# ST. PETER'S INFANTS' SCHOOL LOG BOOK - 1878-1898

[Museum Reference – LB-01]

#### Transcriber's Notes.

1. The early entries in this log book, from July 1878 until September of the same year, were made by an unnamed person. On 23rd September the following entry appears:-

"E. Layton commenced school at Bexhill Sep. 23rd with 20 children."

Miss Layton, the first head teacher we come across, had the tendency to avoid full stops and commas. She hardly ever used a capital letter at the beginning of sentences, saving these, it would seem, for the odd word she felt needed one! This is not unusual as I have seen many log books of this period, including my grandfather's, in which the head teacher followed the Victorian practice of capitalising all nouns – but it makes it difficult to read.

It's normal practice, when transcribing, to write down exactly what one sees and never correct or try to interpret what it is thought that the author intended to say. In this instance, however, I have added punctuation where it is obvious, to me, it should have been. As none of the entries is of earth-shattering importance, I feel that this is acceptable.

- 2. I have added, in square brackets, the page numbers as an aid to quickly finding a specific entry in the original book. It is only approximate as I have tried to keep paragraphs together and avoid, as much as I could, splitting any so that part appeared on one page and part on another.
- 3. On the opening pages of the book, it states that it is a "*Diary or Log Book with Index*". Basically, it is split into two sections the first section comprises pages identified with a letter of the alphabet (the '*Index*') while the second section has its pages identified numerically.
- 4. The cover of the Log Book carries a label that identifies it as "St. Peter's Infants' School 1878-1898", but there is no mention of St. Peter's inside. On Page 'Z' of the "*Index'*, the dimensions of two schools are given "Belle Hill Infant School" and "Wilson M. School", which turns out to be "Wilson Memorial School". That this is one of St. Peter's School is not in doubt (because of the front cover) but it seems that, before then, there were two other schools "Belle Hill" and, then, "Wilson Memorial", which is this one, and which is still recorded in the 1909 "Hastings and St. Leonard's Directory".

There are three entries that refer to the above two schools, and two concerning the building of the St. Peter's Boys' and Girls' schools - and they are:-

- i) "1890 Feb 28th I, Emily Layton, resign my duties as mistress of Wilson M. School on Friday 28th after 11 years and five months' service. Miss Stacey, my successor, is appointed mistress in my place. Feb. 28th 1890."
- ii) "1890 Mar 3rd I, Charlotte Stacey, have been appointed Head Mistress of the Wilson M. School and Commenced duties at the same school on March 3rd 1890."
- iii) "1880 Jul 23rd . . . . . The Inspection of Belle Hill Inf: School to take place on Thursday July 29th."
- iv) The entry for October 3rd 1884 (page 46) says "New Infant School opened on Friday Oct 3rd. 1884."
- v) The entry for June 12th 1885 (Page 53) says, "The attendance is still very good on account of the New Girls School being opened 1885".

### The Head Teachers/Mistresses

The first entry in the Log Book is dated July 12th, 1878 but there is no indication as to who the teacher was at that time. A couple of months later, Miss Emily Layton took over and, then, the teachers were:-

Name	Took up post	Resigned/Left
Emily Layton	September 23rd 1878	February 28th 1890
Charlotte M. Stacey	March 3rd 1890	August 13th 1891
Elizabeth Eleanor Fleischmann	September 21st 1891	April 19th 1892
Georgina Riseborough	April 19th 1892	November 9th 1894
Louise Maude Jones	7th January 1895	Still Head Teacher at end of Log Book

### The Monitresses

The following lists the names of the monitresses who served at the school from 1878 until 1898 – some have not been identified. Regarding the identification of the girls, none can be guaranteed as there is insufficient information available in the Log Book entries. A search through the through the National Birth Records, however, came up with young girls with the right names and of, about, the expected age – but it is not proof – more research would be necessary.

The Monitresses all appear to have been nothing more than very young teenagers – perhaps, future pupil-teachers?

Name	Started as monitress	Finished as Monitress	Year & District where Born	Age when started
Caroline Cockett	1878 July 12th	1878 Oct 5th	1867, Battle	10 in 1878
Ellen Waite	1879 Oct 17th	1880 Mar 7th	1867, Battle	12 in 1879
Ada Hockless	1880 Apr 12th	1880 Jun 16th	1866, Eastbourne	13 in 1880
Louisa Waite	1883 Jul 6th	????	1869, Battle	14 in 1883
Edith Collin(s)	1883 Nov 5th	1885 Oct 16th	Unable to identify	
Emma Mott	1885 Nov 23rd	????	1872, Battle	13 in 1885
Ida Farcey	1887 Apr 29th	1887 Jun 17th	1871, Hastings	16 in 1887
Margaret Cruttenden	1887 Jun 24th	????	Unable to identify	
Emma Mott	1885 Nov 23rd	????	1872, Battle	13 in 1885
Jesse Farcey	1890 Jun 6th	1891 Jul 17th	1875, Hastings	15 in 1890
Ellen Farcey	1891 Oct 16th	1893 Sep 29th	1876, Hastings	15 in 1891
Ethel Dumbrel	1892 Feb 1st	????	1879, Eastbourne	11 in 1892
Bertha Cole	1893 Oct 4th	1894 Mar 12th	1880, Eastbourne	14 in 1893
Lottie Ballard (Charlotte)	1894 Mar 12th	1894 July 6th	1882, Battle	12 in 1894
Florence Novis	1894 May 21st	????		14 in 1894
Maggie Cruttenden	1895 Sep 9th	????	1883, Battle	12 in 1895
Ellen Schindler	1895 Sep 9th	1897 Jun 14th	1883, London	12 in 1895
Miss Kelsall	1897 May 24th	????	Unable to identify	

Beatrice Easton	1897 Jun 14th	????	1883, Battle	14 in 1897
Annie Heath	1898 Sep 5th	????	Unable to identify	

# The Vicars - H. M. Inspectors

The following are vicars mentioned in the Log Book.

Rev. E.S. Howard, Assistant Curate

Rev Harlow Phibbs

Rev G Nicholls

Rev H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector.

Rev G. Hoare

Rev Walter Walsh (Diocesan Inspector).

Rev. Count De Zepplin

Rev. E. Mortlock

Rev F. W. Pawson

Rev F. Swanston

Rev W. L. Grane

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# The Log Book - Inside Front Cover

On the inside of the front cover is affixed a copy of an "Extract from the Revised Code of Regulation 1875" – see below:-

"Art 36 The Principal Teacher must make at least once a week in the Log Book an entry which will specify ordinary progress, visits of managers, and other facts concerning the School or its Teachers, such as the dates of withdrawals, commencement of duty, cautions, illness, &c., which may be required to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.

Art 37 No reflections or opinions of a general character are to be entered in the Log Book.

Art 38 No entry once made in the Log Book may be removed or altered otherwise than by a subsequent entry.

Art 39 The Summary of the Inspector's Report, and after his annual visit or any visit made without notice, any remarks made upon it by the Department, when communicated by the managers, must be immediately copied verbatim into the Log Book, with the names and standing (Certificated Teacher of the ----- Class, or Pupil Teacher of the ----- year, or Assistant Teacher) or all Teachers to be continued on, or added to, or withdrawn from, the School Staff, according to the decision of the Department upon the Inspector's Report.

The Correspondent of the managers must sign this entry, which settles the School Staff for the Year. Art 40 The Inspector will call for the Log Book and Portfolio at every visit, and will report whether they appear to have been properly kept. He will specially refer to the entry made pursuant to Article 39, and he will require to see entries accounting for any subsequent change in the School Staff. He will also note in the Log Book every visit paid without notice (\*Article 12), making an entry of such particulars as require the attention of the Managers.

\*An Inspector may visit any Public Elementary School at any other time without notice - Article 12, Revised Code."

# The Log Book - Index (Alphabetical Section)

In this section, the following notes appear on the pages indicated:-

Page 'A' No. of School 2436

Page 'P'	Prize Scheme	Prize Value			
		s d			
	40 tickets and over	18			
	36 " " "	16			
	33 " " "	$14\frac{1}{2}$			
	25 " " "	10			
	Full number gains a mo	edal in addition.			
Page 'R'	Reci	tation 1897			
J	I	II	III		
	Our Adventure	My dead dolly	Little Bees		
	A grievous complaint	Cuckoo!	The little patient		
Page 'S'	Page 'S' Songs 1897				
J	I	II	III		
	Pussy's kindergarten	Like the gentle falling snow	The little housemaid		
	Fish alive O!	Lady June	Little bopeep		

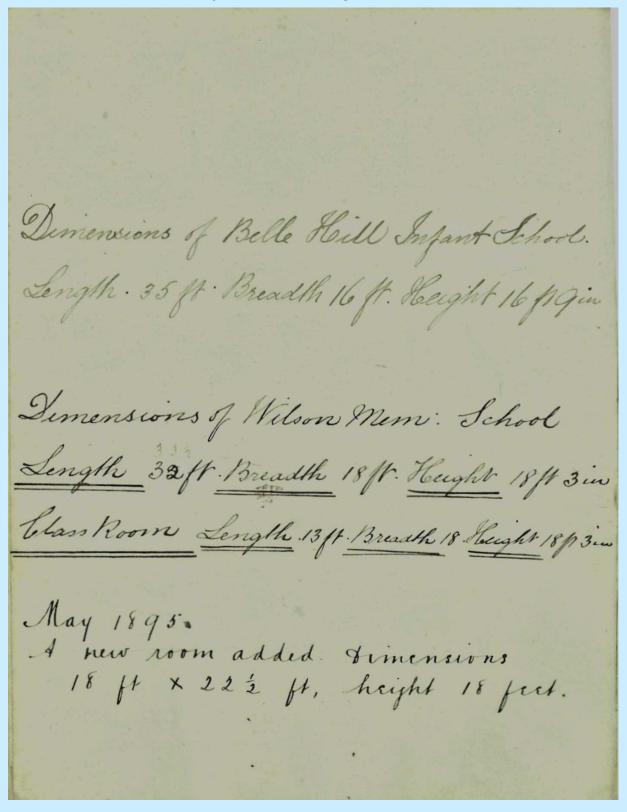
On the back of Page 'Z' the following has been hand-written:-

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"Dimensions of Belle Hill Infant School"
"Length 35 ft Breadth 16 ft
                                 Height 16 ft 9 in."
"Dimensions of Wilson Mem. School"
"Length 32 ft
                           Breadth 18 ft
                                             Height 18 ft 3 in."
"Class Room
                           Length 13 ft Breadth 18 Height 18 ft 3 in."
"May 1895"
"A new room added Dimensions 18 ft x 22 ½ ft, height 18 feet"
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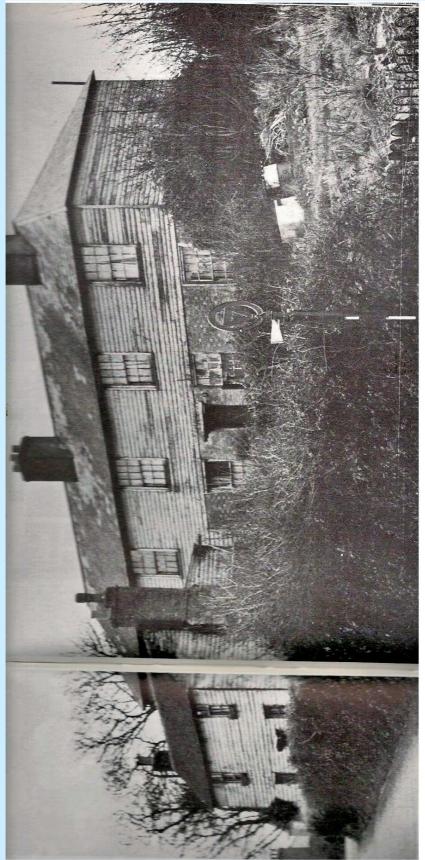
In 1880, "Belle Hill Infant School" was still in existence, and known as that, according to the entry dated 23rd July of that year.

"Jul 23rd School reopened after the measles. 30 in average attendance. The Inspection of Belle Hill Inf: School to take place on Thursday July 29th."

But no inspection on that date, is recorded in this log book so, one suggestion that this school was Belle Hill before becoming 'Wilson Memorial School'.



**Page 'Z'** – "Dimensions of Belle Hill . . . . . ", etc., The writing on the original page was very feint so the contrast had to be adjusted to make the writing clearer. In doing so, this produced a darker but a better and readable image.



46. (Right) These old cottages were erected during the time of the Napoleonic Wars and used by the King's German Legion. Later in the century, the building became the Wilson Memorial School until it was incorporated into St. Peter's school in—Barrack Road, which opened in 1885.

From: "Bexhill-on-Sea, A Pictorial History" by Aylwin Guilmant

**Note.** The pictures above appeared on two pages in the original book so, in order to get a copy onto a single A4 sheet, the book was turned 90 degrees before scanning. The wide line, running from left to right across the image above, separating the small white cottage from the much larger school building, is, in fact, the "crease" where the left hand page joined the right hand.

# The Log Book - Head Teacher's Entries (Diary section)

# 1878

### [Page 1]

- July 12th Commenced school on Monday with 47 children drafted from the Girls' School & 16, which remained of the old scholars. Quite a beginning in all subjects will have to be made. Only three children are able to read from a book, and the other subjects are equally low. Half holiday on Thursday for the children to go to the school treat. Rev L. Clarke visited the school daily except Thursday. Caroline Cockett serves as a monitor on approval. As the registers have been transferred to me with the scholars from the Girls' School, I am obliged to consider the class as only in two divisions with the end of the current quarter.
- **July 19th** The numbers have increased this week.

Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Friday and sent a pail for the use of the school. Commenced to give C. Cockett lessons. She is not equal to Standard III. Gave the 1st Division a lesson on the "King" and taught them two "Action Songs"

#### [Page 2]

- **July 26th** Holiday on Thursday, it being the annual club treat. A very poor attendance. On Friday, Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school twice.
- **Aug. 2nd** Caroline Cockett absent with leave on Wednesday, with leave from 11.30 a.m. Diocesan Inspection on Friday afternoon. Gave the children a lesson on "The Cow". I received new registers for the use of the school & have entered the children on the admission registers according to classification.
- **Aug. 9th** Ordinary routine. Attendance small. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school twice. Taught the children a new song and gave a lesson on "The Cat".
- Aug 16th Closed the school for the harvest holidays. The attendance this week has been small. Two very stormy mornings. One child admitted. C. Cockett absent on Wednesday afternoon. Several of the children's ages remain un-entered as the certificates cannot be obtained at present. I have also left the parents' Christian names in the Admission Register un-entered for the same cause.

L. S. Clarke, Rector

### [Page 3]

- Sep 23rd E. Layton commenced school at Bexhill Sep. 23rd with 20 children. Several gone with parents to the hop picking. Caroline Cockett still remains as monitress for a time. Found her very backward; not equal to Standard III. Also, the children very backward in Arithmetic and Dictation. Reading fair. Caroline Cockett absent with leave from 10 a.m.
- Oct 5th Caroline Cockett resigned her duties at Bexhill School; not being equal to Standard III. School going on as usual. Mr [sic] L. Clarke visited the school on Monday and enquired about the number of scholars little better attendance this week 24 average numbers of scholars. Miss Walker visited the school on Wednesday, stayed until the children were dismissed.

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- Oct 12th Rev L. Clarke visited the school, also better attendance this week. Miss Cuddy visited the school on Wednesday and assisted in the needlework also Mrs Clarke. Frederick Cornford admitted.
- **Oct 19th** Kate Stevens absent this week through sickness.

Oct 26th Elizabeth Christian admitted and Mary A. Akehurst. Louisa Hall removed to Girls School being over 7 years of age.

**Nov 2nd** School rather small this week.

Nov 9th Commenced new quarter in Registers.

Nov 16th School going on as usual.

**Nov 23rd** School very thin owing to the inclemency of the weather.

**Nov 30th** Several children away this week through sickness.

**Dec 7th** A little better attendance.

Dec 14th School still small.

**Dec 21st** School going on as usual.

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# 1879

#### [Page 5]

**Jan 11th** School reopened after a fortnight's holiday.

**Jan 18th** School working according to timetable.

Jan 25th James Wright and Henry Vidler absent.

Jan 31st Second Quarter ended this week.

**Feb 8th** Commenced new Quarter in Registers. Feb 3rd.

**Feb 15th** School going on as usual. Rev L Clarke visited the school.

Feb 22nd Received work for children to sew.

**Feb 29th** Miss L. Clarke visited the school.

**Mar 8th** Much better attendance this week.

**Mar 16th** School going on as usual. Miss L. Clark visited the school and taught the children a song.

Mar 23rd Rev L Clark visited the school. Better attendance. Worked 1st Class well up in Arithmetic.

**Mar 30th** Rev E. Howard visited the school and examined 1st Class in Reading.

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**Apr 6th** School going on according to Time-Table.

**Apr 12th** School closed on Good Friday

**Apr 19th** School closed on Easter Monday

**Apr 24th** The school still continues small. Several of the younger children very backward.

Apr 31st The yearly accounts made up. Commenced new Registers Wednesday May 1st May 7th Worked up the 1st Class well in Dictation and Reading. May 14th Much better attendance this week; several children admitted. Several little ones admitted, two under 3 years. Find them very troublesome at first. Average May 21st attendance this week 37.9, the highest number present since the school was opened after the month's holiday. The school children had an [sic] holiday on Ascension Day. Friday, May 23rd school inspection to take place. List of songs. [Transcriber's note - There was no list of songs on this page or the following pages] [Page 7] Jun 13th All things considered, this little Infant School has passed a creditable examination. The children read with some attempt at expression, and are fairly bright and intelligent. Writing (13312)cannot possibly be good unless the slates used are properly ruled. H.M. Inspection Report. Staff E. Layton Signature Jun 20th School going on as usual. Jun 27th Lilly Holland admitted. Jul 4th The school continues to increase in numbers. Three boys admitted. Rev L. Clarke visited the school. Those children over 7 yrs of age allowed to remain and will be presented for examination (1880) in Standard I. Jul 11th The school going on as usual Jul 18th The school was closed on Wednesday July 16th, Resumed duties as usual on Thursday Jul 25th The school was closed on Thursday July 24th it being the village club day. Aug 1st Commenced new quarter in Registers [Page 8] Aug 8th Good attendance this week. Aug 15th School going on according to Time Table. School was closed on Tuesday Aug 19th; resumed duties as usual on Wednesday. Aug 22nd Aug 29th Good attendance this week. Sep 5th The school was closed on Friday for Harvest Holidays 4 weeks. Oct 6th The school was reopened on Oct 6th. 39 scholars present. Oct 17th School still increases. A monitor has been engaged to take the younger children and to help generally in school. Oct 24th Ellen Waite commenced duties as monitress in Bexhill Infant School, Oct 17th 1879. I find her rather backward in Grammar and Arithmetic.

Oct 31st School going on as usual. Three of the younger children away. [Page 9] Nov 3rd Emily Shoesmith away on account of the death of her mother. Nov 10th School going on as usual Nov 17th Commenced burning fires in schoolroom stove fixed. Few children this week on account of the weather. Nov 24th Nov 27th Commenced new quarter in School Registers Dec 1st School going on as usual. Taught children a song for Christmas. Dec 7th Taught children another song. Dec 13th Few children in school this week. Dec 19th Find the monitress manages the little ones well and treats them kindly. Dec 24th School closed on Wednesday morning, Dec 24th for Christmas holidays. 1880 School reopened after a fortnight's holiday Jan 12th, with 46 children. Emily Shoesmith returned Jan 12th to school again. Jan 18th The school increases - the average attendance being 40.3 [Page 10] Jan 30th School registers end this week for the quarter. Average attendance in the quarter being 42.90 Feb 6th Commenced new quarter in the registers. A sack of coke and a hundred weight of coal sent for the school use. Feb 13th Several backward children who need a great deal of help. The Rev E. Howard is teaching the children to sing from notes from 9 to 9.15 on Wednesday and Friday morning. Feb 20th Not as good an attendance this week as it has been very rough and stormy. The Rev E. Howard visited the school on Friday and examined the children in Dictation and Arithmetic. The school pipes cleaned on Friday by the Chimney Sweep.

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New books and slates ordered for the school.

Feb 27th

Mar 7th

Mar 14th Willie George admitted. Not as many in school this week. Took the whole school in singing.

Herbert Pope admitted. School going on as usual. Ellen Waite the Monitress left.

- Mar 15th The children had an [sic] half holiday on Wednesday March 17th being the Day the likelihood with Corel Confirmation was held.
  - **Mar 22nd** Very few children this week. The school was closed on March 26th being Good Friday and also on Easter Monday. Resumed duties on Tuesday.
  - **Apr 5th** Several children admitted. Average attendance this week 48.4. I find the little ones rather troublesome.
  - **Apr 12th** Ada Hockless engaged as monitress. She is 13 years of age takes lessons from 4 to 5. I find her backward in Reading.
  - **Apr 19th** William Stone and James Russell admitted.
  - **Apr 26th** Registers closed for the year. Commenced new Registers. May 3rd examination of the first Class by the mistress in Reading & Dictation.

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- May 3rd The school children had an [sic] holiday on Ascension Day. Ada Hockless manages the little ones very well.
- May 21st The school was closed this week being Whitsun Week.
- May 24th School resumed duties on Monday. Good attendance. Working Standard I well up in Arithmetic.
- Jun 3rd The school was closed for the afternoon on Thursday being the village Club Day. Approximate number sent up for examination 20 in Standard I, 10 Boys & 10 Girls. Of children between 6 & 7, 25 making in all 45.
- **Jun 10th** Examination to take place Monday at 1.30 for Standard Work, & Tuesday at 9.54 for inspection.
- **Jun 16th** Ada Hockless left. No one to fill her place at present.
- Jun 23rd School going on as usual.
- **Jun 30th** Registers made up for 12 months.

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- **Jul 1st** Commenced new registers. Very good attendance average for the week 54.0.
- **Jul 8th** Several children admitted this week under 7 yrs. One girl, over 7, whose age I could not ascertain.
- Jul 10th The attendance, I am very sorry, has fallen away much this week. On account of the measles the school is obliged to be closed for the rest of the week. Some of the children are better and I hope to be able to open school very shortly.
- Jul 23rd School reopened after the measles. 30 in average attendance. The Inspection of Belle Hill Inf: School to take place on Thursday July 29th. A better attendance this week. Several of the children returned to school. The school was obliged to be closed on Thursday it being the village Club Day.
- Jul 30th School going on as usual

**Aug 6th** Sent children in Standard I to the Boys and Girls school leaving a poor attendance in the Infant School. 11 Boys in Stand. I and 13 Girls.

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- Aug 13th Nellie Cruttenden admitted. School was closed on Friday afternoon on account of the treat.
- **Aug 20th** School closed on Wednesday on account of the teachers having a day's trip to London with the Choir. Scripture examination took place on Thursday Afternoon. Registers not marked. School closed about 3 o'clock for a month's holiday.

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### Aug 21st

Summary of Inspectors Report "I am glad to hear that the mistress is to be relieved of the Ist Standard. She has at present rather more than she can manage single-handed. The results are in some respects creditable but both Instruction and Discipline suffer from the presence of big Boys with an insufficient staff. The third division is at present composed of Children whose attainments are very unequal but it has been necessary to work the school in three divisions only. The Reading of the Boys in the first Standard contrasted very unfavourably with that of the Girls and with that of both Boys and Girls in the lower division. Their passes in this Subject as well as in Arithmetic have been barely achieved. Writing is throughout fairly good and some of the Reading is very satisfactory. It is understood that alterations will be made in the Offices on behalf of the Boys. The index to the Admission Register must be carefully kept and all names must be entered in the order of Admission. The large increase in the Average Attendance is most creditable to all concerned in it." Emily Layton.

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Aug 21st Certificated Teacher of the 3rd Class.

(Cont.) <u>List of Songs</u>. Sung at the Day of Inspection 1880 (July)

- 1. Lightly row
- (2) Oh, we are all weaving\*
- (3) I love the little laughing rill\*
- (4) Come little flock etc.

Leopold S. Clarke Rector

- **Sep 20th** School reopened after a month's holiday on Monday Sep 20th. Commenced school with 20 children. Standard I withdrawn from the Infant School.
- **Sep 27th** Report of Religious Instruction in Bexhill Infant School.

Inspected August 19th 1880 Old Testament = Very Good New " = " " Catechism = " " Repetition = " "

General Remarks = Miss Layton is an excellent teacher and her work has been very successful. The children answer very nicely and often show great intelligence.

### [Page 17]

Oct 4th School going on as usual.

**Oct 16th** Edith Urry unable to attend school. School was closed on Wednesday.

Oct 29th Very few children this week on account of the wet weather.

Nov 6th Much better attendance this week. School going on as usual.

**Nov 13th** Annie Shoesmith returned to school after a severe illness.

Nov 19th School going on according to timetable.

Nov 27th School rather thin this week.

Dec 4th Albert Wyborn, Alice Arnold & Nellie Hunnisett over 7 yrs of age. Names placed on a separate

Dec 11th Margaret Adams admitted.

Apr 8th

Apr 15th

Commenced new Quarter.

School closed on Good Friday.

Dec 18th Taught children some Christmas songs this week.

**Dec 23rd** School was closed on Friday for a fortnight Christmas holidays.

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Jan 10th	School reopened on Monday Jan 10th . Alice Arnold & Nellie Hunnisett sent to the Girls School.
Jan 18th	The Average Attendance this week is 24.
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Jan 25th	School was closed Jan 18th on account of a very heavy fall of snow. Not opened again until Monday 24th.
Jan 28th	Very poor attendance on account of the severity of the weather.
Feb 4th	Better attendance this week.
Feb 10th	School was closed on Thursday Morning on account of a Heavy Rain. Opened as usual in the afternoon: very few scholars.
Feb 17th	Frederick Taylor admitted on Monday morning.
Feb 25th	School going on as usual.
Mar 4th	School going on as usual.
Mar 9th	Very Few scholars this week.
Mar 18th	Emily Stevens admitted.
Mar 25th	Frederick Coleman and Mark Dennet admitted. Taught the children a new song.
Apr 1st	Registers closed for the Quarter.

Apr 22nd School closed this week being Easter week. [Page 19] Apr 29th Commenced school this week. May 6th Lidia Lock, Ellen Lock, and George Griffin admitted. May 13th Ellen Lock absent this week. May 20th Better attendance this week. May 27th School closed on Ascension Day. Children had tea on the beach. Not quite so many this week. Annie Shoesmith away and Harry and Joseph Moore on account of the Hooping [sic] Cough. Jun 3rd School was closed on Thursday Afternoon being the village Club Day and on Monday (Whit Monday) Jun 10th George Farnfield admitted. Rev L. S. Clarke examined the children in Scripture on Thursday. Jun 17th Edith Stevens admitted. Harry Moore and Joseph returned to school. Jun 24th School going on as usual. Jun 30th School registers made up for the year. Commenced new registers Friday. Jul 8th Checked the Registers for the Rev L. S. Clarke and found them correct. Edward S. Howard. [Page 20] Jul 15th Better attendance this week. Find Standard I do their work well. Some of the children over 6 yrs of age read well nearly equal to Standard I. Jul 22nd School closed on Thursday; it being the Village Club Day. Jul 29th School Inspection took place on Tuesday July 26th. Three boys presented in Stand: I. Each passed and they are now sent to the boys school. Rev H. G. Alington examined the children in Needlework, Knitting, Singing, etc on Monday Aug 5th Aug 1st. Children had an [sic] holiday in the afternoon. Aug 11th School Treat took place on Tuesday Aug. 9th. Children had half holiday in the afternoon. [Page 21] Aug 18th List of Songs sung the day of Inspection.

- 1. "The Jolly little Clacker".
- 2. "Before the bright sun."
- 3. Come Come Come.
- 4. Oh where and Oh where

<sup>&</sup>quot;Summary of the Inspectors Report."

<sup>&</sup>quot;The instruction in the elements is sound and the character of the teaching is in other respects satisfactory. The children are in good order. Reading Sheets are required for the lower division of Infants. It is desirable that a more suitable Admission Register should be procured."

"The Scholar numbered 10 on the Examination Schedule is disqualified under Article 19 (B)."

Infants at 4s/ per head	26
Music 1s/ " "	"
Order and D 1s/ " "	"
No for payment at 6/	26
Presented	18
No for Payment at 10s/	18
Presented for Examination	3
Passed in Reading	3
" "Writing	3
" "Arithmetic	3
Total	9

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	£	S
On Average Attendance	7	16
On Infants Presented	9	0
In Standards	1	16
Gross Total of Claim	£18	12

Signed **Emily Layton** 

Certificated Teacher of the 3rd Class

Aug 18th 1881

Leopold S. Clarke

### [Page 23]

Aug 25th School going on as usual. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school. Very few in school this week on account of the inclemency of the weather. Albert Wyborn, Frank Waite, William George and Margaret Adams sent to the boys and girls school.

School broke up on Friday Aug 26th for a month's holiday.

School reopened after a month's holiday on Monday Sep 26th very few scholars average c. 20. Sep 30th

Oct 7th Sent children who are 7 yrs of age to Boys and Girls School.

Oct 14th School going on as usual.

Oct 21st Fred Freeman admitted.

Oct 28th Herbert Wyborn, George Callard [and] Annie Millum [Milham?] admitted.

Nov 4th Average attendance 30. School going on as usual.

Nov 11th Checked the Registers for the Rev L. S. Clarke and found them correct... Edward S Howard.

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Nov 18th Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Friday morning and gave a Scripture lesson.

The Diocesan Inspection fixed for Nov 29th (Tuesday).

William Coleman, Fred Roberts, and Edith Errey over 7yrs of age entered into a separate register.

Nov 25th Very few scholars on Monday on account of the inclemency of the weather. Nov 29th School Inspection took place (in Scripture) on Tuesday Nov 29th. 27 children present. Registers not marked. School carried on as usual in the afternoon. School room fire commenced. James Stone appointed to light it Nov 29th 1881. Report of the Scripture exam: "The children are carefully taught by Miss Layton and passed a very good examination" Leopold S. Clarke [Page 25] Dec 9th School going on as usual. Not as many in attendance owing to the wet weather. Dec 16th School going on as usual. Dec 21st Not so many in attendance owing to the wet weather and several of the children having bad colds. School closed on Friday for a fortnight being Christmas holiday. 1882 Jan 9th School opened on Monday Jan 9th Jan 13th Edith Urrey, William Coleman, Fred Roberts, William Farnfield, Edwin Abbott over 7 years of age sent to the Boys and Girls School Jan 20th School going on as usual Jan 27th Miss L. Clarke teaches the Infants (on Friday) to sing. Feb 3rd Herschel Weatherhead admitted. Mrs Clarke visited the school on Friday, heard the children sing several songs. It has been found necessary to have a new Admission Register as the former one did not satisfy Feb 10th the requirements of government. [Page 26] Feb 17th Gertrude Humphrey admitted Feb 24th Hetty Ireland admitted. Much better attendance this week 30.7. Mar 3rd School going on as usual. George Pettit and Fred Cornford in Stand I – find them very backward. The other children progressing favourably. Mar 10th School going on as usual. Wednesday the Rev E. Howard unable to take Scripture. Mar 17th Checked the Registers for the Rev L. S. Clarke and found them correct Edward S Howard. Discontinued burning the fire in school this week. Mar 24th Good attendance this week Bessie Vidler readmitted. Mar 31st Registers made up for the quarter ending March 31st

Commenced new quarter in Registers

Apr 9th

Apr 15th Charles Patterson admitted George Pettit and Fred Cornford 7yrs of age therefore they [sic] names are entered into a separate register. [Page 27] Apr 21st Alice Tester and Alice Hart admitted also Charles Trill, Fred A. Freeman & James Faulkner Apr 28th Thomas Dyer admitted this week. The numbers are increasing. Those children who were admitted I find very backward not even knowing their letters although some are over 6 yers of age. May 5th Bessie Wells, Annie Shoesmith, Charles Shoesmith admitted this week. Charles Shoesmith I find does not know his letters although 5 yrs of age he has not attended any school before. May 12th John Faulkner admitted this week. May 19th The school was closed on Ascension Day the children had their annual tea on the beach those attending the Sunday School. May 26th Harry Roberts admitted this week Jun 2nd The School was closed, this week being Whitsun Week. Ellen Lock left this week. [Page 28] Jun 9th Charles Miller and Charles Stevens admitted this week. School going on as usual. Taught children a new song. Jun 16th Harry Shoesmith and Emily Ballard admitted. Jun 23rd School going on as usual Jun 30th May Moore admitted this week. Registers made up for the year. The school was closed on Monday afternoon June 26th on account of the visit of H. R. H. The Prince and Princess of Wales to Hastings. Jul 6th Commenced new registers this week. Jul 15th Received notice of Inspection: the examination to take place on Thursday July 27th - also on Friday 28th at 2 p.m. The Scripture Examination by the Diocesan Inspector to take place on Wednesday 3rd August. Three children admitted this week for a short time: Fred Hollands, Carrie, and Elizabeth. [Page 29] Jul 21st The school was closed on Thursday being the Village Club Day. Jul 26th School Inspection took place on Thursday 27th by Rev H. G. Alington. On Wednesday afternoon, instead of Friday, Mr Emerson examined the children in Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. 22 presented, two in Standard I.- George Pettit, Fred Cornford.

**17** 

the children had an holiday on account of the school treat.

Aug 4th

Aug 11th

for 5 wks holiday.

August 3rd Scripture examination took place. 7 children received certificates. In the Afternoon

George Pettit and Fred Cornford sent to the Boys School on Monday. School closed on Friday

### **Sep 18th** School opened on Sep 18th. John Faulkner & James left.

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**Sep 29th** Registers made up for the Quarter.

Oct 6th Herbert Pope left. Bessie Vidler returned to school after several weeks absence. List of songs sung the day of Inspection.

- "1. The Drummer Boy."
- "2. The Peasant."
- "3. What are you good for etc."
- "4. Past 8 o'clock and tis time"

### Summary of Inspector's Report:

"This school is creditably efficient" Infants at 4s per head 30

Music 1s	"	"	"
Order & D 1	s "	"	"
No for paym	ent a	t 6s	30
Presented			20
No for paym	ent a	t 10s	20

Passes in Reading 2
Passes in Writing 2
Passes in Arithmatic 2
No for payment at 4s 6

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Signed Emily Layton

Certificated teacher of the 3rd Class.

Oct 6th 1882

Leopold S. Clarke

Report of Religious Instruction

Inspected Aug 3rd 1882.

Old Testament Good New " " Catechism "

Repetition Very Good

General Remarks.

The attendance was small but the children present answered very nicely and it is evident that Miss Layton's work is thoroughly good. There is a very pleasing tone among the children and their general and happy manner bears testimony to the value of the influence exercised in the school. Signed

Robert Blight Diocesan Inspector

### [Page 32]

Oct 13th Walter Long and Thomas A. Long admitted this week.

Oct 20th Very poor attendance on Monday

Oct 27th Very poor attendance on Tuesday and very few children all this week on account of the inclemency of the weather. Cecilia Baker away with scarlet fever

**Nov 3rd** School going on as usual

**Nov 10th** Harry Moore and May Moore left.

Nov 17th Commenced fire in school Tuesday Nov 14th. James Stone appointed to light it. Louisa Akehurst and Elizabeth Cornford, over 7 yrs, names removed to a separate register. Very few children this week on account of the inclemency of the weather. Helena and Rosina Bowles away through sickness.

Rev E. Howard commenced to teach the children to sing by notes.

**Nov 24th** A faggot of wood bought for the school also 1 cwt of coal and a sack of coke.

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**Dec 1st** Very few children this week

**Dec 8th** Better attendance this week (beginning) Taught the first class subtraction. I find them very backward in reading

2 cwt of coal bought for the school. Thursday and Friday closed on account of the snow.

**Dec 15th** Monday morning the school was closed on account of the snow. Opened on the afternoon, very poor attendance the average being 8

**Dec 23rd** Checked the Registers for the Rev C. S. Clarke and found them correct Rev E. Howard, Assistant Curate

School was closed for a fortnight being Christmas Holidays.

# 1883

Jan 12th School was opened on Jan 8th. Commenced new quarter. Sarah A. Hunnisett, over 7 yrs, her name put into a separate register, also George Griffin, Harold Wyborn, Water Long, Fred Freeman & Bessie Vidler.

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**Jan 19th** Bessie Goldsmith and Fanny Goldsmith admitted also Horace Goldsmith.

**Jan 26th** On Thursday morning the Assistant of the Girls School took charge on account of the unavoidable absence of the mistress.

**Feb 2nd** Very poor attendance this week on account of the weather.

Feb 9th School closed on Wednesday morning

Feb 16th School going on as usual.

**Feb 23rd** Lesson on Form and Colour given also lesson on "The Elephant"

**Mar 2nd** Horace Goldsmith name taken off Register; being 7 yrs of age sent to Boys School. Caroline Akehurst admitted.

Mar 9th School was closed on Thursday and Friday on account of the snow. James Mitchell and Martha Mitchell admitted.

Mar 14th Thomas A. Long left.

Mar 16th School going on as usual.

Mar 23rd School was closed on Good Friday.

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**Mar 30th** School was closed on Easter Monday. Lesson given on Tuesday Afternoon on "Leaves" and "Copper".

Ouarterly accounts made up to March 31st.

Checked the registers for Rev. L. S. Clarke and found them correct.

E.S. Howard, Assistant Curate

**Apr 6th** Commenced 4th quarter in Registers. Bertie Farnfield admitted. School progressing favourably.

**Apr 13th** Martha Mitchell, Orpha Rich, Ernest Hart admitted. George Callard readmitted also Nora Griffin.

Apr 20th Ellen Hunnisett readmitted. Gave a lesson on Form and Colour

**Apr 27th** I find the younger children very backward on account of their irregular attendance.

May 4th School was closed in the afternoon of Ascension day. Norah Hollier admitted and John Cruttenden. Martha Mitchell entered in 1st Class Register being 7 yrs of age.

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May 11th School was closed on Monday morning on account of the inclemency of the weather.

May 18th School closed this week being Whitsun Week.

**May 25th** Albert Vidler, Fred Vidler and George Robinson admitted this week. Much better attendance this week.

**Jun 1st** Annie Shoesmith entered in 1st Class Register being 7yrs old. School going on as usual. I find those admitted very backward.

**Jun 8th** School was closed on Tuesday Afternoon being the Village Club. The needlework was taken on Wednesday Afternoon on that account. Received Form IX and approximate numbers to be forwarded this wk. George Pinnells and James Burchett admitted this week. Lesson given on "Coal".

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Jun 15th School going on as usual

Jun 22nd Those children who have been admitted are very backward in needlework and knitting.

**Jun 26th** Checked the Registers for Rev. L. S. Clarke and found them correct.

E. Layton

**Jun 29th** Registers made up for the year. Cecilia Baker readmitted. Horace [Baker] admitted. Lessons given on "Form and Colour". Ada Whyborn admitted.

**Jul 6th** Commenced new Registers this week. Louisa Waite appointed as Monitress for a short time.

**Jul 13th** Fred Coleman, James Burchett absent through sickness also Ellen Errey.

Jul 20th Lesson given on "Bread".

**Jul 27th** The examination to take place on Friday Aug 3rd.

Recitation for 1884 "Oh call my brother back" "Will you walk into my parlour"

A lesson to be given each week on common objects and natural history.

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**Aug 3rd** The examination to take place in Religious Knowledge Aug 15th. The examination took place on Friday morning Aug 3rd.

**Aug 10th** Mark Dennett, Harold Wyborn, Annie Shoesmith, Eliz. Cornford and Milly Abbott were presented in Standard I and passed and are now sent to the Boys & Girls School.

The School was closed on Monday Afternoon Aug 6th being Bank Holiday also on Wed. on account of the school treat (being so wet it was put off until Thursday Afternoon).

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### Aug 17th Alice and Ada Grant admitted

### Summary of Inspectors Report

"The Order is good and the Instruction is very fairly efficient. The elder Infants might be more proficient in Number".

1		Boys	Girls	Total
Actual Atten (	Over 3yrs	15.3	16.8	32.1
	-	he Grant is payable	e. 32	
, and the second		Infants		
Fixed Grant	4/6	7/- or 9/-	99	S
2 Merit	1/2/3	2/4/6	40	1
3 Needlework	1d		10	1
4 Singing by I	Note		10	1
Grant on Tota	l Atten.		15	5d
Grant on Aver	age Atten		£2	24
Gross Total of	f Claim	£24 - 0 - 0		

Signed E. Layton, Certificated Teacher 3rd Class, 20th August 1883 Leopold S. Clarke

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Aug 24th School closed on Friday Aug 24th for 5 weeks holiday.

Oct 5th School was opened on Monday Oct 1st. Henry Lawrence and William Varman admitted.

**Oct 12th** Lesson given on the Tiger this week and Coal.

Oct 19th Charles Bridgman admitted.

Oct 26th School was closed on Tuesday morning on account of the rain.

**Nov 2nd** Much better attendance this week, average 48.

**Nov 9th** The Scripture examination took place on Tuesday Nov 6th at 9.15. 49 children present, 11 received certificates. Registers not marked.

**Nov 16th** Report of Religious Instruction, Nov 6th 1883.

Old Testament Very Good
New " "
Catechism Good
Repetition Very Good.

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Nov 16th "I was present at prayers and noticed with great pleasure the reverential way in which the children behave and the hearty manner in which they joined in their simple adorations. The tone of the school is admirable and the bright and intelligent faces of the scholars bear testimony to the excellent way in which Miss Layton carries out the Religious Teaching. The Singing of a Hymn was remarkably good for such young children."

Signed Robert Blight, Diocesan Inspector

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**Nov 16th** Commenced burning fire in the schoolroom Nov 13th. James Stone appointed to light it.

Sack of Coke and 2 cwt of coal and a faggot of wood bought. Edith Collin appointed as monitress. Commenced duties Nov 5th.

Nov 23rd School going on as usual.

**Nov 30th** Checked the Registers for Rev L S Clarke and found them correct. E. Layton Teacher.

Edward S. Howard Assist. Curate.

Alice Hunnisett sent to the Girls School. Lesson given on an Apple this week.

**Dec 7th** School was closed on Friday on account of the snow. Emily Ashdown admitted.

**Dec 14th** Better attendance this week.

**Dec 21st** School closed on Friday afternoon for a fortnight "Christmas Holidays"

James Stone pd this wk. Quarter's account made up.

A sack of coke ordered for school.

# 1884

#### [Page 43]

Jan 7th Commenced new quarter in registers. Edwin and George Snelling and Charles Stevens admitted. 2 cwt of coal ordered and a sack of Coke. The average attendance this week was 44.8.

**Jan 18th** Several children away this week on account of bad colds & coughs. The average attendance being 35.7.

**Jan 25th** Very poor attendance this week, the average being 27.9. Lesson given on "Salt".

- **Feb 1st** Lesson given on Form & Colour. Beatrice Coleman admitted.
- **Feb 8th** Rosa L. Akhurst admitted this week. Lesson given on the "Bear". Much better attendance this wk. Several children who have been away with colds have returned.
- Feb 15 Lesson on the Clock and Form & Colour. Edith Collin manages the younger children much better.
- Feb 22nd Lesson given this week on "Flowers".

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- Feb 29th School was closed on Tuesday morning on account of the wet. Lesson given on the "Whale".
- Mar 7th The School was closed on Tuesday morning on account of the wet.
- Mar 14th School going on as usual. Gertrude Hayward admitted.
- Mar 21st Lesson given on the "Bear" and on "Trees".
- Mar 24th Checked the Registers for Rev L. S. Clarke & found them correct. E. Layton

#### Edward S Howard, Assist. Curate

- Mar 28th Frank Cruttenden and Harry Pink admitted, also Eliz. Day.
- **Apr 4th** Lilly Rich admitted. Quarterly accounts made up.
- **Apr 10th** School was closed on Good Friday.
- Apr 18th School was closed on Easter Monday. Children over 7 yrs of age sent to Boys and Girls school.
- **Apr 25th** May Holland admitted. Lesson given on the "Squirrel".
- May 2nd Agnes Ranger admitted & Edward Kenwood. Lesson given on Form and Colour.

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- May 9th Herbert Watson and George Varnam, Caroline Sharp, William Sharp, and Lilly Marchant admitted. Lesson given on the "Bear".
- **May 16th** Amy Kennard and Annie Errey admitted.
- May 23rd Emma Vidler and Frank Vidler admitted. School was closed on Ascension Day.
- May 30th Much better attendance this week.
- **Jun 6th** Lesson given on "Leather". Whitsun Week.
- **Jun 9th** Checked the registers for Rev L. S. Clarke & found them correct. E. Layton. Edward S. Howard, Assist. Curate.
- **Jun 13th** Albert Tester admitted. Lesson given on Form & Colour.
- Jun 20th Elizabeth Smith admitted. School going on as usual. Lesson given on the "Bear".
- **Jun 27th** Ernest Callard and Fred Burton admitted. Lesson given on a Forest.

**Jun 30th** Books made up for the yr. Commenced new Registers Tuesday July 1st.

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Jul 11th Lesson given on "Form & Colour".

**Jul 18th** The school treat took place on Wednesday Afternoon - school was closed. Lesson given on the "Whale".

**Jul 25th** School was closed on Wed: afternoon on account of a Circus coming into the Village. Recitation for 1885 "What cry etc".

Aug 1st School going on as usual.

Aug 8th Holiday on Monday Afternoon being "Bank Holiday".

Aug 10th School was closed on Friday for Harvest Holiday.

Oct 3rd Commenced school on Sep 29th . School accounts made up. New Infant School opened on Friday Oct 3rd. 1884. All children over 6yrs of age and will be 7 yrs by June 30th sent to the Boys & Girls Schools.

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Summary of the Inspector's Report.

"The school continues in a fairly efficient condition. I am very glad to find that the children are soon to be transferred to suitable premises."

E	Boys Girls	
Average Atten. Over 3	21.1  20.9 = 42	2.1
Average Attend. on which the Grant is payable	e. 42	
Fixed Grant	9s	
Merit	4s	
Needlework	1s	
Singing by Ear	6d	
Grant on Total Over Attendance	14/6	
On average Attend.	£30 9s	
Amount of Grant	£30 9s	
Signed F. Layton, Cartificated Teacher 3rd Cla	acc October 5th	188

Signed E. Layton, Certificated Teacher 3rd Class, October 5th 1884

Leopold S. Clarke, Rector.

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Oct 10th Mrs Clark visited the school on Monday afternoon and gave the Kinder Garten alphabet. She also visited the school on Friday afternoon and bought a Kinder Garten song.

Oct 17th School going on as usual. Lesson given on the "Ostrich".

Oct 24th Annie Adams & Emma Vitler, Frank Vitler and Percy Farnfield admitted. Lesson given on "Beaver" and Form & Colour.

Oct 31st Minnie Hoad and Mary Talbot admitted also George Collins.

**Nov 7th** Commenced burning fire Nov 3rd. Mr Spray appointed to light it. 2 sacks of coke and 1 cwt of coal brought in. Exam in Scrip.

Nov 14th School going on as usual. Lesson given on "Form & Colour".

**Nov 21st** Very poor attendance on Friday afternoon on account of the wet. 3 sacks of coke and 1 cwt of coal brought in.

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Nov 28th Lesson given on the "Squirrel".

**Dec 5th** 4 sacks of Coke, 1 cwt of coal brought in. School closed on Monday.

**Dec 12th** Very poor attendance this week on account of the wet.

**Dec 15th** Very poor attendance on Monday morning, 11 present.

**Dec 16th** Examined Registers – found them correct.

Leopold S. Clarke.

4 sacks of coke, 1 cwt of coal brought in.

# 1885

**Jan 9th** School reopened after Christmas Holidays – Jan 5th.

**Jan 16th** Florence Coleman admitted. Mrs Clarke visited the school on Monday Morning also on Wednesday morning. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Tuesday morning. 4 sacks of coke, 1 cwt of coal brought in.

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**Jan 23rd** Mrs Clarke visited the school on Tuesday morning. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school also on Tuesday.

**Jan 30th** Lesson given on the frog. Charles Hunnisett, George Adams, Annie Baker & Augusta Baker admitted this week.

Mrs Clarke and Miss Clarke visited the school on Wednesday morning. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Wednesday Afternoon.

**Feb 6th** Edith Edwards admitted. Mrs Clarke and Miss Clarke visited the school on Thursday morning and brought the children some picture books and box of bricks.

4 packs of Coke and 1 cwt of coal brought in. School cleaned on Friday Feb 6th.

Annie Baker and Augusta Baker left. Reginald Hockless admitted.

Feb 13th James Burchett absent through sickness also Alice Hart absent through cold and sore throat.

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**Feb 20th** Thomas Pink admitted. James Burchett away through cold. Ada Grant left the parish. Classes rearranged, 1st Class in the desks, 2nd and 3rd Classes worked together.

**Feb 27th** Ada Huggins and Annie Carey admitted.

**Mar 6th** Annie Carey away with bad cold.

Mar 13th 4 sacks of coke & 1 cwt of coal brought in. Richard Errey and Frank Voicy admitted.

**Mar 20th** School was closed on Friday Afternoon on account of the elder children going to Hastings by the kind invitation of Lady Brassey.

The attendance much better this week; average attend. 48.8: the highest average in the year at present. I find the first class children improving in their reading.

Mar 27th Albert Shoesmith admitted. School going on as usual.

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- Apr 1st Examined registers today and found them correct. Ponsonby A. M. Sullivan
- **Apr 2nd** School was closed on Good Friday.
- **Apr 3rd** Quarter's account made up ending Apr 3rd.
- **Apr 8th** Fire lighted today being very cold
- **Apr 10th** Fire lighted today being very cold. The first class are improving in their reading and writing. Arithmetic is very poor at present.
- **Apr 17th** Charles Triggs admitted over 6 yrs of age and very backward.
- **Apr 24th** Much better attendance this wk average 52.2. Charles Coleman and Fred Chester admitted.
- May 1st Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school also Mrs Clarke and Miss Oxenden.
- May 8th Very poor attendance on Thursday morning on account of the wet.
- May 15th School was closed on Thursday being Ascension Day.

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- May 22nd The attendance still increases. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school also Miss Clarke. The school was closed on Friday on account of the inclemency of the weather.
- May 29th School closed this week being Whitsun.
- **Jun 5th** Attendance very good this week.
- **Jun 12th** The attendance is still very good on account of the New Girls School being opened 1885.
- **Jun 19th** Edith Dapp admitted this week. Attendance very good 4 children admitted this week, the average for the week being 69.0, the highest average at present for the year.
- **Jun 26th** Received notice of the Day of Inspection to take place Friday July 3rd at 10.30. Not quite such a good attendance this week. Received certificate from Dr Wallis for Hester Hodd who is unable to attend school.
- **Jul 1st** Commenced new Registers on Wed. July 1st yearly accounts made up.

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Report of Religious Instruction

Inspected Nov 16th 1884

Old Testament Very good

New TestamentVery goodCatechismVery goodRepetitionVery good

General Remarks

The new schoolroom is an admirable building and it was a great pleasure for me to pay my first visit to it. The children can hardly fail to derive benefit from being taught amid such pleasant surroundings.

Miss Layton is a very careful and earnest teacher and her scholars do her great credit, not only in the way in which they answer but in their general intelligence and behaviour.

Signed Robert Blight

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- **Jul 3rd** School Inspection took place on Thursday July 2nd, 70 children present.
- **Jul 10th** School Treat took place on Tuesday July 7th; school closed in the afternoon, poor attendance in the morning. Rev Phibbs visited the school on Friday morning, took Scripture. Those children over 6 years of age sent to the Boys school. 4 children allowed to remain being very backward.
- **Jul 14th** 7 girls sent to Girls School 4 delicate children allowed to remain.
- **Jul 17th** Rev H. Phibbs gave Scripture lesson on Friday. 52 children present. Mary A Fellows admitted for a few weeks.
- **Jul 24th** Two children admitted this week. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Friday morning and gave a Scripture lesson also gave a lesson on numbers for the 1st Class.

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### 1885

#### **Summary of Inspectors Report**

"This Infant Department is now moved to cheerful new premises. The numbers are already increasing and there is much more promise in the school than I have noticed before. Some attention is required to discipline. The children are well under control when control is exercised but they are often restless and inattentive. As last year the loss of the higher grant for Music is mainly due to this. The school drill is quite satisfactory."

### [Page 57]

		Boys	Girls	Total	l	
1885	Average Atten.	21.1	20.6	42.8		
	Average Attendance on which the Grant is payab	le		43		
	Fixed Grant			9s		
	Merit "			4		
	Needlework			1s		
	Singing			6d		
	Grant of Total Average Attendance			14/6		
	On Average Attendance			£31	3	6
	Gross Total of Claim			£31	3	6
	Amount of Grant			£31	3	6
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Signed E. Layton, Certificated Teacher (3rd Class)

Leopold S. Clarke

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- **Jul 31st** Ellen Baker admitted. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Friday morning.
- **Aug 7th** Holiday on Monday being Bank Holiday.

**Aug 14th** Hilder Honeysett admitted this week. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Friday morning, gave the best children who answered the most questions in Scripture some plums.

**Aug 18th** Examined Registers and found them correct.

[Unable to read name] pro (Latin: on behalf of?] Rev L. S. Clarke

**Aug 21st** School closed on Friday afternoon for 6 weeks holiday. 30 children present in the afternoon. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school as usual on Friday morning.

Oct 9th Commenced school duties on Oct 5th. Fred Lingham admitted also Alice Jestey readmitted on account of the state of her health and her lessons troubling her in the Girls School. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school.

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**Oct 16th** Edith Collins resigned her duties as monitress in the Inf. School; to be transferred to the Girls School as monitress.

Oct 25th Rev Nicholls visited the school; gave a Scripture lesson on Thursday.

Oct 30th Rev H. Phibbs visited the school; gave a reading lesson to 1st Class. Daisy Adams admitted.

**Nov 6th** 4 sacks of coke - 1 cwt of coal bought in also.

Miss Scrivens and her friend visited the school this week on Tuesday Afternoon, heard the children sing. Rev Hoare gave Scripture Lesson on Tuesday Morning. Charles Griffin punished for playing during the marching.

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List of Object Lessons given

Rice, Cotton, Sugar

The Owl, Cat, Eagle

Horse

Tea

The Boa Constrictor

What the Fire does

The Hedgehog

The House Broom

The Cow

Butter

A Thimble

The Sheep

How the House is lighted

A Cup

A Lesson of Revision

The Seashore

The Toad

The Monkey

The Potato

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List of Object Lessons given

The mouse

The Furniture for the House

The Orange

The water for the House

A little Child 5

**Bricks** 

Donkey

Bear

A pin and a Bodkin

Wool and Thread

A Spade

Coal

The Spider

A Needle and a Thimble

How clothes are made

The Lion

Paper.

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Nov 6th Scripture examination took place on Friday morning Nov 6th. Attendances not taken. School

opened as usual in the afternoon. 10 children obtained certificates; 5 Very Good and 5 excellent.

Commenced burning fire.

**Nov 10th** Rev H. Phibbs visited the school in order to give the children their certificates.

Nov 13th Rev Hoare gave Scripture Lesson on Monday morning.

Nov 19th Mrs Clarke and Miss L. Clarke & Miss Howell visited the school on Wed: Afternoon and took

part in a Kinder Garten game.

Better attendance this week.

**Nov 27th** Rev Hoare visited the school on Monday morning as usual.

Not such a good attendance this week on account of the inclemency of the weather. Emma Mott appointed as monitress (in the place of Edith Collins), commenced duties on Monday 23rd.

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Report of Religious Inspection in Bexhill Infant School.
Inspected Nov 6th 1885

Old Test: Very Good
New ":
Catechism
Repetition

Very Good
" "
"

General Remarks – Miss Layton is a kind and careful teacher and evidently wins the hearts of her scholars. The children answered very nicely and showed pleasing intelligence.

I was present at prayers and noticed the nice behaviour of the children with great pleasure. A hymn was sung fairly well.

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**Dec 4th** Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Tuesday morning. Rev Hoare visited the school as usual but did not take Scripture on account of the poor attendance.

**Dec 10th** I added up the Registers and found the total to agree with the number of Scholars present (33). Harlow Phibbs

**Dec 11th** Better attendance this week. Rev Hall visited the school on Monday morning.

- **Dec 18th** Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Friday morning. The lowest class in the school are progressing favourably with their reading.
- **Dec 22nd** Half Chaldron of coke and 1 cwt of coal brought in for school.

# 1886

**Jan 11th** Resumed duties on Jan 11th after a fortnight's holiday. Rev Nicholls visited the school on Monday morning and stayed a short time there being a very poor attendance.

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- **Jan 13th** The registers were not marked on Wednesday morning on account of the wet weather.
- **Jan 15th** Rev Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning: heard the children repeat the 4th Commandment.
- Jan 22nd Clement Hayward admitted, also John Harman who is 8 yrs of age and very backward indeed.
- Jan 29th Mrs Clarke visited the school on Wednesday morning. ½ Chaldron of coke and 2 cwt of coal brought in for the school.
- Feb 3rd Mrs Clarke visited the school on Tuesday morning and cautioned the children about going into the playground where a large hole had formed through the overflowing of the well, a drain being obliged to be made.

  School closed on Wed: morning on account of the rain.

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- **Feb 5th** School going on as usual. Alfred Sharp admitted.
- **Feb 12th** Several children away with bad colds and chilblains. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school as usual on Monday; on Friday he did not attend.
- **Feb 17th** Examined registers all correct F. Michael Wallis
- **Feb 19th** Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Tuesday morning, also on Wed: Mr M. Wallis who examined the Registers.

Mr S. Thomas visited the school on Wed: morning and spoke about the non-attendance of several children whose names he put down. Two of the children have returned. Half Chaldron of coke and 1 cwt of coal brought in for the school use.

**Feb 26th** Several children still away with bad colds.

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- Mar 6th On Tuesday Mrs Holdaway the former mistress of the Girls School paid a visit to the school. On Tuesday afternoon Miss Clarke, Miss L. Clarke and a friend came in school also Miss Boxhall and Miss Garrett. On Friday morning the Rev G Hoare gave Scripture Lesson.
- Mar 12th School going on as usual.
- Mar 19th Mrs Clarke paid a visit to the school. Rev G Nicholls gave Scripture Lesson on Friday morning.

Mar 26th A very good attendance this week. Mrs Clarke visited the school also Miss Clarke, Miss L Clarke and a friend heard the children sing.

**Mar 31st** Quarterly accounts made up to the 31st of March.

**Apr 2nd** Commenced new quarter on Thursday 1st April.

**Apr 9th** Several new children admitted.

**Apr 16th** Miss Clarke visited the school. Mr Hoare gave Scripture Lesson on Monday morning.

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**Apr 23rd** Several fresh children admitted. The attendance very much better. School closed for a week's holiday being Easter wk.

May 7th School reopened after a week's holiday. May 3rd several children absent through measles.

May 14th 12 children admitted this week.

May 21st Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Thursday Afternoon.

May 28th Very poor attendance this week owing to the prevalence of measles.

**Jun 3rd** Measles better; and better attendance. Examined the Registers one more girl than on the Registers otherwise agreed. Leopold Clarke

**Jun 7th** School was closed on Thursday being Ascension Day.

**Jun 11th** Much better attendance this week, average being 75.4

**Jun 18th** School was closed on Monday afternoon being Whit Monday.

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**Jun 25th** The attendance still increases, average this week being 79.7

**Jul 2nd** Commenced new Registers Thursday July 1st. Emma Mott absent with leave on Tuesday morning from 11.30.

Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school. Rev G Nicholls visited the school on Monday, gave Scripture Lesson.

**Jul 9th** Mrs Clarke paid a visit to the school. Received Form IX. School Inspection to take place on Friday at 9.45 (July 30th).

**Jul 16th** William Harris admitted. 8 yrs of age and very backward.

**Jul 23rd** School Inspection to take place on Thursday instead of Friday (July 29th at 9.45).

Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school.

List of songs in 1886

"The Drummer Boy"

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"The neat Little Clock"

"The Honey Bee"

"The Railway Train".

Jul 29th The examination took place on Thursday morning July 29th. 96 children present, weather fine, school treat to take place in the afternoon. The examination was conducted by the Rev H. G. Alington at 9.45. Children dismissed at 11.30.

Songs sung – "The Drummer Boy", "The Railway Train" Recitation – "Little Dame Crump", "The Little Chickens"

The Rev G Alington was present at prayers.

The Rev L. S. Clarke was present also Mrs Clarke and Miss Clerk.

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Aug 6th G. Pinnells, Alfred Larby, A Schindler, W. Clifton, C. Bridgland, J. Private, H. Hunnisett, G Walker, O. Rich, C. Baker, A. Errey, L. Carter, A. Bird, E. Warren, M. Elphick, being over 7 years of age sent to the Boys and Girls school.

Aug 13th Frank Vitler being a delicate child but over 7 yrs of age is allowed to remain in the Infants School. Fred Hutchinson, Thomas Bristow, John Hilder, Ernest Mann, Emma Dengate, Fred Card, and William Harris – these children are over 7 years of age and very backward, being admitted when they were between 6 & 7 years of age, are allowed to remain in the school.

Aug 20th Examined Registers – all correct. Leopold Clarke.

**Aug 20th** School going on as usual.

**Aug 27th** School closed on Thursday afternoon Aug 26th for 5 weeks holiday.

Oct 4th School reopened on Oct 4th.

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### Summary of the Inspectors Report

"The school continues to improve. The attention of the children is much more fully secured all their lessons. The subject matter of the oral lessons is somewhat meagre. It is advisable to draw up notes of each lesson given. More method may thus be introduced into this portion of the Instruction and it is obviously desirable for purposes of examination to know exactly how far the instruction has been carried. The action singing, Drill, and Recitation are quite satisfactory. The "Grant" for singing by note may be recommended this year. Explanation should be given by an early entry in the Log Book of the reasons for retaining children in this department after 7 years of age."

Signed, Emily Layton – Certificated Teacher, 3rd Class, Aug 24th 1886

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Boys	Girls	Total
23.4	25.6	49.1
		49
		9s
		4s
		1s
		1s
		£15
		£36 15
	=	£36 15
	•	Boys Girls 23.4 25.6

Leopold S. Clarke

Emily Layton, Certificated Teacher, 3rd Class

Oct 8th Very poor School on account of the Hooping [sic] Cough.

Oct 15th Edith Stevens admitted this week and Sarah Chester. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school.

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Oct 19th Examined registers – correct. L. S. Clarke

Oct 22nd Jane Selmes admitted this week, several children still away.

Oct 29th Fred and Charles Foster admitted also Fred Millham. Alfred Merit absent through Hooping Cough. Charles Coleman left.

**Nov 5th** Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Thursday morning and brought notice of the Scripture Inspection to take place on Tuesday Nov 23rd. Mrs Clarke also visited the school on Thursday afternoon.

**Nov 8th** Commenced burning the fire Nov 8th.

**Nov 15th** Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school.

**Nov 19th** School registers not called on Wednesday 17th on account of the rain.

**Nov 26th** The Diocesan Inspection postponed on account of the illness of the Inspector.

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**Dec 3rd** Much better attendance this week.

**Dec 10th** Registers closed on Wednesday morning on account of the wet weather. The diocesan inspection to take place on Thursday Dec 23rd.

**Dec 17th** School going on as usual. Several children away with colds.

**Dec 23rd** School examination took place today Thursday.

Report of examination.

"The state of the school is satisfactory. The children answer intelligently and have been well taught. Miss Layton deserves commendation." Rev W. Walsh Dec 23rd 1886

Rev L. S. Clarke was present. Rev G. Nicholls. The weather was fine. 64 children present.

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#### [Page 76]

Jan 14th School opened after two weeks holiday on Jan 10th. A faggot of wood brought in for the school. Rev. Count De Zepplin visited the school on Friday and stayed for prayers. Mrs Clarke visited the school on Monday at 1.45.

**Jan 21st** Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school.

**Jan 28th** Emma Mott absent through sickness on Tuesday. A little better attendance this week.

**Feb 4th** Rev. Count De Zepplin visited the school on Friday morning took Scripture commencing with the "Birth of our Blissett Lord", children attentive.

**Feb 11th** Rev. Count De Zepplin did not visit the school this week. William Hunnisett admitted.

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**Feb 16th** Examined Registers – 60 children present correct. L. S. Clarke. Count De Zepplin visited the school this week.

Feb 25th School going on as usual.

**Mar 4th** Much better attendance this week. Count De Zepplin visited the school this week on Friday.

Mar 10th Count De Zepplin did not visit the school this week.

Mar 18th Rose Akhurst left the school this week.

Mar 26th The school still continues to improve.

Mar 31st The quarter ends this week on Thursday, March 31st. School accounts made up.

**Apr 8th** Commenced last quarter in the Registers. Emma Mott absent with leave for half an hour.

**Apr 16th** The school was closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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# **Apr 22nd** Several children admitted this week, the highest number being 108.

List of children retained in the Infant school after 7 years of age –

Caroline Akhurst **Ernest Hart** Lilly Rich Frank Cruttenden Nellie Carter Harry Dyer Minnie Hoad Charles Hunnisett Richard Voicy Beatrice Coleman Hetty Hilder George Wood Mary Wells Richard Harman Louisa Barker George Atlee Ellen Harding Harry Gibb **Ernest Williams** Charles Griffin Arthur Burstow Alfred Pink

12 children in the above list were thought too young to be sent after the exam to the Girls and Boys school.

### [Page 79]

Harry Dyer	=	Delicate	
Richard Voicy	=	"	
Hetty Hilder	=	"	
Richard Harman		)	
Louisa Barker		)	Very backward
George Atlee		)	and not being
Ellen Harding		)	admitted till between
Ernest Williams		)	6 and 7 years of age.
Arthur Burstow		)	
Arthur Pink		)	

### Apr 29th Alice Leonard admitted, aged 6

Alice Eldridge " " "

Sydney Cornford re-admitted, aged 6. George Gillham admitted over 7 years of age and very backward and 5 children admitted this week.

Ida Farcey appointed as monitress for a short time.

May 6th Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school this week. Alice and George Leonard admitted.

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May 9th Examined Registers – correct. Leopold S. Clarke

May 13th Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school this week also Mrs Clarke and Miss Clarke. Rev H. Phibbs visited the school on Thursday.

May 20th School was closed on Ascension day.

May 27th Emma Mott absent this week through sickness.

**Jun 3rd** School was closed this week being Whitsun week. Commenced duties on June 7th.

Jun 10th School conducted by Miss Layton on Monday & Tuesday & on Wednesday until 11 a.m.

I, Emily Cross (C T.) took charge of the school on Wednesday Morn. at 11 o'clock owing to the illness of the Mistress. A half holiday on Thursday. Visitor – Miss Cuddy.

[Transciber's note - CT = Certified teacher],

**Jun 17th** I, Emily Layton, commenced duties again after a short illness of 7 days during my absence the school was conducted by a certificated mistress. School going on as usual. Ida Farcey monitress left this week.

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Jun 24th Margaret Cruttenden appointed as monitress this week. The school was closed on Tuesday 21st June being Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. On Wednesday afternoon school was closed being Jubilee wk.

**Jun 30th** The school year ends this week. Miss Scrivens and Miss Wilson visited the school this week.

Jul 1st New Class Registers commenced.

Jul 5th Rev G Nicholls visited the school also Miss Scrivens and Mr Jennings.Jul 14th Examined Registers – Corrected error of entry Leopold S. Clarke

Jul 15th Miss Cuddy and a friend visited the school this week. Received notice of day of Inspection to take place on Friday 29th at 9.30. Edith Wooller admitted 6yrs 11mths. Harry Murrell 6 yrs 1 mth also F. Wooler & A. Murrell very backward children.

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Jul 22nd Stephen Farmer admitted aged 6 yrs 2 months not been sent to school before. Gertrude Hayward readmitted 7 yrs 10 months. Miss Cuddy visited the school on Thursday and assisted with the work. Rev G. H. Nicholls visited the school on Friday and gave the best children for Scripture texts.

**Jul 29th** The examination took place Friday 29th of July at 9.30. The Rev H. G. Alington was present also Rev C. Clarke. 117 children present. Weather very warm.

List of songs.

"The Jolly little clacker"

"If our good Queen etc"

"The cat and her kittens"

"The little sailor boy"

Recitation

"King Bruce of Scotland"

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**Aug 5th** 16 girls sent to the Girls school 26 boys " " Boys "

Aug 12th Average attendance very poor this week.

Aug 16th Examined registers – correct. L. S. Clarke. Alice Sargent and Daisy Barker admitted this week.

### Summary of Inspectors Report

The large proportion of backward children seven years old who mainly constitute the first class is due to the late influx into the parish of working men and their families. Although the proper place of these children is undoubtedly the Infant School, care must be taken that they do not swamp the six year old Infants, who ought to be preparing for the First Standard in the upper department. On the whole the Elementary work is satisfactory.

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#### **Object Lessons**

Aug 4th Bread	Aug 9th Coal	Aug 11th Tigers	Aug 16th Rice
Aug 18th Cat	Sep 20th Tea	Sep 22nd Elephant	Oct 4th Sugar
Oct 6th Lion	Oct 11th Cotton	Oct 13th Donkey	Oct 19th [Blank]
Oct 20th Owl			

The Cow, the sheep, a cup, the Sea-shore, the Toad, the Potato, Bricks, Bear, Horse, a Thimble, Wool, Paper, Rice. Books, factory.

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The Object Lessons suffer from want of proper illustrations. The singing and recitation are creditable. More uniformity should be acquired in the Action singing. A qualified Assistant Teacher under article 50 should be at once appointed (Article 83 & 115 (ii))

	Boys	Girls		
Act. Aver. Atten.	37.6	30.9	=	68.6
Average Atten. On Grant				69
1 Fixed Grant 7s or 9s				9s
2 Merit. 2s, 4s, 6s				4s
3 Needlework 1s				1s
Grant on Total Aver. Attendance				15/
On average attendance				£51.15s
Gross Total of Claim				£51.15

Signed E. Layton Aug. 1887. Certificated Teacher 3rd Class. Leopold S. Clarke 20 Aug. 1887

### [Page 87]

**Aug 19th** School closed for 5 weeks being Harvest Holiday.

**Sep 19th** Opened school this week after 5 weeks holiday. Percy Long, Ernest Long, Fred Chester, & Harry Cole admitted.

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Commenced new quarter in registers. School going on as usual. Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week.
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week on Friday morning.
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Commenced fires on Monday the 17th. 2 cwt of coal and a sack of coke ordered for school, also chips. Mrs Clarke visited the school on Tuesday morning and brought a song book for the use of the school. Mrs and Miss Clarke visited the school on Wed. morning and brought a bag of sweets for the children who work hard in the Band of Hope.

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- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Examined Registers error of one child beyond those in attendance. Corrected Register. L. S. Clarke.
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup> School going on as usual. Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week.
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2 cwt coals and 6 sacks of coke ordered for the school. Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week.
- **Nov 7th** Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week also Mrs Clarke.
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> School going on as usual. Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week. Not so many in attendance owing to the wet weather.
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Rev F. Swanston did not visit the school on Friday. Mrs A. Brooke & Miss Ransome visited the school and brought the children a bag of sweets.
- Nov 28th Rev F. Swanston visited the school this week.

### [Page 89]

**Dec 9th** Scripture examination took place on Tuesday Dec 6th. 18 children passed. 6 in excellent, 6 Very Good, and 6 Good.

The Rev W. Walsh examined the children. The Rev L. S. Clarke and Rev F. Swanton was [sic] present and also about 70 children.

The weather was cold but fine. The school was closed in the afternoon.

#### Report of Religious Instruction

Old Testament	=	Very Good
New Testament	=	"
Catechism	=	"
Repetition	=	"

General Remarks

The little ones sing [sic] hymns, behaved extremely well and passed a satisfactory examination. Miss Layton is doing good work.

Signed E. Layton Dec. 1887

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- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> School going on as usual.
- Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> school was closed on Friday afternoon for Christmas Holiday a fortnight. Miss Cuddy visited the school in the afternoon and gave prizes to the best children and also a card to each child.

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**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** School was opened on Jan 9th after Christmas holiday. Matilda Burt appointed as assistant mistress. Commenced duties on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Richard Harmour [sic] and Horace Baker readmitted (from the Boys School) being very backward.

- **Jan 20**<sup>th</sup> School going on as usual. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning but did not give Scripture lesson. 2 cwt of coal and half chaldron of coke brought in for the school.
- **Jan 27**<sup>th</sup> William Arnold admitted over 7 but very backward also Fred Stevens. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning.

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- **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** Very poor attendance this week owing to the inclemency of the weather. Miss Cuddy visited the school on Thursday afternoon.
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Examined Registers correct L. S. Clarke.

Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school on Friday afternoon. Rev G. Nicholls did not visit the school this week.

- **Feb 17th** The school was not opened on Thursday or Friday morning for an attendance on account of the snow. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday. 2 cwt of coal ordered and half-chaldron of coke.
- **Feb 24**<sup>th</sup> The school was closed this week (on account of the snow) for an attendance.

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- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Not so good an attendance this week, the weather still being very unfavourable.
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> On Friday the registers were not marked on account of the very poor attendance, the heavy rain prevented many from coming to school. Emma Mott absent with leave on Tuesday from 3 o'clock.
- Mar 16th The attendance this week was not very good. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday. Mrs Clarke also visited the school this week and played a song for the children. ½ Chaldron of coke & 2 cwt of coal ordered for the school.
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> The registers were not marked this week. On account of the deep snow, the children were unable to come. A very few children about average 6 who came were allowed to stay in school.

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- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> The school was closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. On Thursday 29th I was unable to be present in the afternoon having gone to attend my sister's funeral. The registers were marked by the Girls mistress (Miss Cross).
- **Apr 5th** The attendance was small this week. The Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning.
- Apr 9<sup>th</sup> The attendance was much better this week. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school this week. Several children admitted over 7 years of age who are unfit for the Boys & Girls school being very backward.

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Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Much better attendance this week. 12 children admitted on Monday. Rev G Nicholls visited the school. Examined Registers – correct Leopold S. Clarke Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> School going on as usual. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday. Apr 30<sup>th</sup> Rev G Nicholls visited the school this week. May 7th The school was closed on Thursday afternoon being Ascension Day. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning. 4 children admitted this week. May 14th 6 children admitted this week. Rev G Nicholls visited the school on Friday. May 21st School was closed this week for Whitsun Holiday. May 28th Much better attendance. Jun 8th 9 children admitted this week. [Page 95] Jun 18<sup>th</sup> The attendance is very good this week, the average being 119.7 Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> Received Form IX cent in approximate number. Apr 27th Examined Registers - Correct. Leopold S. Clarke Jun 29<sup>th</sup> The registers were not marked on Tuesday morning on account of the storm. Jul 6th The examination to take place at 11 o'clock on Wed 25th of July. Jul 13th Commenced new Registers July 2nd Jul 20th Rev G. Nicholls did not visit the school as usual on Friday morning. Jul 23rd Examined Registers - Correct L. S. Clarke Jul 25th The examination took place on Wednesday morning at 11.20. Weather fine, 136 present – 72 Boys and 64 Girls. Rev H. G. Alington examined the children. Rev L. S. Clarke was also present. [Page 96] Songs prepared for the year. 1. Little Bo-Peep, etc 2. Neath the white waves, etc. 3. My hands how nicely, etc 4. See the little busy bee.

School was closed on Bank Holiday. School going on as usual.

24 boys sent to Boys school. 19 girls sent to Girls school.

School going on as usual. Mrs Clarke visited the school.

Aug 17th School was closed on Sunday afternoon being the school treat.

Aug 3rd

Aug 10th

- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Very few children present this week.
- **Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** School closed on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. for 5 weeks holiday.

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### Summary of the Inspectors Report, Jul 1888

I have recommended the Good Merit Grant in the case of this school after some hesitation. I should like to see more six year old children in the first class, and to find the attainment in it more advanced. Greater attention should be paid by individual children to the Modulator during the singing by note and all noisy singing should be checked. The interest of the classes should be more fully secured during the Object lessons. The latter have again not been in all cases properly illustrated. The recitation is spirited.

M. Burt is recognised under article 84.

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	Boys	Girls	Total
Actual Aver : Atten:	43.5	33.7	77.2
Average Atten: on Grant payable		77	
1. Fixed Grant		9s	
2. Merit " 4s		4s	
3. Needlework 1s		1s	
Singing Note 1s		1s	
Grant on Tot. Aver: Atten:		£15/- 0	
On Aver. Attendance		£57 15	
Gross Total of Claim		£57 15	
Reduction Staff (115.2)		£4 5	
Balance after Reduction		£53 10	

Signed E. Layton Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1888 Certificated Teacher 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Leopold Clarke Aug 25, 88

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- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> School reopened after 5 weeks holiday. Several fresh children admitted.
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> I find several children have left Bexhill during the holidays and some children over 7 yrs of age sent to the Girls school. The average attendance not being as good on that account.
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> School going on as usual. Rev L. S. Clarke visited the school also Mrs Clarke. On Friday morning Rev G. Nicholls visited the school. Received notice of Scripture examination to take place on Tuesday Nov 20th.
- **Nov 2nd** Very poor attendance this week owing to the wet weather.
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Rev G. Nicholls visited the school. ½ Chaldron coke and 2 cwt of coal ordered for the school.

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- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Commenced burning fires Nov 7th 1888
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Examined Registers. Correct L. S. Clarke Scripture examination took place on Tuesday at 9.15. 59 children present, morning wet. 13 children obtained certificates.
- **Nov 30th** Rev G. Nicholls did not visit the school this week.

Mrs Brook visited the school this week.

### Report of Religious Instruction

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1888

Old Testament Very good
New " "
Catechism " "
Repetition " "

General Remarks

The infants sung hymns & answered very intelligently many questions asked from them. They have been well taught.

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### [Page 101]

**Dec 7**<sup>th</sup> Mrs Clarke visited the school this week.

**Dec 14**<sup>th</sup> Mrs Clarke visited the school this week. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning.

**Dec 20**<sup>th</sup> The school was closed on Friday afternoon for Christmas holidays.

**Jan 7**<sup>th</sup> 2 cwt of coal and ½ chaldron of coke ordered for the school.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Examined Registers. Correct. Leopold S. Clarke

**Jan 25**<sup>th</sup> Mrs Clarke visited the school this week and gave each child present two Christmas cards. Rev G.

Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning but did not take Scripture.

The school was closed for a day this week on account of the County Council Election.

½ chaldron coke & 2 cwt of coal brought in for school.

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**Feb 1st** Emma Mott absent with leave on Monday. Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Friday morning heard the children repeat their Scripture.

**Feb 8**<sup>th</sup> Rev G Nicholls visited the school this week.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** Very poor attendance this week on account of the snow. No school held on Monday. Average attendance 23.3.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** Emma Mott absent with leave for an hour.

**Feb 26**<sup>th</sup> Half chaldron coke ordered & 2 cwt of coal.

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Rev G. Nicholls did not visit the school this week.

Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Willie Stroud readmitted.

Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Willie Wooller admitted.

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> School going on as usual.

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> Quarter ends this week.

**Apr 1**<sup>st</sup> Commenced the 4th quarter. Fires discontinued.

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** Better attendance this week.

**Apr 19**<sup>th</sup> School closed on Good Friday.

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Apr 19<sup>th</sup> School closed on Easter Monday. The Scripture examination took place on Friday morning, the 26th at 9.15. The Rev Walsh Inspector pres[ent], also Rev. E. Mortlock. Weather fine. Registers not marked.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Much better attendance this week. Rev G. Nicholls did not visit the school. Mrs Clarke visited the school this week; the children went through the musical drill and said a recitation.

May 10<sup>th</sup> Better a attendance this week – Rev G. Nicholls visited the school this week on Thursday.

May 17th Matilda Birt absent with leave for a short time on Thursday morning.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Rev G. Nicholls visited the school on Tuesday morning. Much better attendance this week.

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**Jun 1st** School was not opened on Monday on account of the rain. On Thursday school was closed being Ascension day.

Jun 5th This day examined the Registers and found Correct. F Michael Wallis, School Manager

**Jun 7th** Much better a attendance this week.

**Jun 14th** School was closed this week on account of Whitsun holiday.

**Jun 21st** Received notice of H. M. Inspector's visit which is to take place on Wed: July 24 had 2 p.m.

Jun 28th Registers closed this week for the year.

**Jul 5th** Commenced new registers July 1st.

**Jul 12th** Not a good attendance this week. Emma Mott absent on Thursday afternoon through sickness.

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Report of Religious Inspection. Bexhill Infant School inspected 26th of Apr 1889.

Old Test: Very good
New ": "
Catechism ""
Repetition ""

#### General Remarks

The Infants sang nicely and there examination showed that they have been taught in a highly satisfactory manner.

Signed, Walter Walsh, Diocesan Inspector Emily Layton, Certificated Teacher

**Jul 14th** Mrs Clarke kindly presented the school with six dozen drill bells.

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Object Lessons 1887 – 8

The Whale, The Rabbit, Bread, Slate, Book, Pepper, Coal, Tiger, Lion, Table, Cotton Plant, A Needle & a Thimble, Rice, Salt, a Loaf of Bread, The Cowell, The Squirrel, Bear, Chairs, Sugar, Tea, Coffee?

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A Wasp, Cotton Plant, Salt, Brooms, Soap.

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**Jul 19th** Much better attendance this week. Rev F. Swanton visited the school this week.

Jul 26th The examination took place at 2 o'clock on Wed 24th of July/89. 125 children present. Weather fine and bright. Rev G. Alington and Mr Emmerson H. M. Inspector present; also – Rev W. L. Grane & Mrs Grane present.

Songs prepared.

- 1 The Big Base Drum
- 2 A sweet little face etc
- Willie is a clever laddie

Recitation The dead dolly, Little Dame Crump.

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**Aug 2nd** Very poor attendance this week owing to the children over 6 yrs of age being sent to the boys and girls school.

 $\underline{\text{Girls}} = 28 \quad \underline{\text{Boys}} \ 22 \quad = \quad \underline{\text{Total}} \quad = \quad \underline{50}$ 

- **Aug 9th** School was closed on Bank Holiday. Rev W. L. Grane visited the school this week also Rev G. Nicholls.
- **Aug 16th** Miss Cuddy and a lady friend visited the school on Wed afternoon. E. Mott absent for an hour on Wed afternoon. On Thursday afternoon the school was closed being the Sunday school treat to Pevensey Castle.
- **Aug 20th** Visited school & Checked Registers. W. L. Grane
- **Aug 23rd** School was closed on Tuesday afternoon for 5 weeks holiday. Rev W. L. Grane and Mrs Grane visited the school on Wed afternoon.

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**1889** Summary of the Report of the Inspector

"The Infants are creditably advanced in Reading and numbers and have made progress during the year. I do not find that sufficient attention is yet paid to the proportion of letters in teaching Handwriting and the teachers have certainly not yet succeeded in interesting their classes in the Object Lessons. After my last report I consider improvement in this respect to be an essential condition of the recommendation of the good merit grant this year. The children enter with some spirit into the Action Singing and Drills. Rather more attention is required to the modulation of the process in Sol-faing.

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Needlework with some poor individual exception is on the whole fair." M. Birt is continued under Article 84.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Actual Aver. Atten.	44.9	31.2	76.2
Average Atten. payable in	Grant		76
Fixed Grant 7s or 9s			9
Merit 2/- 4/- 6/-			2/-
Needlework 1/-			1/-
Singing by Note			1/-
Grant on Total Av. Atten.			13/-
On Average Attendance			£49.8
Gross Total of Claim			£49.8

£ d Amount of Grant = 49 8 0

Signed = Emily Layton, Certificated Teacher 3rd Class

W. Leighton Grane Aug 21st 1889

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Oct 4th School reopened after 5 weeks holiday.

Oct 7th Hester Willford appointed as assistant (in the place of Matilda Birt) under article (50).

Oct 11th Attendance very poor on account of the wet weather. School closed on Wednesday morning on account of the storm.

Oct 18th Maud Greed and Albert Howe left. School going on as usual.

Oct 25th Rev W L. Grane and Mrs Grane visited the school this week. A new register commenced for the 3rd Class.

Nov 1st Much better attendance this week.

Nov 8th School going on as usual. Miss Cuddy visited the school this week. Mr Thomas, the attendance Officer, visited the school and made inquiries respecting absent children.

**Nov 15th** Average attendance this week 98.

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## List of Object Lessons 1889-90

Oct 6th Salt, Coalmine,

Oct 22nd The Camel, Blast Furnace (Iron), The Eagle

Nov 15th The Beacon, Barley, Rye, Buckwheat, The Oak Tree, Pomegranate, Olive

Tree, Ash Tree, Elm Tree, Cork Tree, Date Palm, Millet, Cherry

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Nov 18th Tested Registers & found them correct. W. Leighton Grane. Commenced fire in school Nov 18th. Ordered six sacks of coke and 2 cwt of coal.

- **Nov 22nd** Miss Willford absent through sickness on Friday Morning. Rev W. L. Grane visited the school on Wednesday morning. Rev N. Newberry visited the school on Tuesday afternoon and brought a new set of Lessons for Object teaching.
- **Nov 29th** Rev W. L. Grane visited the school this week. Received two new Kinder Garten desks and four doz. slates for drawing and paper for folding (Kinder Garten).
- **Dec 6th** Miss Willford absent through sickness, part of this week.
- Dec 11th Tested Registers found correct. F. M. Wallis
- **Dec 13th** Miss Willford absent this week through sickness.

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- **Dec 16th** Examined Registers found them correct. W. Leighton Grane
- **Dec 20th** School closed on Friday morning for Christmas Holidays a fortnight.

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- **Jan 10th** School reopened after 2 weeks holidays.
- **Jan 17th** School going on as usual. Rev W. L. Grane came in school on Friday afternoon. Miss Cuddy visited the school this week.
- **Jan 24th** Several of the children away this week on account of sickness. Miss Willford absent through sickness on Friday afternoon.
- Jan 31st Miss Cuddy visited the school this week. Miss Willford came for a short time on Monday morning, on Monday afternoon she was absent, Tuesday she came for a short time, on Wednesday and Thursday she was still unable to come to school & also Friday.

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- Feb 7th Visited this school. H. G. Alington. H. M. Inspector
- **Feb 9th** On Monday 9th of February Miss Willford was obliged to resign her duties as assistant and went to London accompanied by Miss Teall.
- **Feb 14th** School going on as usual with the help of a monitress in the absence of Miss Willford. An assistant is appointed to commence her duties on Monday.
- **Feb 21st** The school has been carried on by the mistress and Emma Mott monitress this week as the assistant was unable to come.
- Feb 28th The school is still without an assistant but who is to commence her duties on Monday. I, Emily Layton, resign my duties as mistress of Wilson M. School on Friday 28th after 11 years and five month's service. Miss Stacey, my successor, is appointed mistress in my place. Feb. 28th 1890.

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Mar 3rd I, Charlotte Stacey, have been appointed Head Mistress of the Wilson M. School and Commenced duties at the same school on March 3rd 1890, with Miss Lila Bodley (Ex. P. T.) As

an Assistant Mistress; she having Commenced duties in the Wilson M. School on the same date (Art 50 and 52).

I find the school in a very bad state of organisation. The children's names being entered on Registers irrespective of age, and classed accordingly. I find school has been worked in two Divisions.

There are also 12 boys names on Registers who are over the age of seven.

The Attendance was very small owing to the severity of the weather.

The Children are in a very bad state of discipline, very noisy in their general behaviour and late at lessons.

Rev M. L. Grane visited the school this morning and addressed a few words to the children.

Mar 4th It was found necessary to close the school today owing to a heavy fall of snow during the night.

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Mar 7th I have tried to find out this week how far advanced the Children are in their work and I find that they are very backward in every subject. There are children in the First Class who do not know how to form letters perfectly and have no idea of taking down simple words from dictation. In Arithmetic they cannot take down numbers consisting of two figures.

The Second and Third Classes have been taken together. By far the majority of these Children do not know their letters, and have no idea of Arithmetic.

I find the Songs are sung and the Recitation said in such a bad tone of voice that I have decided to teach them new pieces.

The Average Attendance for the week is 48.8.

**Mar 10th** There were sixty-five children present this morning. Owing to the later part of the morning and the afternoon turning out to be wet, there were only forty-four present in the afternoon.

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- Mar 11th Seventy-five present this morning, the highest number since I have been here. Rev W. L. Grane and Mrs Grane visited the school this afternoon.
- **Mar 13th** Received from the Rev W. L. Grane, the table and four chairs for the school. Numbers still keep up. Seventy-five present.
- Mar 14th I have been working this week with the First Class. Have given lessons in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. The children in this Class can at present only take down Units from dictation. Miss Bodley has been working with the Second Division. These children do not know their figures. The Average this week is 69.1.
- Mar 19th Examined Registers found them correct. W. Leighton Grane
- Mar 21st Six Children have been admitted this week. Dr. Wallis visited the school on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday afternoon Dr Wallis and a Mr Smith came and inspected the school premises. This school was closed on Thursday owing to the inclemency of the weather.

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- Mar 28th Closed school this afternoon until April 8th for Easter holidays.
- Apr 11th The attendance this week has been very low. The Average for the week being 50.5. Received notice of the Scripture Examination, which is announced to take place on Wednesday April 30th at 10.4 5 a.m. Miss Bodley has resigned her appointment of Assistant Mistress through having obtained an appointment near her home.

**Apr 18th** First Class this week have been learning to form the Capital Letters. They are also learning to write their names. Have taught them two songs and also two pieces for Recitation. This week the Second Division commenced in reading from a card.

Mar 21st The Rev W. L. Grane visited the school this morning.

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- **Apr 22nd** The school was closed this afternoon.
- **Apr 25th** The school was closed this day owing to a very heavy rain. The Attendance still continues very bad. The Average for the week being 78.
- **Apr 30th** The children were examined in Scripture by the Rev W. Walsh (Diocesan Inspector). 97 present. There were also present the Rev W. L. and Mrs Grane and the Rev Newbury.
- **May 2nd** The Attendance has been much better this week. Average 94.5. Several children admitted this week.
- May 6th The Result of the examination in Scripture on April 30th is as follows: –

Old Testament Good
New Testament Good
Catechism & Liturgy Good
Repetition` Good

General Remarks.

The Infants sung nicely and behaved well. A recent change in the mistress has a little disarranged the teaching so that the little ones scarcely did due credit to themselves or to Miss Stacey.

Walter Walsh, Diocesan Inspector.

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- **May 9th** The Attendance still continues very good. Average this week 106.2.
- May 16th Miss Annie Pegrum is appointed Assistant Mistress (Art 50 and 52) in this school in the place of Miss Bodley. Miss Pegrum commenced duties on Monday May 12th.
   May 15th being Ascension Day the school was closed in the afternoon.
   The First Class has made satisfactory progress in Writing.
- May 23rd The Rev W. L. Grane and Mr Candler visited the school this week. The school was closed this afternoon until Tuesday morning next for the Whitsun holiday.
- **May 30th** The Attendance fell considerably this week. Average for the week 88.2.

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- Jun 6th The Rev W. L. Grane and Mr Whitcombe visited the school this afternoon. Jesse Farcey is appointed Monitress. Commenced duties June 2nd (Monday). The attendance has been very good. Frank Elphick is obliged to be absent from school for some weeks having broken his arm.
- **Jun 13th** The attendance has considerably improved. Average four week being 125. The school was closed Thursday afternoon.
- **Jun 20th** Walter Mann returned this week after an absence of several weeks through sickness. The school was closed on Tuesday morning. Several of the children (having very bad colds) have been absent from school this week.

Jun 27th Visited school & Tested Register – found all correct. F. Michael Wallis, School Manager

**Jun 29th** This school was closed on Tuesday morning owing to the inclemency of the weather. Only one hundred and twenty six children have been attending school this week. Several of them are still suffering from severe colds.

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The Object Lessons given from March the 3rd till June the 30th are: –

First Class Second Class Coal Window

Sugar Boots and Shoes

Camel A Tree Hare Table

Lobster Human Body (Prin. Pts.)

Ostrich Coat
Bee Cat
Oak Tree Horse
Cherry Tree Elephant
Lion Sheep
Bear Cow
Eagle Camel

Songs prepared for examination are: -

### First Class

I - The Mouse (Kindergarten Game)

II - A Little Cock-Sparrow (Action Song)

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III - Parting

IV – Tommy's Army (Marching Song)

#### Second Class

I - The Robin (Action Song)

II - Home

III - Good-Night

- **Jul 4th** The school was closed on Monday (June 30th) owing to an incessant downfall of rain. The weather on Tuesday, still being very unsettled, the attendance consequently suffered during the remainder of the week.
- Jul 11th The Arithmetic of the First Class still continues very weak, also the Figures of the Second Class. The late children have lately been coming in much better time for school. On Thursday morning there were 134 present, but of this number four only were not in time for Prayers. A severe thunderstorm this afternoon reduced the weekly average from 128 to 124.4.
- **Jul 18th** Have corrected the Class Register, the wrong entry of the age of Thomas Ford and Lennard Rooke. On account of the great numbers of children going to a school treat on Wednesday the school was closed in the afternoon.

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The school was closed this afternoon on the occasion of "The Laying of the Foundation Stone of the church of St Barnabas".

143 children have been attending school this week. 140 were present on Tuesday morning and afternoon. On account of a severe storm this morning 79 children only were present.

**Jul 24th** The Government Examination took place this day. 143 children were present and they were examined by the Rev H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector.

The Examination commenced at 11 a.m. and was finished at 12.4 5 a.m.

the Rev W. L. Grane, Mrs Grane and the Rev G. Newberry were present during the examination. The school was closed in the afternoon.

**Jul 25th** The school was closed this afternoon. Average for the week 138.

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First Division

<u>Animal</u> Seal, Bee, Silk-worm, Birds, Horse, Sponges, Corals.

<u>Vegetable</u> Wheat, Cherry Tree, Tea, Sugar, Cocoa.

MineralGold, Silver, Lead, Tin.PhenomenaClouds, Wind, Day and Night

Miscellaneous Straw, Postman, Seaweed, Clock, Tailors Shop

**Second Division** 

Animal Horse, Whale, Beaver, Eagle, Spider

<u>Vegetable</u> Tea, Sugar, Cotton, Wheat <u>Mineral</u> Coal, Iron, Chalk, Silver, Lead

Phenomena Air, Rain, Ice, Light

Miscellaneous A Letter, Railway Station, Chair, Brick, Candles, Tram Car.

Moral Instruction Helping mother.

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Songs

1 Division

I - The Seasons

II – Miller's Children (Action Song)

III – Meddlesome Matty (Action Song)

IV - A Mighty Captain (Action and Marching Song)

Recitation

I - A Tale of a Rat

II - The Workers

III - Useful Lowrie and Idle Masie

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Songs

II and III Divisions

I - The Flower Song

II - The Squirrel

III - Two Robin Redbreasts (Action Song)

IV - Rocking-horse (Action Song)

V - Good night

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I - The Dead Doll

Ten little servants

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**Aug 1st** 35 boys was sent to the Boys' and 13 girls to the Girls' School on Tuesday morning.

William Hepperson, George Cheale, Blanche Dennett, Daisy Barker, Walter Deacon.

The above children having been admitted after the age of six years; it was found necessary to retain them for another year in the Infants' School.

Charles Elliott is kept back from the account of his delicate state of health.

**Aug 8th** Monday (Aug 4th) being Bank Holiday this school was closed. Children attending very badly this week.

Aug 8th Examined Registers and found them correct. W. Leighton Grane

**Aug 15th** The school was closed this morning owing to a very severe thunderstorm. 89 children only have been attending school this week out of 108 on books. Average for the week 80.2.

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### **Aug 20th** Copy of H. M. Inspector's Report

"The school has improved very much. The interest of the children has been fully secured and they now enter with much spirit into the occupations, Action Singing and drills. They have also benefited by the object lessons which have been given."

"The Reading of the first division and the Needlework below this requires some attention."

A. Pegrum is recognised under Article 84.

Amount of Grant owned =

Average Attendance Boys = 52.6 Girls = 30.4 Total = 83

Fixed grant = 9/Merit = 4/Needlework = 1/Singing =  $\frac{1}{-}$ Total = 15/-

Grant on Average Attendance = 15/-Total amount of Grant earned = £62-5-0

W. Leighton Grane, Chairman of Managing Committee

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#### Aug 20th Staff for Current Year

Charlotte Stacey (Mistress), Annie Pegrum (Art 84)

The Attendance has been exceedingly small this week. The school was closed on Tuesday owing to a very severe thunderstorm.

47 children only present this morning. Closed school this morning until Sep 29th for the Summer holiday.

Oct 14th Registers tested and found correct H. L. M. Dunn

Oct 17th H. L. M. Dunn, Esq, visited the school on Wednesday morning. Was very pleased with the Children's "Singing of and Action" The Children Have Been Attending Exceedingly Well since the Holidays. Emily Footner has been readmitted. She is over seven but does not yet know her letters. Jesse Farcey still retained as Monitress.

Oct 24th The Attendance has been very good this week. Miss Pegrum has been absent from school this week through ill-health.

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- Oct 31st The Attendance has been very good. Several of the children under five have left for the winter months. The school was closed this afternoon. Miss Pegrum is still away.
- Nov 7th The Rev W. L. Grane visited the school this week. On Tuesday morning (Nov 4th) the school was closed. Maude Batchelor a girl over seven was admitted this week. Miss Pegrum has still been away from school through ill-health.
- **Nov 10th** Miss Pegrum commenced duties again on Monday (Nov 9th). The school was closed on Tuesday morning. The attendance this week has been very irregular owing to the very heavy rains we have had.
- **Nov 21st** The work of the school was carried on as usual this week. Have found it necessary to keep Maude Batchelor (over 7 years of age) in this school. She is a very dull child and has been sent very irregularly to school.
- Nov 28th The school has been closed Thursday and Friday this week owing to a very heavy fall of snow. Hannah Holdley [Hoadley?] has been sent back from the Girls' School. Miss Teall finds her not equal to the work of Standard I.

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- Dec 5th Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec 2nd and 3rd,, I was unable to attend school through having a severe school [sic]. The school was conducted by Miss Pegrum.

  It was found necessary to close the school on Thursday owing to the inclemency of the weather.

  Miss Pegrum has resigned her post as Assistant Mistress in this school. Several of the little children have been unable to attend.
- **Dec 9th** Visited school all satisfactory F. M. Wallis
- Dec 18th The school closed today for the Christmas Holidays. This severity of the weather has caused the children to attend most irregularly. The weekly average being 58.

  Miss Katherine Bleet (Art 50) is appointed Assistant Mistress see [sic] the place of Miss Pegrum.

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Jan 9th School commenced again after a fortnight's holiday. Miss Bleet commenced duties on Monday Jan 5th working at present with the Second Division. Average for the week only 32. It was found necessary to close the school on Tuesday.

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- **Jan 16th** Work went on as usual this week. The Attendance still continues very bad. The school was visited on Thursday in this week by the Rev W. L. Grane.
- **Jan 23rd** Owing to a severe snowstorm on Monday last it was found necessary to close the school. The Attendance still continues exceedingly small. Average four week 32.7.
- **Jan 30th** The work of the school was carried on as usual.
- **Feb 17th** Registers tested and found to be correct. [Signature indecipherable]
- **Feb 20th** The Attendance has been much better this week. Miss Bleet is still working with the II Class.

**Feb 27th** Have had occasion to admit children who will attain the age of seven before the end of the school year. Some of these not having been to school before.

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- Mar 2nd Visited this School J. Emmerson.
- Mar 6th Miss Bleet having obtained an appointment near her home has sent in her resignation. She has worked very steadily and with good results with the Second Class during her short stay here.
- Mar 13th It was found necessary to close the school (the school) [sic] on Tuesday and Wednesday in this week owing to the violent snow-storm on the Monday night (9th inst.).

  The Attendance for the last two days in this week has been miserably small. Average for the week being 53.1.
- Mar 20th Miss Bleet finished duties in the school this week. Miss A. Pegrum has been reappointed in her place. I examine the Second Class on Thursday. Found them very well advanced in Reading and Figures but not as well up in Writing. The Writing and Reading of the First Class is very much better than the Arithmetic.

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- Mar 25th Miss A. Pegrum (Art 84) commenced duties on Tuesday (Mar 24). She is at present working with the Second Class. Several of the children having "Chicken Pox" are consequently unable to attend school. This school was closed on Friday Mar 27th (Good Friday).
- Apr 3rd School commenced this week on Tuesday. Monday being Easter Monday the school was closed. Received notice this week of the Scripture Examination, which is to take place on Friday April 24th at 10.45.
- **Apr 10th** Having received specimens of the different articles used in the manufacture of matches, have substituted that lesson in the place of Sea-weed, also the Calf in the place of the Spider.
- **Apr 17th** The Attendance this week has been very good. The Arithmetic in the First Class has seemed better this week. Some of the children are very dense and cannot grasp the method of addition.
- **Apr 24th** The examination in "Religious Knowledge" took place this morning. 117 children were present. The Rev S. Newbury was present during the examination.

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- **Apr 28th** Visited this school. Register tested & found correct. Very good attendance. W. Leighton Grane, G. Simmons, Managers.
- May 1st Received this week the report on the examination in Scripture by the Rev Water Walsh (Diocesan Inspector). 14 Children in the I Division and 9 in the II Division obtained certificates. Of the former nine were 'Very Good' the remainder of the I Div. and the whole of II Div. were 'Good'.

The Report is as follows –

Old Testament Very Good New Testament Very Good Catechism & Liturgy Very Good Repetition Very Good

### General Remarks

The Infants sung reverently and were attentive.

They passed a satisfactory Examination.

W. Walsh

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**May 8th** The Attendance this week has been very good.

May 15th the school was closed this afternoon for the Whitsuntide holidays.

Examined this day the II Class in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. Found these well advanced in Reading and Writing but not so well in Number.

The Registers were closed this morning at 9.15 and at 11 a.m. Children were dismissed at 12.45.

May 29th The Attendance was not so good this week. The school was visited on Tuesday by Mr Candler.

Jun 3rd Visited school tested Registers which were found correct. W. Leighton Grane, manager

Jun 5th The Attendance still continues unsatisfactory. Bessie Baker a girl in the I Class is subject to Epileptic Fits and it is by the Doctors Request that she is not made to do the lessons of the class. Have this week examined II Class.

**Jun 12th** Monday being very wet (in this week) the number was only 74. Average for week 115.

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**Jun 19th** S. Scrivens Esq and – Dunn Esq visited the school this week. Several children have recently been admitted must be placed in the III Class as this is their first attendance at school.

Jun 26th Mr Thomas (Attendance Officer) was in this morning enquiring after absent children. Fred Russell a boy in the I Class has attended very badly during the year making 54 attendances only during the last quarter. Hannah Holdley [Hoadley?] and Ellen Wooller are two very dull girls and cannot properly manage the work of the I Class.

**Jul 3rd** Work was carried on as usual. Dr Wallis was in school this week.

**Jul 10th** Rev W. L. Grane visited school this week. Numbers kept up very well considering the stormy weather. Average for the week 125.3.

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Jul 17th The Government Examination took place on Tuesday in this week and was conducted by H. G. Alington Esq (H. M. Inspector). 140 children were present. The Examination commenced at 10 a.m. and concluded at 12.15 p.m. During the time the following were present – The Rev W. L. and Mrs Grane, Miss Pocock, Miss H. Pocock, G. Simmonds Esq and – Poulton Esq. The Annual sale of needlework took place this afternoon (Friday). A great number of people were present. During the time there were Songs, Recitations, Fan and Wand Drill. Jesse Farcey has resigned her post as Monitress in this school.

Jul 24th 18 Girls and 20 boys were sent up on Monday, July 20th into the Girls and Boys School. Several boys having come late in the years to school, it was found necessary to retain these for another year in the Infants School. The Rev W. L. Grane visited the school this week. Average for week 84.4.

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List of Object Lessons For 1891-92 Approved by H. M. Inspector

Animal Kingdom Fox, Kangaroo, Bear, Goat, Chickens, Polar Bear

Vegetable " Mineral " Phenomena Miscellaneous	Gold, Copper, Tin Clouds, Wind, Day	
	Jul 14th 1891	Signed H G Alington 14.VII.91

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**Jul 31st** This day sent the following pictures from this school to Sidley: –

Blast Furnace, Coal Mine, Heron, Eagle, Seal, Bee, Silkworm, Cat, Cherry, Wheat, Millet and Rye. The school was closed on Monday morning owing to a severe thunderstorm.

Aug 7th Monday (Aug 3) school was closed. Through the inclemency of the weather it was found necessary to close the school again on Tuesday morning. The Attendance Officer was making enquiries after absentees this week. Rev W. L. Grane visited school this week. Received H. M. Inspector's Report on the school.

The following is a copy: – 1890-91

The school continues to make very satisfactory progress. The children are well advanced in the elementary subjects and the special Infants teaching is very good. I have in consideration of the

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consistent improvement, recommended the highest grant this year, but, as a condition of its continuance, the cloak-room must be reorganised, suitable forms must be provided for the Hall of the baby class, and no children in any class must be left unemployed during the occupations for want of means of engaging in them.

The number of children present at Inspection has been considerably in excess of the accommodation. The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Article 73, which are not at present satisfied. (Article 105).

Your special attention is requested to the enclosed Form 69.

A. Pegrum is recognised under Article 68.

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Amount of Grant Earned: -

Average Attendance Boys 56.5, Girls 34.8 Average attendance on which the grant is payable = 91

Amt. fixed by Ed. Dpt.	Amt. earned
Fixed Grant 7/- or 9/-	9/-
Variable " 2/-, 4/-or 6/-	6/-
Needlework 1/-	1/-
Singing by ear 6d, note 1/-	<u>1/-</u>
	Total = 17/-

Total amount of Grant earned = £77 – 7 – 0

Charlotte Stacey – Mistress Annie Pegrum Assistant

Aug 11th I have examined the register and found it correct. E. Owen Burbidge

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**Aug 13th** Owing to severe thunderstorms this week the attendance has been very small. Average for week 63.1. The Rev W. L. Grane visited school this week.

Closed school this morning for the Summer Vacation in consequence of the Sunday School treat taking place this afternoon.

The above is my last entry having resigned my post of Mistress. C. M. Stacey

Sep 21st School reassembled after Midsummer Holidays. 10 admissions. Number present in afternoon 73. No school fees [sic] throughout the school. Sep 21st 1891. The above is my first entry having been appointed mistress of Bexhill Infants' School.

**Sep 22nd** <u>Tuesday</u> Morning attendance 88.

**Sep 25th** Friday Weekly Average 96. Many children still absent owing to the hop-picking

**Sep 28th** Monday Five admissions this morning.

**Sep 29th** <u>Tuesday</u> Ellen Farcey commenced duties here as Monitress.

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Sep 30th Close of School Quarter.

Oct 1st Commenced new School Quarter – Number on Register 134.

Oct 2nd Friday. Afternoon Holiday in consequence of Lord & Lady Cantelupe's visit to Bexhill. Highest number present this week 105. Commenced Drawing for Boys instead of Needlework.

Oct 5th Monday. Number present 105. 1 Admission.

Oct 9th Friday. Attendance has been very regular throughout the week. Average for week 104. Readmitted Nellie Wooller into Infants' School from Girls Department as unfit for Standard I.

**Oct 12th** Monday. Number present this morning 108. Five Admissions.

Oct 13th Tuesday. Number present 111. Admitted Frederick Gray, aged 10. On account of weak intellect has not attended School before.

Oct 16th Friday. Weekly Average 100. Ellen Farcey finished her duties here as Monitress Oct 16th 1891.

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Oct 19th Monday. Owing to severe storm of rain & wind did not open school till Tuesday, Oct 20th. On Monday 19th inst., The number in the morning was 12, in the afternoon nine. Tuesday morning attendance 86. The roads in a very bad state.

Oct 20th Frederick Ireland admitted this week suffering from weak intellect; very backward. Also Fred Gray aged 10 suffering from the same and so is unfit to be in Boys' school.

Oct 23rd Attendance irregular this week owing to bad weather.

Oct 26th Monday Attendance higher 111 present in the morning. No admissions.

Oct 27th I have tested the register and found it correct. H. L. M. Dunn

Oct 30th Friday. Weekly Average 113

Nov 2nd Monday. Two admissions. Number attending this morning 117. Nov 5th Thursday Today Attendance has fallen to a very low number. Answers to enquiry notes seem to infer [sic] that on this date there is a General holiday. Nov 10th Tuesday Owing to a severe storm of wind & rain attendance reduced to 54. [Page 149] **Nov 14th** Friday. The Rev Leighton Grane visited school. Nov 16th Monday. Two admissions. Number present 113. Four new desks, three for Second Class and 1 for First. Nov 20th Friday. Average for week ending Nov 20th (102). Attendance much improved after Wednesday. The whole of the I Class Girls have now a knowledge of Knitting. **Nov 23rd** Monday. Number present (90). Many children absent with coughs & cold. **Nov 25th** Wednesday The Rev L. Grane visited school this afternoon. **Nov 27th** Friday. A very low average for the week owing to many children being absent through mumps. This week the First Class has commenced a new set of Readers. The Readers of this Class been transferred to the II Class. Nov 30th Monday. A very low attendance. Children still suffering from mumps. Dec 2nd Wednesday. Head Mistress of the Harpur Trust Schools Beds [a Bedfordshire charity, still operating today] visited this school. [Page 150] Dec 4th Attendance this week has been very even but low. Many children still absent through sickness. There have been two admissions this week. Dec 7th Monday. Attendance very low owing to bad weather. One admission. Dec 14th Monday. Numbers slightly better this morning. Several children back that were on the sick list. Dec 21st Monday. Many children still continue absent through illness. No admissions this morning. Dec 23rd Wednesday. Closed School this afternoon for Xmas holidays.

# 1892

- **Jan 11th** School reassembled after Xmas Vacation. Many children still absent through illness.
- **Jan 16th** Friday. Numbers throughout the week have been even, but low. Weather very severe.
- **Jan 18th** Monday. Number present 87. A slight improvement on the preceding Monday morning.
- **Jan 22nd** Friday Weekly average 90

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- Jan 25th Monday. One admission.
- **Jan 29th** Friday. Miss Pegrum Assistant teacher absent through sickness.
- Feb 1st Monday. Admitted Harry Hilder, & Jesse Pumfrey aged 8 respectively. Neither have [sic] attended any school before. It is therefore necessary to retain them in the Infants' Department. Miss Pegrum still absent suffering from Influenza. Ethel Dumbrel engaged as monitress for this week. Second Assistant teacher (Jesse Farcey) is managing A. Pegrum's Division.
- **Feb 5th** Friday. Average for the week (105). Mrs Banks (resident) kindly presented some picture books to the children.
- **Feb 8th** Monday. Number present very low through bad weather.
- **Feb 16th** Monday. Miss A. Pegrum returned to duties. Number present this afternoon 112.
- **Feb 17th** Wednesday. Owing to very bad weather, it was found necessary to close school this afternoon because of the very low number of children.

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- Feb 18th Thursday. Miss Scrivens visited the school this afternoon also the Rev L. Grane.
- **Feb 19th** Friday. Closed school this afternoon through a heavy fall of snow.
- Feb 22nd Monday. No admissions.
- **Feb 29th** Monday. 8 admissions. Number present 129.
- Feb 29th Examined Registers, tested them and found them correct. W Leighton Grane, manager
- **Mar 3rd** School closed today. Rooms required for polling County Council Elections.
- Mar 4th Friday. Weekly average 116.5
- **Mar 8th** Tuesday. Number present 130. The highest attendance since Sep 1891.
- Mar 17th I have been absent 14th, 15th, 16th of this month through the illness of my mother in London.
- Mar 23rd Wednesday. The Rev L. Grane visited school also Mrs Whitcomb (organising visitor) visited & heard some of the First Class children read and examined the writing of the other Classes.

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- **Mar 24th** Thursday. Attendance Officer visited school this morning. Number present 135, a marked improvement on the attendance partly owing to the vigilance of Mr Hildred the new Attendance Officer.
- Mar 28th Monday. A low number in school today owing to bad weather.
- **Apr 1st** Friday. The number attending since Monday has been very even.
- **Apr 5th** Monday. Seven admissions. This Quarter it is necessary to mark another Register for the boys as there is no space for new admissions in the three already in use.
- **Apr 8th** Friday. Weekly Average 144. A large increase on the corresponding week of last year viz 96.

**Apr 8th** The Rev F. Newbury visited school this afternoon and brought in the notice of the Diocesan Inspection.

**Apr 13th** Jessie Farcey absent from school with an attack of neuralgia.

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**Apr 14th** Thursday. Closed School for Easter Holidays.

**Apr 19th** Tuesday. School opened after Bank Holiday. Number present 139. Three admissions.

**Apr 19th** Visited School & Tested Registers finding all correct. W. Leighton Grane, Manager.

Apr 19th This is my last entry having resigned the post of Head Mistress through the serious illness of my mother and having to seek an appointment near London.

E. E. Fleischmann.

**Apr 20th** Have commenced duties here today as headteacher. G. Riseborough

Apr 22nd Weekly average 140.

**Apr 25th** Monday 6 admissions – one girl, Emily Jeffs – aged eight – very backward.

**Apr 26th** Attendance 160.

**Apr 27th** Attendance not so good this afternoon the Girls' School being closed.

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**Apr 28th** The Examination in the Religious Knowledge took place this morning. No. present 162. The children have, as usual, a holiday this afternoon.

**Apr 29th** Friday – Average for the week 153.8.

May 2nd Monday. 3 Admissions this morning. A wet morning, 147 present.

May 3rd Have taught some exercises in Musical Drill this afternoon.

May 4th Have taught a new "Marching" Song today.

**May 6th** Friday – Weekly Average 157.7.

May 9th Monday – Have refused admittance to five children not having room for them. No. on books 183.

May 11th Received today the Report of the Diocesan Examination as follows: –

Old Testament Good
New "Good
Catechism & Liturgy Very good
Repetition Very good

General Remarks – The children sung hymns and their behaviour was very good. A recent change

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May 11th in their teacher has temporarily thrown back the children."

(Signed) Walter Walsh, Diocesan Inspector

In Class I, 10 certificates were awarded – 4 "Very Good" & 6 "Good".

In Class II, 7 "Good" certificates were given.

The Rev W. L. Grane visited & signed the Certificates.

May 13th Friday. Average for the week 159.5.

May 19th Attendance Officer visited this morning. The Rev W. L. Grane visited this afternoon also Mr

Candler.

May 20th Average for the week 160.6

May 27th Examined Registers. F. M. Wallis, Manager.

On Monday in this week Miss Pegrum was absent with a severe head-ache and on Thursday to give a lesson before H. G. Alington, H. M. I. at Tunbridge.

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May 27th It (Thursday) being Ascension Day the children had a half holiday. The Average is 149.3. Eight

children under four have been with-drawn by request as the school is so full.

**Jun 2nd** A very wet day the attendance is very poor viz: 62 & 105.

**Jun 3rd** We closed today for the Whitsun holidays. The average is 138.8

**Jun 13th** School reopens after the Whitsun holidays – attendance 153

Jun 17th Friday. Miss Farcey has been absent this week through ill-health. Average attendance for the

week 148.7.

**Jun 23rd** A very wet day. Attendance: – 88 & 107

**Jun 24th** Average for the week 139.8

Jun 30th Average 148.5

**Jul 5th** Miss Pegrum goes today to Brighton for the scholarship Examination.

**Jul 8th** Friday – Weekly average 147 .7

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Jul 13th Wednesday. School closed this afternoon on account of so many children going to a School

treat.

**Jul 15th** Friday – Average for week 144.4

Jul 20th Wednesday – We close this afternoon on the occasion of the Annual Sunday School Treat.

Jul 22nd Friday – Average four week 154.6

Jul 27th Wednesday - The Gov[ernme]nt Examination took place today being conducted by H. G.

Alington Esq. H. M. I. Number present 165.

The Examination commenced at 10.30 a.m. & ended at 12.30 a.m. [sic]. The children had a

holiday in the afternoon.

- **Jul 28th** I have today sent 15 girls to the Girls' School.
- **Jul 27th** The Rev W. L. & Mrs Grane visited on Wednesday & were present during the Examination.
- **Jul 29th** The children have a holiday this afternoon. Average for the week 156.1.
- **Aug 2nd** Tuesday. School re-assembled this morning yesterday being Bank Holiday.

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- Aug 2nd 25 boys were transferred to the Boys' School. 8 children have been admitted this week.
- **Aug 12th** Friday Four children have been admitted this week. The average is 107.8. We close this morning for the Summer Holidays.
- **Sep 19th** Monday School re-opens today after the summer holidays. Attendance 115 a.m. & 121 p.m. Admissions 12 & 3 re-admissions.
- **Sep 21st** Wednesday. A very wet morning attendance only 65.
- **Sep 23rd** Friday Average four week 110.5.
- **Sep 26th** Monday. Six admissions this morning.
- **Sep 27th** Tuesday Received H. M. Inspector's Report on the school. The following is a copy: 91-92

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**Sep 27th** "The first class in this school is comprised of children of very varied attainments. Some of them are very creditably advanced in the elementary subjects. Others are distinctly below the general level of the class."

"The double change of Teacher has also specially affected this part of the school. Below this the elementary subjects are on the whole well taught."

"The instruction by Object Lessons is much more satisfactory in the upper than in the lower division. Suitable illustration must be provided for all these lessons."

"In Needlework the knitting is much better than the hemming."

"The Drill and Action Singing are very good & the Recitation has been repeated with expression. The room is much too full."

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"The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Article 73, which are not at present satisfied (Art 108)."

"A. Pegrum is continued under Article 68. J. A. Farcey Failure."

"The school accommodation is at present insufficient for the average attendance. This should be at once remedied or the grant next year will be endangered. (Art 85 (a))"

"Amount of grant earned: –

Average attendance – Boys 72.6, Girls 39.8. Average attendance on which grant is payable 112.

Fixed Grant 7/- or 9/-	9/-
Variable Grant 2/- 4/- or 6/-	4/-
Needlework Drawing 1/-	1/-
Singing 6d or 1/-	1/-
	15/-

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Total amount of grant earned. £84:-:-

Staff: – Georgina Riseborough (Mistress), Annie Pegrum (Art. 68) W. Leighton Grane, Manager

**Sep 30th** Friday – A wet morning. Attendance only 88. Average for week 128.7

Oct 5th Wednesday – A very wet day. Attendance 45 in morning 52 in afternoon.

Oct 7th Friday – Having had a very wet week the average attendance is only 97

Oct 14th Friday. The attendance this week has been very poor indeed, the attendance varying from 105 two 48.

85 children are sick, 60 of whom are suffering from measles. Weekly average 75.9

Oct 17th Monday – Attendance still smaller – 34 present

Oct 18th The School is closed today until Nov 7th on account of the further spread of measles.

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Nov 28th Monday – School re-opened today after being closed on account of measles. Attendance this morning 110. Miss Mabel F. King is appointed here as Assistant (Art 50) in place of Miss A. Pegrum. 7 admissions today.

**Dec 2nd** Visited school tested Register & found it quite correct. Geo: Simmons

**Dec 2nd** Average for the week 115.

### <u>List of Object Lessons for 1892 – 93</u> <u>Approved by H. G. Alington 22-10-92</u>

The Frog	Coal	Milk
"Bee	Sponge	Silk
"Elephant	Glass	Leather
" Camel	Trees	A Hat
" Silkworm	Honey	Snow
"Cow	Tea	Water
" Horse	Bread	A Ship
"Sheep	Chair & Table	•
"Hen	Slate & Pencil	
Form & Colour	Sugar	Cotton

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The following are selected from the above for the Babies [sic] Class: –

The Cow Bread

" Horse Milk

" Sheep Sugar cane
" Hen Hat

Coal Water

<u>Chair & Table</u> <u>Form & Colour</u>

**Dec 9th** Friday – A wet & stormy day – the attendance suffered considerably, being 66 in the morning & 87 in the afternoon. Average attendance for the week 110.

**Dec 12th** One admission this morning.

**Dec 16th** Average attendance for this week 109.3

**Dec 23rd** Average attendance for the week 108.7. We close this morning for Xmas holidays.

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**Jan 2nd** School re-opens today after the Christmas vacation. Owing to the severe frost & a slight fall of snow the attendance is very poor, being 63 in the morning & 68 in the afternoon.

**. Jan 6th** The severe weather having continued all the week, the average attendance is only 79.2.

Jan 9th Examined Registers tested them & found all correct. W. Leighton Grane

**Jan 13th** Average for the week 98.3

**Jan 20th** It was found necessary to close the school on Monday and Wednesday owing to a heavy fall of snow & severe frost respectively. The attendance has been extremely low all the week, the average being only 60.6 with 176 on books.

Jan 24th Mrs Douglas visited this morning.

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**Jan 26th** The attendance this week is steadily improving. Opening on Monday with 106 we have today 123.

**Jan 27th** The average for this week's 116.1 being the highest since the school was closed for measles.

**Feb 3rd** Average attendance for the week 118.1

**Feb 6th** Two admissions this morning.

**Feb 10th** The average attendance for the week is 116.6. The rain on Wednesday morning & wind on Friday caused a reduction in the attendance. The children are now making very fair progress with their studies – we have hopes of making up for the six weeks lost in the Autumn.

**Feb 14th** Miss King has given a very interesting lesson on "Glass" to the Upper Division, this afternoon.

**Feb 15h** Ash Wednesday – the school is closed this afternoon.

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**Feb 16th** Thursday – I find it more convenient to take the lessons on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, thus: – (1) Object Lesson, (2) Drill, (3) Kinder-Garten [sic] than in the order named in the Time

Table. The children enjoy the drill more with the accompaniment on the Harmonium than when singing.

- **Feb 17th** Friday the average attendance for the week is 100.2 being 16 less than last week & owing to so many children being absent with colds & other slight ailments.
- **Feb 20th** Examined Registers & found them all correct. Geo. Simmons. The attendance this afternoon is 131.
- **Feb 21st** owing to the very bad weather it is necessary to close the school today.
- **Feb 24th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 100.1, having suffered considerably in consequence of the bad weather & almost impossible condition of the roads.

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- Mar 1st Wednesday A wet & stormy morning the attendance is only 66 after 126 yesterday afternoon.
- **Mar 3rd** Friday The average attendance for the week is 109.1.
- Mar 10th Friday Work has been carried on as usual this week, each Division is learning a new Song in the upper Div: "The Grasshopper"; in the lower "Clap your hands Baby". The average attendance is 124.9.
- Mar 13th Miss Farcey is absent with Influenza.
- **Mar 17th** Friday. The average attendance for the week is 125.3.
- **Mar 20th** Miss Farcey is today well enough to return to school. The Babies' Room is very crowded now that the fine weather permits the young children to attend.

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- **Mar 22nd** I have today received notice of the Examination in Religious Knowledge to be held on April 19th at 10.45 a.m.
- **Mar 24th** Friday. The whole of the children had Kinder-garten [sic] Games in the Play ground this afternoon. The average attendance for the week is 125.4.
- **Mar 28th** The attendance this morning is 149.
- **Mar 30th** We close today for the Easter holidays. The average attendance for the week is 139.1.
- **Apr 5th** Wednesday School re-opens today after the Easter holiday. Number present 123. One admission Bessie Dyer who is 8 years old and has not been to school before.
- **Apr 7th** Average attendance for week 124.6.

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- **Apr 10th** Monday 5 Admissions I am obliged to refuse admission to children under 5 years of age as the school is so full.
- **Apr 11th** Miss King still continues deficient in discipline.
- **Apr 14th** The average attendance for the week is 142.8.

**Apr 19th** Wednesday – The Examination in Religious Knowledge took place this morning. There were 158 children present. Mr Newbury was present during the Examination.

Fifteen Certificates were awarded as under: -Margaret Ford Constance Willy James Birchett Very Good Willie Miller Bertie Miller [Page 171] Dulcie Gower Arthur Lennard Edith Redman Gertrude Thorne John Gray Good Archie Morris Fred Errey Harry Hilder Charles Upfield Henry Hoad

- **Apr 20th** Thursday. Today the School has been visited by Mr Whitcombe Organising Inspector.
- **Apr 17th** Monday The Rev W. L. Grane visited.
- **Apr 21st** Friday The Average Attendance for the week is 141.8.
- **Apr 24th** Monday 6 Admissions. Bertha Cole, from the 1st Class in the Girls' chool is helping with the Babies for this week.
- **Apr 26th** I have today received the Report of the Diocesan Examination in Religious Knowledge.

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Old Testament – Very Good New Testament – Very Good Catechism – Very Good

Repetition of

Scripture Very Good Hymns Very Good Catechism Very Good

General Report

Walter Walsh, Diocesan Inspector

- **Apr 28th** Friday the average attendance this week is 128.7, after 141 Last week. Many children have colds and other slight ailments; two have whooping cough.
- **May 5th** The school has been very full this week, it is next to impossible to maintain quietness at work with four classes so close to each other.

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<sup>&</sup>quot;The Infants sing nicely, & they have been well taught."

- **May 5th** Alice Hobden (a Stan. IV from the Girls'School) has been helping this week. The average attendance is 149.
- **May 11th** Thursday Today being Ascension Day the children have a half-holiday.
- May 12th Friday Mrs Colpoys and her niece visited this afternoon & heard the ch: [sic] sing & recite. The average attendance for the week is 152.6.
- May 19th Friday The average attendance this week is 151.7. School closes this afternoon until Tuesday as Monday is Whit-Monday.
- May 23rd Tuesday The attendance is very poor today after the holiday yesterday 108 & 107.
- May 26th Friday The children have a holiday this afternoon as most of them are going to the Volunteer Sports. The average is 125.8.

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- **Jun 2nd** Examined register & found it correct. Children very orderly indeed (especially as they are some what cramped for room.)
- **Jun 2nd** Friday The average attendance for the week is 149.2.
- **Jun 5th** Through the kind generosity of the Rector, we now have a piano in place of the harmonium.
- **Jun 9th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 146.4.
- **Jun 13th** Fifteen children have been with-drawn by request as the school is so full They are all under 5.
- **Jun 16th** The average attendance for the week is 137.9. This week 79 children have made 10 attendances & been rewarded with tickets.
- **Jun 23rd** Friday The average attendance for the week is 142.2. Seventy-two children have made 10 attendances.

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- **Jun 27th** Owing to the heavy showers the attendance has been very poor today viz 87 in the morning & 86 this afternoon.
- **Jun 28th** Mrs Colpoys visited this afternoon.
- **Jun 30th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 129.8.
- **Jul 6th** Wednesday The children have a holiday tomorrow in honour of the Royal Wedding.
- Jul 7th The attendance is poor today after the School treats yesterday, being 119 & 117 respectively. 81 children had tickets for making the full attendances. The average for the week is 137.5.
- **Jul 14th** The average attendance for the week is 144.4. Ninety children made 10 attendances.
- **Jul 20th** Owing to the incessant rain today the attendance is very poor viz 159 & 90.
- **Jul 21st** The average attendance for the week is 139.1.

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**Jul 26th** Wednesday. The Gov.mt Examination took place today & was conducted by the Rev H. G. Alington Esq, H. M. Inspector. The examination commenced at 10.30 a.m. & closed at 12.5. The number present was 156 – 97 boys & 59 girls.

The Rev W. L. & Mrs Grane were present during the Examination.

Jul 27th Thursday – Mrs Colpoys visited this afternoon & saw the children Drill also heard them sing & recite. We close School today until Sep 4th.

The approved list of Object Lessons for the ensuing year are: –

The Whale	The Lobster
" Calf	<b>Monkey</b>
" Kangaroo	Rabbit
"Beaver	Corel
" Mole	<u>Salt</u>
" Goat	Chalk

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Matches	WOOI
A Candle	Rain
<u>Flour</u>	The Seasons
Cocoa	<u>Cloak</u>
Barley	Post Office
Rice	Form & Colour
<b>Industrious Chi</b>	<u>ldren</u>

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The Lessons underlined are taken by the Babies' Class.

- Sep 5th Tuesday School Re-opens today after the Summer Holidays. I have transferred 40 boys to the Boys' School & 21 girls to the Girls' School. There have been 24 admissions & 11 readmissions. The attendance has been 116 & 118 respectively.
- **Sep 6th** Seven admissions this morning & 1 re-admission.
- **Sep 7th** Two re-admissions today.
- **Sep 9th** The average for the week is 128.

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**Sep 11th** Monday – There are 5 admissions this morning, 12 boys have been sent back from the Boys' School – not reading well enough to be retained. Their names are –

C. Chessel (age 6), C. Dennett (6), A. Miller (7), C. Playford (7), E. Page (6), F. Stroud (7), H. Wells (7), H Murrel (7), M. Pennel (7), Wm. Purfield (7), A. Pomfrey (7), H. Wickens (7)
The First Class is now very full as I have transferred the following children from the Babies' Class on a/c of their age: – F. Adams (7), E. Errey (6.10), E. Hilder (7.6), D. Hickman (7.7), T. Miller (7.5), L. Purfield (6.6), C. Russel (6.9), W. Thorne (6.6), F. Welch (6.7), F. Baker (7.5), Alice Filmer (6.7), M. Robins (6.6), L. Ashdown (6.5), M. Gower (6.11), & M. Honeysett (7.9).

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- **Sep 12th** Tested Registers & found them correct. W. Leighton Grane
- **Sep 15th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 136.5.
- Sep 21st Thursday I have today received <u>H. M. Inspector's Report</u> on the school as follows: 1892 1893

"The School in its present crowded condition is worked with difficulty. The difficulty is increased by the presence of several children of an advanced age. Under these circumstances it would be unfair to judge its condition severely. I have not therefore recommended a reduction of last year's variable grant. The Teachers however have scarcely proved themselves equal to the unusual severity of the pressure."

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### Sep 21st

### "Copy of Report" (continued)

"More pegs if not more accommodation will be required for hats and coats. The registers must be tested at least once a quarter at regular intervals. More cloak room accommodation must be provided and the offices must be made to conform to the Requirements of Rule 13 (d) of Schedule VII of the Code (Article 85 (a))."

"The Classroom is below the minimum size required by Rule 7 (a) of the Schedule above referred to. Unless it is enlarged My Lords may be unable to recognise it as proving commendation after the current school year. The average attendance must not again be allowed to exceed 101."

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"The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Article 73 of the Code, which are not at present satisfied (Article 108)."

"H. M. Inspector is unable to approve J. A. Farcey under Article 68."

"Amount of Grant earned: -"

Average attendance: – Boys 76.2, Girls 46.4, Total 122.7. Average attendance on which Grant is payable 123."

15/-

"Amount earned"

"Fixed Grant 7/- or 9/- 9/
Variable " 2/-, 4/-, or 6/- 4/
Needlework " 1/- 1/
Singing (by note) 1/- 1/
Total

nt earned £92.5s."

Total amount of grant earned

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Total amount of grant earned £92.5s."
Reduction (Art 108) 10.3s 4d
Balance 82.1.8
The Grant 20.15
Total sum payable £102.16.8

Staff – Georgina Riseborough (Mistress); M. H. King (Art 50); J. A. Farcey W. Leighton Grane, Manager.

- **Sep 21st** Thursday Owing to the heavy rain we are obliged to close School this afternoon.
- **Sep 22nd** Friday The average attendance for the week is 147.6.
- **Sep 29th** Owing to the heavy rain the attendance has suffered considerably today. The average attendance for the week is 132.2. Miss Farcey terminates her engagement here today.

Oct 4th The attendance is poor today on account of the rain & wind. Bertha Cole is helping here as Monitress.

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- **Oct 6th** The attendance on Thursday was poor owing to the heavy rain. The average attendance for the week is 130.1.
- Oct 11th Wednesday The attendance is poor today on account of the stormy weather.
- **Oct 13th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 138.8.
- Oct 16th Monday St Barnabas Infants' School opens today. 38 children have left this school to attend there.
- Oct 20th Friday The average attendance for the week is 115.5.
- Oct 23rd Miss Ada C. Vass is appointed here as Assistant Mistress (Art 50) in place of Miss King who completed her engagement on Friday.

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Oct 27th Friday – The attendance has been very good this week. The average being 114 with 181 on the books. Each class has been examined this week. I find the I Class very backward in Arithmetic. The Writing of Class II is poor.

Miss Vass, who is now taking charge of Class III finds them deficient in every way. The children are making satisfactory progress in Drawing & Needlework. We have taught a new marching song & some new exercises in drill this week.

- Oct 31st I have this day tested the registers & found the same correct. H. L. M. Dunn.
- Oct 31st I have, today, sent a boy home (E. Hilder) having a ringworm on his forehead.

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- **Nov 2nd** Today, being very wet, the attendance is extremely low being only 44 & 73 respectively.
- **Nov 3rd** Friday The children have learned a new K. G. Gance "The Seasons".

The average attendance for the week is 97.4.

- **Nov 7th** Tuesday. The I Class have [sic] begun a new Kinder Garten Occupation today viz "Macramé Frame-work".
- **Nov 10th** The average attendance for the week is 96.1.
- **Nov 17th** Friday The attendance for the week is 94.4.
- Nov 21st Examine Registers and found all correct. W. L. Grane.
- **Nov 24th** Owing to the cold weather, more especially the gale on the Monday, the attendance has been very poor; the averages 77.1.

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- **Dec 1st** Friday The attendance this week has been better the average being 86.1, while 56 children made 10 attendances.
- **Dec 4th** Classes I & II have commenced an alternate set of Reading Books today The former "Practical" Reader I & the latter "Practical" Primer I.
- **Dec 8th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 78.2.
- **Dec 15th** The attendance this week has been very good considering the weather. The lowest no. present was 56 on Wednesday morning. The average attendance is 85.5. 43 children have made 10 attendances.
- **Dec 21st** Thursday We were obliged to close School yesterday on a/c of the stormy weather. Miss Vass has been absent this week with an attack of Influenza.

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**Dec 21st** We close today for the Xmas holidays. The average attendance for the week is 89.1.

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- Jan 9th Tuesday School re-opened today after the Xmas holidays. It was found advisable to close on Monday, as the deep snow rendered the roads impassable to the little ones. The school was conducted by Miss Vass as I was prevented from returning by a severe cold. I am glad to be able to be in my place today. (Wednesday)
- **Jan 12th** Friday Owing to the bad state of the roads the children have attended very badly this week. The average attendance is 64.2.
- **Jan 15th** We have begun this week to work by the new Time Table.

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- **Jan 17th** Wednesday The attendance is very poor owing to the bad weather. The nos. being 60 & 65 respectively.
- **Jan 19th** The average attendance for the week is 88.3.
- **Jan 26th** Friday The attendance has been very poor this week on account of the wet weather on Thursday being as low as 63.

The average for the week is 76.9. Miss Vass has been absent from school this week, being called to London by the illness of her father.

Jan 30th Having examined the class, I find they are making very fair progress. The Reading of <u>Class I</u> is Good, the Writing Very Good, but Arithmetic is still week. In <u>Class II</u> the Reading & Arithmetic our Good, but Writing needs care & attention. In <u>Class III</u>, the Reading, from the Alphabet Card is Good, but not as good from "Reading Sheet".

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The Writing of small letters from copy is Very Fair, though very few children can write the same from dictation. The writing of figures is decidedly better than the Counting.

<u>Drawing</u>: – In Class I is V. Good. In Class II rather shaky. In Class III the slates look cleaner and neater than when last examined.

<u>Needlework</u> & <u>Knitting</u> are poor at present, especially in Class II. Class III deserve special praise for order.

**Feb 2nd** The attendance this week has been very bad on account of the wet. The average is 72.8.

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- **Feb 7th** The attendance is very poor this morning, owing to the rain & wind. It being Ash Wednesday the children have a holiday this afternoon.
- **Feb 9th** The average attendance for this week is 73.4. The attendance has suffered considerably on account of the stormy weather during the week.
- **Feb 16th** The average attendance for the week is 78 .1.
- **Feb 19th** Monday Fred Stroud has returned to school today after 16 week's absence on a/c of fever. I have sent Fred Reed home, having a ringworm.
- **Feb 22nd** Miss J. Garrett came in this afternoon at 2.30, staying until 3.25 & seeing the Kinder-Garten work & Drill also hearing Songs & Recitation.

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- **Feb 23rd** There is a slight improvement in the attendance this week, the average for the week being 85.7 Fifty-eight children have made 10 attendances.
- Feb 27th Have examined the Registers and found them correct. F. W. Pawson
- **Feb 27th** Having a better attendance (93).

I have examined the classes today with the following results: –

### Class I

Reading – Good. Writing & Arithmetic – Very Fair.

The latter having improved slightly since the last Examination.

#### Class II

Reading V. F. Writing Good Arithmetic V. F.

The Writing shews [sic] decided improvement.

### Class III

Reading Good <u>Writing</u> V. F. <u>Counting</u> Poor There are in addition 15 Babies who can do almost nothing.

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- **Feb 27th** The working of Class III (with babies) is rendered extremely difficult by the fearfully irregular attendance prevailing during the Winter months. Which is on many occasions only 50 p/c sometimes less.
- **Feb 28th** Owing to a heavy downpour of rain we were obliged to close school this morning. The attendance this afternoon is only 50.
- **Mar 2nd** Friday The average attendance for the week is 84.
- **Mar 9th** There is an improvement in the attendance this week the average being 94.4.

- Mar 12th Monday Lottie Ballard aged 12, & having passed Standard V, is employed here as Monitress in place of Bertha Cole, who is wanted at home.
- **Mar 16th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 93.1.

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- Mar 22nd Thursday We close School this afternoon for the Easter holidays. The attendance has been better this week; the average being 95.7.
- Apr 2nd Monday School re-opens today after the Easter holiday. I have refused admission to 11 children this morning, having no room for them. Florence Bristow (age 9) has been sent back from the Girls' School being very backward. Edith Gaston (7) has been sent up in her place.
- **Apr 3rd** I have received and posted in the School the notice of the Diocesan Examination, which takes place on April 17th.
- **Apr 6th** The average attendance for the week is 97.7.

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**Apr 12th** I have this week examined the Classes with the following results –

Class I Reading & Writing V. F. Arithmetic Still weak especially among girls.

Class II Reading, Writing & Arithmetic – Good. The writing from copy has improved greatly.

Class III The Reading & Writing of Letters & Figures are Good. Counting has improved since last month. Word-building needs attention. The Babies are still backward in writing.

- **Apr 13th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 100. 72 children made 10 attendances.
- Apr 17th Tuesday The Examination in Religious Subjects was held this morning by the Rev W. Walsh. Mrs Grane, Mrs & Miss Colpoys & the Rev Newberry were present. There were 104 children present. Fifteen certificates were awarded.

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Fred Errey	)	
Harry Wells	)	
John Gray	)	Very Good
James Stevens	)	
Ellen Freeman	)	
Charles Chessel	)	
William Mason	)	
Charles Playford	)	
Henry Hoad	)	
Mary Honeysett	)	Good
Alice Huxford	)	
George Owers	)	
Fred Schindler	)	
Kitty Tickner	)	
Harriet Reed	)	

**Apr 20th** Friday – The average attendance for the week is 94.2.

**Apr 23rd** Monday. I have today received the <u>Report</u> of the <u>Diocesan Examination</u> in <u>Religious Knowledge</u> of which the following is a copy: –

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Knowledge of
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Old Testament Excellent
New Testament Excellent
Catechism Excellent

Repetition of

Scripture Very Good Hymns Very Good Catechism Very Good

<u>General Report</u> – The infants sung hymns. Miss Riseborough deserves high praise for excellent teaching. (Signed) Walter Walsh, Diocesan Inspector

- **Apr 25th** Owing to the wind & rain it was found necessary to close the school this morning.
- **Apr 26th** Thursday Mr T Witcomb, Diocesan Organising Master visited the school this morning & examine the classes in all subjects. Number present 102.

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- **Apr 27th** Friday The children have a holiday this afternoon in honour of the Excellent Report obtained at the Scripture Examination. The average attendance for the week is 94.5.
- **Apr 30th** I find it necessary to let the Monitress take charge of the "Babies" (20) & give Miss Vass Classes II & III.
- May 1st Mrs Grane & Miss Colpoys visited this afternoon & saw the children's Kinder Garten work, also heard them sing.
- **May 3rd** Today being Holy Thursday the children go to church at 11.30 & have a holiday in the afternoon. It being a wet morning there are only 77 present.
- **May 4th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 94.7.
- May 11th Examined Registers. Tested Entries found all correct. W. L. Grane.

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- **May 11th** Friday The average attendance for the week 93.8. I have received the Report on the work here from Mr. Witcomb.
- May 15th Tuesday School commences for the week this morning, yesterday being Whit-Monday.
- May 17th Thursday The children have a holiday this afternoon on account of the Exhibition in connection with the Band of Hope.
- May 18th Friday We are reluctantly compelled to give a holiday this afternoon as most of the children are going to the Volunteer Sports. The attendance has suffered considerably this week owing to the encampment of local Volunteers here. The highest attendance was 88. The average for the week is 77.3.

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May 25th Miss Vass has been absent three days & a half this week with Neuralgia. Florence Novis is engaged as temporary monitress commencing on Monday (21st). The average attendance for the week is only 92.3 having suffered on Monday & Wednesday which were wet days.

**Jun 1st** The average attendance for the week is 96.4.

**Jun 4th** Owing to the heavy rain this morning the attendance is only 66. The Rev W. L. Grane visited this afternoon. We have now a Cabinet to hold the finished Kinder Garten Work.

**Jun 8th** I have this week examined the Classes with the following result: –

	Reading	Writing	Arithmetic
Class I	Good	Very Good	Good
Class II	V. Good	V. Good	Fair
Class III	V. Good	Good	Fair

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**Jun 8th** The Babies know their letters very well & shewed [sic] some neat slates. Letter forming & Counting want attention. The average attendance for the week is 90.2.

**Jun 15th** Friday – The average attendance for the week is again 90.2.

**Jun 22nd** Friday – The attendance this week has been remarkably good, on Thursday afternoon the highest attendance was reached, being 106. The average attendance for the week is 100.2.

**Jun 29th** Friday – The average attendance for the week is 100.6

**Jul 3rd** Tuesday – This being a very wet morning the attendance is reduced to 73.

**Jul 6th** Tuesday – The average attendance for the week is 94.7. Lottie Ballard is transferred to Sidley School.

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**Jul 10th** Tuesday – We are obliged to close school tomorrow as all the Sunday Schools in Bexhill are holding their annual "Treats".

Jul 13th Friday – Owing to various causes the attendance has been poor this week. The average is 89.3.

**Jul 17th** I have examined all the Classes this afternoon, in all subjects, with very encouraging results.

**Jul 20th** Friday – The average attendance for the week is 93.7.

**Jul 24th** Tuesday. I have closed school this morning at 11.30 to enable the children to be in good time this afternoon.

**Jul 24th** The Government Examination has been held this afternoon by the Rev H. G. Alington & Mr Emmerson, who came at 2 p.m. & left at 3.40.

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The Rev W. L. & Mrs Grane were present during part of the time. The number present was 106. The approved list of Object & Natural History Lessons for the ensuing year is:

Animal Kingdom \*Bear, \*Deer, \*Elephant, \*Camel, \*Fox,

Hedgehog, Otter, \*Bee, Crab, \*Lion, \*Birds.

Vegetable Kingdom \*Spring Flowers,

\*Peas & Beans.

\*Trees. \*Tea Plant, \*Sugar " Cotton ", Maize Oats.

Natural Phenomena

\*Water. Sea & Sun

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Miscellaneous The Tailor, Glass Blowing, A Coal Mine, \*Building, \*Harvest, \*A Street Lamp

Conversational \*The Senses, \*Courtesy

The asterisk denotes which lessons are taken by Class III. (Signed) H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector 25-7-94

Jul 25th Wednesday – 24 boys have been promoted to the Boys' School today. 4 Children have been admitted. One of them - William Vitler - is aged 6 years 11 months & has never been to school before.

Jul 26th There have been 11 admissions today.

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Jul 27th Friday – The average attendance for the week is 91.7. I am giving the children a holiday this afternoon.

Jul 30th Monday – There are 14 admissions today. I have sent the I Class girls (9) to the Girls' School.

Aug 2nd The number on books is now 113. Of the 32 children admitted since the examination 3 only have been to school before. The average attendance for the week is 86.7. We close school this afternoon for the Summer Holidays – 5 weeks.

Sep 10th Monday – School re-opens today after the Summer holiday. The attendance is poor owing to the prevalence of whooping cough. There are 12 admissions.

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I have today received the Report of the Government Examination as follows: –

"H. M. Inspector's Report 1893-94"

"The work of the two upper divisions is creditable both in respect of methods of instruction & results. Below this, the attention of the children ought to be more fully secured and the obedience more prompt. Attention is required to the voices in Singing."

"It is understood that the school is to be enlarged without delay, and that the required cloakroom accommodation is to be then supplied."

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"Adverting to your letter of May last, I am directed to state that plans for the enlargement of this school & the provision of cloak room should be forwarded without delay, drawn in accordance with Schedule VII of the Code."

"A.C. Vass is recognised under Article 50 of the Code. F. G. Novis Failure. Miss Riseborough will secure her Certificate in due course."

Amount of grant earned: —

Average attendance Boys 62.5 Girls 38.4 Total 100.9 = 101

Fixed Grant (7/- or 9/-) 9/
Variable Grant (2/- 4/- or 6/-) 4/
Needlework & Drawing 1/ " Singing 1/
Grant on total Average atten. 15/
Gross total of Claim £75 . 15[s]

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I ne Grant			
	£	S	d
On average attendance 101 @ 10/-	50	10	
Deduct instalments	46	2	6
Final payment of fee grant	4	7	6
Total sum payable	80	2	6

Teaching Staff for current year: – Georgina Riseborough (Mistress) Ada C. Vass Art. 50

- **Sep 12th** Wednesday I have today begun to teach Needlework to the Boys, commencing with the usual Drills. Miss Vass has now charge of the Babies Class numbering 70 (on bks) 40 of whom have not been to school before.
- **Sep 14th** Friday The attendance is very poor indeed this week 40 children are absent of home 14 have whooping cough, many have other small ailments & several are away hop-picking.

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- **Sep 21st** Examined Registers & found them correct. G. Simmons. Sept 21/94
- **Sep 21st** The average attendance for the week is 87.8.
- **Sep 24th** Monday. There are two admissions this morning. The attendance is very poor owing to the rain. No. present 69.
- **Sep 28th** Friday The average attendance for the week is 79.
- Oct 5th Friday. Miss Vass has taken charge of the school on Wednesday & Thursday in this week as I was obliged to be in London. The average attendance is 92.2.
- Oct 12th Friday The attendance has been much better this week, the average being 99.7.

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- Oct 12th Having examined the classes this week I find that the weak point of Class I is the Arithmetic. The Reading is Good. In Class II the Reading is very weak, & the Arithmetic satisfactory. In Class III consisting chiefly of new scholars who have not been to school before very few have any idea of Writing, though most know a few letters & begin to form with the cardboard strips.
- **Oct 15th** Monday Four admissions this morning.
- Oct 16th Tuesday Three admissions this morning. One boy G. T. Marchant is 7 years old & has not been to school before, being paralysed & unable to walk.
- Oct 19th Friday The attendance has been very good this week, the highest number present being 117. The average attendance for the week is 111.2.

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- Oct 26th Friday. The attendance has suffered considerably this week owing to the storms & wind & rain. The average attendance is 94.
- **Nov 2nd** The attendance on Tuesday, Wednesday & today (Friday) has been very low on account of the heavy rain. The average for the week is 82.2.
- Nov 9th Friday The average attendance for the week is 105.2. The Rev W. L. Grane visited this afternoon.

  The above is my last entry having resigned my post for a school nearer home.
- **Nov 12th** A very poor attendance today owing to the stormy weather.
- **Nov 14th** A holiday given this afternoon owing to severe gales and rains. Average 83.8.

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**Dec 14th** Examined Registers & found them correct. G Simmons

#### **Note by Correspondent: –**

It having been found impossible to obtain a suitable fresh Head Teacher, though every endeavour was made, before the new year; the School from Nov 12 to 30 was in charge of Miss Vass Assistant under Art 50, aided by Florence Novis monitress.

Since Nov 30 Miss Vass has had the assistance of Miss Blundell Cert. Assist. transferred from the Girls'School, where staff was stronger, for the purpose. This assignment continued until the Christmas Holidays which began Dec 21st.

W. Leighton Grane, Correspondent.

- Dec 17th The School closed on these days through disorganisation in consequence of District Council
   8 18th Elections conducted in the School adjoining.
- **Dec 21st** A poor attendance this week average 80. School closed today for the Christmas Holidays.

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**Dec 21st** Note Miss Vass resigned her post as Assist. with the commencement of the Christmas Holidays.

W Leighton Grane.

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**Jan 7th** School opened this morning by head mistress Louise Maude Jones. Number present 73 in morning 84 in afternoon.

Florence Novis, monitress, assists.

Admitted Stanley & Elsie Bennett & John Kenward; the first two are visitors for about a fortnight, the last was 7 years old last Aug., and barely knows the alphabet.

**Jan 11th** Many children of the ages of 5, 6, 7 and one boy of even 8 years in the lowest class.

No. on books 154.

No. In attendance 117.

Average attendance for week 80.

**Jan 14th** Weather very bad, attendance is poor, especially in afternoon, only 47 present.

**Jan 16th** Attendance somewhat improved, 105 present.

22 children have been promoted from the third class and are now working with the second class.

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Many of them barely know the alphabet, but owing to their ages, ought not to be taught with the babies' class. Average for the week 88.7.

**Jan 21st** Registers not marked this morning; owing to weather only 29 children appeared.

Needlework and knitting are taught to boys as well as girls (see entry page 207, under date Sep 12th) during the time set apart in time table, for the instruction of the girls in this subject. The grant under Art 98 (c) will be claimed for the average attendance of the boys and drawing taught as a varied occupation to girls and boys after this date.

W. Leighton Grane, correspondent

**Jan 25th** Attendance poor throughout the week the weather being very severe. Average for week 90.6.

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- **Jan 28th** Numbers further reduced by inclement weather. 52 children only present this afternoon. Ellen Schindler is teaching the babies class which is very small. A poor attendance throughout the week; the weather being very severe. Average attendance 61.1.
- **Feb 4th** Miss Bright commenced duties this morning under Art 50. The second class has been placed in her charge, the third in charge of monitress.

  Weather still severe, attendance exceedingly poor. Average for week 60.3.
- **Feb 11th** Owing to pipes being out of order the school is closed during repairs.
- **Feb 13th** School opened this afternoon 57 present. Miss Bright left in charge during temporary absence of mistress.

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- **Feb 14th** Attendance continues very poor. Absent e-forms was sent to parents this afternoon.
- **Feb 15th** As a result of this, answers have been received, stating that the children are suffering from the effects of the weather. Average attendance 58.4.
- **Feb 18th** The attendance this week has greatly improved. Many children have returned to have been absent for some time. In consequence, I find on examination, that the work of the second class is

much below the mark. Those who have attended know their work, of the others many do not even know the alphabet and quite two thirds of the whole class are quite unable to read. Writing is not by any means up to the mark, but every effort is being made to secure uniformity. New apparatus has been received. Beatrice Godfrey and Elsie Ford admitted on Monday. Average 91.9.

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- **Feb 25th** Attendance considerably lowered by a stormy morning. Only 46 present.
- **Feb 27th** A half holiday granted; it being Ash Wednesday. Average for week 85.2.
- Mar 4th A better attendance this morning.
- **Mar 7th** It being very stormy only 25 children arrived; these were sent back as soon as weather permitted, and the registers were not marked. Afternoon the same.
- Mar 8th Numbers lower than usual, several children being ill with influenza. Average 87.8.

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- **Mar 11th** Attendances good in lower classes, poor in the first.
- Mar 14th Attendances improved very much.
- **Mar 15th** 100 present in the forenoon. The second class has been examined today. The reading has advanced though it is still far from satisfactory. Writing is more uniform and the children are making steady progress. Average for week 93.7.
- **Mar 18th** A good attendance this morning.
- Mar 22nd This has continued throughout the week reaching 119 this morning. Average for week 110.5.
- **Mar 27th** Owing to wet weather and a consequently small attendance registers were not marked this morning; and the children were sent home as soon as weather permitted.

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- Mar 28th Attendances improved. 108 present.
- **Mar 29th** I have tested the Registers & found them quite correct. George Simmons. Average 98.6.
- **Apr 1st** A splendid attendance compared with the past weeks. 118 present.
- **Apr 5th** First class examination results show that reading is steadily improving, writing more uniform, arithmetic improving. Average for week 120.2.
- **Apr 8th** Attendance still keeps up well and is daily increasing.
- **Apr 10th** Miss Bright absent this afternoon. Ellen Schindler assisted with the third class.
- **Apr 11th** Closed school this afternoon until Tuesday next, it being Good Friday tomorrow. Average 121.6.
- **Apr 16th** Re-opened school this morning. 111 present.

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[No Date] Numbers somewhat less this week than last, probably owing to the holidays. Average for week 113.

**Apr 22nd** George Boorman is reported as left.

Apr 23rd The children were this morning examined in Holy Scripture by the Rev Walter Walsh. Rev G. Newbury was present throughout the examination. Eighteen certificates were awarded as follows Harriet Reed, Willy Mason, Walter Aucock, Kitty Tickner, Charlotte French, George Shoesmith, Ellen Freeman, Herbert Sarson, John Kenward, Willy Vitler, Elsie Hickman, Fred Schindler, Edith Neve, Ernest Burchett, Sydney Gray, Robert Huxford, Ethel Longley, Mary Hickman.

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**Apr 25th** Registers not marked this morning owing to small attendance in consequence of the weather being unfavourable.

**Apr 26th** Average in week 106.7.

**Apr 29th** Mr F. Witcomb present during the morning session to report upon the work of the school. School visited by Rev W. L. Grane. Attendance improving.

May 3rd Average for week 116.1.

May 6th Percy Christian, Amy Burgess, Maud Price, are reported left.

**May 10th** Registers marked at 1.30 p.m. today to enable children to leave at 3 p.m. to go primrosing. Average for week 121.

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May 13th Attendance keeps up well, only eight children being away, three of these are under school age the remaining five are ill.

May 14th Mary Snashall has been sent home as there is a case of measles in her home.

**May 17th** Average 124.9.

**May 20th** Mistress absent from 10.30 a.m. to engage a teacher for the babies class.

**May 23rd** A half holiday given today; it being Ascension Day. Average for week 121.2.

**May 27th** Miss Hack commenced duties this morning, as Art: 50. Harriet Reed is reported left. School closed today for Whitsuntide vacation of one week's duration. Average 114.1.

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**Jun 10th** School reopened this morning. A message from Mr Colpoys prevented the using of the new room. Numbers fairly good.

120 present, 144 on books.

Louis Shoesmith is reported too ill to attend school. Louisa Stevens and Albert Lennard are also ill.

**Jun 13th** The Scripture report rec'd from the Diocesan Inspector is as follows:

Jun 14th

Jun 19th

Jun 21st

Jun 24th

Jun 25th

Jun 28th

Jul 1st

Jul 5th

Jul 7th

Jul 10th

Jul 12th

Jul 15th

Jul 22nd

Jul 23rd

Jul 24th

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Old Testament Excellent New " Catechism Repetition Hymns "The infants sung very well and did great credit to the admirable teaching they had received." [Page 225] Albert Lennard died on Thursday. His name has been removed from admission register. School closed this morning owing to the inclemency of the weather. Average for week 118.1. Numbers are keeping fairly uniform, 118 present today. The babies are now in full possession of the new room, in charge of which Miss Hack has been placed. Florence Novis assists with the youngest children in this room. Average for week 117.7. Miss Hack absent today owing to illness. Returned today. [Page 226] Visited Sch. & tested Registers which were all correct. W. Leighton Grane, correspondent. School year ends today. Average for week 119. First class were examined this morning. New registers were commenced this morning. A poor attendance today, the children are attending an exhibition held in the girls school. Second class were examined this morning. Reading much improved. Writing good. Arithmetic tested on slates for first-time, good. Average for week 112. Louis Stevens who has been away ill since April 30th has this morning returned. Numbers fairly good. [Page 227] A half holiday granted as today is held the School Treat. Mistress absent during afternoon owing to indisposition. Average for week 114.1. Notice has been received that the school will be examined on the 24th of this month. Class III will examine today. The progress is satisfactory. Average for week 124. A good attendance today 130 present. The names of those not in attendance have been given to the Attendance officer. Bessie Dyer who broke her arm three weeks ago, returned this morning. The school was examined this day by Rev H. G. and Mr Germain who was present from 2.15 p.m. till closing time. Drill & singing were taken in the morning from 11.30 a.m. till 12. Mr and Mrs Grane and Mr Newbury were present.

Object Lessons taken for year see p.p. 202. Songs as follows:

- 1 Lady June
- 2 Cuckoo
- 3 Mrs Bond and her ducks
- 4 The raindrops
- 5 The golden boat

Round Hot cross buns

O'be just

**Jul 26th** A holiday given today. Average for week 125.1.

The following list of lessons approved by head inspector will be taken during ensuing year.

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Classes I II	Nat. His. The Eagle " Horse " Sheep " Whale	Veg Kingdom Sugar cane Cocoa Potato Buttercup
	Hen & chickens The Goat Ostrich White bear Rein deer [sic]	Parts of plants A primrose Oranges Oak tree Wheat
	Miscellaneous A looking glass Our school room A watch Winter A railway station	Courtesy A letter A farm yard A ship A fire engine

A cup & saucer

Bread

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#### Babies class

Nat. History	<u>Objects</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Horse	Sponge	Helping mother
Hen	Paper	Shower of rain
Sheep	A kettle	Winter
Bear	Water	Setting a table
Whale	Salt	Making a bed
Dog	A doll	School room
Birds	A bird's nest	Kindness to animals

The Sea

Lessons on pictures.

Putting dolly to bed.

Conversation about courtesy.

Lessons on Primary & secondary colours

Lessons on form e.g. Square, oblong, triangle, circle, ball, cube, etc.

Pictorial lessons on number, form and colour combined.

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**Jul 29th** Admitted 24 children today. 28 girls have been promoted to girls' school. The boys have not as yet been promoted as the boys' school is so full.

**Jul 30th** Admitted 9 children.

**Jul 31st** Attendance very poor owing to Sunday Sch: treat. School closed during afternoon inconsequence. Visit paid by the Rector in afternoon.

**Aug 1st** Sch: visited by Mrs Simmons. Average for week 115.5. School closed today for midsummer vacation, 5 weeks.

**Sep 9th** Reopened school this morning. 131 present. The boys numbering 28 who were ready for promotion were transferred to the boys' school this afternoon. School visited by the Rector who brought the report as follows – 1895.

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Report 1895

"This school is very much improved by the addition of a good babies' room and ample cloak room accommodation. The discipline and methods are now good and the general efficiency is very satisfactory." Grant on average attendance 17/-.

W. Leighton Grane, Correspondent

**Staff** Teaching Staff for years '95-6

L. M. Jones. Hd Mistress
E. Bright. Art: 50
A. E. Hack " "

Maggie Cruttenden and Ellen Schindler commenced work this morning as monitresses. Miss Hack is too unwell to attend school. A doctor's certificate has been received. 10 children admitted this morning. Average 108.2.

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**Sep 16th** Miss Hack returned this morning. Admitted 3 boys and 1 girl. Emily Russell is reported left. The number on books is now 137.

**Sep 17th** 117 present this morning.

**Sep 18th** 122 [present this morning] including two new children just admitted.

**Sep 20th** Average for week 114.4.

**Sep 24th** Two children admitted this morning.

**Sep 25th** Registers checked this morning. I have examined the registers and found them quite correct. George Simmons.

**Sep 26th** Emily Stanbridge ran home during recreation, her attendance was cancelled.

The attendance officer certifies that Fred & Harry Chessel have removed from Bexhill.

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**Sep 27th** Each class has been examined during the week and the results recorded. As so many were promoted the majority consists of new scholars of whom it is unreasonable to expect much. Each class is making good progress.

Sep 28th Attendance is good. Average for week 116.3. Oct 1st A good attendance 116 present in morning 120 in afternoon. Oct 3rd Owing to bad weather there is a slight decrease in the attendance. Oct 5th Miss Bright unable to attend owing to indisposition. Average for week 112.1. Oct 8th Numbers fairly good 119 present. Owing to stormy weather, numbers have gone down to 97. Average for week 113.6. Oct 10th Oct 16th Attendance keeps up well in spite of dull weather. 122 present. Oct 17th Several children came in after assembly, notices sent to parents that this practice must be discontinued. Average for week 122.4. No. on books 137. [Page 236] Oct 22nd Received notes from some of the parents saying they are unable to send their children owing to bad weather and lack of good boots. Numbers have gone down slightly. George Stevens, aged 3, has been withdrawn until next summer. Average 111.3. Oct 28th School visited by Mrs Simmons. Oct 29th Object lesson postponed till last lesson. Elsie Ford is reported left. Oct 31st Visited this school. Some of the children came to school very wet this morning and were sent home as soon as the weather allowed. No school in the afternoon, J. G. Germain [Page 237] Oct 31st School visited this morning by H. M. I. Owing to bad weather the attendance could not be taken and children were sent home. Miss Hack leaves the school today having resigned her post owing to indifferent health. Nov 1st Attendance fairly good today. Average 113.6. Nov 4th Numbers small, weather again the cause. Nov 5th Only 83 present. Being unable to gain admittance to the large room, the two upper classes were taught in the Nov 6th babies room. A blacksmith was sent for who forced the door. Nov 8th School visited by Rev H. G. Alington who arrived at 9.40 and remained until 11.50 a.m. Average considerably lowered by inclemency of the weather 100.6. No. on books 135.

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- School visited by Dr Wiggins, who carried away a sample of the water for the purpose of Nov 11th analysis. Numbers reduced, owing to a heavy rain, which fell at 1.30 p.m. & prevented many from attending.
- **Nov 15th** Average 105.6.
- **Nov 18th** Attendances much improved.

**Nov 19th** It being reported that George Reeves had played truant, enquiries were made, and punishment inflicted by head mistress. 126 present this afternoon.

**Nov 22nd** A great improvement has taken place in the attendance this week, 106 children having made 10 attendances. Average 123.2. No. on books 134.

Nov 25th Beatrice Godfrey returned this morning after some month's absence.

**Nov 27th** The water in use at school has been reported on, and it is recommended that all used for drinking purposes should be boiled. Average for week 116.

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Dec 2nd The third class, consisting of about 33 in average attendance, was examined in letters this morning. About 19 of them answered well, the others who are very young need special attention. A few of the youngest babies have been withdrawn until the spring.

Mrs Simons visited the school this morning. Mrs & Miss Colpoys visited this afternoon.

**Dec 6th** Average 113.1. In attendance 125. On books 134.

**Dec 9th** Two boys re-admitted this morning, Fred & Harry Chessel. Elsie Ford has also returned this week. The attendance is very good.

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**Dec 12th** I have this day examined the registers and found them correct. George Simmons. Average 119.4

**Dec 15th** Attendance fairly good

**Dec 19th** Each class has been examined this week. Progress is satisfactory. Arithmetic appears to be the weakest subject & will require attention. School closed for Christmas vacation. Average 111.6.

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**Jan 6th** School opened today. 127 present! Admitted Edith Townsend & Edward Burchell & Reginald Shoesmith. Average 121.4.

Jan 13th Admitted Kenneth Wood.

**Jan 17th** John Wooldridge arrived too late to be marked. He was sent home with a request that he might be sent in good time in the future.

Average 125.

No. on books 139.

No. in attendance 134.

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Jan 20th Admitted Herbert Wood and Charles Hurst.

**Jan 23rd** Rev W. Leighton Grane visited this afternoon. A case of measles is reported. Average 126.5.

**Jan 27th** Attendance fairly good. Other cases of measles being reported, the room is disinfected with Condy's fluid daily. The slates are washed frequently in a solution of the disinfectant.

**Jan 31st** Average 112.4. Mistress absent during morning owing to indisposition.

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- **Feb 3rd** Miss Hophoff commenced work here this morning, with the assistance of Ellen Schindler, monitress, she has been placed in charge of the babies room. Several cases of measles are reported and many of the children had been sent back, on account of other members of their families having the complaint.
- **Feb 4th** Fresh cases are reported daily, the numbers are greatly reduced during last few days. William & Blossom Miles are reported left.
- **Feb 5th** The epidemic seems to be spreading at an alarming rate. Alice Wright, being too ill to remain until closing time, has been sent home and her attendance cancelled.
- **Feb 7th** Miss Hophoff has given every satisfaction this week. She is punctual, diligent and earnest in her work. She has given two object lessons, in the mistress's presence, which were satisfactory. Average 83.7.

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- **Feb 10th** Schools closed by order of Medical Officer of Health.
- **Mar 23rd** The Medical Officer permits the re-opening of the school this morning. It is reported that two of the scholars are deceased. Admitted 3 boys and 3 girls. One of the boys is under school age, his attendances are not taken. Numbers present 99.
- Mar 24th William & Mary Turpin admitted this afternoon. Their mother expressed a wish that they should not attend school during Scripture lesson. 112 present.

  Average 110.1
- **Mar 30th** Five children admitted this morning.

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- Mar 31st I have this day examined the Registers and found them correct. George Simmons
- **Apr 2nd** Closed for Good Friday. Average 116. Closed for Easter Monday.
- **Apr 7th** Reopened this morning. 113 present.
- **Apr 9th** Attendance improving. Mrs Simmons visited this morning.
- **Apr 10th** Average 124. Rev W. L. Grane visited this afternoon.
- **Apr 13th** A good attendance. Rhoda Playford is reported left. Jane Snashall admitted.
- **Apr 17th** Average 132.6

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Apr 20th Mr Witcombe paid a visit this morning to this school. Rev W. L. Grane and Mrs Grane visited. Mistress absent during part of session owing to indisposition. The babies class is increasing daily in numbers, or the children who are admitted being very young.

Average 135.2.

**Apr 29th** Mr Witcombe visited this afternoon. Mrs Colpoys, Miss Hanson & Miss Colpoys visited this afternoon during the optional lesson. Average 137.2.

**May 4th** Several of the scholars are away today suffering with mumps. 131 present this afternoon.

**May 7th** The Rev F. Pawson visited this afternoon. Average 132.9.

May 10th Two children admitted this morning. Edith & Thomas Ellis have left the neighbourhood.

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May 13th An examination in Religious Knowledge was conducted by the Rev Walter Walsh at 10.30 a.m.. The Rev G. H. S. Newbury visited the school. Eighteen certificates awarded. School as usual during afternoon.

May 14th Miss Eyre & Miss Saunders visited the school this morning. A half holiday given today Ascension Day.

**May 15th** Average 135.6.

**May 18th** Owing to the increasing number in babies room 24 children have been selected and placed in charge of monitress. They will return to the babies room for <u>collective</u> lessons until the general promotion takes place. Mistress absent for a short time owing to indisposition.

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May 19th The children above mentioned having been this morning examined by Mistress, reading books are now to be used alternately with lessons in word building and exercises in the sounds of the letters.

**May 20th** A decrease in attendance due in many cases to illness from mumps. The first and second classes have suffered most.

May 21st 117 present

May 22nd 113 present. Average 126.4. Closed one week. Whitsuntide.

**Jun 1st** Reopened today. 128 present.

Jun 4th I have this day examined the registers and found them correct. George Simmons

**Jun 5th** General progress. Average 133.7.

**Jun 8th** Attendance fairly good. The Scripture report has been received. Excellent.

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**Jun 8th** "The infants sang nicely and behaved well. Great commendation is due to Miss Jones and her assistants."

Sydney Gray withdrawn, his attendance cancelled.

Alfred & Arthur Spray are ill with measles.

The Rector visited the school this afternoon.

**Jun 9th** Many of the children are away owing to illness.

**Jun 10th** Owing to stormy weather numbers reduced to 71 morning and 69 in afternoon.

Jun 11th First class examined this morning. Average 119.7

Jun 15th Numbers good 142 present.

Jun 16th The classes have been examined through out, and show satisfactory progress.

> The Rector visited this afternoon. About 14 of the children are still absent with measles and mumps. Average for week 137.

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**Jun 22nd** A good attendance.

Jun 23rd School visited by Mrs Simmonds & Mrs Colpoys. 151 present.

> Charles & Cicely Adams have gone to Battle Union. Harold Prosser has left the neighbourhood. No. on books 163.

Jun 25th A half holiday given in consequence of visit of a circus to Bexhill.

Jun 26th Fanny Hopper sent home suffering with mumps. Average 141.6.

Jun 29th The Rector visited the school this morning.

Jul 1st Commenced new registers this morning.

Jul 3rd Attendance smaller, many under five are away this week. Average 129.1.

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Jul 6th 141 present. Mrs Simmons visited the school.

Jul 7th Visited this school. H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector

Jul 8th School closed today for the annual industrial exhibition.

Mabel Murrell withdrawn, her attendance cancelled. Jul 9th

Jul 10th Harry Attwood arrived too late to be marked. Average 137.2.

Jul 13th Miss Bright absent to attend the Certificate Examination.

Jul 14th Two cases of measles reported this morning.

> A few of the youngest children, those recently admitted, are being taught in the class room this week. The second class are taught by monitress during Miss Bright's absence.

Her Majesty's Inspector J. G. Germain during earlier part & Rev H. G. Alington during the latter part, visited the school this morning. Rev W. L. Grane visited this morning. Average 138.4.

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Jul 20th Twenty three girls were sent to girls' school this morning. Twenty seven boys were sent to S. Barnabas' school. One boy has been retained, John Burt, who is exceedingly delicate.

> The babies' class is now very small. Miss Bright returned to her duties this morning. Owing to a local fête the attendance has fallen to 76 this afternoon. Edith Bishop admitted this morning.

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List of lessons Classes I and II '96-'97

1 Spring Summer

2	" flowers	" flowers
3	A plant	" fruits
4	Buttercup	The Sea
5	Daisy	Water
6	Birds	Sponge
7	Cuckoo	Crab
8	Donkey	Baker
9	Spider & Webb	Sailor
10	<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Winter</u>
11	" flowers	" flowers
12	" fruits	" fruits
13	Hops	The Robin
14	Tea plant	" Ship
15	Milk	" Hedgehog
16	A Clock	Camel

Approved by Her Majesty's Inspector

Wool

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A Street lamp

#### Jul 20th

	<u>B</u>	abies' Class	
Nat. History	<u>Trades</u>	Veg. Kingdom	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
Ostrich	The Tailor	Orange	A railway station
Eagle	" postman	Sugar	Helping mother
Bear		Daisy	Kindness to animals
Camel		Spring	Making a bed
Cat			Setting a table
Lion			A farm yard
			A letter
			A clock

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**Jul 20th** On re-organisation, 42 children are placed in first class, 45 in second class, 27 in third class. Of the first class 8 are very backward.

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Of the second class 12 do not know the alphabet.

Jul 22nd School closed this afternoon for Sunday school treat.

Jul 25th Average 86.7.

Jul 27th Attendance poor.

**Jul 29th** School closed for S. Peter's S. S. treat, afternoon. A small attendance throughout the week.

A Dr's Certificate received to the effect that Edith Freeman is unfit for school, & is not to attend

for at least 12 months. Average 94.

Jul 30th School closed for Summer Vacation.

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**Sep 7th** Re-opened school this morning. Admitted Walter Harris & John Doggett. Readmitted Edith & Thos. Ellis and Fred Cannon.

**Report** The Govt. report has been received.

1896 "The infant teaching is thoroughly sound and effective; the children respond to it in a very hearty

manner."

**Staff** Grant earned 17s. Total £102.

L. M. Jones, Head Teacher.

E. Bright Art. 50.

L. G. Hophoff Art. 68.

### W. Leighton Grane, Correspondent

**Sep 10th** A wet & stormy day. 18 nine present. Cuthbert Hole has left neighbourhood. Dora Willy is attending a private school. Average 97.1. No. on books 120.

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**Sep 14th** Admitted Nelly Carey, Ron Spiers, Vincent Foster, James Ellis, Mabel Ellis.

A doctor's certificate has been received certifying that Harry Ford and Jane Hurst are too ill to attend school.

**Sep 15th** A very good attendance, 110 present. The absentees are mostly children under five.

**Sep 18th** Average 105.1. No. in attendance 114. No. on books 125.

**Sep 21st** Admitted Willm. Spiers and Edward Lodge. A very good attendance, 113 present.

Sep 22nd A holiday given this afternoon, many of the children being very wet.

**Sep 23rd** Harold Luff is reported ill. James Hirst has returned this week.

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Sep 25th Heavy rain this morning prevented many from starting. Those who arrived were wet through &

had to be sent home. Attendance very bad, but as the children were not wet, this afternoon school was held as usual.

Average 104.2

School visited by H. L. Grane.

**Sep 28th** I have this day examined the register and found them correct. Geo. Simmons.

General progress. Average 109.5.

**Oct 5th** The average attendance for last quarter reached 110.8. Numbers on books for new quarter 122.

Oct 6th Several of the youngest children have left for the winter. A case of diphtheria is reported, Evelyn

Verrall being very ill.

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Oct 7th The little girl, Evelyn Verrall, died this morning. Average 100.4. No. on books 121.

Oct 11th A good attendance, 110 present. Admitted Alfred Walsh Welsh.

**Oct 12th** The school visited by the Rector.

Oct 13th Admitted Annie & Harry Giles. Average for week 104.7.

- **Oct 19th** Attendance low owing to bad weather.
- Oct 21st Fever having broken out, three families are excluded. The second class are now taught in the class room, which has been fitted with dual desks. Average 101.
- Oct 26th Victor Veness is reported ill. Ernest Taylor admitted. General progress. Attendance improved. Average 109.3.

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- **Nov 3rd** A very good attendance. Edward Hunnisett returned this morning.
- **Nov 5th** A slight decrease in attendance this morning, "Guy Fawkes day". Average 110.4.
- **Nov 9th** Lily Harris was admitted on the 22nd of June last, her age was sent as 3 years 7 months, and her attendances registered. It has since transpired, that the age given was a false one as the child was three years of age last Thursday Nov 4th. Attendances made so far, must be deducted at end of year.
- Nov 11th 117 present. 125 on books.
- **Nov 13th** Average 113.7.
- **Nov 16th** Admitted Albert Jolliffe. Attendance keeps up well. Except for a few babies, who have left for the winter, & one boy, away on account of fever, every child on books is in attendance.

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- **Nov 17th** Admitted Florrie Baker.
- Nov 20th Average 114.
- **Nov 23rd** Mistress absent owing to illness.
- Nov 25th Returned to duties this morning. Admitted Cyril & Mary Moser, Rose ???? & George Dixon. School visited by Mrs Colpoys, Miss Wallis and Mrs Simmons. Attendance very good.
- **Nov 27th** Average 120. No. on books 132. Of this number four have left till Spring and two are ill.
- **Nov 30th** Admitted Arthur Sutton & George Forward. Average 113.8.

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- **Dec 7th** Admitted Reg. Toghill. Several children are reported ill this morning. Jesse Freeman withdrawn, her attendance cancelled.
- **Dec 8th** Admitted Alice & Ethel Easton, and Daisy Weller, who have attended school before, elsewhere. 118 present.
- **Dec 9th** I have this day examined the registers and found them correct. Geo. Simmons.
- **Dec 10th** A wet morning, numbers diminished. Average 109.9.
- **Dec 14th** Weather very unfavourable, attendance much lower in consequence, 81 present.
- **Dec 15th** There is much illness among the children, several are seriously ill. The classes have this week been examined & results recorded.

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**Dec 15th** The various subjects have been satisfactorily taught.

In the second class are several new children who require special attention.

The babies' class is very small. Those who are in attendance have made good progress. Two girls, over five years of age, have been promoted to second class.

The Dec 18th Average 81.6

**Dec 21st** The attendance continues small, owing to the prevalence of severe colds among the children. 84 present. Mrs G. Simmons visited this morning. Average 86.5.

School closed for Christmas Vacation. Reopen Jan 11th.

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**Jan 11th** Re-opened school this morning. Admitted Morris Richardson.

**Jan 12th** Two girls aged respectively 7 and 9 were brought down from the girls' school this morning; they have no idea of reading, and are only fit for the babies' class as far as attainments are concerned. No. in attendance 117. Average 112.6.

Jan 18th The two girls, mentioned above, are working with first class, and are receiving individual attention, as far as is possible. The attendance of children below the age of five, is unsatisfactory owing to the severity of the weather, & the prevalence of colds. Fanny Hopper, Arthur Sutton, and Annie Giles are under medical care (certificates). 115 present. Daisy Weller has left neighbourhood

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**Jan 22nd** Numbers diminished owing to a slight fall of snow; the baby class numbers 11. Two children arrived too late to be marked. Average 104.5

**Jan 25th** 55 present this morning. The snow is too deep for the children to reach here safely, those who live at a distance.

**Jan 27th** Attendance very poor, the roads being in a dangerous state, the parents, in many cases, are afraid to send their children. Average 79.

**Feb 1st** 81 present, whether continues unfavourable. School visited by the Rector.

**Feb 3rd** 108 present this morning.

**Feb 5th** A very wet morning, only 41 present, 46 in afternoon. Average for week 64.

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**Feb 8th** 106 present.

**Feb 12th** Joseph Robbins sent home on his arrival at school, he was wet through & quite unable to remain. Attendance still poor. Average 102.5.

- **Feb 15th** And admitted Fred Pellett. Edith Morley returned after an absence of two months. Fannie Hopper returned after three months absence. 115 present. 136 on books. Cyril Moser has left the neighbourhood.
- **Feb 16th** Visited this school. Art. 84b. J. G. Germain. Ernest Taylor's attendance cancelled.
- **Feb 19th** The baby class down numbers 50 children, who are attending fairly well. Average 114.5.
- **Feb 22nd** Several children absent with bad colds and coughs. Admitted Ernest Gray. Maggie Cruttenden (monitress) absent through illness.

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- **Feb 23rd** Returned to her duties today. Jeddie [Jessie?] Lodge and John Errey are suffering from whooping cough.
- **Feb 25th** Miss Hophoff absent with permission today. Several children are reported ill. Walter Harris arrived too late to be marked.
- **Feb 27th** Visited school. Registers Tested and found correct. W. Leighton Grane Average 107.3.
- Mar 1st Admitted Louisa Bristow.
- **Mar 3rd** 67 present owing to a severe storm. Numbers considerably lowered. Alfred Bristow is reported to be of weak intellect. On this account, he is now taught with the youngest children, the work of the second class having proved too much for him.

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- Mar 3rd No school held this afternoon, as owing to a terrible storm occurring about noon, the children were fetched home by their parents, who did not send them again.
- Mar 5th Admitted Ada Adams. School visited by Mrs Simmons. Average 102.7.
- **Mar 8th** Admitted George Wright. Many of the children are suffering from "whooping cough", and are unable to attend in consequence. Leonard Hickman returned this week.
- **Mar 10th** Ellen Schindler absent today, with permission. Average 115.2.
- Mar 13th Attendance improving, 125 present.
- **Mar 19th** Ellen Schindler away all the week with permission. School visited by Mrs Simmons. Average 119.3.

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- **Mar 22nd** Ellen Schindler returned to her duties this morning. Many cases of chicken-pox and of whooping cough are reported. 116 present. Average 117.
- Mar 29th Admitted Ellen Gaston & Dora Baker. 121 present. Rec'd notice of Scripture Exam[ination].
- **Mar 31st** Percy Hunnisett sent home suffering from eczema.
- **Apr 1st** Numbers reduced to 82, owing to the wet weather.

- **Apr 2nd** Average 113.1.
- **Apr 6th** Commenced last quarter in registers. Average for quarter ending Mar 1897 is 106. There is much illness among the children, chickenpox, whooping cough, and eczema.
- **Apr 9th** Average 101.8.

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- **Apr 11th** Admitted Sidney Neve. Numbers somewhat low. 108 present.
- **Apr 13th** Examination of classes in subjects, as per syllabus, for quarter ending Easter gives following results.

Class I

<u>Reading</u> very good on the whole. <u>Writing</u> is uniform, a few children need special attention. <u>Arithmetic</u> on slates is well done, only a very few are incorrect in working.

Class II

<u>Reading</u>. Considering the amount of sickness among the children in this class throughout the year, is excellent.

Writing is much improved nearly all are able to write their own names.

Arithmetic is good, but still requires attention.

Class III

The youngest children under school age are always irregular in attendance; in spite of this they have passed a very good examination in all subjects.

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- **Apr 15th** School closed today for short Easter vacation. Average for week 101.8.
- **Apr 20th** Re-opened school this morning. Numbers very small: 98 present. Admitted George Dennett.
- Apr 21st A doctor's certificate sent showing that George Rann is unfit for school. Bessie Neve is under medical care owing to weak eyesight. Ethel Easton sent home with chicken pox. Numbers very low. Dr Wiggins certifies that Albert Baker is suffering from scarlet fever. Harry & Florence Chessell excluded on account of fever in the home. Average 100.2.

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- **Apr 23rd** Visited School Tested Registers found them all correct. W Leighton Grane.
- Apr 26th Admitted Ellen Carter, Daisy and Herbert Ford. Albert Baker died last Saturday.
- **Apr 28th** Doris Osborne has returned this morning, after a severe illness. John and Alice Burt are reported very ill.
- **Apr 29th** Susie and Sydney Balcombe excluded on account of fever. Rev Walter Walsh examined in Scripture this morning. Rev G. Newbury present throughout. 17 Certificates awarded. Registers not marked all day.
- **Apr 30th** A medical certificate received on behalf of Donald Card, who is very ill. Average 107.7.

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May 3rd Numbers much reduced. William Pellett has met with an accident & will not be able to walk for some time, it is feared.

The Scripture report is "Excellent" "The little ones passed a satisfactory examination and sung nicely."

May 7th Attendance very poor throughout the week. Many of the parents have taken fright, owing to the presence of fever in the neighbourhood & will not send their children. Average 97.8.

May 10th Admitted Osborne Parker, John Penfold, Cissie Penfold, Emma Hall, and Percy Foord, all of whom have been in school before elsewhere, some are placed in class I and one in class II. Florence Baker died on Friday.

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May 11th Admitted Jessie & Ellen Blackford.

**May 15th** Average 116.3.

**May 17th** Admitted Nora & May Baker. Harry Chessell returned this morning but was sent home, until a certificate of freedom from infection is sent. Admitted Edith Coppard.

**May 18th** Two boys admitted this morning aged respectively 8 and 7. They have not been taught previously on account of extreme delicacy, and barely know the alphabet; they have been placed in Class II.

May 21st A new class has been formed to day, owing to an influx of new scholars and placed in charge of monitress. The work will be the same as class I but not so advanced, as the children are backward. Average 126.3.

May 24th Miss Kelsall began work as monitress.

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May 24th Admitted Harry Ellis and Maggie Perry.

May 27th School closed as usual, Ascension Day. During afternoon.

May 28th Average 129.8

May 31st School visited by Mr Witcomb & examined.

**Jun 2nd** Attendance much improved this week. 148 present. Average hundred and 40.5. School closed one week for Whitsun vacation.

**Jun 14th** Reopened today 153 present. Seven children admitted. Beatrice Easton takes the place of Ellen Schindler as monitress.

**Jun 17th** Visited this school Art 84b. H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector.

**Jun 18th** Average 143.8. School closed for 1 week in honour of Diamond Jubilee.

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**Jun 28th** Re-opened today. 187 present. 8 admissions.

**Jul 1st** 32 boys sent to boys' school. New registers commenced today. Average 129.7.

Jul 5th Promoted scholars and formed new classes today. Owing to lack of room in Girls' school the children cannot yet be received. They are receiving instruction in Standard I work. Average 125.4. No. on books 151.

Average fee year ending Jun 1897 is 110.3. Average on books 138.

**Jul 12th** Miss Bright absent to attend Certificate examination.

**Jul 14th** School closed for a neighbouring Sunday School treat, to which many of the children were invited.

**Jul 17th** Average 127.5. No. on books 151.

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**Jul 19th** Admitted a boy named Colonel Pennells

Miss Bright returned this morning. Admitted Minnie Dyer, and re-admitted Ellen Shoesmith. [According to 1901 and 1911 censuses, and birth, marriage and death records the boy's name should be "Colonel Pinnells"].

Jul 23rd Average 125.

**Jul 26th** Edwin Wickenden and John Dunster have left the neighbourhood.

**Jul 30th** School closed this morning for Midsummer Vacation, 6 weeks. Average 120.8. On bks 154.

**Sep 13th** Reopened school this morning. Admitted 2 boys and 7 girls. Number present 145.

Owing to lack of room in the girls' dept., promotion is deferred one week.

Average 144.1. No. on bks 170.

**Sep 20th** Attendance very good indeed.

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**Sep 20th** Admitted 5 girls and 3 boys.

**Sep 24th** Examined the Registers and found them correct. F. W. Pawson. Average 156.1.

**Report** "The work is systematically arranged and thoroughly carried out. The children show great

1897 interest in it, as well as in their occupations, are very well advanced and are always in good

order."

**Staff** L. M. Jones Certificated teacher

E. Bright Art: 50

L. G. Hophoff Art: 68

W Leighton Grane, Correspondent

**Sep 27th** School visited by Rev W. L. Grane. Attendance very good indeed.

Oct 1st Average 156.5.

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Oct 4th Twenty seven girls have been promoted this morning to the girls' department.

Oct 5th Admitted two boys and one girl. There are now 148 children on books, 52 are in class I, 55 in

class II, and 41 in class III.

Average attendance for quarter ended Oct 1st was 136.6.

**Oct 7th** Fires commenced this morning in babies' room. Attendance very good. Average 134.4.

Oct 11th Commenced new readers in first class this morning, "The Natural History Reader". Admitted Louisa Smith and Roland Burton. Average 132.9. No. on bks 151.

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Oct 18th Rhoda & Mary Playford have left the neighbourhood. Attendance very good, in the upper classes. A few of the babies are attending irregularly. A. Hepton & Cecil Goodayle have left and are attending Sidley School.

Oct 20th Emily Rich admitted.

Oct 22nd Four children, only, are not in attendance this week owing to illness. Phillis Boxall has left till the spring. Average 136.4. No. on Books 148.

Oct 26th 135 present. Foster Wood is reported ill.

**Oct 28th** A case of Scarlet fever is reported by the Attendance Officer.

**Oct 29th** Average 134.4.

**Nov 1st** Several children are too unwell to attend school this week.

**Nov 2nd** Admitted Harry Russell.

**Nov 5th** Numbers reduced slightly this morning, Guy Fawkes Day. Average 131.1

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**Nov 8th** Grace Willy has returned after an absence of 3 months owing to illness.

Charles, Henry, and Florence Ashdown admitted. The two boys have attended before; the elder has only been received temporarily, until the boys' school is less crowded.

Owing to weather, numbers considerably lowered.

**Nov 9th** Admitted Milly Ennis & Clara Robson. 127 present.

**Nov 12th** Average 124.4. No. on bks 155

**Nov 15th** Attendance very poor: a wet morning. Mary & Harry Tuppin arrived too late to be marked. A note has been sent to the parents, urging them to send the children punctually. The babies' Class is now very small and is likely so to continue, until the spring.

Nov 19th Visited school & tested registers which were found correct. W. L. Grane

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**Nov 19th** School visited by the Rector. Average 125.9.

Nov 22nd Attendance better. Herbert Ford has returned after a long absence. Admitted Mary Marshall.

**Nov 23rd** Admitted Arthur & Fredk Carey, the latter is only received temporarily, being over seven years of age, until there is accommodation in the upper department. Average 133.6.

**Nov 29th** Attendance much lowered, a very cold, stormy day. 103 present. Many of the parents are afraid to send their children out, the wind being so strong, that tiles & slates are blown about.

Nov 30th Numbers still poor on account of the weather. Dec 1st Mrs Simmons visited school today. Dec 3rd Average 118.2. [Page 282] Last week, every class was examined in the work for first term of the year ending Nov 30th; and Dec 4th results have been recorded. The results are very satisfactory. In each class are found a few backward children, mostly newcomers, they are receiving the best attention. Dec 7th Numbers small owing to wet weather, and the state of the roads. Dec 10th Numbers lowered to 96, owing to the heavy rain, at noon. Average 122.3. On bks 157 Dec 13th Attendance very poor. 118 present. Dec 15th Admitted Charlotte Robins. Numbers low on account of weather. Several of the children are too ill to attend. Dec 17th School visited by the Rector. Average 123.6. [Page 283] Dec 20th A case of measles is reported. Numbers fairly good, considering the coldness of the weather. The babies are attending very well just now. Some have left until the spring. Number present 125. **Dec 23rd** Average 122.7. School closes this morning for Christmas Vacation, 2 weeks. 1898 Jan 11th Reopened this morning. 133 present. Maggie Cruttenden away with an injured knee. Five admissions. Ordinary routine. Average 136.3. No. on bks 152. Jan 17th Maggie Cruttenden still absent. Admitted Albert Muggeridge and Ethel Noakes. Number present 135. Jan 18th School visited by the Rector. [Page 284] Jan 20th Numbers have been going down since Tuesday. This morning only 117 present, severe colds & coughs being the chief causes. Average 120.9. Jan 23rd A slight increase in the attendance today. Maggie Cruttenden is still absent. The babies class is very small this week. The second class has about 18 absentees. The first class is normal. Jan 27th Mistress obliged to leave school owing to indisposition.

Miss Hophoff's engagement terminates today; her successor will begin work here on Tuesday

Resumed duties again today. Admitted Jessie Marchant and Edith Stanbridge.

Jan 28th

next. Average 120.

**Jan 31st** Attendance somewhat better 123 present. Ethel Griffin is to ill to attend school.

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- **Feb 1st** Visited this school Art 84b. H. G. Alington, H. M. Inspector.
- **Feb 1st** Miss Cant commenced work here today, qualified under Art: 50.
- **Feb 4th** Average 117.8.
- **Feb 7th** Attendance improved 131 present. Willie Knowles attendance cancelled as he left school before time. Mary Tuppin arrived too late to be marked. A message has been sent to her parents, asking that this may not happen again. Average 131.9.
- **Feb 14th** The Rector visited the school today. Lily Shoesmith returned after several weeks' absence. Maggie Cruttenden still away.
- **Feb 18th** General progress in all classes. Average 131.6. On books 166.

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- Feb 21st Maggie Cruttenden (monitress) returned to school today. Numbers somewhat lower.
- **Feb 25th** Average 127.9.
- **Feb 28th** Miss Bright absent (owing to the death of her mother) this week. The second class is taught by Miss Cant in her absence. The baby room is in charge of Maggie Cruttenden who is working very well.

Attendance poor owing to the prevalence of coughs. Three boys over age transferred to the boys' school.

- Mar 4th Average 120.2. No. on bks 157.
- Mar 7th Admitted Henry Winchester & Winnie Murray. Miss Bright returned to her duties today. Attendance fair.

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- Mar 10th Rev F. W. Pawson called registers today & found them correct. Average 116.
- **Mar 14th** Numbers still small. 121 present. This is owing to the cold weather, & so many of the little ones have bad coughs.
- Mar 15th School visited by the Rector.
- Mar 18th Average 120.6.
- Mar 21st Attendance improved. Three children admitted, present 132.
- Mar 25th School not open today owing to a terrible snowstorm. Average 124.6. No. on bks 161.
- Mar 28th Miss Cant absent today with permission. Admitted John Saxby, and re-admitted Edward Wickenden.

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Mar 30th Each class has been thoroughly examined this week. In the second and third classes the children who are delicate have not attended during the winter, regularly, in some cases, not at all. With the exception of these, the classes are well advanced in the work of the year. Special attention will be paid to the backward ones, in order to raise them to the level of the class if possible.

The record books show progress in each subject, and also the progress of individual scholars. The babies' class has diminished in numbers this week, only from 20 - 24 being in attendance. This is chiefly owing to illness.

**Apr 1st** Average 112.3.

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- **Apr 4th** 117 present. Alice Longley is suffering from whooping cough, & is not allowed to attend. Fred Mullins arrived too late to be marked, and was sent home with a note to that effect. The babies class is still small. 29 present out of 52. Average 120.7.
- **Apr 7th** School closed for Easter Vacation reopen on April 18th.
- Apr 18th re-opened school this morning. Admitted 5 girls and two boys. Re-admitted Edith Freeman who has been too ill to attend school for nearly 2 years.

  Notice of the Scripture Examination to take place May 3rd was received April 6th.

The average attendance for 3rd quarter's 125.1, an increase of 17 on the corresponding quarter last year.

**Apr 19th** The children had a lesson on "Primrose Day" in place of the ordinary object lesson.

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- **Apr 19th** Admitted 2 girls today. There are forty eight babies present today. As the class is now so busy, Miss Cant is assisted by Beatrice Easton.
- **Apr 22nd** Mistress unable to attend school today owing to indisposition. Average 133.4. No. on bks 173.
- Apr 26th 147 present. Admitted Charles Yates, Thomas Carey & Edith Shoesmith. Herbert Foord returned after a long illness.Donald Card sent home a short time after his arrival, as he was too ill to remain. Average 138.2.
- May 2nd No. present 137. Annie and John Marchant are reported left Ivy Thorne is reported ill.

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- May 3rd School examine in Scripture this day, Mrs Grane & several ladies being present. The Rector visited during the morning.
- May 6th Average 125.3.
- May 9th Rec'd report on Scripture examination. "The infants sung well; great praise is due to Miss Jones & her assistant". The school is classed as Excellent.

  Admitted Minnie Pinnells and Fanny Goldsmith. Numbers fluctuate owing to windy weather.
- May 12th Owing to heavy rain numbers reduced to 86. School visited by Mr Witcomb. Average 126.7.
- May 15th 135 present. Admitted Dorothy Carter and Jane Goldsmith.

May 19th Closed this afternoon, Holy Thurs:

May 20th Numbers lower owing to wet weather. Average 133.9.

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May 23rd Miss Cant absent during morning session having missed her train. 140 present.

May 24th Rose Crook's name was taken off a week ago, as it was reported she had left, today she has returned & has been re-admitted. Admitted Sissie Crook.

May 27th Average 138. School closed for Whitsun, one week.

**Jun 6th** Re-opened this morning. 149 present. Admitted 4 girls and one boy.

**Jun 7th** Singing taken during last lesson this morning.

Jun 9th During the last two days every class has been examined & results recorded.

The babies' class is now full, there are 22 new scholars in it; the teaching of this class is thus rendered somewhat difficult. All the classes have shown good progress.

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**Jun 9th** Examined Registers and found them correct. F. W. Pawson. Average 148.1.

**Jun 13th** Three children admitted today. Number present 160. Attendance very good, except in baby class.

**Jun 17th** A circus having visited the numbers have fallen considerably. The Average 147.1. On bks 186. In attendance 170.

Jun 20th Admitted Ethel Noakes. 156 present.

**Jun 22nd** Owing to the influx of new scholars to baby room 14 of the babies have been formed into another class working under a monitress. These children will return to the baby room for collective lessons and drills.

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**Jun 23rd** Visited this school Art 84b. J. G. Germain.

Jun 24th Average 148.

**Jun 26th** Admitted Ernest Easton and Edith Jolliffe. Fred & Millie Pellett are excluded by order of medical authority, suffering from measles.

**Jul 1st** The first class have, today, gone to the upper schools. 115 present.

**Jul 2nd** There are now 126 on books. 117 of these are in attendance. Average 113.5.

**Jul 5th** 116 present this morning.

**Jul 9th** Owing to a circus visiting Bexhill numbers reduced to 96. Average 111.9.

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Jul 11th The new classes are working well. In the first class the subjects are fairly good. One boy, George Dickson, appears to be of weak intellect. He makes a little progress. In the second class there are

60 children. Half of these are beginners in every subject. They are however too old for baby room. There are twenty babies. Average 109.9.

**Jul 18th** 111 present this morning.

**Jul 20th** Mistress absent from school in order to visit Nat. Soc. Depot to buy prices for regular attendance. A half holiday granted for S. S. Treat.

Jul 22nd Average 114.3. On bks 131. In attendance 128.

Jul 25th A fairly good attendance.

**Jul 27th** Owing to a local treat, school closes today.

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Jul 28th today attendance prizes were distributed by the Rector. School closed for 5 weeks. Average 109 5

Sep 5th School re-opened today. Miss Cant, second assistant, has left the school, in order to enter Salisbury Training College. 97 children present.

The report has been received.

Report 1898 "The children are happily interested and well taught. A little more attention might usefully be given to securing an orderly habit of answering and to sentence making. Otherwise the methods are excellent."

L. M. Jones C. M.; E. Bright Art: 50; W. Leighton Grane, Manager.

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**Sep 5th** Annie Heath commenced work here as monitress. Average 100.8.

**Sep 12th** Nine children admitted. Gladys Chester met with a fatal accident during the holidays; her name has been removed. Ivy Thorne and Donald Card are attending schools nearer their homes.

**Sep 14th** Winnifred & Constance Stone are attending S. Barnabas School.

**Sep 16th** Average 114.5.

**Sep 19th** A fairly good attendance today.

Sep 21st Examined and tested Registers which were correct. W. Leighton Grane.
School visited by the Rector. The second class have attended better this week. Average 117.1.

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**Sep 26th** A new swing has been put up in the baby room for use during winter months. It will be put out of doors next spring. A case of measles is reported. Numbers rather poor, many of the children are troubled with croup.

**Sep 29th** Numbers lowered owing to wet weather. Average 110.8. On books 134.

Oct 3rd Charles & William Shoesmith admitted. A new swing has been added to the baby room.

Being unable to obtain the services of an Assistant teacher, Margaret Cruttenden is still in charge of the baby room.

Oct 7th Average 120.9. On books 138.

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- Oct 10th Samuel & John Benge were taken out of the playground by their mother at a few minutes to 3; the attendances were cancelled. A fairly good attendance.
- Oct 13th The weather being somewhat colder, fires are kept in the baby room.
- Oct 14th Numbers much improved this week, only four children not in attendance & these are cases of illness. Average 127.8. On bks 138.
- Oct 17th Admitted Mabel Harmer and Albert Rigglesford. Re-admitted Jessie Marchant. Edith Rigglesford has returned after three weeks quarantine. Numbers present, 129.

Wet weather has caused many to remain at home as the roads near the school are in a shocking state. Average 111.9.

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- Oct 24th A good attendance this morning, 126 present. School visited by Miss Lewis.
- Oct 27th Minnie Pennels is reported to be suffering with an infectious disease. Average 123.1 [According to 1901 and 1911 censuses, and birth, marriage and death records Minnie's surname should be "Pinnells"]
- Oct 31st Numbers slightly reduced. A few cases of measles reported.
- **Nov 2nd** Florence Chessell sent home this morning, as she was looking very ill; her attendance cancelled.
- **Nov 3rd** Fresh cases of illness are reported each session. Average 100.5. On books 139
- **Nov 7th** 99 present. Four cases of measles notified this morning.
- **Nov 9th** There are now 25 children excluded on account of sickness and only 99 are in attendance.

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