society. The school is closed.

June 10: A Sunday School anniversary has been the means of keeping children away most of the week.

June 17: Rain comes through the roof of the boys' porch as well as that of the girls'.

June 21: Half-holiday. A children's free tea is to take place in the village.

June 24: Some cases of irregular attendance.

Visited School examined Registers and found them correct 1st July 1892 John Lovell

July 1: The School year ended yesterday. The first boy named in the First Class new Register was presented last year at the Government Inspection as twelve years of age instead of eleven.

Plans intended for the coming year

Infants. Object Lessons. 30.

Elephant, Bear, Camel, Wolf, Ostrich, Goat, Swan, Bee;

Iron, Copper, Tin, Salt, Lead, Granite, Gold;

Kinds of Fruit, Sugar-cane, Wheat, Rice, Coffee;

A Table, A Clock, Basket, The Ocean, A River, Homes of Animals, Rain, A Mason, A Needle, Washing appliances.

Recitation

Infants and Standard 1 "Snowdrops"

Standards 2 & 3 "Elihu" (Alice Carey)

Standards 4 – 6 "Death of Marmion" (Scott)

Class Subjects

Standard 1 to form one group Course S, Geography.

Standards 2 & 3 to form another group Course S, Geography.

Standards 4 & upwards, Schedule 2 Standard 5 History.

Arithmetic

Standard 1

Standards 2 & 3 to do the work of Standard 3

Standard 4

Standard 5 & 6 to do the work of Standard 6

Approved Henry F. Codd H.M.I. 14th July 1892

July 7: The School room will be required to morrow for the Parliamentary Election.

July 13: During the late School year Standard 2 prepared sixty lines of poetry along with Standard 3; and Standard 4 a hundred lines.

Mental Arithmetic has been taken in three groups: standard 1 & 2, 3 & 4, & 5 & 6.

The porches have not yet been attended to.

July 14: Government Inspection conducted by H. F. Codd Esqr and his Assistant R. Matta Esqr

July 22: This week information has been received about the Drawing Examination & the award is "Good".

July 29: Bad attendance caused by hay harvest.

Aug 1: Miss Charlotte Voaden absent today.

Aug 4: School closed because of a children's free excursion to Exmouth.

Aug 5: Very poor attendance.

Aug 10: National School Treat. Half-holiday.

Aug 11: The Monitor is away through illness. Sewing and Drawing will be taken tomorrow (Friday) the Sewing Mistress being unable to attend today.

Aug 12: The Monitor away through illness.

Aug 15: Inspector's Report received:

"There is a decided improvement in the work of the lower part of the School. Spelling and Composition are defective, however, higher up, and the Arithmetic of the fifth and sixth Standards.

Geography and History have been taken as a class subject this year, instead of English and with promising results. The children are very tidy and well behaved, but their intelligence is difficult to arouse. Attendance is not what it should be."

No grant is payable under Article 105, as H. M. Inspector is still unable to report that the Staff is efficient within the meaning of that Article.

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68.

J Wimpey Failure.

George Howard, Certificated Teacher 2nd Class

Charlotte G Voaden, Article 68

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress.

Nicholas Palmer Clerk

Aug 14: Vacation for four weeks commences.

Sep 19: The School Board at its last meeting re-appoint John Wimpey as a monitor for the School.

Sep 22: Of the thirty-five children named in first Register the average attendance has been during the week 8.9. These scholars compose Standard 4 – 6.

Sep 30: Ordinary progress.

Oct 7: The Third Standard have commenced Compound Addition.

Oct 14: Ordinary progress.

Oct 18: School closed in the afternoon for the fixing of new stoves.

Oct 19: Sewing and Drawing this afternoon. An extra lesson because of the school being closed yesterday afternoon.

Oct 21: Eleven children opposite whose names the words "Scarlet Fever" are written in the Attendance Registers have been kept away from School for five weeks by order of the School Board; and they are still to absent themselves as the fever has not yet subsided in their part of the parish.

Oct 28: Much time has been occupied during Arithmetic hours in doing back-standard work, -- throughout the week.

Nov 3: The monitor is absent through illness.

Nov 4: The monitor absent.

Nov 11: Previous to the last Board meeting letters were written to the members of the School Board pointing out that irregularity of attendance was a very serious matter and that children were practically not being compelled to attend School at all.

Nov 18: There is no reason now for keeping any children away but two families of the Scarlet Fever cases have not yet begun to attend.

Nov 25: Ordinary progress. Better attendance.

Dec 2: Owing to the chimney requiring to be swept only one stove has been in use this week. The writing in all classes shown an improvement.

Dec 9: The Arithmetic work of each Standard has now been gone through.

Dec 16: Work has been going on as usual.

Visited School Examined Registers and found them correct 19th December 1892. John Lovell

Dec 22: A lesson on the "Magic Lantern" will be given to the first class from 11.15 to 12. A lantern is on the table together with a slide.

Friday's lessons this afternoon because the school will close tomorrow at 12 for Christmas holidays.

The monitor's lessons are brought in a most unsatisfactory state the seriousness of which has been continuously pointed out to monitor, parents of monitor, and managers alike.

Dec 23: Holiday for a fortnight. A Free tea the expenses being met by voluntary subscriptions was given to the children, and this was followed by a Magic Lantern Entertainment at which many parents and friends were present.

1893

Jan 9: School re-opened.

Jan 13: Very poor attendance although the weather has been good for moving out of doors.

Jan 20: For the last fortnight the time of Arithmetic lessons has been occupied in recapitulation.

Jan 27: During the fortnight six children have been re-admitted. Three of them belong to a family living at a distance of more than three miles and after the outbreak of Scarlet Fever last October the mother informed the attendance officer that she should not send until after Christmas.

Feb 3: Ordinary progress.

Feb 10: This week the reading in the First Class has been taken from "A Christmas Carol" – Dickens.

Feb 17: The attendance is not so good as it might be. At the meeting of the School Board held last evening it was decided that besides the present monitor, one or two children if they can be obtained shall be presented next July for the Inspector's approval so that the Board will be more sure of having someone recognised as a Candidate on Probation after this School year is out.

Feb 23: The Sewing mistress is ill and there will be no sewing this afternoon in consequence.

Feb 26: Gave examinations during the week.

Visited School Examined Registers and found them correct 1 March 1893 John Lovell

March 3: The stoves are most unsatisfactory, or rather they may be so through the pipes connected with them. Many times during the winter and every morning of this week has the room been filled with smoke from about eight o'clock until towards ten.

March 10: Gave examinations during the week.

March 17: During the last fortnight the attendance has been improved.

March 22: The monitor has gone home ill.

March 24: Many children are away through sickness. School closed for a week's holiday.

April 5: School re-opened.

April 7: Ordinary progress.

April 14: Six children have been admitted during the week. The state of the home work done by the monitor does not improve.

April 21: Although the average attendance is 79.9 for the week yet the children in the upper standards come very badly.

April 28: The work has proceeded as usual during the week.

May 8: The attendance in the Infants' room has been very large this week and the monitor has spent much time there helping the teacher.

May 12: Ordinary progress. Within ten weeks, sixteen children have been admitted on the Infants' register.

May 19: All the Standards have been tested during the week.

Next Monday will be a holiday because of its being the Bratton Clovelly Friendly Society's Annual day.

May 23: As there are only about twenty children in the big room this morning the standards or rather classes will be differently grouped than usual.

May 26: The children have appeared to work very earnestly during the week.

June 2: All classes are working well.

June 9: The clerk received a letter this morning stating that the Drawing Inspector would be unable through indisposition to examine the school today. The 22nd is now the day fixed.

I visited the school and found the registers correct 12th June 1893 W Rice

June 16: The Clerk has now been informed that the Drawing Examination will be held on the 23rd.

June 23: Drawing Examination at 10 o'clock conducted by Lt Col Slaughter. The School closes today until Wednesday.

Monday will be the Bible Christian anniversary when a free tea will be given to the children attending that place.

On Tuesday Mrs Manning intends to give a treat to all children living in the parish on the occasion of the wedding of one of the Rector's daughters, Miss Constance Seymour.

June 29: No sewing this afternoon as Mrs Howard is unable to attend.

June 30: The School year ends.

July 5: Half holiday. There is a Sunday School Treat.

A Summary of the late School Year

No of attendances made by the children in all the Standards 19712

Average number of children in those Standards 66.1

Average attendance 45.2

Percentage of Attendance on No in all Standards 68.3

Work for 1893-94

Infants. Object Lessons. 21

Mushroom, Stinging Nettle, Candle, Sponge, Ginger, Cotton, Glass, Copper, Money, Skin, An Envelope, A Letter, A River, A Post Office, A Butcher's Shop, Whale, Horse, Dog, Rat, Squirrel, Sheep.

Recitation

Infants and Standard 1 – "The Robin"

Standards 2 & 3 – " Battle of Blenheim"

Standards 4 – 6 – From Scott's "Lady of the Lake"

Class Subjects

Standard 1 Geography Course S (Standard 1 & 2 work).

Standards 2 & 3 Geography Course S (Standard 3 work).

Standards 4 – 7 History Schedule 2 (Standard 6 work).

Arithmetic

Standards 1 & 2 Scheme A (Standard 2 work).

Standards 3 & 4 Scheme A Standard 4.

Standards 5 & 6 Scheme A (Standard 5).

Approved Henry F. Codd, H.M.I. 12th July 1893

July 10: Tested the children in Arithmetic.

July 13: School examined by H. F. Codd Esqr and his Assistant R. Matta Esqr. Half-holiday.

July 21: The new classes have got settled to their work.

July 28: Nothing worthy of record.

Drawing report received. – “Good”.

July 31: Inspector’s Report.

“I am glad to report a marked improvement in the work, though the attendance is still below what it should be.

Children of school age should not be allowed to leave school without a certificate of exemption. The discipline is very good and the infants are remarkably well taught. The premises want some repair and varnish.”

F. Braund is recognised under Article 33 of the Code and C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68.

George Howard Certificated Teacher

C. G. Voaden, Article 68

Betsy Howard, Sewing Mistress

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk.

Aug 4: Four weeks’ vacation.

Sep 5: Duties resumed.

Sep 8: John Wimpey has ceased to be a monitor in this School.

Sep 13: Florence Braund of this School has been awarded a Boarding Scholarship of the value of £30 a year tenable for three years, by the Devon County Council Technical Education Committee; she being placed fourth in order of merit among the girl candidates and the twelfth among all candidates. At the last examination in this School she was presented to Her Majesty’s Inspector with a view to her being recognised as a candidate on probation.

Sep 22: Ordinary progress.

Sep 28: Visited School Examined Registers and found them correct September 28th 1893 John Lovell

Oct 6: All through the week the work of the School has been proceeding earnestly.

Oct 13: Bad attendance.

Oct 20: Bad attendance. William Barkwill has been engaged by the School Board as monitor to commence duties on Monday next.

Oct 23: The newly-appointed monitor has informed the Clerk that he cannot attend to his duties until next week.

Oct 27: Next week the Schools will commence at one o'clock instead of half past in the afternoons; and close half an hour earlier. All lessons will be taken half an hour sooner than the times set down on the Time Table.

Nov 3: A set of drawing models have been supplied to the school.

Nov 10: Ordinary progress.

Nov 13: The School is closed today as the stoves and pipes are to be replaced.

Nov 17: The children did not assemble this week before Wednesday morning for the last-mentioned reasons.

Nov 24: Improved attendance.

Nov 30: The play-time will be somewhat extended this morning as the hounds are to meet in the village.

Dec 7: Ordinary progress.

Dec 12: Good attendance.

Dec 19: Stormy weather causes a very thin attendance and Sewing is not being taken as a consequence this afternoon.

Visited School Examined Registers and found them correct 20th December 1893 John Lovell

Dec 21: School closes for two weeks' holiday. Tomorrow evening a children's tea and a public entertainment will take place – the entertainment to be given by the scholars.

1894

Jan 8: Holiday extended another week because of the prevalence of Influenza.

Jan 15: School re-opened. Miss Voaden absent today until eleven because of sickness at home.

Jan 16: Miss Voaden absent until eleven.

Jan 19: Poor attendance.

Jan 26: This morning the bell fell down on the roof of the School.

Feb 2: Ordinary progress.

Feb 9: There is much sickness in the parish causing the attendance to be bad.

Last week Mr Lovell, Chairman to the School Board, was killed. [*accident carting hay*]

Feb 16: Tested in Dictation throughout the School.

Feb 23: Continued examining the classes during the week.

March 2: Nothing to record.

March 9: Attendance is improved.

March 16: The work in all classes is progressing steadily.

I visited the school and found the registers correct March 19th 1894 W. Rice

March 22: Children allowed out a few minutes longer this morning to see the hounds.

March 23: Good Friday.

March 30: Ordinary progress.

April 2: In the Third Class Register the name Annie Elizabeth Knight ought to read Annie Elizabeth Pike. She has been admitted this day.

April 6: Average attendance for the last three weeks respectively 70, 59 and 77. During all that time no rain has fallen and it has been warm sunny weather.

April 13: In Standards 5 & 6 much difficulty is experienced in getting the children to write good composition. Two boys and one girl in these Standards were at work all last School year and are now attending School again.

April 20: Two children are away from School, ill with measles. In the Infants' room the atmosphere constantly becomes impure as the window used for ventilation is out of working order.

April 27: Nothing to record.

May 4: Miss Voaden absent from School today through family causes.

May 9: Very thin school this morning. Writing in all standards will be taken together.

May 14: Whit-Monday. No School.

May 15: No sewing because of the poor attendance.

May 25: Ordinary progress.

June 1: The School walls are being whitened.

June 4: School closed today as workmen are occupying the rooms.

June 7: Tested the boys in drawing during Second lesson.

June 8: Average attendance of the whole school for the week, 80.7. Average attendance for the week of the 27 children in the First Class: 18.

June 12: I visited the school and found the registers marked correct W. Rice

Standard 4 Scale Drawing test for Second lesson this afternoon.

June 18: Half Holiday for a public tea in the village.

Owing to the 4th Class Register closing with a wet red line along the column for June 18th, another line shows on the opposite page where there should not be one.

June 19: This was the day fixed for the Drawing examination but on the morning a post-card reached the Clerk to say that the Drawing Inspector would be unable to attend.

June 22: Drawing Examination held by C. Slaughter Lt Col at one o'clock.

June 29: School-year ends.

July 3: There will be no sewing and drawing this week. The Sewing mistress is ill in bed.

July 6: School-room closed for varnishing.

July 10: No sewing. Sewing mistress ill.

July 12: No sewing. Sewing mistress ill.

Work for 1894-95

Infants. Object Lessons. 21

Kangaroo, hedge-hog, bear, tiger, parrot, spider.

Coca, figs, caraway seeds, turnips.

Coal, salt, silver.

Silk, soap, lead pencil, fire escape, plum pudding, good manners, a soldier, a blacksmith.

Recitation

Infants & Standard 1 – “The weather-cock’s complaint”

Standards 2 & 3 – “Which Shall it be?”

Standards 4 – 7 – “The Song of the Shirt” Hood. “Early Spring” Wordsworth.

Class Subjects

Standard 1. Geography Course 5 (Work of Standard 1 & 2).

Standards 2 & 3 Geography Course S (Work of Standard 3).

Standards 4 – 7 History. Schedule 2 (Work of Standard 7).

Arithmetic

Standard 1 to do the work of Standard 1

Standards 2 & 3 to do the work of Standard 3

Standards 4 & 5 to do the work of Standard 5

Standards 6 & 7 to do the work of Standard 7

Needlework

The scheme is set out for small schools.

Approved Henry F. Codd, H.M.I 19th July 1894

July 19: School examined by H. F. Codd Esqr and his Assistant R. Matta Esqr.

July 20: Holiday – after Inspection.

July 27: All new classes are at work steadily.

Aug 2: No sewing or drawing. The Mistress is unable to be present.

Aug 10: Drawing Report – “Good”

Aug 17: Inspector’s Report.

Mixed School “The instruction is sound and methodical, and the school has made good progress during the year. The weak point, which needs attention is the spelling in the third and fourth standards. The discipline continues to be very good. The proper flushing of the urinal should be attended to at once.”

Infants’ Class “The instruction and discipline are highly creditable. The ventilating window must be made to work.”

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

George Howard (Certificated Teacher)

C. G. Voaden, Article 68

William J Barkwill (Pupil Teacher)

Betsy Howard (Sewing Mistress)

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk

Aug 18: Four weeks’ vacation.

Sep 17: Duties resumed.

Sep 18: Very thin attendance. Only three girls present above the third Standard. No needlework nor drawing this afternoon.

Sep 22: This day is the 19th not 22nd as stated in the margin. On the First Class Register there are thirty-six names and this afternoon all the thirty-six children are absent. The Pupil Teacher has been allowed to study in School throughout this day instead of teaching.

Sep 21: The weather has been beautiful all the week. The Pupil Teacher has been allowed most of the week for private study.

Sep 26: I visited the school and found the registers marked correct W. Rice

About three months ago it was pointed out to the School Board that there should be a proper understanding between them and the School cleaner as to the work required to be done. The question is under consideration.

Oct 5: During playtime this afternoon two boys running in opposite directions round the corner of the School, collided, each receiving a severe cut on the forehead. The wounds were dressed by Mrs Howard.

Oct 12: The Pupil Teacher has for some months been receiving, and will receive in the future, instruction from 7.50 to 8.50 on five mornings in each week.

Oct 15: Thin attendance. The Pupil Teacher has had the time to himself all morning for private study in school. Half-holiday caused by a children's free tea in the village.

Oct 19: Ordinary progress.

Oct 25: The Pupil Teacher absent owing to illness.

Oct 26: Pupil Teacher absent.

Nov 2: I visited the school and found the registers marked correct W. Rice

Attention of children drawn to the fact that deposits could be made in the Post Office Savings Bank by means of penny stamps affixed to a form issued by the Post Office authorities.

Nov 9: A "Holborn" cooking stove has been put in the school this week by the County Council.

Nov 16: Ordinary progress.

Nov 19: School closed for a week on account of Measles.

Nov 26: School closed until further notice. Measles.

Dec 2: Christmas holidays – Two weeks.

1895

Jan 7: School re-opened.

Jan 11: The School has got into its ordinary course again.

Jan 18: Attendance not good.

I tested the evening school classes registers and found them marked correct Wm Rice January 24th 1895

Jan 25: Ordinary progress.

Jan 29: Heavy snowfall. No sewing this afternoon as very few children are in attendance.

Feb 1: Snow all week causing a poor attendance.

Feb 8: Poor attendance.

Feb 11: Only five children this morning in Standard 2 & 3. They are placed with the upper Standards for Reading & Writing so that the Pupil Teacher can have a little private study.

Feb 13: I visited the school tested the registers and found them correct W. Rice

Feb 15: The Board has been informed that the windows in the Infants' room cannot be opened for ventilation.

Feb 22: Ordinary progress.

March 1: Ordinary progress.

March 8: The children are making progress in all subjects.

March 15: Attendance much improved.

March 22: Pipes have been laid this week for supplying water in both porches, and there has also been fixed a cistern above the urinal.

March 29: Three new scholars admitted.

April 5: A girl numbered 45 on the Second Class Register, was admitted in this school on the 3rd of July last. Previously she had attended a private school, and for a short time a public elementary School. She is over thirteen years of age and is only capable of reading with Standard 3 while her writing & arithmetic are below that Standard. Home more than four miles from Bratton village. Attendance so irregular that the name has been taken off the Register once during the year.

April 8: Miss C. Voaden absent owing to illness at home.

April 12: Good-Friday

April 19: First class to be tested in Arithmetic half-past ten for about an hour.

April 26: Admitted a new school William John Medland who has attended no school for over twelve months. He is aged 11 years & 4 months & only fit for the 1st Standard.

June 30: I visited the school examined the registers and found them marked correct W. Rice

The above date ought to read April 30th not June 30th.

May 3: The Pupil Teachers' examination took place on the 20th ult. William Barkwill took First Year papers.

May 10: Extraordinary attendance. At the rate of 79 per cent.

May 16: Standard 4 will be tested in drawing from 2 o'clock until 2.40 p.m.

May 17: The School Board's attention has again been drawn to the ventilation of the Infants' room.

May 21: Second lesson – Drawing Test Standards 1, 2 & 3 – this afternoon.

May 24: Ordinary progress.

May 31: School commences earlier this afternoon, to close earlier. Whitsun-holidays Monday & Tuesday only.

June 7: The ventilating window in the Infants' Room has been opened but it has not been made to open and shut.

June 11: Standard 4 Drawing test for first lesson in afternoon.

June 13: Drawing examination conducted by B. B. Skirrow Esqr.

June 18: Public tea in the village. Half-holiday in consequence.

June 21: Poor attendance.

June 28: School years ends with today – Friday.

Evening School Report was brought to the School

“Bratton Clovelly Board Evening School 20th June 1895.”

Boys' School. “The male class was well behaved and attentive and making fair progress.”

Girls' School. “The female class was in good order and on the whole well taught.”

General. “The registers should be signed and a proper admission register procured. Something should be done to improve the warming and ventilation of the Class Room.”

“The registers must be tested on behalf of the Board at least once a quarter, at irregular intervals, as required by paragraph 6 of Appendix 2 of Instructions to Inspectors. Attention is directed to Article 85(d) of the Code.

The Class Room should be more effectively warmed and ventilated.”

Nicholas Palmer Clerk

July 1: The Infants' Room windows have now been altered.

Work for 1895-96

Infants. Object Lessons. 25.

(Animals) Fox, Cow, Leopard, Porcupine, Salmon, Bat, Dog

(Plants) Coffee, Allspice, Apple, Arrowroot, Oak-tree, Gooseberry

(Minerals) Gold, Iron, --, Ivory, Leather, Honey

(Miscellaneous) The Ocean, A Lighthouse, Straight Lines, Colour red, Grocer's shop, Milk, A lead pencil

Recitation

Infants and Standard 1 – Miss Lumber and Miss May

Standard 2 and 3 – “Somebody's mother” and “Harvest Home”

Standards 4 – 6 – “Billy's Rose” (Geo. R. Sims) “Psalm of Life” (Longfellow) “The Chase” (Lady of the Lake)

Class Subjects

Standard 1 25 Object Lessons; the same as those for the Infants.

Standards 2 and 3 Geography by means of Object Lessons.

Standards 4 – 6 History. The Tudor period with biographies of six leading persons.

Arithmetic Scheme A

Standards 1 & 2 to do the work of Standard 2

Standards 3 & 4 to do the work of Standard 4

Standard 4 – 7 to do the work of Standard 6

Approved H. F. Codd, H.M.I. 3rd July 1895

July 3: School examined by H. F. Codd Esqr and his Assistant R. Matta Esqr.

July 9: The two children who were absent on the examination day are under medical treatment for Diphtheria. Doctors are visiting three other families for sore throats and the consequence is that not thirty children are at school today. No sewing.

July 10: At the request of the Board, the School was closed today at half past nine for the week.

July 11: Diphtheria. School closed for a fortnight by order of the Medical Officer of Health.

July 29: The Medical Officer has written to say that the school must be kept closed for another week.

Drawing Report. – “Excellent.”

Aug 5: Inspector's Report.

"The discipline throughout is very good, and the instruction for the most part is the same: Arithmetic, however in the fifth and sixth standard is defective. I am glad to find that the flushing of the urinal and ventilation of the classroom have been attended to."

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

W. J. Barkwill has passed fairly but should attend to Geography and History."

George Howard (Certified Teacher)

C. G. Voaden (Article 68)

W. J. Barkwill (Pupil Teacher 2nd year)

Mrs Howard (Sewing Mistress)

Nicholas Palmer Clerk

Vacation. Four weeks.

Sep 2: School re-opened after nearly eight weeks.

Sep 6: Arithmetic lessons have been taken up chiefly with back work which has been forgotten; and tables.

Sep 12: School closed in the afternoon because of a Sunday School treat.

Sep 13: Very irregular attendance.

Sep 20: Ordinary progress.

Registers tested & found correct September 26th 1895 R. Jackman

Sep 27: Ordinary progress.

Sep 30: The School will be closed tomorrow and the following day as the rooms are to be utilized for festivities in connection with the starting of the new clock in the Church tower.

Oct 3: No sewing, no drawing; Only thirty children present.

Oct 11: Ordinary progress.

Oct 18: Soap is to be supplied in the two porches, in future.

Oct 22: Sewing mistress away – ill. No drawing.

Oct 23: Sewing and drawing this afternoon to make up for yesterday's omission.

Oct 28: Ordinary progress.

Nov 1: Nothing worthy of record.

Nov 8: Very poor attendance especially in the upper Standards.

Nov 15: New towels have been placed in the porches for the use of the children.

Nov 22: Ordinary progress.

Nov 29: Ordinary progress.

Tested the Registers the entry therein is Correct this 2nd of December 1895 William Dawe

Dec 6: Miss Voaden away in the afternoon owing to illness.

Dec 9: Miss Voaden away in the morning owing to illness.

Dec 16: John Avery was admitted on the 11th ult. His home is out of the parish and since coming to reside in the present cottage, which was in March 1894, has attended no School. Owing to difficulty in obtaining his age, the School Board sent the Attendance Officer. Illiterate parents then stated that the child "was nine years old, and born about Lady-day."

Dec 18: Morning cold; Standards 2 & 3 Spelling instead of writing.

Dec 20: Two weeks' holiday.

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Jan 7: School duties resumed. Very thin attendance. No sewing, no drawing.

Jan 10: Two lessons in the first class this week were occupied with descriptions of the Venezuelan and Transvaal difficulties.

Jan 17: Good attendance.

Jan 24: On Tuesday last sixty-six Bibles, the gift of Mrs Manning of Eversfield, were distributed among the children who were eight years of age or over.

Jan 31: Ordinary progress.

Feb 7: Much sickness prevalent.

Feb 14: Tested Standards 2 & 3 in the elementary subjects.

Feb 21: Ordinary progress.

Feb 28: Test examinations.

March 6: Nothing worthy of record.

March 13: Fair attendance during the week.

March 20: Notice received that the examination for Pupil Teachers will be held on the 18th April.

Examined the Registers this 25th day of March 1896 the entry therein is Correct Signed William Dawe

March 27: Drawing Examination forms received.

April 3: Good Friday.

April 10: Attendance very poor.

April 17: The Pupil Teacher left the School at a quarter to three this afternoon in order to go to Holsworthy for his examination tomorrow.

April 24: Ordinary progress.

April 28: Sewing mistress away ill. No drawing.

Miss Voaden is obliged to leave the School this afternoon at three o'clock.

April 29: I found the school in good order & the work progressing satisfactorily. The coping of the boundary wall stands in need of repair. H. F. Codd, H.M.I.

May 1: On Monday the Pupil Teacher assisted in marking the Registers. Henceforward he has marked his own Register. The P.T. making a few mistakes in the weekly totals on the Second Register, they were corrected at once in red ink, by the head teacher.

May 8: Test examinations.

May 12: Sewing mistress ill. No sewing.

May 14: Sewing mistress ill. No sewing.

May 19: No sewing this week.

May 22: Holiday next Monday and Tuesday for Whitsuntide.

May 28: No sewing.

June 1: Holiday by order of School Board.

June 2: Sewing mistress away ill.

June 4: Sewing from 2:30.

Report of Pupil Teacher's examination. – "Below fair".

June 11: Tested all Standards.

June 12: Dry weather. No water in the taps.

June 19: Test examinations.

June 22: Half-holiday for an anniversary.

Tested the Registers entry Correct this 23rd June 1896 Wm Dawe

June 23: Sewing will be taken to-morrow morning during drawing examination, instead of this afternoon.

June 24: Drawing examination. The School will not be able to commence before two this afternoon.

June 26: Ordinary progress.

June 30: I found things very satisfactory this afternoon. The boundary wall has not yet been repaired. R. Matta Sub Inspector

Work for 1896-7

Arithmetic. Scheme B. The school divided into four groups for the work of Standard 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Class subjects. Standard 1 Object Lessons (Blackie's Standard 1 Object Lesson Handbook to be followed).

Standards 2 & 3 Object Lessons (Blackie's Standard 2 Object Lesson Handbook to be followed).

Standard 4 & upwards. History, Schedule 2 Scheme B, as set out for Standard 6.

Recitation

Infants & Standard 1. "The beggar boy and the flower".

Standards 2 & 3. Wordsworth's "We are seven".

Standard 4 – 6. Cary's "An order for a picture".

Infants taken with Standard 1 for Object Lessons.

July 3: Scholars at work in the new classes.

July 10: The School will be closed on Tuesday next for a children's excursion to Teignmouth.

July 17: Ordinary progress.

July 24: Warm weather and fair attendance.

July 27: Half-holiday for a Sunday School treat.

July 31: Vacation. Four weeks.

Report of Her Majesty's Inspector.

"The School continues to be in a praiseworthy state of efficiency. The discipline is very good and the instruction accurate and methodical. The coping of the playground wall needs repair.

The playground wall should be put into repair.

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code.”

George Howard (Certificated Teacher)

C. G. Voaden (Article 68)

W. J. Barkwill (Pupil Teacher 3rd year)

Betsy Howard (Sewing Mistress)

Nicholas Palmer, Clerk.

Aug 30: School re-opens.

Drawing Report. – “Excellent.”

Sep 4: Ordinary progress.

Sep 9: This afternoon the child Squance was inadvertently entered Annie instead of Mary Ann, on the Fourth Register.

Sep 11: Fair attendance.

Sep 15: Singing until two o'clock, this afternoon.

Sep 18: Good attendance.

Sep 22: Very thin attendance owing to stormy weather. No sewing nor drawing as a consequence.

Sep 24: Tested Registers, one boy marked Absent, excuse given satisfactory Roger Jackman

The above-mentioned boy attended School after the registers were closed; hence the reason for not being marked present. George Howard R Jackman

Sep 28: The P.T. absent this morning through sickness. The P.T. again absent this afternoon.

Oct 5: The Time Table may be slightly varied this afternoon to enable a photographer to take the children.

Oct 6: Holiday. Bratton Clovelly “Clock-Day”.

Oct 7: Miss Voaden absent this morning.

Oct 9: Two brothers nos. 9 and 10 on the Infants' register this quarter, and aged respectively 12 & 9, have returned to School after an absence of nearly two years. They are admitted by the School Board on condition of regularity of attendance, but they have hardly attended School at all and are not equal to the work of the first Standard. Their residence is more than three miles away and out of the parish.

Oct 16: Ordinary progress.

Oct 23: Florence Braund, winner three years ago of a County Council Scholarship, has been rendering voluntary assistance in the school, throughout the week.

Oct 30: The re-coping of the boundary walls has now been completed.

Nov 6: Ordinary progress.

Nov 13: Test examinations.

Nov 20: Ordinary progress.

Nov 27: This afternoon the School commences at one instead of half-past one and closes half-an-hour earlier.

Dec 4: Attendance very good. Number on books 102.

Dec 11: Florence Braund has for two months been voluntarily helping in the School and is still continuing to do so.

Tested the Registers entry Correct this 23rd day of December 1896 Wm Dawe

Dec 24: The School throughout is working carefully and making much progress. Attendance this week not good. This day I and my wife terminate our engagement as teachers in this School. (Signed) George Howard Nicholas Palmer Clerk to the Board.

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Jan 11: Opened School this morning for the first time. John T. Laycock Head Master.

Jan 12: Kept in two boys for talking.

Jan 15: Average Attendance during the week 68. Pupil Teacher's lessons 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the house. Drawn up a new time-table, with the approval of the Board. Mrs. Laycock teacher of Needlework and cutting out.

Jan 22: Good attendance the fore part of the week. Rough weather and thin classes the rest of the week. Stoves not very warm in the early morning. Took dry measure and table of length reduction sums on black-board with the first Class. Heard Pupil Teacher give a lesson on the horse with fair success.

Jan 25-29: Got a supply of books, slates etc. from Educational Supply Association, London. Most of the Scholars in the first class have each a bag to keep exercise books and other books. This has led to an improvement in the discipline: the order is now very good, no talking during the day. Put Second Class in Addition of Money, after drilling them in farthings, pence, and shillings table. Examined first Class in long division sums, and addition of money. Put both classes in Micheljohn's word buddies; the children [like] them very much, especially the sentences containing words pronounced the same, but spelt differently i.e. hair hare, air etc, heir etc.

Feb 1-4: Put first Class in History. Composition and Arithmetic exercise books. Tested second Class in Short division and Simple Multiplication. Ten out of 15 got 3 division sums correct in half an hour. This division working at farthings, pence and shillings table. Had the bell-rope repaired. Got in a load

of coal and a load of coke. Also a supply of books, apparatus etc. from the Educational Supply Association, London.

Feb 5: Received Time-Tables, signed by H. M. Inspector of Schools. William Barkwill absent at aunt's funeral.

Feb 8-12: Average attendance gone up this week. Put second Class in addition of money test cards. First Class working sums in exercise books. School opened at 1:30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. Second Class very effective during the reading lesson. Several outsiders absent through illness.

Feb 15: Bell to be tolled in the mornings from 8:55 to 9 a.m. In the afternoon from 1:28 to 1:30 p.m. William J. Barkwill begins to teach half-time. Miss Letty Smallacombe born 16 Jan 1877, takes the other half-time.

Feb 18: Checked the registers with the children present & found the number correct R. Jackman

Feb 19: Wet day, attendance not so good as the rest of the week. Put Second Class in Multiplication of Money and first Class in Small bills. Kept in Second Class for being a little noisy. Lessons with Pupil Teacher taken 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m. at the school.

Feb 22-26: Good attendance this week. L. Smallacombe working very nicely, gave object lesson the Candle. Certificate of Health for L. S. signed by Mr Bevear of Lew Down.

Examined first Class from Cards in reduction sums, with fair success. Examined Second Class [in] poetry, meanings only fairly known.

March 3: Stormy day, only 26 present in the morning in the large room. Infants much worse.

March 5: Still rough weather, average attendance for the week only 58.

March 12: Attendance very good this week. Average over 74. Put first Class in practice Sums. Standards 2 & 3 working Money Sums up to 99 Multiplication. First Class reading from Historical Readers.

March 15-19: Fine week. Good Attendance. Elizabeth Kennard, and James Knight left School, helping at home. Scheme A not, Scheme B in Arithmetic to be taken by the Children. Put Standard 3 in Subtraction of money.

March 22-26: Lady-day change. Thin attendance. Wrote out an account of Dr Nansen's expedition towards t[he] North Pole, for the Pupil Teacher third year. Two girls to be examined for labour certificates in fourth standard. Composition very good in first class. Recitation also very good. Taken reduction sums of the different tables at $4\frac{1}{4}$ d to $3\frac{1}{6}$ per lb, inch, pint, day or minute. Pupil Teacher's Examination 10 April at Okehampton. Infants and Standard 1 working subtraction sums.

March 29: School Inspected Article 84 b(?) J. Hodges

March 29-April 2: Fred, Albert and Mabel Bevan, Edwin Roberts, James Knight, Eva Glover, Elizabeth Louisa Woodrow, left the School this Lady-day. Put first Class in addition and subtraction of fractions, and Standard 3 in long division. Good attendance in 2nd & 3rd Standards. L. Smallacombe gave object

lesson on the cow. W. Barkwill taking most of his time until 10 April for private study. Got up Maps of Australia and North America.

April 5-9: W. J. Barkwill Pupil Teacher laid up with influenza, and unable to attend the Examination on 10 April at Okehampton. Several children away from School with severe coughs. Put first Class in proportion method of unity. Standard 3 working easy long division sums. Fourth Standard working from Arithmetic Test Cards.

April 12-15: W. J. Barkwill absent with influenza. Good many children away with coughs and colds. Very thin attendance during the week. Head Master away on Thursday with Bronchitis, under Dr Benson[?] of Lew Down. Miss Voaden Article 68 took charge of the Standards.

April 16: Holiday – Good Friday.

April 19-23: W. J. Barkwill ill all the week. Meletta Smallacombe away Monday & Tuesday. Head Master ill Monday & Tuesday. Miss C. Voaden Article 68 took big room during Master's absence, put a Monitor in the Class room. Head Master returned to duties on Wednesday. Standard 2 working cards in Multiplication and Division. Standard 3 doing fairly in long division.

April 26-30: All hands at work. Coughs still common, attendance slack. Put Standard 5 in practice dry measure and table of lengths. Wm. J. Barkwill P.T. returned to work. Third Standard working long division sums on blackboard and from cards. Standard 2 very good now in Arithmetic.

May 3: Needlework afternoon.

May 6: No needlework. Work same as Monday afternoon.

May 7: Average attendance big room 50.

May 12: Put Standard 3 in Arithmetic Test Cards.

May 14: First Class received New Readers, life and times of Queen Victoria.

May 21: Admitted two children this week. First Class working proportion in summing book. Put first Standard in Arithmetic Test Cards.

May 25: Received notice of the Drawing Examination 10 June 10.15 a.m.

May 28: Received drawing schedules.

June 4: Admitted two infants. Attendance not quite so good as last week. All Standards working problems.

June 7-8: Whit-Monday and Whit-Tuesday holiday.

Work for 30 June 1898

Object-lessons:

Blackie's Standard 2 for Infants & Standard 1

Blackie's Standard 3 for Standard 2 & 3

Geography: England, Scotland, Ireland & South Africa for Standard 4 and upwards.

Infants and Standard 1: "The piper" – Blake, "The daisy" -- James Montgomery

Standard 2: "Seven times one" – Miss Jean Ingelow, "The piper" – Blake

Standard 3: "Hiawatha's first Hunting" – Longfellow

Standard 4 etc: "Mageppa" – Byron.

Adopted by the Board. Nicholas Palmer Clerk.

Approved [?] 18 June 1897

June 14: Checked the registers with the children present & found the number correct. R. Jackman

June 10: Col E. W. Moore Esqr examined the children in drawing.

June 15: Only half school in the morning. Holiday afternoon for Sunday School Anniversary.

June 18: R. Matta. Sub Inspector 84/b/2

June 21-25: Holiday all the week.

June 28-July 2: Average over 71 this week. Put Standard 6 in Interest money sums and Standard 5 in Short bills. Geography of England taken with Upper Standards.

July 5: Tested the Registers and Signed the Forms for 30th June 1897. Nicholas Palmer Clerk.

July 5-9: Very good attendance this week. Good progress in Arithmetic.

July 12-16: Hay harvest, very bad attendance, nearly all the boys absent one day or another. Reduction sums time table fourth Standard.

Evening School Report 1897.

"Good order and very creditable instruction." (Signed) Nicholas Palmer Clerk to the Board.

July 19-23: Very good attendance. Tuesday afternoon 86 present. Standard 4 doing reduction table of length and wine measure. Standard 2 working division by three. Received duplicate schedule for the girls examined for that exemption.

July 26-30: Few harvesting, attendance not quite up to mark. Standard 2 working division sums by 4. Put fifth Standard in fractions. Geography of England first Class.

Aug 2-6: Only half a School this week, several boys away in the Harvest field from the upper Standards. Closed School for one month.

Sep 6: Open school after Harvest Holidays with only 37 present in the morning.

Sep 8: Received a parcel of books, Arithmetics, exercises books etc from the Educational Supply Association, London.

Sep 10: Received the Drawing Report. The Excellent Merit Grant has been awarded. Attendance bad owing to wet weather.

Sep 13: Only one third of the scholars present in the morning. School closed in the afternoon on account of the Church Sunday School treat.

Sep 17: Very bad attendance this week.

Sep 22: Okehampton Exhibition, very thin school.

Sep 23: Attendance still bad.

Tested the Registers this 27th day of September 1897 entry Correct Wm Dawe

Sep 27: Fox-hounds met at Boasley, very bad attendance.

Copy of Report:

“The children are in very good order and their instruction is making satisfactory progress. In reading, more readiness might be displayed in answering questions on the subject of the lessons. Writing is on the whole good. The written arithmetic is better than the mental. The Class work is on the whole very creditable, Needlework being the best point. The infants have been well cared for.”

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code. W. J. Barkwill was not present at either inspection. H. M. Inspector cannot approve M. Smallacombe under Article 68.

John T. Laycock (Head-master)

C. G. Voaden (Article 68)

W. J. Barkwill (P.T. 3rd Year)

M. Smallacombe (Monitress)

Nicholas Palmer Clerk

Summary of Time Table

| Standards | 6-5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Reading | 150 | 200 | 150 | 150 | 190 |
| Writing | 200 | 150 | 250 | 250 | 220 |
| Arithmetic | 225 | 225 | 225 | 225 | 230 |
| Class Subject | 200 | 200 | 185 | 185 | 120 |
| Recitation | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 30 |
| Drill & Exercises | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Singing | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Needlework | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 |
| Drawing | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 |

Oct 4: Church Choir trip to Exmouth. Bad attendance.

Oct 5: Bad attendance, the Choir boys still absent. Brought Standard 1 into big room for all Subjects except reading and Object-Lessons. In morning, Reading Arithmetic Sums Writing. Standards 1, 2, 3 drill and exercise on Tuesday afternoons. Upper Standards Fridays. For five weeks, owing to bad attendance, the grant has suffered a loss of £7.10.0.

Oct 12: Sunday School anniversary at Boasley Chapel. Bad attendance. Put first class in geography of Scotland. Second Standard working division by 5 and 6. Third Standard doing long division by one figure.

Oct 15: Wet day thin School in first class.

Oct 19: Holiday, Concert for Bratton Brass Band.

Oct 20: Only half a School after the concert. Another weeks' attendance spoiled.

Oct 29: Several boys absent picking potatoes. Standard 1 working addition problems on blackboard. Put third Standard in long division Sums.

Nov 5: Good Friday. Good attendance. Put Standard 6 Addition Subtraction Multiplication of decimals. Standard 1 still working addition tables. Third Standard doing easy long division.

Nov 12: Put Standard 6 in proportion of fractions. Fourth Standard long division of money. Had the Stoves put up in the big room.

Nov 19: Very good work done this week. Standard 2 working from cards.

Nov 26: Good attendance. Good progress.

Dec 3: Re-admitted Elizabeth Box. Second and third Standards working from arithmetic cards, but not problems. Put Sixth Standard boys in mensuration.

Dec 7: W. J. Barkwill, P.T. taking private Study this week.

Dec 10: Cold, wet week. Thin attendance.

Dec 16: Raining all day, only half a School. W. J. Barkwill, P.T. Sitting for Scholarship examination at Plymouth.

Dec 17: Mrs Manning called at the School and took names of children over eight years of age for Bike presentations.

Dec 24: Closed School for Xmas Holidays two weeks. Bad Attendance this week.

Circular 407 on Reading

1. Give plenty of individual practice in small classes. Do not practice simultaneous reading in a monotonous Sing-song intonation.
2. Do not cultivate modulation and intonation by Short pattern reading. When pattern reading is necessary, choose a part which is not to be read until the end of the lesson.

3. Do not reserve careful articulation for the reading lesson alone. Children should cultivate a good habit of speech at all times. Vary the reading lesson by making each in turn read to the ears of the others, who will have closed books.
4. Do not overload a reading lesson with information. Let the children have silent study, then question a little on matter and manner of the reading.

Tested the Registers Entry Correct this 23rd December 1897 Wm Dawe

1898

Jan 17: Resumed School this morning.

C. G. Voaden Article 68

W. J. Barkwill (P.T. 4th Year)

M. Smallacombe (Monitress)

Nicholas Palmer Clerk to the Board

Children in First Class are in charge of W. J. Barkwill. Standards 2 and 3 put in Class-room in charge of Miss Meletta Smallacombe. Infants are brought out in the big room until the duties of a new master commences. Infants are as before in charge of Miss C. Voaden. Admitted E. Smallacombe this afternoon. W. and J. Hill left the school.

Jan 21: First Class still learning Geography of Scotland. During this week the time of Arithmetic lesson has been occupied in recapitulation. Mr Dawe has visited the school twice during the week. Good attendance.

Jan 28: The Average attendance for this week is 67.6. Standard 4 is working Reduction of money. Put First Class in Geography of Ireland.

Jan 31: Mr Dawe visited the school again to-day.

Feb 4: Poor attendance throughout the week.

Feb 11: Tested First Class in Arithmetic. A girl numbered 118 on Infant Class Register has returned to her home, being here on a visit. A boy numbered 117 on the same register has left the school, being here on a visit.

Heard the names Called over This morning entry in the Registers are Correct this 17th February 1898

Feb 15: Received from the Educational Supply Association a supply of books, apparatus etc.

Feb 18: Average attendance for this week is 68.5.

Feb 22: Holiday – Concert for Brass Band.

Feb 23: Heavy snow-fall causing a very poor attendance. An error crept in the First Class Boys' Register but was at once corrected.

Feb 25: Mr Jackman Chairman to the School Board paid a visit.

Feb 28: Miss Meletta Smallacombe's engagement as monitress having terminated to-day it will be necessary to employ a child from First Class to take her place until another has been appointed.

March 2: Percy Luxton and Maud Roberts have been engaged by the School Board as monitor and monitress respectively.

March 3: Nellie Laycock was called from school this morning and her mark of presence was cancelled. Maud Stacey was obliged to leave school this morning through being poorly and her mark of presence was cancelled. Mr Jackman paid a visit again to-day.

To-day twenty-five Bibles, the gift of Mrs Manning of Eversfield, were distributed among children over eight years of age who did not get any last year.

March 11: A few mistakes were made in the weekly totals on the Girls' Register – corrected at once. Taught First Class a new song.

March 18: Ordinary progress.

March 25: Very stormy weather – attendance not good. Taught another new song this week. Percy Luxton & Maud Roberts' engagement terminate to-day.

March 28: Commenced work to-day in this school. W. Moore

April 1: Readmitted John and William Hill, to First and Second Classes respectively. Admitted Lily Jones to Second Class and Lawson Jones to Infant Class. Spent most of the week revising work. Mr Dawe paid a brief visit, & Mr Palmer called twice.

April 5: Time-Table not strictly adhered to on account of the Pupil Teacher being absent with influenza.

April 7: Tomorrow being Good Friday, the school will be closed. I find that the arithmetic of the First Class is very much behind. I have been teaching Standard 5 how to work Compound Practice. W. Barkwill still absent and under the Doctor's care. Average not quite so good this week. A new clock has been put in school. Mr Dawe paid two brief visits.

April 15: The Pupil-teacher is still absent sick. He called Thursday afternoon. This week I commenced the Geography of Natal with the First Class and worked Arithmetic mostly with Standard 4 Avoirdupois. On the whole a fair week's work has been done.

Fifteen children never attended the school once for the week. The average for the week is 68.3. The Clerk paid a short visit.

April 18: The Pupil Teacher resumed duties to day. This afternoon I am taking dictation in the peace of tables.

April 22: Average for the week 71. Prepared a list of irregulars for the Board. Admitted Hettie Andrew to Infant Class. I have worked principally with Standard 2 & 3. The Pupil Teacher has been paying special attention to the Arithmetic of Standard 6.

April 27: No sewing this afternoon for Standards 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, the sewing mistress being unwell. They did reading and spelling instead.

April 29: No sewing yesterday the Sewing-mistress being unwell. Attendance irregular. The Second Class did better in dictation this afternoon. Standard 4 is much behind in Arithmetic.

May 6: Average for the week 71. Received a parcel containing copy books, exercise books, arithmetics, drawing books and copies, etc from Educational Supply Association. The work of the school is progressing satisfactorily.

Registers tested & found correct R Jackman May 10th 1898

May 12: The school not opened yesterday being required for County Council Election.

May 13: Admitted William Wood and William Jackman to Infant Class. Mr Jackman paid a visit on Tuesday. Average for the week 77.4. Commenced problems with Standard 3. The other Standards are working steadily.

May 20: A very good attendance for the three first days of the week. Today being wet a very small attendance. Standard 4 can do Reduction better. The Clerk to the Board paid visits. Worked problems with Standard 3. Average for the week 78.7.

May 23: Am giving Standard 6 a little more time in Arithmetic this week, viz from 3.10 to 4.

May 27: Average attendance for the week is 74.7. Have been working at problems with Standard 3 all the week. The Pupil Teacher taking Standard 4 in reduction problems. A child or two in Standard 2 is weak in arithmetic. Standard 5 has now finished practice (compound). W. Barkwill was absent yesterday afternoon on leave. Today we break for Whit week's holiday.

June 10: The average for the week is 73.8. Attendance on Monday small. Ordinary progress.

June 13: I have been inspecting the School today both morning & afternoon, & do not find so much falling off as under the circumstances [?] expected. The order is very good & much of the work very satisfactory. Henry F. Codd, H.M.I.

June 17: Today the attendance has been rather small. A very fair week's [work] has been done. On Monday the school will not be opened, being a Sunday School Anniversary. The average attendance for the week is 77.7.

June 24: The attendance has been rather poor, several being away harvesting, and today it has been rather wet. No water in taps all the week. Received Schedule on Tuesday.

June 30: The school year ends today.

July 1: Average attendance small. Boys are hay harvesting. Gave P.T. the day or nearly the whole of it to answer questions in his Quarterly Exam.

July 8: Attendance small, several children being absent harvesting. Admitted three children to Infant Class. Commenced new work with all classes on Monday.

July 15: The average attendance for the week is 70. Several away again hay harvesting. No water in taps. Made out a new Time Table, and am giving it a trial before I finally submit it for approval.

July 20: No school tomorrow, there being a tea for the children at the Rectory.

July 22: Admitted Theodore Avery. The attendance, Friday excepted, has been good. Working steadily.

July 29: Yesterday Miss Voaden was absent on leave. The average for the week is 81.3. Children are working well.

Aug 1: The Pupil Teacher has been absent today on leave. Fair attendance for Bank Holiday.

The following report on the School has been received:

The school has suffered from the failing health of the late Master though not as much as might have been expected. The work is now going on very satisfactorily. Geography is presented this year as a class subject instead of History. This however and Object Lessons are not deserving of the higher grant and must show material improvement another year if it is to continue to be earned. The order and general behaviours of the children are very good.

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

William Moore Certificated Teacher

C. G. Voaden Article 68

William J. Barkwill

E. D. Laycock, Sewing Mistress.

Nicholas Palmer Clerk to the Board

Aug 5: A pretty good attendance for the week, except on Wednesday. The Clerk of the Board paid a short visit.

Aug 3: Miss Voaden will be absent, on leave all week, as she is to attend Technical Education Classes held at Weston.

Aug 10: To-day is a holiday, the children being invited to a tea at Bannadon.

Aug 12: Attendance rather small owing to the harvest commencing. Mr Palmer, The Clerk, paid a visit. We broke up to day for a month's holiday.

Sep 12: Opened school to day after the vacation with about 60 children present.

Sep 16: Have spent most of the week in revising work. I find (with the exception of about 2 or 3) Standard 3 is a very dull standard.

Tested the Registers this 22nd day of September 1898 entry Correct Wm Dawe

Sep 23: A slightly better attendance this week. Examined the school, with fairly creditable results. Messrs Jackman & Dawe visited the school. Several children absent all the week from 1st Class.

Sep 30: The average attendance for the week is 73. The attendance of the First Class is poor. Ordinary progress.

Oct 7: This week has been a broken week, for on Tuesday there was a Fete held in the village and the school closed for the day. Wednesday the attendance was very poor. Yesterday and today more children were present. The work is going on satisfactorily Both Messrs Dawe and Palmer visited the school.

Oct 14: The attendance has been very irregular this week, partly on account of the Church choir trip to Bude, & partly on account of wet weather.

Oct 21: A wet week, consequently poor attendance. Received a parcel containing Reading books, slates, pencils, spelling books, pens, paper, exercise & copy books etc.

Oct 28: I was absent on Monday. I left the school in charge of the Teachers. A better attendance this week, altho' the weather was wet and stormy.

Nov 4: The average attendance for the week is 79.8, a great improvement on last week's average. There was no sewing on Tuesday afternoon Mrs Laycock being absent. On Friday afternoon I was absent for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Rector. The Pupil Teacher took charge of the school.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 1st, school was opened at 1 p.m. From that date until the end of January 1899, afternoon school will commence at 1. according to resolution of the School Board.

Nov 11: The Average attendance for the week is 82. Ordinary progress.

Nov 18: Miss Voaden was absent on Wednesday morn being unwell. The work is going on pretty well. The irregulars are rather backward.

Nov 25: A very good attendance on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday was very rough and wet. The Clerk called once or twice. Admitted Rose Glove to Infants' Class.

Dec 2: Considering the rough and wet week we have had the attendance has been very good. Children are working well.

Registers tested & found correct December 8th 1898 R Jackman

Dec 9: The attendance for the first three days of the week was rather small, the weather being so wet and story. The First Class, however, has been well attended, and good progress being made. I find a little difficulty in teaching short division to some of Standard 2.

Dec 16: Although the week has been somewhat wet the attendance has been fairly good. Have been examining various Standards yesterday and to-day.

Dec 23: Broke up to day for a fortnight's holiday. A good attendance all the week.

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Jan 13: Commenced school on Monday with 76 in attendance. Tuesday and Wednesday were wet days so a small number present. The Clerk paid a visit. Four children have left school the parents having left the neighbourhood.

Jan 20: A very fair attendance throughout the week, although it has been very wet. Ordinary progress.

Jan 27: Children are working well. The average has fallen in consequence of very cold weather.

Feb 3: A good week's work has been done. Weather cold consequently a small attendance on Friday.

Feb 10: Ordinary progress this week.

Feb 17: On Tuesday last there was a holiday the school being required for a tea. Some of the children of Class 1 attend irregularly.

Registers tested & found correct February 23rd R Jackman

Feb 24: A fair attendance but not as good as it might be considering the fine weather. Mr Jackman paid a visit as also did the Clerk.

March 3: Although the weather has been fine the attendance has been very irregular. Received a parcel containing copy books, exercise books, drawing books, slates, pens etc. Samuel Wimpey engaged as monitor.

March 10: Ordinary progress. Received a new blackboard, slates & towels. Average not so good.

March 17: A fairly good attendance until to day. The children are working well.

March 24: Rather severe weather, consequently the average fell 16. Through parents removing three children have left this week.

March 30: To-morrow being Good Friday school will not be opened. The attendance has been small especially that of the two first classes. Mrs Manning and Miss Jones called to invite the children to a tea on Tuesday next.

April 7: The attendance this week has been very small, partly on account of rough weather. Tuesday was a holiday, the room being required for a tea. I put off the quarterly examination last week as the attendance was so small, and this [week] it has been smaller. Readmitted Herbert Soby to First Class.

April 14: The attendance is still bad. Average 62 only out of 93 on the books. Week rather wet which accounts for some absentees.

April 18: R. Matta. Sub Inspector 84(b)1.

April 21: Admitted William Woodman to Infant Class. Attendance still much below what it should be. Today it has been wet so only a few present. The children are working well.

April 28: A rather better attendance this week, yet it might be better still. A good week's work has been done.

May 5: The attendance of the 1st & 2nd Classes very irregular again this week. Admitted Gertrude Weeks to Infant class. Edward Hawton & Thirza Glover have not attended school for several weeks. John Avery Standard 3 also attends badly.

May 10: To-morrow and the day after will be holidays the room being required by Bible Christians for a luncheon lecture etc. Admitted W. H. Griffin to Infant Class. Attendance rather better than last week.

May 19: Admitted H. Horrell to Infant Class. Good progress has been made in all work. Infant Class & Standard 1 have been well attended. Broke up to day for the Whitsun Holidays.

Registers tested & found correct June 1st 1899 R Jackman

June 2: Commenced school on Monday last with 71, a fair number after the holiday. Mr Jackman paid a visit.

Received a parcel containing: Exercise books, reading books, paper & pencils from the Educational Supply.

June 8: (84b2) H. F. Codd, H.M.I.

June 9: A fair attendance all the week. Received some wall pictures from W. & A.[?] R. Johnston.

June 16: The attendance has fallen off this week. Ordinary progress.

June 20: Yesterday there was a holiday, on account of Sunday School tea.

June 23: On Tuesday afternoon the girls did not sew Mrs Laycock being unwell. William Barkwill absent all the week sick. A rather irregular attendance all the week.

June 30: The School Year ends today. W. Barkwill returned to his work yesterday after his illness.

July 7: Commenced new work with all classes on Monday. A fair attendance. Readmitted Ethel Jackman to 1st Class. Miss Voaden absent this morning unwell.

July 14: Admitted Emma Cole to Infant Class. Ordinary progress.

July 21: The attendance has not been so good this owing, probably, to harvest being in full swing.

On Wednesday Samuel Wimpey was absent sick, Thursday William Barkwill was absent on leave.

July 28: Admitted William Besley to the Infant Class. The First Class has been attended better this week, and the average is better. A good week's work has been done.

Aug 4: Broke up to day for a month's holiday.

Sep 4: Re-opened school this morning after the vacation.

The following Report on the school was received during the holidays:

“The discipline is very good and the work shows substantial improvement; the Master however is still too much addicted to standards for grouping and teaching. The infants continue to do great credit to the Mistress.

The staff must be strengthened if a grant under Article 65 of the Code is to be again claimed next year. C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68.”

William Moore Certificated Master
Samuel George Wimpey Candidate
C. G. Voaden Article 68
E. D. Laycock Sewing Mistress

Sep 8: Readmitted Harold Luxton to 1st Class and admitted Samuel Piper to Infant Class. 21 children did not attend once for the week. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

Registers examined & found correct R Jackman September 14th 1899

Sep 15: Admitted Florence & Horace White to Infant Class. The attendance of the First Class is poor, nine children not putting in their appearance.

Sep 22: Attendance irregular this week, 78 children came on Monday. Mr Davey, Attendance Officer, called twice and also last week.

Sep 29: The attendance is much better this week, Mr Davey called to enquire after absentees. Quarterly Examination yesterday and today.

Oct 5: Tomorrow is a holiday, all the teachers being invited to Bude with the Church choir. A much better attendance.

Oct 13: Measles having made their appearance the attendance is irregular. The school is making satisfactory progress.

Oct 16: Samuel G. Wimpey away to day unwell, as also W. J. Barkwill this afternoon.

Oct 17: W. J. Barkwill at work again today.

Oct 19: Am taking Arithmetic with the First Class instead of Reading this morning.

Oct 20: Admitted two scholars to Infant Class. Average dropping as the measles is spreading. S. G. Wimpey still away sick. Received a parcel containing: books, pencils, sewing material etc from Firks & Son.

Oct 23: Samuel George Wimpey returned to school today, having been away a week ill.

Oct 26: Miss Voaden away to day on leave also Mrs Laycock. No sewing in consequence. Ordinary lessons.

Oct 30: Mr Henry Hortop, Board Member, visited the school. Attendance slightly better.

Nov 1: Commenced afternoon school at 1 p.m. in accordance with resolution of School Board.

Nov 3: A good attendance until Thursday & Friday, which days were rough & wet. Satisfactory progress is being made.

Nov 10: Rough weather and sickness still further reduced the attendance. Miss Voaden on account of sickness at home, has not been able to come mornings until 10 o'clock. Mr Davey called.

Nov 17: Miss Voaden absent on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, her mother being ill. Friday afternoon W. J. Barkwill was away very unwell. I have a little difficulty in keeping part (b) of Class 1 together in Arithmetic. A better attendance.

Nov 24: A new stove has been put up this week. Several children away unwell. Miss Voaden has been granted the first hour off until Xmas by the School Board in consequence of the serious illness of her mother.

Dec 1: A better attendance. Ordinary progress.

Dec 8: A busy week. All classes working well.

Dec 15: William J. Barkwill absent on leave this week to sit for Scholarship Examination. A fair attendance as the weather has been cold.

Registers examined & found correct H Hortop December 21st 1899

Dec 22: William Barkwill, who has been engaged for six months as Temporary Monitor, leaves today. The attendance is fair for Xmas week. We broke up this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday.

1900

Jan 8: Commenced school today after the vacation. Miss Voaden this morning on account of illness.

Jan 12: A fair attendance this week considering the first after the holidays.

Jan 15: Miss Voaden absent this morning on account of sickness at home. I did not take singing this afternoon on account of very poor attendance; and also several children having colds.

Jan 19: The attendance has been better for the past two days. This week has been very wet, hence the small attendance. Miss Voaden was absent on Wednesday afternoon by reason of sickness.

Jan 26: Although it has been wet weather all the week, the attendance has been better. Mr Davey called this afternoon, to take names of irregulars.

Feb 2: A busy week. Miss Rice in school this week helping. Attendance good for two or three first days of week; small yesterday and today, being very cold.

Feb 5: Miss Voaden will be absent all the week in consequence of the death of her mother.

Feb 7: I am leaving the school this afternoon for about an hour to attend the funeral of the late Mrs Voaden. Miss Rice & S. Wimpey will take charge for that time.

Feb 9: The weather, being cold, has kept several of the younger children away. The “First Class” has been fairly well attended, the “Second” no so. Mr Davey called. Received a parcel of books from Firks & Son. Work progressing satisfactorily.

Feb 14: Heavy snow, school not opened.

Feb 15: Very bad weather, roads impassable for children, no school this morning. Worse weather this afternoon, only 12 present.

Registers examined & found correct. February 15th 1900 R Jackman

Feb 16: Only 34 children present today.

Feb 22: Visited the school. G. Haward.

1. “A Thermometer should always be kept hung up in a School” – See p. 97 of Code – and the temperature of the rooms as recorded by it should be taken at varying intervals in the day and week, and recorded in the Log Book.
2. Suitable [?] for holding water should always be kept upon the two stoves while they are in use. There is something wrong with the stoves – that in the class room smokes while the larger [...?] and must dust.
3. Errands are needed for the others – especially in the class room. The floor near the stoves is untidy through coal dust and ashes falling away.
4. A cupboard is needed.
5. The [?] Lesson list & New Poetry list should be ready for the Official who pays the Grant visit of inspection this year.
6. The [?] should, if possible, be [...?] School is to be closed: 1. H. Lewis 2. Ms. Matthew 3. To me.
7. The boys’ playground, and especially to [?] the urinal and closets, is in need of repair.
8. The Board’s attention is drawn to the wet state of the lobby – boys’ lobby – [...?] be an improvement?
9. The Class and other Registers should be signed by the Clerk.

Feb 23: The attendance is better than it was last week. Several children are away with bad colds. Class 2 is irregularly attended.

March 2: This has been a very busy week. The attendance much better, Class 2 is a very irregular class. Some children absent still with bad colds. Mr Davey called.

March 9: Not quite so good attendance this week. Work progressing satisfactorily.

March 16: A fair attendance. Usual progress.

March 23: A snowy week, result a small attendance.

March 27: No school this afternoon, a holiday on account of a Confirmation in church.

March 30: A better attendance. Two or three children have left school.

April 6: Ordinary progress. Some children still away, bad colds.

April 12: Tomorrow being Good Friday school will not be opened. Average 70.

April 20: On Monday the attendance was very small I suppose being Bank Holiday. The remaining four days it was better. The First Class has been poorly attended by the boys.

April 27: Admitted two scholars to Infant Class. Not a good attendance this week. First Class small.

Samuel G. Wimpey absent since Tuesday with mumps.

May 3: No school this afternoon on account of the funeral of the late Mr N. Palmer, Clerk to Board, which was attended both by teachers & scholars.

May 4: Average attendance small, many being away with severe colds & others with chicken pox. S. G. Wimpey still absent sick.

May 11: A small attendance this week, colds & coughs very bad. Several children absent unwell.

May 14: In consequence of chicken pox, and bad coughs, whooping I am afraid, coupled with a very small attendance, the School Board think it advisable to close the school until the 23rd.

May 23: Reopened school today, only 16 children present.

Notice was received during the vacation that S. G. Wimpey had failed to pass his examination. Mr H Hortop visited the school

May 25: The Medical Officer of Health, [?] Young called today, and ordered the closure of the school for 3 weeks. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

Registers examined & found correct June 19th 1900 R Jackman

June 19: This afternoon the First Class are doing their recitation instead of reading.

June 21: Second visit under Article 84(b) R. Matta S.I.

June 22: Opened school on Tuesday after a closure of 3 weeks and one day. A fair attendance considering the wet and stormy weather. Received a parcel of books.

June 29: A better attendance this week. Admitted two children to Infant Class. Mr Jackman called in the week.

July 6: A much better attendance this week, the average being over 70.

July 13: The attendance has not been so good this week, several being away harvesting. Miss Voaden was absent this morning unwell. Mr Davey called.

July 20: Attendance not quite so good this week, many of the bigger children being away hay harvesting. Mr Davey called for absentee list.

July 27: The attendance has been rather better this week, although it is not quite as it should be. Ordinary progress.

Work for 1900-1901 as per Scheme 1.

Arithmetic. Schedule 1. Scheme B

Geography. Upper Division will do outlines of America, with special reference to British possessions in that continent.

History. Twenty stories, and biographies from 1066 to 1485.

Poetry.

1st Class. Pied Piper 100 lines.

2nd Class. Harry and the Guide Post.

3rd & 4th Classes. The Hawk and the Chickens. The Kitten.

Object Lessons Classes 1 & 2

Farmers' Friends e.g. Mole, hedgehog, lady bird

Farmers' Pests e.g. Daddy Legs, Wire worm, Turnip Flea.

River, valleys, hills.

Plant, roots, flowers, fruit.

Work on Farm, in Spring, summer, autumn and winter.

Migratory birds as swallow, cuckoo, chiffchaff, rook.

Trees as Oak, ash, apple-tree.

Village, Newspapers, soap, brushes.

Animals Horse, cow, sheep, mole, snail.

Plants Potatoe, wheat, oaktree, orange and apple combined, stinging nettle.

Miscellaneous: Wool, fur, leather, bread, milk, candle, homes of animals, tradesman, country walk in summer & winter.

[in red, Singing staff notation, Drawing, Needlework, Physical Exercises as formerly.]

Aug 3: Ordinary progress. Children take great interest in their work. Mr Davey called.

Aug 7: The following report has been received:

Mixed School. "Considering there has been a great deal of sickness to contend with, the state of the school as regards both discipline and instruction is very satisfactory. Reading is somewhat inarticulate; the children should be taught to speak out. Written exercises are well done. Arithmetic is somewhat lacking in smartness and intelligence at present; more frequent oral practice is recommended. The class subjects and Recitation have received careful attention."

Infants' Class. The infants' class, which includes the first standard, is taught with much industry and creditable success. The order of the class, also, is very good. The attention of the School Board is drawn to the entry made in the Log-Book on February 22nd last. The new sheds are a great improvement, but a door to the porch is still wanted.

A door to the porch should be supplied without delay.

C. G. Voaden is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

William Moore, Certificated Teacher
C. G. Voaden Article 68
Samuel George Wimpey Candidate
E. D. Laycock, Sewing Mistress.

Matthew Davey Clerk to the Board

Aug 10: The attendance was very small on Monday. Mr Davey called. Ordinary progress.

Aug 16: Broke up to day for the harvest holidays, one month. Considering that harvest has commenced the attendance has been pretty good. Mr W. Barkwill, an old teacher, called, also did Mr Davey respecting the attendance.

Sep 21: Re-opened school after the vacation on Monday the 7th. A very fair attendance. Thursday the attendance was very small owing to Okehampton Show. Have been giving a Time Table a trial, -- a rough draft—The Attendance Officer called.

Registers examined & found correct Sep 27th 1900 R Jackman

Sep 28: A very much better attendance this week. Messrs Davey, Attendance Officer and Jackman called. Received a parcel of books, and two maps from Firks & Son. Received notice that room will be required for Polling-booth, in case of contest.

Oct 5: A very good attendance this week except on Thursday, when it was small, owing to being very stormy & wet. Work is going on pretty well.

Oct 10: The School will not be opened tomorrow being required as Polling Booth.

Oct 12: A rather small attendance to-day. Mr Dawe paid a visit. Work going on pretty well. Composition is rather a difficulty with Class 2.

Oct 19: A good attendance this week. Part (b) of First Class find Avoirdupois Weight rather hard.

Oct 22: Temperature of room this morning at 9 49°.

Oct 24: Today Miss Voaden & S. G. Wimpey were absent on leave. Attendance rather small as several boys were away on an excursion to Budge.

Oct 26: Today very wet, only 49 present. The work is going on satisfactorily. I find Dictation is rather a weak subject. The children of Second [Standard] can do their Compound Subtraction better.

Nov 2: Tuesday and Thursday were wet days consequently the attendance was not so good. Mr Dawe called on Wednesday. The work is progressing fairly. Composition appears to be rather difficult subject for the lower classes.

Nov 9: Temperature of room at 9 a.m. 57° at 3 p.m. 60°.

Wednesday being a wet day the attendance was rather small. On the other days it was good.

Nov 12: At 9 a.m. the temperature of the room 51°.

Nov 15: Temperature of room at 9 a.m. 52°.

Nov 16: The children are working well. Yesterday I gave a lesson on Reduction to Standard 4. Mr Davey called. A new door has been put to the boys' porch. Standard 1 is improving in reading – I don't think the children as a whole read at home much or some of them would not be so much behind in this subject.

Nov 23: Temperature of room at 9 a.m. 50° F at 3 p.m. 62°.

Attendance still keeps up good. Dr Young, M.O.H. called to day and inspected room & offices.

Nov 25: Recreation this morning from 11 to 11.15 a.m. to enable children to see the meet of the Lamerton foxhounds.

Nov 28: Temperature at 9 a.m. 52° F.

Nov 29: Not quite such a good attendance as last week, the weather has been so rough.

Dec 5: A very wet and stormy day, only 48 children present.

Dec 7: On account of wet weather the attendance has fallen off. Guards for stores have been put up this week. Children are working well. Compound Multiplication commenced with 2nd Class.

Dec 14: The attendance of this week is much better. Received a map of Devon, boxes of pencils, and composition books from Firks & Son.

Dec 19: Temperature of room at 3:30 p.m. 58°.

Tested the Registers this 21st day of December 1900 entry Correct Wm Dawe

Dec 21: The attendance of this week has been very irregular, partly on account of being Xmas week, and partly [on] account of the weather. We broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday.

1901

Jan 7: Reassembled this morning. Temperature of room 39° at 9 o'clock.

Jan 11: The weather for the first three days of the week was very cold, consequently the attendance was very small. On Wednesday not quite forty children were present. The average for the week is 59.3.

Jan 18: Admitted William Ambrose & Frederick Risdon to Infant Class. The attendance is better this week. The School Board, at its last meeting decided to give prizes to those children most regular in attendance.

Jan 25: Temperature of room this morning at 9 a.m., 60°, this afternoon at 4 p.m. 58°. A greatly improved attendance this week. Work goes on pretty well.

Jan 28: Temperature of room at 8.50 a.m. 48°, a rough morning.

Jan 30: A cold morning, temperature 52°.

Feb 1: A snowy week, so the attendance has been lower.

Feb 8: On [7?] February, S. G. Wimpey was absent from school unwell. He resumed duty the following day. A better attendance this week. Mr Davey called.

Feb 13: Temperature of room at 10 a.m. 45°.

Feb 15: Considering the cold weather the attendance has been good. Received a parcel of books from Firks & Son.

Registers tested & found correct February 20th 1901 R Jackman

Feb 18: Miss Voaden absent to day unwell. Mr Henry Hortop paid a visit.

Feb 22: The attendance has fallen, the result of cold weather and bad coughs. Work going on smoothly. Temperature of room at 9 a.m. 50°, at 4 p.m. 58°.

Feb 26: First visit under Article 84(b) R Matta, S.I.

March 1: On account of bad colds several children have been absent.

March 6: A very rough day, only 41 present in morning, and 51 in the afternoon.

March 7: No school tomorrow the room being required for a Polling Booth.

March 15: Attendance, in consequence of bad colds, has fallen off. Box family, being under the Dr's care, are absent.

March 20: Only 45 present to-day, the weather was rough.

March 21: Rough snowy day, so the school was not opened.

March 22: Small attendance, weather bad. Messrs Hortop & Heggadon visited the school yesterday.

March 29: Average small on account of snowy weather. Wednesday 38 present in morning, and in the afternoon 45. Three or four children have been absent sick, and five have left, gone to work.

April 4: No school tomorrow being Good Friday. The attendance is much better this week. Mr W. Barkwill, a former teacher, paid a couple of visits.

April 12: The week has been wet and stormy, not a good attendance. Several children away ill.

April 19: The attendance of the First Class is poor, sickness being the cause. Admitted J. & A. Heggadon to Infants' Class. Work proceeds satisfactorily in spite of drawbacks.

April 26: Attendance of Classes 1 & 2 small and irregular. The Infant Class has been well attended. Some cases of influenza among children. Miss Voaden will be absent all next week, having been granted leave for that time by the School Board.

May 3: Several children have influenza, in consequence the attendance suffers. A busy week with Miss Voaden absent. Work is progressing.

May 6: Mrs Hortop (nee Voaden) resumed duties to day.

May 10: First Class attendance small. Average for the week 60 with 92 on books. Children away sick.

May 17: Average 65. Sickness prevails still. Working well. Girls did not sew on Tuesday Mrs Laycock being absent sick.

Registers tested & found correct May 23rd 1901 R Jackman

May 24: Broke up this afternoon for the Whitsun holidays, a week. Attendance small especially that of the First Class.

June 7: Commenced work on Monday last after the vacation with 60 children present. Notice had been received during the holidays "S. G. Wimpey has failed". The average attendance for the week is 70. Admitted Wallace Weeks to the Infant Class. Children are away sick.

June 13: More children present this week, the average being 76. Forms etc received from Board of Education. To-morrow, the 14th of June, is a holiday, all the teachers being invited to go to Plymouth with the Church Choir.

June 17: A better attendance this morning. Holiday to-morrow there being an anniversary in the village.

Summary of Work for the Year 1901-02

Scheme 1.

Upper Division

English as per Scheme 1.

Arithmetic Schedule 1. Scheme B. (a) Standard 6 (b) Standard 5 (c) Standard 4.

Geography. Scotland, Ireland, Australia, & New Zealand (Oral Lessons).

History. Tudor Period (Chambers' Book 5).

Singing. Staff Notation, (Stage 3) Songs.

Drawing. As per Code. (4, 5, 6 Standards)

Drill. As per Code of 1901.

Poetry. 100 lines, from a Standard Author.

Object Lessons. Scheme 7 (Specimen Courses of Object Lessons)

Needlework as in formed Codes.

Reading. Books to be used.

- (1) Stories for Schoolroom. Book 4.

- (2) Historical Chambers' Tudor Period Book 5.
- (3) Geographical Blackie's Century Reader "World"

Lower Division.

English as per Scheme 1.

Arithmetic Schedule 1, Scheme B. (a) Standard 3 (b) Standard 2 (c) Standard 1.

Geography, as per Scheme 1.

Singing (a & b) Stage 2, Staff Notation, (c) Stage 1.

Drawing, as per Code.

Poetry. (a & b) A Night With a Wolf, The Little Land. (c) The Lost Robin.

Needlework as in former Codes.

Object Lessons a & b same as Upper Division.

Drill, as per Code 1901.

Reading Books

- (1) (a & b) Century Reader No 2.
- (2) (a & b) Century Reader No 3.
- (3) (c) Century Reader No 1, Chambers' Fluent Readers.

[signed] R. M. 26 June 1901

June 21: A pretty good attendance throughout the week. Mr W. Barkwill, an old teacher, visited us this[?] Friday morning.

June 26: Second visit of Inspection. R. Matta, S.I.

June 28: No school on Wednesday afternoon, half-holiday given after the inspection. Attendance since Wednesday rather small.

July 5: A very fair attendance. Commenced fresh work with all classes.

July 12: The attendance has fallen this week, several of the children being away hay-harvesting.

July 16: Mrs Hortop absent to-day sick.

July 17: Mrs Hortop still away ill and will not be able to come to school for a few days.

July 18: Temperature of room at 3.45 p.m. 82°.

July 19: Very hot weather. Average for the week 69.9.

July 25: No school to-morrow, the room being required as polling booth. Average attendance better.

July 29: Summary of Inspector's Report.

Mixed School. "The children are orderly and attentive, but somewhat reticent. They should be encouraged to answer more readily and distinctly. The instruction generally has made very creditable progress, but the work of the lower standards is not always supervised."

Infant Class. "The Infant Class continues to do well; the Teacher works with much industry and success. The stove is badly placed, and it also requires cleaning."

No grant is payable under Article 105 of the Code, as the staff during the past School year has not been sufficient for the purposes of that Article.

The School Board are reminded of their duties towards the Pupil Teachers or Probationers in their employ.

C. G. Hortop is continued under Article 68.

William Moore Certificated Master

C. G. Hortop Article 68

S. G. Wimpey Candidate

E. Laycock Sewing Mistress

Matthew Davey Clerk to the Board

Aug 1: From 11.30 a.m. to 4. p.m. by permission of the School Board, I shall be absent from school to-day. Mrs Hortop will take charge for that time. Average 73. Ordinary progress.

Aug 9: Broke up to day for a month's holiday. Average for week dropped to 61.

Sep 13: Opened school on Monday last with 68 present. Average for the week 70.1. Several children have been absent all the week. Have been revising work most of the week.

Sep 20: Monday the 16th was holiday the school being required for a tea given by Mrs Manning to all the Parishioners. Thursday the attendance fell there being a show at Okehampton.

Sep 24: No school there being a luncheon and tea held in the room.

Tested the Registers this 27th day of September 1901 entry Correct William Dawe

Sep 27: Average for this week 79.9. Work progresses.

Oct 4: The attendance not quite so good this week, 76. All classes are working well.

Oct 11: Although the weather has been fine the attendance has been irregular. Ordinary progress.

Oct 18: A great falling off in the attendance of the boys. Usual work. Mr Davey, Clerk, called.

Oct 25: Readmitted John Hill to the First Class. A better attendance. Work satisfactory.

Nov 1: The First Class has been well attended & the other classes fairly so. Mr Davey called.

Nov 8: The percentage of attendance this week is 86.4. Infant Class well attended. Mr Dawe, Vice-Chairman of the School Board paid a short visit.

Nov 13: On Tuesday and Friday the attendance was small owing to rough and stormy weather. Children are working well.

Nov 22: Received a parcel of books, such as exercise books, copy books, reading books, and other school requisites on Monday. Attendance fairly good. Work makes good progress.

Registers Correct this 27th day of November 1901. Wm Dawe

Nov 29: Average 74.5. Two or three children absent sick.

Dec 6: Rather a stormy week, so the attendance fell off. Two or three children of First and Second Classes rather irregular. Mr Petherick, a member of the School Board, called just as the school closed on Wednesday. Temperature of room 52°.

Dec 12: A small attendance this morning the weather being so rough.

Dec 13: Temperature of room 55°. Mr Davey, Clerk, called. Working steadily.

Dec 17: Temperature of room at 9 a.m. 46°.

Dec 20: Broke up to day for the Christmas vacation, a fortnight. Spent most of the week in examination. Attendance rather poor.

1902

Jan 10: Re-opened school on Tuesday. Sixty one children present. The average for the week is 69.

Jan 17: A busy week. First Class well attended; the Infant Class not so. Two children have been absent sick.

Jan 20: Mrs Hortop absent to-day on account of the funeral of relative.

Jan 21: Mrs Hortop at work to-day.

Jan 24: A rough day, small attendance. Work going on satisfactorily

Jan 28: Visit Article 84a G. R. R. Routh

Jan 31: Attendance rather irregular.

Feb 7: Attendance improved. Ordinary progress.

Feb 14: Weather severe, but a good attendance since Monday. R. Avery has come back to school after an absence of 15 weeks.

Feb 21: Ordinary work.

Feb 28: A week of rough weather consequently a rather irregular attendance. Revd G. Bateman paid a short visit.

March 7: Ordinary progress. Gates put up [at] the b entrances.

March 14: Did not drill this afternoon as the weather was so wet. Attendance has fallen off.

March 21: Drilled on Wednesday afternoon from 3. to 3.30. Attendance rather irregular. Received a parcel containing reading books, exercise books etc. Being rather showery did not drill, took a reading lesson instead.

March 27: Mrs Hortop absent since Tuesday on account of her father's death. The attendance is very small owing to weather. No school tomorrow, Good Friday.

March 31: Mrs Hortop resumed her work to-day.

Examined the Registers this 2nd day of March [*err: April*] 1902 Entry Correct William Dawe

April 4: Drill has been taken on Tuesdays since January 28th by the 1st & 2nd Classes from 11. to 11.30 a.m. in the place of Reading & Writing & will be continued to be taught on day & at time mentioned. A very fair attendance until to-day.

April 11: Three children have left this week. Admitted a scholar to 2nd Class.

April 18: Attendance rather irregular among the elder children. The greater part of the week spent in examination.

April 25: On Tuesday morning the weather was very wet & rough, as a result a very poor attendance. Revd G. Bateman called on Tuesday.

May 2: The attendance is unsatisfactory more especially that of the 2nd Class. Children are working well.

May 9: Several children away to-day. Infant Class well attended.

May 16: Broke up to day for a week's holiday. A fair attendance.

May 30: A rather poor attendance. Being wet did not drill this afternoon, took singing instead. Finding it inconvenient to take 1st & 2nd Classes together in note singing. I am taking 2nd Class in this subject from 3.30 to 4 Wednesday afternoons, instead and reading from 11 to 11.30, writing 11. to 12.

June 2: Took drill from 3.30 to 4 to-day.

June 6: Today the attendance has been rather small, being so wet. The attendance of the 2nd Class is not good. The Attendance Officer calls often.

June 12: Visit under Article 84(a) R. Matta S.I.

June 13: I have examined the attendance Registers to-day & have found them correctly marked exception one particular (Infants) Gregory C. Bateman Manager

A wet day, a small attendance.

June 17: No school to day being the Chapel Anniversary.

June 20: The average attendance is better. Monday few children were present. Broke up to-day for a week in commemoration of the Coronation.

June 30: School year ends today.

July 3: Result of Candidate's Exam: Samuel G. Wimpey "passed".

July 4: A very good attendance to-day.

July 11: A very fair attendance. Beatrice Palmer, Standard 4, very irregular.

July 18: Hay harvest being in fully swing the attendance is small.

Summary of Work for 1902-03.

Scheme 1.

Upper Division

English. Scheme 1

Arithmetic. Scheme B – Schedule 1 (d) Standard 7 (c) Standard 6 (b) Standard 5 (a) Standard 4

Geography. British Empire (2 years)

History. 55 B.C. to present time (2 years)

Singing. Staff Notation, Grade 3. 5 Songs.

Drawing as per Code. (a) Standard 4 (b) 5 (c) 6

Drill as per Code. Schedule 3.

Poetry. Adam Bell, Clim of the Clough, and William of Cloudelee.

Object Lessons. Lessons from nature, (b) Round about the Farm (3) Seasons (d) Animals kept on Farm (a) Some useful Minerals

Needlework. Appendix 3 – Revised Instructions

Reading Books.

Lower Division

English. Scheme 1.

Arithmetic. Scheme B – Schedule 1 (a) Standard 3 (b) Standard 2 (c) Standard 1

Geography. As per Scheme 1.

Singing. Staff Notation (c & b) Grade 2 (d) Grande 1.

Drawing. Code. (c) Standard 3 (b) Standard 2 (a) Standard 1.

Poetry. (a) Helping Mother (b & c) Hiawatha

Needlework. Appendix 3.

Object Lessons: as per Upper Division

Drill. As per Code. Schedule 3

Reading Books (b & c) Stories for Schoolroom Books 2 and 3 (a) Stories for Schoolroom, Chambers' Fluent Reader.

Infant Class.

Reading 1. Primers, Reading Sheets, Infant Reader

Reading 2. Knowledge of small letters.

Writing 1. Combination of capital & small letters. Easy sentences from B. B

Writing 2. Joining of curves to form simple letters. Combination of two or three letters.

Arithmetic 1. Numbers and notation to 100. Addition & subtraction of numbers, not above 20.

Arithmetic 2. Notation to 20. Figures to 10

Varied Occupations 1. Clock Reading, Ballmaking, Embroidery.

form – common colours.

Object Lessons. As per Upper Division.

Singing. As per (a) Lower Division.

Recitation. As per (a) Lower Division.

Phy. Ex. Gills Part 1 8 Exercises.

Drawing. Kindergarten (boys) Vertical, level & oblique lines.

Needlework. Thimble, needle, pin and position drills, hemming, knitting.

July 25: A rather better attendance. Classes working well.

Aug 1: Ordinary progress.

Aug 7: Mrs Hortop absent yesterday and to-day sick.

Aug 8: Mrs Hortop resumed work.

The following report on the school has been received:

“Discipline is good and the children are thoroughly well taught. The provision of an additional cupboard in the classroom would be a great advantage, and the lighting of the room would be improved if the windows were free from paint.”

No Grant is payable under Article 105 of the Code as the staff during the past School year has not been sufficient for the purposes of that Article.

William Moore Certificated Master

Samuel George Wimpey Pupil Teacher 1st Year

Charlotte Gerry Hortop Article 68

Eliza Dennis Laycock Sewing Mistress

Matthew Davey Clerk to the Board

Aug 15: Broke up to-day for a month's holiday.

Sep 15: Reopened school today. Small attendance. School thoroughly cleaned during holidays and now looks very nice.

Sep 19: Small attendance, harvest not finished. Received a parcel of reading books, exercise books, slates etc.

Tested the Registers this 25th day of September 1902 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Sep 26: A better attendance this week. Mr Dawe called.

Oct 3: Attendance unsatisfactory. Spent most of week in examination.

Oct 10: The average attendance for the week is only 56 with 90 on the books. Mr Dave, the Attendance Officer, has called to see about the matter, and to get the names of the absentees.

Oct 17: Attendance a little better, average 62.7. Ordinary progress.

Oct 24: Average 61.1. Two or three children absent unwell.

Oct 31: Revd G. Bateman called on Wednesday. Some children away sick.

Nov 7: Commenced school on Monday November 3rd at 1. Attendance about the same as last week.

Nov 14: The First Class has been well attended for 3 days this week. Average attendance better.

Nov 18: Did reading this morning in place of writing (First Class) as the children's hands were cold on coming in from drill. Shall do writing this afternoon from 2.30 to 3.

Nov 21: A better attendance. Mr Davey called about absentees & irregulars.

Nov 24: I have verified to-day the attendance Registers. Gregory C. Bateman Manager

Nov 28: The weather is very wet and stormy this morning; the registers are not marked as only 36 children are present. Appen. II.22. Only 42 children present this afternoon.

Dec 5: Attendance on Monday & Friday rather small, on the other days it was rather better. Work progressing.

Dec 12: Rather cold weather, a small attendance in Standard 1 & Infant Classes.

Dec 19: Ordinary progress. Attendance small to-day.

Dec 24: Very small attendance. No sewing this afternoon, Mrs Laycock being away. Broke up until the 12th of January 1903.

1903

Jan 16: Reopened school on Monday last. Since Wednesday the weather has [been] very cold, consequently several little ones have been absent.

Jan 21: S. G. Wimpey absent today by permission of School Board.

Jan 22: S. G. Wimpey commenced work again this morning.

Jan 23: The attendance is better, still there is room for improvement. Work is going on fairly well.

Jan 29: E. D. Fear Sub Inspector

Jan 30: Attendance poor, several away unwell.

Feb 6: Several children absent on account of bad colds. Ordinary progress.

Feb 13: Average attendance 55. Colds prevalent & many children absent.

Feb 20: Attendance improved. Having a severe cold, I could not drill the children this week.

Feb 27: Colds prevalent among children, several stay away. Attendance about the same as last week.

March 2: Very wet day, small attendance.

March 6: A fairly good attendance since Monday.

March 13: Admitted Fanny Gerry to 2nd Class. Stormy and wet week, yet a fair attendance. The Pipers have left.

March 20: Small attendance.

Tested the Registers Entry Correct this 27th day of March 1903 Wm Dawe

March 27: Mr Dawe called. Ten children are leaving this week, owing to parents removal.

April 3: Mr Bateman called on Wednesday. Average attendance 60. Spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in examination.

April 9: No school to-morrow being Good Friday.

April 17: Attendance small on Monday, and it was not quite as it should be on the other days of the week. The children are working pretty well.

April 23: John Ward, an out parishioner, aged 16 years was refused admission by the order of the School Board for irregular attendance. The parents have been repeatedly warned.

April 24: The average attendance for the week is 61.7 a great improvement. The 2nd Class has not been so well attended as it should be. Admitted two children to the Infant Class.

May 1: Attendance on Monday small. Infant Class not so well attended.

May 8: Admitted Gerald Weeks to Infant Class. A better attendance. Ordinary progress.

May 15: Attendance better. Admitted two children on Tuesday to Infant Class. S. G. Wimpey, P.T. absent on Monday afternoon from 3 o'clock till Thursday afternoon for the purpose of attending an examination at Okehampton which was held from 7 to 10 p.m.

May 22: The attendance a bit better. 2nd Class small all the week.

May 28: Broke up to-day for the Whitsun holiday.

Tested the Registers this 9th day of June 1903 Entry Correct William Dawe

June 12: A very fair attendance, Standards 2 & 3 excepted. Received Forms from H.M.I. Class-room, The gallery has been removed.

June 19: A very small attendance on Monday. Did not drill this afternoon the weather was wet. Second Class badly attended.

June 21: No school Tuesday, there being a Sunday School tea.

June 24: Inspector G. R. R. Routh H.M.I.

June 26: A fair attendance.

July 1: No school tomorrow as a great many of the school children are going to Bude.

Work for 1903-04. Scheme 1

English. Scheme 1 as per.

Arithmetic. Scheme (b) Schedule 1

Geography: British Empire, Upper Group. Geography of Neighbourhood & England, Lower Group.

History. 55 B.C. to end of Victoria.

Singing. Appendix 4 Infants & Standard 1 Grade a; Standards 2 & 3 Grade b; Standards 4, 5 & 6 Grade c

Recitation. The Beggar Boy & Flower, Infants & Standard 1; Spring, Standards 2 & 3, Ballad of East & West, 4, 5, 6, 7

Drawing. As under Former codes.

Drill etc. Schedule 3 of Code.

Object Lessons. Standard 1 & Infants, Lessons from Nature, Round about Farm, On Seasons, Animals Kept on Farm, Some Useful Minerals; Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Lessons from Animals, Winter Sleepers, Lessons from Birds Plan 5, Feathered Visitors; Miscellaneous e.g. Carrier's Cart. Village, etc

Infant Class.

Reading 1 Easy Primers, Reading Sheets, Infant Reader.

Reading 2 Knowledge of Small Letters

Writing 1 Combination of capital & small letters. Easy sentences from the Black Board.

Writing 2 Joining of curves to form letters.

Arithmetic 1 Numbers and Notation to 100. Addition & Subtraction of numbers not above 20.

Arithmetic 2 Notation to 20. Figures to 10.

Varied Occ. 1 Clock-reading, Ball making, Embroidery.

Varied Occ. 2 Mat-weaving; Sticklaying; Letter pieces; Ordinary forms; Common colours; Games.

Object Lessons. With Standard 1.

Singing. With Standard 1.

Recitation. Standard 1.

Physical Ex. Gill's Physical Exercises. Part 1 8 Exercises

Drawing. Kindergarten. Boys Vertical, level & oblique lines.

Needlework. Thimble, needle, pin & position drills, Hemming, Knitting.

July 10: A pretty good attendance until to-day. Ordinary progress.

July 17: First Class has been well attended since Monday. Working busy.

July 20: This afternoon we are [?] Geography with Class 1 and Writing with Class 2 instead of Object Lessons.

July 24: A better attendance with Class 2. Ordinary progress.

July 31: The attendance has fallen considerably.

Aug 4: The following Report has been received:

“The children are very well behaved and are carefully and intelligently taught.”

William Moore Certificated Teacher

Samuel George Wimpey Pupil Teacher 2nd Year

Charlotte Gerry Hortop Article 68

Eliza Dennis Laycock Sewing Mistress

Aug 7: Standard 1 and Infant Class have been poorly attended this week as several have had bad colds.

Aug 14: Broke up to-day for a month's holiday.

Sep 14: Reopened school to-day. Very small attendance as harvest is not finished.

Sep 18: Not a very good attendance all the week. Admitted two scholars to 2nd Class.

Examined the Registers this 22nd day of September 1903 entry Correct William Dawe

Sep 25: A much better attendance. Ordinary progress.

Oct 2: Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit during the week. Examined the school on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, consequently the Time Table was not strictly adhered to.

Oct 9: A good attendance except on Wednesday when it was very wet, so several little ones could not come. First & Second Classes have been well attended. Revd G. Bateman visited to-day.

Oct 16: A rather wet week, a good attendance considering.

Oct 23: Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. The children are working well, and, with the exception of Wednesday, there has been a good attendance. The Downs, who are out of distance for compulsory attendance, have not been to school for several weeks.

Oct 30: Considering the wet weather, the attendance has been good. Samuel G. Wimpey absent Thursday morning till 11.30 a.m. (Okehampton). Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. Ordinary progress.

Nov 6: A fine week, but the attendance has not been so good, especially that of to-day. Mr Luxton paid a visit.

Nov 13: A much better attendance. Mr Luxton visited the school. In consequence of the change (Oct 1st) we are short of Exercise books, pencils, pens, drawing books etc.

Nov 20: Mr Luxton visited. Two girls have come to school who [have] been away for weeks.

Nov 24: I. Walter Scutt

Examined the Register this 26th day of Nov 1903 entry Correct Richard Luxton

Nov 27: A very wet and stormy day, about 20 children absent in consequence. Mr Luxton paid a visit.

Dec 4: A good attendance throughout the week, notwithstanding the severe cold.

Examined the Register this 8th day of December 1903 Entry Correct Thomas Petherick

Dec 11: Mr Petherick paid a visit. The attendance has been irregular, and several have been absent sick. Work going on as usual. Standards 4 & 6 experience a little difficulty in arithmetic.

Dec 18: Mr Petherick called on Thursday. A smaller attendance to-day several being absent on account of Xmas market. Mr Davey called to enquire after absentees. No parcel yet from County Council.

Dec 24: Broke up to-day for the Xmas holiday. Mr Petherick called. Received parcel of books from Wheaton & Co.

1904

Jan 15: Mr Jones, Manager, paid a visit on Thursday. A wet week; consequently some children of the lower classes did not attend school Readmitted Thomas Woodman. Received a parcel of Kindergarten materials from Cox & Co.

Jan 22: Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers, paid a visit on Thursday. Mr Dawe (Manager) and Mr Davey, Attendance Officer, paid visit. Ordinary progress.

Jan 25: Mrs Hortop absent this morning very unwell

Jan 26: Mrs Hortop at work this afternoon.

Jan 29: Mr Jones paid a visit. Attendance of Infant Class irregular, as is that of the 2nd Class.

Feb 5: Mr Bateman visited the school for Mr Dawe who is ill. 1st & 2nd Classes pretty well attended, two or three have been away from 3rd, 4th, 5th Classes with bad colds.

Feb 12: A rough and wet week; attendance on two or three of the days very small in consequence. Mr Bateman visited.

Feb 19: A rough & wet week so on some days the attendance was small. No visitor this week.

Feb 26: Mr W. Dawe paid a visit. Two or three absent with severe colds. Work progressing satisfactorily.

March 4: Mr Jackman paid a visit. The 1st & 2nd Classes have been well attended, but the 3rd & 4th Classes not so well.

March 9: There was a holiday yesterday the school being used as Polling Station.

March 10: The school is closed for a fortnight by order of Dr Young, M.O.H. on account of an outbreak of Scarletina.

April 4: Reopened school this morning after a close of 3 weeks, with only 43 children present.

April 8: A small attendance throughout the week. Mr Dawe called on Tuesday morning at 8.15. Mr Bateman paid a visit on Thursday.

April 14: A very wet morning; only 39 children present. This afternoon four more came.

April 22: Re-admitted Fred. & George Down, and admitted Wm Heggadon & Ida Down to Infant Class. A little better attendance. Mr Bateman paid a visit.

April 29: The attendance has not been good this week. I sent J. & Norman Heggadon home on Tuesday as it was reported their brother, William was unwell, a rash about him. Mr Bateman, Manager, agreeing with me it was best [to] be on the safe side – as there had been cases of Scarlet Fever among the school children. Mr Bateman paid a visit.

May 6: Readmitted Arthur Bickle to Infant Class. Attendance small considering fine weather. Work progressing favourably.

Examined the Register this 10th day of May 1904 entry Correct R. Luxton

May 13: A much better attendance this week. Three Weeks' have come back after an absence of several weeks.

May 30: Resumed work this morning after a week's holiday. I was absent by permission of the School Managers on Friday May 20th.

Summary of Work for 1904-05

Scheme 1

Upper Division

English as per Scheme 1.

Arithmetic Schedule 1, Scheme B. (a) Standard 4 (b) Standard 5 (c) Standard 6

Geography. Scotland, Ireland, British Possessions in Europe, Africa & some of Asia.

History of England, Roman Invasion 55 B.C. to

Common Things Schedule 7 Code (1 & 2)

Singing Grade 3

Drawing As per Code.

Drill As per Code.

Poetry Lay of Last Minstrel

Needlework as per Code.

Books, Literary. Stories for Schoolroom Standard 5

Geography Townley, British Empire

History McDougall's History of England.

Lower Division.

English as per Scheme 1

Arithmetic Schedule 1 Scheme B (a) Standard 1 (b) Standard 2 (c) Standard 3

Geography. Simple lessons on Geography of neighbourhood, and outlines of England. Explanation of Geographic terms as they occur.

Common Things. See Upper Division.

Singing. Grade 2.

Recitation. Bruce & Skider[?]

Drawing As per Code.

Drill As per Code.

Reading Books (b & c) Stories for Schoolroom 1 & 2 & 3.

Infants

Reader. Primers to 1 & 2 Infant Reading Sheets

Writing Capital & Small Letters. Copy a sentence from B. B.

Arithmetic. Addition & subtraction of units, Numbers to 100, Tables to 3 x 12

Drawing. Copies on paper.

Drill & Physical Exercise. Eight exercises from Gills Physical Exercises Standard 1 as well.

Singing. Appendix 4, Grade 1 (Standard 1 as well)

Recitation. The Vain Chicken, and other short poems (Standard 1).

Varied Occupations & Kindergarten. Kindergarten Games, Fancy Drill, Embroider, Sticklaying, Mat weaving.

Needlework. Appendix 3. Revised Instructions.

Aug 5: Working is usual.

Aug 12: A better attendance this week. Six children have left, one being 14, the others gone to another part of the Parish so will go to Patchacott School. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

Tested the Registers this 16th of August 1904 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Aug 19: Broke up to-day for a month's holiday. Wednesday – a very [?] day – the attendance was small. Mr Dawe paid a visit.

Sep 19: Reopened school this morning. Inspector's Report:

“Discipline is good and the children are interested in their work. Their attainments are evidence of careful and intelligent instruction.”

If it is desired to claim a grant under Article 105 of the Code 1903, the enclosed Form should be completed and returned to this Office.

William Moore Certificated Master

Samuel G. Wimpey Pupil Teacher 3rd Year

Charlotte G. Hortop Article

Eliza D. Laycock Sewing Mistress

Matthew Davey (Correspondent)

Sep 26: Ordinary progress.

Oct 1: A better attendance this week.

Oct 7: The attendance has not been quite so good this week, as several children have been absent sick. Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers, Mr Balkwill, Attendance Officer, & Mr Dawe, manager paid visits.

Oct 14: Mr W Dawe paid a visit. There has been a better attendance. Some of the children are still unwell.

Oct 21: Children still unwell, but the attendance is satisfactory. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. Work going on all right.

Oct 28: I have verified the Attendance Registers to-day. Gregory C. Bateman, Manager.

A better attendance. Mr Bateman visited the school.

Nov 4: Am reading history instead of map drawing from 9.30 to 10. No visitors this week. Usual progress.

Nov 11: A rather rough week, but attendance good.

Nov 18: Average attendance 65. Ordinary Progress.

Nov 25: On Wednesday the weather was rough so very few children were present. A few more attended yesterday and to-day. No visitor so far this month.

Dec 2: Work as usual, a very fair attendance.

Dec 9: The first part of the week was very wet, still the attendance on the whole is satisfactory. Standards 4 & 5 do not do their arithmetic very well. The children are making satisfactory progress.

Dec 12: S. G. Wimpey, P.T. absent by permission to attend Scholarship Examination.

Dec 16: Attendance for the week good.

Dec 19: S. G. Wimpey resumed duty this morning.

Dec 22: Visit of inspection. I shall be much obliged if the Managers will have the ventilating windows repaired & supplied with cords, so that they can be opened and shut. And also if they will have holes for inkpots cut in one of the higher infants' desks. The tops of the old desks in the infants' room should be unscrewed and brought as near as possible to the seats which are, at present, much too far off. Shaky desks throughout the School should be screwed up and so made firm. The cost of all this may be charged in a quarterly account. More pegs are required in the girls' cloak-room. R. E. Moyle, Inspector D.C.E.C.

Dec 23: Broke up to-day for the Xmas holidays.

1905

Jan 13: Commenced school on Monday after the Xmas vacation. A pretty good attendance all the week.

Jan 20: Attendance improved. Work progressing.

Jan 26: I have examined the registers today. Frederick Jones

Jan 27: Mr F Jones, Manager, paid a visit. Working busy in school.

Feb 2: Inspection G. R. R. Routh

Feb 3: Two or three children absent with bad colds.

Feb 10: Usual progress.

Feb 17: A better attendance of the elder scholars but the younger ones not so good, two or three being absent.

Feb 24: Mr Dawe visited the school. Children absent sick.

March 3: Mr W. Dawe visited on Monday. Attendance not quite so good. Standard 5 does not get on very well with arithmetic.

March 10: Whites, Beaworthy, attend badly. The average attendance still keeps over 60. Work going on pretty well.

March 17: A better attendance this week. Work as usual.

March 24: The average has dropped. Two or three children away as they have chicken pox.

March 31: Attendance small. Dr Young, M.O.H. called on Wednesday.

April 7: Several children absent unwell. Revd G. C. Bateman, manager, paid a visit. Work going on pretty well.

April 14: Most of the sick children who have been absent for a week or two came back this week. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. Quarterly Exam.

April 20: To-morrow & Easter Monday are holidays.

April 28: A very fair attendance. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit.

May 5: Admitted three children to Infant Class. Some children are not working as well as I should like.

May 12: None of the Gerry's present this week. Work as usual.

May 19: Admitted two to Infant Class. The work is going on satisfactorily. Percentage of attendance rather low, as some children have been absent unwell.

May 24: S. G. Wimpey P.T. by permission absent this afternoon. Attendance small. Dr Young, M.O.H., visited school on Tuesday.

June 3: A slightly better attendance this week.

June 9: A better attendance. Broke up this afternoon for a week's holiday.

June 19: Re-opened school – attendance small.

June 23: Mr Fear, H.M.S.I. visited the school yesterday.

June 30: School year ends to-day. On the whole a pretty good attendance. The room might be dusted a little better.

July 7: A very good attendance. Commenced new work with most of the classes. Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers & Mr Brimmacombe, Attendance Officer, visited school; the former tested registers.

July 14: The following report on the school has been received:

Discipline is satisfactory, but the children require encouragement to respond more readily and clearly. The lower group have a satisfactory knowledge of their work, but the attainments of the upper group are in some respects unsatisfactory and will be expected to show improvement another year.

Infants' Class. The Infants are orderly and responsive and have been creditably taught.

Wm Moore, Certificated Teacher
Samuel George Wimpey, P.T.
Charlotte G. Hortop, Supplementary
E. D. Laycock, Sewing Mistress.

July 17: I am absent from 3.30 to 4 p.m.

July 21: A better attendance this week. The work is going pretty well. Two or three of the bigger boys have been away harvesting. No school on Monday next as the Bible Christian Sunday School children are going to Exmouth.

Scheme of Work for 1905-6

[Lower Division]

English. Reading from suitable reading books. Copy book writing and transcription. Formation of easy sentences both orally and on paper.

Recitation. The Inchcape Bell

Arithmetic, Schedule B. Group (a) as in Schedule 1 for Standard 1, (b) ... Standard 2, (c) ... Standard 3

Geography. Simple lessons on Geography of neighbourhood and outlines of England. Explanation of Geography terms as they occur.

Common Things. b & c, Same as Upper Division

Singing. (a) Appendix 4 Grade 1 (b & c) ... Grade 2

Drawing. As in former Code.

Needlework. As in Appendix 3 to Revised Instructions

Physical Exercise. As per Code.

Reading Books. (a) Royal Prince & Chambers' [?], (b & c) Century Readers 2 & 3.

Upper Division

English. Reading from suitable reading books. Reproduction of passages read by the children, letter writing, written description of simple objects discussed in object lessons.

Recitation. Wreck of Hesperus etc.

Arithmetic. Group (a) as in Schedule 1 for Standard 4, (b) ... Standard 5, (c) ... Standard 6, (d) ... Standard 7.

Geography. Study of contents of Geography Reader from page 103 to 262. Outlines of colonies in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada.

History. Finish course (see Scheme for 1904-05) James I to present time

Common Things. 30 lessons (See approved Scheme for list)

Singing. Appendix 4, Grande 3

Drawing. As in former Codes.

Needlework. Appendix 3 to Revised Instructions.

Physical Exercise. As per Code.

Infant Class

Reading. Reading Sheets, Primer 1 & 2

Writing. Capital & Small letters. Copy a sentence from B. B. Paper chiefly[?]

Arithmetic. Numbers to 100. Addition & Subtraction of Units. Tables to 3 x 12.

Composition. Form very easy sentences from given words.

Drawing. Horizontal, vertical & oblique lines

Drill. 8 Exercises from Gill's Physical Exercise

Singing. With Standard 1. Four or five songs with actions.

Recitation. The Shepherd's Dog (with Standard 1)

V. Occupations & Kindergarten. Embroidery, Mat weaving, Kindergarten games, Ordinary Colours & Shapes

Needlework. Per Code

Common Things. 25 lessons (For list see Approved Scheme)

July 20: Mr F Jones, manager paid a visit and checked the registers.

Aug 2: Mrs Hortop and Samuel G. Wimpey, by permissions, are absent to-day.

Aug 3: Teachers resumed work this morning.

Aug 4: On Wednesday and Friday the attendance was small. On the former day there was a choir outing to which several went, and the latter day was very wet and rough.

Monday no school, Bank Holiday.

Tested the Registers entry Correct this 10th of August 1905 Wm Dawe

Aug 11: The attendance has been irregular this week, still a satisfactory week's work has been done. Commenced Louie Solfa [?]. Mr W. Dawe paid visits. Broke up to-day for a month's holiday.

Sep 15: Reopened school on Monday. Yesterday, Thursday, I was absent, being unwell. Friday the attendance was not good on account of boys being away harvesting.

Sep 22: As the Dr says Hilda Abell must not attend school for 3 months or so ([?] Certificate). I have taken her name of the register. The attendance is rather irregular. Mr Abell, manager, visited on Friday.

Sep 29: Mr Abell paid a visit yesterday. Two or three children absent sick. Work proceeding satisfactorily.

Oct 6: A good attendance this week – the best for weeks.

Oct 13: Examination of classes – quarterly. Attendance a bit irregular. Work going on all right.

Oct 20: Revd G. C. Bateman, manager, paid visit. Some children have been absent unwell. The work is going on satisfactorily.

Oct 27: The attendance is fairly good. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit.

Nov 3: The attendance is satisfactory, and the work is going on fairly. On Wednesday commenced afternoon session at one o'clock, which will continue during November, December & January.

Nov 10: A better attendance.

Nov 15: To-day the School was visited. E. T.[?] Fear Esqr H.M.S.I.

Nov 24: Standard 5 give a little trouble in Arithmetic, otherwise the work is going on satisfactorily.

Dec 1: The attendance has not been good as some the children have been absent owing to bad eyes. Dr Young M.O.H. called.

Dec 8: A better attendance.

Dec 12: Tested the Registers Entry Correct Wm Dawe

S. G. Wimpey, by permission, is absent this week.

Dec 22: Broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday.

Jan 8: Reopened school with a very fair attendance.

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Jan 12: Hilda Abell re-admitted.

Jan 19: The attendance has been somewhat irregular this [week] on account of rough weather and sickness.

Jan 23: To-morrow there will [be] a holiday, the Schoolroom being required for Polling Booth.

Jan 26: Two or three children, under 5, have the whooping cough. The attendance has been rather irregular.

Feb 2: S. G. commenced duties as an Assistant on January 8th. Am making a few alterations in the lessons preparatory to making out a new Time Table & submitting it for approval.

Feb 9: Several children absent on account of sickness (whooping cough, severe colds etc). Have spent some of the week in examining children. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid visits.

Feb 16: Mr Dawe paid a visit. A rough & stormy week, consequently a small attendance. Several children away unwell.

Feb 23: A little better attendance; some away poorly still; work going on satisfactorily. Mr Dawe, manager, and Mr Moyle, County Council Inspector, visited the school.

March 2: Children still away sick. Work is making satisfactory progress.

March 9: Mr Abell paid a visit. The work is going on pretty well. The attendance does not improve.

March 13: S. G. Wimpey absent to-day, having to meet Managers of Morchard Bishop School.

March 14: Mr S. G. Wimpey resumed duty this afternoon.

March 16: The attendance on Monday was very small, the weather was so rough. Mr Abell, manager, paid a visit to-day.

March 23: Three or four children under 5 years of age still absent. Mr Abell, manager, called.

March 30: The attendance has been rather better this week. Admitted Alma Gerry to Standard 3, and Beatrice Horrell to Infant Class. The work is going on satisfactorily.

April 6: The attendance is much better this week. Revd G. Bateman, manager, paid a visit.

April 12: No school from this evening until Wednesday (Easter). The work is going on pretty well.

April 20: Mr S. G. Wimpey leaves to-day – transferred to Morchard Bishop. Admitted Ruth Maxted to Infant Class.

April 27: The attendance rather better this week. Revd G. C. Bateman, manager, visited the school.

May 4: Tis very busy work in school now, one teacher short. Average 67.9.

May 11: Average for the week 70. Attendance yesterday and to-day only fair. Mr Windeall, CountyCouncil, paid a short visit.

May 17: Inspection – Walter Scutt.

May 18: A fair attendance. Working going on satisfactorily.

May 22: No school to-morrow & Thursday on account of Devon County Show & Empire Day.

May 25: Attendance fair. Mr Bateman paid a short visit.

June 1: Broke up this afternoon for the Whitsun holiday, one week.

June 12: Copy of Report made, H.M.I.:

The School is in good order and the general results of the instruction are creditable, though History and the Arithmetic of the older girls are below the general level. The Head Teacher has been without assistance in the main room since 20th April.

The Infants are in good order and are kindly and suitably taught.

The Boys' playground is too rough and stony to be entirely satisfactory and the drainage of Girls' playground is, at times, inadequate.

Wm Moore, Certificated Teacher.

C. G. Hortop, Supplementary.

E. D. Laycock, Sewing Mistress.

Matthew Davey (Correspondent)

June 15: A better attendance this week. As the Dr says Florence Woodman will not be well enough to attend school for a time, I have removed her name from the register. Sunday School Anniversary on Monday, a holiday.

Gregory C. Bateman, Chairman. June 21st 1906.

Examined register June 22nd 1906, Entry correct. Thomas Petherick

June 22: Attendance rather irregular. Mr Thomas Petherick, manager paid a visit.

June 29: Received a parcel of books etc. Yesterday was a wet day so the attendance fell off.

July 1: The work for 1906-07 is practically the same as that approved by H.M.I. for 1905-06 with the following exceptions:

- (1) Class 1 will do Geography of Scotland, Ireland & Colonies in Europe & in Asia.
- (2) British History from 55 B.C. to 1485.
- (3) Pied Piper of Hamelin (poetry)
- (4) Brush work, if possible
- (5) While Classes 3, 4, & 5 will do *[blank]*

July 6: The attendance has been good. Commenced fresh work with all classes. No sewing on Thursday afternoon for Classes 2 & 3 as the Sewing Mistress was unwell.

Syllabus of Work 1906-07

Infant Class

Arithmetic. Numbers to 100. Addition & Subtraction of Units.

Reading. Primers 1 & 2. Reading Sheets.

Writing. Copy from B. B. Capital & Small Letters.

Composition: Form easy Sentences with given words.

Drawing. Free-arm. Brush Work introduced if possible. Horizontal, Vertical & Oblique Lines.

Object Lessons. With Class 3.

Singing. Action Songs, Note Singing

Physical Exercise. With Class 3.

Varied Occupations & Kindergarten. Kindergarten Games, Mat Weaving, 6 Talks on Common Objects.

Recitation. Easy Poems.

Lower Division

Reading. Reading from suitable reading books.

Writing & Composition. Copy book writing and transcription. Formation of easy sentences both orally and on paper & short essays.

Grammar. Pick out nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns.

Geography. Simple lessons on Geography of neighbourhood. Outlines of England. Explanation of Geographical terms as they occur.

Object Lessons. Same as Upper Division.

Singing. Sykes Music Chart, Set 1 to be followed.

Drawing. Freehand, rules & brushwork.

Drill. Schedule 3 of Code.

Arithmetic. Scheme B (Code 1904) (a) Standard 1 (b) Standard 2 (c) Standard 3)

Recitation. The [?] at the River. The Gleaner.

Upper Division

Reading. Reading from suitable reading books.

Composition. Reproduction of passages ready by children, letter writing, written description of simple objects discussed in object lessons.

Grammar. Parsing and analysis of easy sentences.

Geography. Geography of Scotland and Ireland and of colonies in Europe & Asia. Easy map dr[awing?].

Arithmetic. Scheme B. (Code 1904) (a) Standard 4 (b) Standard 5 (c) Standard 6 (d) Standard 7.

History. 55 B.C. to 1485.

Recitation: Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Singing. Appendix 4, Grande 3 (1904). Sykes' Chart 2 to be followed.

Drawing. Freehand, scale, geometry & brush work.

Drill. As per Code.

The attendance was small compared with last week. Many children have been away hay harvesting.

Gregory C. Bateman, Chairman

July 20: Attendance a bit better this week. Ernest Roberts, over 14 years of age, attends badly & Archie Soby, over 14 years of age, has been absent a fortnight.

July 27: Boys have been absent again this week hay-harvesting, and the attendance is somewhat irregular.

Aug 3: Better attendance this week. Next Monday, Bank Holiday, no school. Tuesday no school as Sunday School children go for an outing.

Aug 10: A small attendance for the three days average being 56.1 only. Broke up to-day for a month. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit.

Sep 10: Maude Davey commenced duty as monitress.

Sep 14: Thursday several children were absent attending Okehampton Agricultural Show. The attendance is hardly up to the mark.

Examined Register September 19th 1906 Entry Correct Thomas Abell

Sep 21: A better attendance. The children have worked pretty well. Mr T. Abell, manager, paid a visit.

Sep 28: Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers, called on Monday. Work going on fairly well.

Oct 5: Mr Bateman, manager, paid a visit. Tuesday was a wet day so the attendance was small.

Oct 12: The attendance this week is better. Work going on fairly.

Oct 19: Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. Work is going pretty well. Class 2 has not been well attended.

Oct 23: Visit of Inspection. Lawson Jones Age 13 Past birthday was examined, and passed in all the three subjects of Standard 5. J. H. Greet, Sub Inspector, 1st Class

Examined Registers Oct 26th 1906 Entry Correct R. Luxton

Oct 26: Revd G. C. Bateman & Mr R. Luxton, managers, paid visits. Several of Class 2 away sick. Work going on all right. Nelly Shobbrook readmitted on Thursday.

Nov 2: Attendance much better, percentage 90, the first time it has been so for some weeks. Spent Wednesday, Thursday & Friday in examining the different classes.

Nov 9: Standard 3 children do not get on very well with Long Division so I have given them extra time at Arithmetic. The weather has been wet and stormy but children have attended very well.

Nov 16: The attendance has been very good this week. Miss Davey was absent for a couple of hours on Thursday morning sick.

Nov 23: Work going on pretty well. Attendance of Class 2 irregular. I find it rather inconvenient to take the First & [Second?] Classes in drawing at the same time, so for a time, I purpose taking this subject from 1.30 to 2.10 with Class 1 and recitation from 2.10 to 2.50.

Nov 30: The attendance fell off to-day on account of rough & wet weather. The County Council has sent on a set of Fruit Charts.

Dec 7: Children are attending very well.

Dec 14: A wet week but school fairly well attended.

Dec 21: Broke up to day for a fortnight's holiday.

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Jan 7: Reopened school to-day.

Jan 8: Mr Moyle, County Council Inspector, called this morning and stayed until 12 o'clock.

Jan 11: Mr Balkwill, Attendance Officer, paid a visit. A fair attendance.

Jan 18: A better attendance this week. Several children have bad coughs, which are rather disturbing. Standard 4 is a bit careless at arithmetic.

Jan 25: Several children absent with severe colds. There has been no sewing this week as Mrs Laycock, sewing mistress, has been unwell. Books etc received from County Council.

Feb 1: Attendance still small owing to the severe weather.

Feb 9: A little better attendance this week with the exception of class 2. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

Tested the Registers this 13th of February 1907 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Feb 15: A better school [attendance] this week. Children on the whole, are working well. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

Feb 22: Yesterday was a rough day so the attendance fell below sixty. Claude White, since Xmas, has only made the following attendances: 0,0,4,2,2,4,2.

March 1: Work going on as usual. Children are suffering from severe colds.

March 8: Examination of all classes on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. A record attendance this week 71.5 & % 98.

March 15: The results of the examination, on the whole, satisfactory. A fair attendance.

March 22: Mr Abell, manager, paid a visit. The work is going on pretty well.

March 28: No school on Good Friday & Easter Monday.

April 5: Wednesday was a wet day, so several children were absent. Mrs Hortop absent both yesterday and to-day sick. Revd G. C. Bateman, manager, paid a visit.

April 12: Mrs Hortop resumed work on Monday. A capital attendance until to-day when several children did not come on account of the weather. Children are working very well. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit.

April 19: Admitted S. W. Hutchings to Class 4. We have had a good attendance this week. Children are working more accurately at arithmetic.

April 26: Revd G. C. Bateman visited. Rough weather today, so the attendance has been small.

May 3: Miss M. Davey was absent on Monday afternoon to attend a funeral; she resumed duty on Tuesday morning. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. Claude has only made 29[?] attendances out of a possible 126. He lives more than 3 miles from school.

May 10: A very wet day to-day. A good week's work has been done.

May 17: Broke up to-day for Whit-week.

May 27: Reopened school this morning with 67 present. Mrs Hortop absent on account of sickness at home.

May 28: Mrs Hortop absent to-day.

May 29: Mrs Hortop resumed work this morning.

Tested the Register this 29th of May 1907 Entry Correct Richard Luxton.

May 31: Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit.

June 7: The attendance has been somewhat irregular. Admitted Hutchings' to Standards 3 & 4 Class respectively. The Burnards have come twice this week mornings too late to be marked present.

June 10: Mrs Hortop, whose husband is very ill, is absent to-day. I don't think she will be at school for a few days.

June 14: The attendance has been rather poor compared with previous weeks. Several children have been absent sick. Mrs G. C. Hortop has been absent all the week.

June 18: Neither porches nor offices have been washed as they should have been on Saturday.

June 20: Inspection E. D. Fear.

June 21: A fair attendance. The work is going on satisfactorily. Mrs Hortop resumed duty on Monday.

June 28: Mrs Hortop absent since Wednesday as her husband is seriously ill. Examined most of the Classes. Average Attendance 75.4 percentage 95.4.

The work for 1907-08 will be much the same for 1906-07. The First Class will do:

- (a) Geography. Colonies of Africa, Australia, New Zealand & British North America.
- (b) History. 1485 to present date.
- (c) Good Blake & Harry Gill.

Class 2 will do History.

Poetry. Bruce and the Spider.

July 6: A very good attendance with the exception of Wednesday. Commenced fresh work with all classes on Monday. Mrs Hortop still absent. Received a harmonium & a map of Devon from County Council.

July 8: Through an oversight, I did not record that the School was not opened on Monday, June 17th, on account of the Chapel anniversary.

July 10: Mrs Hortop resumed duty to-day.

July 12: A fair attendance. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a short visit. Received parcels containing books, slates, etc from County Council.

July 18: Mrs Hortop absent from 3.15 to 4. this afternoon.

July 19: The average attendance has fallen by 10 this week as several children have been away harvesting. Mrs Hortop absent all day to-day by permission of the Managers. Revd G. C. Bateman called.

July 26: A rather better attendance although there are some still away harvesting.

Aug 2: There is no improvement in attendance. E. & L. Burnard, & Florence Palmer have been absent all the week. Horace White does not attend at all well. Mrs Hortop has been absent to-day. The work is going on pretty well. There will be no school on Monday, as it is Bank Holiday.

Aug 8: There was a holiday yesterday, as there was a Sunday School outing.

Examined the Registers Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Aug 9: Today has been a wet day so some children have been absent. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

Aug 16: Rather a wet week, but the children have attended very well. Four children have left. Broke up to-day for a month's holiday.

Sep 16: Resumed work to-day with a small attendance. Mrs Hortop absent for an hour this morning.

Sep 20: A better attendance toward the end of the week. Revd G. C. Bateman called.

Sep 27: Mrs Hortop, by permission of the Managers, is absent to-day. The attendance is much better.

Oct 4: The attendance is still improving. Revd G. C. Bateman called twice.

Oct 11: The attendance is satisfactory considering the rough & wet weather. The Burnards have come too late to be marked present three times this week. Children are working fairly well.

Oct 18: This morning it is very wet & rough and, in consequence only 45 children are present. Mrs Hortop, by permission of Managers, is absent to-day.

Oct 22: Examined the Register entry Correct Richard Luxton

Oct 25: Mr Richard Luxton, manager paid a visit. A better attendance although it has been a stormy week.

Nov 1: Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit. The attendance not quite so good as last week. Several children were absent on Tuesday.

Nov 5: To-day and to-morrow examination so the Time Table will not [be] strictly adhere to.

Nov 8: The attendance is about the same as last week. Fair progress is being made.

Nov 11: The school is closed until further notice by order of Dr Young, M.O.H., measles.

1908

Jan 6: Reopened school this morning with 26 children present.

Jan 10: More children came to school after Monday. Received parcels of books etc from Education Committee, Exeter.

Jan 15: Examined the Register & found the entry correct. F. Jones.

Jan 17: A better attendance this week. Mr Jones, manager paid a visit. Mrs Hortop absent this morning on account of the serious illness of her husband. She came this afternoon. Revd G. C. Bateman paid a visit today.

Jan 20: Mrs Hortop is absent this afternoon on account of the serious illness of her husband.

Jan 21: Mrs Hortop at school to-day.

Jan 22: Mrs Hortop absent to-day, her husband is still seriously ill.

Jan 24: Mrs Hortop absent both yesterday and to-day for reason already stated. Received a new cupboard from D.C.E.C. Work going on as usual.

Jan 30: No sewing for girls of Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 this afternoon as the Sewing Mistress is unwell.

Jan 31: Mrs Hortop has been absent all the week. Mr F. Jones, manager, paid a visit this afternoon. The attendance is not quite what it ought to be.

Feb 6: Visited the school. G. R. R. Routh.

Feb 7: Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit. Work going on pretty well. Mrs Hortop still absent.

Feb 14: A better attendance this week. Mrs Hortop cannot attend to her duties yet, as her husband is still very ill. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit. Classes 1 & 2 well attended.

Feb 21: Monday was a wet and rough day so the attendance was small. Two or three children absent unwell. Mrs Hortop still away.

Feb 28: The attendance is better. Work going on pretty well. Mrs Hortop will not, I think, be able to resume work for a week or two. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

March 6: Agnes Dawe commenced duty on Monday March 2nd as temporary monitress. Monday and Tuesday were both wet and stormy so there was a small attendance.

March 13: Work as usual.

March 20: Mr Abell, manager, visited the school on Thursday. The attendance is fairly good.

March 27: A fairly good attendance. The work is going on satisfactorily.

April 3: Admitted James Box to Infant Class. Nothing worthy of record this week.

April 10: A capital attendance this week. 96%. Admitted Elizabeth Cole to 2nd Class.

April 17: Broke up to-day for Easter. The attendance continues good, and the work is going on fairly.

April 27: Reopened school this morning after the holidays & Mrs Hortop resumed duties.

April 28: A very wet morning so a small attendance.

May 1: Work going on pretty well. Attendance has fallen off.

May 8: Several children absent on account of sickness.

May 12: Examined the Register and found the entry Correct R. Luxton

May 15: Admitted [blank] Smallacombe to Infant Class. Work going on fairly. Mr R. Luxton, manager, visited the school in the week.

May 22: Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit. Work is going on much as usual.

May 26: Half-holiday yesterday afternoon for Empire Day.

May 29: Fairly good attendance since Tuesday.

June 5: Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit in the week. A better attendance. Monday, Bank Holiday, the school will not be opened.

Examined the Register & found it correct. Thomas Petherick, June 11th 1908

June 12: Not a good attendance this week. Work going on fairly well. Mr Petherick, manager, paid a visit.

June 19: Mr Moyle, Council Inspector, visited the school on Wednesday afternoon. No school on Monday as there is a Sunday School anniversary.

June 26: A very fair attendance, & the children are working pretty well in spite of hot weather.

June 30: I shall be examining all classes in the three R's to-day so the Time Table will not be strictly adhere to. Mr J. L. Ling called yesterday and examined the registers. Broke up this afternoon for the hay-harvest – a fortnight.

July 17: Reopened school on Wednesday with a good number present.

July 24: Some boys absent this week hay harvesting. The percentage of attendances keeps up. Received a parcel of books etc.

July 31: Examined the Register & found correct. F. Jones.

Admitted two to Infant Class. Attendance pretty fair. Mr Jones, manager, paid a visit. No school on Monday next, Bank Holiday.

Aug 7: Work going on pretty much as usual. Two or three of the First Class boys rather troublesome.

Aug 14: Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday afternoon the attendance was very small, quite 2/3 of the children being away on account of sports on Chester-Moor. Mr. T. Brimmacombe, late attendance officer, paid a visit. Broke up to-day for 3 weeks holiday.

Sep 7: Reopened school to-day and only 43 children present.

Sep 11: A little better attendance towards the end of the week, yet it is not what it ought to be. Children are absent on account of bad colds.

Sep 14: Examined Register and found correct. Thomas Abell

Sep 18: A little better attendance this week. Mr Abell, manager, paid a visit.

Sep 25: The attendance is very fair, but a few are away sick.

Oct 2: Whooping cough, I am afraid, is among the children, several are absent from Infant Class.

Oct 9: Dr Young, M.O.H. visited school on Monday. Attendance small several being away with whooping cough.

Oct 15: Examined Register. Correct. Dora L. J. Whitmore

Oct 16: A very small attendance this week. Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit on Monday afternoon and again on Thursday morning.

Oct 19: The school is closed for a month on account of whooping cough by order of Medical Officer of Health.

Nov 16: Reassembled this morning.

Nov 20: Mrs Laycock absent this week on account of a serious illness, consequently there has been no sewing for Standard 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 girls. Mr Luxton, manager, paid a visit.

Nov 27: Mrs Laycock still absent from duty, so the upper girls have not sewn. Several children have bad coughs still, which makes the work rather trying. The attendance has improved. Mr Luxton, manager, paid a visit on Thursday afternoon.

Dec 4: Miss Davey is taking the sewing for Mrs Laycock, who is still to unwell to attend her duties. The attendance is good.

Dec 9: J. H. Greet Esqr H.M.S.I. of Schools visited the school to-day.

Dec 11: The attendance has fallen off considerably on account of wet & rough mornings, and some colds. Work going on pretty well.

Dec 18: A slight improvement in attendance. Several, however, are absent from Classes 1 & 2.

Examined Register and found it correct. Thomas Petherick, December 24th 1908

Broke up this morning for the Xmas holidays – a fortnight. Mr T. Petherick, manager, paid a visit.

1909

Jan 15: Admitted 11 children on Monday. Average 73.9, % 97. Mr Jones called in the week.

Jan 22: The attendance fell off on Thursday and Friday, more especially that of 1st & 2nd Classes.

Jan 26: Mrs Laycock resumed work this afternoon.

Jan 27: Miss Whitmore paid a short visit.

Jan 29: The attendance not quite so good. Messrs W. Dawe & F. Jones, managers, paid short visits.

Examined the Registers this 5th of February 1909 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Feb 5: Received a parcel of books etc from Education Committee. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit & tested the registers. The Broadbury children coming 20 minutes late and going out a bit early interferes with the order of the school a bit.

Feb 12: Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit on Thursday. Mrs Laycock acting on Dr Gibson's advice, has not been in school this week. Miss Whitmore called. A fairly good attendance.

Feb 19: A better attendance, and the work is going on fairly well. Mrs Laycock resumed duty on Tuesday last.

Feb 23: School for the future, will commence at 9.20 a.m., instead of 9. Morning lessons therefore will be 20 minutes later. Morning session with finish at 12.20.

The following Report has been received:

Mixed. The teaching in the lower section of the school is too mechanical, but in the upper section it is careful, quiet, and generally effective, so that although the regular routine, has, of late, been interrupted by sickness, the scholars have made satisfactory progress, and show a creditable knowledge of their work for the year.

The children have developed a tendency to whisper among themselves which should be checked but otherwise they are orderly and diligent.

Infants. The infants are under good control, and taught with much care, brightness and vigour.

As noted in the last report the playgrounds are not in a satisfactory condition.

Matthew Davey Correspondent

Feb 26: The attendance flagged somewhat the latter end of the week. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit in the week. Examination this week mostly in the three R's.

March 5: Wednesday & the following days were snowy so the attendance fell off.

March 12: Weather bad more or less all the week consequently the attendance has been irregular. Mr Abell, manager, paid a visit.

March 19: The work is going on satisfactorily. The attendance fell off yesterday and to-day.

March 26: Thursday and Friday rough and wet. Average and percent same as last week. All classes well attended except the First.

April 2: Work going pretty well. C Division, First Class experience difficulty in arithmetic consequent on change of Scheme.

April 9: Broke up this afternoon for the Easter Holiday.

April 23: The attendance is good and things are going on fairly well. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

April 30: Miss Whitmore paid visits and called over registers. Attendance good.

May 7: Average for the week 78.5 and % 96.9.

Examined Register and found it Correct Richard Luxton May 11th 1909

May 14: Several children absent this week sick. R. E. Moyle Esqr, County Council Inspector, paid a visit. Work going on fairly well.

May 21: The attendance has fallen off in consequence of sickness.

May 28: On Monday afternoon, "Empire Day", there was a half holiday. On Thursday morning some of the children were examined by Dr Goulden, medical officer of County Council. I then discovered some of the children had had slight attacks of scarlatina, so asked their parents to keep them home for a time.

June 4: There was a holiday on Monday, Bank Holiday. On Tuesday the attendance was very small. The attendance dropped from 93% to 70%. Dr Young called on Thursday and could not say definitely that children were suffering from scarlatina. However, they must not attend school for a time.

June 11: A little better attendance this week.

June 18: Dr Young, M.O.H., called in the week to know if any more children were ill. A slightly better attendance.

June 22: No school yesterday afternoon on account of an anniversary in the village.

June 25: Mr Petherick and Miss D. Whitmore, managers, paid visits.

June 29-30: As I shall be examining the children to-day and to-morrow the Time Table will not be adhered to.

July 2: Broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday.

July 19: Commenced school again to-day; a fair number present.

July 23: Received goods from Arnold & Son. As William Lovell has met with a serious accident, which will prevent him from attending school for some time, I have removed his name from the Attendance Register for the time.

July 30: A better attendance this week, and the work is going on satisfactorily.

Aug 6: Several of the bigger boys absent hay harvesting. Mr W. Dawe, chairman of managers, paid a visit.

Aug 13: There was a holiday yesterday on account of athletic & other sports being held in the Parish. Mr W. Dawe, chairman of managers, paid a visit. Miss D. Whitmore was present at the same time & distributed the certificates for regular attendance.

Tested the Registers this 18th of August 1909 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Broke up this afternoon for 3 weeks holiday. Mr W. Dawe paid a visit. A very small attendance on Monday, as more than 30 children were having a day at Bude.

Sep 17: A fairly good attendance this week. Admitted 5 pupils. Commenced school on Monday after the vacation.

Sep 24: A better attendance this week. Mr Abell, manager, & Miss Whitmore paid visits. The desks are rather too crowded to be comfortable.

Oct 1: There has been a good attendance. All classes are making progress.

Tested the Register Oct 6th 1909 Correct Dora L. M. Whitmore

Oct 8: Miss D. Whitmore, manager, paid a visit. A very good attendance.

Oct 15: The average for the week is 80.3 with % 96.7. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Oct 22: Work is going on pretty well. Attendance is still good. Miss Whitmore paid a visit, & E. D. Fear Esqr, H.M.S.I. visited the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Oct 29: Miss Whitmore paid a visit in the week. Weather wet & rough, therefore the attendance fell off.

Nov 5: Not much improvement in the attendance as some children are unwell.

Nov 12: The work is going on pretty well. I have taken some of the elder boys out to measure heaps of stones & trees, thus giving them some practical work in mensuration.

Nov 18: Mr Luxton, manager, paid a visit & checked registers and attendance.

Nov 26: The attendance is fairly good. The children are working fairly well and making progress.

Dec 3: The attendance is about the same. Nothing to record.

Dec 9: Miss Davey absent unwell to-day.

Dec 10: Miss Davey absent unwell to-day.

Dec 17: Miss Davey absent all the week. There has been a pretty good attendance.

Dec 24: Xmas week, attendance has dropped. Miss Davey absent all the week sick. Mrs Hortop absent this afternoon on account of the funeral of a relative. Mr S. G. Wimpey, who is home on holiday, kindly took her place for the afternoon. School closed until 10th January 1910.

1910

Jan 10: Reopened school to-day. Miss Davey absent.

Jan 11: Miss Davey resumed work to-day.

Jan 14: Have commenced examining all classes.

Jan 18: Miss Davey absent ill to-day.

Jan 19: Miss Davey back again.

Jan 21: Mr F. Jones, manager, paid a visit, and Miss D. Whitmore on Wednesday distributed the prizes to deserving scholars.

Jan 25: No school tomorrow, school being required for polling, Tavistock Division, Devon.

Jan 28: The attendance has fallen off partly on account of rough weather and partly on account of sickness, bad colds.

Feb 2: Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit. The work is going on pretty well in spite of poor attendance.

Feb 14: The attendance is much better this week.

Examined the Registers this 17th of February 1910 Entry Correct Wm Dawe

Feb 18: A marked improvement in the attendance in spite of rough and wet mornings. The classes which made perfect attendance for the week, I dismissed a few minutes earlier this afternoon. The work is going on pretty well. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

Feb 25: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Weather rough & wet, but good attendance.

March 3: Admitted Frances Palmer to Infant Class. There was no sewing on Wednesday afternoon as Mrs Laycock, the sewing mistress, met with a little accident the previous evening & could not come. Sewing as usual on Thursday.

March 9: I am taking Standard 5 in arithmetic this afternoon from 3. to 3.30, while the rest of the class is reading silently. This Standard does not get on very well.

March 11: Work is going on fairly well.

March 18: Work going on as usual. Miss Whitmore called after school was over Thursday.

March 24: Several children away sick. Mr T. Abell, manager, paid a visit. Broke up for Easter, one week.

April 5: Reopened school this morning. Yesterday required as Polling Station.

April 8: Attendance small, children ill.

April 15: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Several children absent with influenza. It has been rather trying in school with so many coughing.

April 22: Children have been absent with bad colds, but the attendance has been a little better than last week. Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers called tested and inspected the various registers. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

April 27: I was absent from school this morning playtime until the close 12.20. Since the close of the registers I am absent again this afternoon, a touch of influenza.

May 2: I resumed work this morning. Miss Whitmore called on Friday & checked the registers. Mrs Hortop took charge of the school on Thursday & Friday during my absence.

May 6: The attendance has not been good this week; the irregularity is caused by sickness.

May 13: Attendance better. Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit. Holiday on Monday next, Whit Monday.

May 19: The attendance has been poor this week. No school tomorrow by order of Education Committee (King Edward VII funeral).

May 23: No school tomorrow, 24th May, being Empire Day. The attendance is much better.

May 27: The work is going on fairly well.

June 3: Readmitted W. Lovell, after an absence of nearly 1 year on account of a serious accident. I was absent on Wednesday morning from 11.45 to 12.20. Mrs Hortop took charge during my absence.

June 10: Attendance has fallen off.

June 17: The work is going on very well. On Monday next, 20th of June, the school will not be opened on account of an anniversary.

June 22: To-day the school was examined in scripture by Revds Rundle & Chapman.

June 23: Visit of Inspection. J. H. Greet

Examined the Register this 28th day of June 1910 and found it correct. Thomas Petherick.

June 30: The school year ends to-day.

July 1: Mr Moyle, County Council Inspector, paid a visit & Mr T. Petherick, manager, called on Tuesday. Examined school in the three R's etc.

Examined the Register July 8th Entry Correct. F. Jones

July 8: Mr Jones, manager, paid a visit. Broke up this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday, hay harvest.

William Dawe 25th July 1910

July 29: Commenced school on Monday with a very fair number. No school on Monday, August 1st, Bank Holiday.

Aug 5: Received parcels of books etc this week, viz. reading books, exercise books, copy books, drawing books, etc. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit on Friday. Work going on fairly.

Aug 11: No school to-day as only 30 children came this morning out of 80. There are athletic & other contests on Broadbury which accounts for so many away.

Aug 12: The attendance is pretty good, and the work is going on fairly well.

Aug 19: On Tuesday 16th the attendance was very small as several of the children went to Bude. The attendance on the other days has been good. Mr Dawe, manager, paid a visit this morning.

Aug 26: Broke up this afternoon for 3 weeks' holiday. Harvest having commenced the attendance has been irregular.

Sep 23: Reopened school on Monday, with a small attendance which improved on Thursday and Friday.

Wm Dawe 28th September 1910

Sep 30: Work is going fairly well.

Oct 7: Two or three children have been away unwell. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Dora L. M. Whitmore October 11th 1910

Oct 14: Several children absent this week sick, most likely with mild form of chicken pox. Miss Whitmore called.

Oct 17: The girls are adding up their marks for sewing this morning instead of doing the ordinary lesson as Miss Whitmore who has promised prizes wants the total to-day.

Wm Dawe 17th October 1910

Oct 21: Three children under five years of age have not been present since the holidays. More children have attended school this week although the weather has been so wet & rough. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Oct 28: A busy week. Admitted four children. Work going on much as usual.

Nov 1: Miss Peters commenced work in this school in place of Mrs Laycock & Miss M. M. Davey whose time expired yesterday October 31st.

Nov 4: Weather rather rough this week, so the attendance has not been good. Several children still unwell. The following report on the Religious Instruction has been received:

| Group | Infants | Lowest | 2 | 3 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Teacher responsible for instruction | | Mrs Hortop | Miss Davey | Mr Moore |
| Number of children in group | 35 | | 22 | 25 |
| Number present at Inspection | 33 | | 21 | 24 |
| Knowledge: Old Testament | CT | | F | CT |
| Knowledge: New Testament | VG | | CT | VG |
| General Knowledge | VF | | CT | G |
| Written Work | | | | 38% VG 52% G 10% F |
| Commandments | | | VG | G |
| Repetition: Passage of Scripture | CT | | CT | VF |
| Repetition: Prayers | G | | G | G |
| Repetition: Hymns | G | | G | G |

General Remarks:

The syllabus was found to be too much for 1 year's work especially in Division 3, the portions referring to St Paul being omitted. The prayers were reverently said and the singing was good. The answers in the lowest and highest divisions especially were readily and brightly given. The cleanliness of the children was also noticeable. The written portion of the examination was not anticipated by the teachers. Under these circumstances certain memorised portions of Scripture only were asked for; and (as will be seen by the above percentages) the results obtained were good – all passing. We suggest that the importance of the written work should be brought to the notice of all the teachers, as (in our judgment) this part of the examination ensures the greatest permanent good.

Matthew Davey (Correspondent)

Nov 11: The upper classes are pretty well attended, but the children under 5 years of age are very irregular, and some have not been to school for two or three weeks.

Wm Dawe 17th November 1910

Nov 18: The work is going on pretty well. There is still sickness among the children.

Nov 25: Mr Luxton, manager, paid a visit on Tuesday.

Dec 2: The Infant Class & Standard 1 are badly attended, sickness being the cause. This sickness has been hanging on since the harvest vacation.

Dec 9: Miss Whitmore called on Monday. The work is going on pretty well. Classes 1 & 2 have been well attended.

Dec 14: No school to-day, the room being required for a polling station.

Dec 16: A very wet and stormy week, & some of the children came to school wet, girls especially. The work is going on fairly.

Entry Correct Thomas Petherick December 19th 1910

Dec 23: Broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday. Mr Petherick, manager paid a visit on Monday afternoon.

1911

Jan 13: Commenced work on Monday with a very fair number, but regret to have to record several are sick – two with jaundice, others with bad colds.

Entry Correct F. Jones January 17th 1911

Jan 20: A little better attendance, yet hardly what I should like it to be. Children are working fairly well. Mr F. Jones, manager paid a visit.

Feb 3: Work has been trying this week as several children have bad colds and coughing has been incessant.

Feb 10: Miss Whitmore paid a visit on Monday afternoon. The attendance of the 1st & 2nd Classes has been poor this week as several children have been absent owing to severe colds. Mr Dawe paid a visit on Thursday.

Feb 17: Children have the mumps and so the attendance is poor.

Feb 24: Not much improvement in the attendance. Mr Wm. Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

March 3: Messrs Routh & England, H.M.I & S.I. of Schools respectively paid a visit this morning.

March 10: The attendance is poor as several children are absent on account of mumps.

March 17: Several children absent on account of mumps.

March 24: Mr T. Abell, manager, paid a visit. The work, considering the scanty attendance is going on pretty well.

March 31: The attendance is still small.

April 7: Miss Whitmore paid visits. The Second Class is better attended. Several absent now on account of mumps.

April 14: Broke up this afternoon for Easter holidays. Miss Whitmore called. A little better attendance.

April 27: Wm Dawe Chairman

April 28: I am pleased to be able to record a much improved attendance. The percentage is 91.8 and the average 69.7. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

May 6: On Tuesday it was very rough and wet so the attendance was small; on the other days it was good.

May 15: R. Luxton Manager

May 17: Dr Adkins paid a short visit on Thursday, May 16th.

May 19: The attendance is still good. Mr R. Luxton, manager, called and checked the registers.

May 26: Miss Whitmore called in the week on Wednesday. We commenced early in the afternoon, the registers were closed by .10 to enable the children to leave by 3.15 & so participate in Empire Day movement.

June 2: Miss Whitmore paid a visit Friday. A fairly good attendance all the week. On Monday next the school will not be opened, it being Whit Monday.

June 6: No school this afternoon on account of an anniversary.

June 12: I was absent from school on Thursday and Friday last being very unwell. Today I resumed work.

June 16: I left school this afternoon at 3.30. Miss Peters took charge until close of school. Attendance much better. Broke up for a week's holiday, Coronation.

June 26: Reopened school, attendance small.

June 27: R. E. Moyle Esqr County Inspector paid a visit.

June 30: Broke up for a fortnight hay harvest holiday.

18th July 1911 Wm Dawe, Chairman

July 21: Reopened school on Monday with a good attendance.

F. Jones 28 July 1911 Entry Correct.

July 28: Very hot and very trying in school. The work is going on pretty well. Received parcels of books, pens etc & needlework material. Mr F. Jones, manager, paid a visit.

Aug 4: On Tuesday the attendance was small as the children of a Sunday School went for a trip. The attendance on the other days was good. There will be no school on Monday next August 7th as it is Bank Holiday.

Aug 11: We broke up this afternoon for three weeks' holiday. Mr W. Dawe, manager, paid a visit.

Sep 9: Reopened school with 71, but as the week went on the attendance improved. It has been very hot in school the thermometer registering 86°.

Sep 16: The attendance has fallen off, several children are not well. Received notice of medical inspection of school.

Sep 23: Dr Goulden, C.M.Ins. paid a visit on Wednesday and inspected the children; afterwards he gave children [?] respecting their teeth.

Sep 29: Several children are absent unwell. The attendance is poor.

Oct 6: There is much sickness among the children – sore throats, bad colds. Miss Whitmore, manager, called on Friday.

Oct 13: Many children absent still.

Oct 17: Shall not be working according to Time Table for two or three days, as I am examining all classes.

Oct 20: Work going on as usual. Several absent unwell.

Oct 27: No improvement in the attendance.

Nov 1: Commenced school to-day at 1.20 so the lessons will be ten minutes earlier and the registers will be closed at 1.25. Received new desks.

Nov 8: W. England, H.M.S.I. Schools paid a visit, staying nearly the whole of the day.

Thomas Abell, Chairman

Nov 15: Not much improvement in the attendance, as there is much sickness still.

Nov 29: The attendance is much better this week. Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit on Wednesday.

Dec 8: The attendance has improved.

Dec 15: Miss Whitmore paid a visit, and Mr Rowse, C.C., called on Wednesday. The week on the whole has been wet and stormy and the result is a bad attendance.

Dec 22: We broke up to-day for xmas holiday, a fortnight. The attendance is very low.

1912

Jan 12: We are doing painting this afternoon instead of arithmetic, first class. Attendance rather better.

Jan 19: A capital attendance this week altho' some of the days were wet. Parcels of books etc received.

Jan 26: Started school on Monday with nearly all on the books present. the numbers, however, fell off at the end of the week. Coughing has been incessant, therefore working has been most trying.

Feb 9: Not much improvement in the attendance.

Feb 16: Miss Whitmore called on Tuesday, 13th February, and checked the registers.

Feb 23: Classes 2, 3 & 4 well attended – but Class 1 badly attended this week.

Feb 27: I [?] gone out with bigger boys to do some practical work in mensuration.

Feb 13: Entry of this date correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore March 8 (I omitted to sign this on Feb 13).

March 8: Several children absent with influenza. Both Monday & Friday mornings were very wet and stormy, consequently the attendance suffered. Percentage for week just ended 78.7 – Average Attendance 58.3. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

March 11: Miss Peters is absent to-day by permission of the Managers.

March 12: Miss Peters resumed work.

March 15: Attendance much the same.

March 29: Entry Correct Thomas Abell

Mr T. Abell, manager, paid a visit. Attendance improved. Work going on pretty well.

April 5: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Broke up to-day for Easter holidays. Examined children this week.

April 15: Reopened school to-day with all present, except two. This week and next I shall be working from a rough draft of a new Time Table.

April 19: The attendance for the week has been very good; average 73.2; % 96.3. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

April 22: Visited School. Work going on Steadily. Examined Registers – correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore

The Scheme of Work for 1912-13 will be practically the same as 1911-12 With these exceptions: The First Class will do the geography of Scotland & Ireland, & British possessions in Europe & Asia & lessons in history from 55 B.C. to Henry VII, and in poetry, The Last of the Flock & other suitable pieces. The work of Class 2 as per Scheme. As Standard 1 is working with Standards 2 & 3 it will do the same history.

April 26: Attendance is still good. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

May 3: Work going on pretty well. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

May 10: Am still working from rough draft of proposed Time Table.

May 17: Having re-organised the school, I find I cannot work by the old Time Table, so I am working from a copy of the new Time Table which is awaiting approval by School Managers, etc.

May 23: The school is closed to-day until Wednesday morning, for Empire Day, Bank Holiday, and an anniversary.

May 31: Opened school on Wednesday with a very fair number. Attendance not quite so good as I should like, for some are absent on account of colds etc.

Thomas Abell Chairman

June 14: Attendance still good. Six infants away to-day with bad colds.

June 18: No school yesterday as there was an anniversary in the village.

June 21: Received Time Table to-day from [?]. M. Morley Esqr, H.M.S.I. There has been good attendance all the week.

June 28: The school year ends to-day, and the attendance and percentage for the first quarter have been the best for nearly two years. Mr Sing, the Superintendent of Attendance Officers paid a short visit on Wednesday last, and inspected the registers etc.

July 2: Received notice to-day that Dr Goulden will examine some of the children on Wednesday morn July 10th. Mr Moyle, County Inspector of Schools, inspected the school this afternoon.

July 3: A good attendance this week. Work going on pretty well.

July 12: The attendance has fallen off considerably this week. Dr Goulden, County Medical Officer, examined some of the scholars on Wednesday morning, July 10th. Miss Whitmore & Mr Petherick met Dr Goulden by request. Broke up to-day for a fortnight, hay-harvest.

July 29: Resumed work to-day with 70 present.

July 31: No school to-morrow, Thursday, on account of Sports etc being held.

Aug 2: Not a good attendance this week. Work going on fairly well.

Aug 9: The attendance is not as good as it should be. Some of the children came to school very wet, and as it was too far to send them home again, I did what I could to dry them. I would suggest that stockings be provided, also some cheap pairs of slippers for occasions like these so that the children could change, and have their wet things dried.

Aug 13: Mrs Hortop absent from school to-day, as she was called away last night late to her sister who is very ill.

Aug 14: Mrs Hortop came back to school this morning.

I have examined the registers this morning and find them perfectly correct August 15th J. Smallacombe.

Aug 16: Yesterday there was a small attendance on account of a Sunday School trip to Budge, thereby reducing the average attendance by 5 for the week. I wish the trips could be managed on a Saturday or in the holidays. Miss Whitmore and Mr J. Smallacombe, managers called in the week.

R. Luxton, Chairman

Aug 23: A capital attendance all the [week] until to-day which has been wet and stormy. 3 weeks' vacation.

Sep 16: Opened after the holidays.

Sep 20: A poor attendance as harvest not quite finished.

Sep 27: A capital attendance after Monday.

Sep 29: Received parcels of goods for school from County Council.

Oct 4: Mr Luxton paid a visit. Work going on pretty well.

Oct 18: Several absentees last week on account of colds. This week is a little improvement on last. Spent most of this week examining the various Standards.

I have Examined the registers this 22nd of October and find them correct. Rd. Luxton, Chairman

Oct 24: This morning, being very unwell, I was absent from school until playtime.

Oct 25: Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit. Everything is going on fairly well.

Nov 1: To-day commenced afternoon school at 1.40. This earlier opening will continue until the end of January 1913. The lessons and dismissal of course, will be ten minutes earlier.

Nov 5: Mr England, H.M.I. of Schools, paid a visit and stayed all day.

Nov 15: Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Nov 22: Miss Whitmore has very kindly given some slippers and stockings for girls to put on if their own get wet coming to school.

Nov 29: Miss Whitmore called in the week. The attendance fell off as the weather has been wet and rough.

Dec 6: A good attendance this week. Miss Whitmore called.

Registers examined & found correct Dora L. M. Whitmore December 19th 1912.

Dec 20: We broke up to-day until the 7th January 1913. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

1913

Jan 7: Commenced school to-day with a fair number present. Whooping cough has made its appearance so several children are absent.

Jan 17: Examined register & found correct. F. Jones

Jan 18: Many children absent this week on account of severe colds & whooping cough. Mr F. Jones, manager, paid a visit.

Jan 25: Attendance still small. Miss Whitmore called this afternoon.

Feb 1: Children still absent on account of coughs and colds.

Feb 14: A slight improvement in attendance.

Feb 21: A cold week. Working going on all right.

March 4: Examined register and found correct. Rd. Luxton, Chairman

March 7: Attendance improving. Examined infants & found they had made good progress.

March 14: Spent parts of Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in examining Standards 1, 2 & 3 & with the exception of one or two of Standard 3 being weak in arithmetic, found the Class had made good progress.

March 20: Miss Peters, uncertificated assistant mistress, resigned her post in this school to-day. We broke up this afternoon for Easter one week.

April 4: This has been a busy week as there has been a good attendance. We are working shorthanded, no one being appointed yet in the place of Miss Peters. Mrs Hortop has taken the girls in sewing.

April 11: A good attendance this week.

April 14: Miss M. Hawking on Supply commenced work. This week has been wet and stormy so the attendance has suffered in consequence. On Wednesday 18 were absent for the same reason.

April 25: Miss Whitmore paid a visit & checked registers of 1st and 2nd Classes. Received a supply of books of various kinds, and other materials.

Visited the school on April 24th and Infant School on April 29th, found registers correct on respective dates, and work going on steadily. Dora L. M. Whitmore April 29th

May 2: Mr Moyle, County Inspector, paid a visit yesterday. Miss Whitmore, manager, called on Tuesday. Two children have left this week. The attendance keeps up pretty well.

May 9: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. The attendance was very small on Thursday owing to the rough and wet weather. On Monday and Tuesday school will not be opened on account of Bank Holiday and an anniversary.

May 16: A fairly good attendance.

May 30: Attendance keeps up pretty good. The work is going on all right.

June 13: Dr Date, County Medical Officer, inspected some of the children on Tuesday, June 10th. Several children last week and this absent ill, especially those of First Class. On Monday there will be no school on account of an anniversary.

June 20: Miss Whitmore called on Wednesday.

June 23: Miss Hawking, by permission of the Managers, is absent to-day. Nearly all Broadbury children are absent to-day as they are going to Bude.

June 24: Miss Hawking resumed work this morning.

June 26: An unsatisfactory attendance, many absent of 1st Class.

July 2: Broke up this evening for a fortnight's holiday, hay harvest. The attendance has been bad – partly on account of sickness among the children, and partly on account of hay-harvest.

July 17: Opened school this morning after the vacation. Attendance small.

July 23: Mr England, H.M.S.I. inspected the school to-day staying from 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Aug 1: Work is going on pretty well in spite of the unusual heat, but the attendance is somewhat irregular.

Aug 8: A slightly better attendance, and the average is 76 which is hardly good enough for 83 on the books.

Rd. Luxton, Chairman

Aug 12: No school to-morrow on account of Sports.

Aug 14: Very poor attendance as about 30 children are absent on a trip to Bude.

Aug 15: A poor attendance again many absent tired after their outing. Broke up for 3 weeks.

Sep 8: Opened school this morning after the vacation. As there are several cases of measles, the attendance is small.

Sep 12: The average for the week is only 41, and the % 50.

Sep 15: The following report on the school has been received:

“The children are quiet and orderly, and show interest in their lessons.

The instruction is in the main suitable, and a satisfactory standard of general efficiency is reached.

The Reading is somewhat uneven, but as a rule it is fluent and accurate, and the children understand what they read.

They also write fairly good English, but some of the exercises in the lower division are rather short and contain faulty spelling.

Arithmetic is creditably taught. The children understand the principles reasonably well and show considerable quickness in mental calculation.

In the Drawing lessons more care is now shown in the section of objects – and fair progress is made. There is room however for improvement.

Good instruction is given in Geography and History.

The Physical Exercises are fairly well performed in spite of the inconvenience caused by the rough surface of the playground.

The Infants are receiving suitable instruction.”

William Moore, C.T.

Charlotte Gerry Hortop, S.

Alice M. M. Hawkings, S.

Matthew Davey, Correspondent

Sep 19: The attendance is rather better this week although there are many away sick. Ernest Hutchings came back on Monday after an absence of five months (sick). Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Sep 26: Mr Rd. Luxton called on Tuesday. More children returned to school this week.

Sep 29: I have this day checked the Registers and found them correct. J. Smallacombe

Oct 3: Many of the children who have been absent sick came back on Monday. Mr J. Smallacombe paid a visit on Monday.

Oct 10: The school was well attended except on Wednesday when many children were absent. The stockings and slippers, Miss D. Whitmore so kindly presented, came in very useful on Tuesday, when several children were caught in the sudden heavy showers and became very wet, and were glad to change their stockings.

Oct 24: Miss Whitmore called during the week. The attendance is not as good as it should be.

Oct 27: I sent Margaret Brown home this afternoon as she stood out in the rain in the dinner time and got a thorough soaking.

Nov 1: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. The attendance is rather irregular. I spent parts of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in examining the children.

Nov 15: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Mr Hutchings, of Risdon, refuses to send his children to school as the van is overcrowded.

Nov 21: To-day was very wet, and some of the children were drenched. A very small attendance. Miss Whitmore called on Wednesday and stayed during the sewing lesson.

Dec 5: The attendance is very irregular and to-day, being very rough and wet, many children were absent.

Dec 12: Miss Whitmore paid a visit and tested the registers.

R. Luxton, Chairman

Dec 24: Broke up this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday.

1914

Jan 8: Commenced school after the vacation with very few present.

Jan 16: A small attendance this week.

Jan 23: A very cold week, and as a result very poor attendance. Many infants absent all the week, and from 13 to 17 absent from Broadbury every day.

Jan 30: A poor attendance indeed all the week. Admitted Ernest Breyley 11, Standard 2, Mary Breyley 10, Standard 2, Bessie Breyley 8, Standard 1, can't read, and John Breyley 6, never been to school before. Porch (boys) not swept for three mornings.

Feb 6: Miss Whitmore paid a visit this afternoon.

Feb 13: Weather rough most of the week but a fair attendance. Received a new cupboard in the week.

Feb 20: The attendance has been slightly better, still on an average ten children have been absent at each meeting of the school. Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit on Wednesday afternoon.

Feb 27: A slightly improved attendance for the week. Miss Whitmore paid a visit on Wednesday morning.

March 6: Rough week but fairly good attendance.

March 13: A small company on Monday on account of weather. Edith Hutchings returned to school after an absence of 19 weeks. Norrishes have not turned up yet.

March 19: W. England Esqr H.M.S.I. visited the school and stayed the whole day.

March 20: Heavy fall of snow this morning and as only 31 children came to school, Morning Session was abandoned. However, I did not send any of them away. Registers, of course, were not marked.

Marked the registers this afternoon for 37.

Examined the Registers and found them correct, on behalf of the Managers M. Davey
Correspondent 24th March 1914

March 27: Miss Whitmore, manager, called on Wednesday and Friday. The percentage of attendance is 93.2 for the week, the first time it has exceeded 90 since October 10th 1913.

April 3: Miss Whitmore visited the school.

R. Luxton, Chairman

April 9: Broke up this afternoon for the Easter holidays – 1 week.

April 20: Reopened school this morning.

I have examined register and found it correct in all Standards. Dora L. M. Whitmore April 22nd 1914

April 25: The scheme of work for the year is practically the same as last year, but I have revised the drawing, history and geography.

Miss Whitmore paid a visit; came at 9.30 a.m. and stayed until 10.15 a.m.

May 1: There has been a capital attendance all the week.

May 6: Dr Date C.M.O. medically inspected some children to-day. I think these visits are beginning to be appreciated as some parents bring their children to be examined other than those notified, and to ask advice.

May 15: Mr Luxton, manager, called on Monday. Miss Whitmore called as well.

May 29: The School Nurse paid a visit on Monday and remarked the girls were very clean. No school on Monday and Tuesday, June 1st and 2nd on account of Bank Holiday and an anniversary at Boasley. Average attendance for the week 85.

June 5: Not a very good attendance on Wednesday, but to-day, Friday, 88 were present out of 90. Miss Whitmore called.

June 9: In mistake, I drew a line through the space for Tuesday morning attendance, First Class Register, instead of Monday afternoon. June 8, Yesterday was a holiday to celebrate Empire Day.

June 12: Attendance pretty well; some children absent on account of sickness.

June 19: Attendance still keeps up fairly well. Monday, June 22nd, school will not be opened as there is an anniversary which many children will attend.

June 26: Some children are absent sick. The attendance is good on the whole.

June 30: Looked over Register and checked them. J. Smallacombe

July 2: There was no school yesterday as many children went for an “outing”.

July 3: Broke up to-day for hay harvest – one week. Many children absent on account of sickness, so the average attendance has fallen off. Mr Smallacombe paid a visit.

July 13: Reopened school to-day.

July 17: Miss Whitmore called on Monday, and Mr Moyle, County Inspector, paid a surprise visit and stayed all Tuesday afternoon.

July 24: There will be no school on Monday July 27th as some athletics & other sports are being held.

July 31: Mr Jones, manager, paid a visit on Friday morning. Monday, August 3rd Bank Holiday there will be no school.

Aug 7: A capital attendance all the week.

R. Luxton

Aug 14: Broke up to-day for three weeks’ holiday. Not a bad attendance on the whole.

Sep 7: Opened school to-day with a fair number.

Sep 14: Miss Whitmore paid a visit during the week. Attendance better.

Oct 2: On Monday small number at school on account of a harvest thanksgiving.

Oct 9: Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Oct 16: F. M. Morley Esqr, H.M.S.I. paid a visit this morning. The attendance has not been too good lately.

Registers Examined and found Correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore October 21st

Oct 23: On Wednesday afternoon thirteen boys and three girls played truant. My first experience of this kind of thing.

Oct 30: The school has been well attended all the week.

Nov 2: Miss Hawking absent to-day on account of the funeral of relative which she is attending. Routine not strictly adhered to in consequence.

Nov 3: Miss Hawking resumed work this morning.

Nov 6: Miss Whitmore paid a visit during the week.

Nov 20: The school has been well attended the past fortnight.

Nov 27: To-day, Friday, I allowed the girls of the 1st & 2nd Classes to leave a little earlier as they made perfect attendances for the week.

Dec 4: A fall off in the attendances as the weather has been very rough and wet. Work going on all right.

Dec 18: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Friday was a very stormy day, so the attendance was small.

Dec 23: We broke up this afternoon until the 11th of January 1915. The work generally has been going on well. The girls have knitted articles for the soldiers and sailors.

1915

Examined the Register & found correct. F. Jones 13th January 1915

Jan 15: Commenced school on Monday after the vacation with a very fair number present. Mr F. Jones, manager, paid a visit. Spent most of the week in revision of work.

Jan 22: A better attendance this week but to-day, being very rough the attendance fell off.

Jan 29: Miss Whitmore & Mr R. Luxton paid a visit each in the week.

Feb 12: The weather for the past fortnight having been very stormy, the attendance has been much affected. The work is going fairly well.

Feb 15: From 11.30 to the end of the day I am absent from school to attend the funeral of a relative. Mrs Hortop will take charge for the time I am away.

Feb 16: I resumed work this morning.

Feb 19: Commenced school at 9 this morning. Registers marked & closed by 9.15. Took children out from 11.10 to 11.55 to hear recruiting speeches, and to see soldiers who have been in the trenches. Therefore Time Table for morning session was not adhered to. Miss Whitmore called in the week. Much sickness among the infants.

March 5: For the past fortnight the attendance has been irregular, especially that of the infants. Two cases of mumps are reported. Aubrey Hockridge came back to school on Monday, having been ill since Xmas.

March 12: Work as usual.

March 25: To-day the school was inspected in religious knowledge by W. Weeks, Esqr on behalf of County Council. Due notice of Inspection having been received. Mr J. Smallacombe, manager, was present most of the time.

March 26: Rather a small attendance to-day.

April 1: Spent most of the week in examination of children. Broke up for Easter holiday.

April 12: Reopened to day with a moderate attendance. Mumps still among children.

April 16: Miss D. Whitmore, manager, paid a visit.

April 23: Attendance not good. There are two or three cases of mumps still. Miss Whitmore called in the week.

Register Examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore April 27th 1915

April 30: Miss Whitmore called in the week. Work going on fairly well. Attendance poor.

May 7: Attendance improved very much. A little boy 5, William White, has been very troublesome; I can't, at present, determine whether he is mentally deficient or whether tis pure obstinacy as he refuses at times, to obey the slightest request of his teacher or me, and when I insist on obedience he screams & lies on the floor, thereby upsetting the whole school.

Miss Whitmore called in the week. Have received books etc from Messrs Arnold & Co. contractors to County Authority.

May 14: Another case of mumps this week. A case or two now and again, and so this complaint lingers on.

May 21: Mr Luxton, manager, paid a visit on Monday. Work going on fairly well. There will be no school on Monday & Tuesday next on account of Bank Holiday & an anniversary.

May 28: Attendance irregular. Two children are absent; it is alleged they have measles.

June 4: Received notice of medical inspection on Monday last. Parcel from Rudd & Co.

Miss Hawking absent to-day by permission of managers.

June 8: Dr Lightbody medically inspected about 36 children. Miss Hawking resumed work.

June 11: Rather a busy week. A fair attendance.

June 18: Broke up this afternoon for a fortnight's holiday, hay harvest. Mr J. Smallacombe, manager, called during the week. Aubrey Hockridge & Fred. Smallacombe reported to have measles.

July 5: Opened school this morning with only 55 present out of a possible 84. This afternoon 49 present, 35 absent. Two or three of the bigger boys are haymaking; six others are absent on account of measles, while the remaining absent ones are kept home because the parents are afraid they will catch the measles.

I made a mistake by marking Irene Gratton absent instead of Dorothy Brown this afternoon. I corrected it by foot note.

[Notes at start of new Log Book]

School No 202b Bratton Clovelly C.

Accommodation Junior Room 30

Infant Room 24

Ashbury Station 3-1/2 miles

No bus stop

Miss Warrington
South West Divisional Executive Office
The Old Grammar School
Plymouth St Maurice

I have today examined Registers & found them correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore July 7th 1915

July 9: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. The attendance has been very small this week. Many children absent as parents would not allow them to attend because of measles.

July 13: Several of the children kept at home last week have returned to-day. About 27 still are absent.

July 16: A very wet morning, many children absent. James Woodman came to school this afternoon, and I had marked him present. I found he was wet through, so I cancelled his mark and sent him home.

July 23: An improvement in the attendance although the week has been wet.

July 30: On the fine days of this week several boys and girls have been absent to help in the hay fields. On Monday, Bank Holiday the school will not be opened.

Aug 3-6: Reopened this morning. Weather more or less wet for the week so attendance suffered. Children measured & weighed.

Aug 13: Thursday morning, about play-time, the four Smallacombs, of Broadbury, were taken very sick, and there was no improvement up to the close of the morning session. I had them sent home, Mr Smallacombe, manager, kindly conveying them. A bit better attendance.

Aug 16: Charles Brendon returned to school to-day after an absence of six weeks, the result of an accident.

R. Luxton August 16th 1915

Aug 17: This afternoon I am taking an extra arithmetic lesson in the place of recitation (1st Class).

The following report on the Religious Instruction has been received:

The Religious Instruction in this School has been carefully and conscientiously given. The Hymns and Texts had been accurately and intelligently learnt, and were repeated slowly, distinctly and reverently. A large percentage of the children in all the groups gave good and thoughtful answers.

The School is certainly very good throughout, particularly in the upper groups.

Aug 20: We broke up to-day for a month's holiday, corn harvest.

Sep 24: Reopened school on Monday with a very fair number present. But to-day, Friday, school is closed again for one week while the south side of the roof is stripped and then reslated.

Oct 4: Opened school again to-day. Not too good attendance.

Oct 8: Work going on pretty well.

Oct 12: This afternoon Mr Page, H.M.S.I. visited the school, staying until 4 o'clock.

Oct 18: All work is going on fairly well. Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit on Wednesday.

I have, today, visited school staying some considerable time. Examined registers and found them correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore October 21st 1915

Oct 22: Miss Whitmore paid visits on Wednesday and Thursday.

Oct 25: Mrs A. M. M. Lamble (nee Hawking) is absent this week by permission of the Managers.

Oct 29: A good attendance all the week. Being one teacher short, have not been able to work by the Time Table.

Nov 1: Mrs Lamble, nee Hawking, resumed work this morning.

Nov 3: Visiting inspection: The window curtains are in a condition not [?] to the school and they should be put in repair. Hat pegs should be numbered in accordance with the County Regulations. The lavatory basins are out of use on account of obstruction in the overflow pipes.

The ages of the children in the various standards are unduly high, and they should be reduced by half yearly promotions and by other suitable means. H. Jervis County Inspector.

County Regulation No 6 does not appear to be observed.

Nov 5: The attendance has improved. Miss Whitmore called during the week. Work going on satisfactorily.

Nov 12: Received parcels of books, chalk pens, and other materials for the use of the school on Tuesday. C. Brendon absent to-day on account of 'mumps'. Miss Whitmore called.

Nov 19: The attendance has fallen off considerably on account of colds. Wednesday afternoon the number present was very small, as the hounds met in the village and several of the village children were allowed to stay home.

Nov 26: Wednesday afternoon Dr Lightbody paid an unexpected visit to medically re-examine some of the school children. I allowed 2nd Class children to go home ten minutes earlier this afternoon as they made a perfect attendance for the week.

Dec 3: Several children are away from school, having the mumps. Wednesday was very rough, therefore many children absent.

I forgot to make a note of this: that on November 12th, William and Fred. Smallacombe were marked absent by mistake, but the error was corrected by a footnote.

Dec 17: The attendance is bad on account of weather and sickness. Miss Whitmore called.

Dec 24: Broke up this afternoon for the Xmas holidays – a fortnight. The attendance yesterday and to-day has been bad. The results of examination in the three R's very satisfactory.

1916

Jan 10: Opened school to-day, fair number present.

Jan 14: Attendance not very satisfactory as some children have bad colds and the weather is so bad.

Jan 28: No improvement in the attendance – children are well.

Feb 4: To-day has been wet and stormy, consequently many scholars absent.

Feb 11: Miss Whitmore paid a visit during the week. Attendance slightly better.

Feb 18: An improved attendance until to-day Friday when it was very rough indeed and many were absent. I left school half an hour before closing time, my son being ill. Mrs Hortop took charge.

Feb 24: Heavy snow storm, many children away, none came from Broadbury. Mrs Lamble absent by permission to-day.

Feb 25: No children present from Broadbury, as it is bad travelling with horses. Mrs Lamble still absent. Miss Whitmore paid a visit on Wednesday.

R. Luxton 28th February 1916

I have this day examined Registers & found correct. R. Luxton 2nd March 1916

March 3: The attendance has been bad this week on account of the weather. No Broadbury children have been present for the week. Mr R. Luxton, manager, paid a visit on Thursday. Mrs Lamble being absent all the week, have not been able to work by the Time Table.

March 6: Mrs Lamble resumed duty this morning.

March 10: On Monday and Tuesday there was a pretty good attendance. On Tuesday night and Wednesday morning there was a heavy fall of snow, consequently many children absented themselves for the remainder of the week. Miss Whitmore called twice in the week.

March 17: Attendance a little better. There is one case of measles.

March 24: Two or three children have left this week owing to removal of parents. First Class attend badly.

March 28: Mrs Lamble absent all day to-day, and no reason given.

March 29: Mrs Lamble returned to school this morning and says 'she could not get in from Broadbury on account of snow.'

March 31: On Tuesday as there were only a few children present and Mrs Lamble absent, I could not work by the Time Table. Work in school has been very discouraging on account of bad attendance, especially since Xmas.

April 7: Miss Prior, County Authority, inspected the sewing yesterday morning and Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit at the same time, staying until the end of inspection. Attendance rather better.

April 11: Am absent from school to-day and probably for the remainder of the week on account of my brother's death. Granted leave of absence. Mrs Hortop takes charge of the school during my absence.

April 14: Resumed work to-day.

Visit paid to School. Registers Examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore April 14th 1916

April 17: Am examining children for two or three days, especially in the three R's, so for the time the Time Table will not be adhered to.

April 20: Broke up this afternoon for the Easter holidays. Miss Whitmore paid a visit. The results of the Examination, on the whole, very satisfactory.

May 1: Commenced school to-day. The Scheme of Work is practically the same as last year.

May 5: Attendance pretty good in all classes except the First. Yesterday, Thursday was very wet, so many children were absent.

May 12: Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit. Wet weather seriously affects the attendance. Children have severe colds.

May 23: Mr Page, H.M.S.I. paid a visit, staying all the morning.

May 24: Empire Day, general routine departed from this morning. I read Earl Meath's letter to children on Duty, Patriotism, Self Sacrifice, & Sympathy. Patriotic songs were sung. Work as usual in the afternoon.

May 25: To-day I am absent by permission. Mrs Hortop takes charge.

May 26: I came back to school this morning. Measured and weighed children during the day.

William Parsons, an old school boy, has been awarded a D.S.M.

June 2: Reginald W. White gives his teacher a lot of trouble at times, and is headstrong and obstinate. If he cannot have his way he screams and frightens two or three little children.

June 9: The attendance is fairly good. The weather is so variable that some of the children have severe colds. Hilda Smallacombe is under the Doctor's care so cannot attend school for a time.

Received a supply of books of various kinds from Arnold & Son. I was absent from school from 3.50 to 4 to-day – severe cold and bilious attack.

June 15: Monday and Tuesday were holidays, Bank Holiday & Boasley anniversary. Very small attendance Wednesday.

June 16: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. On Monday the school will not be opened as it is the U.M. Sunday School anniversary.

R. Luxton 20th June 1916

June 23: Miss Whitmore paid a visit in the week. Children suffering from bad colds, consequently they stay away. This morning I took an extra history lesson from 10.45 to 11.10.

June 30: Broke up this afternoon for a fortnight, hay harvest. Mrs A. M. Lambie resigned her post of assistant teacher to-day.

July 17: Miss Leach commenced duties to-day. Reopened after the holidays.

July 24: Very fine weather so many children are absent hay harvesting.

July 28: Miss Whitmore paid a visit a very bad attendance all the week. Hettie James has whooping cough, consequently Percy & Ivy James are excluded for a time.

Aug 11: For the past fortnight there has been a much better attendance, yet it is not what it ought to be. Two more children are absent with whooping cough. As Reginald W. White has sores on his head and face, I asked his parents to keep him home for a short time, which they have done.

Thomas Abell August 14th 1916

Aug 16: After the registers were closed this afternoon I found that John Adams was wet through, so I sent him home and cancelled his attendance mark. Whooping cough appears to be spreading among the children.

Aug 18: Miss Leach absent to-day by permission of the Managers. Broke up this afternoon for three weeks.

Sep 11: Commenced school this morning, after the holidays, with only a few children.

Sep 15: Not much improvement in the attendance.

Registers examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore September 20th

Sep 22: Many of the First Class still absent. Miss Leach will take a few extra reading lessons with the infants, as this subject is rather behind. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Sep 29: The attendance is bad, and therefore the work is much behind. Miss Whitmore called in the week.

Oct 13: Work going on much as usual. Attendance poor.

Oct 20: A slightly better attendance. Reg. W. White giving his teacher a lot of trouble. I had to bring him out with me for two or three days.

Oct 27: To-day it has been very wet so the attendance has been small. Several children have been kept at home pulling mangolds.

Nov 3: Not a very good attendance, the weather interfering. I have told Reginald Norrish to stay away a few days as he has had skin eruptions, and advised him to see a doctor.

Nov 10: A slight improvement in the attendance. Work going on as usual.

Nov 17: Miss Whitmore called during the week. To-day, Friday, very wet and stormy, and this accounts for many absences.

Nov 24: Miss Whitmore called in the course of the week. Work going on as usual.

Dec 1: The First & Infants' Classes have been well attended this week, but the Second Class not so. I asked a small boy of Standard 1 why he was absent the previous day and he replied, "I was home digging potatoes."

Dec 5: I am taking 1st Class in Arithmetic & Reading this afternoon instead of Poetry & Writing.

Registers Examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore December 7th 1916

Dec 8: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Attendance improved.

Dec 15: To-day, Friday, I took an extra lesson in History in the place of Observation Lesson. Several children absent all the week sick.

Dec 22: No Broadbury present on Wednesday and the following days. Attendance very small. Miss Leach absent by permission this afternoon. Broke up for the Xmas vacation, a fortnight.

1917

Jan 12: Commenced school on Monday after the holidays with a fair number of children present; still more ought to have attended.

Jan 19: On Monday and Tuesday there were no children from Broadbury; the excuse being the roads were too slippery for the van to run. Very severe weather, and very cold in school.

Jan 26: Many children absent; weather severe still.

Feb 2: Influenza and bad colds have kept many children from school.

Feb 9: On Monday the van did not come in from Broadbury as there was a heavy fall of snow the previous day which made travelling bad. Weather severe still; many have stayed away. Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit this afternoon.

Feb 16: Attendance slightly improved. Many still absent sick. To-day the weather is a bit warmer, and, with the change I hope there will not be so many absentees. Received a parcel containing pens, paper, etc for the use of the school.

Feb 23: Poor attendance still. Work going on fairly.

March 9: Many away sick, -- colds.

March 13: Am taking standard 4 in Arithmetic, while the others are doing their repetition.

Registers found correct. Matthew Davey 21 March 1917

March 23: Work going on as usual. Mr Davey, correspondent, called and checked the registers. Children attend irregularly.

April 4: Miss Whitmore paid a visit last week. Yesterday there was a heavy fall of snow so very few children attended school, none from Broadbury. A few more are present this morning.

April 5: Miss Leach absent this afternoon by permission of the Managers. Broke up for the Easter holidays. Spent most of the week in examining the children.

April 27: Opened school on Monday with a fair number present. Advanced scholars one Standard. The school was closed an extra week for the purpose of being disinfected (16th to 23rd) as one of the children died of spotted fever.

May 11: A better attendance. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

May 14: Children to make an application for a Form at Education Office, without delay if they wished to become teachers.

May 18: A good attendance this week, the best since Xmas. The work is going on fairly well.

May 25: Attendance has fallen off. Miss Whitmore paid a visit. School will not be opened on Monday & Tuesday of next week. Bank Holiday and an anniversary at Boasley.

Registers examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore May 31st 1917

June 1: This morning it was very wet so many children absented themselves. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

June 4: Am working from a rough draft of a Time Table for a week or two.

June 8: The work is going on satisfactorily; the attendance is better. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

June 15: The attendance has fallen off; several children absent, bilious attacks. On Monday school will not be opened as there is an anniversary at the chapel.

June 20: Miss Castell, H.M.I.A. paid a visit from 11 a.m. to nearly 4 p.m.

June 26: Dr Lightbody, Devon County, inspected several of the school children.

June 29: Attendance not too good.

July 6: Working going on fairly well. The average attendance for the year just ended June 30th is 63, with a weekly average of 79 on the books.

July 13: Miss Leach absent this afternoon by permission of Managers. School closed for a fortnight, hay harvest. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

July 30: Opened school to-day after the holidays.

helping about the hay.

Aug 10: Many more children attended this week. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Aug 15: I am absent to-day by permission. Mrs Hortop is in charge of the school.

Aug 16: Resumed work this morning.

Aug 19: Miss Whitmore called on Wednesday. Mrs Tavender[?] took the singing. The attendance is fair.

Aug 23: Broke up to-day for the holidays, three weeks.

Sep 21: Opened school on Monday, September 17th, with a fair number. As usual many of the First Class absent. Two or three of the big boys have been bullying some of the small boys, I caned them.

Sep 28: A very poor attendance all the week, especially that of the First Class.

Oct 8: Register Correct. J. Smallacombe

Oct 12: Last week's attendance was good; this week it has fallen off. Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit.

Oct 19: On Monday the attendance was poor, but it improved as the week went on. Yesterday and to-day I have been examining.

Nov 2: The attendance of First Class is more regular now. On Wednesday afternoon I took an arithmetic lesson instead of singing with 1st Class.

Nov 9: Work going on as usual.

Nov 23: The attendance still keeps good.

Nov 30: This week there has been a falling off in the attendance. The work is going satisfactorily.

Dec 7: Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit in the week. Work is going on very well, and the attendance is better.

Register examined and found correct. December 11th 1917 R. Luxton, Chairman

Dec 12: J. W. Paige Esqr H.S.I.S. visited the school yesterday.

Dec 14: Work going on as usual.

Dec 17: Very cold, and roads very slippery so the van could not come in from Broadbury. 48 children present. Miss Whitmore called.

Dec 21: Miss Leach absent to-day by permission. School closed for Xmas, a fortnight.

1918

Jan 7: Opened school to-day after the vacation with a very small attendance, due to the severity of the weather.

Jan 11: The van from Broadbury did not run until to-day as the roads have been so slippery.

Jan 14: Mrs Hortop absent this afternoon to attend the funeral of a friend. She came back on the 15th.

Jan 18: A slightly better attendance for the week. Miss Whitmore called.

Jan 25: Children have severe colds so are absent.

Feb 8: For the past two weeks the attendance has improved. Miss Whitmore called.

Feb 15: Working going on fairly well. Miss Whitmore called.

Feb 20: This afternoon I cancelled Arthur Stanbury's attendance mark as I sent him home because one of the little boys had pushed a piece of hard clay in his ear and I could not get it out.

Received a parcel containing exercise books etc.

Feb 22: Several children absent or irregular having severe colds.

March 8: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. The attendance is fair. The girls of the First Class made a perfect attendance for the week. This has not happened for a very long time.

March 15: Admitted Arthur Voaden and Thomas Vanstone, both of six years of age, to the Infant Class. Attendance fairly good. J. W. Page Esqr H.M.S.I. of Schools paid a visit yesterday, staying nearly the whole of the day.

March 22: Miss Whitmore paid a visit to-day and checked the registers, finding them correct. Several children absent tilling potatoes.

March 25: Register Correct 1918 R. Luxton

March 28: Broke up to-day for Easter holidays. Miss Whitmore paid a visit. Put up notice respecting Scholarships etc. From time to time I have asked likely pupils whether they would care to go as teachers but have met with no response.

April 8: Reopened school after the vacation. Admitted five pupils. Am working from a rough draft of Time Table.

April 19: Work going on fairly well.

April 26: Miss Whitmore called during the week. Nothing else to record.

May 10: The attendance has fallen off for a fortnight as some of the children have bad colds. Miss Whitmore called during the week. The work is going on fairly well.

May 17: The work is going on just as usual. Standard 6 give a lot of trouble in Arithmetic. School will not be opened on Monday and Tuesday of next week Bank Holiday and an anniversary at Boasley.

May 24: Miss Whitmore, manager, called this morning. A lack of attendance owing to two or three cases of 'chickenpox'.

May 31: Attendance not good.

June 7: Several absent this week. Work going on pretty well.

June 11: This morning Miss Leach took the infants out for walk. (Nature Study)

June 14: No school on Monday as the U.M.F.C. is having its anniversary. Work going on pretty much as usual.

Register Examined and found correct. Attendance fairly good & work going on steadily. Dora L. M. Whitmore June 21st 1918

June 28: School year ends to-day. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

July 5: A small attendance this week as many of the children are absent helping in the hay fields. Miss Whitmore called in the week.

July 12: A better attendance.

July 15: This morning Medical Officer, D.C.E.C., visited the school and medically examined thirty three children. Miss Miller, School nurse, was present all the time.

July 29: Working going on as usual. Miss Whitmore called.

Aug 2: A very good attendance this week. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

Aug 8: Broke up to-day for the harvest holidays, five weeks. Tuesday morning was very wet, so several children were absent. Yesterday afternoon only forty-eight children present. Eighteen stayed away as there was a jumble sale in the National School.

Sep 27: Opened school on Monday after the harvest vacation with 43 present out of 46 on books. All Broadbury children are attending Boasley Cross school.

Book Examined & registers found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore September 30th

Oct 4: Miss Whitmore, manager, paid a visit. Miss Leach leaves to-day being transferred to Lew Down National. Attendance fairly good.

Oct 11: This week I have been working from the rough draft of a time table and shall continue to do so for a few weeks. Attendance keeps up.

Oct 18: Mr Paige, H.M.S.I.S. paid a visit on Wednesday afternoon. Work going on fairly well.

Oct 25: Two or three of the big boys rather irregular in attendance. I am afraid influenza has made its appearance, as two or three children are reported ill.

Nov 4: A very wet and rough day. Only nine children came to school so I did not mark the registers.

Nov 5: Only 11 children present; nearly all are absent on account of influenza.

Nov 6: School closed for a fortnight by Dr Young, M.O.H.

Nov 20: Reopened school this morning with twenty-one children present.

Nov 22: A slight improvement in the numbers to-day. Miss D. Whitmore called yesterday.

Nov 29: Nothing to record.

Dec 13: The work is going on fairly well. Two or three morning have been wet so some children were absent. 2nd Class has been attended better the past fortnight.

R. Luxton December 16th 1918

Dec 20: T. Heggadon, Book examined & found correct.

Broke up to-day for a fortnight's holiday. Miss Whitmore called.

1919

Jan 10: Reopened school on Monday last with a good attendance.

Jan 24: In spite of wet weather the attendance is fairly good.

Feb 7: The work is going on fairly well and the percentage of attendance is good.

Feb 13: This afternoon I am taking Standard 5 in arithmetic as it is a bit behind, while the other children draw.

Feb 17: Mrs Hortop will be absent to-day as she is very unwell. There will be no sewing this afternoon. Of course, we shall not be able to work by the Time Table with the Infant Class.

Feb 18: Mrs Hortop absent to-day, severe cold.

Feb 19: Mrs Hortop absent to-day, severe cold.

Feb 20: Mrs Hortop resumed work this morning.

Feb 21: The average attendance for the month is 42 and the percentage 93.

Feb 28: The School Nurse came unexpectedly to-day and examined the children's heads; with one exception all were clean.

March 7: Miss Whitmore called in the week. Readmitted four children yesterday.

Registers Correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore March 14th 1919

March 14: Miss D. Whitmore called and checked the registers this afternoon. The Infants' Class has been badly attended this week as many of the children have severe colds.

March 21: Weighed and measured the children this week.

March 28: Read a letter respecting scholarships and pupil teachers to the children. Eleven absent, bad colds.

April [?]: Commenced new school year. Moved children up one standard.

April 17: Broke up to-day for Easter, one week.

April 28: Commenced school this morning at 9 a.m., so all morning lessons will begin 20 minutes later[?] than what is stated in the Time Table.

May 2: Two or three children have the measles. Attendance irregular.

May 9: The School Nurse paid a visit on Monday afternoon. There are more cases of measles.

May 16: Yesterday Dr Harper examined some of the school children. Mrs Tavender has helped me in the school this week.

May 25: Measles still very bad. Miss Whitmore paid a short visit. Work going as well as one can expect.

May 30: Measles keep away several children.

June 2: Closed school this afternoon for a fortnight on account of measles. Dr Young's, M.O.H., advice.

June 16: Reopened school this morning, only 17 put in their appearance.

June 20: A very small attendance all the week. Received parcels of books from Arnold & Co. for the use of the school.

Matthew Davey 27th June 1919

June 27: Mr Davey examined registers and found entries correct, but forgot to make an entry to that effect.

July 4: In mistake I marked W. G. H. Voaden this afternoon instead of Philip Neno. However, I corrected the error by a footnote. Only about half of the children have attended this week, so the work is getting behind. On Monday the school will be closed as nearly all the children of the village are going to Budge.

July 15: Mrs Hortop absent this morning from school as she stayed with Mrs Moor, who was seized with a serious illness, until assistance could be procured. She returned to school this afternoon.

July 18: A good attendance all the week with the exception of to-day.

Aug 1: A capital Attendance this week, percentage 97.

Aug 8: Broke up this afternoon for five weeks holiday, harvest.

Sep 19: Opened school on Monday last after the vacation. Fairly good attendance.

Examined the registers and found them correct. September 25th 1919 J. Smallacombe

Sep 26: Mr J. Smallacombe, manager, paid a visit yesterday. Average attendance for the quarter 46.

Oct 3: A very good attendance this week. % 95.

Oct 10: On Monday morning school commenced with 51 present, a very good start. To-day only 45, 7 absent. Work is going fairly well.

Oct 13: Dr Harper, Medical Officer, paid a surprise visit this morning. He inspected the girls and was pleased with the result.

Oct 14: I am absent from 11 o'clock to-day, very unwell. Mrs Hortop in charge.

Oct 15: Returned to work this morning.

Registers Examined & found correct. October 15th 1919 Dora L. M. Whitmore

Oct 17: Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit.

Oct 24: Most of this week has been spent in examining the children.

Oct 31: Results of the examination satisfactory.

Nov 4: J. W. Page Esqr H.M.S.I.S. visited this morning.

Nov 7: The School Nurse paid a surprise visit this afternoon – only one child complained of.

Nov 14: Average attendance for the week 40.7, not so very bad considering the weather and the state of the roads.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Nov 21: The attendance has improved.

Nov 28: In spite of rough weather the attendance has been good. Tis rather curious if any are absent they are mostly from the First Class. Hetty M. James absent all the week with sore feet. I shall not see her for a few weeks as last year.

Dec 2: I am taking Standard 2 in Arithmetic, this afternoon instead of Drawing.

Dec 5: Work is going on satisfactorily and the attendance keeps up pretty well. The little boys, Jewell, do not attend very well, as they live nearly three miles from the School. I think they ought to be driven one way.

Dec 9: Miss Whitmore paid a visit this afternoon.

Dec 17: The following report has been received:

Since the last report was written on this school in 1913 the number of scholars has decreased considerably owing to the opening of a new school in the neighbourhood.

Improved Time Tables have been prepared and the new scheme of work bears evidence of some thought having been spent upon its preparation.

The terminal examinations are now conducted in a more satisfactory manner. It is suggested that lists should be prepared showing the children in order of merit together with the marks obtained in each subject at the examination. Reports might well be sent to the parents of the children.

The Head Teacher deserves some praise for the steady improvement in the methods of instruction and in the work of the children, noticed at recent visits of inspection.

The children are now more natural in manner and more willing to talk which no doubt is the result of the greater freedom that has been allowed them.

There is a pleasant tone in the school and the children are interested in their work.

Arithmetic is reasonably well taught. The children in Standards 6 & 7 worked satisfactorily the tests given at the visit of inspection. Reading aloud is fluent and fairly intelligent and the children are able to give an oral account of what they read. The children are able to express their thoughts on paper reasonably well but in the lower standards there is some faulty Spelling. The importance of enlarging the children's vocabulary does not appear to be fully recognised and the written exercises need more careful revision.

The improvement in Drawing mentioned in the last report continues and more care is now taken in the selection of the objects. The children sing songs sweetly and it is evident that ear training has not been neglected. It is suggested that the children should be trained to read from Staff notation as well as from tonic Sol Fa.

Infants. The Infants are taught in a pleasant and kindly manner. They are happy and natural; they talk freely but it is evident that more attention should be given to speech training.

Satisfactory progress has been made in Reading, Writing and Number.

Matthew Davey, Correspondent

Dec 19: Broke up to-day until January 5th 1920.

1920

Jan 5: Reopened to-day.

Jan 22: To-day I marked Margaret Simmons absent in mistake. I corrected the error by a footnote.

Jan 23: The School Nurse called on Wednesday, and as a result of her examination one little girl is excluded until Monday next. Mr Sing, Superintendent of Attendance Officers called yesterday and examined the various registers.

Jan 30: This week many children have been absent having influenza colds, and as a result the average & percentage are very low.

Feb 6: Attendance rather better.

Feb 13: Miss Whitmore called. Attendance improving. J. Lovell absent suffering from ringworm.

Examined Registers and found Correct. February 17th 1920 R. Luxton

Feb 20: Mr Luxton, manager, called during the week.

Feb 27: Yesterday, 26th, Dr Harper medically examined some of the school children.

March 2: To-day the school was inspected by the Revd Hall in Scripture, due notice having previously been received. Half-holiday in the afternoon. Miss Whitmore paid a visit.

March 12: I have been giving extra lessons in Arithmetic this week to Standard 4, 5 & 6 so the Time Table was not strictly followed. The attendance is very irregular.

March 19: Miss D. Whitmore visited the school. Two or three children of the First Class have been irregular lately. Work going on fairly well. New registers for 1920 received.

March 26: I have spent practically the whole of the week in examining the children, and with creditable results. Three children have left, owing to removal; two will attend Boasley Cross, and the other a school at or near Tiverton.

March 31: Broke up to-day until April 12th – Easter holidays. Attendance not too good.

April 16: Several children absent as they have chicken pox. Attendance, of course, suffers.

April 19: The following report on the Religious Instruction has been received:

Children in each of the classes respond brightly and take an evident interest in their work. The Infants' Class has a capital grasp of the simple Bible Stories, entering into them with an enthusiasm which shows the sympathy and care with which they have been presented. Groups 1 & 2 also provided a very satisfactory response. Their work showed accuracy and thought, and the lessons of the Bible narrative have been well applied.

April 23: A small attendance, several absent sick. Yesterday afternoon Mr Barrow, County Council Inspector paid a visit, staying all afternoon.

April 30: Many away still unwell. Attendance small and irregular.

May 7: Dr Harper paid a surprise visit and medically examined some of the children.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

May 21: Broke up to-day for Whitsun holiday. Attendance slightly improved.

June 3: Opened school on Monday. Mrs Hortop absent to-day by permission of the Managers. Time Table for the day not adhered to.

June 4: Mrs Hortop resumed duty this morning. Attendance of First Class irregular this week. Admitted three infants.

June 8: This afternoon I marked M. Simmons absent instead of F. Palmer, (1st Class). I corrected the mistake by a footnote.

The Jewls came back to school after a very long absence. Received sewing materials. Attendance rather better.

June 21: No school to-day on account of an anniversary at U.M.C.C.

Registers examined and found correct. 25th June Matthew Davey

June 25: Mr Davey, correspondent, called and verified the registers. Received a parcel of books from Wheaton & Co.

July 9: Miss Whitmore paid a visit. A much better attendance this week. Mrs Hortop in mistake marked Alice Lovell absent on Tuesday afternoon instead of Maud Janes. However she correct it by a footnote.

Registers Examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore July 13th 1920

July 16: Miss Whitmore called during the week and examined the registers.

July 30: Two children have left this week; parents removed to Slapton. Broke up to-day for one month, Summer holidays.

Aug 30: Opened school to-day. Several children absent.

Sep 3: Miss D. Whitmore, manager, paid a visit.

Sep 10: Good attendance this week.

Sep 17: The work is going on fairly well. Whooping cough, I am afraid has made its appearance.

Registers Examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore September 21st 1920

Sep 24: Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit and checked the registers. A good attendance until Thursday and Friday when it dropped off.

Oct 1: Attendance improved. Work going on fairly well.

Oct 8: As Ernest Davey has the whooping cough, I told his younger sister Gladys she had better stay at home for a day or two; she was coughing incessantly all day Monday.

Oct 15: Spent this week in examining the school.

Oct 22: Attendance better, and the work is going on all right.

Oct 26: This afternoon His Majesty's Inspectors visited the school, staying until 3.20.

Registers Examined and found correct. November 1st 1920 Dora L. M. Whitmore

Nov 5: Miss D. Whitmore, manager, paid a visit. Admitted Albert and Bertie Yeo on Monday. The latter six years old has not attended school before. Attendance good. Working busily.

Nov 12: The Dentist paid a visit to the school yesterday and examined some of the children's teeth. The attendance is good.

Nov 26: For the past fortnight the attendance has fallen off as the children have been suffering from severe colds.

Dec 10: A very good attendance this week. I quite forgot to mention that school commenced at 1 p.m. on November 1st for three months.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Dec 22: Broke up this afternoon for the Xmas holidays, two weeks and two days.

1921

Jan 28: Opened school on January 10th. The attendance for the past 3 weeks good.

Registers Examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore February 1st 1921

Feb 4: A capital attendance this week, the average being 48 out of 49 on books. Classes 1 & 2 made perfect attendance, a record for this School, I think. Stanley Yeo was marked absent by mistake to-day, February 4th, the error being corrected by a footnote. Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit. Received notice that the Scripture Examination will be held on Monday February 21st.

Feb 11: Mrs Hortop opened school for me every morning this week as I have been very unwell.

Feb 18: A capital attendance again, and the work is going on fairly well.

Feb 21: This afternoon the school was examined in scripture by Mr Hawkings – Diocesan Board of Education.

Feb 23: This morning I closed school at ten minutes to twelve and opened at 1 – immediately marking and closing the registers so that two thirds of the children could leave school at 3.5 p.m. to attend a Confirmation Service in the Church without cancelling their attendance mark. Had I not done this very few would have attended school this afternoon.

March 4: Attendance good.

March 11: Dr Harper, M.D. medically examined the school children this afternoon.

March 18: Spent the greater part of the week in examination.

March 23: Broke up this afternoon for Easter holidays.

April 5: Reopened school to-day with a good number present.

April 8: Admitted five children on Tuesday. Attendance satisfactory. Most children moved up one Standard.

April 15: There are now fifty-five children on the books and more help is required. The average for the week is 52.3. Two children admitted this week are very backward for their ages 9 and 7 respectively.

April 22: Ernest Davey excluded for a week or two – eruptions nearly all over his body. I advised the mother take him to a doctor which she did. The attendance still keeps good.

April 29: Working busily in school.

May 6: Attendance has fallen a little, and that of to-day Friday is the worst we have had for several weeks. Often there is no water in the taps.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

May 13: Broke up to-day for 1 week, Whitsun vacation.

May 20: Although the school was inspected on February 21st only to-day I received the following report:

“This School was inspected in three Groups and satisfactory results were obtained in each. The Syllabus had been well covered and the children possessed a good knowledge of detail.

The response was fairly general and the attitude of the children was pleasing. They evidently enjoy the work and were very attentive and interested. Some of the old children could follow a sequence of ideas, and the various points presented to them were readily grasped.

The Infants’ Group is badly in need of suitable pictures.”

Registers Examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore June 1st 1921

June 1: Mr Barrow, County Inspector, visited the school this morning, staying until 12. Dr Court, M.O.H. and Miss D. Whitmore called also, the latter checking the attendance registers.

June 8: We are working busily in school but I need help, especially for Standards 1 & 2.

June 17: School will not be opened on Monday, as there is a Sunday School anniversary in the village. A capital attendance both last week and this.

June 21[?]: No school to-day, holiday at the request of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

June 24: Very hot in school, most trying to work.

June 28: Taking an extra lesson in arithmetic with 2nd Class.

July 8: Work going on fairly well in spite of the hot weather.

July 22: The School Dentist came this afternoon and examined children. Attendance not so good last week and this week.

Register examined and found correct. Thomas Petherick, July 28th 1921

Several children absent to-day, Friday. Broke up for one month.

Aug 29: Opened school to-day after the vacation, 49 present.

Sep 2: A fairly good attendance all the week, % 93.7.

Sep 9: Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit.

Registers Examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore September 21st 1921

Sep 23: Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit. Work going on satisfactorily.

Sep 30: Attendance rather better this week. The second quarter of the school year ends to-day.

Oct 7: The average attendance for the past quarter is 49.5, % 93.5.

Oct 14: A poor attendance this week. Received parcels of books, exercises, etc and including a new Set of geography readers, a long felt want.

Oct 21: I have spent most of the week in examining the children. Yesterday and to-day four or five children absent sickness being alleged.

Oct 27: W. Rouse Esqr C.C. paid a visit on Tuesday. Tomorrow the school will not be opened, half term holiday.

Nov 4: Attendance poor, as weather was rough.

Nov 11: Miss D. Whitmore visited the school.

Nov 17: No singing this morning as the children present have such bad colds and bad coughs. Seven children are absent unwell.

Nov 18: Poor attendance all the week. Incessant coughing most trying.

Nov 25: Work going on satisfactorily. More children present.

Registers Examined & found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore December 2nd 1921

Dec 2: School for the afternoon session was opened at 1 o'clock on Monday November 1st. This will be continued until the end of January 1922. Miss Whitmore paid a visit and checked the registers.

Dec 16: For the past fortnight the Infants' Class has been well attended. The percentage both for last week and this is better.

Dec 22: Broke up to-day for the Xmas holidays, a fortnight.

1922

Jan [?]: Opened school today.

Jan 20: Attendance for the past fortnight irregular.

Jan 31: -- Draper Esqr H.M.I.S. paid a visit, staying all the morning.

Feb 3: Several children absent sick. Five children left owing to removal.

Feb 7: Capt. Young called today & saw the children drill, and then took them himself.

Feb 8: Children examined in Scripture this afternoon Mr Hawkings, Diocesan Board of Education.

Registers Examined and found correct. Dora L. M. Whitmore February 17th 1922

Feb 17: Many children absent sick. The Attendance Officer has not been this week. Miss D. Whitmore paid a visit.

Feb 24: This week the attendance is only 67.2%. Work going on very well.

March 3: The school was closed on Monday February 27th as it was lent to one of the managers, Tuesday. Princess Mary's wedding day, holiday by request of the King.

March 10: Doris Davey has attended school badly since September, and since Xmas has only made 16 attendances out of a possible 85.

March 24: I have spent this week in examining the children in the various subjects. Five children have left.

March 31: School Year ends to-day.

April 3: The following Report on the Religious Instruction has been received:

The Infants possessed a thorough acquaintance with the work. They had a knowledge of detail and answered brightly. There was life in the Group and the children have been carefully instructed on interesting lines.

Considering the difficulty of teaching a number of children of such varying ages, the work of the Top Group was very pleasing. Interest was shown and the children followed the various points with enjoyment. Many thoughtful answers were given, and the syllabus had evidently been well covered.

April 12: Broke up to-day for the Easter holidays.

April 24: Reopened school, a very fair number present.

May 17: This morning I marked Ida Banbury absent inadvertently. I corrected it by a footnote.

May 19: The work has been going on much as usual lately.

May 23: Dr Condy medically examined some of the children.

May 24: Empire Day, a short address, patriotic songs, etc.

June 2: The Sanitary Inspector called yesterday, looked round the premises. Uncomfortably hot in school this week. Broke up this afternoon for Whitsun holidays, one week.

Registers Examined found correct. Thomas Abell June 14th 1922

June 16: Mr Abell, manager, called & examined the registers. Percy R. Adams, sat for an examination for a free place at the Okehampton Grammar School. His name appears on the top of the list of the successful candidates, and the Examiner says "he really did well". Need I say, we are all pleased at his success.

No school on Monday 19th June, as there is a Sunday School anniversary.

Called and inspected registers and found them correct. Thomas Petherick June 30th 1922

June 30: Mr T. Petherick called to-day. The attendance is pretty good.

July 14: Nothing special to record. Work going on pretty well.

July 28: Broke up to-day for a month. Dr Condy paid a surprise visit during the month. I quite forgot to mention this.

Aug 28: Opened school this morning after the holidays; several children absent.

Sep 1: The attendance has not been good.

Sep 8: Several children absent yesterday Okehampton Show, and as a result the % of attendance dropped.

Sep 15: Wednesday was a wet day and this accounted for the absence of many children. Work going on fairly well.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Called and examined register and found it correct. J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Sep 22: A much improved attendance this week. Mr Smallacombe, manager called.

Sep 27: This morning I was on the point of marking Elizabeth Crocker absent when a child asked me a question, and in mistake I commenced to mark H. Cole absent.

Sep 29: The attendance is not so good this week. Work going on fairly well. Miss Luscombe, Boasley School, called.

Oct 6: Opened School yesterday after noon at 1.15 and closed the registers at 1.20 so that nearly thirty children could leave at 3.30 without losing attendance mark. The children were invited to a tea.

Examined registers and found correct. Thomas Abell October 12th 1922

Oct 13: On Monday Miss Roase, emergency nurse, paid a surprise visit. Miss Grayson, for drill, came on Tuesday, and Mr Abell, manager, on Thursday. Attendance has fallen.

Oct 20: On Wednesday afternoon, [blank] Draper Esqr H.M.I.S. paid a visit. The three Jewels have left this week, gone to live at Lifton.

Oct 27: The Attendance Officer did not call this week. Attendance very good.

Nov 2: Although the weather was very rough on Monday and Tuesday more children came to school than I expected. To-morrow, November 3rd is a holiday, midterm.

Nov 10: Last Monday afternoon school commenced at 1. instead of 1.30.

Nov 24: Work going on as usual.

Dec 1: Mr Thomas Brown, manager, paid a short visit on Monday last.

Dec 8: A poor attendance nearly all the week. Most of those absent down with bad colds. Mr Elworthy, manager, paid a visit.

Dec 22: Broke up this afternoon for a fortnight, Xmas holiday. Attendance not very good. Attendance Officer has not called for a fortnight. I expect he is unwell.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

1923

Jan 8: Opened school this morning after the vacation with a very fair number.

Jan 12: Mr Harding, attendance officer, came during the week.

Jan 19: A better attendance on the whole than last week.

Jan 26: Received notice on Tuesday that the children will be examined in Scripture on Wednesday February 7th.

Jan 30: Examined Register and found correct. John Elworthy, manager.

Feb 2: Messrs Brown and Elworthy managers paid a visit on Tuesday. Several children absent unwell.

Feb 9: On Wednesday the Revd Hall examined the children in scripture, only thirty present. 14 absent ill. A week of rough weather – attendance poor.

Feb 23: There is still much sickness among the children with its consequent poor attendance.

March 2: Received notice of intended medical inspection on Monday. Attendance still poor.

March 9: Dr Condy medically examined some of the children on Tuesday morning. A capital attendance until to-day, Friday when several stayed away.

March 16: Entry in Register correct John Elworthy

Mr Elworthy, manager, paid a visit.

March 23: A capital attendance this week. Miss Root, nurse, paid a surprise visit on Monday. Have been examining the children in the various subjects nearly all the week; results satisfactory.

March 28: A capital attendance this week – the best for about four months. In looking over the registers, I notice they were not signed when checked. Broke up to-day for Easter. My last day in school as Head Teacher, my time expires on Saturday 31st.

April 9: Commenced duties today. E. D. Richards (Unattached Supply Staff)

Messrs Smallacombe & Elworthy (Managers) & Mr Davey (Correspondent) visited the school today.

John Elworthy

April 19: Examined Registers and found correct Thomas Abell

April 25: A holiday will be given tomorrow in accordance with the King's wish, on the occasion of the marriage of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

April 27: Mr Fowles, Inspector, Devon County Education Committee, visited the school this afternoon.

April 30: In accordance with Mr Fowles' advice, the children in Standard 1 have begun work in the Infant Room.

Miss Ivy Chamings has commenced duties as Temporary Assistant to help with the lower standards.

May 8: Dr Condry, School Medical Inspector, visited the school this afternoon.

J. Smallacombe Chairman

May 18: Received notice that no children under 5 years of age are to be admitted to the school. School closes this afternoon for the usual week's holiday (Whitsun).

May 28: Reopened school today. Have begun to work from a new "trial" Time Table, introducing a lesson on Personal Hygiene, and Organised Games and Handwork.

June 1: J. W. Page Esqr H.M.I. visited the school this morning.

June 13: School will be closed tomorrow to allow teachers to attend a meeting at Exeter.

June 15: The school will be closed on Monday, June 18th, as the U. M. Chapel Anniversary is to be held then.

J. Smallacombe Chairman

June 21: Several children are absent this afternoon, having gone to Sports at Broadwoodwidge.

June 22: The following report on the Religious Instruction has been received. Inspection on February 7th.

“Mr Moore, retiring after 25 years’ loyal service in this school, has well maintained in his last year a level of quiet, thorough work. Response was well distributed in both classes & the children showed a knowledge both of the Bible narrative & of the moral & practical lessons which had been carefully drawn. Mr Moore’s steady, consistent work is worthy of commendation.”

E. F. Hall, Inspector.

July 13: As new Arithmetic, English, History, Geography Books and Literary Readers have been received this week, I have destroyed those books in the school which were out of date and in bad condition, as I was authorised by the County Inspector to do.

Examined Register & found correct July 28th 1923 J. Smallacombe

July 23: Examinations conducted this week.

July 27: School closes today for the usual month’s holiday. E. D. Richards

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Aug 27: I have taken charge for one week (pending arrival of Head Teacher). Florence Higgs (Unattached Supply Staff)

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1924

Feb 19: This afternoon the Diocesan Inspector visited the school and examined the children in Religious Knowledge. E. Stewart

Examined Registers found correct Thomas Abell

J. Smallacombe March 31st 1924

April 2: This afternoon Mr Fowles, District County Inspector visited the school.

April 9: This morning the Nurse attended on [... ?] & inspected heads.

April 11: Copy of Inspector’s report on Scripture received today.

“The small class of Infants has been very carefully taught and the enthusiasm which the children displayed was quite refreshing. Such keenness can only be the result of sound & interesting teaching.

The new Head Teacher is working on right lines & seems to have the welfare of the children at heart. They are responsive & eager & the present attitude leads one to hope for highly satisfactory results at the next visit.”

H. H. Hawkins

Signed J. Smallacombe April 28th 1924 Chairman

April 29: I propose to deviate from the time-table this week in order to give practice (after the holidays to the children taking part in the school concert the proceeds of which are to take the elder children on an educational visit. E. Stewart

May 22: Mr Courtland H.M.I. visited school this afternoon.

June 6: With knowledge & consent of the Correspondent, the Chairman of the Managers – afternoon session began this afternoon at 1 p.m. in order that Head Teacher could leave early in order to catch train for London. E. Stewart

M. Davey 6th June 1924

June 18: The School Medical Officer attended school today – saw children referred for treatment. E. Stewart

June 23: I propose to deviate from the timetable in certain respects today, in order to give the children lessons preparatory to the School Visit to Plymouth tomorrow.

June 24: School closed today so that the children may go on an educational visit to Plymouth. There we shall visit the Museum & Art Gallery, the Guildhall & the Great Western Docks.

Above visit postponed until Tuesday next, July 1st.

June 25: On Monday, 23rd, Dorothy Mounce, age 4 years, was accidentally knocked against the clothes-pegs in the cloakroom. Her arm was slightly grazed and her nose bled a little, but the affair seemed trivial. It appears however, that as a consequence both her eyes have swelled, & one of them has become black. The district nurse who has attended and says that it will be quite well in a day or [?]. Today the Doctor called in to Violet James – absent since Monday 23rd, took a swab of her throat which he says is in a diphtheric condition. Sat the children far apart as possible – told them to gargle throats with salt water and taken an [?].

June 30: On Friday 27th notice was received that the swab taken of V. James' throat was positive. Today, Monday, in obedience to instructions from the School Medical Officer burnt all V. James' books, rules, pen, pencil, paintbox, etc. in playground before school. Have indefinitely postponed visit to Plymouth because in crowded motor lorry children would be in close contact.

D. Mounce returned to school today.

School washed with disinfectant on Saturday, left open to air & sunlight all Saturday & Sunday.

July 19: The following is a copy of the report of His Majesty's Inspector Mr J. J. Draper.

“Inspected on 2nd May 1924.

Report by H. M.I. Mr J. J. Draper, Regd. No. E.9/63/1

The present headmistress commenced duties last September when already the tone & work of the school had begun to improve somewhat under the influence of a temporary headmistress and an augmented staff. The staff is again reduced to two, but the quiet enthusiasm and skill of the headmistress, helped by the sound work of the Infants' Department, are providing an all-round improvement; and a good level of efficiency exists, the headmistress having set herself a high standard.

Arithmetic, though not strong, is quite promising, and composition is rather above the average, the scholars' work being well corrected and bearing evidence of real literary training. Reading and speech are both pleasing and the children are bright and natural in oral response.

Drawing is creditable and handwork is advancing on sensible lines, but needs further development – variety in the case of the senior scholars.

The infants are kindly managed, are bright and responsive, and show general proficiency in their work and various interesting occupations. Their teacher recently took a course of training for Supplementary Teacher and the work is now being carried out more on individual lines. Some bright pictures would improve the look of the walls both here and in the main-room.

The children as a whole take much care with their written work, and seem happy and interested in all they do. They are neat and tidy in appearance and well-behaved. Altogether a good atmosphere has been created which augurs well for the future of this little school."

Matthew Davey E. Stewart

July 21: A new Admission Register was sent to the School on Saturday, July 19th. I propose to start it as from today. E. Stewart

J. Smallacombe July 21st 1924

July 31: This morning we broke up for holidays. The weather being wet we played indoor games from 11 a.m., finishing up with the school song. E. Stewart

July [Sep?] 10: Yesterday 31 children from the school visited Plymouth, the museum & art gallery, the Great Western Docks and the Guildhall, and the Hoe. Mr Smallacombe, chairman of managers, Mrs Hortop, assistant teacher, and myself accompanied them, the school being closed for the day. E. Stewart

Sep 11: Timetable altered this afternoon. Junior [?] & older girls spent some time preparing party for younger children. E. Stewart

Sep 22: Head Teacher to be away on Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th inst, therefore Thursday's handwork lesson taken instead of poetry study & reading in order that children may not miss the handwork lesson. The poetry study-reading will be done on Thursday. Also the older boys in order to finish modelling while clay was wet continued work after play, sacrificing composition & reading. Composition & Reading will be taken on Wednesday instead of Handwork. E. Stewart

J. Smallacombe

Nov 5: From today afternoon school commences at 1 p.m. and closes at 3.30 in accordance with the usual winter practice in this village. E. Stewart

Nov 20: Lesson in handwork (decorative) continued into art lesson, as a great deal of apparatus would have to be collected, and as the children were anxious to finish. An extra art lesson will be taken next week in place of handwork, time to be fixed later. E. Stewart

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Thomas Abell

Nov 27: Received communication from the Castle giving permission for the school to be closed on December 9th for the chapel luncheon. E. Stewart

Dec 9: School closed to allow chapel people to hold dinner in aid of chapel parts.

Dec 19: Afternoon lessons altered to allow for breaking up of school for Xmas holidays.

1925

Jan 9: Examined Register found correct John Elworthy 9 January 1925

Jan 13: Art lesson of Standard 2 & 3 changed from 3.30 to 1-1.30 on account of bad light in the evening. Nature-Study taken with them at end of afternoon. E. Stewart

Jan 19: Began duties as temporary Head Mistress. Continuing work where children had left off, and working on same time table. K. J. Thomas

Feb 2: This morning, Mr Hawkings the Diocesan Inspector, visited the school and examined the children in Religious Knowledge. K. J. Thomas

Began afternoon session at 1.30 p.m. today closing at 4 p.m. K. J. Thomas

March 3: School closed. Required as a Polling Station, in connection with the County Council Election. K. J. Thomas

J. Smallacombe March 9th 1925

March 18: This morning the nurse visited the school and inspected children's heads.

March 20: This afternoon Mr Fowles, County Inspector, visited the school.

March 27: Examinations conducted this week.

April 6: School closed. Polling station in connection with Parish Election.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

May 13: Copy of Inspector's report on Scripture received today.

"The teacher of the Infants' Class continues to do very good work and the instruction and training which these children are receiving should prove to be of lasting benefit to them. There is a bright and happy atmosphere in the room.

The late Head Mistress has done some excellent work and has left a set of children who answered the various questions in a ready and intelligent manner. They have evidently been taught very carefully and they attended very closely to the various points presented to them."

H. H. Hawkins

May 14: Mr Draper H.M.I. and Mr Fowles, County Inspector, visited the school this afternoon.

May 20: A long play time was given to the children this morning, on account of checking needlework material. In consequence of this children will not have their usual half-hour free games on Friday afternoon of this week.

June 19: Mr Coulthard H.M.I. visited the school this morning.

June 22: School closed this afternoon on account of u. M. Chapel Anniversary.

June 23: Being very unwell yesterday morning I was obliged to leave school at play time. Mrs Hortop continued the work of the school until end of morning session. K. Thomas

A holiday is granted tomorrow June 24th for the Okehampton Hospital Fair.

July 3: The School Doctor visited the school this morning, and saw children referred for treatment.

July 6: I take temporary charge of this school today, Miss Thomas having left on Friday July 3rd. B. M. Full. (Reg No 04/166 2 yrs trained)

July 23: Esme Clatworthy lost her mark this morning and yesterday through arriving too late (10.15). Arthur Ley and Phyllis Werren did the same this afternoon.

July 30: School closes this afternoon for summer holiday.

I give up charge of this school today. B. M. Full.

Aug 31: Began work today. E. G. Broom

Attendance officer called.

Average 43 Per: 89.5%.

Sep 11: Average 44.9 Per: 93.5%.

Sep 18: Average 44.7 Per: 91%.

Annie Lovell is absent with a swollen neck very much like mumps but the nurse thinks it is not serious. Alice Lovell is also absent.

Sep 25: Average 43.6 Per: 90.8.

Examined & signed Register October 5th 1925 John Elworthy

J. Smallacombe

Oct 5: Several children are away with swellings in the neck.

Oct 28: Sent notices of mumps to Exeter & M.O.H. Belstone.

Break up for Half-term until Tuesday November 3rd.

Readmitted Joan Mounce being five years of age. Removed the names of the three Clatworthy children they having gone to Torquay.

Nov 1: Informed the Correspondent, the top of the stove needed repairing.

Nov 14: The top of the stove has been relined.

Dec 9: The Dentist visited the School.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Dec 23: Close School today for Xmas holidays.

1926

Jan 11: Reopened school today.

Admitted Joan Mounce, & John Champlings. Vera Roberts returned after a long absence due to her being affected with exema. Dr Painton visited the School.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

Feb 1: Mr Davey brought notice of Scripture Inspection to be held on February 18th at 1.30 p.m.

Feb 5: Wrote to the Devon & Exeter Hospital and sent Dr Painton's report on Edith Box re an operation for adenoids.

Feb 18: The School was examined in Religious Knowledge today by Mr Hawkins.

Feb 19: Sent a paper to Edith Box's Grandmother to sign re – operation.

March 23: Half a day's holiday for local confirmation.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman

March 25: H.M.I. Mr Draper visited the School about 3 p.m.

March 31: Close School today until April 12th for Easter vacation.

April 12: Re opened School today, admitted Ernest Parsons.

April 20: Admitted Margaret Sobey.

May [blank]: The School nurse visited the School.

May 21: Very poor attendance this week. Many children have colds. Arthur Stacey has pleurisy. Close for Whitsuntide Holidays.

May 31: Re opened School after Whitsuntide holidays.

June 1: Received parcels of stationery and a model shop.

L. Jones Vice Chairman 7th June 1926

The following is the report received from Mr Hawkins on the religious instruction.

As usual the Infants' Class gives indications of having been carefully and thoroughly taught. A large number of stories has been employed and the children have a detailed acquaintance with them.

A very happy atmosphere now exists in the Upper Group and the children seem to enjoy the work thoroughly. A sympathetic contact was immediately obtained and it was a pleasure to question the children. They were well acquainted with all parts of the syllabus and their answers were thoughtful and interesting.

A most encouraging condition now exists in this school.

H. H. Hawkins

July 29: We close school today for the summer vacation reopening on August 30th.

Perfect attendance this week 100%.

Sep 5: Examined and signed the Register John Elworthy

Re-opened school August 30th. Chrissie & May Pike and Joyce Horrell are gone away for a time.

Sep 13: Paid Mr Elworthy the needlework account.

Sep 16: The Dentist visited the school.

J. Smallacombe September 20th 1926

Oct 9: Weighed and measured all the children.

Oct 16: The School-nurse visited and inspected all the children.

Oct 29: Half Term. The School will be closed from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

Oct 15: Received 10 cwt coal.

Nov 11: Armistice Day. The children sang a hymn, a short reading ending with Jerusalem & God save the King. The older children listened to an address on the wireless.

Nov 12: Attendance Office visited the school. Cecil Baker & Cecil Warring absent owing to illness.

J. Smallacombe November 24th 1926

Dec 7: Having a very bad throat I shall be unable to attend School this afternoon. Mrs Hortop is kindly taking charge.

Dec 15: Returned to School after an attack of tonsillitis.

Dec 16: Mr Elworthy called.

Dec 20: Having been absent the term examinations cannot all be completed before the holidays. However some are finished, English, Composition, Geography, Arithmetic, Nature Study, Drawing & History.

Dec 22: We close School today for Xmas Holidays. Received £1.1.3 in payment of Edith Box's travelling expenses for her operation, and paid same to her grandmother.

1927

Jan 10: Re opened School after the Christmas vacation, admitted Arthur Box.

Jan 14: Edith Box left the School to go to Chittlehampton. Received parcels of stationery & kindergarten.

Feb 10: Religious Inspection today by Revd Hall. Half a day's holiday.

Feb 18: Phyllis Mayne left the School her parents leaving to live at Chudleigh.

Feb 28: Attendance today very low. 50.2%. I have sent notice to the Medical Officer of Health. Mr Harding Attendance Officer visited the School.

March 1: Attendance still very low.

March 2: Admitted a boy Henry Cole aged 7. He is very backward not knowing his letters or numbers.

March 3: Attendance only 43.4% today owing to Influenza.

J. Smallacombe March 4th 1927

March 7: Attendance today still very low, 50%.

March 8: Attendance no better.

March 11: Sent notice to Exeter attendance only 47.4%.

March 14: Attendance much better today.

March 16: We came in at 1 o'clock to enable children to attend a confirmation service.

March 18: Received instructions from Exeter to rule through the attendances for weeks ending March 4th and March 11th the Medical Officer being satisfied the low percentage was due to influenza.

April 5: Dr Painton visited the School for the Annual Inspection.

April 11: Received a parcel of kindergarten materials.

J. Smallacombe May 19th 1927

May 26: H. E. Fowles Esqr, County Inspector visited the school during Thursday afternoon.

May 23: Holiday for Anniversary at the Chapel.

June 3: Close School today for Whitsuntide Holidays. Mr Harding Attendance Officer called.

June 16: The School Dentist visited the School staying all day.

June 20: Re admitted Vera Roberts the Doctor having certified she is not suffering from exema and that the disease is not infectious.

June 22: Report on Religious Instruction, February 10th 1927

The Infants have responded with brightness, and the care that has evidently been taken with the Religious lessons of the little ones has produced good results. Memory work has been suitably associated with the lessons.

In the Upper Division the general outline of the work has been covered and knowledge of detail was in the main, good. The children respond readily and a bright interest was shown.

E. F. Hall

July 16: Low attendance this week. Vera Roberts and Mollie Lovell away all the week through illness.

July 29: Close today for summer holidays, 4 weeks reopening August 29th.

Aug 29: Re'opened school today. 28 children present in Upper Room 16 in Lower Room.

Attendance Officer called.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman October 5th 1927

Oct 7: The children have today written an essay on The Road to Health and Happiness.

Oct 9: Received a load of wood for firing.

Oct 17: Received a ton of coke for fires.

Oct 27: Mr Elworthy Correspondent called this morning.

Half term holiday.

Nov 1: Mr Coulthard H.M.I. visited the School.

Nov 11: The children observed Armistice Day, making a wreath of laurel for the War Memorial and listening to a service from Canterbury Cathedral on the wireless.

Dec 16: Mr Fowles H.M.I. visited the School & brought a map of Devon, talked over a School garden.

Dec 20: Received a parcel of stationery from Wheatons.

Dec 21: The children are having a Xmas tree with money left from the concert of 1925.

Dec 22: We close school today until January 9th.

1928

Examined Register and found correct John Elworthy January 12th 1928

Jan 8: Re'opened after the Christmas holiday.

Jan 20: School closed today the room being required by the Managers.

Jan 26: Miss Gunnall visited the School re a school garden, it being suggested the children should have a small plot belonging to the County Education Committee.

Feb 1: Received notice of Religious Inspection to be held on February 6th 1928.

Feb 6: Mr Hawkins visited the school and examined the children in Religious Instruction.

March 31: Finished term examinations.

April 2: Percentage attendance, 96.4% for month. No school today the room being required for a District Council Election.

April 16: Re'open[ed] school after Easter Holidays. Admitted Raymond and Nora Treise, Nena Beavis and Cicely Jones.

The Correspondent brought in Form 9E[?] and the Report on Religious Instruction.

The School was examined on Jan 6th by Mr H. H. Hawkins.

The Infants are in kindly and sympathetic hands. They are taught in very careful and thorough lines, and they answer questions in a bright and eager manner.

A very good response was obtained in the Upper Group. There was an atmosphere of keenness and activity, and many of the answers were quite thoughtful. The lessons had been presented in a vivid and interesting manner and the children displayed a right spirit towards

the teaching. They showed that they could follow a sequence of ideas and that they could concentrate well.

H. H. Hawkins

April 23: St George's day. Gave the children a lesson on St George.

Bratton Clovelly heads the list for attendance in the Okehampton District for the month of April.

May 25: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holidays re-opening Monday June 4th.

June 15: The School Dentist visited the School, remaining all day.

June [?]: Several children are absent with bad *[blank]*.

June 18: Mr Smallacombe visited the School and checked the registers.

Admitted Maisie Treise. We have now 54 children on the registers.

Bratton Clovelly is second on the list for attendance in the Okehampton Area.

J. Smallacombe July 7th 1928 Chairman

July 24: The playgrounds have been tarred and sanded today.

July 27: We close school today for 4 weeks Summer Holidays.

August [?]: Reopened School after the Summer Holidays. 51 children on the books. Fred Adams absent with impetigo.

Sep 7: Geoffrey Horrel absent. Kenneth Horrell absent with suspected scarlatina.

Check[ed] Registers L. Jones 17th September 1928

Sep 20: Sent further notices to the M.O.H. & Dr Adkins notifying scarlet fever.

Sep 24: Only 18 children present this morning.

Sep 25: Dr Painton visited the school and examined those present.

Sep 26: Dr Young M.O.H. visited the school and said children present were to be given as much fresh air as possible.

Sep 27: *[blank]* Draper Esqr H.M.I. visited the School only 18 children present owing to the scarlatina scare.

Sep 28: Attendance only 34.3%.

Oct 5: Attendance 36.6%.

Oct 12: Attendance 32.7%.

Received notice to cancel attendances for week ending September 28th Rule 23 Exception 2.

Oct 22: Mr A. J. Cutland visited the school and signed the registers.

Received a certificate from Exeter to cancel attendances for weeks ending Oct 5th, 12th & 19th Rule 23 Exception 2.

Oct 26: Number on books 51. Average Attendance 13.5, Percentage: 26.4.

Nov 2: Av: Attendance 12.2. Per: Cent: 24.7.

Nov 9: Av: Attendance 9.5. Per: Cent: 19.3.

Nov 16: Av: Attendance 7.9. Per: Cent: 16.1.

Nov 23: Miss Berry Teacher of Hygiene visited the School but was unable to give an address to the children, only two being present in the Upper Division and three in the lower.

Nov 26: Mr Harding Attendance Officer visited the school and took particulars of absentees, visiting every one after.

J. Smallacombe, Chairman November 28th 1928

Nov 30: Attendance still very low.

Received notices to cancel attendances for weeks ending Oct 26th, Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, the attendance being below 60%. Rule 23 Exception 2.

Dec 7: Sent notice to Dr Woolcombe of supposed infection of Leonard Beavis.

Dec 20: We close school today for the Xmas holidays.

1929

Jan 7: Re opened school most of the children are back.

Signed Registers 18 January 1929 L. Jones

Jan 20: Received notice of Religious Inspection to be held on February 20th.

Feb 13: Dr Painton visited the school and found several children suffering from tonsils.

Feb 18: Received notice the Religious Inspection was postponed owing to the illness of the Inspector.

Feb 26: I have returned to duty today having been absent since February 18th suffering from Influenza. E. G. Broom

Mr Worthy called to say the County Council could not see their way clear to send a supply.

March 8: Dr Woolcombe has visited the school today and says I have scarlet fever, and so excluded me.

April 8: Re opened the school after being closed for a month owing to scarlet fever. Several children absent.

April 23: The Revd Moore Diocesan Inspector visited the School.

Mr Pethrick called and listened to the children repeating their texts in the Infant Room.

May 14: The School Dentist visited the school at 10 a.m.

May 17: We close today for Whitsuntide Vacation.

June 4: Mr Harding Attendance Officer visited the School.

June 5: Miss Booker and Miss Jeffreys Health Visitors visited the School.

A. J. Cutland June 10th 1929

J. Smallacombe Chairman June 24th 1929

Aug 1: We close school today a day earlier than usual owing to the Chapel Outing to Bude. We reopen on September 2nd 1929.

Sep 2: Re opened school, 2 children absent through sickness.

Sep 5: Very low attendance today due to the children attending Okehampton Agricultural Show.

Oct 31: School closed from Friday to Tuesday morning for half term.

Nov 9: Miss Jefferies visited the School and reported two children for having dirty skins. Notices were sent to the guardians of the children.

L. Jones 16 December 1929

Dec 20: We close today for the Christmas holidays reopening on Monday January 6th.

We have been very short of coal and I have had to supply enough for lighting from my own stoves.

There seems to be trouble with the water supply as there is none in the tap in the boys porch.

1930

Jan [?]: A supply of coal came during the Xmas holidays.

Jan 25: Received a ton of coal today.

Jan 31: A very wet afternoon so I have let the children with a long distance to go out early.

Feb 18: The Religious Inspection took place this morning at 10 a.m. Mr H. Hawkins being the Inspector.

We are very short of coal and I have had to supply from my own stove for lighting the fires.

L. Jones 3 March 1930

March 13: H. M. Inspectors Mr Coulthard and Miss Peel visited the school during the afternoon session.

The following is the Religious Instruction Report for April 1929, only now received by me.

This school has unfortunately had to be closed for some time owing to epidemic and had not long been reopened at the time of the inspection. In the circumstances the children both lower and upper groups, did well, their answering showing that care is taken with the Religious teaching. The general tone of the school is good.

F. W. Moore

April 16: Close school today for Easter Holidays reopening Monday, April 28th.

April 28: Re opened school very poor attendance several children not having returned from their holidays.

May 2: The following Report has been handed me by the Correspondent. The school was inspected on 13th March 1930 and the report sent by Mr J. J. Draper H.M.I.

The Head Mistress appears to have recaptured the spirit that existed in the school when last reported upon. During the period prior to her appointment, when there were several staff changes, the standard of work and tone in the main room had shown signs of deterioration.

The older scholars are now alert and take much pride in their work; and in most directions the output and level of attainments are creditable. Handwork is well varied and much enjoyed by the scholars and there is a good attempt to associate it with the Drawing.

It is unfortunate that it has not been found practicable so far to arrange for a course in Domestic Science for the Senior Girls.

The Head Mistress spares no pains in planning her work and gives her full energies for the good of the school. Since the older pupils show themselves to be self-reliant and loyal it should be possible to give them further training in independent study, thus leaving the Head Mistress with more time to spare for the juniors.

It is evident that the good work in the senior division would have been more difficult to achieve without the excellent training given in the Infants' room where the devoted work of the teacher is beyond praise. A real understanding of the needs of little children, happily combined with teaching power, produces a delightful atmosphere of willing and active response.

The conditions of the school as a whole may be regarded as highly promising and with the present staff it may be expected to continue developing on sound lines. E. G. Broom

John Elworthy, Correspondent

L. Jones 15 May 1930

Checked the registers May 22 1930. A. J. Cutland

Report of Religious Inspection for 1930. Date of Examination 18th February 1930.

A good deal of ground has been covered in the Infants Class and the children are very interested and keen about their work. They answer questions readily and they have evidently been very carefully taught.

Very Uniform results have been secured in the Upper Division and the response to questions was freely and accurately given. The syllabus has been covered and the children were well acquainted with its details. Their attitude was one of reverent interest and appreciation.

The opening assembly was a pleasing function.

signed. H. H. Hawkins.

June 19: Miss K. Hacket, Physical Training Organiser visited the school.

July 2: E. Fowles Esqr County Inspector visited the school.

Some of the children having gone down beside the river and not returning at 1.30, I had the bell rung, as I thought they could not hear it. This accounts for the irregular ringing of the school bell. The other children were at their work in school. H. M. Inspector was present on one occasion and authorised my doing so.

C. V. Luxton July 31 1930

July 21: A day's holiday today as it is the Church Sunday School outing.

Aug 1: We close school today for the summer holidays one month.

L. Jones Vice Chairman 1 August 1930

Sep 1: Re opened school after Summer Holidays five children away in Upper Room.

Sep 3: Dr Woollcombe visited the School for Re-inspection. Miss Jefferys (School Nurse) visited the school.

Sep 4: A day's holiday for Okehampton Agricultural Show.

Oct 4: Miss Jefferys visited the school for re-inspection of children.

Nov 20: Miss Barton H. M.I. visited the school during the afternoon session.

Dec 17: Visited the school & signed the registers. A. J. Cutland

Dec 19: We close today for the Xmas Holidays.

1931

Jan 5: Re'opened School after holidays 14 days.

Jan 9: The Attendance this week has been very poor several children having colds.

Feb 27: No school today the room being required for a Chapel luncheon & tea.

March 2: The school today is used for a County Council Election.

March 3: Ten children are absent with influenza and colds.

March 5: Attendance still very low.

L. Jones 27 March 1931

April 13: Re'opened school after the Easter Holidays. Received notice to cancel the attendances for weeks ending March 13th and March 20th under Rule 23, Exception 2, from the Secretary Mr Armfelt.

April 24: Mrs Hortop took charge of the school the headmistress being absent, attending a Refresher Course in Exeter.

April 28: The Dentist (Mr Batten) visited the school remaining all day.

Thomas Heggadon April 30 1931

L. Jones 19 May 1931

June 3: Nurse Jeffreys visited the school to inspect the children. Attendance Office also visited the school.

June 4: Miss Mann, Handicraft Instructress, visited the school and examined the needlework.

June 3: We came in school at 1 o'clock to enable the children to attend a fete, where they were asked to sing and dance.

June 22: Half a day's holiday today for the Chapel Anniversary.

Mr Armfelt M.A., Mr Fowles and Miss Davis visited the school at 11.45 a.m. to inspect the building.

June 23: Nurse Jefferies and the Attendance Officer called.

July 14: The school is closed today for the children to attend a Church Outing.

July 28: Theresa Woodrow came too late to be marked present.

July 31: We close school for the Summer Vacation.

Sep 1: Re opened school after the holidays.

Sep 15: Miss Jeffreys Health Visitor visited the school and examined one child for suspected Ringworm in the head. The child was excluded pending a report from the County Medical Officer of Health.

L. Fielding September 29 1931

Oct 19: Examined registers & found correct. A. J. Cutland

Sep 29: Re-admitted Margaret Dennis Dr Nockolays[?] verifying she was not suffering from ringworm.

Oct 9: Margaret Dennis today fell in the playground breaking her thigh.

Oct 20: Mr Fowles & Mr Blatchford C. C. visited the school about 3.45 p.m.

Oct [?]: Close school for General Election.

Oct 30: Half Term.

Thomas Heggadon, Chairman November 4th 1931

The Attendance Office sent to say Francis Parsons was excluded because of Whooping cough.

Nov [?]: Doris Neno and Gerald Box absent with whooping cough.

Nov 4: The children made a wreath of laurels and poppies for the War Memorial and the usual service was held in the Schoolroom.

Nov 27: Mr Kelly visited the school to examine playground re accident to Margaret Dennis. Several children have bad coughs and colds.

Attendance for week 73.4.

Dec 4: Attendance for week 69.7.

Dec 11: Attendance for week 71.1.

Dec 22: Attendance for week 69.5.

We close school for Xmas Holidays re'opening on Wednesday January 8th.

1932

Jan 8: Re-opened school only 28 children present.

Jan 11: A better attendance in the Infant Department but 10 children absent in the Upper Room.

Signed Thomas Heggadon January 11th 1932

Jan 15: Attendance this week 62%.

Jan 18: Mrs Hortop unable to attend school through an attack of influenza. Attendance 45.3%.

Jan 25: Mrs Hortop returned today.

Jan 29: Received notice of a visit from the School Dentist Mr Batten on January 21st. I sent to Exeter to say the attendance was very low, but sent out notices to parents.

Jan 21: The dentist did not arrive.

Jan 28: Mr Batten called to say he would attend on Monday February 1st and see those children that were able to attend.

Checked registers. W. J. Paige.

Feb 26: Nurse Jefferies visited the school.

Feb 28: Diocesan Inspection by the Revd Moore of Kelly at 10.15 a.m. The children had a half day holiday in the afternoon.

March 7: Dr Woollcombe visited the school and inspected the children during the morning session.

March 23: We close today for the Easter Holidays.

April 4: I received a notice to cancel the attendances for the period January 25th to February 5th 30 attendances as the Medical Officer of Health had certified the low percentage as due to the prevalence of epidemic sickness in the district. I have therefore ruled through the attendances in the registers under Rule 23, Exception 2.

Re-opened school after Easter Holidays.

April 6: Miss Jefferies Health Visitor visited the school and excluded Deric Oliver and Ronald Deacon living at Breazle Farm, because of their dirty state.

Stock was taken on March 23rd 1932.

Thomas Heggadon, Chairman April 8 1932

April 12: Inspected registers. A. J. Cutland

May 6: Miss Barton, H.M.I. visited the school during the morning session.

May 17: We came in at 1.15 p.m. today to enable the children to attend a tea given them by Mr & Mrs Strong.

May 26: Inspected registers. L. Jones

June 20: School closed today because of Chapel Anniversary.

We opened school today at 1 o'clock and closed at 3.30 p.m. to enable some children to go to Broadwoodwidge.

June 21: Inspected registers. Thomas Heggadon, Chairman July 11th 1932

July 18: No school owing to Church Outing.

July 20: Attendance today very low several children being absent owing to illness.

July 22: Fourteen children absent today with severe coughs.

July 28: We close today for the Summer Holidays.

Aug 29: Re-opened School today after Holidays.

Sep 9: Nurse Jefferies called at the School.

Sep 19: F. Adams, owing to a misunderstanding too late to be marked present. We came in at 1 o'clock owing to a Harvest Festival at the Chapel.

Thomas Heggadon, Chairman October 7th 1932

Oct 13: We came in today at 1 o'clock and out at 3.30 to allow children to attend the Harvest Festival tea at the Church.

Oct 26: Report on Religious Instruction.

The school was inspected by the Revd F. W. Moore on February 23rd 1932.

The work of this school continues to be most efficient and reflects much credit on the Head Teacher and her assistant. The Infants responded naturally and well, while the Upper Group was full of life. These children had been carefully taught the Syllabus and it was easy to maintain a point of contact with them.

Signed. F. W. Moore

Checked Registers. W. T. Paige

Oct 29: Half Term holiday Friday & Monday.

Nov 24: Mr Cutland visited the school during the afternoon session.

I have had the water in the boy's wash-up turned off as the pipe is leaking causing the porch to be constantly wet.

Nov 30: A very wet day, 5 children absent.

Dec 22: We close today for the Christmas Holidays, re-opening on January 9th.

1933

Jan 9-11: Re-opened school, admitted Rebecca Roberts staying in a van at Wrixhill.

Jan 11: Received notice of the Dentist's visit on January 25th 1933

L. Jones, Chairman 13 January 1933

I did not enter in June that Frank Chamings had been successful in winning a scholarship to attend The Okehampton Grammar School.

Jan 19: Percy Cole was marked present this morning at 9 o'clock but complaining of feeling unwell I sent him home at 9.34 and cancelled his mark.

Jan 27: Mr C. Luxton visited the school at 9.30 a.m. and checked the registers.

Jan 25: Mr Baker visited the school, 8 children were absent and 3 refused treatment.

Feb 3: The attendance this week is very poor average 51.4% owing to influenza. I haven sent notices to the County Medical Officer and the Medical Officer of Health at Okehampton.

Feb 20: I have removed Margaret Sobey's name from the register as she has left the Parish.

Feb 21: The Revd Moore examined the children in Religious Knowledge at 10.30 this morning.

Half a day holiday.

Feb 24: Henry and Victor Bassett came too late to be marked this morning.

March 6: I, Winifred E. Iverson, take temporary charge of this school during the absence of the Head Mistress.

The Attendance Office called this morning.

March 7: Mr Cutland, a manager, visited the School today.

March 15: Attendance Officer visited.

March 17: My engagement as temporary Head Teacher terminates today. W. E. Iverson, T.C. 22/268

March 20: I returned to school today.

Mr Harding Attendance Officer visited the school. Cancelled attendance for week ending February 3rd, Rule 23 Exception 2. W. T. Paige. 31 March 1933

April 6: I have taken stock today.

L. Jones, Chairman 7 April 1933

April 12: We close school today for the Easter Holidays re-opening on Monday April 24th.

April 27: Visited the school & inspected the registers, found correct. A. J. Cutland

April 28: The attendance officer visited the school. Fred Adams returned to school on Monday after a long absence due to an accident.

May 2: Medical Inspection today.

Inspected Registers found correct 4 May 1933. L. Jones

May 3: The Attendance Officer visited.

May 17: The Attendance Officer visited the school.

May 18: Received the invoice for good supplied by Messrs Wheaton & Co, entered same in stock book.

We came into school at 1 o'clock as there was a Fete at Domons in aid of the local nursing association.

May 25: Attendance Officer visited the school.

June 2: We close today for one week for Whitsuntide Holiday.

June 12: Re-opened school.

June 14: Attendance Officer visited the school.

June 16: Dr Forsayeth informed me that the two children William & Pearl Medland were suffering from scarlet fever. I have sent notices to County Medical Officer & Medical Officer of Health Okehampton.

L. Jones, Chairman 16 June 1933

Inspected the registers and found them correct. C. T. R. Abell 20 June 1933

June 26: The Attendance Officer visited the School.

July 4: The Attendance Officer visited the School.

July 6: I have only today been told of the proposed Church Sunday Outing. Have sent cards with letter of explanation to The secretary Devon Education Committee & H.M.I. that the school will not meet on Monday.

Inspected the Registers & found correct. C. Luxton July 17 1933

July 18: I have excluded Joan Mounce as I consider she is suffering from conjunctivitis of an infectious nature, one boy Sidney Horrell is already absent with the same complaint.

July [?]: Dr Woolcombe school medical Inspector visited the school and after seeing Joan Mounce, verified the case as infectious.

July 29: I received notice from F. Hunter, Esqr M.A. that Sidney Horrell had been successful in obtaining a scholarship at Okehampton Grammar School.

Aug 1: I have today received the following report of the Religious Inspection.

It is again a pleasure to speak of the good work of this school. The infants are a happy little family being carefully and reverently taught and show by their answers that they are fully interested.

The Upper Group showed plenty of life and the way in which these children can follow a line of thought is worthy of much praise and is a credit to their teacher.

Revd F. W. Moore

Aug 3: We close school today for the Summer Holidays.

Sep 4: Re opened school today 41 children on books.

Sep 6: Miss Jefferies Health Visitor called. Attendance Office visited.

Sep 11: Attendance Officer visited the school.

Sep 18: We came in today at 1 o'clock on account of the Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving.

Inspected the registers and found them correct. L. Fielding September 26 1933

Sep 28: This afternoon at 3.30 p.m. the Managers, Staff and old pupils assembled to present Mrs Hortop, Supplementary Teacher, with a token of appreciation from the Staff, Managers, and pupils past and present of Bratton Clovelly, she having been a teacher here for over fifty years.

Oct 3: Miss R. W. Folland, supply teacher, commenced duties this afternoon.

Inspected the registers & found them correct. W. T. Paige.

Oct 21: Today I have sent £1.12.6 (to Dr Barnardo's-day-fund) which has been collected by the children.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 October 1933

Nov 7: Mr Cutland (Manager) visited the school.

Nov 17: Miss Folland (Supply Teacher) left today.

Nov 20: Miss Margaret Hortop (S) commenced duties today.

Inspected Registers & found them correct. L. Jones 18 December 1933

Dec 21: We close school today for the Xmas Holidays.

1934

Jan 8: Re-opened school today.

Jan 15: The Dentist visited the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 January 1934

Feb 2: The attendance this week has been very low, many children having coughs and colds.

Feb 12: Received notice of Religious Inspect to be held on February 23rd (Friday) at 10.45 a.m.

Feb 19: I have excluded Ernest Parsons, Gerald Box and Jeffery Box as they have sore places on their faces hands & knees.

Inspected registers and found them correct. C. Luxton February 19 1934

Wrote to the Health Visitor asking her to visit children excluded as above, there being no apparent improvement in their conditions. Miss Jefferies called at the school and said they could return to school provided the sores were covered and dressed with iodine.

March 26: Examined registers & found them correct. L. Fielding

March 28: We close today for the Easter Holidays one week.

Miss Hortop is absent owing to illness. The Attendance Officer visited the school.

April 9: Re-opened school after Easter Holiday. Signed registers. W. T. Paige.

April 19: Miss Bardsley H.M.I. visited the school during the afternoon assembly.

April 20: Miss Hortop was in charge of the whole school the Head Mistress being at the Refresher Course.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 April 1934

May 18: Closed school for Whitsuntide Holiday one week. Received notice from Mr Hunter that Mildred Cutland had been successful in passing the Scholarship Examination.

May 29: Miss Jefferies visited the school during the afternoon session to test the eye sight of the children.

May 30: Dr Alan-Price visited the school for the Annual Medical Inspection.

June 19: Holiday for Chapel Anniversary.

Report on Religious Inspection by the Revd F. W. Moore on February 23rd 1934.

The Infants are working very nicely with their new Teacher who is able to handle the class with sympathy and teach in a spirit of reverence.

The Senior children are again alert and intelligent, and from their thoughtful answers it is evident that they are taught in a practical manner to think for themselves.

F. W. Moore

L. Jones, Chairman 23 June 1934

Had notice that Doreen Mayne had been granted ½ pint milk a day.

Inspected Registers & found correct. 27 June 1934 L. Jones

July 11: Henry Basset came into school at 1.15 so missing his mark.

Received notice that the Council had granted milk to Eric Neno. There are now 3 children receiving milk.

July [?]: School closed today for Church Outing.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 July 1934

July 31: The school is closed because of the Okehampton Agricultural Show.

Aug 2: We close today Thursday for the Summer Holidays reopening Monday September 3rd.

Examined registers and found correct. C. Luxton September 27 1934

Sep 27: Completed and sent off Quarterly Return of Attendance.

Oct 1: Attendance Officer visited the School.

Oct 17: Sent notice of closing of school for Half Term.

L. Jones, Chairman 19 October 1934

The School Doctor paid his second visit for the year.

Examined registers and found them correct. L. Fielding Oct 30 1934

Perfect attendance this week.

Examined registers and found them correct. W. T. Paige November 28 1934

Nov 29: Holiday, Prince George's wedding day.

Examined registers. R. Lovell December 18 1934

Dec 20: Close for Xmas Holidays.

1935

Jan 7: Re-opened school.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 21 January 1935

I have received notice from Miss Davies, D.C.E. Committee that as Mr Cutland had no supply of water in the place where he milks – at least means of washing – the Committee could not accept him as a supplier of milk, which was to cease. I have informed Mr Cutland of the contents of the letter.

Feb 1: Mr Cutland stopped supply of milk to both delicate and ordinary children.

Feb 12: Religious Inspection at 1.30 p.m. by Revd F. W. Moore of Kelly.

Feb 14: Took fire drill.

Feb 28: P.C. Burgess came into the School at 10 a.m. and gave the children an address on Road Safety.

March 7: H.M.I. Miss Bardsley visited the school staying from 9.45 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The following is a copy of the Report given by Miss K. J. Bardsley on her visit March 6th 1935.

This school is fortunate in having the same Head Mistress as at the time of the last report. The Assistant who had taught in the school for about 50 years and whose work, as indicated in that Report, was highly esteemed, left about a year ago. The recent improvements to the heating and ventilation of the Infant room have added greatly to the amenities.

Both the Head Mistress and her Assistant are devoting themselves whole heartedly to the children in the school, who are receiving a sound and careful training and one, moreover, which should help them, when they leave school, to be resourceful and self-reliant members of the community in which they live.

In the top group work in the three R's reaches a satisfactory standard throughout. Composition in particular is highly creditable, the vocabulary of the pupils being distinctly above the average. The less formal subjects take their due place, and the recent acquisition of a piano, made possible through the School Fund, should be a stimulus to the musical side of the curriculum. Unfortunately it has not yet been found possible to provide instruction in Woodwork and Housecraft for the seniors, but the school woodwork bench is used by some of the boys.

The young Assistant is doing good work in the lower group. The children read fluently and with more expression than is often the case at this age. They are able and willing to talk about what they have read. Their Dramatisation is characterised by clear speech and is performed with zest and enjoyment.

A daily lesson in Physical Training is now the practice, and in both groups this work is on modern lines and is much enjoyed by the pupils, who have been provided with suitable shoes of the School Funds.

Altogether the school is in a thoroughly healthy state, and the (pleasant) alertness and responsiveness of the pupils and the pleasant relations which exist between them and their teachers make it a delightful place to visit.

F. Palmer, Correspondent

April 11: Miss Jefferies Health Visitor called during the morning session.

I received notice that the County Education Committee had granted two days holiday for the Jubilee.

L. Jones, Chairman 18 April 1935

April 29: During the Easter Holidays the two steps forming a platform have been removed from the Senior Room thus making a level floor.

May 1: Attendance Officer visited the School.

May 3: Mr Kelly, Clerk of Works visited the school to inspect alterations to the floor.

Two days holiday Monday and Tuesday for the King's Jubilee.

May 28: Holiday for Chapel Anniversary.

Examined registers and found correct. W. T. Paige 31 May 1935

June 7: We close school today for the Whitsuntide Holidays.

June 19: Miss Jefferies visited the school & tested eyesight.

Examined registers and found correct. R. Lovell

June 21: Dr Allen Price visited the school for the usual yearly inspection. He remarked on the healthy condition of the children.

June 26: Mr Harding, A.O. visited the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 22 June 1935

Received notice from Mr Pope that Mr Harding was unable to attend to his duties through illness, and sent on Form 2.

July 29: School closed for outing for the Church children.

Aug 1: We close today for the summer Holidays, four weeks.

Sep 2: Reopened after four weeks holiday, admitted one child Betty Smale.

L. Jones, Chairman 2 September 1935

Checked the registers. C. T. R. Abell September 16th 1935

School closed for Okehampton Agricultural Show.

Mr Bennett attendance officer visited the school, Mr Harding being in Exmouth Hospital.

Oct [?]: We have no Attendance Office for three weeks.

L. Jones, Chairman 22 October 1935

Oct 24: We close school for Friday & Monday being half term.

I received notice that a holiday has been granted for the Duke of Gloucester's wedding on November 6th.

Oct 31: Marjorie Parsons and Doreen Mayne are absent attending the Medical Clinic at Okehampton on account of bad eyesight.

Nov 5: I inadvertently entered the attendance for the afternoon as 26, instead of 25. I corrected same by [?]

Nov 6: Holiday for Duke of Gloucester's wedding.

Mr Bennett attendance officer called on Monday, November 4th.

Nov 12: Miss Jefferies Health Visitor called at the school.

Nov 13: Dr Doyle called for re-inspection seeing only 4 children.

Two architects from the Education Offices measured the buildings and playground, to draw plans of the School.

Nov 18: Mr Bennett attendance officer visited the school.

The Report on Religious Instruction received December 13th 1935.

"The Infants continue to work happily with their teacher who teaches them in a sensible and reverent manner, their response was bright and reverently given.

In the upper group the answering was again very good. The class is well together and the children are ready to follow a line of thought in a manner which reflects great credit on the work of the Head Teacher.

F. W. Moore

F. Palmer, Correspondent

Dec 20: Examined registers and found them correct. Leroy Fielding

We close today for the Christmas Holidays instead of December 19th as I thought the year's attendance would be short of the number 424 openings.

1936

Jan 6: Re-opened school after the holidays, 40 children present.

Jan 8: The Attendance Officer (Mr Bennett) visited the school.

Pearl Medland is absent with tonsillitis.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 January 1936

Feb 5: The nurse called at the school to say she had seen Eric Neno and she suspected he was suffering from chicken pox.

Mr Palmer informed me the Religious Inspection would take place on February 24th at 9.30 a.m. I sent Jeffery Box home as he complained of headache and feeling unwell.

Attendance for week, 76.9%.

Feb 10: Attendance very low. The Religious Inspection has been postponed owing to the low attendance.

Feb 14: Attendance for week 50.8.

Checked registers Feb [blank] Robert Lovell

Feb 21: The Attendance this week:

Number on books 39 Average 22.2 Percentage 56.9

Feb 28: Average 24.3 Percentage 62.3

Average for month 24.2 Percentage 62.2

March 3: The Headmistress was absent on Monday being unwell. Miss Hortop carried on the school.

March 5: Mr Hawkins Attendance Officer visited the school. Attendance still low on account of chicken pox.

March 11: Attendance Officer visited.

March 13: Attendance 29.8 83.5%

I received notice from the Correspondent that the postponed Religious Inspection would take place on April 1st.

March 20: Attendance Officer visited.

March 26: Attendance Officer visited school.

Inspected registers found correct. 30 March 1936 L. Jones

March 31: I have taken stock.

April 8: We close school today for the Easter Holiday reopening April 20th.

April 20: Admitted four new children called Kite from Worth Cottage.

Attendance Officer called.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 April 1936

May 29: We close today for Whitsuntide Holidays one week.

June 7: Re'opened school.

June 9: The late Mr Howard's son visited the school where his father was onetime schoolmaster.

Received notice of Medical Inspection on June 23rd 2 p.m.

June 11: Attendance Officer visited the school.

Rosetta Hortop is absent with chicken pox.

June 18: Miss Jeffrys, Health Visitor, tested the sight of those to be examined on Tuesday and inspected infants.

June 23: Dr Allan Price inspected the children.

July 9: Two infants fell in the playground slightly gravel rashing their knees.

July 15: Francis Parsons fell in playground whilst running, gravel rashing her knee badly.

July 17: Jeffery Box also fallen in playground. I have reported these cases to Exeter.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 July 1936

July 30: We close today for the summer holidays, re-opening August 31st.

Aug 31: During the holidays the school has been cleaned and the walls distempered. Flush lavatories have been installed.

Mr Kelly, Clerk of the Works called and gave instructions that the tank for supplying lavatories must be filled each evening ready for the morning school opening. This should be done by the caretaker.

The Diocesan Report on Religious Instruction Examination April 1st 1936.

Once again I found the children of this small school particularly bright and responsive, and the full attendance on the day of the Inspection was in keeping with the keenness of the children in their work.

Both in the Infants class and Upper Group the answering was most satisfactory – that of the upper group being distinctly thoughtful – and it is quite evident that the syllabus is taught with great care.

Revd F. W. Moore

F. Palmer, Correspondent

L. Jones, Chairman 21 October 1936

Received a parcel of handicraft from Messrs Dryads.

Oct 30: Half term Friday and Monday holiday.

Nov 4: Needlework requisition received.

Nov 5: Messrs Wheaton delivered goods today.

Nov 11: Armistice Day. I read Mr Baldwin's address to children as sent by County Education Committee, the two minutes silence was kept, Kiplings Recessional and some hymns were sun. The meaning of the silence was explained and an address on the "blessings of peace" given.

In consequence of this the usual lessons and time table could not be followed.

Examined registers & found correct. C. T. R. Abell, manager 18 November 1936

Nov 24: Miss Elliot Assistant Organiser of Physical Training visited the school.

Examined registers and found correct. L. Fielding December 21 1936

Dec 23: We close school today for the Christmas Holiday until January 11th 1937.

I have bought a fresh supply of gymnastic shoes from the school funds.

1937

L. Jones, Chairman 20 January 1937

Examined registers & found correct. C. Luxton June 26 1937

Jan [?]: The attendance this week is very low. Some children stayed away on Monday and the average has been gradually dropping – due to influenza. I sent notices to Dr Allen Price, The County Medical Officer & The Secretary D. E. Committee.

Jan 29: Average for week *[blank]*.

Mr Hawkins School Enquiry Officer called on January 28th.

Feb 1: The attendance is lower still, average today 39%.

E. Fowles, Esqr, County Council Inspector paid a short visit to the School. Received a supply of coke.

Feb 2: Average today 37.%.

Dr Allan Price M.O.H. called and closed the school until Monday February 8th.

Attendance 58.3. Dr Price called Tuesday, February 9th.

Feb 22: Religious Inspection a.m. Afternoon holiday.

Feb 26: Examined registers. W. T. Paige

March [?]: Examined registers & found correct. R. Lovell March 16 1837

I have received notice from the County Education to cancel the attendance for week ending January 29th.

L. Jones, Chairman 22 March 1936

I have called attendances for weeks ending January 29th, February 5th, February 12th, 619 attendances, according to Rule 23 Exception 2.

We close school for Easter Holidays re-opening on April 5th.

School closed on Monday April 5th for an election.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 April 1937

May 11: We close today for the Coronation and Whitsuntide holiday.

May 24: Re-opened school today several children absent.

Examined the registers and found them correct. W. H. Gimblett 27 May 1937

May 25: I received notice today that Margaret Dennis had been successful in passing the Scholarship Examination. William Medland has been absent for 9 weeks and is in Tavistock Hospital. Pearl Medland has returned after three weeks absent.

June 11: H. M. Inspectors Mr Symons and Mr Clark visited the school during the morning session.

June 17: The Correspondent has handed me the following report, received from Revd F. W. Moore. Date of examination February 22nd 1937.

This school continues to maintain a high standard of efficiency and the syllabus is conscientiously taught. The Infants are responsive and were well together as a class, showing a satisfactory knowledge of their work. In the upper division the answering was again thoughtful and keen and giving evidence of the real interest of the Children themselves, and of the practical manner in which the Religious Instruction is given by the teacher.

F. W. Moore

F. Palmer, Correspondent

C. Luxton June 29 1937

July 12: I take charge of this school, temporarily, from this date. John W. C. Collier

July 13: School Dentist visited the school today & examined the teeth of all children present.

July 14: School Attendance Officer visited the school to-day.

July 20: There was no school yesterday (Monday 19th) on account of the Church outing.

July 23: I give up my charge of this school to-day. John W. C. Collier

Examined registers and found correct. L. Fielding July 26 1937

July 29: We close today for the Summer Holidays.

L. Jones, Chairman 29 July 1937

Aug 30: We re'opened school after the holidays. Four children have left, Cicely Jones, Audrey Mayne, Marjorie Parsons and Margaret Dennis. The latter to go to Okehampton.

Examined registers and found correct. W. T. Paige September 14 1937

Sep 16: Mr Hawkings attendance officer visited the school.

Sep 20: Miss Rata (School) Health Visitor called and examined all the children and tested their sight.

Sep 21: Received notice of Medical Inspection on September 27th.

Sep 27: Dr Allan Price visited the school and inspected 18 children. He came at 10 a.m. and left at 11 a.m.

Oct 8: Doris Neno and Barbara Kite have had to attend Germansweek School Click owing to bad eyesight. Mr Hawkings visited the School.

Oct 13: Attendance Officer visited the School.

Oct 20: There is no water in the cistern to flush the lavatories.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 October 1937

Oct 22: Signed registers. R. Lovell

Fortunately it has rained and there is now water in the tank for flushing.

Oct 29: We close today and Monday for the Half term.

Nov 10: The children were later having their break this morning as the clock had stopped.

Mr Jones called and signed the registers.

Nov 12: Attendance Officer visited the School.

[Dec] 5: Received a supply of books from Messrs Wheaton.

[Dec] 18: Received needlework and handwork supply.

Examined registers and found correct. W. H. Gimblett 16 December 1937

The Attendance Officer visited the school. I have not kept to the Time Table this week as we have taken Term Examinations.

Dec 23: We close today for the Xmas Holidays.

1938

Jan 10: Re'opened today all the Kite family are absent, the Mother being ill.

Jan [?]: Samuel Kite has been absent all the week.

L. Jones, Chairman 17 January 1938

Jan 17: Mr Fowles County Inspector visited the School and advised me to remove the two children who were under 5 years of age.

“No child under 5 is allowed in a school in which any Standard children are taught together with the Infants.”

This is a copy of a letter received from R. N. Armfelt M.A. Secretary to the Committee.

Jan 21: Samuel Kite is still absent.

Jan [err: Feb] 17: The Piano tuner visited the school during the dinner hour and tuned the piano.

Jan 19: Received a supply of coke.

Jan 20: The School Enquiry officer visited the School.

Jan 29: Received notice of Dental Inspection on February 7th also notice of Religious Inspection.

Feb 2: Mr Kelly brought four five buckets to be fixed by the Managers and kept filled with sand or water.

Feb 10: Mr Hawkins attendance officer visited the school.

Feb 11: Revd Moore inspected the school. Holiday this afternoon.

Visited the school and signed registers. L. Fielding

March 4: The Enquiry Officer visited the school.

March 10: Mr Hawken visited the school.

March 11: At about 9.20 a.m. a lorry visited the school from Okehampton, taking only 2 senior desks, a woodwork bench, various books, (entered in the stock book) and tools to the Senior School. There are 12 children to be transferred. The books that were obsolete I have destroyed or disposed of as instructed by the County Inspector.

I had to leave school today at about 10.30 feeling very unwell.

March 12: Only 15 children in the Upper Room. I received a ton of coal and also 1 of coke.

March 18: I was unable to attend school on account of an attack of quinsy. Mr Palmer Correspondent was informed and sent to Exeter for a Supply Teacher.

March 21: I take – temporary – charge of this school from today. H. C. White 05/1491

March 28: I resumed duties today.

March 31: Concluded form 9 one up to March 11th the other trend of the school year.

April 5: Paid Mr Palmer Needlework and Handicraft money.

April 8: Mr Kelly attendance officer visited the school.

April 13: We close school today for the Easter Holidays.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 April 1938

April 25: We re opened school after the Easter Holidays. Miss Hortop is absent with a sore throat. I am taking the Infants in the big room.

April 27: Miss Hortop returned having been absent two days.

We close this afternoon by consent of the Managers, to enable teachers to attend the re-opening of the Senior School at Okehampton.

Mr Lovell called and signed the registers on 25th April.

May 13: Robert Kite came too late to be marked.

May 23: We close school for the Afternoon, being the Chapel Anniversary.

May 30: Mr L. Jones visited the school and signed the registers.

Mr Hawkins Attendance Officer visited the school. Several children are absent with colds and bronchitis. The Attendance is very low.

June 3: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holidays one week.

June 21: Mr Simons H.M.I. visited the school in the afternoon. Mr Kelly Attendance Officer called in the afternoon.

Signed registers. W. H. Gimblett

June 28: Miss Rata the Health Visitor called and examined the children. There were no dirty children. Mr Kelly also called.

July 1: Mr Kelly, School Enquiry Officer visited the school. No children have been absent this week in the Senior Room.

L. Jones, Chairman 11 July 1938

July 26: Dr Allan Price visited the school and ordered 8 children to receive free milk. Nurse Rata also attended.

July 27: We close today instead of 28th July as the Church Outing is tomorrow. Received notice of Dental Inspection on September 1st at 10 a.m.

Aug 29: Re'opened today after the Summer Holidays.

Sep 1: Mr Smith the School Dentist visited the school and examined all the children present.

Sep 6: Dr Allen Price visited the school and examined all children for mal-nutrition. The eight children are receiving milk supplied by Mr Lintern. Children wishing to do so can have Horlicks at 11 o'clock.

Sep 20: The school oculist Mr Hatton visited the school at 1.30 p.m. and examined several children's eyesight.

The following is the report from the Religious Inspection on February 11th 1938.

The work of the (school) whole school continues to be most satisfactory and reflects great credit on the conscientious Head Teacher and her assistant. The Infants were again quite happy, and responded very nicely, while in the Upper Group the keen and thoughtful answering of the children was most creditable.

Revd F. J. Moore, Kelly Rectory

F. Palmer, Correspondent

I have received supplies of books, stationery, and handicraft materials.

Oct [?]: Received 30 cwt of coal.

Examined registers and signed October 3rd 1938. W. T. Paige

The school oculist visited the school during the afternoon session on September 20th. Nurse Rata called.

Oct 13: Mr Kelly Attendance Officer called.

L. Jones, Chairman 18 October 1938

Oct 28: Close today for half term Friday and Monday.

Nov 4: Mr Kelly visited the school.

Signed registers. R. Lovell November 7th 1938

Nov 7: The Revd Homes Gore, and Lieutenant Commander Broom visited the school and fitted the children with gas masks.

Nov 16: In accordance with Okehampton Senior School this school was closed today for Okehampton Carnival.

Nov 19: Mr Kelly Enquiry Officer called.

Nov 24: Enquiry Officer called.

Nov 30: The School Nurse Miss Rata visited the school and examined all the children.

Dec 13: L. Clark Esqr H.M.I. visited the school, 10-12 p.m.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 19 December 1938

Dec 15: Every child over ten years of age has taken a preliminary test for the Scholarship Examination the results being sent to Exeter.

Dec 22: We close today for the Xmas Holidays.

1939

Jan 9: Re'opened today five children absent with colds.

Jan 13: Second test paper taken.

Average attendance 81.1%.

Jan 16: Attendance a.m. 61.5.

The top of one of the chimneys was blown off during the night.

Jan 20: Average Attendance 65.5.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 January 1939

Examined registers and found correct. W. H. Gimblett January 31 1939

Feb 8: Miss Rata – Health Visitor examined the children this afternoon and tested their sight.

Feb 9: Owing to a sore throat I was unable to attend school for two days.

Mr Kelly Intelligence Officer called.

Feb 21: Mr C. Luxton called and signed the registers.

Feb 25: Miss Mann, Devon County Needlework Inspectress called and examined the needlework and handicraft, expressing herself as being very pleased.

Mr Smith dentist visited in the afternoon session, also Mr Kelly, Inquiry Officer. Received notice of Religious Inspection March 10th 10.30 a.m.

March 3: Mr Kelly, Inquiry Officer called.

Attendance only 88.2%.

Mrs Down brought a certification for Barbara Down, from Dr Forsayeth excluding her owing to illness.

March 10: Religious Inspection by Miss Savage at 10.15 a.m., holiday in the afternoon.

March 24: I was absent attending Refresher Course at Exeter. Miss Hortop kept school.

April 5: The following report has been received from Miss G. M. Savage, Diocesan Inspector.

The Infants made a good response. The stories were well know and had been illustrated. Some modeling and drawing had been done in connection with the lessons.

In the upper group, there was a good knowledge of facts. The older boys and girls, in particular, worked well. The Old Testament narratives were recalled with pleasure. The great events of our Lord's Life were clearly grasped. The young Juniors had a knowledge of their

work but were outstripped by the older children. A slower and steadier pace will help these young children to build up their knowledge.

The use of the new service book will help to develop the worship. It would greatly help the spirit of devotion if the prayers and hymns were taken a little slower.

F. Palmer, Correspondent

April 5: We close today for the Easter Holiday until April 17th.

April 17: Re'opened today after the Holiday. I have taken stock.

L. Jones 24 April 1939

Examined registers and signed. W. T. Paige April 28 1939

May 22: Half a day's holiday for the Chapel Anniversary. Mr R. Lovell called and signed the registers.

There are 3 children excluded because of measles.

May 25: Mr Kelly called.

May 26: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holiday, one week.

June 5: Re'opened after the holiday.

I sent Christine Stevens home as I thought she was suffering from ringworm. I tied up two on her legs a day or two before but now there is something on her face, which I cannot cover.

June 15: Mr Kelly attendance officer called.

June 20: Mr L. Jones visited and signed the registers.

June 23: I was absent this afternoon being unwell. Miss Hortop kept school. Christine Stevens is still absent with ringworm.

July [?]: Mr Kelly, Clerk of the Works called at the School accompanied by Mr Palmer. I have received the kindergarten order also the handwork.

July 6: Mr Kelly Inquiry Officer called.

The lavatories have been whitewashed. There has been no water in the taps for some time.

July 13: Attendance Officer visited the school.

July 20: Received needlework order.

July 21: Messrs Wheaton delivered their order. I sent off a form to County Education Office on the milk supply. Only 2 children wish to take it if they have to pay.

July 24: We close tomorrow for the Church Outing.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 July 1939

W. H. Gimblett 28 July 1939

Aug 3: Miss M. S. Hortop leaves today.

The school is closed for Okehampton Show and will not re open until the end of the Summer Holidays.

Sep 7: I did not re open school until today under instructions from Exeter. There are two new children Peter Hopton and Peter Ward. They are not evacuated under the National Scheme. We are now 19 on books.

Sep 15: I was unable to come to school today so my daughter kept school.

Mr Kelly Enquiry Officer visited the school.

Sep 20: Peter Hopton has left the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 September 1939

Sep 26: I have received a ton of coal.

One child is excluded because his sister has chicken-pox.

Oct 20: Two boys G. Neno & Godfrey Neno are excluded their brother having contracted measles at the Senior School.

Oct 23: D. Pike away today his brother having caught measles. There are now 5 children away through infectious diseases.

L. Jones 23 October 1939

Half-term from Friday October 27th to Tuesday morning October 31st.

Oct 31: Examined registers and found correct. L. Fielding

Nov 3: Mr Kelly Enquiry Officer visited the school. Very low attendance owing to measles, 59%.

Nov 10: Still very low attendance, 58.8.

Nov 22: Examined registers and signed. W. T. Paige

Nov 24: Mr Kelly called.

Leonard Clark Esqr H.M.I. visited the school during the morning assembly, also Mr Kelly called.

The plumbers have attended to leaks in the roof and repacked the force pump in the yard.

R. Lovell

Dec 18: Religious Inspection by Revd Moore of Kelly.

Dec 21: Enquiry Officer called. We close school for Christmas Holidays. Attendance very poor.

1940

Jan 8: We re'opened school after the holidays. I admitted Gracie Stevens which makes the numbers 19 on the register.

Jan 15: The Attendance Officer called.

Jan 19: The Attendance this week has been very poor, only 59% due to influenza and the snowy weather.

Inspected Registers found correct. L. Jones 22 January 1940

Jan 29: The Headmistress was absent today by consent of the Managers.

Feb 7: The School Dentist visited the School, 16 children present.

Feb 9: Mr Kelly called.

Inspected Registers and signed. W. H. Gimblett February 22 1940

March 12: H. M. Inspector L. Clark Esqr visited the school for the purpose of giving a report.

March 28: Copy of report given by Mr L. Clark.

This village school now caters for juniors and infants only for in March 1938 the seniors were transferred to the Senior school at Okehampton. At present there are 18 small children in attendance. Numbers have been steadily falling for some time owing to a variety of reasons and there are no signs of any substantial increase in the future. The supplementary teacher was withdrawn in September 1939 since when the Headmistress, who has been in charge of this school for fourteen years, has been managing singlehanded.

She is working very well and her little school is in a satisfactory condition. She has made new Schemes and Timetables though certain adjustments will be necessary now the children are organised in one class. A useful social training is given and the children are industrious and well behaved. Their bookwork is on the whole, neatly set out and good progress is made in Arithmetic as the tests given on the day of inspection showed. There is also some attractive and modern Art Craft while Physical Training is taken in a brisk and vigorous manner. Folk dancing is a regular feature.

Written and oral composition are not so successful, however, more training and practice in matters of speech are needed. The children at present do not express themselves fluently enough. No effort should be spared to bring them into contact with the outside world, especially in such subjects as History and Geography, so that their response may be quickened and more alert. Care should also be taken that the Infants are not introduced to the more formal work at too early a stage in their development.

F. Palmer, Correspondent

I have taken stock.

Examined Registers and found correct. L. Fielding April 19 1940

L. Jones, Chairman 22 April 1940

May 10: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holidays.

May 14: Re'opened school today because of War emergencies.

The following is the Report on Religious Instruction sent by the Revd F. W. Moore.

Since my last visit this has become a very small school under a Single Teacher. Mrs Broom however manages to maintain that spirit of Reverence and brightness which I always previously found in her school.

These children are responsive and have a good knowledge of the syllabus taken. The good tone also is kept up.

F. W. Moore

F. Palmer, Correspondent

Examined the registers & signed them. W. T. Paige 28 May 1940

June 14: Mr B. J. Griffiths a Senior Master from Bolingbroke School, London commenced duties here. He is taking the Upper Group in the big room and the Infants in the smaller room.

June 17: Admitted 16 evacuated children all under 11.

June 24: Admitted 5 more children making total 21.

July 8: Two more children were admitted today. H. M. Inspector Bell Esqr visited the school accompanied by [blank] Harns Esqr.

L. Jones, Chairman 8 July 1940

July 9: The whistle was sounded as an air raid warning so all children living within 5 minutes distance from the school were dispersed. Five remained at the school in charge of the Head Mistress. The signal was sounded at 9.15 so the registers had been marked. The children re-assembled for the afternoon session as usual.

July 10: Miss Penfold (Devon County Council) and Mr Harris a London Inspector visited the school re staffing.

July 18: Mr B. J. Griffiths left the school this morning being absent from 9.15 to 11.00 a.m.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 31 July 1940

July 23: Mr B. J. Griffiths has left the school and Miss Chapman has taken over the charge of the Infant Room.

July 29: We have commenced the collection of waste paper, bones etc as part of our war-time Holiday Campaign.

Aug 1: We close today for 5 weeks, those children coming to school that wish. Miss Chapman has taken the first fortnight starting her holiday on Friday August 2nd.

Sep 9: We re'opened school today after the holidays. the school has been kept open all the 5 weeks the children attending being chiefly infants and under 5's. The bigger children made hot-water covers and Dorothy bags for the Red Cross.

Sep 27: Examined registers and found them correct. W. H. Gimblett 27 September 1940

There are now 22 children on the D.E.C. register and 25 on the evacuee.

Sep 12: L. Clark Esqr H.M.I. visited the school during the morning session.

Oct 28: There are now 50 children on the school registers. I have received one ton of coke from Lydford.

Authorized by Mr Jones I obtained a supply of First Aid appliances from Okehampton. I have excluded Gilbert Cutland as he apparently has ringworm badly on his face.

L. Jones, Chairman 29 October 1940

Nov 15: Checked the registers and found them correct. L. Fielding

Dec [err: Nov] 27: The School oculist Miss Collins visited the school and tested the children's sight. She came in the afternoon.

I received a parcel of stationery for the evacuees.

Nov 28: We have no coke and the coal is very small chiefly dust and makes the room very dirty and smutty.

Dec 1: The room is in a very dirty state the chimney having been swept on Saturday afternoon, and the caretaker had not time to scrub it.

Dec 11: The London Health Visitor called and examined all the children's heads. There are two cases of impetigo in the school.

Examined the registers and found them correct. W. T. Paige December 12 1940.

Dec 19: We close today for the Xmas holidays.

1941

Jan 6: Re'opened today after the holidays. 3 evacuees have returned to London. The school is very cold temperature 42°, as we have no coke and only very small coal. I am supplementing this with faggot sticks.

Jan 13: We have received 15 cwt of coke and 3 cwt of coal.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 January 1941

The School Nurse visited the school but did not inspect the children.

Jan 26: Having no coal to light the fires Mrs Kite is using from my supply.

Jan 29: The key of the coke-house door is broken so I have sent it to Okehampton to be repaired or a fresh one made. Mrs Skidmore has removed the lock as we could not get any coke as there is no coal the school was very cold.

Jan 30: The Revd Moore from Kelly examined the school in Religious Knowledge.

Feb 20: Mr Eccles, Enquiry Officer visited the School.

Feb 22: I received 1 cwt of coal to light the fires on Monday morning.

Feb 24: Miss Marten Assistant Organiser of Physical Training visited the school and saw a lesson taken in the play-ground. Received 5 cwt of coal and 10 of coke. Having canvassed the children I have informed Dr Allen Price that 99% wish for diphtheria immunization.

Feb 25: Gave children official forms to be signed by parents re diphtheria.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 April 1941

March 24-25: The School Dentist Mr Barton visited the school for two days.

March 28: We close today for the Easter holidays. I am taking the first part, Miss Chapman the second.

April 22: Re opened after the holidays 2 unofficial evacuees, admitted one from Plymouth. The attendance officer Mr Hicks called.

C. Luxton April 28th 1941

April 28: Received a small parcel of stationery also 6 small bats for physical training.

May 19: No school this afternoon on account of a Chapel Anniversary.

May 20: Dr Riolin visited the school and inspected all the children who were evacuated.

May 23: The L.C.C. have granted their children a half day on account of Commonwealth Day, May 24th. We therefore close at 12. today.

May 30: No school on Monday June 2nd because of Whit-Monday, we re open on Tuesday. Kathleen Read has had a certificate for needlework sent in to the Okehampton Exhibition of Handwork, done at home.

Mrs Wort the school oculist visited the school and examined those children with defective sight.

July 2: L. Clark Esqr H.M.I. visited the school stopping until the mid-afternoon.

July 11: Sent the mid monthly attendance form.

July 17: Mr R. Lovell visited the school and signed the registers.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 July 1941

July 28: School closed on account of Church Outing to Budge.

Aug 4: Received notice from Exeter that the County Council had granted Bank Holiday to all schools, so we closed.

Aug 7: The Chapel Outing to Bude so the school is closed.

They have removed all the paper from the coke house, but unfortunately the boys have collected more and as there is no place to put it, a supply of coke having arrive, so it is littering the playground.

Aug 12: I was absent today owing to my knee hurting me.

Aug 13: Dr Riolin visited the school. I was present.

Aug 14: I was absent.

Aug 15: Attended school. We closed for a fortnight until September 1st.

The school re'opened on September 1st. Miss Chapman kept school for one week (the L.C.C. evacuee teacher), the County Council sending Miss Trace for a fortnight until I was able to return after the second holiday.

Oct 17: Re'opened after the three weeks holiday.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 October 1941

Nov 13: The L.C.C. Health Visitor called and inspected all the children.

Nov 24: Dr Riolin paid a re inspection visit, there were no cases to be seen.

Nov 25: The D.C.C. Health Visitor called. The three Byrd children are returning to Kent to be with their parents.

I received notice from Exeter that Mr Harris could not supply the School with milk and asking if I could advise them about another supplier.

Dec [blank]: Mr Palmer brought notice of Religious Inspection on January 28th 1942 at 1.30 pm. by Miss Savage.

Dec 17: Dr Riolin visited the school to see a child. Several children have been away with bronchitis and other chest troubles.

I have received a small supply of paper, books etc from Mrs Wheaton.

1942

Jan 5: Re'opened after the Xmas holidays.

L. Jones, Chairman 19 January 1942

Jan 7: Dr Riolin visited the school and examined the routine children.

Jan 8: The Health Visitor called.

Jan 12: The School Oculist visited the school.

Jan 28: Religious Inspection by Miss Savage.

Feb 3: The Report, sent by Miss Savage.

Good work has been done in both groups.

The Infants recalled the stories they had heard in a happy spirit. They took pleasure in the subject and talked freely and naturally about it. They are being well trained in prayer. The hymn and prayer-verses were sung recollectedly.

In the upper group, there was a considerable variation in ability. All, however, were able to contribute and many of the children showed a very good knowledge of their work. They have a reverent attitude towards the subject. A good use is being made of the new service book. The children are becoming familiar with good prayers, which will be of value to them in their own private prayer lives as well as in the worship in school.

G. M. Savage

F. Palmer, Correspondent

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 19 February 1942

Feb 13: The attendance this week is very low 60% owing to the children having bad colds.

Feb 24: Mr Hicks called.

Feb [blank]: Several of the children have bad coughs.

March 31: We close school today for the Easter Holidays re-opening on April 20th 1942.

As there is no coal left I thought it better to discontinue fires after the Holidays.

April 20: I have received a parcel of kindergarten from Messrs Arnolds.

We have only 6 official evacuees in the school and 4 unofficial.

L. Jones, Chairman 27 April 1942

April 20: We received notice of the Dentists visit, tomorrow April 21st.

April 29: The L.C.C. nurse visited the school.

May 6: Dr Riolin visited the school for re-inspection.

May 13: Dr Allen Price visited for diphtheria immunization.

A very small school, 6 in my room. 2 away with whooping cough & 1 inflammation to her eye.

May 18: Nurse Ryan called about whooping cough. Mr R. Fielding called and checked the registers.
W. T. Paige 18 June 1942

I received notice from (Exeter) Okehampton that Lorna Gimblett had been successful in obtaining a free place at Okehampton Grammar School pending other particulars required where satisfactory. Miss Chapman the evacuee teacher has applied to return to London she being desirous of re-starting her home with her aged mother.

We are collecting paper which I hope to place on rail the funds for same being used to buy articles for the use of the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 July 1942

Aug [blank]: We close school today for a month. Miss Chapman will be on duty for the first fortnight when she returns to London.

Aug 31: I re'opened school today with 16 children present 2 evacuees, 4 unofficial evacuees and 10 Devon children.

Sep 4: The Enquiry Officer called.

Sep 11: Mr Hicks called.

Sep 16: Mr Simmonds and Mr Clarke H.M.I.'s visited the school during the morning session, being unaware of Miss Chapman's removal. They expressed themselves as being very pleased with the happy state of the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 26 October 1942

Oct 16: We close today for the half-term holiday re-opening on Tuesday morning.

Oct 26: Nurse Ryall – Health Visitor called and inspected the children, 3 were absent.

Oct 27: Received notice of Medical Inspection from Dr Riolin on November 9th at 10 a.m.

Dec 23: We close school today for the Xmas holiday re'opening on January 11th.

Nov 13: School closed Mistress absent.

1943

Examined the registers and found them correct. L. Fielding 20 January 1943.

Jan 21: Religious Inspection by the Revd Moore at 9.15 a.m. 14 children present.

L. Jones 25 January 1943

Mr Robins and Mr Harris County Inspectors visited the school during the lunch hour.

The following report has been received.

This very small Junior school which includes children from five up to 11 is wisely and sympathetically handled by Mrs Broom, whose task is by no means an easy one. Nevertheless there a bright and happy response from the whole class which is being reverently taught the simple stories of the bible.

F. Palmer, Correspondent

W. H. Gimblett 15 April 1943

The Revd F. W. Moore sent the report. We close today for Easter Holidays reopening May 3rd.

L. Jones, Chairman 19 April 1943

The County Dancing Instructress visited the school and gave the bigger children a lesson in Folk Dancing.

June 1: Dr Ham-Watson visited the school and examined all children of 5 and 8.

June 11: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holidays one day – Whitmonday, re'opening on June 15th.

June 15: Re'opened after Whitsun holiday the school dentist visited the school staying all day. Three children were absent.

The Health Visitor Nurse Ryan called and inspected the children's heads all were clean.

July 23: Examined the registers and found them correct. July 23rd 1943 L. Fielding

Four children are away with chicken pox consequently the attendance is low.

July 30: Only 69.4% this week.

We close school today for a fortnight, summer vacation.

L. Jones, 30 July 1943

Aug 15: Re'opened school 11 children present owing to chicken pox & measles.

Examined registers and found them correct. R. Lovell August 26 1943

The attendance has been poor owing to sickness among the children.

Sep 17: We close today for the second period of the Summer Holidays reopening October 11th.

Oct 11: Re'opened school, 15 children present, one away potato digging.

The last official evacuee left this week, Dorothy Moore, returning to London.

Oct 18: The Health Visitor visited the school and inspected the children's heads, 100% clean.

There are now 16 children on the register.

L. Jones, Chairman 25 October 1943

Oct 25: H.M.I. A. H. Rood Esqr visited the school staying the whole day.

Oct 30: I received notice that the Okehampton bus was leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ hour earlier. Attendance 100% for week.

C. Luxton November 26 1943

Nov 23: We close school today in agreement with the Senior School for 1 day. The Attendance Officer Mr W. H. Hicks called on Monday 22nd inst. taking names & ages of all Devon children.

W. T. Paige 10 December 1943

Dec 22: The children have been invited to a Christmas Party given by the Americans at Bridestowe.

We close school today at 3.30 p.m. until January 10th.

1944

Jan 10: Re'opened school, 13 children present out of 17.

Jan 13: Still very low attendance 11 present owing to colds and ear trouble.

Jan 21: Religious Inspection by R. W. Moore of Kelly, 10 children present.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 24 January 1944

Feb 1: The School Doctor visited the school for the Annual Inspection.

Feb 16: The M.O.H. visited the school for Anti-Diphtheria inoculations.

March 4: The scholarship examination was held in the school on this date, Mr Fielding being present. Two children took the Examination.

March 9: The school will be closed tomorrow for Half-term in agreement with the Senior School.

April 17: The M.O.H. visited the school for second Anti-Diphtheria inoculation.

April 4: Miss Bell from the Education Offices visited the school.

April 5: We close today for the Easter Holidays until April 24th.

April 24: Re'opened today after the Easter Holidays, 15 children on the registers two having left the village.

Visited the school & signed the registers. R. Lovell 24 April 1944

L. Jones, Chairman 24 April 1944

April 28: The Report on Religious Instruction, the Inspection held on January 21st 1944.

This little family school continues to work very happily and conscientiously as was shown by the keen and ready response which the children gave. The Bible lessons are reverently presented and the duty of worship and service carefully taught.

The Revd F. W. Moore

May 18: The enquiry officer called.

May 22: Half a day's holiday for the Chapel Anniversary.

May 26: The school closes today for Whitsuntide holiday Monday & Tuesday.

May 30: Re'opened school 14 children present.

Called at the school and signed the registers. W. H. Gimblett June 26th 1944

June 28: Admitted two official evacuees.

July 3: Admitted one evacuee.

June 28: The Health Visitor called and examined the children's heads. All were clean.

There are now 7 official evacuees in the school.

I have received word from Exeter that John Stevens has been successful in obtaining a Free Place in the Scholarship Examination.

Inspected registers & found correct. 27 July 1944 L. Jones

L. Jones, Chairman 28 July 1944

Aug 3: We close school for the Summer Vacation, re-opening on Monday September 4th.

Sep 4: Reopened school with 11 Devon children, 1 Unofficial evacuee and 9 Official evacuees.

Sep 7: Mr W. A. Hicks enquiry officer visited the school.

Sep 13: Miss N. Sheerin Health Visitor called & inspected the children.

Signed L. Fielding September 27th 1944

Examined registers and found them correct. R. Lovell October 18 1944

Oct 19: H. M. Inspector A. H. Rood Esqr visited the school staying the greater part of the day.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 October 194

Oct 31: Dr Allen Price called to say he would be inoculating for diphtheria on Tuesday November 7th.

Nov 2: Received word from Dr Allen Price he will not be here until Wednesday.

Nov 3: Mr Hicks, Enquiry Officer visited the school.

C. Luxton November 28 1944

Examined and signed registers. W. T. Paige December 8 1944

Dec 20: We close today for the Christmas Holidays.

1945

Jan 8: Re opened today after holidays.

W. H. Gimblett 24 January 1945

Only 5 official evacuees remain.

Jan 19: The Religious Inspection took place, the Revd Moore being the examiner.

Jan 22: Small attendance owing to the roads being very slippery. Two evacuees returned to London on Saturday.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 January 1945

Feb 28: Mr L. Jones called and checked the registers.

March 16: John Cowan has returned to Plymouth and Gracie Stevens left the district to go to Cornwall.

Gracie Stevens took the scholarship examination it being compulsory for all children of 10+ to take it. I am not at all hopeful of her winning it.

March 28: We have taken stock.

Close today for Easter Holidays re'opening April 16th.

There are 3 Official Evacuees in the school now. Number on books. Devon 11. Official Evacuees 3.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 April 1945

April 26: Visited school and checked the registers. R. Lovell April 26 1945

May 7: No school today as the Headmistress was unwell.

May 9-10: School closed in celebration of Peace. On Tuesday the children had a Special Service in order to instill the blessing of Peace, singing Patriotic hymns & songs. We visited the Church to inspect the Norman Architecture during the afternoon.

May 18: A. H. Rood Esqr H.M.I. visited the school during the afternoon.

We close today for the Whitsuntide Holidays.

C. Luxton May 30 1945

There are three children absent with whooping cough, 13 children on register.

W. T. Paige June 29 1945

Dorothy Moore the last evacuee has returned to London.

July 5: The school was closed today for the General Election.

W. H. Gimblett 27 July 1945

July 20: The school is closed for Annual Sports.

July 27: The following report has been received on Religious Instruction.

“The work of this small school continues to be quite satisfactory, the response of the children is natural and shows a very good grasp of the subject and lessons taken. The opening of school has an important lesson to teach as worship and the children enter into it most reverently.

Revd F. W. Moore, Kelly Rectory, Lifton

F. Palmer, Correspondent

July 30: We close school today for the Summer Vacation.

July 31: The school is closed today because of a Chapel Outing and children away with whooping cough.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 21 September 1945

Sep 12: Re’opened school after six weeks’ vacation, 14 children on books.

Sep 21: There are now 13 children on roll as Kenneth Hamlyn has left this district.

Oct [blank]: Received notice of visit of Dr Allen Price on October 10th for inspection and Diphtheria immunisation.

L. Jones, Chairman 8 October 1945

Examined the registers and found them correct. L. Fielding 20 October 1945

Nov 1: We close today for Half-Term.

Nov 5: Re'opened today.

Nov 14: W. Matthews Esqr, Enquiry Officer called.

Nov 16: Miss Moore (Physical Training) called.

Examined registers & found them correct. R. Lovell November 19 1945

C. Luxton December 6 1945

Miss Sampson, "psychologist" called to examine Gordon Cross.

Dec 6: The Enquiry Officer called.

Dec 21: We close school today for the Xmas Holidays.

1946

Jan 11: School re-opened 15 children on books, one being away on a visit to Ashwater.

Jan 16: Miss Phillips the School Dentist called to ask if it would be convenient for her to attend to the children tomorrow. I sent notices to the parents and Miss Phillips came again on December 17th.

L. Jones, Chairman 28 January 1946

Jan 14: Re'opened school, 16 children on Registers. I admitted Francis Chammings and Patricia Bennett.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 25 March 1946

We closed school for Half Term in agreement with the Senior and Grammar Schools at Okehampton, March [err: Feb] 28th to March 5th. On Monday the school was used for the County Council Election.

March 29: The school will not meet on Monday the Room being required for a Parish Council Election.

L. Fielding April 4 1946

L. Jones, Chairman 24 April 1946

Visited the school and checked the registers. R. Lovell 25 May 1946

June 5: We close today for the Victory Celebrations on Saturday and Whitsuntide re opening on Wednesday June 12th.

June 20: Miss Redmond in charge of the Canteen Department of the County Council called in answer to my letter asking for a heating arrangement for milk.

June 22: Received notice of the Dentist's visit on July 3rd.

June 25: Sent out forms M. 1.96, M1.112 and M110 to all parents.

C. Luxton July 6 1945

W. T. Paige July 17th 1946

L. Jones, Chairman 22 July 1946

July 27: We close school today for the Summer Holidays.

Sep 9: Re'opened school after 6 weeks holiday. 22 children on register.

Sep [blank]: Colin Brown received a bad cut on his thumb. Henry Vanstone was cutting a plant growing in the school wall. He repeatedly told the little boys to keep his hand away but apparently put it out in bravado. I have bandaged it and am taking him to his parents after school.

Sep 16: The school has been closed for two days, as the Headmistress was absent owing to the illness of her husband. The little boy's hand has healed quite nicely, without any further complications.

I have told Henry Vanstone not to use his knife in the playground.

Sep 19: Several children have been absent with sore throats & headaches, a form of influenza I should say.

Sep 20: Received notice of the Oculist's visit (Dr Hutton) on September 26th.

W. H. Gimblett 30 September 1946

The Attendance Officer called and informed me that Phyllis Worth had received permission to attend Lew Trenchard school.

L. Jones, Chairman 14 October 1946

Nov 12: The New School Health Visitor, Miss Slade called and examined the children, all were clean.

L. Fielding Esqr called and checked the registers.

Having received notice from Exeter to do so I have excluded the two boys under five years old.

Dec 20: We close school today for the Christmas Holidays.

1947

Jan 13: We reopened today 20 children on the roll.

Jan 15: Mrs Redmond in charge of the catering for this part of Devon called and suggest, if the meals cannot be sent cooked from Folly Gate, the class room should be turned into a kitchen and a cook

paid to do the preparing of the meals. As this would mean the loss of a classroom the Devon County Inspectors would have to be consulted.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 January 1947

Jan 27: The School Doctor visited the school (Dr Green).

Jan 30: There is no school as owing to heavy snow fall only one child came at 9 o'clock, and as we are so short of fuel I thought it wise to close.

Jan 31: No school.

Feb 3: Re'opened school only 9 children present. The weather is very bad snow and is blocking the roads.

We are keeping the lavatories clear by means of hot water. As we can get no water from the taps I have to fetch it from the house.

Feb 10: Gordon Neno absent his sister having measles.

Feb 17: The attendance is still very poor owing to colds chilblains and measles. We close one day for half-term.

March 3: We have been in the class-room for some days as it requires less fuel to heat and we have only a short supply.

The Dentist – Mr Myers & Nurse visited the school.

March 15: The school has been closed for 2 days as I have been unable to attend because of illness. The attendance is very low the children having colds & coughs.

March 28: We close today for the Easter Holidays.

L. Jones, Chairman 21 April 1947

April 21: Re'opened school after the Easter Holiday. I admitted two children. Received word from Exeter that Joyce Gimblett had been selected for a secondary education, Sylvia Adams and Patricia Stiles for a Secondary Modern, and Henry Vanstone to have another test.

May [blank]: Miss Slade the Health Visitor called and inspected the children all were clean.

Miss Moore Physical Training Instructress called and expressed her approval of the children's work.

May 19-23: We close today for the Whitsuntide re'opening on Wednesday May 27th.

June 25: The coalman delivered one ton of coal.

Examined the registers & signed. R. Lovell

July 3: The school is closed because of the absence of the teacher.

July 22: I thought it better to close the school for the Church Outing as more than half the children would be absent. The Education Committee wishes these Outings could be taken during the fixed holidays.

July 25: We close today for the Summer Holidays. The Enquiry Officer Mr Hurley brought the new register. I have received notice that a conveyance will leave Heathpark Cross at 8.30 a.m. to bring Phyllis and Ernest Worth and Stuart Davey to this school, starting September 8th. With the little boy Stiles this will make our numbers 22.

Joyce Gimblett has left to attend Okehampton Grammar School and Sylvia Adams and Henry Vanstone the Modern Secondary.

Sep 8: We re'opened school today 22 children present.

Miss Slade the Health Visitor called and tested the children's eyesight. 4 were referred to the Eye Specialist. The Eye Specialist and his assistant visited the school and tested those with faulty sight.

Oct 14: Mr Lawson Jones Chairman of the Managers visited the school.

L. Jones, Chairman 20 October 1947

Oct 30: We close today for Half Term, re'opening November 5th.

Nov 20: The Education Committee has granted a day's holiday for Princess Elizabeth's Wedding.

W. H. Gimblett

The sink for the Canteen has arrived. I have informed the Clerk of the Works and the County Office at Exeter.

Mr Fielding visited the school and signed the registers. L. Fielding 17 December 1947

Dec 19: We close today for the Christmas Holidays.

1948

Jan 12: Re'opened after the Holidays, only 18 children are on the register. I have removed the names of William & Colin Brown as I understand they have gone to Boasley School. I admitted Brenda Yeo.

The Health Visitor Miss Slade visited the School and examined the children's heads.

Jan 15: The Enquiry Officer Mr Hurley called.

Jan 19: The stove for the Canteen was brought in on Friday evening by Mr J. Vanstone.

L. Jones, Chairman 19 January 1948

Feb 12: Miss Warrington one of the County Canteen Supervisors called and said she would hurry along the oven required for the Canteen.

Received notice of the Dental Inspection on February 27th, the Dentist H. Myers Esqr from Tavistock.

Feb 3: Dr Allen Price visited the school and inoculated against diphtheria those who had not already been done.

Feb 27: New Wireless set fixed.

Visit of the Dentist.

March 3: Dr Allen Price inoculated all who had been inoculated four years ago.

March 18: Miss Slade Health Visitor called during the morning session.

March 19: We close today for the Easter Vacation.

April 12: We opened school after the Easter Holiday, 25 children on books. The Canteen was started 23 children having a midday meal. Miss Warrington District Supervisor came to assist for 3 days until we were established, Mrs Palmer being the cook.

April 26: The School is closed for the afternoon session being the Anniversary of the King and Queen's Silver Wedding.

L. Jones, Chairman 26 April 1948

May 13: The school is closed until Wednesday morning for the Whitsuntide Holiday. We have taken the Tuesday as the school-room is used for a dance on Whitmonday.

Visited the School and signed the registers. L. Fielding 26 May 1948

May 26: The Doctor visited the school and examined new admittances and those leaving.

Miss Warrington called.

Visited the school and signed registers. T. H. Vanstone 28 June 1948

C. Luxton 13 July 1948

L. Jones, Chairman 26 July 1948

Sep 6: We closed school on July 23rd for six weeks, re'opening on September 6th. Michael Brown has left, his parents going to live at Lifton.

There are 23 children on the register.

Sep 9: H.M.I. Mr Frayne visited during the afternoon and expressed himself pleased with the school. David Pierce has left the district. Bruce Adams is absent with an attack of measles.

Sep 21: The school dentist Mr Pendlebury examined all the children in the school.

Sep 24: Mr Hutton the (school) County Ophthalmic Surgeon visited the school at 10 a.m.

Mr Hurley called at the school.

I received a letter from Mr Burgess M.A. Headmaster of the Secondary Modern School, Okehampton stating the schools were closing for the Half-term from Wednesday evening October 27th until Wednesday morning November 3rd.

L. Jones, Chairman 25 October 1948

Visited the school and signed register. W. H. Gimblett 27 October 1948

Nov 22: Mr E. G. Fogwell an unqualified teacher joined the school today.

Signed the register. L. Fielding 13 December 1948

Dec 17: Dr Sleigh visited the school to inspect special cases.

We close today for the Christmas Holiday. There are only 14 children in school, the others being absent with whooping cough and colds.

Mr E. G. Fogwell terminated his appointment, pending instructions from Exeter.

1949

Jan 10: Re opened after the holidays. Mr E. G. Fogwell returned.

26 children on books, 20 present owing to whooping cough.

T. H. Vanstone January 17 1949

L. Jones, Chairman 24 January 1949

Visited the school and examined the registers. C. Luxton February 22 1949

Feb 24: We close for the half-term re'opening on Tuesday morning February 28th.

Received notice that Greta Neno had passed the Scholarship Examination in part 1.

The Health Visitor called and examined the children, all were clean.

L. Fielding April 8 1949

April 5: The School Dentist visited the School.

L. Jones, Chairman 25 April 1949

April 8: We close today for the Easter holidays.

May 2: Re'opened today after the holidays, 22 children present 4 being absent with measles.

Re admitted Fernley Yeo and a first admission of Anthony Bennett.

Mr E. G. Fogwill returned as assistant.

May 6: Miss Luff (Health Visitor) called to enquiry about the measles cases.

W. H. Gimblett May 23rd 1949

June 2: We close today for the Whitsuntide Holiday in agreement with the Secondary Modern School at Okehampton.

June 9: Re'opened today.

June 14: The Chairman of the Managers Mr L. Jones called and signed the registers.

June 16: Miss Luff Health Visitor called and examined the children's heads.

June 17: Received notice that Dr Budding will visit the school on July 4th.

June 24: Mr E. G. Fogwill left the school today to go to Bradford.

June 27: Miss Nanette Connett started duties as Unqualified Supply Mistress until July 27th.

July 4: Miss Budding the school doctor and Miss Luff, Health Visitor, visited the school this afternoon and inspected several children.

I have received notice that Greta Neno did not pass the second part of the Selection Test so she will attend Okehampton Secondary Modern School.

L. Fielding 21 July 1949

C. Luxton 25 July 1949

B. Bostock Smith September 16th 1949

Sep 8: We re'opened school after the Summer Holidays, 26 children on register.

Miss N. Connett, Assistant Teacher is a qualified teacher now, having been successful in passing her final examination.

We are without water in the taps. Mr Anthony is bringing a supply to the school.

Sep [blank]: The playgrounds are being re'tarred and the holes filled up by a Bristol Firm.

We have received a supply of coal during the holidays.

Admitted another child Jean French making the numbers 27.

Sep 16: Mrs Bostock Smith called and signed the registers.

Sep 20: Mr Milton measured the playgrounds, and the school-room in preparation for fixing the partition.

Sep 21: Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer called. The attendance has been very good, 99.2%, for 2 weeks.

Oct 5: I visited the school & signed the registers. Mary Fletcher.

Oct 21: Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer visited the school.

Oct 24: Have today received a parcel of stationery from Messrs Wheaton.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 October 1949

Nov 3: Half Term.

Dec 1: Mr Berridge, County Council Inspector called to examine Jennifer Bostock-Smith as she wishes to take the Selection Test and is under age.

Dec 6: Mary Palmer and Megan Bennett have gone to Okehampton Modern Secondary School to take the Selection Test today.

L. Jones 13 December 1949

Dr Budding called re inoculation for Diphtheria. Miss Luff was with her.

The Canteen District Organiser visited the school and expressed her pleasure at the clean state of the Canteen and the efficient way it was run.

Mrs Lintern is still doing Temporary Duty for Mrs Palmer who is ill. She commenced duties at Half-Term November 3rd.

Dec 16: We close school today for the Xmas Holiday.

1950

Jan 9: Re'opened after the Xmas Holiday, admitted 2 fresh children, Susan Mayne & Romaine Hortop.

Mrs Lintern continued in the canteen for one week.

L. Fielding January 23 1950

Jan 17: Mrs Palmer returned today. Miss Luff, Health Visitor called.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 January 1950

Feb 2: Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer called. It was a very rough day so he kindly took the H Brown children home. Susan Mayne is absent through illness.

Feb 15: Mr Pendlebury the dentist visited the school.

We have had a lot of trouble with the stove smoking. Mrs Mounce says the chimney pot is broken on one side, which causes the wind to blow the smoke back.

Feb 17: Miss Luff the Health Visitor called at the school and examined the children.

Feb 23: School closed today for Parliamentary Election, re'opening on Tuesday February 28th after Half Term.

W. H. Gimblett 28 February 1950

I have received word that Mary Palmer had been successful in the Selection Test and would be eligible to go to Okehampton Grammar School, and Megan Horrell would have another chance.

March 7: The School Enquiry Officer called. Megan Horrell and Jennifer Smith took the Selection Test today. Jennifer Bostock Smith is a special entry as she is under age.

March 9: Miss Connett absent this morning being unwell. (Megan Bennett).

March 17: Received word that Jennifer Bostock Smith had been successful in the Selection Test but no report on Megan Bennett.

Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer called.

March 31: We close school today for the Easter Holiday.

April 24: Re'opened school today only 18 children present owing to chicken pox.

L. Fielding, Chairman April 24 1950

April 28: Dr Budding, S.M.O. Health and Miss Luff visited the school.

C. Luxton May 2 1950

Mr Hurley, Enquiry Officer called.

May [blank]: Received word that Megan Bennett had been successful in the Selection Test and would be admitted to a Secondary Grammar School.

Eight children are away with chicken pox. Mr Saunders, H.M.I. called in the afternoon.

May 16: Mr Hurley, Enquiry Officer visited the school.

May 25: Miss Townson Physical Training Instructress called. Mr Hurley called.

We close today for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

June 1: We reopened after the holiday.

June 8: Miss Luff called to say Dr Budding was coming on Monday to finish the immunization against diphtheria.

June 12: Miss Townson Physical Training Organiser called to see the children's work.

Dr Budding immunized the children who needed to be done the second time.

June 30: Mrs Fletcher visited the school and signed the registers.

L. Fielding July 3 & 5 1950

July 4: Mr Berridge County Inspector called during the morning and in course of conversation said he would make inquiries about the partition, meanwhile he suggest a curtain might be put across the room.

Mr Hurley enquiry officer called.

July 21: Mr Hurley called. Marguerite Medland has been away all the week and Jolanda Fletcher has gone to France for a holiday leaving 29 on the register.

L. Jones, Chairman 24 July 1950

July 26: We close school today for the Summer Holidays.

Sep 7: Re'opened school today after the Summer Vacation. Three children have left to attend Okehampton Secondary Grammar School, and two new names are to the register leaving 29 on books.

I received a parcel of stationery from Messrs Wheaton & Co.

L. Jones, Chairman 13 September 1950

W. H. Gimblett 27 September 1950

Sep 29: Miss Southcott & Mrs Kup, Head Organiser & District Supervisor, School Meals Service called during the morning session. I gave them a list of replacements for the Canteen.

Oct 10: Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer called. Miss M. Clarke County Infant Class Inspectress called during the morning.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 October 1950

Nov 21: Mrs Kup Canteen Supervisor called having arranged to meet Mr Milton, Clerk of the Works, to discuss turning the West end of the big room into a canteen, thus leaving the classroom for the Infants.

L. Fielding 22 November 1950

Nov 28: Mrs Fletcher called & signed the registers.

Signed C. Luxton December 6 1950

Several children are absent with colds and influenza. One case of chicken pox.

Mr Hurley, Enquiry Officer called.

Dec 20: We close today for the Christmas Vacation.

Mrs Palmer has been absent owing to illness since December 13th. Mrs Lintern has kindly undertaken her duties.

1951

Jan 11: Re'opened school today. Miss Connett is absent due to tonsillitis and Mrs Palmer is not able to return.

Jan 15: Mrs Palmer returned and Miss Connett returns tomorrow.

Jan 16: Miss Townson called to see the Physical Training.

L. Jones, Chairman 22 January 1951

B. Bostock-Smith 30 January 1951

Jan 30: Mrs Bostock Smith called and signed the registers.

Feb 1: Dr Budding School Medical Officer and Miss Luff Health visitor, visited and examined the children due (of) for inspection.

Feb 12: The Enquiry Officer, Mr Hurley called.

Feb 19: One day's holiday today for Half-Term.

Feb 20: Miss Luff Health Visitor & Mr Hurley visited during the afternoon.

Feb 22: Mr Gimblett called and signed the registers.

W. H. Gimblett 22 February 1951

Feb 27: Mr Hurley Enquiry Officer called. Having received information that Jolanda Fletcher is attending a school at Amering on Sea, I have removed her name from the register.

L. Jones 21 March 1951

March 21: Mr L. Jones checked and signed the registers today.

We close today for Easter Vacation. Miss Nanette Connett is leaving the school having obtained a post at Honiton.

April 4: Re'opened school today after Easter Vacation.

Mr A. F. Burnett from Calverleigh, Tiverton started as Assistant Teacher.

Admitted three new children making our numbers 33.

Mr Hurley Attendance Officer called. Miss N.[?] Hawkey County Psychologist called.

May 5: Mrs Kup, Canteen Supervisor called and stayed to lunch. Miss Luff, Health Visitor visited the school. Miss Hawkey sent report on children she examined.

May 31: Visited school & signed registers. M. Fletcher

Half Term holiday, Friday to Tuesday, May 24th to May 29th.

L. Fielding June 28 1951

July 3: Mr Hurley Attendance Officer called, during the afternoon session.

I received notice from Exeter that two children, Muriel Vanstone and June Cross had been successful in the Selection Test in obtaining a place in a Grammar School. Phyllis Worth and W. Brown will go to Okehampton Secondary Modern School.

July 10: Mr Hurley visited the School.

July 17: The Headmistress was absent having gone to the County Education Office with Mrs Palmer who has applied for the post of Cook, Supervisor of the Canteen.

The Education Committee have agreed to Mr Fielding supplying liquid milk to the school until the end of term.

John Anthony is absent and is suffering from polio-myelitis. We have thoroughly disinfected all the lavatories sinks etc.

July 20: Dr Allen Price M.O.H. visited the school and advised all the children to go to bed early and rest as much as possible as a preventative of polio-myelitis.

I advised the Medical Officer of Health and the County Medical Office as soon as I knew polio-myelitis was suspected.

L. Jones, Chairman 23 July 1951

July [blank]: We close today for the Summer Holidays. Mr A. F. Burnett will not be returning as he is on supply only.

Sep 6: Reopened after the holidays. Miss Patricia Jefferies started her duties as Assistant Mistress, taking the Infant classes.

Sep 10: Received a supply of Physical Training Apparatus.

Sep 13: Received a parcel from Dryad's Leicester.

W. H. Gimblett September 24 1951

Sep 25: Dr Budding visited the school and inspected the children due to leave this year and new admissions.

Dr Hutton the school oculist visited the school and examined those with E cards.

Mr Marsden from the Education Office visited the school and examined the buildings.

Sep 28: A representative from the Electric Light Company called to inspect the building in respect of the electric equipment required for the new canteen.

Sep 29: Mrs Palmer leaves today to go on a Cook, Supervisor Course at Torquay. Mrs Lintern has undertaken to do the cooking during her absence.

Oct 3: Mrs Lintern will be unable to continue the cooking owing to illness, so I communicated with Exeter and they advised meals to be sent from Hatherleigh until Mrs Lintern is well enough to continue.

Oct [blank]: Mrs Kup, School Canteen Supervisor called in the afternoon.

Mr Robins M.A. County Inspector called & generally inspected the school.

L. Jones 18 October 1951

Dr Budding called and finished the diphtheria immunisation.

L. Jones, Chairman 22 October 1951

Nov 9: Received a parcel of books and stationery from Messrs Wheatons.

Nov 19: Mrs Palmer has returned and taken up her duties as Cook Supervisor of the Canteen.

Nov 22: Mrs Lintern started as Kitchen help. Mrs Kup, Canteen Supervisor called.

Dec 10: The Health Visitor Miss Gibbings visited the School.

Dec 12: Mr Parr called but did not inspect the work. Mr Parr is His Majesty's Inspector of Schools.

Dec 19: We close today for the Christmas Holidays, reopening January 10th.

1952

Jan 10: Received notice that Patricia Bennett and Francis Chammings had passed the first part of the Selection Test.

Visited the school and signed the registers. L. Fielding 21 January 1952

L. Jones, Chairman 21 January 1952

Signed registers. B. Bostock-Smith 20 February 1952

Feb 20: We close today for the Half term, re'opening on Tuesday February 26th 1952.

Feb 26: We started school today. Miss Jefferies has not returned, having an abscessed heel.

March 6: Miss Jefferies returned to School today.

The Enquiry Officer visited the School.

March 14: The School was closed for the afternoon session as the children went to Okehampton for the rehearsal of the Singing Festival conducted by Mr Robins M.A.

March 19: The School was closed for the afternoon session the children taking part in the Singing Festival at Okehampton Primary School.

April 2: Close school for Easter Vacation.

W. H. Gimblett 24 March 1952

Miss Gibbing Health Visitor called.

April 24: We returned to school today after the Easter Holiday.

May 14: Dr Budding visited the School.

May 16: Signed registers. M. Fletcher

June 9: Rosalind Barnes has gone to a convalescent home at Dawlish for a holiday.

June 11: Dr Budding called to give the second diphtheria immunisation.

June 12: Mr Parr H.M.I. visited the school during the afternoon session.

June 16: Miss Clarke visited the Infant Department during the afternoon session.

C. Luxton June 27 1952

July 2: Miss Gibbons, Health Visitor called and examined all the children, testing them for defective sight.

July 3: Miss Trott, Physical Training Organiser, called and stayed to lunch.

July 15: Mr Dallyn, Welfare Officer called.

July 22: Mr Dallyn called.

Called and signed registers. L. Fielding July 22 1952

July 23: We close today for the summer holidays.

Sep 4: Re'opened school today, admitted 5 new children making the numbers 33. Received a supply of handicraft from *[blank]*.

Sep 5: Mr Dallyn, Health & Welfare Officer called.

Sep 12: Mr Dallyn called.

Sep 15: Received a parcel from Messrs Arnold of Kindergarten supplies.

Sep 25: Miss Gibbons, Health Visitor called.

Sep 26: Mr W. G. Hutton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S., M.A. visited the school to examine children with defective sight.

Sep 29: Mrs Redmond Needlework Supervisor visited the school during the morning session.

A representative from the County Council called to inquire about the piece of ground rented by Mrs Cutland from the Education Committee.

Visited and checked the registers.

W. H. Gimblett September 30 1952

The County Auditor visited the school and checked the Canteen Accounts and supplies.

Visited the school and signed the registers. L. Fielding October 22 1952

Oct 22: We close today for Half Term, re'opening Tuesday October 28th.

Oct 31: Miss Jefferies is absent today having gone to Paignton for an interview.

Mrs Fletcher kindly sent a supply of apples for the canteen.

Inspected registers found correct. L. Jones 20 November 1952

Nov 28: Mrs Davis, H.M.I. visited the school during the morning session.

Dec 2: Mr Dabling, Welfare Officer visited the school.

Dec 9: Mr Dabling again visited the school.

Inspected register found correct. Admired Christmas tree. M. Fletcher

Dec 19: We close today for the Christmas Holiday. The children and parents had the breaking up party the day before. Miss Jefferies has left to go to Torquay.

1953

Jan 13: Opened school today with no assistant. The Canteen is in a state of erection. Several children are absent with jaundice and mumps.

Jan 19: Mrs Brock started as Supply Teacher.

Jan 20: Mr Dabling visited the school.

Jan 27: Mrs Brock is absent today owing to illness in her family.

Feb 2: Mrs Brock returned today.

It is very difficult teaching two classes in the small classroom left, especially with the consistent noises made by the tradesmen. I have received notice that the heater and refrigerator are on the way.

Feb 3: Mr Dabling visited the school.

Feb 18: We close this afternoon for Half-Term, returning on Wednesday February 25th 1953.

Feb 29: Mr Fielding called and signed the registers.

March 3: Mr Dabling visited the school.

Received a parcel of Kindergarten apparatus.

March 10: Mr Dabling called.

The Refrigerator for the new Canteen has arrived.

March 12: The Health Visitor Miss Gibbings visited the school and examined the children.

We came into school earlier and had no playtime to make up the time as the Managers had a meeting in the Schoolroom at 2.30.

March 17: Dr Budding and the Health Visitor Miss Gibbings visited the school. Mr Dabling called.

March 24: Mr Dabling called.

Examined registers and found them correct. E. Fielding 27 March 1953

April 17th Managers meeting. Signed L. Fielding, Chairman 17 April 1953

March 31: We close today for the Easter Holidays.

April 18: School will re'open on April 22nd.

April 22: (Wednesday) I, Emily Florence Chubb, commenced duties as Head Teacher, in succession to Mrs Broom who retired 31 March 1953. Mrs Brock (Temporary Supply Staff) was in charge of the Infant Class.

16 children only out of a total of 29 were present owing to an epidemic of measles.

April 23: Mrs Redmond Needlework Organiser, Mrs Kup School Meals Organiser, Dr Budding and Health Visitor visited the school.

April 24: An oil cooker arrived from County supplies to replace the one in use which was leaking badly.

W. H. Gimblett 30 April 1953

May 20: Received notification that two children – Bruce Adams and Peter Down had been selected for entry to a Grammar school in September next.

May 21: Luke Bennett went to Okehampton for second part of Selection Test.

May 22: Closed school today for Whitsuntide holiday Whit Monday only.

May 26: Re-opened school.

Mr Berridge County Inspector visited the school this afternoon. He recommended that more windows should be made to open.

May 29: Closed school this afternoon for a week to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth on June 2nd.

June 8: Re-opened school.

June 12: Mrs Brock (Temporary Supply) terminated her duties.

June 15: Mrs J. I. Welch commenced duties as temporary supply teacher.

Mrs Davis H.M.I. and Mr W. L. Roberts H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon.

June 22: Received result of Supplementary Test. Leslie Bennett has been allocated to Secondary Grammar or Secondary Technical School. This should have been received on 18th June, but had been forwarded to Mrs Broom.

July 19: Received 2 foot Electric Hot cupboard from Gardener Gulland.

July 20: Received 12 copies Daily Service Book.

July 25: School closed for Summer holiday, to re-open September 8th.

Signed L. Fielding, Vice Chairman July 27 1953.

Sep 8: Re opened school to day after Summer vacation. Two children admitted. Total on books 27. During the holiday the 15 gallon electric water heater was delivered on 27th August, the 7 cubic foot single oven electric range was delivered on 2nd September, and reflector type electric fire on 5th September. The range had a chipped door frame, of which the Ministry of Works at Cambridge was notified.

Sep 14: Received apparatus for organised games, and 1 gallon drum of Izal.

Sep 21: Received parcel of stationery, books and drawing materials from Wheatons, Exeter.

P. R. Adams 23 September 1953

Sep 25: Dr W. G. Hutton visited school for the purpose of eye inspection.

Sep 29: Mrs Kup, School Meals Organiser visited school.

Sep 30: Received intimation that the Ministry of Education have re-numbered the schools in the County, and in future the number and name of this school will be 2026 Bratton Clovelly C. Miss Clark visited school.

Oct 2: Received parcel of Kindergarten Materials.

Oct 7: Piano tuned.

Oct 12: The County Auditor visited school, and checked the Canteen stock & accounts, and registers.

Oct 14: Mr Siddle visited school and stayed during morning session.

Oct 15: Miss Gibbons, Health Visitor called & examined all children.

L. Fielding October 19 1953

Oct 21: P. C. Elston called & gave the children a short talk on Safety First.

Closed school to-day for Half-term holiday, to re-open on Wednesday 28th October.

Oct 28: Re-opened school to-day. Needlework materials were received per post during holiday on 23rd October.

Nov 2: Received notification that Mrs J. I. Welch is now on the Permanent Staff of this school, as from the 5th October 1953.

Nov 3: Part 1 of the Selection Test was held in the school today. Three children sat for the test.

Nov 13: Dr Budding visited school during morning session and examined children due for medical inspection.

Nov 27: Mrs Welch is absent to-day, owing to the illness of her children.

Dec 4: Calor gas range, one unit Vulcan was delivered today.

Dec 18: Closed school today for the Christmas holiday, 3 weeks.

1954

Jan 11: Re-opened school today. (Monday)

Jan 12: Mrs Kup visited school.

Jan 19: Received parcel of books from Wheatons, Exeter.

L. Fielding January 25 1954

Jan 26: Received result of Part 1 of the Selection Test. Neither of the three children to go forward to Part 2.

Feb 18: Closed school this afternoon for half term holiday Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Feb 24: School re-opened today.

L. Fielding, Chairman February 25 1954

Feb 25: Mrs Welch is absent from school today. Received a phone message that she was unwell.

Miss Mullally, Health Visitor called & examined children.

Feb 26: A representative of the R.S.P.C.A. called and gave an address to the children.

March 11: Dr W. G. Hutton called & tested Romaine Hortop's eyesight. I received two Books from Wheatons, arrears of previous delivery.

April 9: 2 stoves delivered.

Closed school today for 3 weeks for Easter holiday.

L. Fielding, Chairman April 26 1954

May 3: Re-opened school today.

The electric range was collected.

June 1: Mr Siddle visited school and stayed during morning session.

June 3: Closed school for Whitsuntide holiday, Friday Monday and Tuesday.

June 9: Re-opened school today.

June 22: Mrs Kup Canteen Supervisor called & stayed for lunch.

July 14: 1 gallon drum of izal delivered.

July 21: Received six pairs of plimsolls.

July 23: School closed for Summer holiday to reopen on September 7th.

L. Fielding, Chairman July 26 1954

Sep 7: Re-opened school today (Tuesday) after Summer vacation.

Sep 24: Dr W. G. Hutton visited the school for the purpose of eye inspection.

Received parcels of stationery, books, and drawing materials from Wheaton's of Exeter.

Sep 27: Received parcel of Kindergarten materials from E. J. Arnold.

Sep 30: Received 18 tins of National Dried Milk.

L. Fielding, Chairman October 25 1954

Oct 20: Received needlework materials.

Oct 27: Closed school today for half-term holiday to re-open on Wednesday November 3rd.

Nov 3: Re-opened school today.

1 Carton (18 tins) National Dried Milk delivered during holiday.

Nov 4: Part 1 of the Selection Test was held in the school today.

Nov 8: Mrs Welch is absent today to attend an interview.

Nov 24: Miss Aylmer, Health visitor, tested children's sight.

Nov 26: Health visitor called to carry out a jelly test.

Nov 29: Dr Budding visited school this afternoon to examine children due for inspection.

Mrs Welch is absent this afternoon to accompany her mother to hospital.

Dec 17: Mrs Welch terminates her duties at this school today. We close school for the Christmas holiday.

1955

Jan 10: Reopened school today (Monday).

Miss A. M. Kipling, (Unattached Supply Staff) commenced duties.

L. Fielding January 24 1955

Jan 27: 1 Carton National Dried Milk delivered.

Jan 28: The Health visitor called.

Feb 2: Mr Siddle, County Inspector called this afternoon.

Feb 17: School closed this afternoon for half-term holiday, Friday, Monday & Tuesday.

Feb 23: School reopened.

March 3: Received 1 Carton of National Dried Milk.

March 4: Miss Kipling terminated her duties at the school.

March 7: As the number on roll for the present term had been only 22, Miss Kipling's services were withdrawn at the end of last week. Today, however, I admitted another child. I now work singlehanded.

March 10: Sergeant Williams talked to the children on "Safety First".

March 15: Mr Marsden, County Inspector called this morning.

March 19: Received 1 carton of milk tablets.

March 24: The Education Officer of Plympton Division called, re taxi transport from Headson Cross.

March 28: Mrs Kupp, Canteen Supervisor came and stayed for lunch.

April 1: There is a holiday today as the school is being used as a Polling Station for County Council Election.

April 6: Re-opened school to day.

On April 17th I received a letter from Mr Philip informing me that it had been necessary to cancel the car which had operated between Headson Cross and the school. The three children concerned would be conveyed to Lew Trenchard School.

Received 1 carton of milk tablets.

April 29: Received parcel of handicraft material from Dryad Ltd.

April 30: Received Needlework materials

May 2: Liquid milk delivered.

May 10: Health visitor called to carry out jelly test.

May 12: Dr Budding visited school.

May 25: Closed school for Whitsuntide holiday, Thursday (Polling Day) Friday & Monday.

May 31: Reopened school today (Tuesday).

June 14: School was closed this afternoon so that I could attend a Research meeting at the Institute of Education, Exeter.

June 20: Miss Bellows – Needlework Organiser called and examined children's needlework.

June 28: Received Kindergarten and P. E. materials.

June 30: Mrs Davis, H.M.I. visited the school to day.

July 18: Received Stationery, Drawing & Brushwork Materials.

July 22: School closed for Summer holiday to reopen September 6th.

L. Fielding July 25 1955

Sep 6: Reopened school today (Tuesday) after Summer vacation.

Sep 7: Received parcel of books from Wheaton's, Exeter.

Sep 15: Children's eyes were tested by health visitors.

Sep 20: Miss Mollie Clarke called.

Sep 21: Mrs Kup, Canteen Supervisor visited school.

Sep 23: Dr W. G. Hutton visited school for the purpose of eye inspection.

Sep 27: Mr Siddle, County Inspector, spent the morning at school.

L. Fielding October 24 1955

Oct 26: Closed school this afternoon for half-term holiday.

Nov 2: Reopened school today (Wednesday).

Nov 3: Part 1 of the Selection Test was held in the school to-day, there was therefore a holiday for the children not taking the test.

Nov 8: Miss Cheetham, Organiser of Physical Education called today, and saw the children perform their exercises in the yard.

Dec 16: An entertainment was given by the children. A collection was taken in aid of school funds.

Dec 21: Closed school today for Christmas holiday (3 weeks).

1956

Jan 12: Reopened school to day.

Jan 13: Received result of Part 1 Test. Romyne Hortop and Susan Mayne have been selected to go forward to Part 2.

L. Fielding 30 January 1956

Feb 14: Mr Siddle, County Inspector visited school this afternoon.

Feb 16: Closed school this afternoon for half-term holiday (Friday and Monday).

Feb 21: Reopened school today.

Feb 22: Dr Budding visited school. Mrs Kupp, Canteen Supervisor called today.

March 27: Closed school today for Easter vacation.

April 19: Reopened school today (Thursday).

L. Fielding 23 April 1956

May 16: Miss Lewis, H.M.I. visited school today.

May 21: School closed (Whit Monday).

May 23: Received result of Part 2 Selection Test. Romyne Hortop has been selected for entry to a Grammar School in September next. Susan Mayne who was an under-age pupil is to be entered for next year's 11+ Test.

May 30: Dr Cullington inspected school premises.

May 31: Mrs Perkins visited school and stayed for dinner. The County Sanitary Inspector called.

School closed for half-term holiday – Friday Monday & Tuesday.

June 6: School reopened today.

June 14: Miss Billows, Needlework Organiser called and examined children's needlework.

June 19: Received parcel of Kindergarten materials (per rail).

July 9: Miss M. Rutley commenced duties as Infants teacher.

Mrs Kupp, Canteen supervisor called to-day.

L. Fielding July 23 1956

July 20: Miss Rutley is absent today suffering from an influenza cold.

July 27: Miss Rutley terminated her duties as Infants Teacher at this school.

School closed for Summer holiday.

Sep 11: School reopened (Tuesday).

Sep 27: Miss Lewis H.M.I. and Mr Reed H.M.I. visited school today. Dr W. G. Hutton visited school for the purpose of eye inspection.

Oct 18: Dr Budding and the Health Visitor were at school.

Oct 17: The Sergeant of Police gave a talk to the children on Safety First.

L. Fielding June 23 1956

Oct 25: School closed for half-term holiday (Friday Monday & Tuesday).

Oct 31: School reopened to day (Wednesday)

Nov 7: Part 1 of the Selection Test was held in the school today, there was therefore a holiday for the children not taking the test.

Nov 16: Health Visitors called & inspected children.

Nov 23: The General Ability paper of Part 1 of the Selection Test was worked in school.

Nov 24: Needlework materials received.

Nov 30: Miss Cheetham, P. E. organiser called and saw the children at P. E. in the yard.

Dec 13: The children gave an entertainment, at which a collection was taken for school funds.

Dec 19: School closed for Christmas holiday (3 weeks).

1957

Jan 10: School reopened (Thursday).

L. Fielding January 22 1957

Jan 23: Received result of Part 1 Test. Susan Mayne has been selected to go forward to Part 2.

Jan 29: Health visitors called.

Piano tuned.

Feb 21: School closed for half-term holiday (Friday, Monday & Tuesday)

Feb 27: School reopened.

Mrs Kupp, Canteen Supervisor called this afternoon.

L. Fielding 8 April 1957

April 11: School closed to-day for Easter holiday to re open on May 2nd.

May 2: School reopened today.

May 9: Miss Lewis H.M.I. visited school.

May 14: The Health Visitors weighed and measured children.

May 20: Dr Budding and the Health Visitor at school for Medical Inspection.

Children of five, six and seven years of age were given Heaf test.

Received result of Part 2 Selection Test. Susan Mayne has been selected for entry to a Grammar School in September next.

May 28: Dr Budding at school to give children their first vaccination against Polio.

June 6: School closed for half-term and Whitsuntide holiday, Friday, Monday and Wednesday.

June 13: School reopened.

L. Fielding 17 June 1957

July 9: Miss Senior, County Organiser of Music called this afternoon, and heard the children sing.

July 23: Stationery and Brushwork materials received from County Supplies Department.

July 26: School closed for Summer holiday.

L. Fielding September 13 1947

Sep 10: School re-opened.

Sep 24: The Health Visitors tested children's eyes.

Sep 26: The Ophthalmic Surgeon visited school for the purpose of eye inspection and treatment.

Oct 16: P. C. Levett gave a talk to the children on Safety First.

Oct 30: School closed for half-term holiday (4 days).

Nov 6: School reopened.

Nov 7: Part 1 of the Selection Test was held in the school to day; school was therefore closed for children not taking the test.

L. Fielding 13 November 1957.

Nov 20: The school piano was tuned by Mr Tottle.

Nov 25: Miss Lewis H.M.I. visited school.

Dec 16: An entertainment was given by the children. A collection was taken in aid of school funds.

Dec 18: School closed for Christmas holiday.

1958

Jan 9: School reopened.

Jan 16: Received result of Part 1 Selection Test. Neil Butler has been selected to go forward to Part 2.

Jan 20: An Alicon stove was fixed in the larger room of the school on Saturday, 18th January.

Jan 21: The Health Visitor gave Heaf tests to the 5, 6, 7 and 8 year olds.

Jan 28: The Health Visitor inspected children who had been given Heaf test.

Jan 29: Mrs Kupp, canteen Supervisor called to-day.

Jan 31: Miss Lewis H.M.I. and Mr Fox H.M.I. called.

Feb 7: Received parcel of stationery from County Supplies Dept.

Feb 12: The school piano was tuned.

Feb 20: School closed for half term holiday (two days Feb 21st & 24th).

March 6: Miss Lewis H.M.I. spent the day at school.

March 12: A parcel of books received from Wheatons.

L. Fielding March 18 1958

March 26: Closed school for Easter holiday (3 weeks).

April 17: (Thursday) Reopened school.

April 23: Dr Budding and the Health Visitor at school to carry out a routine medical inspection.

May 5: School was closed, as it was required for polling for the election of the Parish Council.

May 9: Report by H.M.I. Miss Lewis was received.

May 10: Mr Tottle tuned the school piano.

May 13: The Sergeant of Police gave a talk to the children on Safety First.

May 20: Received result of Part 2 Selection Test. Mr Siddle visited school.

May 21: Dr Budding carried out poliomyelitis vaccination on children who had been registered.

May 22: School closed for half-term and Whitsuntide holiday (Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

May 29: Reopened school.

June 17: Dr Budding gave second injection to children against poliomyelitis.

June 20: Tw tons of coke were delivered.

L. Fielding 7 July 1956

July 16: Mrs Kupp, Canteen Supervisor paid a visit.

July 21: Stationery and Brushwork materials received from County Supplies Department.

July 27: School closed for Summer holiday.

Sep 9: School reopened.

School piano was cleaned on August 20th. Kindergarten and Handwork materials from E. J. Arnold were delivered on September 6th.

Sep 15: Miss Lewis H.M.I. paid a short visit during the morning.

Sep 16: The Ophthalmic Surgeon visited school.

Sep 24: Received parcel of books from Wheaton & Co.

Sep 30: Health Visitors carried out routine inspection.

Oct 8: Needlework materials received.

Oct 30: School closed for half-term holiday (4 days).

Nov 6: School reopened.

L. Fielding December 8 1958

Dec 17: School closed for Christmas holiday.

1959

Jan 8: School reopened.

Jan 19: Dr Budding carried out 3rd poliomyelitis vaccination on children who were registered.

Feb 2: Miss Lewis H.M.I. called and stayed for lunch.

Feb 6: Health Visitor carried out routine inspection.

Feb 10: Health Visitor tested children's eyesight.

Feb 12: School closed for half-term holiday Friday & Monday.

Feb 17: School reopened.

Feb 18: Heaf tests carried out by Health Visitor.

L. Fielding March 23 1959

March 20: County Auditor examined canteen stock.

March 24: School closed for Easter holiday (Tuesday).

April 16: School reopened (Thursday).

April 17: Mrs Kupp, Canteen supervisor called this afternoon.

April 21: Dr Budding and the Health Visitor at school for Medical Inspection.

April 25: School piano tuned by Mr Tottle.

May 18: School closed for Whit Monday.

May 29: School closed for half-term holiday, June 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

June 4: School reopened.

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June 11: P. C. Tonkin gave a talk to the children on Safety First.

June 15: County Architect inspected all School premises, also School House.

June 26: Mr Hitt from the County Education Office and two ladies, members of Devon County Council inspected school buildings and School House.

July 28: (Tuesday) School closed for Summer holiday.

Sep 10: (Thursday) School reopened.

Sep 25: Health Visitor carried out routine inspection.

Oct 7: School will be closed tomorrow 8th October as it is required as a Polling station for Parliamentary Election.

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Oct 29: School closed for half-term holiday Friday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Oct 31: School piano tuned by Mr Tottle.

Nov 5: School reopened.

Nov 6: Children's sight and hearing tested by Health Visitor and her assistant.

Stationery and Brushwork materials received from County Supplies Department.

Nov 16: Mrs Kupp, Canteen Supervisor, called this afternoon.

Nov 18: A ton of coke delivered.

Dec 7: The County Ophthalmic Surgeon visited school for the purpose of eye inspection and treatment.

Dec 8: Kindergarten and Handwork materials from E. J. Arnold delivered by van.

Dec 15: An entertainment was given by the children. A collection was taken for school funds.

Dec 18: School closed for Christmas holiday (Friday).

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Jan 7: School reopened (Thursday).

Jan 26: 1 ton coke delivered by South West Gas Board.

Feb 18: School closed for half-term holiday Friday & Monday February 19th & 22nd.

Feb 23: School reopened.

Feb 26: This day was given as an extra day's holiday to mark the Royal birth.

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March 16: Heaf test given to all children by Health Visitor.

March 23: Health visitor called to see result of Heaf test.

March 29: Mr Philip, Chief Education Officer, Mr Lampard Vachell and Major Ryan visited school.

April 7: School closed for Easter vacation. I, Emily Florence Chubb resign from my appointment as Headmistress of Bratton Clovelly School (owing to retirement). E. F. Chubb 7th April 1960

April 28: School re-opened.

Visit by Mr Winand – building, playground etc inspected.

May 11: Visit by Miss Mollie Clark advisor on Infant Method.

May 16: Visit by Mr Berridge Senior County Inspector of Schools.

May 20: Visit by Mr Hitt county staffing advisor.

June 3-8: School closed Summer Half Term Holiday.

June 11: Two tons coke delivered.

June 16: Miss Mathias visited school eye and head inspection.

June 15: Road Safety Talk by Police Sergeant – film strips shown.

June 17: Visit by Mrs Croysdale[?] School Manager

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July 14: 2 tons coke delivered by S.W.G.B.

July 23: School closed for Summer Holidays.

Sep 7: School re-opened for Autumn Term.

Sep 9: Parcel of books from Wheaton's collected from Halwill Station.

Sep 21: Stationery & Cleaning Materials received from County Supplies Department.

Oct 4: Speech Therapist visited school to examine one child, a second examined at my suggestion.

Oct 17: Mr Potter, Assistant Chief Education Officer, visited school inspected buildings and accommodation.

Oct 18: Mr Brotherton, Assistant Chief Education Officer, visited school inspected buildings etc.

Oct 28: School Closed for Half-Term Holiday.

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Nov 3: School re-opened – Closure Notice Posted.

Nov 23: Mr Winnand, School Manager, visited us and inspected buildings etc.

Dec 15: Mrs Fielding, School Manager, visited & signed register.

Dec 20: School closed for Christmas Holiday.

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Jan 9: School re-opened for Spring term.

Jan 30: Two members of County Architects staff visited School – possibility of acquiring land for erection of two new classrooms discussed.

Feb 1: Doctor visited School – inspected two children.

Feb 8: Health visitors gave all, except one, children Heaf Test.

Feb 10: School closed for Half Term Holiday.

Feb 13: School reopened after break. Visit by Mrs Brayley, Miss Pye and Miss Matthias – result of Heaf Test – Head and cleanliness inspection.

Feb 18: Mr Anthony, School Manager, visited school – continued leak in Porch roof reported.

March 8: Parcel of New Library Books received from Messrs Wheaton's.

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April 13: I, Shutaki V. Jung[?], permanent Supply Staff took charge of school No on roll 16. Mr Reed, H.M.I. called with regard to numbers on roll and inspected the school buildings.

April 25: School closed on instruction from C.F.O. and with consent of managers, in order that I might attend for an interview.

May 1: Informed today that Linda Dawn, and John Farrar not successful in main part of Selection Test, & will therefore go to Secondary Modern School.

May 3: After consultation with Mr Lave, previous headmaster, Linda Dawn's name has been forwarded for the borderzone selection test.

May 15: Mrs Fielding, school manager, visited the school, and signed registers.

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May 9: School closed for half-term.

May 29: School re-opened for half-term. Number on roll now 14, as Tempests have left the district.

June 6: Devon Education Office notified me that the school will be closed at the end of the term, and children will be transferred to Boasley Cross.

June 29: School inspected. Everything in good order, and no complaints or queries from teacher or Mrs Palmer. *[signed ?]*

June 27: Children taken to Paignton Zoo for Educational outing, with many parents. Conducted round 200 by Mr Michelmore.

July 21: School closed. Children to go to Boasley Cross after this term. Furniture, equipment taken to Boasley Cross.