The Noak Hill School, Log Books. Number One1878-1905. Number Two1922-1951. Number Three1973-1977.

Foreword

Printed from the original writing, with no attempt to correct or alter the spelling or grammar or modernise it. Some of the spelling mistakes are probably mine and grammar is different nowadays. Some of the Reports I have justified to make them fit neater on the page, These books were never meant to be published, as they were just a record of daily accuracies, written by hard pressed and overworked people who did a sterling job in difficult times and I have nothing but admiration for them, and I wonder how today's teachers overworked as they are, in their central heated schools would fare in the conditions that these teachers were expected to, and did, so valiantly.

[Page numbers are inserted to make the books read as one work for convenience.] The Lady Neave mentioned in the first volume is the wife of Sir Arundell Neave who died on 21st September 1877. She was the mother of, the Miss Neave who visited the school and was Mary Gertrude Catherine Neave born 24th September 1872 and also the mother of Sir Thomas Neave who was born on 26th June1874.

Herbie.

Starting Date. January 28th 1878.

1878.

Jan. 28th. School reopened by Maria Ashby Certificated teacher of the 2nd class & Jane Pratt, Pupil teacher of the fifth year.

Feb 1st. Number of children admitted in past week, 48. The Rev E. Fox visited, Also the Rev Sewell & Mr. Gilpin.

Feb 8th. 17 more children admitted. School arranged in Standards. Progressing fairly. Arithmetic very backwards. First lesson in Grammar & Geography given to 1st & 2nd classes. The Rev E. Fox & Mr. Gilpin visited.

Feb 15th. Mr.& Mrs. Fox & the Rev Sewell visited, weather bad during the latter part of the week, children at a distance absent.

Feb 22nd. Two children admitted. Rev Fox & Mr. Gilpin visited, children taught a new song.

March 1st. The Rev E. Fox visited and brought new reading books for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Standards also Geography books for the two latter, attendance improved.

March 8th. The Rev E. Fox visited. Three new desks brought. G. Turner admitted.

March 13th. Received from the Rev Fox a letter from the Education department,

March 7th acknowledging the Noak Hill School as eligible for a Grant; and appointing the Annual Inspection for the Month of December. Also a letter authorising the Transfer of J.A. Pratt from the Park Street School, Frogmore Herts, to the Noak Hill School. Miss Pratt began her duties in January 28th 1878. March 18th. The Rev E. Fox visited, also Mr. Gilpin.

March 22nd. The Rev E. Fox & Mrs. Fox visited and heard children sing. New Time Table sent to Inspector to be signed.

March 29th. Holiday today on account of inclement weather, snow & wind, to have the School present. Work commenced by New Time Table on Monday. John Tudgay admitted.

April 3rd. Mr. Gilpin visited. Taught children how to form their letters.

April 12th. Very wet on Thursday, only 44 present. Road stopped up by water.

April 18th. The Rev E. Fox & Mrs. Fox visited and wished us Good-Bye. Closed School for Easter week.

April 28th. School reopened after Easter. Several Elder children away, three fresh children admitted.

May 5th. Preparing School needlework for prizes in June.

May 11th. Average for week 37. Very wet weather. Examined School throughout. Arithmetic & Spelling very backward.

May 17th. School carried on by pupil teacher for Thursday & Friday, Mistress absent.

Teacher absent through illness on Monday morning. Average for week 60.

May 23rd. Three children admitted, two children absent for want of boots.. Average for week 62

May 31st. Examined part of 1st Standard in reading and found them improved. Very wet on Wednesday in week a great many absent. Average 59.

June 7th. Mr. & Mrs. James & Mrs. Sames visited, the former examined 1st class in Reading & Arithmetic & heard children sing, books sent for children by latter.

June 9th. Whit Monday Holiday.

June 10th. Mr. Goodday visited & examined 1st class, also spoke to Charles Sharp about obedience to Teachers.

June 13th. Rev Burgess visited.

June 20th. Mr. & Mrs. Mackintosh visited & spoke about the prize work.

June 27th. Children remained after School to finish needlework. Average for week 65.

June 28th. Work as usual.

July 5th. Mrs. Price visited this afternoon & looked at the needlework. Annie Kemp had a Prize.

July 12th. Two children admitted, most of elder boys at work.

July 17th. Rev Burgess examined upper division in Catechism.

July 19th. The Rev Price visited this afternoon and heard children sing.

July 24th. Rev Burgess again visited and talked to children about St. James day.

July 31st. The Rev Price visited this afternoon and saw the clothes given by Lady Neave.

Aug 1st. School Treat. Children went to Romford in Omnibus & Van. (55)

Aug 2nd. The Honorable Lady Neave visited this afternoon and heard children sing.

Aug 9th. Several children again at school after work.

Aug 16th. Weekly average 63. Taught 3rd Class boys Geography.

Aug 21st. School closed for Harvest Holiday, only half present, the rest gleaning.

Sept 23rd. School reopened after a months holiday, several children absent. Mr. Gilpin visited.

Sept 30th. The Honorable Lady Neave and Mrs. Hilliard visited this morning.

Oct 4th. Taught 4th Standard Square measure.

Oct 11th. Friday. Several children away gathering acorns. Lady Neave visited on Wednesday afternoon. One child sent home for untidiness. Mr. Gilpin visited.

Oct 18th. Lady Neave gave each girl two print pinafores, commenced making them this week, Mr. Gilpin visited today.

Oct 28th. Mr. Gilpin visited on Thursday 24th.

Nov 1st. The children taken home lessons for the first time.

Nov 8th. The Rev Roberts visited & brought the Government Papers. Mrs. Mackintosh visited and inquired about the needlework. Jane Pratt absent today on account of illness.

Nov 15th. Mr. Gilpin visited. Several children absent with bad heads.

Nov 22nd. Weather reasonable. Attendance improved. Alice Crowland not able to attend on account of mud.

Nov 29th. The Rev Roberts visited and examined 2nd class in Reading. Mr Gilpin visited this morning. Worked by New Time Table for trial. Examined Infants.

Dec 2nd. Examined School throughout, therefore Deviations from Time Table.

List of Songs

- 1. The months.
- 2. The Laughing sill.
- 3. The Fox.
- 4. Buttercups & Daises.
- 5. On children On.
- 6. To be in good time.
- 7. Days of Summer glory.
- 8. Now Steadily. Steadily

Dec 4th. School Examination by E.A. Helps, H. M. Inspector. 2nd & 3rd Standards asked to write on paper. Half Holiday.

Dec 11th. Work as usual, back work proceeding.

Dec 20th. School closed for a fortnights holiday.

1879.

Jan 6th. School reopened. Schedule received on 22nd of previous month, children passed up their standards.

Jan 13th. Children progressing slowly with their new work.

Jan 15th. Teacher absent this morning, gone to Doctors.

Jan 22nd. Weather very cold, several children absent

Jan 29th. Teacher absent this morning with face ache & neuralgia. Numbers very low.

Feb 4th. Mr Gilpin visited. Attendance small.

Feb 11th. Three younger children returned to school, after being absent since Christmas.

Feb 17th. The Honorable Lady Neave visited this afternoon.

Feb 19th. The Rev G.F. Price & A.C. Roberts visited this afternoon. The following is a Copy of the Report of H. M. Inspector, received February 15th 1879, and dated 14th February 1879

"The order is very good, and Miss Ashby has made a good beginning here. The Reading is fluent and very fairly intelligent, a few children lead continuously; the Writing good; the Arithmetic very good in the lower class, but weak in the fourth Standard. The announcing in Grammar was satisfactory. Geography seems to have been taught by note. From what I noticed at my visit I am constrained to say that the Infants might be disciplined advantageously with less strictness and more judgement. A set of modern maps including that of Essex, and a better set of Reading books are required. A urinal is needed & the door between the boys & girls offices should be kept locked. The ninth supplementary must be literally complied within future. (See the fifth Schedule to the code). J. A Pratt should be informed that she is not qualified by this examination under Article 60 or 79. She can be qualified for article 79, only by passing the examination specified in Article 91."

Amount of Grant £36:6:8d. Signed Arthur C. Roberts. Treasurer & Correspondent.

Feb 21st. The Honorable Lady Neave again visited, also Mr. Gilpin.

Feb 28th. Girls commenced making towels for Dagnams.

March 7th. Mr. Gilpin visited. One child admitted.

March 14th. Mr. Gilpin again visited. Several children absent with coughs & colds.

March 21st. Teacher absent from school on Wednesday. Mr Gilpin visited

March 28th. Attendance improved. Mr. Gilpin again visited.

April 4th. Mr. Gilpin called and spoke of R. Freeman being absent, at work.

April 11th. School closed this morning for the Easter Holidays, very bad attendance.

April 21st. School reopened, having been re painted and white washed.

April 25th. Mr. Gilpin visited. Children finished towels for the Honorable Lady Neave.

May 2nd. Three fresh children admitted to the Infant class. Mr. Gilpin visited.

May 9th. The Honorable Lady Neave visited & brought more print for children, who commenced the pinafores.

May 16th. Two children away from school with whooping cough and one with bronchitis.

May 23rd. One family consisting of 4 children absent with Scarlet Fever.

May 30th. Closed School for a weeks holiday Whitsun week on account of Fever.

June 8th. School reopened. The Honorable Lady Neave visited and wished the children Good Bye.

June 13th. Jane Pratt absent most of the week on account of illness. Mr. Gilpin visited.

June 20th. William Freeman died of Inflammation of the Lungs. Quarterly Examination of the whole School, Geography improved.

June 27th. Weather very tempestuous, numbers very low, school closed on that account Wednesday morning. Mr Gilpin visited today.

July 4th. Work as usual. Mr. Gilpin visited.

July 11th. Pupil Teacher absent since Tuesday, gone to Oxford for Scholarship Examination. School carried on by Mistress alone.

July 18th. School closed on Tuesday 15th as Sunday Scholars went to Zoological Gardens.

July 25th. Several elder children absent hay-making. Mr. Gilpin visited.

Aug 1st. The Rev A.C. Roberts and Mr. & Mrs. Smith visited the school in afternoon. 16 prizes given away by the latter for general good behaviour.

Aug 8th. Numbers still low among elder children. Mr. Gilpin visited.

Aug 15th. Holiday on Monday. School children & teachers visited Harwich. Average 60.

Aug 22nd. Work as usual.

Aug 29th. Mr. Gilpin visited. Work carried on as usual.

Sept 4th. School closed for Harvest holidays, number having decreased considerably.

Oct 13th. School reopened after 5 weeks holiday, Children being assembled the previous week & only mustering 39. Number very low, gleaning not yet over.

Oct 20th. Mr. Smith visited, also Mr. Gilpin. Cloak room progressing slowly.

Oct 27th. Girls commenced making pillow cases for the Honerable Lady Neave. Cloak room finished.

Nov 3rd. Mr. & Mrs. Smith visited, also Mr. Gilpin.

Nov 10th. Children began work bags. Mr. Gilpin again visited.

Nov 17th. The Honerable Lady Neave & Mr. Smith visited this morning.

Nov 18th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited today.

Nov 19th. The Right Honerable Lady Neave again visited, also the Rev G. F. Price.

Nov 26th. Mr. Gilpin visited, weather improved.

Nov 28th. School year closed.

Dec 5th. Several younger children absent on account of the severity of the weather. Work table received.

Dec 8th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Dec 12th. The Rev A. C. Roberts again visited.

Dec 18th. The Right Honerable Lady Neave visited this afternoon & announced her intention of giving the school treat on Dec 30th. Also the Rev A.C. Roberts examined the school.

Dec 19th. School closed for the Christmas Holidays.

List of Songs.

- 1. Noak Hill School.
- 2. The Violet.
- 3. Moon Noon & Night.
- 4. Shall we go to the Woods.
- 5. Oh Joyous Spring.
- 6. The Shepherd Boy.
- 7. The Bells.
- 8. Soft Music.

Dec 23rd. Inspection day, Tuesday in Christmas week.

1880.

Jan 5th. School reopened after the holiday, children raised a standard, commenced fresh work.

Jan 9th. Weekly average 72.

Jan 16th. Attendance not so good, two families absent on account of sickness.

Jan 17th. The following is a Copy of the report by H. M. Inspector received January 17th 1880. and dated 16th January 1880.

"Order and tone are good. Reading is very fairly intelligent. Arithmetic improved, but inability to apply ruler is still shown. Spelling is unequal, but on the whole has improved. Grammar and Geography are more intelligent this year, but not very strong in the third, forth and fifth Standards. The Infants have been well taught. The Needlework shown was not of a very advanced kind. "Singing is fair." J. A. Pratt should be informed that she is now qualified under Article 79, but not under Article 60. M. Ashby Certified Mistress & J. A. Pratt Assistant." Signed Arthur. C. Roberts, Treasurer & Correspondent. Amount of grant £52. 3. 0d.

Jan 23rd. The Rev A. C. Roberts visited this week, also Mr. Gilpin.

Jan 30th. Twenty children absent on account of illness in the village. The Rev A. C. Roberts again visited.

Feb 5th. Government Inspection. Half Holiday.

Feb 12th. Teacher absent since Monday with severe cold. Number still 30. Highest this week 38

Feb 13th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited this morning and said we had better close School for a week (on account of measles, coughs and colds).

Feb 20th. School closed for past week on account of illness.

Feb 27th. School reopened, most of children returned. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

March 5th. The Rev A.C. Roberts again visited, also Mr. Gilpin.

March 12th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

March 19th. Work as usual.

March 25th. School closed for a weeks holiday, Easter.

April 5th. School reopened, three children admitted.

April 6th. One left. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

April 9th. Taught 4th Standard Division by two figures.

April 13th. Examined 1st Standard. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

April 16th. Mr. Broach & Mr. Gilpin visited the school.

April 23rd. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

April 30th. Work as usual.

May 7th. Girls began working for prizes. The Honerable Lady Neave visited and took leave of the children.

May 14th. Holiday on Monday. Whit Monday, usual children absent, having grace for a holiday.

May 21st. Mrs. Smith visited and looked at the needlework. Mr. Gilpin visited.

May 28th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited, several children absent with colds.

June 4th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited. A. Turner left school for service.

June 11th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited also Mr. Gilpin.

June 18th. Holiday today. The Diocesan Inspection took place at 10:30. The Rev A. C. Roberts & Mr. Gilpin visited. A. Turner returned to school.

June 28th. Mrs. Smith visited to enquire after the needlework.

July 2nd. Work as usual. Mr. Gilpin visited.

July 8th. Half holiday. 6 girls went to the Flower show with needlework for prizes.

July 14th. Mrs. Christian visited and looked at the Needlework, also the Rev, A.C. Roberts.

July 15th. Assistant absent from school with toothache.

July 17th. Mr. Gilpin visited today.

July 27th. The Rev, A.C. Roberts & Mrs. Roberts visited this afternoon and gave away the Centenary medals.

July 29th. School treat. Holiday.

July 30th. Holiday. Bad weather. (No scholars).

Aug 6th. Work as usual, numbers low, 6 children absent with mumps.

Aug 13th. Several children still absent, elder boys at work.

Aug 29th. School closed for Harvest Holidays, to last one month.

Sept 20th. School reopened, numbers very low.

Sept 21st. The Rev, A.C. Roberts visited and reproached children for destruction of School Premises.

Sept 23rd. Mr. Ralph, School Attendance Officer visited.

Sept 29th. The Rev, A.C. Roberts again visited.

Sept 30th. Mr. Ralph again visited, numbers improved.

Oct 5th. Mr. Ralph again visited.

Oct 13th. Mr. Ralph visited, taught a new song.

Oct 20th. Mr. Ralph visited.

Oct 27th. Work as usual, attendance improved, two children left to go to Hornchurch.

Oct 30th. The Rev A.C. Roberts called our attention to latter part of Form 9.

Nov 5th. The Rev, A.C. Roberts visited and received from me. Henry & William Harris child's work, also made footnote in class register No 3, referring to accidental mistake. Signed. Arthur C Roberts, Treasurer & Correspondent.

Nov 12th. Mr. Gilpin visited. & The Rev, A.C. Roberts.

Nov 19th. Work as usual.

Nov 26th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited and gave us notice of the Inspection.

Nov 30th, School Prizes given.

Dec 3rd. The Right Honerable Lady Neave visited.

Dec 10th. Mr. Ralph visited.

Dec 17th. Numbers very low, several children absent with bad colds & coughs.

Dec 23rd. School closed for Christmas day & Bank Holiday. Numbers very low all week.

Dec 31st. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited, also Mr Ralph. Weekly average 69.

1881.

Jan 3rd. The Right Honerable Lady Neave visited this morning and spoke to the children about their treat next Thursday.

Jan 4th. School Inspection.

List of Songs.

- 1. The Wish.
- 2. The Watchman.
- 3. Spring.
- 4. Winter.
- 5. The Farewell.
- 6. The Father's Return.
- 7. Mary had a little Lamb.
- 8. The Birthday.

Jan 17th. School reopened after Xmas holidays

Jan 18th. School closed on account of weather.

Jan 24th. The following is a Copy of H.M. Inspectors report received on January 28th and dated London January 27th. 1881.

"Order and tone are good and the general efficiency is creditable. There is marked improvement in the intelligence of the reading, geography and grammar, but the arithmetic is still not satisfactory in this respect, the children of the third & fourth standards being unable to apply their knowledge of rules to questions involving a little thought. I have no doubt the Mistress will remedy this deficit. Spelling is a little unequal and the reading needs a little more distinctness and precision in pronunciation. Infants have been well taught. Needlework is very good. If the mutilation depends on the windows it could be considered perfect." Maria Ashby. Certificated Mistress. Jane Anderson Pratt. Assistant

Amount of Grant given £54-15-0. Signed Arthur C. Roberts. Treasurer & Correspondent.

Jan 31st. School reopened after being closed for a fortnight.

Feb 4th. Mr. Ralph visited this week.

Feb 11th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited, also Mr. Ralph.

Feb 18th. Deviation from Time Table on account of lessons being altered.

Feb 25th. New Geography Books used by 2nd & 3rd Standards. Map of colonies.

March 2nd. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

March 4th. Mr. Ralph visited.

March 11th. Children's Fabricator to attend school with some weave.

March 17th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited today.

March 22nd. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited & spoke to the children about destroying school property.

March 25th. Taught elder girls to cut out.

April 1st. Work as usual. Mr. Ralph visited.

April 8th. Working from new Time Table.

April 14th. School closed for Easter holidays.

April 25th. School reopened. Girls busy with prize work.

April 29th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited during the week.

May 6th. Taught 3rd Standard Compound Division by two figures.

May 13th. Lost an infant suddenly by death.

May 20th. Mr. Ralph visited.

May 26th. Half holiday for Ascension Day.

May 27th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

June 3rd. Friday, work as usual.

June 6th. Whit Monday Holiday.

June 10th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited & taught Scripture.

June 17th. The Right Honerable Lady Neave visited and looked at needlework.

June 23rd. Scripture Examination. Holiday. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

June 28th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited. Two families returned to school after Measles and 4 other children away with them.

July 1st. The Right Honerable Lady Neave visited this morning and looked at needlework.

July 7th. Holiday. Girls gone to three shows with needlework.

July 8th. School closed for a fortnight on account of Measles. Weekly average 39.

July 22nd. School reopened, still several absent on account of Measles.

July 29th. Weekly average 60.

Aug 5th. Work as usual, two families absent still, on account of Measles.

Aug 12th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Aug 19th. Very wet 42 present, closed school for Harvest Holidays (3 weeks).

Sept 12th. School reopened after 3 weeks holiday. Average? Children still gleaning

Sept 19th. Attendances better. Mr. Ralph visited. Natural History & Geography books used for 1st time. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Sept 26th. One child admitted. Mr. Ralph visited.

Oct 3rd. William & Harry Hawks left to go to Barking. Mr. Ralph visited.

Oct 10th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Oct 17th. Mr. Ralph visited, also the Rev A.C. Roberts.

Oct 24th. New stove first used during past week.

Oct 31st. Work as usual. Mr. Ralph visited.

Nov 7th. Two boys admitted. Mr. Ralph again visited.

Nov 14th. The same two boys left, & two girls admitted from Halsted.

Nov 21st. Girls commenced their new pinafores.

Nov 28th. Canon Hitchcock and the Rev A.C. Roberts visited today.

Nov 29th. The Rev A.C. Roberts took 3rd Standard to Reading.

Nov 31st. Examined the whole school.

Dec 5th. Work as usual. Numbers low on account of wet weather.

Dec 13th. The Rev A.C. Roberts & Canon Hitchcock visited this afternoon.

Dec 19th. Mr. Ralph visited, also the Rev A.C. Robert.

Dec 21st. School closed for cleaning.

Dec 22nd. School Inspection 1:30

List of Songs.

- 1. The Stately Homes of England
- 2. Sweet Spring is returning.
- 3. Sightly River.
- 4. Murmur gentle Life.
- 5. How I love to see Thee.
- 6. Little bird.
- 7. How Pleasant it is.

8. The Bee.

1882.

Jan 9th. School reopened after Xmas Holidays.

Jan 10th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited today & spoke to the children about the examination.

Jan 16th. Mr. Ralph visited.

Jan 18th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited today & looked over the 1st classes writing.

Jan 23rd. Mr. Ralph visited. The following is a Copy of H.M. Inspectors Report, received January 20th 1882 and dated January 19.1882.

"Order and tone are good and much of the work Is creditable. The Arithmetic of the third and forth Standards show weakness and I should like to find more intelligence in the Reading generally. Geography is improved. Needlework seems to be well taught, & Natural History is taken as a class, several more advanced books must be provided for the third, forth, fifth and sixth Standards. The attainment of the infants are very good in writing and fair in reading and numbers, (the children six years of age should be more advanced in reading. Singing is very fair." The scholar numbered 17 on the Examination Schedule is disqualified under Article 19 (B). Maria Ashby, Certificated Mistress, Jane Anderson Pratt, Assistant. Signed Arthur C. Roberts. January 23.1882. Treasurer & Correspondent.

Jan 30th. Several children absent with bad coughs.

Feb 2nd. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited & gave prizes to the successful children at the last examination.

Feb 6th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited this afternoon.

Feb 13th. Mr. Ralph visited.

Feb 15th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited and took the money for the penny bank.

Feb 22nd. Ash Wednesday. Half holiday.

Feb 28th. Mr. Ralph visited & took a census of the children in village. Two children left.

March 3rd. The Honerable Lady Neave visited today.

March 10th. One child admitted this week.

March 17th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited, one family of three away with illness.

March 24th. Mr. Ralph visited. Leslie Whitbread admitted.

March 31st. Taught 3rd Standard Compound Long Division.

April 4th. Canon & Mrs. Hitchcock visited this afternoon.

April 5th. Closed for Easter holidays.

April 16th. School reopened after holidays.

April 20th. Work as usual. One child admitted.

April 26th. School carried on by Assistant from 11 till 12 o'clock. Girls commenced needlework for flower show and Inspection.

April 28th. John Matthews punished for rudeness.

May 1st. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited this afternoon.

May 8th. The Rev A.C. Roberts again visited.

May 12th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited.

May 18th. Ascension Day. Half holiday.

May 24th. Closed School for Whitsun holiday. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

June 5th. School reopened.

June 8th. Holiday. Diocesan Examination,.

June 14th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited this afternoon and looked at the needlework.

June 19th. The Honorable Lady Neave again visited.

June 24th. Work as usual.

June 29th. Holiday. Girls took prize work to Flower show.

July 6th. Mr. Ralph visited. W. Brakes given leave to go to work.

July 13th. Holiday. Clinic excursion.

July 20th. Holiday. School treat.

July 21st. Small school.

July 28th. Some of the elder children away again & taken to work in the fields.

Aug 3rd. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Aug 4th. Miss Pratt out of school on account of indisposition.

Aug 11th. Work as usual.

Aug.17th. Closed School for Harvest holidays (1 month). Miss Pratt resigned.

Sept 18th. School reopened. Miss A. Pratt entered upon her new duties here in place of her sister.

Sept 20th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited this afternoon.

Sept 27th. Work as usual.

Oct 4th. The Rev A.C. Roberts again visited.

Oct 12th. Four children admitted this week.

Oct 19th. Very rough weather, attendance low

Oct 25th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Nov 2nd. Examined the three upper Standards in Arithmetic.

Nov 6th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited this afternoon.

Nov 10th. The Rev A.C. Roberts again visited.

Nov 13th. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited.

Nov 14th. The Rev A.C. Roberts & the Rev Padfield visited.

Nov 21st. Mrs. Smith visited and looked at Needlework.

Nov 28th. Girls work given out ready for Inspector.

Dec 1st. The Rev A.C. Roberts visited today and spoke to children about Inspection.

List of Songs.

- 1. Deeds of Kindness.
- 2. Home.
- 3. Britannia.
- 4. The Volunteers.
- 5. Home Sweet Home.
- 6. The Gleaner.
- 7. On Children On.
- 8. Those Evening Bells.

Dec 5th. Examination Day. The Rev A.C. Roberts & Mr. Smith present. Half holiday in the afternoon.

Dec 11. Weather very severe, several children absent.

Dec 13th. Punished W. Tudgay for obstinacy, (with the cane).

Dec 15th. Boy punished for rudeness & temper.

Dec 21st. School closed for Christmas holiday, only 30 present.

1883.

Jan 8th. School reopened after a fortnight's holiday.

Jan 10th. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Jan 15th. The following is a Copy of H.M Inspectors Report, dated the 10th of January and received the 11th.

"Order & tone are good. The general efficiency is very fair. The Reading is improved in intelligence. Handwriting, Spelling and Arithmetic need increased attention(more exercise in the application of rules is needed). The Geography of the second & third Standards is imperfect. The attainment of the infants are only moderate, a higher standard in Reading and numbers aught to be attained. Needlework is very fair. Singing is pretty fair."

Maria Ashby. Certificated Mistress. Anne Anderson Pratt. Certificated Assistant. Signed Geo. Padfield. Correspondent, & Manager.

Jan 22nd. Mr. Ralph visited. Numbers low.

Jan 27th. Several children away with colds, weather very bad, roads also.

Jan 30th. The Rev G. Padfield visited this afternoon.

Feb 1st. New Reading books, also Grammar ditto arrived.

Feb 5th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & took bank money. Children commenced new books.

Feb 12th. Work as usual, numbers low, weather bad.

Feb 19th. Louise Briston admitted, bank money taken.

Feb 26th. Several children away with bad colds.

March 1st. Prize books given away by Canon Hitchcock.

March 5th. Bank money taken by the Rev G. Padfield

March 12th. Numbers improved.

March 19th. The Rev G. Padfield visited. Three children admitted.

March 22nd. Broke up for Easter holiday

April 2nd. School reopened. The Rev G. Padfield visited and examined Registers. 2 children admitted.

April 9th. Playground being gravelled.

April 16th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & took bank money.

April 23rd. Work as usual.

April 30th. All as usual. Numbers fairly good.

May 3rd. Ascension Day. Half holiday.

May 7th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & looked at writing of 1st class.

May 14th. Work as usual during past week. Holiday today Whit Monday.

May 21st. Two children left, gone to Romford to live. The Rev G. Padfield visited to take bank money.

May 28th. New rail, commenced putting up.

June 1st. S. Shepherd broke her arm in the playground, when playing at dinner time.

June 4th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & took bank & club money.

June 8th. Work as usual.

June 13th. Canon Hitch cock & Mrs. Hitchcock visited today.

June 20th. Scripture Inspection. Half holiday in afternoon. The Honerable Lady Neave, Rev G. Padfield & W.J. Smith present.

June 27th. Work as usual.

July 2nd. Diocesan Report.

"The Infants passed a very good examination, answering intelligently and accurately throughout. The elder children were not so ready in displaying their knowledge of the various scripture subjects, but did well in Catechism & texts of hymns". Lewis R Prince. Signed Geo Padfield. Correspondent.

The Rev G. Padfield visited & took bank & club money. In afternoon, thrashed W. Harris for obstinacy.

July 9th. Taught a new song. "The voice of Grass".

July 16th. The Rev G. Padfield visited and took bank money.

July 20th. Work as usual. One child admitted.

July 27th. Girls commenced making new pinafores.

Aug 1st. Deviations from Time Table, longer play than usual.

Aug 3rd. Children punished for climbing over fencing.

Aug 10th. Commenced teaching Proportion by method of purity.

Aug 11th. School closed for holiday, 1 month.

Aug 16th. School treat.

Sept 17th. School reopened, numbers very low, several still gleaning. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Sept 24th. Children returned to school.

Oct 1st. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Oct 8th. Girls commenced Knitting for Inspection.

Oct 15th. The Rev G. Padfield visited and took bank money. I spoke to S. Whitbread for bad behaviour.

Oct 22nd. Several children kept in for carelessness at Arithmetic.

Oct 26th. The Rev G Padfield visited this morning.

Oct 29th. The Rev G. Padfield visited, brought Government papers.

Nov 5th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & examined 1st class in Arithmetic & Spelling. Registers examined.

Nov 12th. Examined 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th. Standards in Arithmetic & Dictation & Reading.

Nov 19th. The Rev G. Padfield visited today.

Dec 3rd. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Dec 4th. Boys door broken by G. Theobald & W. Harris.

Dec 10th. Work as usual.

Dec 11th. Half holiday. The Honerable Lady Neave visited.

Dec 17th. The Rev G. Padfield visited and took bank money, looked at children's writing.

Dec 19th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited & looked at needlework

Dec 20th.

List of Songs.

1. Please give me a penny.

- 2. Wont you buy my pretty flowers.
- 3. Here I come creeping.
- 4. A Brighter day I see.
- 5. Hurrah for the men who work.
- 6. Let it pass.
- 7. Away with needless sorrows.
- 8. The Shepherd Boy.

Dec 21st. Examination Day. School closed for the Christmas holidays.

1884.

Jan 14th. School reopened after holidays. Received Schedule. The Rev G. Padfield & the Honerable Lady Neave visited. Children put into higher classes.

Jan 21st. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Jan 22nd. The Honerable Lady Neave distributed prizes to all those who passed in the three R's successfully. Rev G. Padfield & Mr. Smith present.

Jan 24th. Fredrick Wilks broke his leg in the playground.

Feb 4th. The Rev G. Padfield visited and brought report.

The following is a Copy of H.M. Inspectors Report, dated the 30th,. Received 31st.

"The order and tone of this school are good and the instruction is fairly efficient.

The Reading is unequal: the lower classes need training in the use of stops, and the boys in general should read in a more natural tone & with better expression. Much of the hand Writing is neat and the spelling very fair. In the upper classes, the sums are not very neatly done, nor are the steps shown in orderly succession; attention to this will secure greater accuracy. The Arithmetic is creditable, but the fifth, sixth and seventh standards show too many bare passes, & too little power of grappling with question demanding some thought. The Grammar is quite imperfect, the third, forth, fifth & sixth standards being very poor. The Poetry was fairly learned, but not explained with intelligence. The Sewing is best in the lower Standards, the upper ones produced some very imperfect button holing and patching. Though the obligatory subjects show improvement, well

staffed as this School is, still better results may be reasonably looked for. A History Reader is required for classes above the second Standard.

The Infants six years old are fairly good in Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. The lower class is but fair. The intelligence of the Infant class must be cultivated by Object lessons; & in Mental Arithmetic more varied exercises are needed. The absence of a classroom with a suitable gallery is a great obstacle to the progress of this class. But with the good staff provided a higher Merit mark may certainly be obtained".

Maria Ashby(Certified Mistress). Anne Anderson Pratt(Certified Assistant). Signed. Geo. Padfield: Feb 18/84. (Correspondent).

Feb 14th. The Rev G, Padfield visited.

Feb 19th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited this morning & gave 2 prizes for button holes & offered 3 more.

Feb 25th. Canon Hitchcock visited this afternoon & called registers.

Feb 28th. Canon Hitchcock again visited this afternoon.

March 3rd. The Rev G. Padfield visited this morning.

March 5th. The Honerable Lady Neave.

March 12th. Four children sent home on account of Small Pox in their village.

March 17th. The Rev G. Padfield visited this morning.

March 24th. One child admitted.

March 31st. The four children returned to School. Mr. Ralph visited.

April 7th. The Rev G. Padfield visited this morning.

April 10th. School closed for Easter holiday. Miss A Pratt resigned her Assistantship.

April 21st. School reopened. Miss A Ashby commenced her work as Assistant.

April 28th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited today, heard children recite & looked at Writing.

May 5th. The Rev G. Padfield visited today & called names over. Two children admitted from Boreham Hill, very backward.

May 12th. Taught the children a new song. Love at Home.

May 19th. The Rev G. Padfield again visited.

May 26th. The girls working for Flower Show prizes.

June 2nd. Holiday. Whit Monday.

June 3rd. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

June 9th. Two children admitted.

June 16th. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

June 23rd. Work as usual. Mr Ralph visited.

June 30th. Several children away with Whooping Cough.

July 7th. The Rev Brooks visited this morning & took bank money.

July 14th. Canon Hitchcock visited today. Numbers still very low through Whooping Cough.

July 21st. Rev Brooks again visited.

July 28th. Numbers very low, though Whooping Cough.

Aug 3rd. bank holiday. Half holiday as only 41 children were present.

Aug 7th. School closed for the Harvest holiday. "One month".

Sept 8th. School reopened after holidays, all children recovered from Whooping Cough but Henry Osborne.

Sept 15th. The Rev G. Padfield visited this morning.

Sept 16th. The Honerable Lady Neave gave away nine Scripture prizes today.

Sept 23rd. Mr. Ralph visited today.

Sept 30th. The following is a Copy of the Diocesan Inspectors Report.

"The Infants did well in their Examination: the elder children are somewhat improved & in good order". S. R. Price Diocesan Inspector. Received Syllabus at same time.

Oct 6th. The Rev G. Padfield visited today, also Canon Hitchcock.

Oct 13th. Work as usual. W. Osborne punished for insubordination.

Oct 16th. The Rev Canon Hitchcock visited today.

Oct 20th. The Rev G. Padfield visited this morning

Oct 27th. School closed this afternoon, only 47 present in morning; the rest away gathering acorns.

Oct 30th. Canon Hitchcock & the Rev G. Padfield visited this afternoon.

Nov 3rd. The Rev G Padfield visited this morning

Nov 11th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited and looked at some of the writing.

Nov 14th. The Honerable Lady Neave again visited and looked at the needlework.

Nov 17th. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Nov 23rd. Work as usual.

Nov 27th. Half holiday-Concert day.

Dec 1st. Numbers very low on account of the snow. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Dec 8th. Canon Hitchcock visited this afternoon.

Dec 15th. The Rev G Padfield visited today & took bank money.

Dec 22nd. Work as usual.

Dec 24th. School closed Christmas & Boxing Day.

Dec 29th. School reopened for Inspection & then closed for holidays, a fortnight.

1885.

Jan 12th. School reopened after the holidays

Jan 17th. The Rev G. Padfield visited & Schedule received.

List of Songs for H.M I

- 1. Catch the Sunshine.
- 2. Love at Home.
- 3. If I were a Sunbeam.
- 4. Kind Words.
- 5. Gay and Happy.
- 6. The Farm.
- 7. Onward March.
- 8. Mary has a little Lamb.

Feb 15th. The following is a Copy of the H.M.Is Report, dated the 2nd of February and received 5th.

"Order and tone are good. The general efficiency is fair, I should like to find more intelligence in Reading and Arithmetic and greater proficiency in Needlework. I would advise that no class subject be attempted, but that a higher standard be aimed at in the elementary subjects. Reading wants more distinctiveness as well as intelligence. Needlework is improved in the lower classes, but admits of considerable improvement in the upper. Singing is very fairly good. The attainments of the Infants are very fairly good: more use should

be made of object lessons, and pictures to illustrate these lessons, and the songs taught should be suitable to very young children. In Reading the children should be classified according to their proficiency; a well adjusted Time Table would make this practicable".

Maria Ashby Certificated Mistress. Amelia Ashby Certificated Assistant. Signed, Geo. Padfield. Correspondent.

Feb 9th. Work as usual, school well attended.

Feb 16th. Very few Infants present, very wet weather.

Feb 18th. Ash Wednesday, half holiday.

Feb 23rd. The Rev G. Padfield visited today.

Feb 24th. The Lady Neave presented the School prizes, also the Rev G Padfield & Mrs Smith present.

March 2nd. The Rev G. Padfield visited & took bank money. E. Freeman left School.

March 9th. The Snipes Maitlands visited the school.

March 16th. Work as usual. One child admitted.

March 23rd. Clara & William Burton admitted in 2nd Standard.

March 24th. Alice & Clara Appleton admitted, former turned 7 years and does not know her letters.

March 26th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited today.

April 3rd. Closed School for Easter holidays.

April 18th. School reopened. E. Wilkes & E Shepherd admitted.

April 20th. The Rev G. Padfield took bank money, 2 children admitted.

April 27th. Work as usual.

May 4th. The Rev G. Padfield visited. Mistress absent through illness. School carried on by Miss A. Ashby.

May 5th. Mistress still absent.

May 11th. Admitted 4 children today.

May 18th. The Rev G. Padfield visited today

May 25th. Work as usual.

June 1st. The Rev G. Padfield again visited.

June 8th. Mr. Ralph called this morning

June 15th. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

June 22nd. The Honerable Lady Neave visited.

June 29th. A few elder children absent on account of Hay-Making.

July 4th. The Honerable Lady Neave again visited & looked at needlework.

July 9th. Holiday. Children gone to Flower Shows with needlework.

July 13th. Work as usual.

July 20th. The Rev G. Padfield took bank money.

July 22nd. The Honerable Lady Neave visited and wished children Good-Bye.

July 27th. Mr. Ralph called about children.

Aug 3rd. Half holiday, number so low in morning. The Rev G. Padfield visited.

Aug 10th. A few children absent on account of the Harvest.

Aug 12th. School closed for Harvest holidays, 1 month.

Sept 14th. School reopened, only 59 present as gleaning is not over. 5 children left.

Sept 21st. The Rev G. Padfield visited and took bank for the last time.

Sept 28th. Three more children left village.

Sept 30th. Received Scripture report. The Rev Canon Hitchcock & Rev Bruton visited today. Called registers.

Oct 5th. Rev Canon Hitchcock & Rev W. G. Howard visited & took club & bank money.

Oct 12th. Three more children left village.

Oct 19th. The Rev W. G. Howard again visited and took bank money.

Oct 26th. Boy absent from broken leg, & sister with diseased heart & lungs.

Nov 2nd. The Rev W. G. Howard visited, fires begun.

Nov 9th. Mr. Ralph called & sent the absentees to School.

Nov 16th. The Rev W G. Howard visited.

Nov 18th. The Rev Canon Hitchcock & Rev W. G. Howard again looked in.

Nov 20th. The Rev W. G. Howard heard psalms for Mr. Whartons prizes.

Nov 26th. Had notice of Inspection for Dec 1st. The Rev Canon Hitchcock & Rev W. G. Howard visited.

Nov 30th.

Infants Songs.

- 1. The Farm.
- 2. Mary had a little Lamb.
- 3. Birds Nest.
- 4. Bread.

Songs.

- 1. Hail Fairy Queen.
- 2. Home.
- 3. The Farewell.
- 4. Shall we go to the Woods
- 5. The Volunteers.
- 6. The laughing Mill.
- 7. The Merry Month of May.
- 8. See Our Oars.

Dec 1st. Inspection Day.

Dec 7th. The Rev W. G. Howard visited.

Dec 11th. Received the Duplicate Schedule, passed children up. & examined fresh work.

Dec 18th. The Rev W. G. Howard called registers.

Dec 23rd. Closed School for Xmas holidays.

1886.

Jan 11th. Reopened School, numbers very low on account of weather (snow).

Jan 18th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited, received the report yesterday. Numbers higher.

Jan 25th. Several children absent with severe colds.

Feb 1st. Taught new song, "Under the Willows".

Feb 4th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited, and tendered new Readers for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Standards. Summary of the Inspectors Report received Jan 17th..

"The order and tone of the School are good, and the instruction fairly good on the whole. The Hand writing varies considerably in merit; greater regularity and firmness are desirable, with more careful supervision of copy books. With the exception of the forth standard little intelligence is shown in the rules of Arithmetic. Reading and needlework are fairly good. The Infants are well advanced in Writing and Numbers & fairly in Reading. The first Standard has been very well taught. The Offices should be repaired and white-washed." William Geo Howard. Correspondent.

Maria Ashby(Certificated Mistress) & Amelia Ashby(Certificated Assistant).

Feb 8th. Received new Readers, also prize books for successful children at last examination.

Feb 15th. Work as usual. Commenced a New Song.

Feb 18th. The Rev W.G. Howard & Mr. & Mrs. Smith visited this afternoon & distributed prizes.

Feb 25th. Weather very cold & snowy. Registers called.

March 1st. The Rev W.G. Howard visited & took Club & bank money.

March 8th. Weather still bad, several elder children left, numbers very low.

March 10th. Ash Wednesday, half holiday.

March 15th. All as usual.

March 22nd. One boy in 6th Standard left.

March 26th. One girl admitted. C. Reynolds (13) left.

April 1st. Another boy admitted.

April 9th. Work as usual.

April 16th. Two girls left, moved from village. School closed for Easter holidays.

May 3rd. School reopened. The Rev W. G. Howard took bank money.

May 10th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited today & gave each girl a pinafore.

May 17th. A. Cowland left School, 3 girls admitted.

May 24th. Amelia Baker admitted.

June 1st. Commenced the 22 weeks, 4 Children admitted.

June 3rd. Holy Thursday, half holiday.

June 11th. Frederick Hall admitted.

June 16th. Whitsuntide. A weeks holiday.

June 28th. Numbers up, all present but one.

July 2nd. One boy admitted.

July 8th. Diocesan Inspection. Half holiday.

July 15th. Work as usual.

July 22nd. The Rev W.G. Howard visited

July 29th. Children commenced a new song.

Aug 2nd. Bank holiday, half holiday.

Aug 9th. Work as usual.

Aug 16th. General Examination.

Aug 23rd. Nothing important.

Aug 27th. Closed School for 1 month. Harvest Holiday.

Sept 27th. School reopened after holidays.

Oct 4th. Mr. Ralph visited.

Oct 6th. The Rev Canon Hitchcock visited.

Oct 13th. Several children absent with colds.

Oct 18th. The Rev W. G. Howard visited and examined registers.

Oct 25th. Work as usual, two children left.

Nov 4th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited and gave the Wharton prizes.

Nov 11th. Very wet week, numbers very low.

Nov 18th. General Examination. Very fairly done. Reading improved.

Nov 25th. The Rev W. G. Howard looked in. Mrs. Smith & two visitors, also on Tuesday.

Nov 30th. Again examined children. Received Map of Palestine, presented to School by Mr. Bayley, Diocesan Inspector.

Dec 6th. Received notice of Inspection yesterday. The Rev W. G. Howard called this afternoon. Weather very stormy.

Dec 13th. Received copy books. The Rev W.G. Howard again visited. Ordered New Reading Books for Upper Infants.

Dec 16th. Infants used new Readers today. Clock gone to be repaired.

Dec 23rd. Closed School for Christmas holidays.

1887.

Jan 10th. School reopened after holidays, but weather very severe.

Songs.

- 1. Driven from Home.
- 2. Under the Willow.
- 3. Let the Sunshine in.
- 4. Spring has Come.

- 5. Soft Music.
- 6. How I love to see Thee.
- 7. God bless the Prince of Wales.
- 8. The Fire Brigade.

Infants.

- 1. Cock Sparrow (actions).
- 2. The Dunce.
- 3. The Baker (actions).
- 4. Boys & Girls.

Jan 14th. Numbers very low, snow deep, road very slippery.

Jan 21st. Received Schedule & Report this week. New work commenced in all Standards

Jan 28th. Weather still severe but numbers improved. The Rev W.G. Howard visited.

Romford, St Thomas Noak Hill. C. E. School Essex.

The following is a Copy of the H.M. Inspector's Report dated,

7th Jan: & received 9th.

"The order of the School continues to be good and the tone cheerful. The instruction of the Infants and of the first Standard is good, the work being accurate and intelligent. In the second, third, forth and fifth Standards, while the Reading is fairly good, the handwriting should improve in style, and the Arithmetic both in intelligence and, in the upper Standards, in the knowledge of the rules. With so good a staff, attention to the details of Writing and arithmetic should produce better results. The Composition is very weak".

Maria Ashby(Certificated Mistress). Amelia Ashby(Certificated Assistant).

Feb 4th. One girl absent with bad foot (Ida Cowland). Taught elder children new song.

Feb 11th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited and remained while I called Registers.

Feb 18th. Two girls left (removed to Stapleford).

Feb 23rd. Half holiday today Wednesday) it being Ash Wednesday.

March 4th. The Rev W.G. Howard looked in on Monday & enquired if anything was wanted.

March 7th. The Rev W. G. Howard took club & bank money today. One boy admitted.

March 14th. Two girls admitted. Prizes given away by the Honerable Lady Neave in the presence of the Rev Dr. Glen., the Rev W.G. Howard, Miss Neave, Mr. & Mrs. Smith & Miss Walker.

March 18th. Numbers low, severe snow & frost, several children ill.

March 25th. Work as usual, several children absent with coughs & colds.

April 1st. Very snowy today, children assembled only 31 present, closed for the day.

April 7th. Closed for 1 week. Easter Holiday.

April 18th. School reopened after Holiday; two girls admitted.

April 25th. One girl away from School with measles.

May 2nd. Very wet day, numbers low. Penny Bank & Club taken.

May 9th. Work as usual. Taught 6th. Standard, Interest.

May 16th. The Rev W.G. Howard looked in and inquired if anything was wanted.

May 19th. Ascension Day. Half holiday.

May 26th. Work as usual. Nothing important.

May 30th. Whit Monday. Bank holiday. School closed for day. June 6th. The Rev W.G. Howard again visited and called Registers. Received notice of the Diocesan Inspection.

June 13th. Work as usual.

June 16th. Diocesan Inspection. Half holiday.

June 23rd. Jubilee Treat.

June 24th. Holiday.

July 1st. The Rev W.G. Howard visited.

July 8th. Taught New Song.

July 15th. Nothing important this week.

July 22nd. Mr. Ralph visited. All as usual

July 29th. Herbert Clark away with broken arm.

Aug 1st. Bank Holiday. School closed.

Aug 8th. Lady Neave visited and wished the children Good Bye, and exhorted them to attend well.

Aug 12th. School closed for One month.

Sept 11th. School reopened after Harvest holiday, very good attendance. School painted.

Sept 20th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited.

Sept 27th. Four children away, blackberrying.

Oct 4th. The Rev W.G. Howard visited & reproved boy for disobedience.

Oct 12th. Weather set in cold & damp. Fires commenced this week.

Oct 19th. Herbert Clark returned to School, after an absence of 7 weeks with broken arm.

Oct 26th. William & Ernest Poulter left village.

Nov 1st. The Rev W.G. Howard called Registers and signed them.

Nov 8th. E. Wilks absent with Whooping Cough.

Nov 15th. Rev Howard again visited and took Club & Bank money.

Nov 22nd. The Rev W.G. Howard gave away the Wharton Prizes. Four children absent with Whooping Cough.

Nov 28th. Informed children of H.M.Is visit. Several children absent with coughs.

Nov 29th. General Examination., fairly done.

Dec 6th. Examined again. Not as successful. The Rev W.G. Howard & Rev Sawyer present taking Bank Money.

List of Songs for H.M.I.

- 1. Merrily oh Merrily etc.
- 2. Winter.
- 3. Spring.
- 4. Joyous Spring.
- 5. Volunteers.
- 6. Eve of Battle.
- 7. Star of Peace.
- 8. Murmur Gentle Lyre. Infants.
- 1. Little Bo Peep.
- 2. Naughty little Sparrow.
- 3. The Clock (Action).
- 4. The Pony.

Dec 3rd. Inspected the School. H.M.I. Field.

1888.

Jan 9th. J. Richard Bate. Certificated Teacher of the 2nd Class, opened school this morning. Mary Anne Bate (on probation Art 84) assisted with the infants. No present 57. On Books 73. Rev W. Sawyer visited the school.

Jan 13th. Weekly average 57.6. Amount of pence 10/5.

Jan 17th. 2nd-7th Standards had a lesson in English for the first hour this afternoon.

Jan 16th. Report received. The Rev Canon Hitchcock visited the school.

Jan 18th. Fredrick Benbow and Edgar Clark punished for disobedience.

Jan 19th. William Osborne punished for disobedience. Standard II had writing on slates, instead of Copy Books, this morning. 2nd-7th Standards had a lesson in English for the first hour this afternoon

Jan 20th. Weekly average 52.3. Amount of pence 10/-.

Jan 23rd. Thomas Bristow punished for disobedience and William Osborne for continued neglect of work.

Jan 24th-26th. 2nd-7th Standards had a lesson in English today (see above) Weekly average 55.2. Pence 10/4.

Jan 28th. Joseph Hale is quite unfit for the work of Standard II and it would be much to his benefit to work him again in the First Standard. A new Time Table is in course of preparation, therefore deviations from the present one, will not for the future be entered in the Log Book.

Copy of the H.M. Inspectors Report.

"The thoroughly good order and pleasant tone of this School deserve all praise. It is in the quality of the children's work, especially in Mental Arithmetic. Problems, and answers to questions on the matter read, that there should be improvement. The Reading of the first and second standard is very fair and that of the higher classes fair, but throughout the Boys read in too rough a style. Composition is still a weak point, and the spelling of the fourth Standard is indifferent. The children would probably become better able to answer questions if they were made to wait for their turn; as it is a few of the more forward

children answer and the rest are habitually silent." <u>Infants Class</u> "The Infants are bright and intelligent, and pass well in all their work. The difficulties of managing the class in the same room with the older children are very successfully met, and the disadvantages consequent on the want of class-room are much less felt than they otherwise would be. Some good pictures are needed for lessons on Objects, and Natural History". Your attention is requested to Paragraph 18 of the Circular on Registration (see page 22 of the Revised Instructions to H.M. Inspectors) Ernest. W. Sawyer. Correspondent.

Jan 30th. William Osborne punished for inattention. 2nd-7th Standards had Arithmetic for the first hour this afternoon. The Infants with 1st Standard had a writing lesson.

Jan 31st. George Cousins punished for disobedience.

Feb 1st. Sydney Roach punished for disobedience.

Feb 2nd. Thomas Bristow and William Norris punished for disobedience

Feb 3rd. Registers closed at 10.0 this morning instead of 9.50. Examined registers & found correct Ernest. W. Sawyer Correspondent.

Feb 8th. Two boys punished for disobedience.

Feb 9th. William Norris punished for lying and two girls for copying.

Feb 10th. George Kemp punished for copying. Playtime five minutes later this morning.

Weekly Average 51.7. Pence 10/2. Eva Brown admitted this week.

Feb 13th. Registers closed at seven minutes past ten this morning. William Norris punished for lying. Registers closed three minutes late this afternoon.

Feb 14th. William Osborne punished for inattention.

Feb 15th. Ash Wednesday. A half holiday given.

Feb 16th. Repetition of Tables for seven minutes instead of quarter of an hour today.

Feb 17th. Play-Time five minutes later than usual this morning. Weekly Average 41.8, much lower on account of the bad weather prevailing during the week.

Feb 20th. The lessons this morning prolonged several minutes longer than usual. Copy of the Time-Tables received from H.M.I. R. Day punished for copying.

Feb 21st. Lessons kept on several minutes later this morning. T. Kemp punished for copying. Lessons stopped at 4.0 pm instead of 4 5.

Feb 22nd. The Attendance this morning not counted, on account of the School being dismissed within two hours of marking the Registers. I find a difficulty in getting the lessons finished in the time allotted to them in the Time-Table, but keeping as accurate time as possible. Each lesson a few minutes later this afternoon.

Feb 23rd. William Osborne and Percy Reynolds for (a) lying and (b) dishonesty.

Feb 24th. Rev Canon Hitchcock visited the school this afternoon. No tables taken.

Feb 25th. Rev E.W. Sawyer visited the school and read prayers.

Feb 27th. Registers closed a few minutes later this day both morning and afternoon. No Tables taken in the afternoon.

Feb 28th. Registers marked at 1.50 instead of 1.45 this afternoon. Lessons again a few minutes late. Henry Osborne punished for disobedience.

Feb 29th. Spelling and Tables a little later this afternoon. March 1st. A little late in beginning the first lesson this morning.

March 2nd. School late in assembling this morning. I was obliged to leave Mrs. Bates in charge for a few minutes, through my own carelessness. Registers closed a few minutes after time this afternoon. The Honourable Lady Neave and

Miss Neave came into school this afternoon. The children sang two songs, and her ladyship looked over some of their needlework.

March 5th. Registers not closed until 10.9. As the school was dismissed before the two hours constituting an attendance were completed. I have cancelled the attendance for that morning. Canon Hitchcock and the Rev W. Allen visited the school.

March 8th. Writing and figures substituted for Object Lesson in the Infant class this afternoon.

March 9th. A box of Object Lesson Cards on the Animal Kingdom received for the use of the Infants.

March 18th. A box of stationary received for the use of the school.

March 28th. W. Bate away from School this afternoon through illness.

March 29th. School dismissed at twelve o clock for the Easter holidays.

April 9th. School re-assembled after holidays.

April 10th. Kindergarten exercises will be taken for the Infants on Tuesday and Thursday, instead of ?.

April 19th. No Object lesson taken for the Infants this morning. Writing and Ball Training substituted. School assembled at 1.0pm. instead of 1.40 as per Time-Table.

April 27th. A Harmonium formerly in use in the Church placed in the School.

May 7th. Rev E.W. Sawyer visited the school.

May 10th. Ascension Day. A half holiday.

May 17th. Distribution of prizes by the Honourable Lady Neave. The Rev E.W. Sawyer present.

May 21st. Bank Holiday.

May 29th. School examined in Religious Knowledge by the Rev H.R. Bailey, Diocesan Inspector.

June 11th. For the future the time of assembling for the afternoon School will be 1.45 instead of 1.40.

June 15th. The Honourable Lady Neave visited the school and heard the children sing. The Upper Classes had Spelling instead of Writing this afternoon, and the Infant class Writing figures instead of Tables.

June 18th. The lesson in English kept on for an hour this afternoon; and the Singing lesson omitted.

June 21st. Writing and Figures substituted for the Object Lesson in Infant Class this morning.

July 12th. Mrs. Bate absent this afternoon through illness.

July 13th. Mrs. Bate still absent. No needlework this afternoon. For the future Lessons in the Elementary Work will be substituted for the Class Subject.

July 16th. A half holiday given.

July 19th. Mrs. Bate again absent through illness.

July 20th. The Mistress was able to resume her duties this afternoon.

July 23rd. The boys in 4th-7th Standards had a Reading Lesson instead of Spelling this afternoon.

July 24th. 2nd Standard had a lesson in Spelling instead of Reading and Mental Arithmetic this morning and 3rd-7th Standards had written Arithmetic during the same time.

Aug 10th. School dismissed for the Harvest holidays. One month.

Sept 24th. Re-assembling of the School after a holiday of six weeks. The extra holiday was added in consequence of the building of an extra room for the School house not being completed. Only 39 children present; the smallness of the attendance being due to the fact that the gleaning has only just begun on the large farms in the village.

Oct 5th. A half holiday. A treat given to the children by the Honourable Lady Neave.

Oct 12th. The Rev E.W. Sawyer came in school, and read Prayers.

Oct 16th. Eleanor Little's mother called and asked that her girl might be excused the marking on canvas, on account of weak eyes.

Oct 26th. The names of Eleanor, Cecil, Susan and Jessie Little taken off the Registers, their parents having left the village.

Nov 1st. The Rev E W Sawyer came into the School.

Nov 8th. Rev E.W. Sawyer came in school.

Nov 9th. Examinations were taken in 2nd & 4th Standard instead of the ordinary lessons.

Nov 20th. 2nd -7th Standards had Arithmetic for the first hour this afternoon.

Nov 26th. Examinations this week instead of the ordinary lessons.

Nov 28th. Examined Registers and found correct Rev H Smith.

Nov 29th. Rev E. W. Sawyer came in school.

Examined Registers and found correct. Ernest W. Sawyer.

Nov 30th. The Bristow family absent this week with Measles. School year ends today.

Dec 5th. Inspected the School. E.W. Field. H.

<u>List of Songs for M.H.I.</u>

- 1. The Blue Bells of Scotland.
- 2. The Harp that once through Tara's halls.
- 3. The Minstrel boy.
- 4. Laughter.
- 5. The Whistling farmer boy.

Dec 17th. The first lesson this morning kept on until playtime. 2nd Standard had Arithmetic until 11.45 and in the afternoon until 3.0. The Boys also took Arithmetic in the afternoon for the same time.

Dec 18th. On Tuesday and Thursday the Secular Instruction will begin at 9.25 and end at 11.35 am. The Religious Instruction will be taken after that time. A half holiday.

Dec 19th. 2nd Standard had Arithmetic lessons instead of the usual lessons this morning.

Dec 20th. Arithmetic for 2nd Standard from 2.0 to 3.0 pm.

1889.

Jan 7th. School reopened after Xmas holidays

Jan 11th. Rev Steel visited the School. Report received from H.M.I.

Jan 14th. The Boys had Arithmetic instead of Reading this afternoon.

Jan15th. Registers closed at 9 : 30 instead of 9 : 25 this morning. The Rev Steel visited this morning.

Jan 17th. Registers closed at 9.30 this morning.

Jan 21st. Tuesday's lessons substituted for those of Monday this afternoon.

Feb 5th. Registers closed at 9.30 this morning.

Feb 7th. 2nd-7th Standards had Arithmetic for the first two lessons this morning.

Feb 11th. No School on account of deep snow.

Feb 15th. The School has been closed during the week on account of the severe weather.

Feb 17th. Admitted Winnie and William Wheal.

Feb 21st. Examined Registers and found them correct. Manager & Correspondent Charles Steele.

Feb 28th. A half holiday.

March 11th. The first lesson this morning continued until playtime.

March 12th. Registers closed at 9.30 this morning instead of 9.25.

March 13th. School assembled at 1.30 instead of 1.45.

April 9th. The Master absent trough illness. School carried on by Mrs. Dray (Art. 51).

April 12th. Master present this morning but absent in afternoon. School in the afternoon carried on by Rev C. Steele.

May 6th. Victor Thos. Bailey, trained at Battersea 1887-8 and Certified 1st Division opens school at 9 am. Miss Marshall (passed Standard II), takes the Infants and Girls needlework. Attendance 60. Three children admitted. Rev C. Steele visits the school.

May 9th. Registers examined and found correct. Charles Steele. Manager & Correspondent.

Copy of H.M.I. Report

"The school has made considerable progress under Mr. Bates charge which dates from the beginning of the present year. Most of the work is now fairly good or good. more attention to style in Reading is desirable and better answering on the matter may be expected in future years. The arrangements for the Infants Class are extremely inconvenient and defective: There is no separation, except by a curtain of the Infants from the elder children. There is no gallery and no desk accommodation. In the first Standard, which is taught with the Infants, no

copybooks have been used because the children have no desks to sit at. I trust that this matter will receive the attention of the Managers". Signed Charles Steele. Correspondent.

May 10th. Average for this week 59.6. School pence 9/6. We begin to form a School Museum.

May 15th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited the School this morning.

May 17th. Average this week 63.3.

May 20th. Mrs. Bates having returned resumed her duties as Mistress to Infants + Standard I and sewing mistress to the girls. Miss Marshall who has taken Mrs. Bates work in the past fortnight has shown herself a bright, apt and intelligent teacher. Her children show signs of improvement in their work.

May 24th. Our School Museum, lately commenced, has made fair headway. We have now specimens of various cocoas in the raw and manufactured state Cocoa Butter. A cocoa pod with beans and a coloured illustration of the Cocoa Harvest. A fine specimen of Plumbago together with specimens of the manufactured article has been presented to our Museum. We hope by securing the co-operation of the Managers and friends of our school and especially the scholars themselves, to make the Museum a powerful factor in our school work. The average for this week has been 65.7.

May 27th. The School was examined today by the Rev H.R. Bailey, Diocesan Inspector.

May 30th. Ascension Day. Holiday.

May 31st. Illustrations and specimens used in an object lesson on Soap, have been added to our Museum. Today we open a Library for the Scholars. Thought it well to chose the Librarian from the children themselves. The Managers have promised to [place a partition between the Infants and the upper Division].

June 4th. The Rev Charles Steele visited the School this morning.

June 11th. A graduated series of specimens illustrating the manufacture of (a) pens & (b) candles was presented to the Museum. The attendance was good, this being Whit Tuesday & yesterday a holiday.

June 16th. The Rev C. Steele has procured for the Museum, a graduated series of illustrations; illustrating the manufacture of pens.

June 20th. Rev H.R. Bailey, Diocesan Inspector sends in his report to the Managers

June 28th. Laura Dorrington a child in 2nd Standard taken ill in school. Sent her home under care of S. Roach.

July 11th. An Annual Fete in Romford today and therefore a somewhat meagre attendance in the Lower Standards. Total 56.

July 19th. The average attendance for this week has been 63.

July 22nd. Edward Harris admitted today.

July 26th. Average attendance this week 65.

July 29th. A child (Fanny Nicholls) taken ill this morning in School. Sent her home under care of an elder Scholar.

Aug 2nd. The attendance this week has been 64.

Aug 9th. Lessons as usual during the week.

Aug 16th. School dismissed for the Harvest holidays-One Month.

Sept 16th. School reopened this morning. The attendance very poor as gleaning is not yet over. Miss Clara Osman (Art 50 + 52), takes the place of Mrs. Bates (resigned) with the Infants..

Oct 17th. Examined Registers and found correct, Charles Steele. Correspondent.

I Hereby certify that i have examined John Bristow and find that he is not fit to present for examination on account of being in a very nervous state. Charles Steele. Correspondent.

Oct 25th. Weekly average 58. On Registers 69..

Oct 29th. Rev C. Steele visited the School.

Nov 5th. I Hereby certify that I have examined the Registers and found them correct. Charles Steele. Correspondent.

Nov 8th. 2nd and 3rd Standards had annual Examination this morning instead of the usual Lessons. Weekly Average 59.

Nov 10th. Specimens of Matches in raw and manufactured state presented to the Museum by Messrs. Bryant & May.

Nov 15th. 2nd Standard had Arithmetic until playtime this morning.

Nov 21st. Attendance not so good this morning, several Infants absent with colds. A new picture illustrative of Swiss Milk hung in the School. Examined Registers and found correct. Charles Steele.

Dec 2nd. School reassembled at 10 am today instead of the usual time. School year commenced today.

Dec 4th. Inspected the School. Thos. Healing.

Dec 6th. Average for the week 59.6. Number on Books 68.

Songs for Inspection 1889.

- 1. Evening Lullaby
- 2. The Ash Grove.
- 3. Sunny Hours.
- 4. Music in the Morning.
- 5. Canadian Boat Song.

Infants Songs.

- 1. Little Blacksmiths (Action).
- 2. The Little Weaver.

- 3. Cleanliness (Action).
- 4. The Waves.

Infants Recitations

- 1. The Beggar Boy (Action).
- 2, What's the Matter.
- 3. Little Flies (Action).

Dec 9th. Duplicate Examination Schedule received from H.M.I.

Dec 10th. The Assistant Mistress asked for leave of absence this afternoon to attend to some urgent business at Romford.

Dec 11th. School assembled at 1 pm this afternoon.

Dec 16th. A half holiday given. Object Lessons 1890. The Bee, The Tiger, The Goat, The Elephant, The Whale, The Eagle, The Rabbit, The Cow, The Horse, The Owl, The Cat, The Mouse, The Robin, The Rook, The Lion, A Chair, Cotton, A Needle, Sponge, A Thimble, A Candle, Coal, An Apple, Materials for Clothing, The Blacksmiths Shop, The Dandelion, A Tree, Soap, Water & The Sky.

Dec 20th. School dismissed for the Xmas holidays. Average for past week. 50.

1890.

Jan 6th. School reassembled after the holidays. The Assistant Mistress absent through illness

Jan 7th. Miss Osman still absent in morning but returned to duty in the afternoon.

Rev C. Steele visited the School.

Jan 8th. One boy in 3rd Standard, absent with Mumps. The Attendance is very poor this morning, several children being absent with colds and others not returned from holidays. Numbers present 47.

Jan 10th. Weekly Average 47.3.

Copy of the Report by H.M. Inspector for the year ending Nov 30th, 1889.

"This school is well disciplined and taught. The instruction is in general sound, and the written exercises neat. The Reading is fluent, but lacks spirit and expression; and the Arithmetic of the Upper Standards is not so accurate as that of the Lower Standards. The Infants are very fairly advanced; their better accommodation, I am glad to learn, is still under the consideration of the Managers. The Needlework is good; and the cheerful and orderly tone of the school deserves praise". Charles Steele, Correspondent.

Jan 27th. A very poor Attendance this morning. Numbers present 34. On Registers 69.

The reason given by parents in almost every case is bad colds.

Jan 31st. Over twenty children absent this week with colds. Weekly Average 32.6.

Feb 19th. Half holiday. Ash Wednesday.

March 4th. Half holiday.

March 12th. Mr. Ralph (Attendance Officer) visited the school this morning.

March 24th. Mrs. Bates has retaken charge of the Infant Class and Needlework in place of Miss c. Osman (resigned).

April 2nd. Mr. Ralph called in school this morning.

April 3rd. School dismissed for the Easter Holidays.

April 14th. Work re-commenced this morning. Admitted two children, Mabel Stevens & Lucy Nicholls.

April 17th. Half Holiday.

April 22nd. Rev C. Steele came in school and took part in the Religious Instruction.

April 24th. Notice of Diocesan Inspection. on May 29th, received from Rev C. Steele.

April 25th. The garments prepared by the girls for the last inspection given to them today. Weekly Average 58.6.

May 5th. The Nicholls family (4) have left the School their parents having removed to Upminster.

May 9th. Weekly Average 56.2.

May 13th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited the School. The Infants went through some action songs, and the elder scholars also sang. Her Ladyship heard several standards read and also looked over their arithmetic.

May 15th. Ascension Day. Holiday.

May 20th. The Rev F.E. Allen came in School and questioned the children on Religious Knowledge.

May 29th. Diocesan Inspection. A holiday in the afternoon.

June 13th. Weekly Average 51.3. Numbers on Registers 63.

June 30th. Heavy rain caused a very poor attendance this morning.

July 2nd. Mr. Ralph (Attendance Officer) called in School this morning.

July 7th. The lessons for Tuesday afternoon taken instead of Monday. July 23rd. Miss Neave came in School this morning and brought word from Lady Neave that the children's treat would be held on Friday Aug 1st.

Aug 4th. Bank Holiday.

Aug. 12th. The attendance of scholars has been very indifferent for the past two or three weeks. Number present for today 50. On Registers 63.

Aug 22nd. School dismissed for the Harvest Holidays.

Sept 22nd. School reassembled after holidays. A poor attendance; some children not finished gleaning, others not returned home from holidays.

Sept 24th, The Honerable Lady Neave and W. Smith came in School. I drew their attention to the large number of children still away gleaning.

Sept 25th. 2nd Standard had Recitation instead of Writing this afternoon.

Sept 29th. The Infant Class had Recitation instead of Ball Frame Exercise this afternoon.

Oct 28th. Examined Registers and found them correct, E.H. Clarke. Curate.

Oct 30th. 1st Standard had Writing instead of Reading the first lesson this afternoon.

Nov 7th. The first lesson of the 1st Standard changed to Counting this morning.

Nov 18th. 4th-7th Standards had Examination this morning instead of usual work.

Nov 21st. Examined Registers and found correct. E.H. Clarke. Curate of Romford.

Nov 27th. 2nd Standard had Writing instead of Arithmetic this morning. Examined Registers and found correct, E.H. Clarke. Curate of Romford.

Nov 28th. Snowing all day. Only 17 children present this afternoon.

Dec 1st. Inspected the School. E.W. Field.

Dec 2nd. The Upper Classes, 3rd-5th Standards had an Object Lesson on Birds, instead of Recitation of Tables this afternoon.

Examined Registers and found them correct. E.H. Clarke. Curate of Romford.

Dec 24th. School dismissed for the Xmas holidays.

1891.

Jan 12. School re-assembled. A. Marshall (Art 74) Temporarily takes the place of M.A. Bates with the Infants.

Feb 2nd. The Boys of 2nd Standard had Reading instead of Arithmetic this afternoon.

Feb 11th. Ash Wednesday. Half Holiday.

Feb 19th. A half holiday given.

March 9th. 1st Standard had Reading for the first lesson this afternoon.

March 23rd. The Attendance rather poor this morning. No. present 45. On Books 57.

March 24th. 2nd Standard had Reading instead of Tables this afternoon.

March 25th. The Boys in 2nd-7th Standards had an Object Lesson on "A Ship" this afternoon instead of Reading.

March 26th. School dismissed for the Easter Holidays.

April 6th. School re-assembled.

May 15th. Registers closed at 9.15 am instead of 10 am.

May 26th. Diocesan Examination.

June 4th. Half Holiday.

Aug 14th. School dismissed for the Harvest Holiday.

N.B. The last six entries commencing with March 26th, were entered by the undersigned. W.C. Edwards and are exact copies of entries made in a new Log Book. W.C. Edwards.

Sept 21st. Mr. William Charles Edwards 1st Class Certificated Master and Mrs. Jane Edwards. Art 68. Commenced duties in this School. Children bright and tidy but all the School material, book etc. in utter Confusion. The Honerable Lady Neave visited. A temporary Time Table placed in the schoolroom. Drawing taught in the afternoon.

Sept 22nd. The Rev. E. Clarke visited and brought the notice concerning Drawing Exam, which will be on Tuesday Nov 10th, about 2 pm. Drawing will be taken every day until the examination, two extra lessons will be given in the morning to supplement the usual 3 lessons per week as provided by Time Table.

Sept 28th. Infant children sent to the Infant Room, and another arrangement of the desks made. After a careful examination of the School I can only come to the conclusion that it is in a wretchedly poor condition. Reading is fair throughout but Arithmetic is very bad. The children of 2nd Standard, and those of the fifth and sixth are unable to do any work at all. The spelling is bad and below the fifth Standard the scrawls they make can hardly be termed writing. The Infant Class is even in a worse condition. Only 4 children can read at all, and they have to spell even monosyllables. Arithmetic does not seemed to have been taught.; they cannot make anything beside strokes, and no Object lessons have been given. The most encouraging sign is that the children are sharp and bright.

Oct 2nd. Hard at work, considerable progress made but the chief difficulty to contend with is the lazy habits the children have acquired. W. Edwards commenced work as monitor.

Oct 5th. Miss Neave visited and heard children sing.

Oct 9th. Attendance good, progress in some subjects rapid, but Writing in 3rd & 4th Standards is very bad.

Government Report Received December 1890 and not entered at that date.

"The work of the school is very fairly accurate, and there is a good deal of general intelligence, although the answering in mental arithmetic might be brighter, and problem work is not uniformly good, two Classes coming out well and two showing weakness. The Chief defect is the unfinished and Characterless style of Reading and Recitation which prevails throughout. Attention should be made to the warming of the room, to the cleanliness of the floor and to neatness generally. The Time Table should be hung on the wall, and not relegated to the top of the cupboard. The Infants must improve in oral arithmetic and reading" Signed.?

Oct 16th. Attendance very good. Rev. E. Clarke visited. School much improved. Punished a boy for bad conduct. (Pryor)/

Oct 23rd. Weather very wet but attendance still very good.

Oct 27th. Master away today in consequence of death of Father. School carried on by Mrs Edwards in the morning but dismissed in the afternoon.

Oct 30th. Numbers still good.

Nov 6th. Great improvement in work of School. Mrs Edwards absent for an hour several times this week, her place supplied by monitor.

Nov 10th. The School examined in Drawing.

Nov 13th. No particular occurrences. Hard at work with all Standards.

Nov 20th. No particular occurrence. Children making progress in all subjects.

Nov 27th. Everything going on as usual.

Nov 30th. School had holiday in afternoon to allow cleaning of room.

Dec 1st. Inspected the School. Thos; Healing.

Dec 8th. Everything as usual.

Dec 15th. School much as usual. Rev. E.H. Clarke visited.

Dec 23. School dismissed for Xmas Holidays

1892.

Jan 12th. School re-opened Rev. E.H. Clarke visited and examined Registers. Examined Registers and found them correct. 51 present. E. H. Clarke. Curate in charge.

Jan 19th. Numbers still small owing to Influenza.

Jan 22nd. Mrs. Edwards absent two days with Influenza.

Jan 29th. Mrs Edwards absent from Influenza. Infants taken by daughter, Kate Edwards & Maud Clark.

Feb 5th. Mrs. Edwards still absent from Influenza. Infants taught as last week.

Feb 8th. Half holiday given on Monday afternoon.

Feb 12th. Mrs. Edwards returned to School today.

Report of H.M. Inspector for year ending Nov. 30th. 1891.

"The instruction of this school appears to have been in a backward state when the present teacher took charge in September last. In these circumstances the progress of the last quarter is Creditable and there seems to be a good prospect of further improvement. The Reading is very fairly fluent but wanting in spirit and expression. The handwriting is promising. The Arithmetic declines in quality in the upper standards. A beginning has been made in the teaching of grammar but the attainments are too low for any grant under article 10(e). The chief defect in the school work is the scantiness of the answering in the oral examination; this applies with the greatest force to the girls, who show little intelligence and take but feeble interest in their work.

The Needlework should improve. The infants are on the whole backwards, the first section should read from a suitable primer. The class greatly needs better training in school habits and should be managed with greater vivacity and skill". Before paying the grant under article 104 my Lords would be glad to receive an accurate Census of the population within a two mile radius by the nearest road of the school". J. Edwards is Continued under art. 68. W.C. Edwards. Certified Master. J. Edwards art. 68. Signed by Correspondent. List of Object Lessons to be taught to the Infant Class. Blacksmiths Shop, Grocers Shop, Elephant, Tea, Ice, Bread, Candle, Butter, Sheep, Money, Rabbit, Cow and Calf.

Feb 16th & 18th. No school held in the afternoon of the 16th & 18th as only a very few

(6) presented themselves owing to the snow, and these were sent home.

Feb 19th. School small this week owing to the severe weather. Schoolroom very cold.

Feb 26th. Numbers improved. Mrs Edwards gave away needlework.

March 2nd. Ash Wednesday. The children attended Church in the morning.

March 12th. No particular occurrences. Number small as the weather is very bad.

March 19th. Several children left school owing to removal. Quite recently 4 families having 12 children attending the school have left neighbourhood, and from the fresh occupiers of the houses we have only 2 children.

March 26th. Things going on much the same.

April 1st. Good progress being made. The first Standard rather backward, but the second & third Standards are well up in their work.

April 8th. Attendance rather smaller as fifteen children have left the School, owing to removals and the families that have taken their places have only two children of school age.

April 14th. Dismissed School for Easter Holidays.

April 25th. School reopens after holidays.

May 6th. Admitted one child.

May 13th. Everything going on well.

May 20th. Good progress being made. Changed the Reading Books throughout the School.

May 26th. Ascension Day. Holiday.

June 5th. Whit Monday Bank Holiday.

June 9th. Several children away with Whooping Cough, which seems slowly spreading over the village.

June 16th. More children away with Whooping Cough.

June 27th. Only an average of six from a Class of 21 on books.

July 1st. Whooping Cough worse. The upper part of the School going on well. Making very marked improvement.

July 8th. Things much the same, no improvement. Received notice of Diocesan Inspection on the 21st, read it to the Children and placed it in the School.

July 15th. Whooping Cough still bad.

July 21st. School examined by Diocesan Inspector.

July 22nd. More Children present in Infant Class.

July 29th. Nearly all the Children recovered from Whooping Cough, but they seem to have lost all their work.

Aug 1st. Bank Holiday. No School.

Aug 8th. On assembling School in the morning it was found that Measles had reached the village, four families having been attacked, it was accordingly determined by the Managers to close the School for a week.

Aug 15th. Measles spreading fast. School closed for a month, Harvest Holiday.

Sept 19th. School reopened after six weeks holidays, but the gleaning is not over and several are still away. All the Children but two recovered from Measles which has gone quite round the village.

Diocesan Inspectors Report.

Viva Voce. "Passed a very good examination, better than might have been expected under the circumstances, next year will be a great improvement. The knowledge of the Prayer Book, Catechism, and the repetition of texts and hymns are most satisfactory. Written Work. While this part of the work was good, it is open to improvement, which another year will show. General Remarks. Tone and Discipline, excellent. The Infants have been kept away from School for some weeks by the Whooping Cough, such as were examined were not able to do their teacher justice" Signed Rev, Hopkins.

Sept 23rd. School very fairly full, but the children of the Infant Class are very weak and dull, and during their long absence owing to Whooping Cough and Measles, have forgotten nearly all they had learnt; This applies more particularly to their Arithmetic and Object Lessons and it seems advisable to cut off one half of the Object Lessons.

Sept 30th. No particular occurrences, Children hard at work picking up the work which had been forgotten.

Oct 7th. Attendance much improved but the Children still seem very dull owing to Measles, the first Standard and the Infant Class particularly so.

Oct 14th. The Rev, E.H. Clarke called and checked the Registers 19 boys present in Standards 1 to 7.

Tested Registers and found them correct. Number present 19 boys. Rev, E.H. Clarke.

Oct 21st. No particular occurrence, Good progress being made in all Classes.

Oct 26th. Miss Neave called and looked at the Sewing and the Boys work.

Nov 4th. Things going on much as usual.

Nov 9th. The Rev, J. Allen and a friend called to see the School.

Nov 14th. School Examined in Drawing.

Nov 17th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited the School and heard the Children Read and Sing.

Nov 25th. E.W. Field Esquire. H.M.Inspector paid a visit of surprise. Inspected School Offices, and examined Registers.

Dec 1st. Received Report of Drawing Inspector. The instruction given is marked, "Good"".

Dec 2nd. Inspected the School. E.W. Field. Poetry for Recitation. 1893.

1st Standard. "The sands of Dee" 2nd & 3rd. "Johnny C.F. Rosette". 4th, 5th & 6th. Horatius. Lord Macaulay.

Dec 9th. Everything going on well.

Dec 16th. Things going on well. Started the new work in all Standards.

Dec 23rd. Dismissed the School for Christmas Holidays at noon.

1893.

Jan 9th. School reopened after Holidays.

Jan 10th. Rev, F.M. Clayton attended and gave Scripture Lesson.

Jan 12. Miss Neave visited in the morning.

Jan 13th. No particular occurrence. Attendance small as the weather is severe.

Jan 17th. Rev, F. Clayton called in the morning.

Jan 20th. Attendance small. Mumps seems spreading in the village.

Jan 21st. Rev, F. Clayton called in the morning, looked over some of the work. Government Report. December 1892.

"The work of the elder Children has greatly improved since last year. Its best points are the accuracy of the Spelling, the satisfactory character of the Composition and the very fair degree of accuracy attained in Arithmetic.

The English I am able, though in some doubt, to recomend payment of the higher Grant. But on the other hand, Problems are not well worked and there is not much strength in Mental Arithmetic. nor sufficient freedom in answering questions on the matter of the books. Recitation should be said in better style. On the whole the results in this part of the School are creditable, though in certain directions the Children need smarter and more stimulating treatment.

The Infants Class which includes a large proportion of children whose position under ordinary circumstances should be higher, is in less satisfactory condition. The methods of instruction require considerable revision and though I am able for this year to recommend the recognition of the teacher under article

68, improvement will be looked for in the next Inspection as a condition of Continuance".

The Registers must be tested by the Managers at least once a quarter, at irregular intervals as required by paragraph 6 of the circular on Registration, (Appendix 2 of the Revised Instructions to H.M. Inspectors) Attention is requested to article 85 (d). J Edwards is continued under article 68. Signed Francis M. Clayton. Correspondent.

Jan 24th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Several Children away from School. owing to sickness.

Jan 30th. Miss Neave and Mrs. Smith gave away the children's work.

Jan 31st. Rev, Clayton gave Scripture Lesson, and looked over the work of the other Classes.

Feb 7th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and gave lesson. Miss Neave called. Many children away owing to Mumps.

Feb 14th. Mrs. Edwards away owing to sickness. One third of the Scholars absent owing to Mumps and Influenza. Only about three Infants present. Rev, F. Clayton gave lesson.

Feb 15th. Ash Wednesday Children attended Church.

Feb 20th. Numbers very small owing to sickness.

Feb 21st. Register tested & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Feb 22nd. Only thirteen children came to School. These were dismissed at 10.5 and their attendances cancelled.

Feb 24th. No School in the afternoon. Many away sick.

March 3rd. Attendance very poor, but the sickness seems abating.

March 10th. Sickness seems now to have entirely died out and attendance better.

Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

March 17th. Scarlet Fever has made its appearance in the village, one family away in consequence.

March 22nd. Scarlet Fever having spread in the village and attacked some of the Masters children, the School was dismissed at 10.15, and the Medical Officer, Dr. Wright, having seen the Affected children, at once gave orders for the School to be closed until further notice from him.

May 8th. The Scarlet Fever having left the village School was reopened. Only half of the Children present; no children present from Mr. Smiths lane. Several new children admitted.

May 11th. Diocesan Day. Children attended short service at Church. Rev, F. Clayton paid a short visit.

May 19th. Numbers much larger than last week. Several children not put in an attendance.

Rev, F. Clayton called.

May 26th. School still full, and good progress being made. Rev, F Clayton called during the week.

June 1st. The first day of new quarter. The last was certainly a most unfortunate one.

June 5th. Some new school material arrived. The Infants taught new action song, "Naughty Jack".

June 6th. School examined by Diocesan Inspector the Rev, G.H. Hopkins.

June 15th. Rev, F. Clayton called in and cautioned the boys who had been guilty of throwing stones and taking some pears from Mr. Taylor's tree.

June 22nd. Rev, F. Clayton called and brought Diocesan Inspectors Report. Everything going on as usual.

June 27th. Rev, F. Clayton gave lesson to the higher Standards.

July 4th. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson. Everything going on well.

July 7th. Attendance improved, no doubt owing to the approach of School Treat. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

July 14th. Holiday in the afternoon as the Children (69 in number) went to Dagnam Park for their School Treat.. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

July 21st. Examined School and found the 1st Standard the largest and also the most backward.

July 27th. Holiday. Choir excursion.

Aug 1st. Registers examined & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Aug 4th. No particular occurrence.

Aug 7th. Holiday. Bank Holiday.

Aug 11th. Children dismissed for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 4th. School reopened after three weeks holidays. Attendance good.

Sept 8th. Everything going on as usual.

Sept 15th. Attendance still good, two boys names taken off, left village.

Sept 22nd. Everything going on well.

Sept 29th. No particular occurrences. Rev, F. Clayton called during the week.

Oct 3rd. Registers checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Oct 7th. Received fresh supply of materials.

Oct 13th. Rev, F. Clayton visited during week. Everything going on well.

Oct 20th. Examined the whole School and found much improvement, second Standard the weakest.

Oct 27th. Weather cold. Stove not mended.

Oct 31. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

Nov 7th. Everything as usual. Rev, F. Clayton gave Scripture Lesson. Gave notice that for the future the Scripture Lesson on Tuesday would be given from 11.30 to 12.

Nov 14th. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson. Examined First Standard Only, they were all weak and two of these were delicate children who suffered from the fever. Punished two boys for Carelessness (Baker & Cowland) slightly.

Nov 16th. Drawing Examination.

Nov 21st. No particular occurrence. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

Nov 24th. Numbers good this week

Nov 27th. Punished a boy (Stouting) for continued Carelessness.

Nov 28th. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson and tested Registers. Tested the Registers & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Dec 1st. Commencement of School year.

Dec 8th. Everything going on as usual. Rev, F. Clayton visited during week.

Dec 15th. Received notice that the Boys had passed good at their Drawing Examination.

Dec 16th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called in the afternoon.

Dec 19th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called in the afternoon.

Dec 22nd. Present. Boys. 20, Infants 5. Total 25. Girls 26, Infants 10. Total 36.

Absent. Boys 1. Girls 2. Poetry for Recitation for Dec 1894. 4th -6th. A royal princess.-Rossette. 5th & 6th in addition, Going Ploughing.-Scott. 2nd & 3rd. The Goose, Golden Gloves.-Rossette. 1st. Ballad of Earl Harrangs Daughter-Kingsley. Class subjects English. Course S. Assistant. Dec 22nd 1893. School Inspected. Arthur E. Binnay.

List of Songs

- 1. If I were a sunbeam.
- 2. Music in the morning.
- 3. Come where's the sunlight.
- 4. The Ash Grove.
- 5. I know a sweet valley.

The wall frame needs attention, as supportive additional pictures are required for the Object lessons together with a letter stand in a box or frame, & columns in the cupboard accommodation is insufficient. It is essential too that there first be a fresh set of Historical Readers for the proposed Standards. Assistant.

Infant Lessons. Owl. Whale, Ship, A Book, A Match, Grocer's shop, An Apple, A Candle, A Steel Pen, A Birds Nest, Clothing, Food, Form and Colour, Cat, Dog, Lion, Scales & Weights, Woodpecker, Winter and Trees. Assistant.

Annual Inspection of Schools

- 1. Each child should be provided with paper (or slate). Reading Books and Copy Books used during the year.
- 2. Examination Papers should show distinctly. on each side (a) Name of scholar (b) Name of School (c) Standard in which presented, and (d) Schedule number in red ink.
- 3. It is desirable that each scholar should wear a small ticket bearing his or her schedule number.
- 4. Before the arrival of the Inspector a red line should be drawn on the Exam Schedule through the names of all absentees, and a numbered list prepared, stating the reason for each scholars absence duly certified. In complying with rules 4 and 5 on the Exam Schedule, the asterisk and the P should be marked in red ink.
- 5. Scholars to be examined for Certificates of Proficiency should sit together in their prospective Classes.
- 6. The following particulars should be entered in the "Log Book". (a) Number present (boys and girls separately) (b) Number absent. (c) Number admitted since the end of school year. (d) proposed pieces for recitation. (e) proposed Class

subjects. (1st & 2nd.) and course to be taken in each, also maps for 5th-7th Standards.

- 7. A brief entry should be made in the class register stating reason assigned for the removal of each scholar who has left during the year, e.g. "Left District", Left, attending -other". Reached 4th, 5th or 6th Standard. N.B. To reach a Standard is to pass in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic in that or higher Standard. No child can leave school unless being between 10 &13 he or she has the Standard prescribed by the Bye Laws of district for total exemption. A child is not legally exempt from school attendance (between 13 & 14 years of age) unless he or she has reached the 5th Standard or since the age of 5 he or she has made not less than 250 attendances each year for five previous years whether Consecutive or not in not more than two schools.
- 8. Certificates of Proficiency, or attendance must be given on the prescribed forms of Education Department to Local Authority as supplied free of charge on application of Managers. No other form of Certificate is recognised. Prepare copy of last years & grants.

1894.

Jan 8th. School reopened after Xmas Holidays.

Jan 12th. Numbers very small in consequence of severe weather.

Jan 19th. Attendance much improved.

Jan 26th. No particular occurrence. Rev, F.M. Clayton called during week. Government Report for 1892-3.

"The upper Standards have been satisfactorily taught, but owing doubtless to the prolonged illness of the Children, there is a marked falling off in the lower Classes, especially as regards Reading, Arithmetic, and English, while the Infants (for whom suitable desks must be provided) are still in a backward state, indeed the younger scholars generally seem to be slow of apprehension and answer viva voce questions very indifferently. Handwriting too is capable of improvement in the higher part of the School, and Needlework demands increased attention. Making allowance, however for the difficulties of the year I have advised the Continued recognition of the Assistant, though she will I trust be more successful in future. The classroom needs better light and ventilation, additional apparatus is required, as recommended, and my suggestions as to the offices should be carried into effect without delay".

H.M. Inspectors remarks about the ventilation and lighting of the Classroom and about the offices should receive the early attention of the Managers (Article 85 (a) of the Code) attention is requested to the enclosed form 69.

The Registers must be tested by the Managers at least once a quarter, at irregular intervals as required by paragraph 6 of the appendix 2 of instructions to Inspectors. Attention is directed to Article 85 d. J Edwards is continued under Article 68. She should improve in teaching.

W.C. Edwards 1st Class Certificated Master. J. Edwards Assistant Article 68. Signed Correspondent

Examination of School. 1st Standard able to do all work of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Will now commence Grammar and Recitation. 2nd Standard. Reading. Having got up to 2nd Standard workbook for future they will use 3rd.(Backward in Reading according to above report) Arithmetic and Dictation Good. 3rd Standard. All subjects good. 4th, 5th and 6th. All work well advanced.

Feb 2nd. Rev, F. Clayton visited. Everything as usual.

Feb 6th. Shrove Tuesday holiday.

Feb 7th. Ash Wednesday, Children attended Church.

Feb 9th. Rev, F. Clayton visited during week.

Feb 16th. No particular occurrence.

Feb 23rd. Everything as usual. Progress & attendance good.

Feb 27th. Registers checked and found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

March 2nd. End of first quarter of school year. School making excellent progress.

March 5th. Mrs. Smith called and saw Needlework and expressed approval of the same.

March 6th. Honerable Lady Neave called to see work.

March 9th. Rev, F. Clayton called twice and gave usual lesson.

March 16th. Honerable Lady Neave distributed needlework to the girls. Rev, F. Clayton gave scripture lesson during week.

March 22nd. Attendance very poor, owing to Coughs and Colds. Dismissed School for Easter Holidays.

April 2nd. School opened after holidays. Admitted 3 new children.

April 6th. Good progress being made. Rev, F. Clayton visited.

April 13th. Mrs. Edwards unwell, Infants taught by two monitors, sewing by Miss Edwards.

April 20th. Mrs. Edwards still unable to come in more than once this week. Things going on well. Punished J. Reynolds for molesting girls.

April 27th. Rev, F. Clayton gave lesson this week. Mrs. Edwards back again.

May 3rd. Holiday. Ascension Day.

May 4th. No particular occurrence. All going on well. Rev, F. Clayton visited during week.

May 10th. Registers examined and found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

May 11th. School examined by Rev, Hopkins, Diocesan Inspector.

May 14th. Whit Monday Holiday.

May 18th. Attendance very small this week.

May 24th. The Bear Fair, numbers small.

May 25th. Very small school. Dismissed, attendance cancelled.

Diocesan Report. Inspected May 11th.

"A years work has left its mark upon the school. I recognised a decided improvement in each division, it was most evident in the highest division. This

School is now moving out of the low standard of Religious Knowledge and has justified my remarks in last years report, "that a complete years training would increase the knowledge and add briskness to the answers". Written Work. Neatly done and fairly satisfactory the work of some few was very satisfactory. General Remarks. The singing was excellent-it surpassed the efforts of last year. It is a pleasure to be present during the hymns. The tone and discipline are good G. Hopkins Diocesan Inspector.

May 29th. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

May 30th. The Honerable Lady Neave visited the School and took away with her some specimens of girls work.

June 4th. Honerable Lady Neave sent for 7 girls to whom she gave dress material as prizes.

June 5th. Rev, F. Clayton gave usual lesson.

June 8th. No particular occurrence.

June 15th. Everything as usual.

June 22nd. Two girls came in at 1.58 while in the act of closing the books. A . Theobald & S. Reynolds.

June 29th. Usual round of School work quite unbroken.

July 2nd. Two children E. & J. Reynolds came at 1.58 just as they were marked absent. Punished for this offence.

July 5th. Rev, F. Clayton called.

July 6th. Things as usual.

July 10th. Rev, F. Clayton called. Gave Scripture Lesson.

July 17th. Holiday in the afternoon, the School treat, 63 present.

July 20th. Everything going on well. Rev, F. Clayton visited.

Aug 1st. Children dismissed in afternoon and attendance cancelled. Sunday School Treat.

Aug 2nd. Examined & checked Registers, found them correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Aug 6th. Bank Holiday. No School.

Aug 10th. Attendance falling off owing to Harvest work.

Aug 17th. Dismissed School for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 17th. School reopened after Holidays, attendance small.

Sept 18th. Rev, F. Clayton gave lesson.

Sept 24th. Attendance improved.

Sept 27th. Rev, F. Clayton called.

Oct 5th. Rev, F. Clayton visited.

Oct 8th. Admitted several new children. Infant Class taken by Miss Kate Isabel Edwards, born April 9th 1876.

Oct 9th. Rev, F. Clayton gave lesson. Attendance much improved.

Oct 12th. Two children left village.

Oct 19th. Two children admitted.

Oct 26th. Everything going on well. Admitted two children. Attendance good. Rev, F Clayton called during the week.

Oct 29th. Tea and entertainment's in Schoolroom, holiday given in afternoon.

Nov 2nd. Rev, F. Clayton called during the week.

Nov 9th. School Examined in Drawing. Attendance cancelled for afternoon. Infant Class taken by two monitors during this week, and no Sewing on Wednesday afternoon for girls owing to very serious illness of Mrs. Edwards.

Nov 13th. Registers examined and found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Nov 16th. Infant Class still taken by two monitors.

Nov 20th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited the School.

Nov 25th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited the School.

Nov 26th. Miss K. Edwards resumed her duties in the Infant room.

Nov 29th. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson.

Nov 30th. End of School year. Examined the Children in upper department. The results good except Dictation of 4th Standard. The lower part of School viz the Infant Class had gone back during absence of teacher. Whooping Cough has made its appearance and several are away with it.

Dec 3rd. Marked Registers at 1.40 and closed them at 1: 45 pm and dismissed Children at 3.45 in consequence of the dark days.

Dec 6th. Rev, F. M. Clayton called in the afternoon.

Dec 7th. Eight or nine children away with Whooping Cough.

Dec 14th. The Rev, F. M. Clayton visited the School. Several children away in the Infant Class with Coughs & c. Gave an Examination to the upper Standards.

Dec 19th. Murche, Object Lesson. Blackie. Number Present. Boys? Girls?. Number admitted since end of School year?. Number Absent?.

Poetry for Recitation Dec 1895.

4th-6th. Standards. The Revenge & Autonomy Orationover Caesar. Shakespeare.

2nd-3rd. Standards. The Fusiliers Dog.

1st. Standard. A Green Cornfield.

Class Subject. English Course S. How to teach numbers. Syllabi Method. Brown.

List of School Songs

- 1. Tell me little housewife.
- 2. Would you know how does.
- 3. Hay making.
- 4. October.
- 5. The Bees.
- 6. If I were a Sunbeam.
- 7. Tell me my children Pc.

List of Infant Class Lessons. Cotton, Wool, Leather, Cow, Horse, Glass, Coal, Mole, Bear, Post Office, Railway Station, Apple, Potato, Hay, Weights & Scales, Colour & Form, Bat, Bread, Harvest and Salt. Dec 19th. 1894. A.H. Sadd.

1895.

Jan 7th. Reopened School after Holidays.

Jan 11th. Attendance fair. Rev, F. M. Clayton visited.

Jan 18th. Snow on several days has made the attendance small. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Summary of Inspectors Report.

"On the whole this school has passed a fairly good examination. The upper children give proof of intelligent teaching, but the lower ones are not quite so bright and ready as they might be. Hand writing has improved. Reading in the fifth and sixth Standards is good, and the Girls needlework is now fairly good. Spelling in the forth Standard needs attention. The Infants form a fair class. Nothing has been done with reference to the lighting and ventilation of the classroom and to the boys urinal. (Article 85(a) of the code.)

The special attention of the Managers is requested to the enclosed form 69. K. J. Edwards is reorganised under Article 68.

W.C. Edwards. Certified Master (1st Class). K.J. Edwards Article 68. Signed Francis M. Clayton. Correspondent.

Jan 25th. Attendance still small owing to severe weather, especially in Infant Room.

Rev, F. M. Clayton visited.

Feb 1st. Only a few children came this morning and these were dismissed. Heavy Snow.

Feb 4th. Few children present. Very cold.

Feb 6th. Holiday given in the afternoon. Very cold. Temperature at 9 am. outside School. 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Feb 8th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited and gave lesson during week. Very cold. Ink frozen every morning both in large jar and ink wells.

Feb 15th. No particular occurrences. Still very cold, attendance fair in upper part of School but very bad in Infants department. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Feb 22nd. Weather less severe, but very cold still. Nearly all the Infant Class absent. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Feb 26th. Rev F.M. Clayton called and gave lesson., and tested Registers. School dismissed at 3.pm and attendances cancelled.

Feb 27th. Ash Wednesday. Registers marked and closed at 9.20. Children attended Church at 11.30.

March 1st. End of School Quarter. The exceptionally severe weather has lowered the attendances very considerably, especially in the lower part of the School. Several of the children in the Infant Department, have not been present at all this quarter.

March 8th. Everything as usual. Attendance better but many still absent.

March 15th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called during week. Everything as usual.

March 22nd. Many children away sick. Rev, F.M. Clayton called.

March 26th. Register of Attendance checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

March 27th. Dismissed the School earlier in the morning and cancelled attendances.

April 5th. Everything going as usual.

April 11th. Dismissed Children for Easter Holidays.

April 22nd. Reopened School.

April 26th. Rev F.M. Clayton visited. Received fresh supply of books &c.

May 3rd. Arithmetic lesson in afternoon omitted other lessons in order. Object lesson at 3.30.

May 10th. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson this week.

May 17th. No particular occurrence. Attendance good. Gave notice of Diocesan Exam on 6th. of June.

May 23rd. Ascension Day. Children attended Church at 9.15 and dismissed for rest of day.

June 3rd. Bank Holiday. No School.

June 6th. Diocesan Examination. Rev, Hopkins. Present 61. Children answered very well indeed.

June 14th. Everything going on as usual. Good attendance. Children away Pea Picking.

June 21st. A considerable number away Pea Picking.

June 28th. Attendance better.

July 4th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and brought Diocesan Report.

Diocesan Report. Noak Hill.

Viva Voce. This School passed an excellent examination. The discipline, tone and attention were all that could be desired. Again the singing was very good, melodious and accurate. The Bible Subjects were thoroughly prepared, and

intelligent answers were given. Written Work. Very neat, well expressed and carefully written. In most cases names of persons, and places were correctly spelt. General Remarks. I consider this a perfect village School.

July 5th. Holiday. School Treat at Dagnam Park.

July 12th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. No particular occurrences.

July 13th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called.

July 14th. Everything as usual. Good attendance.

July 23rd. I have today checked and Examined the Registers of Attendance & found them correct. Francis M. Clayton.

July 26th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called during the week and checked Registers.

Aug 2nd. School broke up for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 2nd. School reopened after Holidays.

Sept 6th. Average for week 45. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. The following alterations will now be made in the time table to allow teaching of new subjects. On Fridays Standards 1,2 & 3 of the girls will leave the sewing and have lessons with the boys at 3 pm. On Fridays and Wednesdays the lessons will be. Standards 4 to 6, from 2 to 3. Reading or Grammar, from 3 to 4. Drawing. Standards 1 to 3, from 2 to 2.30. Grammar or Reading, from 2.30 to 3. Drawing, from 3 to 3.30, Occupations. from 3.30 to 4. Object Lesson.

Sept 13th. Attendance improved.

Sept 19th. Registers closed at 9.45. Master left School at 11. in charge of Mrs. Edwards. Holiday in afternoon.

Sept 27th. No particular occurrence. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited this week. Miss Edwards absent today on account of illness of her mother.

Oct 3rd. Children dismissed at 3 pm. and attendance cancelled in consequence of death of Masters wife.

Oct 9th. School which had been closed several days now reopened; attendance small many away picking blackberries and collecting acorns.

Oct 11th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Attendance small.

Oct 18th. Numbers very much improved. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave usual lesson.

Oct 25th. Everything much as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Attendance not so good. Miss Edwards unwell.

Nov 1st. Attendance better. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson.

Nov 5th. Drawing Examination at 1.30. The Children dismissed and a holiday given, as there was a Tea & Concert in the evening. Very bad weather.

Nov 8th. Six or seven children absent with bad colds owing to the very changeable weather. Miss Edwards unable to take Infant Class, owing to bad cold. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Nov 15th. Several children still away owing to cold &c. Miss Edwards able to come in but her throat is very weak. Examined the School. The upper part pleased me much, but the Infants did not do well in those subjects that required the talking on part of teacher, owing to Miss Edwards having a bad throat for the last month, their Writing, Drawing and Occupation were very good.

Nov 26th. Registers checked & found correct. Francis F.M. Clayton.

Nov 29th. End of School Year.

Dec 4th. 1895. Number present. Boys ? Girls ? Infants Boys 8 Girls 9 Number Absent. ? Total Boys ? Girls ?

Poetry for Recitation Dec 1896.

4th to 6th Standards. Relief of Lucknow. Bunyan.

2nd and 3rd Standards. Brother Bruce. Rossette.

Standard 1 Class Subject. <u>List of School Songs.</u>

- 1. Casual Joe.
- 2. Rule Britannia.

- 3. Forest Echoes.
- 4. Before all lands.
- 5. I know a sweet valley.
- 6. Sailor.

Infant Songs.

- 1. The railway train.
- 2. Mud Pies.
- 3. Naughty Jack.

Object Lessons for Infant Class. A Brick, Dried Clay, Form, A Ball, The Senses, An Orange, Growing Seeds, A Tree, A Flower Pot, A Glass Tumbler, Water, Ice, Salt, Sugar, Sand, Slate, Writing Paper, Brown Paper, Size & Shape, Food, Clothing, Foam, and Colour.

Object Lessons for Standards. ?. Subject Lessons for Standards. ?.

Dec 4th. 1896. Inspected the School. Thos Healing.

An Alphabet Stand is needed for teaching the Infants word building.

Dec 6th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and gave lesson.

Dec 13th. Everything much as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton called.

Dec 16th. Registers closed at 9.40. Everything as usual. Punished J. Reynolds for annoying and striking girls on the way home.

Dec 20th. Dismissed Children at noon for Xmas Holidays.

1896.

Jan 6th. School reopened after Christmas Holidays.

Jan 8th. Three girls complained of rudeness on the part of a boy.

Jan 9th. Punished James & Joseph Harris in the presence of Rev, F.M. Clayton and the whole school for above offence. Punished J. Reynolds for like offence. Government Report for year 1894-5.

"In the unusually trying circumstances of the year, it is the more to the teachers credit that the Upper School has passed the examination in Music, and in the Elementary Subjects so successfully. The papers are very neat and in general accurate, and the Arithmetic satisfactorily intelligent. More practice in framing sentences in illustration of the points taught, will improve the answering in

English and the exercises in Composition. The Infants are only pretty fairly advanced, and need more skilful handling for Class Drill, Reading and Numbers. Their teacher must improve both as to Infant Management and the teaching of Needlework. An Alphabet Stand and a Needlework Demonstration Frame should be procured. K.J. Edwards is continued under article 68 of the Code; but Improvement will be expected.

Jan 17th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Several names removed from the register of 5th. Standard Children.

Jan 24th. Everything much as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. James Reynolds by the direction of the Manager (Rev, F.M. Clayton) expelled from the School, see entries Dec 16th and Jan 9th.

Jan 27th. Punished J Theobald very slightly for disobedience.

Jan 30th. Register of Attendance checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Jan 31st. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and gave lesson.

Feb 4th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and gave lesson. Children dismissed at noon.

Feb 10th. Punished B. Clark for bad conduct, slightly.

Feb 14th. Everything as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Feb 19th. Ash Wednesday. Children attended Church. Holiday in afternoon.

Feb 21st. No particular occurrence.

Feb 28th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. Children taken to Church at 11.30 on Tuesday instead of Scripture Lesson.

March 6th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. Received fresh supply of books &c.

March 13th. All as usual. Punished J. Reynolds (slightly) for continued cheating and idleness.

March 20th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Examined the School. Found in the Infant Class several children who although they will be seven years old before next December, yet will not be able to be raised to 1st Standard. March 27th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. Punished a boy for disobedience.

April 2nd. Dismissed School for Easter Holidays.

April 13th. Reopened School. Attendance small.

March 15th. Punished C. Benbow for idleness and cheating.

March 17th. No particular occurrence.

March 19th. Punished boy for bad conduct.

March 25th. Girls commenced their garments ready for Inspection in December. Rev, F.M. Clayton called and gave notice of Diocesan Inspection on the 12th of May.

May 1st. No particular occurrence. Received permission from H.M. Inspector to change Poetry for 4th -6th Standards to "Pied Piper" by Browning. Punished E. Ottley slightly.

May 5th. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave usual lesson. Examined Infant Class and much pleased with progress.

May 14th. Ascension Day. Holiday.

May 19th. Attendance Registers checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

May 22nd. Everything as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave usual lesson.

May 29th. End of School Quarter.

June 4th. Punished J. Reynolds, constant dirty hands face &c.

June 12th. No particular occurrence. School small, children away picking peas.

June 19th. Many children absent, average very low, Picking peas, the wet day on Wednesday, and sickness the cause.

June 26th. Nothing particular, attendance better.

July 3rd. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson. Punished E. Butler (slightly) disobedience.

July 10th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. No particular occurrence.

July 17th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Examined the Infant Class and found them making progress.

July 24th. Same as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson.

July 30th. Received Complaint of school children stealing fruit from gardens. Made a thorough investigation and found Mabel Brown, J. Reynolds, ? Salmons, Ada Wheeler & Flo Ottley were the guilty ones, and that Mabel Brown was much the worse, indeed this child is always most troublesome and defiant.

Aug 2nd. School Treat at Dagnams.

Aug 3rd. Bank Holiday. Holiday.

Aug 5th. Punished W. Wright (very slightly).

Aug 6th. Registers examined & found correct. Francis M. Clayton. Examined the Children who although they will be seven before December, yet are not advanced enough (due to infirmity) to raise to 1st Standard.

Aug 7th. School dismissed at noon for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 7th. School reopened after Holidays, attendance poor.

Sept 11th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Punished J. Reynolds, continued idleness.

Sept 17th. Rev F.M. Clayton called and examined Upper Division in Poetry. Punished J. Reynolds. Continued idleness.

Sept 25th. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. Things much as usual. Examined Infant Class & found them improved very much.

Sept 28th. Punished J. Theobald, inattention. Very troublesome of late.

Oct 2nd. No Sewing, Miss Edwards being at Romford Infant School. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Oct 5th. Miss Edwards away today. Her place being taken by monitors.

Oct 9th. Examined Infant Class and found them still improving. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Very wet weather has reduced averages.

Oct 23rd. Mrs. Smith & Miss Burrel visited and examined Girls Sewing and reported that it had much improved and was now well done.

Oct 28th. Miss Edwards absent attending Romford Infants School. Punished J. Harris for continued disobedience. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Nov 6th. Examined Infant Class and much pleased with the work that had been done. Rev, F.M. Clayton called. Master very unwell, Fever.

Nov 13th. Received fresh supply of school material. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Punished J. Theobald.

Nov 19th. Drawing Examination. Master still very unwell. Punished E. Otterley & Bertie Clark.

Nov 24th. Register of attendance checked & found correct. Francis. M. Clayton.

Nov 27th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Master very unwell.

Dec 3rd. School visited for Annual Inspection. F. Dugard.

Dec 4th. 1896. Number present, Boys 18+1. Girls 22. Total 41. Infants, Boys 7+1. Girls 6+1. Total 15. Poetry for Recitation Dec 1897.

4th-6th Standards. 1. Armada. Armada. 2nd-3rd Standards 2. Johnny. 1st Standard 3. Good night & good Waking.

School Songs.

- 1. The Old School Bells.
- 2. Sleighing Song.
- 3. If I were a Sunbeam.
- 4. October.
- 5. Sailor.
- 6. The Squirrel.

Infant Class Songs.

- 1. The Railway Train.
- 2. Naughty Jack.
- 3. Keeping Shop.

Object Lessons for Infants Class for 1897. Sheep, Horse, Wool, Cow, Grass, A Daisy, A Buttercup, A Honey Bee, A Butterfly, Coal, A Fire, A Mole, A Bat, Winter, Hay Making, Harvest, Wheat, Flour & Meal, Bread and Money.

Dec 11th. No particular occurrence. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Dec 15th. Inspectors Report. Jan 4th 1897.

"Much good work has been done in the Elementary subjects, the style of Handwriting and the written Arithmetic being generally creditable. If more animation and expression could be infused into the Reading & Relation, and the Grammar Lessons made more intelligent, there is no reason why this should not become a really good school. The Drill and Singing Exercises were well done, and the Directress of Needlework assigns a good mark to the specimens. There is improvement in the teaching of the Infants. The oral lessons are still wanting in animation, but the children are carefully grounded in the Elementary Subjects, and their manual occupations and other exercises were generally satisfactory. K.J. Edwards is continued under Article 68 of the Code. Signed Francis M. Clayton Correspondent.

Dec 18th. Very wet weather. Numbers fair. Master much better, started fresh work.

Dec 24th. Closed School at 12 for Christmas Holidays.

1897.

Jan 10th. School reopened after Holidays.

Jan 11th. Master left at 11. am. No School in afternoon. Punished J. Harris for misbehaviour.

Jan 22nd. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Infant Class small in consequence of bad weather. Commenced teaching Geography. Punished J Reynolds for disobedience & laziness.

Jan 29th. Everything as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson. Whooping Cough among smaller children.

Feb 5th. Received letter from F. Dugand. H.M.Inspector in which he informs us that the Geography for next examination (first years course) will be the British Isles. with fuller knowledge of England.

Feb 9th. Holiday in the afternoon.

Feb 12th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited and took lesson. Punished A. Curtis & B. Clark for talking & disobedience. Miss Edwards, absent from School this week except for Friday afternoon, attending Romford Infants School. Infants Class (very small, average 5) taken by sister E. Edwards.

Feb 19th. Miss Edwards absent this week also.

Feb 25th. Registers examined and found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Feb 26th. No particular occurrences. Punished J. Theobald.

March 3rd. Children attended Church in morning and afterwards dismissed for the day. Ash Wednesday.

March 5th. Miss Neave Visited.

March 11th. Miss Neave came to school and gave the Girls their Needlework. and expressed her great pleasure at the neatness of the work.

March 12th. Infant Class very small owing to continued sickness. Children attended Church on Tuesday at 9 am. for short service. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

March 19th. Three new children admitted in Infant Class. Children attended Church on Tuesday at 9. am. Punished Farrow.

March 26th. Attendance larger but six children still away in Infant Class. Children attended Church on Tuesday at 9 am.

April 2nd. Things much as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Received fresh supply of books.

April 8th. Half holiday to enable Master to take his son to Consumption Clinic.

April 9th. Infant Class larger owing to recent admissions. Punished Farrow for continual laziness.

April 15th. Dismissed Children for Easter Holidays.

April 26th. School reopened after Holidays. Numbers improved.

April 30th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Numbers in Infant Class larger.

May 7th. No particular occurrence. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited

May 14th. Attendance larger. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Things much as usual.

May 25th. Registers of attendance checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

May 27th. Ascension Day. Holiday.

May 28th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

June 4th. No particular Occurrence. Punished M. Brown a very bad child indeed.

June 7th. Whit Monday. Holiday.

June 11th. School Small except on Friday. Punished Farrow for continued idleness.

June 17th. Bear Fair. Holiday in afternoon.

June 22nd. Holiday for Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

June 25th. No particular occurrences. Several children absent through sickness in Infant Room.

July 2nd. Rev, F.M. Clayton gave lesson. Everything as usual.

July 9th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Several away in Infant Class.

July 16th. Everything as usual. No particular occurrences.

July 23rd. Same daily round. Infant Class quite full. attendance improved.

July 30th. Punished Jos Harris, gross disobedience.

Aug 3rd.

Registers of attendance examined & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Aug 6th. Dismissed School at noon for Holidays.

Sept 6th. Reopened School after Harvest Holidays, attendance fair.

Sept 10th. Average attendance 49.9. %. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Sept 17th. Everything as usual. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Punished J. Reynolds.

Sept 24th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Punished J. Theobold for continued disobedience.

Oct 1st. Everything much as usual. Admitted two new boys, one Albert Hornaby very backward.

Oct 8th. Admitted five new children all very backward indeed, one a case of neglect. Attendance improved.

Oct 12th. Diocesan Examination, 63 children present.

Oct 15th. Average for week 58.5, higher than for some years.

Oct 22nd. No particular occurrence, punished two boys for talking & disobedience.

Oct 29th. Numbers still good owing to recent admissions. Punished Farrow. Continued laziness

Nov 5th. Numbers still large. Examined Infant Class. Only 4 are old scholars, the rest are new admissions this year.

Nov 12th. Admitted 3 new children. Total admissions for this year 28 against 16, the total of 2 previous years.

Nov 15th. punished J. Theobald for interfering with girls in school porch.

Nov 19th. Mrs. Smith visited and examined needlework. No particular occurrence.

Nov 26th. Registers examined & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Nov 30th. School examined in Drawing. Last day of School year.

Dec 1st. Number present. Boys? Girls? Infants? Upper?

<u>List of Infant object Lessons for 1897-8</u>. Squirrel, Rabbit, Tiger, Cat,
Woodpecker, Owl, Grocer's Shop, Dog, Bricks, Water, Glass, Trees, Paper,
Leather, Slate, Harvest, Matches, Form, Colour and Weights & Scales.

Poetry for 1897-8.

4th -6th Standard. The Revenge. 2nd-3rd. Standard. The Goose.

1st. Standard. Freddie & the Cherries.

Object Lessons for 1st -3rd Standards. 1897-8. Water, Land, Solids, Air, Bees, Market Day, A Pond, A Stream, Haymaking, Harvest, Geography-British Isles, Woodpecker, Cat, Owl, Eagle, Horse, Squirrel, Bird, Cottage Garden, Fish, Monkey, Mole, Shape of Earth, King Fisher, Corn, Oak Tree, Evergreen Trees, Ramble in Woods, Butter and Post Office.

School Songs.

- 1. God Save the Queen.
- 2. Rule Britannia
- 3. Bees. Song of
- 4. Over the Icy &c.
- 5. King Alfred.
- 6. Sleighing Song. <u>Infant Songs.</u>
- 1. Railway Train.
- 2. Tell Me My Children.
- 3. Mud Pies.

Dec 1st. 1897. Inspected the School. W. Mulhull. School closed in afternoon.

Dec 2nd. Punished Brown very slightly.

Dec 10th. No particular occurrence.

Dec 17th. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited.

Dec 23rd. Dismissed the School at noon for Xmas Holidays.

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Jan 10th. Reopened School after Holidays.

Jan 14th. Punished W. Rumbold for idleness in extreme.

Jan 18th. Registers of attendance checked & found correct. Francis M. Clayton.

Jan 21st. Rev, F.M. Clayton visited. Tested Registers.

Jan 28th. No particular occurrence. Two fresh children.

Feb 4th. Many children sick, owing to mild unhealthy weather. Government Report for 1896-7.

The children are in good order and the teaching is painstaking and on the whole successful. Reading in the lower standards is still wanting in fluency and expression and the Arithmetic of the first class is inaccurate. Spelling and Composition are good and the papers are neat and well written. The elder did not show much intelligence in their Geography; but the lower classes are interested in their Object Lessons. Needlework is well taught and the Infants are making progress, their gallery should be fitted with suitable desks and a masters desk is much needed in the main room. K. Edwards is continued under Article 68 of the Code. Signed ? Correspondent.

Feb 8th. Holiday in afternoon.

Feb 9th. Rev, R.J. Eales visited. Punished Bertie Clark for misconduct during visit. He struggled and knocked his head against the harmonium slightly.

Feb 18th. No particular occurrence. School getting full.

Feb 23rd. Ash Wednesday. Holiday given all day. Punished J. Reynolds slightly, idleness.

Feb 25th. Average for week 59.5.

March 2nd. Miss Neave visited in the morning.

March 7th. Punished M. Brown, slightly for sullen disobedience. A troublesome stubborn child, resolved to try the effect of great kindness on her. Notice of Aid Grant received from Education Department. The sum of £10. is allotted for the purchase of Additional School Furniture.

March 8th. Rev, H. Godefroy paid his first visit.

March 15th. Rev, Harold Godefroy gave Scripture Lesson at 9.20.

March 18th. No particular occurrence. Slightly Punished Hornsby.

March 25th. Severe storm of snow, wind and rain. No Infants present and very few others, dismissed Children.

April 1st. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Attendance large.

April 7th. Dismissed School for Easter Holidays. Punished E. Ottley for disobedience.

April 18th. Reopened School after Holidays.

April 22nd. Numbers larger than they have been for some years. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

April 29th. Everything as usual. Numbers still keeping up.

May 6th. School not quite so full. Things much as usual.

May 14th. Diocesan Examination in afternoon.

Tested the Registers. H. Godefroy.

May 19th. Ascension Day, Holiday.

May 21st. Rev, H. Godefroy visited during week.

May 23rd. Received fresh supply of school books and materials, also new masters desk & Infant School desks for Infant gallery.

May 26th. 72 Present in the morning. the largest attendance for some years past. New Cupboard put in Infants Room.

May 27th. Attendance for week. Average 63.3.

May 30th. Bank Holiday.

June 3rd. Attendance good. punished M. Brown very slightly. A most stubborn child. Must ask Managers to reprove her.

June 9th. Very wet morning, owing to rain on the evening before, hardly any children came. Dismissed them for morning, only 14 came.

June 17th. School still full. much pleased with the progress of children after examination.

June 24th. School smaller. Sickness about. Punished E. Jeffrey slightly for continued laziness.

July 1st. Rev, H. Godefroy visited during the week and gave lesson.

July 8th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited and gave Scripture Lesson. No particular occurrence. Admitted T. Long 10 years old, only fit for a second division in Infants Class. Neglect.

July 15th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited three times and gave two lessons. Attendance smaller many away pea picking.

July 22nd. No particular occurrence. Children making great progress. Arithmetic very good throughout the School.

July 29th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave lesson. Punished Eastap for continual bad conduct, very slightly. J. Long for improper conduct to little girl.

Aug 1st. Bank Holiday. No School held.

Aug 3rd. Registers examined & found correct. H. Godefroy.

Aug 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Examined the School and came to the conclusion that it was in a better state than I have ever known it.

Aug 11th. School dismissed at 11.9 am. and attendance cancelled to enable children to meet in the afternoon for their School Treat.

Sept 12th. School reopened after Holidays. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Sept 16th. Three children left. Numbers fair.

Sept 23rd. Things much as usual. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Sept 26th. Registers examined & found correct. H. Godefroy.

Sept 30th. Several children left in consequence of removal since holiday. (8).

Oct 3rd. Punished Eastap for continual carelessness and laziness.

Oct 4th. Three children left, removed. Since the holiday 12 children have left the School. There have been more changes during the past year than in any previous year since the school has been inspected.

Oct 14th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Things much as usual. Attendance smaller owing to removals. Admitted two new children.

Oct 20th. Punished E. Salmons for bad conduct. (slightly).

Oct 24th. Master absent in afternoon, left School in charge of his son. Everything going on well.

Oct 28th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Punished Long for continued laziness.

Nov 4th. everything as usual. Rev, H. Godefroy gave lesson.

Nov 7th. Punished Ottley & Hornsby, for dirty hands & careless duty work, slightly.

Minnie Sowing fainted at close of School, fell and struck her head on stone. Nov 11th. Things much as usual. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Nov 18th. Examined children in Geography, English and Object Lessons. Results very satisfactory indeed.

Nov 30th. End of school year. A very large number of scholars admitted during the year, more than any year since records have been kept. 38 admitted.

Dec 2nd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited during week. Punished D. Mann for simple foolish conduct.

Dec 9th. School Inspected. F. Dugand. H.M.I.

Number present. Boys 24. Girls 22. Total 46.

Infants present. Boys 5. Girls 12. Total 17.

Totals. 29. 44. 63.

List of Infants Object Lessons. Horse, Cow, Sheep, Mole, Bat, Bees, Bird's Nest, Tea, Hay Making, Winter, Cotton, Salt, Sugar, Apple, Potato, Wheat, Butter, Bread, Flowers (Wild), Lion and Geography, Great Britain & Canada.

Poetry for 1898-9.

4th-6th Standards. Pied Piper of Hamlet.

2nd-3rd Standards. The Rope Walk.

1st Standard. Good Night & Good Morning.

School Songs.

- 1. Spring.
- 2. Bees.
- 3. The Kettle.
- 4. The Bugle Call. Infants Songs.
- 1. Railway Trains.
- 2. The Farmer.
- 3. Hay Making.

List of Object Lessons for 1st-3rd Standards. The Earth (Geo), Fish, Land (Geo), Toad, Bread, Elephant, The Cardinal Points, Owl, Harvest, Animal in Farm, The Sea, Autumn, Ramble in Woods, Swallow, Land (Geo), Water (Geo), Earth, (Shape & Motion), Candle, A Mountain, River, Birds (Bills), Birds (Feet), A Map, Matches, Tea and Dog.

Several of the above Object Lessons were altered by the direction of H.M. Inspector so that Sessions helpful to Geography might be taken.

Dec 16th. No particular occurrences. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Dec 22nd. School dismissed for Xmas Holidays.

Dec 25th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Good progress being made.

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Jan 9th. School reopened after Xmas Holidays. Read Government Report & copied same in Log Book.

Government Report 1897-8.

Steady progress has been made during the year which gives promise of further success. The Scholars are well behaved and earnest in their work. They do well in singing from note, Drawing & Needlework; they also show a creditable improvement in Handwriting. Much of the Elementary work and Recitation is of good quality, the oral class subject is very fairly taught. The Infants are satisfactorily instructed; a Modulator and somewhat easier Reading sheets in large type are needed for Class teaching. The Master has difficult work in this Rural school; his zeal and Conscientious Care are praiseworthy. K.J. Edwards is continued under Article 68 of the Code. Signed ?

Correspondent. W.C. Edwards Certified 1st Class Master. Kate J. Edwards Art 68. of the Code.

Jan 9th. Reopened School after Xmas Holidays. Anne Edwards commenced to act as Monitor.

Jan 16th. Punished J. Farrow slightly for laziness; he tried to kick me,-punished him again for this.

Jan 23rd. Everything much as usual. Attendance fair.

Jan 24th. Punished H. Harlock, for continued talking even at Prayer time. Received Notice of Aid Grant, which is to be for the purpose of "Maintenance of salary, £5 and effecting repairs, £12."

Jan 27th. No particular occurrence. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Received fresh supply of Books &c.

Feb 7th. Holiday given in the afternoon.

Feb 10th. No particular occurrence.

Feb 15th. Marked Registers at 9.20. Attended Church at 11.30. Holiday in afternoon.

Feb 16th. Registers checked and found correct. H. Godefroy.

Feb 17th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Feb 24th. Much as usual. Good progress being made.

March 3rd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited and gave lesson. Attendance good. Mr. Chambers the attendance officer for Union Committee has only attended 3 times since Xmas.

March 10th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave lesson. No visit from Attendance Officer this week again. Only 3 times since Xmas.

March 17th. Everything as usual. Four children absent from sickness. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

March 24th. Examination of School in presence of Rev, H. Godefroy Correspondent. End of 1st Term. The Rev, H. Godefroy chose the Dictation for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Standards. Rather hard for 1st term. Arithmetic treated in similar manner. Report of 1st & 2nd Standards Dictation and Geography of Upper Division. 2nd Standard, 9 examined. 6 were perfectly correct, and the others good. Writing is very neat and easy to read in this standard, and also in 1st Standard. Arithmetic in 2nd Standard, good. Geography. I have examined 4th-6th Standards in Geography of the British Isles and find that they have a very intelligent idea of the subject. Summery. Everything seems to be systematically and thoroughly. Signed H. Godefroy. March 24th 1899.

March 30th. Dismissed School for Ester Holidays.

April 10th. School reopened after Holidays.

April 14th. Good attendance. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. No visit from officer. Spoke to Rev, H. Godefroy about tree in playground that seems dangerous.

April 21st. Everything as usual. Good attendance, 63.2. Average. Rev, H. Godefroy visited & Mr. Tobally.

April 28th. Wet and Cold, attendance fell off.

May 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited School and tested registers. Registers Examined, and found Correct. H. Godefroy.

May 11th. Ascension Day.

May 12th. Good attendance this week. Average 66.3, the best for some years.

May 19th. Everything as usual. Attendance good, and progress very satisfactory.

May 26th. Much as usual. The Monitors much use in school. This school should never be without one.

June 2nd. School full of Children. Average for last quarter, 59.7, the largest average for some years.

June 9th. Much as usual. No Change, the usual round.

June 16th. Attendance about the same. No visitors.

June 23rd. Children more irregular. Average only 60, number on Books 76.

June 30th Four new children. On Books now 80. Average for week 69. A tree which overhangs the yard in front of girls Closets gives me much anxiety during this wet & windy time.

July 4th. Diocesan Examination.

July 7th. Many children away pea picking.

July 14th. The Rev, H. Godefroy visited school, gave lesson & examined registers. Attendance still bad.

Registers checked and found correct. H. Godefroy.

July 21st. No particular occurrence. Weather very hot, attendance good.

July 28th. Weather hot, attendance good, average 66.4.

Aug 4th. Attendance fair. Punished R. Hasler, continued laziness. She is 9 years old & does not know even 3 times table, a bright girl too. Punished W. Oval, rude conduct to one of the girls.

Aug 7th. Bank Holiday.

Aug 9th. Dismissed School for Harvest Holidays. Average for quarter. ?

Sept 11th. Reopened School after Holidays, attendance good.

Sept 15th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave lesson in morning.

Sept 18th. High winds prevalent today. The Elm trees which surround the playground sway very much as the wind is West. As Elm trees are remarkably brittle it seems to me that if they are not lopped they will become dangerous during Autumn months, if they are not already.

Sept 22nd. Registers tested. Found correct. H. Godefroy.

Sept 29th. Large attendance one day this week, 73 being present. Rev, H. Godefroy visited and gave usual lesson.

Oct 2nd. Rather dull and damp. During the Autumn months the Infants Room is at all times very dark, especially the latter part of the afternoon. This is caused by the large number of trees which surround the School.; they also darken the larger room to a lesser extent.

Oct 6th. The Rev, H. Godefroy gave usual lesson. Attendance very poor, weather damp & gloomy.

Oct 13th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave usual lesson; attendance improved.

Oct 20th. Attendance very good this week. Average 69.4, the largest for twelve years.

Oct 27th. School full, good progress, but some of the children admitted this year are very backward.

Nov 3rd. Things much as usual. Not so many children present owing to wet weather.

Nov 6th. Large branch fell quite close to girls closet on Saturday, from the tree which overhangs it.

Nov 10th. Rather wet week, attendance smaller.

Nov 13th. Fires commenced today.

Nov 14th 1899. Visit of Inspection. Art 84 V. W. Mulhall

Nov 22nd. Punished Bertie Clark for gross misconduct.

Nov 24th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Received notice of Aid Grant from Education Department, Additional Monitor £5, Increase of Salary Head Teacher £5, Repair of roof £5.

Nov 30th. School Year ends. Average for year 60.7. A large number of Admissions during the year; 31 in all, but the increase in average has been only 3.7, consequently the work has been very hard and wearying.

Dec 8th. Smaller attendance, several wet days. Punished W. Wright (slightly) for carelessness.

Dec 15th. Things going on much as usual. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Dec 21st. School broke up for Xmas Holidays.

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Jan 8th. School reopened.

Jan 12th. Punished W. Wright (slightly) Carelessness.

Report for year 1898-9 received from Education Department.

A good years work has been done and the school is in good order. The Master is practically unaided in the work of teaching six standards, but he accomplishes it with Considerable success. The Reading and Oral Answering of the lower division of the School are not yet good but the upper division has improved generally and the higher Grant for the class subject is therefore recommended, though with some hesitation. The Infants are fairly well ordered and taught. K.

J. Edwards is continued under Article 68 of the Code. W. C. Edwards. Master. Signed H. Godefroy. Correspondent.

Jan 23rd. W. C. Edwards ill. No school.

Jan 24th. W. C. Edwards ill. School taken by Rev, H. Godefroy and Miss Edwards. Dismissed for the rest of the week. H. Godefroy. Correspondent.

Jan 28th. Mr. Edwards died. School closed for the week.

Feb 5th. School reopened. Miss Humphreys from Romford (C.E.) St Edwards in charge.

Feb 7th. Sydney Benbow readmitted.

Feb 12th. Attendance very low, owing to inclement weather. Number on books 73. Number present 36.

Feb 13th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited.

Feb 14th. Owing to fall of snow only a few children came. No school held. H.G.

Feb 15th. School opened, but weather still severe, and attendance bad.

Feb 19th. Succeeded Mr. W. C. Edwards (deceased) in the charge of this school. The attendance is low owing to the bad weather and other circumstances. Am working single handed this week, as the house is not ready for residence. Hy. P.Edden.

Feb 22nd. Registers tested. Correct. H. Godefroy.

Feb 23rd. Owing to the excertions made, am glad to record an improvement in the average attendance. Average this week being 50.1, an increase of 12 over last week.

Feb 26th. Mrs. Edden (Article 50 & 52 O.C.) assumed the charge of the Infants division from this morning. Have reorganised the Time Table, and am resting same prior to submitting it to H.M.I. for his approval.

Feb 28th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this afternoon and spoke to the children. Today being Ash Wednesday-(No holiday given).

March 2nd. Double session held today, and school dismissed at 3.pm. to commemorate the relief of Ladysmith. Average this week 61.5. A very marked improvement has set in, and children are gaining the lost ground.

March 6th. The Rev, H. Godefroy came in this morning and gave a. lesson on greed.

Children losing restlessness.

March 9th. Some children who had been ill returned this week, but this increase was counteracted by three cases of Measles. Average attendance is just above last week, viz 61.7 %. The improvement in this respect bids fair to be continuous. In the matter of cleanliness and personal appearance there has been a distinct betterment.

March 16th. There was this week a further increase in attendance, among those who had recently been ill. Mrs. Edden was absent today owing to the illness (Bronchitis) of one of our children. Since Wednesday reports have been coming in, that several children had contracted Measles, affecting no less than 27 scholars. Reported same to Correspondent & Vicar, who acting on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, decided to close the Schools. A notice, of which the following is a copy, was affixed to each of the school entrances.

<u>Copy</u>. Notice is hereby given that owing to the outbreak of Measles in the district, the Medical Officer of Health has ordered the closing of the schools. Further notice will be given when the schools will be open. Signed H. Godefroy. Apparatus for the use of the children received, consisting of Needlework material including frame.; B.bd. J. sq. & Thermometers for school use.

April 18th. Reopened school on Wednesday in Easter Holiday-being curtailed on account of closure from Measles, having extended over a period of four weeks. Four new scholars were admitted. Weekly average 60.3.

April 20th. Some cases of Measles are still reported.

April 23rd. The unusual number of new scholars were admitted today. Of the 14 children so recently admitted, only 3 are above the 1st Standard, 1 in the 1st Standard, the remainder being in Infants division. For some lessons the 1st Standard are now in the class room with the Infants division under charge of Mrs. Edden. Mabel Brown acting as Monitress-on one months trial.

April 24th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited, and distributed the prizes for the year ended Nov. 99.-Eighteen books for regular attendance.

April 27th. Owing to the number so suddenly increasing the average attendance for this week is 77.6 %., an increase of 17.3 on last week. Number <u>now</u> on books. 88. Number present at all 80.

May 1st. As an incentive to more regular and punctual attendance, have began a system of report cards from this date.

May 4th. Registers checked & found correct. H. Godefroy. Number on books 85. Average 80.5.

May 10th. Cases of Flagrant cheating having occurred very frequently of late, resorted this day to corporal punishment (1st time) as a means of stamping it out.

May 11th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave the children a lesson this morning on the Catechism,-especially noting the evils of dishonesty etc. Average attendance this week 78. %.94. Number on books 83. Four recently removed. The % attendance is still exceedingly high. Only two absent all the week, and both these are ill. The percentage for week ending May 4th. was 94.7 and was the highest average since records have been kept. Slightly lower this week owing to severe weather on Monday & Tuesday.

May 17th. H.M.I. (W. Mulhall Esq.) visited this morning and tested the work of the school. He also tested the boy's Drawing and the girls Needlework. The new Time Table was also signed. A stock of school stationary-work for kindergarten and exercise books for the Standards-delivered this morning. Number present this morning 79.

May 18th. Double sessions held today. Attendance this week again excellent. Average 79.5. Percentage 96.

May 24th. Ascension Day. Registers closed 8.50. Church service at 11. Holiday in afternoon.

May 25th. Average attendance this week 81. Last week of quarter. (71). Percentage for this week 96.4 (including one case absent all week.).

June 1st. Attendance not so good. The children still work hard and seem anxious to make up for lost time. Mark List for May compiled today. 6th Standard best with 90.5 % of marks. Closed today for Whitsun Holidays-(Monday & Tuesday).

June 6th. Reopen today. Very good muster.

June 7th. Heavy thunderstorm broke over the school. Registers not closed till 2.10.pm. Attendance not affected, all children eventually coming in. Closed at 4.10.pm.

June 8th. Average attendance this week 78.7. Four children away all week. Holidays. Steady progress is being made by all, and there seems every prospect of its continuance. Reading of 2nd Standard is not good.

June 15th. Thursday in this week being the day on which "Bear Fair" was held. Registers closed at 1.45 and children dismissed at 3.45. All present. The average attendance this week is the highest that has ever been, viz. 83.1. the percentage too is exceedingly high. 99 percent; one girl is still away ill, (now 13 weeks.). New set of sums taught in 6th Standard. The Arithmetic in 2nd & 3rd Standards is still very backward. It appears that Tables had never been taught them.

June 22nd. There have been heavy showers this week, but the children have attended exceedingly well. An improvement is noticeable in Arithmetic in the outer room; while the Infants have improved in all ways. Average attendance 82.9.

June 29th. The percentage is somewhat lower this week. There are one or two cases of sickness which pull down the numbers. Those who are at school are working well.

July 7th. The hay is now ready and constant care is required to keep the children at school. The % is 95 for this week.

July 14th. As mentioned last week, the attendance was likely to fall owing to hay making. This has suffered, and so also has the work of the children in school. The heat in the outer room being almost unbearable. Thermometer 83½.°

July 16th. Weather again very sultry. Allowed boys to divest themselves of coats this afternoon. Girls at Needlework in playground. School photos taken. Lessons interrupted. The little children's lessons for the last 10 days have been taken (as far as practicable) in the playground. Thermometer. 86°.

July 17th. Weather again very sultry-85°.

July 20th. This has been an exceedingly trying week owing to the general heat. Average heat 84½°. Attendance somewhat less this week, owing to pea picking & hay making. Average 78.9. Two children left this day (Art & Am Theobald). Mental Arithmetic very faulty.

July 26th. Visited Squirrels Heath today. Six of our children attending same. Attendance low in consequence.

July 27th. A very heavy thunderstorm broke over the school at 3.30. and continued till 4.30. when it somewhat abated. Children were dismissed at 4.40. Average attendance for week 80.7, still good.

July 31st. Registers tested & found correct. H. Godefroy.

Aug 2nd. Registers closed at 9.15. No Scripture taken. School dismissed at 11.30 for treat in afternoon in the grounds of Dagnam Park, kindly lent by Sir T. Neave Bart. School closed this day for the Harvest Holidays. Reassembled on Monday 3rd. Sept. Average this week 83.1.

Sept 3rd. Resumed School this morning. 72 present. During the holidays two children have left the neighbourhood.

Sept 7th. Average attendance 76. Percentage 96, on books 84.

Sept 10th. Mabel Brown was allowed to leave school at 2.30 owing to feeling unwell.

Sept 11th. Mabel Brown (monitor) away today. Harvest Festival today (Rev, J.B. Frost leaving). Rev H. Godefroy visited the school this morning.

Sept 12th. Mabel Brown returned this morning. Mrs. Edden absent (unwell). Mrs J.H. Smith and a lady friend visited the school. They expressed their approval and pleasure both as to children's improved appearance and the methods lately introduced for securing neatness, attendance and intelligence.

Sept 14th. Two more children left the district this week. Average attendance 75.6. Percentage 90. On books 84.

Sept 20th. The Sanitary Inspector for this district called this morning and examined the offices etc. He made several suggestions, but will make his report in writing to the Managers. Registers closed and children dismissed earlier this afternoon on account of the marriage of one of the Manager's daughter (Miss M. Crossman). During playtime the sum of five shillings in half pence was distributed to the children, by the wish of Mr. Crossman. Mr. Watt, Manager and several friends (6) visited school and heard children sing and read. Number present 79.

Sept 21st. On books 82. Present at all 80. Average 76.5. % 93.4.

Sept 24th. From notice received this morning, several children will be leaving at the end of this week, or next. This is especially disheartening, happening in the fourth quarter, as work has been very heavy, and those leaving are amongst the most forward.

Sept 26th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Sept 28th. On books 82. Present at all 80. Average 78.5. % 96.

Oct 1st. Six children taken off the roll this morning and three have been admitted - a net loss of three. More will leave at the end of the week

Oct 3rd. Two children (Infants) admitted this morning.

Oct 4th. Heavy fall of rain at dismissal. Children detained for about 20 minutes.

Oct 5th. On books 81. Average 76.8. % 95. Present at all 80.

Oct 8th. Three children taken off the books this morning and one admitted, again a loss.

Oct 9th. Very heavy Westerly winds now prevail. which blew down branches of the trees surrounding school. Fortunately some of the more dangerous looking boughs were lopped during the first week in September. Some of the tile on the roof are loosening.

Oct 12th. A supply of disinfectant received today, per favour of J.H. Smith Esq. immediately put it to use in the latrines. On books 79. Present at all 75. Average 71.9. % 91. Four children away ill this week with Chicken Pox.

Oct 15th. Began fires in school today. Weather very cold.

Oct 17th. Miss Burrel visited this afternoon.

Oct 19th. On books 80. Present 79. Average 76.5. % 95.6. The Rev, H. Godefroy was this afternoon presented with a handsome clock (striking hours and half hours) and a silver platter fruit dish. These were the gift of the children and parents to him on the occasion of his approaching marriage, Oct 22nd 1900.

Oct 25th. The railings in front of the school were repaired today by the placing of four new struts (3' deep) against the posts for support. Very wet today.

Oct 26th. On books 80. Present 80. Average 78.5 % 98. Although the weather is very bad, children attended exceedingly well.

Oct 29th. School closed pm. today. Half holiday given to commemorate the return of the City Imperial Volunteers to London, from the war in South Africa.

Nov 1st. Mrs. Edden away today, owing to Boys serious illness.

Nov 2nd. Still away. (child somewhat easier). Number on books 79. Number present 79. Average 76.1. % 96.3. October Term Examination today in outer room. Time Table disarranged in consequence. Owing to the excessive rain, the ceiling in the girls closet has given way and fallen, luckily while no one was near it.

Nov 5th. One admitted and two removed this morning. Mrs Edden returned to school this morning.

Nov 6th. Mrs. J.H. Smith and Miss Burrel called this afternoon, heard the Infants sing and inspected Kindergarten work.

Nov 7th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning. 74 present. 4 absent (ill). Registers checked and found correct. H. Godefroy.

Nov 9th. With the exception of those absent from illness, the attendance this week has been all but perfect. Number on books 78. Number present 76. Average 74.2. % 95.

Nov 12th. Three children admitted this morning.

Nov 14th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Nov 16th. The attendance for this week is again remarkably good. The percentage is 98 (the highest for several weeks) and this in spite of the exceeding bad weather that has been prevalent lately. On books 81. Present at all 80. Average 79.6. % 98.2.

Nov 19th, Owing to the early drawing in of the days and taking into consideration the very long distances that the little ones travel (2½ to 3. miles, register are now (till Xmas) closed at 1.30.pm. and the children are dismissed at 3. 30.pm. to enable them to reach home before darkness sets in.

Nov 20th. Notice of Grant received - £10.0.0. £5 for Master. £5 for Monitor.

Nov 21st. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Nov 23rd. On books 80. Present 79. Average 77.6. % 97.

Nov 26th. Visit of Inspection. Florence King. All 12. R.x. W.x. A.x. 4th. Standard. J. Wodyes.

The above girl was examined for a labour certificate at the Inspection. Numbers present 6th Standard. 4. 5th Standard. 5. 4th Standard. 13. 3rd. Standard. 8. 2nd. Standard. 10. 1st Standard. 7. Infants. 26. = 73. Mr. J.H. Smith came in to see about the closets and their improvement. H.M.I. inspected them at same time and suggested improvements. The Inspector spoke about the bad condition of the ceilings and the want of light in the classroom.

Nov 27th. Children promoted today, Miss H. Burrel came in while this was proceeding. Rev, H. Godefroy called in this morning.

Nov 30th. School year ends today. Attendances for this week have been perfect, although however three children left the district last Monday. On books 77. Present 77. Average 76.5. % 99+. I find that no less than eleven children were admitted this quarter, and twenty one left, thus being a loss of ten. During the year 35 have left and 33 have been admitted. This naturally makes the teachers work much more difficult than it would otherwise would be. The average attendance for the year just ended is 71.4., and this as well as the numbers admitted and left is as far as can be ascertained-a record for each.

Dec 3rd. New school year commenced today.

Dec 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy came this morning.

Dec 6th. Managers annual meeting held this evening in class room to fill form 9. Thirty shillings was voted for prizes on account of increase of average attendance. (60.7 to 71.4).

Question of additional monitor.

Dec 7th. End of first week. Five children left the district this week, thus the numbers on books are now reduced to 72. Present 71. Average 69.2. % 96.

Dec 14th. On books 72. Present 71. Average 69.6. % 96.

Dec 17th. Five children away owing to severe colds.

Dec 19th. School closed (pm.) for Xmas Holidays. Prizes and certificates earned during the past year were distributed at the Children's Concert, held in the school during the evening. The funds raised-about £2.10.0. were used to provide mats for the three doors, also a clock and a lamp for the class room..

Dec 28th. Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report for the year ending 30th Nov 1900.

The school has suffered from changes of staff and epidemic sickness, but the present teachers have made a very successful attempt to recover lost ground, and the outlook for the future is most hopeful. The children are in excellent order and the teaching throughout is bright and intelligent, and both teachers deserve much credit for the improvement they have effected in a comparatively short space of time. A better grasp of the principles underlying the Arithmetical rules, and greater readiness in making mental calculations and in answering questions on the matter of the Reading lessons are points to be aimed at. The roof leaks badly, and the offices are in an unsanitary condition. These matters are receiving the attention of the Committee and proposals for remedying them, will shortly be submitted to the Board of Education. The Staff must be strengthened if a Grant under Article 105 of the Code is to be again claimed next year. H.M.Inspector has had some hesitation in reporting that the school has been well taught during the last school year within the meaning of Article 105. I am to (inform) return Form 54 (see Article 8b).

Staff. H.P. Edden. Certificated. M. Edden. Art 50. Signed H. Godefroy.

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Jan 7th. Reopened the school after the Xmas holidays. Poor attendance owing to heavy fall of snow.

Jan 8th. Snow fell again very heavily today.

Jan 9th. Rev, H. Godefroy came in this morning.

Jan 10th. Rev, H. Godefroy this afternoon distributed the open prizes for Drawing, Needlework & General Progress, (the last two being the gifts of the Master & Mistress).

Managers Meeting this evening held in school room. Ethel Rumble appointed monitor

(probationary, on one months trial.). Question raised as to amount of Grant due to the late master. Proposed Voluntary Rate of 3d in the £ to be submitted to the

ratepayers for acceptance. Meeting adjourned to 24th instant to receive the report on the proposed rate.

Jan 11th. The attendance this week has been the lowest for months past. On books 71. Present 61. Average 58.4. % 82.

Jan 14th. One re-admitted and three left today.

Jan 16th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning and paid the master the share of grant due. Mrs. Edden absent part of the day, being called to London on account of illness of her mother.

Jan 17th. Mrs. Edden returned today. Some annoyance was caused over the punishment of a boy (J. Cross) through the mis-statement of other children. This boy had been punished (see C.P. book) for indecency and untruthfulness and was held in till his mother came. The matter was also explained to the father who concurred in the punishment administered. Owing to tale bearing on the part of other scholars, the man came again in the morning and tried to create a disturbance, and using bad language. He was requested to leave the premises.

Jan 18th. A Cross came to school this morning. He was sent home with a message to his mother requesting her to attend the school with him, and see the Master, but he did not return. This is a most troublesome boy & although only 6 1/2 years of age is almost incorrigible. On books 68. Present 66. Average 63.6. & 94.

Jan 21st. Started scale drawing in 2nd Standard. Two admitted.

Jan 22nd. "Her Majesty the Queen breathed her last at 6.30 pm. surrounded by her children and grandchildren".-Copy of Official Telegram.

Jan 23rd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited school this morning.

Jan 24th. Managers Meeting in Schoolroom at 8 pm. The Managers submitted the list of the Ratepayers who had agreed to the proposed voluntary rate of 3d in the £, a sum of £16.13.0d will be raised. This rate will be collected by Mr Baker the rate collector for the district.

Jan 25th. On books 70. Present 67. Average 65.5. % 93.5. The offices, which have been undergoing reconstruction, are now complete. The arrangements of the seats have been altered, and the doors now open outwards. The cesspits have been remade with concrete sides and bottom; air shafts are now provided to carry off the foul air and ventilation has been provided in each of the closets. The boy's urinal too has been re drained with four inch pipe and now flows into a proper bricked well mad expressly for that purpose. A four foot six fence has been made as a division between the Masters premises and the Girls Offices.

J.H. Smith Esq. (Manager) has kindly offered to plant evergreen bushes along the aforesaid fence. The path leading to the girls offices, and the brickwork flooring in the boys offices have both been made good.

Jan 30th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited the school this morning.

Feb 1st. On books 70. Present 64. average 62.3. % 89. This is lowest percentage for many weeks and is mainly owing to the absence of three children whose mother is dangerously ill.

Feb 4th. One boy ill through Rheumatic Fever.

Feb 5th. Excessively heavy fall of snow during the night (average depth 7 1/2"). Only 9 children came in, and these being wet through were sent home. School closed.

Feb 6th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited. Fifty children present. One case of Measles reported today, children in the house prohibited to attend till recovery of patient.

Feb 8th. On books 68. Present 65. Average 58.2. % 85.5. This percentage is good if account be taken of the very inclement snow prevailing weather.

Feb 12th. Mrs. Edden away today through illness.

Feb 13th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Feb 15th. On books 69. Present 60. Average 58.1 % 84.

Feb 18th. Two admitted (girls) and five left.

Feb 20th. Registers marked at 8.45 and closed at 8.55 to enable school to be dismissed at 11. Children taken to church for service. Ash Wednesday given in the afternoon.

Feb 21st. Notice of Supplementary Aid Grant £10.0s.0d.

Feb 22nd. Attendance improved somewhat this week. On books 69. Present 66. Average 61.4. % 90.

March 1st. Registers tested and found correct. Robert Watt. On books 69. Present 67. Average 61.6. % 90. End of first quarter of school year. Average for quarter 63.

March 6th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

March 9th. On books 68. Present 68. Average 65.1 % 96.

March 12th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning; Miss Burrel also called. Mrs Edden absent today.

March 13th. The roof (see H.M.I. Report. pp. 207-8) which has been in need of repair, was partly stripped today, preparatory to repairing the dangerous portions.

March 16th. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 64.9. % 95. The attendance now for some weeks has been exceedingly good, although the weather has been very unfavourable. This is all the more to the credit of the school children.

March 19th. Several children (25) late this afternoon, owing to the proximity of the hounds etc.. Cautioned the children on the matter of straying too far from the school premises.

March 21st. Very heavy rain during the night and early morning. Smaller children away today. Rev, H. Godefroy did not pay usual call.

March 22nd. J.H. Smith called this morning to note the progress of the repairs (roofing).

March 23rd. On books 68. Present 66. Average 62. % 91.

March 25th. Three children admitted this morning.

March 26th. Missionary address with lantern views given in the school this evening.- S P G.

March 29th. On books 71. Present 68. average 66.5. % 94. Mr. & Mrs. Sands and Miss Harper called in this afternoon and heard the children sing and recite, expressing themselves as being highly gratified with the progress and intelligence shown.

March 31st. Census of England & Wales. 1901. taken this day. Gave instructions on the filling up of the forms on three occasions last week.

April 1st. Repairs to roof (began 13th March) were completed today. Rafters tested, battens renewed, slates relied (renewed where required), bell tower shifted 4' to North and away from the chimney and gutter re-laid and leaded. repaired also, leak in Masters house (roof) and damaged tiles at back of school roof, caused by recent high winds.

April 4th. Closed the school pm. today for the Easter Holidays. Attendance very high this week. On books 71. Present 69. Average 68.7. % 97.

April 15th. Reopened school today after Easter recess. Six children admitted this morning (with the exception of one, all belong to the infant division of the school).

April 17th. Registers checked and found correct. On books 77. Present 76. H. Godefroy.

April 19th. On books 77. Present 77. Average 75.7. % 98. This is exceedingly good for the week after the holiday. Children have been working well this week.

April 22nd. One child admitted this morning and one other re-admitted.

April 23rd. St. George's Day. Patriotic Songs sung during the Singing lesson. Special lesson on patron saints formed last lesson today.

April 26th. On books 79. Present 79. Average 77.3. % 98. This attendance is still remarkably high.

April 29th. Admitted one child this morning.

May 1st. Old English customs explained this morning in place of the usual object lesson (wed).

May 3rd. On books 80. Present 80. Average 76.3. % 95.4. A slight fall from last weeks, still good.

May 8th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

The Rev, H. and Mrs. Godefroy came into school this afternoon, and inspected the Drawing of the boys and the Needlework of the girls. They also heard the singing and recitation and expressed themselves as highly satisfied with everything that came under their notice.

May 10th. On books 80. Present 80. Average 74.9 % 93.7. Attendance slightly lower this week, owing to heavy fall of rain on the 9th.(Thursday), and this morning. Some of the wood from the Elms at the north end of the school fell today and other dangerous limbs broken down to prevent any chance of accident therefrom.

May 15th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning and informed the master of the closing of the school on the 16th.

May 16th. Ascension Day. School closed today.

May 17th. On books 80. Present 80. Average 77.5. % 97.. an increase in the attendance this week. Two children taken off the roll from today.

May 22nd. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning. Information sent to the Board of Education of the closure of the school on the 13th of June for the Diocesan Inspection at 2 pm.

May 24th. The high winds which have been prevalent this week have snapped several branches from the trees surrounding the playground, happily without any damage to the children. Closed school this afternoon for Whitsun Holidays (Monday & Tuesday only). On books 78. Present 78. Average 76.5. % 98.

May 29th. Reopened school this morning after the Whitsun recess. "Oak Apple Day". Special lesson to Upper division as well as Lower, instead of usual Object Lesson on the escape of Charles 2nd from Worcester. Oak favours worn.

May 31st. On books 77. Present 77. Average 74. % 96. The heat in school during the last three days has been almost unbearable. No rain has fallen for the last three weeks. Cases of fainting occurred in school on Wednesday & Thursday morning (due in two cases to the long walk to school). One boy, W. Collins-seriously unwell.

June 2nd. Three children absent today on account of the death of their mother, (Mrs. Barnard. Wrightsbridge).

June 4th. Miss Burrel with two lady friends (from Newark) paid a visit to the school this morning to note the working of a country school as contrasted with that of a town.

June 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited the school this morning.

June 6th. "Bear Fair" held today. Registers in the afternoon were closed at 1.45 and the children were dismissed at 3.45 in consequence. Only two were absent who had been present at all, and these with permission. Mr. Godefroy called at the close of school to take the Bank and Clothing money.

June 7th. On books 77. Present 73. Average 71.9. % 94.

June 11th. Several cases have occurred lately of falls in the playground, and the children,-girls mostly, have hurt themselves (some rather seriously); the cause, being as far as can be ascertained, due to the looseness of the stones in the yard, not to rough play.

June 12th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning. The Infant Mistress absent from school p.m. (unwell).

June 13th. Diocesan Inspection p.m. today by Rev, E.H. Grain. Number on books 77. Number Present 76.

June 14th. On books 77. Number present 76. Average 73.2. % 95.

June 17th. Copy of Diocesan Inspectors Report. Noak Hill School Inspected.

June 13th 1901. Number on books 77. Number present 76.

<u>Viva Voce</u> Infants.- Owing to the recent admission of many infants only a small proportion were able to answer the questions. These however answered well. <u>Lower & Upper Divisions</u>. These two divisions if it were possible fro them to be

Lower & Upper Divisions. These two divisions if it were possible fro them to be taught separately, might attain better results. These remarks apply especially to the Lower Division which might very well take a simpler and shorter syllabus. Many of the children in the Upper Division answered very well.

<u>Written Work.</u> Under the present teacher there is good reason to look for a distinct advance, especially in the current year. Signed. E.H. Grain. Diocesan Inspector.

H. Godefroy. Correspondent.

Mrs. Edden absent today.

June 18th. Mrs. Edden went to London today to seek medical advice for internal complaint. Rev, H. Godefroy visited the school this morning. Head Master absent till 9.40 a.m. this morning.

June 21st. Longest day. Special lesson in Geography given in outer room this morning. On books 74. Present 73. Average 70.8. % 96. Three children's names removed from the books this week., (Transferred to St Edwards. Romford).

June 24th. Mrs. Edden absent, still in London. Miss Neave visited the school this morning and inspected the work of the Infants and heard the singing and recitation of the outer room, she also saw the writing and exercise books. The last lesson was consequently disarranged. Miss Neave enlisted the sympathy of the children on behalf of the London Hospital-by penny subscriptions. She expressed herself as particularly pleased with the neatness of the work, and also on that of the children's personal appearances.

June 26th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning; brought Scripture Syllabus for the year 1901.

June 28th. On books 74. Present 72. Average 70.2. % 95. Haymaking, taking place this week, has necessitated constant attention to keep up the average. There has been only one offender in this respect.

July 1st. Two children (one boy, one girl) admitted this day. Mrs. Edden (Infants Mistress) returned to school this morning. During her absence the Infants Division has been taken by Ethel Rumble (with Mabel Brown) under the personal supervision of the Head Master.

July 2nd. Received notice of Aid Grant this day. <u>Purposes</u> (a) To maintain the present charge for salaries £10 0 0. (b) Minor improvements.-Inside Paint & Whitewash £7 10 0. making a total of £17 10 0. Rev, H. Godefroy called in this afternoon to announce the flower service to be held on Sunday. Just as the school was dismissing, heavy rain fell, the children were detained in consequence, till the heaviest of the storm was over; which was about 4.45 pm. Whilst waiting, music was taken by the outer room.

July 3rd. Second Term Examination held today in outer room, lesson disarranged thereby.

July 4th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this afternoon for subscriptions to Bank, and also brought two bibles-Philip Lord Wharton gift to be given away-two prayer books will follow. Weather very hot today. 79 in school this afternoon.

July 5th. On books 76. Present 75. Average 72.9. % 96. As far as possible, lessons are taken in the shade of the trees during this horrid weather. (Temp 81).

July 8th. One girls name removed from the roll this morning, left for work. (labour certificate obtained Nov. 26th last), see log for that date.

July 9th. Sir Thomas Neave sent for information as to the Number of children and the date of the annual school treat to be held at Dagnams.

July 10th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited the school (a.m.).

July 12th. On books 75. Present 73. Average 71.2. % 95.

July 15th. St. Swithins Day. Miss Ethel Rumble absent p.m. today with leave.

July 16th. Sunday School treat at Squirrels Heath this afternoon, six children attending this school absent, to attend said treat. Weather still very hot. July 18th. A drain at the back of the school premises (masters house) which had been blocked up for some time, was dug, properly cleansed, and relayed. This same drain had been very offensive for weeks past. The smaller children in the Infants Room were allowed to sleep during the second lesson owing to the excessive heat. This same privilege will be continued until the vacation-(Tuesday & Thursday).

July 19th. Number on books 75. Present 73. Average 72. % 96. This is all the more creditable to the long distance children.

July 22nd. Rapid fall of the thermometer to 70.f. Attendance today has been perfect, children working well.

July 25th. Very heavy rain fell dinner time, but fortunately the children had all returned before the worst came on. Only one child was absent in the afternoon. Mental Arithmetic is still very faulty (especially 3rd and 4th Standards).

July 26th. There has been an excessive run on the school pump during the past week, owing to the fact that "Raisons pump" was polluted by the carcasses of rats and other rodents. This has now been remedied and the pump and well properly cleaned and sealed. Several slight cases of diarrhoea had been reported.

July 27th. On books 75. Present 74. Average 73.9. %98.5. This attendance is phenomenal. (but is without doubt owing to the proximity of the annual treat), only on e case of absence, other than one of continued illness during the whole week. Owing to the attendance much good work has been able to be accomplished, and work has been a pleasure.

July 31st. Register checked and found correct. H. Godefroy. School closed this day for the Harvest Holidays. To be reopen Sept. 2nd. On books 75. Present 74. Average 74. % 99.

Sept 2nd. This should have been the date of the Re-opening of the school after the Harvest Holidays, but as the school etc. is not yet out of the hands of the decorators, a weeks further holiday has been given. The whole of the Interior has been renovated, the ceilings have been whitened, the walls coloured and painted, the porch and cloakroom also have been treated in like manner. The pegs in the cloakroom have been rearranged to facilitate the hanging of wearing apparel. The W.C.s have also been whitened, coloured and painted on the inside.

Sept 5th. The workmen finished decorations today.

Sept 9th. School reopened this morning. A very good attendance. One boy (William Collins) still absent owing to eyesight; and another (Albert Goddard) in hospital suffering from blood poisoning and rheumatics.

Sept 11th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning and brought with him two prayer books (Lord Whartons Gift) thus completing the set. These were given to the recipients after p.m. school. The four winners were Sidney Benbow, Ethel Cook (bibles), Charles Salmon & Mabel King (prayer books).

Sept 13th. End of first week of last quarter. Children seem to have forgotten much of their work, but are trying their best to regain. On books 71. Present 67. Average 66.4. % 93.5. The four not present are away on account of illness.

Sept 18th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited the school this morning, and noted the progress of work in the outer room, and heard the Reading in the classroom. Bill for Re- decoration to hand this morning, total cost £10 9 0. (N.B. Aid Grant £7 10 0.).

Sept 20th. School requisites to hand this morning. On books 71. Present 69. Average 69. % 97, with the exception of absence from illness, the attendance is again perfect. Another case of illness (Medical Certificate) reported this morning. A girl (L. Laundy) suffering from bad eyesight, and attending Moorfields.

Sept 23rd. Received notice this morning, that two families (affecting five children) will be leaving the district at the end of the present week.

Sept 27th. On books 71. Present 68. Average 67.4. % 95. The attendance is still very high, and has thus enabled the teachers to recover some of the lost ground; owing to the long holidays.

Sept 30th. The names of three children removed from the roll this morning owing to their leaving the district, (Horace, Sam and Elsie Barnard. to Harold Wood).

Oct 2nd. Heavy rain yesterday and today affected attendance slightly. Those children whose clothes were wet were allowed to sit without whilst their garments were dried for them.

Oct 4th. On books 68. Present 64. average 62. % 91.

Oct 7th. Ethel Rumble (monitor) absent today. (ill). two children admitted this morning.

Oct 8th. Ethel Rumble present today.

Oct 10th. On books 70. Present 67. Average 66.1. % 94.5. Had it not been for 3 on books who have now been ill and absent for some weeks past the attendance would be almost perfect. Those children present are working hard and an improvement is now noticeable each week. Two special lessons on Geography have been added this week.

Oct 14th. Heavy rain again today.

Oct 16th. Special lesson in Grammar taken today.

Oct 18th. On books 70. Present 67. average 65.1. % 93. A slight fall owing to the heavy weather this week. Mrs. Edden left early this afternoon, 3.0 p.m.

Oct 21st. Fires started in school this morning. Owing to the terrible storm (accompanied by thunder and lightning) of Saturday last, the boys playground is impassable while the girls ground is but little better. Today the children all entered by the south porch to avoid the accumulation of mud etc. against the north porch.

Oct 25th. On books 70. Present at all 67. Average 65.8. % 94. A steady progress in the work is notable this week. Miss Burrel visited the school this afternoon, and inspected the needlework of the girls, she also saw the Infants

division go through their kindergarten games; expressing great satisfaction in everything she saw.

Oct 28th. One child a girl, Infants division, admitted this morning.

Oct 30th. Registers checked and found correct. H. Godefroy.

Oct 31st. Third Term Examination taken today.

Nov 1st. Third Term Examination completed today. Lessons during the last two days in consequence of the exam, have not been taken strictly according to Time Table. On books 71. Present 68. Average 67.2. % 95. Map of Noak Hill and district hung up.

Nov 4th. Two scholars (boys) taken off the roll today.

Nov 6th. Six children absent p.m. today, owing to the visit of Sangers Circus to Romford today. The fog which has prevailed since Monday (4th) has been phenomenally heavy.

Nov 8th. Miss Burrel called this afternoon. The Rev, H. Godefroy also called this afternoon and brought with him form 9 etc. Saving & bank and clothing club p.m. today. On books 69. Present 66. Average 65. % 94. This has been an extremely busy week (recapitulation etc). The leakage in the bell tower was repaired today.

Nov 13th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Nov 14th. School inspected. F. Dugard. On books 69. Number present 64.

Nov 15th. All the classes were promoted to their new positions today. Mrs. Smith and Miss Burrel called this afternoon. The needlework done by the girls during the present year was distributed today, to be sold at cost price. On books 69. Present 66. Average 65.4. %95. Again a very good attendance.

Nov 19th. Received a note from H.M.I. for Drawing books to be sent him.. Took same to Romford (was absent part of the afternoon in consequence.

Nov 21st. Rev, H. Godefroy called this afternoon (after school was closed) with reference to school accounts, expenses etc. for November.

Nov 22nd. The attendance has been perfect this week, and the new work is progressing very favourably indeed.

Nov 25th. Notice of Aid Grant £10. On books 69. Present 67. Average 67. % 97.

Nov 28th. Children assembled and dismissed half an hour earlier p.m. today, to allow for the preparation of room for choir concert. Proceeds for books etc.

Nov 29th. End of school year. On books 69. Present 67. Average 66.5. % 95. During the year 21 have been admitted and 24 have left, a net loss of 3: and unfortunately by far the greater number occurs during the first and fourth quarters of the school year, thus making the teachers work harder than it already is. The average for attendance for the current year is 68 a fall of 3.4 from last year. There is only one child at present on books under five years.

Dec 2nd. New school year commences today.

Dec 3rd. Miss Burrel called p.m. today.

Dec 4th. Mrs. Edden left school at 11 a.m. for Romford, to purchase calico etc, for the girls needlework for the ensuing year.

Dec 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this afternoon for bank and clothing club.

Dec 6th. Managers Meeting held in Infants Room this morning. The Registers & Accounts were examined and Form 11 filled in. Mrs. Smith and Miss Burrel visited the school during the afternoon. On Register 69. Present 66. Average 65. % 92.

Dec 9th. The master was absent part of the today for the purpose of proceeding to London to choose and purchase prizes for the past year. (30/- allowed for same).

Dec 12th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this afternoon.

Dec 13th. On Registers 69. Present 67. Average 66.3. % 96.

Dec 16th. Received first instalment of books, stationary and other apparatus for the ensuing year. The books for prizes for year ending the 30th November 1901 were also received today (prizes were to the value of 30/-).

Dec 18th. School dismissed p.m. today for the Xmas Vacation. School reassembles on January 6th 1902. The prizes for the Infants and 1st Standard were distributed at the close of school. Those for the outer room, 2nd to 7th Standards to be distributed by Mrs Smith at the children's annual concert which takes place tonight.

Weekly Summary. On books 69. Present 67. Average 67. % 97. with the exception of absence from illness, the attendance this week is perfect.

Dec 20th. Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report for the year ending 30th November. 1901.

The discipline and instruction have considerably improved during the first complete year under the present teachers. The Reading and Recitation, as well as much of the oral class teaching, show increased Brightness and intelligence. The written exercises are not yet strong. Drawing is well taught and the Needlework is very good. A marked advance has been made in the Infant Class which is now well ordered and successfully taught. Staff. Henry Percival Edden. Master. Certificated.

Minnie B. Edden. Mistress. Article 50. Signed. Harold Godefroy. Correspondent.

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Jan 6th. Reopened school today after Xmas Holidays.

Jan 9th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning. Registers examined & found correct. Small Pox very prevalent. H. Godefroy.

Jan 10th. On books 69. Present 65. Average 64.4. % 93.3.

Jan 14th. Miss Burrel visited the school this afternoon.

Jan 15th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Jan 17th. Many of the children have this week seemed to be very unwell; Eyes sunken and cheeks pale. No less than four different cases of fainting have occurred during school hours this week. The School Attendance Officer brought five notices (of notification for Vaccination and re-Vaccination), one hung in school and the other on School fence. Small Pox very bad at Romford. On books 69. Present 64. Average 62.7. % 94. The attendance has fallen this week, owing to sickness prevalent in the district. Portraits of King Edward 7th and Queen Alexandra hung on the school walls this week. Purchased from proceeds of Children's Concert. Xmas 1901. These make a splendid addition to the room, and improve its appearance.

Jan 20th. Mrs, Eddens absent today.

Jan 21st. Received notice from Dr. Wright (Medical Officer of Health) re proposed vaccination.

Jan 22nd. Vaccination took place today (3 p.m.) 36 in all, including 11 who were now vaccinated for the first time.

Jan 23rd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning and brought Official Copy of Illustrations and Notes to accompanying circular on Primary Drawing. Mrs. Edden again unwell, suffering from a severe attack of Influenza. List of 4 names viz:- A. Crowland 13 years and 2 months, Elizabeth King 11 years and 10 months, Reg Edden 8 years and 4 months and Mary Raison 8 years and 4 months-sent in for Lord Wharton Gift.

Jan 24th. On books 69. Present 66. Average 68.6. % 98.

Jan 27th. Started Composition Exercise with Infants and 4th & 5th Standards today.

Jan 29th. The Medical Officer of Health did not call today- as by his own appointment he should, the children and adults waited till 4.30 and were then dismissed.

Jan 31st. On books 67. Present 66. Average 66. % 98.5. Several of the children have suffered very severely from the vaccination, but none have stopped away on that account. New stock of Materials, Needlework & Kindergarten delivered today.

Feb 5th. Received Remainder (See Dec 16th) of Needlework & kindergarten Materials also new Books etc for the Standards viz 18 each of History, 2nd - 4th, and Geography 2nd - 4th, and 12 of Composition Exercises.

Feb 6th. Rev, H. Godefroy called today p.m. for bank & clothing club.

Feb 7th. On books 67. Present 66. Average 66. % 98.5. For the past three weeks the attendance has been perfect. The school work In consequence has made good progress.

Feb 10th. Miss Burrel called p.m. today.

Feb 12th. Registers closed at 8.50 a.m. today for school to be dismissed at 11 a.m, the children were then taken to Church for service. Ash Wednesday Holiday.

Feb 13th. Two bibles and two prayer books (Lord Wharton Prize) given away today, (see Jan 23rd 1902). New Consequence Clause today, hung in outer room.

Feb 14th. On books 67. Present 66. Average 65.1. % 97.

Feb 17th. Two children (girls) admitted today. Weather still keeps exceedingly cold.

Feb 18th. The Medical Officer of Health called this afternoon and inspected those who were vaccinated on the 22nd Jan. All had taken.

Feb 20th. Children taken to Church this morning at 8.55 a.m. for Lenten Services. Returned to school 9.45 a.m. (Thursday). Registers marked before starting, and closed on return. These services will be continued during Lent. (Thursdays). Rev, H. Godefroy called at noon today.

Feb 21st. On books 69. Present 68. Average 66.9. % 97.

Feb 27th. Church at 9 a.m. Rev, H. Godefroy called in during the morning. Weather exceedingly wet and cold.

Feb 28th. On books 68. Present 68. Average 66.9. % 98. One boy taken off this week. End of the first quarter. Average for same 65.7. % 96. Number admitted 2, left 3. On books at end of the quarter 68, 1 less than last year.

March 3rd. Ethel Rumble (now monitor) will cease her engagement on the 31st of this month.

March 4th. Two children (girls) admitted today.

March 8th. On books 70. Present 69. Average 67.2. % 96. A slight fall in % this week owing to sickness.

March 14th. School closed p.m. today. Holiday as a reward for high attendance during last quarter.

March 15th. On books 69. Present 69. Average 68.1. % 98.7. One boy removed from the roll this week, having left this district for London.

March 16th. Received from Correspondent this morning the subjoined letters Rev, Sir. With reference to the official letter of the 25th February 1902. I am directed by the Board of Education to request you to forward to this office, the admission attendance and summary registers of the above school. I have the honour to be Rev, Sir. Your obedient servant John R. Dasent. 12 3 02.

March 18th. Two children taken off the roll this week.

March 20th. Heavy showers prevalent today. Children detained at noon for about 10 minutes. Rev, H. Godefroy visited school this morning.

March 21st. Mrs. Edden absent this morning through illness. On books 67. Present 65. Average 63.4. % 94.6. Owing to sickness and bad weather there is a fall in the attendance for this week. Notice sent to the Board of Education re closing for Easter week.

March 27th. On books 67. Present 67. Average 66.1. % 98.6. Ethel Rumble ceased her duties as monitor today. Letter from the Board of Education. Rev, Sir.- Adverting to your letter of the 17th instant. I am directed by the Board of Education to return the enclosed Registers, and I am to point out that on the day

of H.M. Inspectors visit. 14th November 1901. the numbers registered were, older Scholars 42. Infants 21, the older children being to the infants as 2 to 1. H.M. Inspector however reports that 32 children were present in the Infants Class, and 32 in the mixed school. I am to request an explanation (Article 85d of the code). I have the honour to be Rev, Sir. Your obedient servant John R. Dasent. The forgoing is a copy of a letter in answer to the request of the Board of Education of the 16th February. Explained as follows:- Number present 63. i.e. 6th Standard 2. 5th Standard 9. 4th Standard 6. 3rd Standard 9. 2nd Standard 6. 1st Standard 10. Infants 21. The 1st Standard were on that morning under the charge of a monitor in the classroom.

April 7th. Reopened school after the Easter Holidays. Amy Gould appointed (on a months trial) as stipendiary monitor in place of Ethel Rumble. One (girl) admitted today.

April 9th. Rev, H. Godefroy. called this morning.

April 11th. On books 66. Present 64. Average 63.4. % 96. Two have been removed from the roll this week. One boy (6) and One girl (7) see April. 7.

April 15th. The Monitress (Amy Gould), absent today. (ill). Miss Burrel called p.m. today.

April 16th. Amy Gould returned to duty this morning. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning and brought with him the Aid Grant form to be filled in.

April 18th. On books 66. Present 66. Average 65. % 98.5.

April 21st. Admitted three children (girls) this morning in the Infants division of the school, each under five.

April 24th. Managers meeting held in classroom at 7 p.m. to fill up the Aid Grant Form. Money asked for as follows. Salaries £10 (to maintain) £5 (to increase). Gravel for playground £7. Repairing and painting fence £5. Painting etc. interior of premises £4, to be confirmed. To commemorate the "Coronation of Edward 8th" a book Entitled. "The Kings Realm", should be given to the elder children and a medal to be given to the younger children (estimated cost 25/-).

April 25th. St. Marks Day. Elder children (outer room) taken to church for the scripture lesson this morning, 9 to 9.40. On books 69. Present 68. Average 67.9. % 98 1/4.

April 29th. H.M.Is. visit School visited. A. H. Sadd. Nos. present. 6th. 4 + 5 = 9. 5th. 2 + 5 = 7. 4th. 3 + 3 = 6. 3rd. 4 + 3 = 7. 2nd. 7 + 2 = 9. 1st. 5 + 4 = 9. Infants 9 + 8 = 17. = 34 + 30 = 64. School closed p.m. today.

May 1st. St. Philip & St. James. Religious course in church. Notice sent to E.13. of closing school for May 8th (Ascension Day) and 5th June (Diocesan Inspection).

May 2nd. On books 69. Present 69. Average 67. % 97.1. A slight fall in the attendance this week owing to colds and sore throats. The weather has been very trying during the last fortnight.

May 6th. Weather bitterly cold. Thermometer 44° fires resumed, fall of snow during the morning.

May 8th. Ascension Day. No school today.

May 9th. On books 69. Present 69. Average 67.7. % 98.

May 11th. Severe storm (hail, rain and snow) broke over the school this afternoon. Boys playground flooded for some hours.

May 14th. J.H. Smith called this morning. Rev, H. Godefroy came in after afternoon school today.

May 16th. On books 69. Present 69. Average 67.9. % 98¼. Closed school. p.m. today for the Whitsun Holidays-one week-notice sent to the Board of Education on 12th.

May 26th. Reopened school after the Whitsun Holidays. Admitted two children in Infants Division, both girls and under five. 1st Standard wholly outside. Letter from Board of Education. Rev, Sir.-Adverting to your letter received on the 2nd. I am directed by the Board of Education, to request you to state the

number of attendances made by scholars in the 1st Standard during the year ending 30th Nov. 1901. 12/5/02.

May 27th. Mrs. Smith, Miss Burrel and a lady friend called at the school in the afternoon, and heard the singing and recitation of both rooms.

May 28th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning and tested the registers and gave usual lesson. Registers checked and found correct. H. Godefroy. Amy Gould absent from school today.

May 29th. Amy Gould returned to duty today. Registers marked and closed 30 mins earlier, p.m. today. "Bear Fair". On books 71. Present 70. Average 68.6. % 96.6.

End of second quarter.-Average 66.6.

June 2nd. Peace Proclamation received this morning. Flags hoisted on school, children sang patriotic songs. Extra play allowed this morning. "The King" and "Britannia" sang after grace. Cheers for the King were given. One child, boy, admitted today.

June 5th. Date of Diocesan Inspection, - 10 a.m. Number on books 72. Number Present 72. Rev, H. Godefroy called during the morning. Holiday p.m.

June 6th. Number on books 72. Number Present 72. Average 72. % 100. A record. First time during my leadership has 100 percent of attendance been made.

June 9th. A girl re-admitted this morning.

June 10th. Miss Burrel visited the school this morning.

June 11th. 2nd-7th. Standards had their religious instruction at church this morning. (St. Barnabas). Rev, H. Godefroy called in later with Diocesan Inspectors, Report.

Noak School Romford-School inspected June 5th.

Number on books 72. Present 72.

<u>Viva Voce.</u> Infants. This class passed a very good examination in all subjects. The repetition majestically well done.

Older Children. Great pains has evidently been taken in the religious instruction. The subjects had been thoroughly learned, and the lessons from the Bible narrative intelligently received.

Written Work. This was the first year in which composition, comprising answers to Bible questions, had been attempted. Great progress has been made in the written work.

General Remarks. Great interest is taken, both by teachers and pupils in the religious instruction. Not a single child was absent from the Examination. Signed. E.H. Grain. Diocesan Inspector.

June 13th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning. On books 73. Present 73. Average 72. % 98.6.

June 16th. The master absent today to attend and take part in, The Kings Coronation Review of Troops at Aldershot. School conducted by Mistress during his absence.

June 20th. School closed p.m. today. On books 73. Number present 70. Average 69.3. % 95. A fall in the attendance this week, owing to three boys being absent this week through ill health

June 24th. St. Johns Children at church 9.-9.45. Miss Burrel and a lady friend visited the school this morning. Rev, H. Godefroy also visited. News received at the close of school of the Kings serious condition (appendicitis) operation performed. School closed for remainder of week. Kings Bank Holiday-Festival etc. in Dagnam Park postponed till the recovery of the King. On books 73. Present 73 Average 72. % 98.6.

July 2nd. Funeral service, Miss Boyce late Housekeeper to Sir Thomas Neave.

July 3rd. Rev, h. Godefroy called p.m. today.

July 4th. On books 73. Present 73. Average 72. % 98.1.

July 11th. Amy Gould away today. On books 73. Present 73. Average 72. % 98.6.

July 14th. One boy, Infant under 5 admitted today.

Register checked and found correct. On books 74. Present 73. H. Watt.

July 18th. On books 74. Present 74. Average 72.9. % 98.5.

July 22nd. Letter from Rev, H. Godefroy . Adverting to previous correspondence. I am directed by the Board of Education to state that H.M. Inspector is of the opinion that the 1st Standard which is mainly taught with the Infants, should be regarded as forming part of the Infant Class. The grant for the Infants and the 1st Standard taken together is therefore payable under Article 78 of the Code, and not under Article 101 inclusively with that for the elder children. The consequent overpayment of £6 15 0 should be refunded at your earliest convenience by a cheque drawn in favour of H.M. Paymaster General. Otherwise the sum in question will be deducted from the Annual Grant payable for the current school year. I have the honour to be Rev Sir your obedient servant. (Signed). John. R. Dasent.

July 25th. On books 74. Present 74 Average 72.8. % 98.5. Closed p.m. today for the Midsummer Vacation, returning to school on September 1st. (5 weeks).

Sept 1st. Reopened school after the Midsummer Holidays. Several cases of Whooping Cough reported. One (girl) admitted and two (boy & girl) left.

Sept 2nd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Sept 4th. Rev, H. Godefroy called p.m. today.

Sept 5th. On books 74. Present 61. Average 60.5. % 82. Average & % very low this week, owing to several cases of Whooping Cough in the village.

Sept 9th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning and informed the master of the Coronation Festivities to be held in the grounds of Dagnam Park on the afternoon and evening of the 16th instant.

Sept 10th. Heavy progress is being made in all subjects. There are still half a dozen children absent, suffering from Whooping Cough.

Sept 12th. On books 73. Present 67. Average 65.8. % 90. An improvement in the attendance, but not yet up to the general average.

Sept 15th. J.H. Smith Esq. called today (a.m.).

Sept 16th. Registers closed at 8.50 and children dismissed at 11 a.m. in order to attend the Coronation Festival at Dagnams (previously postponed to End of Harvest).

School closed p.m. today. Coronation Books, Photos A Medals (provided by School Managers) were presented today.

Sept 17th. Rev, H. Godefroy called today. (a.m.).

Sept 19th. On books 73. Present 71. Average 69. % 94.5.

Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Sept 24th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning. Monthly test taken today. A steady improvement is apparent in all the work of the Standards with the exception of the Arithmetic in the 1st & 4th Standards. Geography is still a little weak in the lower sections.

Sept 26th. Number on books 72. Present 70. Average 69.6. %96.6. One boy taken off the roll this week. Two are still absent from Whooping Cough.

Sept 30th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Oct 3rd. Amy Gould absent today. On books 72. Present 70. Average 68.6. % 95.3. New pictures and wall sheet (Natural Ventilation) hung on the walls today.

Oct 6th. Miss Burrel and a lady friend (Miss Goffin) visited p.m. today and inspected the Drawing and Needlework; heard recitation and singing; expressing their pleasure in the neat and clever work and the clear enunciation in reciting and singing.

Oct 7th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Oct 10th. On books 72. Present 70. Average 68.8 % 96. S.A.O. called this morning, first time since the re-commencement after the holidays.

Oct 13th. Three children admitted in outer room this morning, 2 girls, 3rd Standard and 1 boy, 1st Standard. Registers called earlier this afternoon to admit of earlier closing, see Time Table, for winter session.

Oct 14th. Rev, H. Godefroy gave his usual lesson.

Oct 17th. On books 75. Present 74. average 73.3. % 97.7. The weather has been bitterly cold during the last two days.. Work progressing steadily.

Oct 20th. Heavy fall of rain at 9 a.m., several children late. Three children reported ill this morning.

Oct 23rd. Rev, H. Godefroy visited p.m. today (re-festival).

Oct 25th. On books 75. Present 71. Average 70.3. % 94. With the exception of those absent through illness, the attendance has been perfect. Much good work has been able to be accomplished during this last month.

Oct 29th. Service at church 9 to 9.40, Dedication Festival. Registers tested and found correct. On books 75. Present 70. H. Godefroy

Oct 31st. Assembly at 9.15 a.m. in consequence of concert held last evening. Registers closed at 9.50 as usual. On books 75. Present 72. Average 71.4 % 95.2. Portions of the roofs, (masters house and boy's offices) which had been damaged by falling boughs during the recent high winds, were made good this week.

Nov 3rd. Fires begun in the school today. Received the Official Forms from the Board of Education.

Nov 6th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited p.m. today.

Nov 7th. On books 75. Present 73. Average 72.5 % 96.6. Two children still absent from illness, otherwise a perfect attendance.

Nov 12th. School closed p.m. today. As many of the children had never seen any wild animals except in pictures, those from the 3rd Standard upwards were

taken this afternoon to witness the circus performance. By kind permission of Mr. G. Sanger the children were allowed to visit the cages of the various animals and watch them being fed.

Nov 13th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Nov 14th. 14 Nov 1902. Visit of Inspection. W. Mulhill. On books 75. Present 73.

School closed p.m. today. On books 75. Present 74. Average 73.5. % 98.

Nov 18th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning.

Nov 21st. On books?. Present?. Average?. %?.

Nov 24th. Children promoted to their new classes this morning.

Nov 25th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited a.m.

Nov 27th. New Registers received today.

Nov 28th. On books 74. Present 73. Average 71. % 96.

Nov 30th. During the year now closed there have been admitted, 3 boys (two under five years) and 14 girls (5 under 5 years), while 6 of each sex have been removed from the roll, being a net gain of 5. The numbers this year have been fairly constant when compared with those of recent years.

Dec 1st. New School Year commenced today. Mrs. Edden away from school (through illness) a.m. Returned p.m.

Dec 2nd. Rev, H. Godefroy called a.m.

Dec 4th. Miss Burrel visited this afternoon.

Dec 5th. End of first week. On books 74. Present 72. Average 71.4. %96.5.

Dec 8th. Managers Meeting held in Infants room this evening. The Attendance Registers etc. were examined, and Form 9 was filled in. Notice of Aid Grant

received For maintaining Salaries £10. For repairs (Painting) £7. Total £17. A fall in the average of attendance this week. (among the Junior Infants) owing to the very inclement weather. On books 74. Present 70. Average 68.5. % 92.5.

Dec 16th. Amy Gould absent today (inclement weather)

Dec 17th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning. Notice of closure of schools for Xmas Holidays sent to Board of Education today.

Dec 18th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning. Closed school p.m. today for the Xmas Holidays. School reopens January 5th 1903. With the exception of those absent from illness, the attendance this week has been perfect.

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Jan 5th. Resumed school this morning after the Xmas Vacation. Several of the children absent. Amy Gould (monitress) absent today, unwell.

Jan 7th. A. Gould present today. Supply of new requisites and apparatus necessary for the current year to hand this morning.

Jan 8th. Government Report to hand today, subjoined is an exact copy.

The good character of the discipline and instruction has been well maintained and a pleasing tone prevails. The elementary work is generally satisfactory and the oral class teaching continues to show improvement, though the knowledge of the principle s of Arithmetic should be strengthened. The Infants are kindly and brightly managed and very well taught.

Staff. Master. Hy P. Edden. Certificated. Mistress. Mrs. Edden. Article 50

Jan 9th. Number on books 74. Number present 64. Average 66.5. This is the lowest average and percentage for some time. Most of those absent however are about to leave school for work.

Jan 14th. J.H. Smith & Miss Burrel called this morning.

Jan 16th. Number on books 70. Present 67. Average 67. % 95.7. Four children were taken off the roll this week.

Jan 21st. Miss Burrel called this afternoon.

Jan 23rd. Number on books 70. Present 67. Average 66.2. % 94.5.

Jan 27th. Work progressing favourably, especially in 2nd & 6th Standards.

Jan 29th. Rev, H. Godefroy called this morning. Forms sent by the Essex Technical Education Committee were filled up and sent off. Arrangements also made for Amy Gould (monitor) to attend the "Centre" at Romford for instruction.

Jan 30th. Number on books 68. Present 66. Average 65.2. % 96. Two children taken off the roll this week.

Jan 31st. Amy Gould began attendance at Central Classes.

Feb 5th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

Feb 6th. On books 68. Present 66. Average 64. % 94.1. Managers meeting in the class room this afternoon for the purpose of filling up the Form E.A. 2. It was decided that the painting should be done during the Easter Holidays. Canon Browning to be visited and consulted about the additions and improvements of the masters dwelling. Sir Thomas Neave in the Chair.

Feb 11th. Two children (1 boy, 1 girl) admitted this morning, (had been warned by Attendance Officer re-their attendance at Romford).

Feb 12th. Mrs. & miss Smith visited school this morning. Rev, H. Godefroy called this afternoon. Rev, Godefroy brought with him, the copy of the Trust Deed, the school books and accounts, with other books & papers and put into the Masters Charge, during his enforced absence through illness.

Feb 13th. No on Books 69. Present 69. Average 67. % 97.1. Copy of Trust Deed deposited in the Church Safe.

Feb 16th. Two children re-admitted this morning.

Feb 20th. Number on books 71. Present 71. Average 70.6. % 99.4.

Feb 23rd. Miss Smith and friend visited this morning.

Feb 24th. School concert takes place this evening. Proceeds to a fund to assist Rev, H. Godefroy during his enforced absence during ill health.

Feb 25th. Ash Wednesday. School closed for the day.

Feb 26th. Registers checked and found correct. James H. Smith.

Feb 27th. End of First Quarter of School year. During the term, 4 children have been admitted, and 7 have been removed from the roll, making a net loss of 3. More will be leaving very shortly. The average attendance for the present quarter has been 66.4. with a percentage of 95.3. Extremely good considering the age of the children and weather during the last six weeks. Form of application for aid for rebuilding or altering school dwelling house filled in today.

March 2nd. Rev, J.E. Allen and clerical friend visited the school p.m. today.

March 3rd. Rev, Thomas-Chaplain Hackney Parochial School Brentwood) called this afternoon.

March 6th. J.H. Smith Esq. visited this morning concerning the condition of playground & school fences (see Aid Grant 02) also the school dwelling house. Number on books 68. Present 68. Average 67.6. % 99.4. An almost perfect attendance. Four children taken off the roll and one admitted.

March 9th. Rev, Opwood called with Form 9 returned and accompanying letter. "I am directed by the Board of Education to return Form 9 for 1902 and to enquire whether the attendance of Infants on Page 1 therefore included those of the First Standard. If not I am to request you to state the number of attendances made by the First Standard during the school year ending 30 11 02.

March 12th. Miss Burrel visited this afternoon.

March 13. On books 68. Present 68. Average 66.9. % 98.4.

March 18th. Letter from H.M.I. re-instruction of 1st Standard and Infants.

March 19th. J.H. Smith visited today.

March 20th. On books 68. Present 68. Average 66.6. % 98.

March 23rd. Three children (girls) admitted this morning.

March 25th. Letter from Board of Education. Adverting to your letter dated the 9th instant. I am directed to state that the Board of Education has been in communication with H.M. Inspector thereon. H.M. Inspector now writes. The master informs me that the exact date of the transfer of 1st Standard from the Infants Class Room to the Mixed School was the 26th May 1902., I am therefore to request you to inform this Board what was the number of attendances made by the 1st Standard during that portion of the School Year ended the 30th November 1902., during which it was receiving instruction with the Infants Class.

March 27th. Lamps lighted this morning from 11.15 to 12 noon owing to the heavy clouds and darkness prevailing. On books 71. Present 71. Average 70.4. % 99.

March 30th. Notice sent to the Board of Education re-Closing Easter Holidays.

March 31st. During the dinner time today children were present at a Ventriloquist & Conjuring entertainment (12.30 to 1.30.) the first given in the school. First Lesson p.m. occupied as Composition Lesson instead of usual Copy Books. Some good attempts were made.

April 3rd. Amy Gould granted half days leave to prepare for exam. On books 71. Present 71. Average 69.7. %98.1.

April 6th. Two children (boys under five-Romford area) admitted. Mr Kulin (J.H. Smith Esq.) called this morning to inspect outside premises prior to beginning work on outside paint etc. of the school.

April 9th. Closed school a.m. today for the Easter Holidays. On books 73. Present 73. Average 71.5. % 98. Letter from the Board of Education 16 April 1903. Rev Sir. Adverting to your letter dated the 28th. I am directed to state that it now appears that the average attendance of Infants exceeded 20, and the grant is therefore payable under Article 98 at the rate of 17/-. There has

consequently been an overpayment of £5-10-0. which should be refunded immediately by means of a cheque drawn in favour of the Paymaster General.

April 20th. Reopened school this morning after the Easter Holidays. Two children (one under five) admitted. Six others taken off the roll. Net loss 4. During the Holidays the outside premises, including iron and wooden fencing Large boards, pipes and doors have been painted and redecorated; thus giving the school a much better appearance.

April 24th. Two boys (A. Cook & J. Wheal) soundly punished with the consent of the parents-today p.m. for gross indecency & misconduct on the journey home from school last night. On books 69. Present 69. Average 68.2. % 99.

April 27th. Mrs. Edden returned this morning after a weeks absence from illness. Heavy rain last night and this morning, attendance affected thereby. Amy Gould absent today, (biliosness).

April 29th. Amy Gould still absent, Rev G. Matthews called p.m.

April 30th. Amy Gould absent, (cycle accident). Managers Meeting after p.m., among the things to consider, Case reported above. The following resolution was passed. "the Managers having seen the father of Alfred Cook and his younger son Bertie, and John Wheal. and having heard the Eddens statement; are unanimously of the opinion that the indecent acts did take place and that the punishment inflicted was not unduly severe and that it was inflicted with the full concurrence of Mrs. Cook. The boy (Alf. Cook) was suspended for another week.

May 1st. On books 69. Present 68. Average 65.8. % 95.3.

May 4th. Amy Gould still absent-still unwell. One boy admitted.

May 5th. Amy Gould returned this morning.

May 7th. Register checked and found correct. G. Matthews. Rev, G. Matthews visited a.m.

May 8th. On books 70. Present 69. Average 68.6. % 98.

May 12th. Mr. & Mrs. Sands paid a visit this afternoon.

May 15th. On books 70. Present 70. Average 69.3. % 99.

May 18th. Three children (2 girls. 1 boy) admitted this morning. The boys playground again flooded owing to the heavy rain yesterday, and the poor action of the drain.

May 21st. School closed today. Ascension Holiday.

May 22nd. Reading lessons taken in playground this morning, owing to the sudden advent of heat. Rev, L. Slemeck & Friend called this afternoon. On book 73. Present 73. Average 72. % 98.6.

May 25th. One girl admitted this morning.

May 29th. School closed for the Whitsun Holidays. End of second quarter of the school year. Average 69.

June 7th. It is with the deepest regret that I have to record the death of J. Sands Esq. of the Priory. Dagnam Park. and one of the Managers of the school, at 5.30 a.m. this morning (Trinity Sunday).

June 8th. Opened school this morning after the Whitsun recess. Three children (one a boy under five) admitted this morning.

June 9th. The Vicar called this morning and introduced Rev, B. White as the new curate. Boys playground flooded.

June 10th. Rev, B. White called this morning.

June 11th. No school held this afternoon, being the funeral of J. Sands Esq., At the request of Mrs. Sands the elder scholars attended the funeral service at South Weald Church. The children subscribed for a wreath which was this morning taken to the Priory.

June 12th. Rev, B. White called this morning. A fall in the attendance today owing to the heavy rain of last night (+ Bear Fair). On books 76. Present 74. Average 71.2. % 94.4.

June 15th. Owing to the heavy and continuous rain (since Mid-day Saturday) the water has made the roads impassable in several places-notably at Bear Hilland no less than 16 children were absent. Fires were lit in the school today.

June 16th. Attendance returned to normal conditions today.

June 17th. Rev, W.B. White visited the school this morning.

June 18th. Rev, W.B. White called this afternoon, and tested and signed the attendance registers.

June 19th. Rev, W. B. White called this morning. On books 76. Present 76. Average 70.6. % 93. A fall in the percentage owing to the exceedingly heavy rains prevailing this week.

June 23rd. Date of Diocesan Inspector's visit. Number on books 76. Present 76. Rev, W.B. White present during the Inspection.

June 25th. Mrs. Smith and a lady friend (Mrs, Goffin) paid a visit to the school this morning.

June 26th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning. "The Kings Birthday" Patriotic songs taken during the singing lesson p.m. On books 76. Present 76. Average 74.5. % 98.

June 29th. Rev W. White called this morning.

July 3rd. Rev, W. White called this morning.

During this week as far as possible lessons have been taken in the open air on account of the heat. On books 76. Present 76. Average 75.1. % 99.

July 6th. Three children (girls) from Romford area admitted this morning.

July 7th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

July 8th. Diocesan Inspectors Report to hand today. Subjoined is an exact copy. Noak Hill School: Inspected June 28th. On books 76. Number present 76.

Viva Voce. The work was well done in all points of the school, and the answers were readily and intelligently given. Written Work. The written work showed accurate knowledge of detail, but the children were sometimes in difficulties with the hard words. General Remarks. The School gave proof of careful instruction, it is noteworthy that for the second year in succession no child on the Books was absent from the Religious Inspection. The School is admirably furnished with books which are most carefully kept. Signed by J.W. Armitage. Diocesan Inspector.

July 10th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning. On books 79. Present 79. Average 77.8. % 98.5.

July 14th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning.

July 15th. Managers Meeting held in the classroom this evening to elect the four foundation managers (E.E.A.) and to transact other business concerning the school.

July 16th. Amy Gould who had been absent this week owing to facial neuralgia, returned to school this morning.

July 17th. Rev, W.B. White visited the school this morning. On books 79. Present 79. Average 77.3. % 98.

July 22nd. Rev, W.B. White attended this morning. Owing to phenomenally heavy rain during the night and this morning the roads were flooded. Very few of the children attended school, and those who did were wet through. In consequence there was no school held today. Children dismissed at 9.40 a.m. On books 79. Present 79. Average 76.9. % 97.3.

July 28th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

July 29th. School closed today for the Midsummer Holidays. Owing to the continuous rainy weather it has been decided to hold the annual heat in the school.

On books 79. Present 79. Average 77.6. % 98.

Aug 31st. Reopened school this morning after the Summer Holidays. Two children (Infants, 1 boy 1 girl) admitted.

Sept 1st. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

Sept 2nd. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

Sept 3rd. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning re the repairs etc. executed during the vacation, and informed the head master of the visit (and the report) of the Council surveyor prior to the taking over the schools on the appointed day.

Sept 4th. On books 81. Present 74. Average 73.6. % 91. This is the lowest percentage since the Xmas holidays, and is due to the fact that some have not yet returned to school, no, less than seven were absent the whole week.

Sept 10th. Nothing out of the usual routine this week.

Sept 11. A heavy storm of wind and rain just after the close of last nights school resulted in the fall of several branches from the trees overhanging the school grounds. These trees have always been a source of danger, but fortunately no one has yet been injured.

On books 81. Present 77. Average 75.2. % 93.

Sept 14th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning for the purpose of taking measurements of the masters house prior to alterations. The schoolmaster prepared plans (both floors) and the elevations (three) for facilitating the suggested improvements.

Sept 17th. Notice received this morning that fever had broken out in the Reynolds family (Four wants), also medical certificate for A. Stokes)chronic rheumatism) and excusing his attendance from now during the winter months.

Sept 18th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning. On books 80. Present 77. Average 75. % 94. One boy taken off the roll this week.

Sept 21st. One boy admitted and one removed from the roll.

Sept 25th. On books 81. Present 77. Average 76.2. % 94. Received forms from Essex Education Committee for the Inventory of Stock of School, (a) Furniture, (b) Books & Appliances, (c) Needlework &, Kindergarten, to be entered in duplicate, and returned by the 30th instant.

Sept 28th. Mrs. Smith & Miss Burrel visited school p.m.

Sept 29th. Received form for Particulars of Staff salaries etc. from the E.E. Committee.

Sept 30th. Left school at 3.30 p.m. to receive vicars signature (as correspondent) to the various forms mentioned above. Mistress left in charge. Immediately before the close of school Mr. Danials & Mr. Butcher (from the Estate) called to measure rooms of the masters dwelling preparatory to making new plans for improved accommodation for the master. Plans to be laid before the School Management at next meeting.

Oct 2nd. Slight fall in attendance owing to heavy rain of last night. Two girls taken off roll (removed). On books 81. Present 77. Average 74. % 91.

Oct 8th. Visit of Inspection, 4 new desks are required to replace the old and rickety ones now in use. The drainage of the Boys playground is defective. A. W. Atkins. A Ball Frame on Stand is needed A.W. On books 79. Present 73.

Oct 9th. One boy admitted this week and one girl removed. On books 79. Present 78. Average 74.4. % 94.

Oct 12th. Two boy admitted this morning, one aged 12, in 2nd Standard, the other aged 10 in 1st Standard.

Oct 14th. Rev, W. B. White visited a.m.

Oct 15th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m. Heavy rain again flooded playground. Attention of J.H. Smith called to same and repairs to be put in hand at once.

Oct 16th. On books 81. Present 77. Average 76.1. % 94.

Oct 17th. Workmen began this morning on cloakroom & desks (see County Surveyors Specifications).

Oct 19th. Work continued. Amy Gould absent today.

Oct 20th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning. A. Gould present p.m. Saw J.H. Smith Esq. re- County Scheme for the closing of school for workmen. Oct 22. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning & informed the master of managers meeting to be held 24th instant at 4 p.m. School closed p.m. today. On books 80. Present 78. Average 75.9. % 95.

Oct 23rd. School closed today. Desks planed, skimmed and varnished; offices & cloakroom completed.

Oct 24th. Managers Meeting (re foregoing, among other matters) 4 p.m. today. Alterations and additions to masters dwelling discussed. Drain in boys playground repaired and that portion of the playground re gravelled. New air bricks replace the old and broken ones.

Oct 28th. Fall in attendance today owing to heavy storm about 8 a.m.. Amy Could absent today. Notification from Surveyor re completion of improvements; ours being the first in his district to be ready for inspection.

Oct 29th. Dedication Festival. Elder children at church this morning from 8.45 to 9.30. Rev, White present. Mr. B. Keeble (Attendance Officer) paid his first visit.

Oct 30th. On books 79. Present 76. Average 73.1. %92.5. A fall in percentage owing to wet weather and prevalent colds.

Nov 3rd. Rev, W.B. White visited today.

Nov 6th. On books 78. Present 75. Average 74,5. % 95.

Nov 9th. Kings Birthday & Lord Mayors Day. Special lessons given on both subjects.

Nov 11th. Rev, W.B. White present a.m.

Nov 12th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning with reference to salary & future indentures of Amy Gould.

Nov 13th. On books 75. Present 71. Average 70.4. % 94. Four children removed from the roll this week having left the district. One child re-admitted. Nov 17th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning. During this afternoon the local sanitary inspector (Mr. Cormick) called with an officer from the Local Government Board to inspect the sanitary arrangements etc. of the school and buildings. Everything was very satisfactory and scrupulously clean.

Nov 18th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

Nov 20th. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning re supplies of cleaning materials for the school. The defects in the chimney of the stove in outer room was pointed out to him and is to be remedied immediately. On books 75. Present 73. Average 71.6. % 95. During this week complaints have been received from the parents that their children though sent clean in the morning have returned at night with vermin both in the head and body. The cause of this having been traced to three sisters (Emma, Daisy & Florence Reynolds) the matter was at once reported by J.H. Smith Esq. to the Medical Inspector of Health, who after examination found that both the children and their home were infected with pedicule. These children are therefore suspended from attendance till certified by M.O.H. fit to resume.

Nov 24th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning.

Nov 25th. Rev, W.B. White called this morning.

Nov 26th. During the afternoon the school was visited by Griggs Esq. vice chairman of the Building Committee of the Essex Education Committee to inspect the repairs which had been carried out prior to the school being taken over by the County Council.

Mrs. Edden left school early this afternoon for the purpose of visiting a friend in Brentwood hospital.

Nov 27th. On books 75. Present 71. Average 69.5. % 93.

Nov 30th. On books 75. Present 69. Average 69. % 92. End of school year. The record of attendance, admittance etc. is as under.

Attendance 67.7. 69. 74.5. 73.7. = Total 71.1.

Admittance 2+2=4. 5+7=12. 2+6=8. 5+0=5. =14=15. =24.

Left
$$3+4=7$$
. $2+7=9$. $-+1=1$. $3+8=11$. $=8+20$. $=28$.

As the foregoing show, the greatest number are admitted & leave during the quarters containing Lady Day and Nichailmas-the latter is especially effected. During the year, there has been a gain of 6 boys and a loss of 5 girls thus giving a gain of 1 scholar during the year.

Dec 1st. Began new school year this morning.

Dec 3rd. Rev, W.B. White visited. Form 9 filled in.

Dec 4th. No on books 75. Present 70. Average 69. % 92. Two boys away this week from illness. The Reynolds are still away. The elder sister of these children called with her sister to inquire if they could be re instated. The master told them that immediately they were certified as clean they should at once resume their places.

Dec 10th. Rev, White visited.

Dec 11th. New work progressing very favourably. The new Chalk drawing has become quite a favourite & during playtime (wet) all are allowed to try. Syllabus of Work for year ending 30.11 04.

English. Lower Division. | Upper Division.

Reading. a.b.c. 1st. 2nd. & 3rd. Standards. | a.b.c. 4th. 5th & 6th. Standards.

a. Crown. b. Crown. c. Ship. b.&c. History. | Literary Reader Intro History &

Ideal Geography.

Writing. a. from Rdu. & B.B. b. & c. | a. Dictation & Composition from Dictation from Rdu. Formation of simple | Rdu. b.& c.ds & Letter Writing.

sentences.

Collins Copy Books in all groups, throughout the year from 2nd Standard up, slates are used during the first term + Writing and exercise books solely during the rest of the year.

Arithmetic. As per Scheme B "Macmillan's Promotion" in all Standards.

Lower Division. Upper Division

Geography. a. Plan, Cardinal pts & use of map. | a.b.c. Study of geography of

b.} Lesson on geography of neighbourhood. | the British Isles through the

c.} with outlines of English terms. | Rdu. Map drawing to illustrate.

History. Study of matter contained in the Historical Reader.

Common. The course of lessons subjoined.

Things. Autumn, Atmosphere, Birds, Butterfly, Compass & Weathercock, Caterpillar etc, Coal, Clothing, Cleanliness, Way in Country, Farm life, Flower Garden, Food, Hare, Rabbit, Leaves, Locomotion, Money, Matches, Post Office, Pump, Rivers, Rain, Deer, Fruit, Roots, Sun, Stoat, Weasel, Soap, Wind, Water and Wild Flowers in their different seasons. Singing as for 3rd Grade.

Drawing. 1st & 2nd Standards as a group. 3rd 4 th Standards as second. 5th & 6th Standards, as third for freehand & ruler work. The whole work together in Chalk Drawing. Additional work as per Code up to 1st Standard. Physical Training as per Schedule 3.

Infants Scheme.

Reading. Graphic Primers & Books. |Letters etc. Rdg Sheet. | Capitals. | Writing. Small & Capital Letters. | Small letters in lines. | Lines Course (Prep).

Own names & words | and from Black Board. | Small letter in lines.

Arithmetic. Mental, figures 1-100. | Simple Mental 1-9. | Counting simplest mental.

Kindergarten. Mat plaiting & pucking. | Fraying Canvas | Same as 2nd. Standard.

Sewing Stencil cards. | Bead. Threading. Form |

Paper folding including Alphabet with Columns and Stripes.

Singing. J.S.F. songs for the year as follows, (1) Cows & Horses. (2) Wake up

Mary. (3) A fair little girl. (4) The holidays have come. (5)Merry little solider.

Recitation. "Once a trap was baited". "A Robin Redbreast builds a nest". "Will you take a walk with me".

Needlework. As per code Regulations.

Object Lessons. Cow, Horse, Table, School Slate, Sugar, Parts of body, Form & colour, Pig, Cat, Dog, Spring, Clock, Sheep, Owl, Water, Winter etc.

Physical Exercises with bells.

Staff. Henry P. Edden. Master. Certificated. Mrs. Minnie B. Edden Assistant Article 50.

Amy C. Gould. Monitor. Probationary. Approved. H.M.I.

Number on books 75. Present 69. Average 68.4. % 91. A slight fall this week but still exceedingly good considering the bad state of the roads.

Dec 15th. Amy Gould absent today.

Dec 16th. Rev, W.B. White called. A. Gould present. The Lord Wharton Gifts received today. The names of the recipitants are Mabel Rumble, Sarah King, Albert Ovall and Percy Quilter.

Dec 18th. Number on books 75. Present 69. Average 68.3. % 91.

Dec 21st. Notice of closure of schools sent to Board of Education.

Dec 23rd. Closed school a.m. today for the Xmas Holidays. School reopens Jan 11th 1904.

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Jan 11th. Three boys admitted this morning, and received notice that one boy would leave. One boy G. Knight reported ill & suffering from Diphtheria. Notice sent to the Ministry of Health.

Jan 13th. Work has suffered during the holidays, but has now returning to them.

Jan 15th. Now on books 79. Present 74. Average 72.8. % 93. The Reynolds having been certified as cured returned to school this week after some weeks absence. Marjorie Raison who has been suffering from appendicitis was also readmitted this week.

Jan 18th. Amy Gould absent today suffering from cold.

Jan 19th. Rev, W.B. White visited. A Gould present today.

Jan 20th. Head Master absent p.m. today to attend meeting of the Managers held at the vestry St Edwards. Romford., at which his resignation and date of release were considered. The mistress took charge of the school.

Jan 22nd. On books 77. Present 75. Average 73.3. % 94. The attendance is again rising to its normal state.

Jan 25th. Four girls admitted this morning.

Jan 26th. Copy of H.M. Inspectors report and observations to hand this day.

"The tone and discipline of this school are thoroughly good, and the work generally is very commendable. The infants are well managed and very carefully taught."

The staff must be strengthened if a Grant under Article 105 of the Provisional Code is to be again claimed next year. A. C. Gould is recognised again under Article 33 of the Provisional Code to the 28th of Nov. 1903. The teacher M. C. Edden does not appear to be engaged under a written agreement. I am to refer you to Article 71.

Jan 29th. On books 78. Present 73. Average 70.1. % 90. The percentage of attendance has considerably fallen this week owing to no less than four being away from illness (cold etc,) caught during the recent changeable weather. J.H. Smith Esq. visited the school this morning.

Feb 1st. One girl readmitted this morning.

Feb 3rd. Rev, W.B. White called this morning. Amy Gould absent.

Feb 4th. Amy Gould present-still unwell.

Feb 5th. Number on books 79. Present 79. Average 74.9. % 96. The attendance greatly improved this week, and would have been higher still but that four girls were away today. Letter sent to Romford Sub Advisory Committee re swimming etc.

Feb 8th. Fall in attendance due to heavy rain.

Feb 10th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning.

Feb 11th. Rev, W.B. White was present this morning.

Feb 12th. Number on books 79. Present 78. Average 73.2. % 93. The fall this week has been occasioned by three of the children away ill. The boots of the

children are beginning to fail through the continued heavy weather. Owing to the kindness of Mrs. Sands (The Priory) the three Reynolds children were each provided with a stout pair of boots and a pair of woollen socks, as their own were absolutely useless.

Feb 15th. Rev, W.B. White was here this morning.

Feb 16th. Ash Wednesday. School opened at 8.45 a.m. Registers closed at 9 a.m. School closed for the morning at 11.0. Half holiday given in the afternoon.

Feb 18th. Number on books 79. Present 79. Average 77.2. % 97,6.

Feb 22nd. Three girls absent sick today.

Feb 23rd. The Registers and Summaries for the current quarter were checked (and found correct) by H. Watt.

Feb 24th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Feb 25th. Girls Needlework material to hand today.

Feb 26th. On books 79. Present 78. Average 76.7. % 97. End of first quarter. Average for whole term = 72.2. % 93.

Feb 29th. One boy admitted this morning and two taken off the roll. Heavy fall of snow was responsible for a drop in the attendance, especially among the Infants.

Resigned post of Head Master of these schools this day. Hy. P. Edden.

March 1st. I commenced duties as Headmaster in succession to Mr. Edden, with Mr. Dutton as Assistant. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning and took the scripture lesson. Miss Burrel visited this afternoon.

March 2nd. Rev, W.B. White visited. The inclement weather is responsible for a considerable drop in the attendance. There are however several cases of sickness especially among the girls.

March 3rd. Greatly improved attendance today. Rev, W.B. White visited to take the Bank. J.H. Smith Esq. visited to see about the stove. March 4th. Attendance for week 66.5. On books 75. Present 73. Average 66.5. % 85.2.

March 8th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

March 9th. Greatly improved attendance owing to better weather. Rev, W.B. White visited.

March 10th. I was absent from School this afternoon, as I had been asked to attend a presentation to myself at my last school. Mrs. Dutton was left in charge.

March 11th. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 75. Average 70.7. % 90.6.

March 14th. The Arithmetic lesson will in future be extended from 10.30 to 10.45. Recreation 10.45-10.55. Reading & Writing 10.55-11.25. & visa versa 11.25-12. The County Surveyor called and inspected the repairs.

March 15th. Rev, W.B. White visited. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

March 16th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

March 17th. The whole school present this afternoon.

March 18th. Attendance for week. On books 78. present 78. Average 76. % 97.4.

March 21st. The whole school were here again this morning & afternoon.

March 22nd. Rev, W.B. White visited.

March 23rd. Rev, W.B. White visited.

March 25th. Received Arithmetic books for 3rd & 4th Standards this morning. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 78. Average 75.1. % 96.3.

March 29th. Heavy storm caused a drop in the attendance this afternoon.

March 30th. Rev, R.H. Whitcombe & J.H. Smith Esq. visited this morning. Registers checked and found correct, 77 children being present out of 78. R.H. Whitcombe.

We close this morning for our Easter Holidays Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 78. Average 76.2. % 97.7.

April 11th. Reopened after Easter Holidays. Admitted 6, Removed 5 names from Roll.

April 13th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

April 15th. Rev, W.B. White visited. Amy Gould absent today. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 78. Average 73.9. % 93.5. I have today to resort to corporal punishment. Alfred Cook receiving one stroke on the hand for continued rudeness. I have had to speak to him several times of the same offence but apparently to no effect.

April 18th. Amy Gould absent today.

April 19th. Amy Gould returned this morning.

April 20th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

April 22nd. April 1904. Visit of inspection. The gallery in the Infant Room prevents much of the instruction being given under satisfactory conditions. A. Watkins.

Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 77. Average 73.1. % 93.7. J.H. Smith Esq. visited this morning. H.Watt Esq. visited and checked the stock in accordance with Regulation of the County Education Committee.

April 25th. Admitted one girl this morning.

April 26th. Rev, W.B. White visited. First terminal Examination held today.

April 27th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

April 28th. Received notice from the Vicar of the scripture Exam to be held on June 14th.

April 29th. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 77. Average 74.2. % 95.1. The attendance is low owing to many having sore throats which keeps them away for 3 days. I am afraid the whole school will be affected as it is gradually working up from the Infants.

May 4th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning. Rev, R.H. & Mrs. Whitcombe visited this afternoon. The Vicar inspected the alterations to the Masters house.

May 5th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

May 6th. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 77. Average 72.8. % 93.3.

May.10th. A. Gould absent today.

May 11th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m.

May 12th. Ascension Day. No school held.

May 13th. The whole school present this morning. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 78. Average 75. % 96.1. The Sanitary Inspector & Dr. Wright visited during the dinner hour & inspected the Urinals. They also took the names of those who had been absent with sore throats since April 19th.

May 18th. The Rev. R.H. Whitcombe visited this morning and presented those children who had been absent for 8 weeks with texts provided by the Head Master.

May 20th. Rev, W.B. White visited. We close today for the Whitsun Holidays. The whole school present this morning. Attendance this week. On books 78. Present 78. Average 77.1. % 98.8. End of Second Quarter. Average Attendance 73.5. being 1.3 above the preceding quarter and 4.5 above the corresponding quarter last year. % 94.2.

May 30th. Reopened School this morning after the Whitsun Holidays. During the recess the Schools have been scrubbed & the Urinals emptied. There are 75 present out of 79.

Admitted 1 girl & readmitted another, and removed 1 boy from the roll.

June 1st. Rev, W.B. White visited. A Gould absent today. The weather being very inclement caused a considerable drop in the attendance amongst the girls.

June 3rd. Rev, W.B. White visited. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 79. Average 75.1 % 95. Through the kindness of the Guys Tonic Co, 20 of the elder scholars received Atlases.

June 6th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited this morning.

June 7th. Rev, H. Godefroy visited p.m.

June 8th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

June 10th. Attendance for week. On books 77. Present 77. Average 75.8. % 97.1.

June 13th. Admitted 1 girl. The whole school present morning and afternoon.

June 14th. The School was inspected by the Rev, W.J. Armitage. Number on book 78. Present 78. The Rev, W.B. White was present during the Examination, which concluded at 12.15 p.m. No school in the afternoon.

June 16th. Visited the school. M. Tabor.

June 17th. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning. Mrs Dutton left this morning after play to go to London on account of the serious illness of her mother. Attendance for week

On books 78. Present 78. Average 76.3. % 97.9.

June 22nd. Rev, W.B. White visited.

June 24th. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 77. Average 75.4. % 96.6.

June 28th. Diocesan Report received this morning & a copy made as under. General Remarks. The Infants answered questions readily and repeated correctly from memory.

Upper Division. The rest of the school was examined as taught in one class. Considering the number of standards included, some of the children showed very satisfactory knowledge. It would be a good thing to group the 1st Standard with the Infants for the Religious Teaching. No form of Private Prayer is taught.

Written work. Lord's Prayer & Apostles Creed in 5th & 6th answers to Questions in O.T. & N.T. The work was neatly done & showed improvement in correctness in Spelling etc.

J.W. Armitage. Diocesan Inspector. Correspondent. Rev, W.B. White visited

June 30th. Mrs. Sands & Miss Harper called after the afternoon session & examined the Needlework & Drawing. They expressed great satisfaction with the work.

July 1st. Attendance for week. On books 78. Present 78. Average 76.4. % 98.

July 4th. Readmitted one & Admitted another (boys). Mrs. Dutton is away from School today owing to the death of her mother. J.H. Smith Esq. called this morning.

July 5th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

July 6th. School closed today to enable Mrs Dutton and myself to be present at the funeral of my mother.

July 7th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

July 8th. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 79. Average 78. % 97.5.

July 11th. Admitted one boy & removed the name of one girl from the register who had returned home to London.

July 13th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

July 15th. Rev, W.B. White visited. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 76.9. % 96.1. During the week many lessons have been taken in the shade in playground, owing to the heat.

July 18th. I have today filled in the form relating to the School for the County Authorities. The average working out this Quarter as 76.4 (up to July 15th.). Rev, R.H. Whitcombe visited this afternoon and presented 7 certificates of merit for Scripture.

July 19th. Second Quarterly Exam started today, consequently the time table is disarranged slightly. A Gould absent today.

July 20th. Heat very great today. Some lesson taken in yard.

July 22nd. Rev, W.B. White visited this morning. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 78. Average 75.5. % 95.5.

July 25th. Received Requisition Globe & Map of Essex. Mrs. Sands & Mrs. Jenning visited this afternoon and inspected the Drawing and Needlework.

July 26th. Registers checked and found correct. H. Watt.

July 27th. Rev, W.B. White visited. The school breaks up this morning for the Harvest Holidays. The School Treat takes place at Dagnam Park this afternoon. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 79. Average 77.4 % 97.9.

Aug 29th. Reopened School this morning after the Summer Holidays. Removed the names of 2 boys from the Roll and admitted 1 girl and readmitted 2 girls.

Aug 30th. Registers for Last Quarter made up with the following results. Average Attendance 76.1. which is a rise of 2,6 from last Quarter and 1.3 from the corresponding Quarter of last year.

Sept 1st. Very wet today causing a drop in the Attendance among the Infants (4 Girls).

Sept 2nd. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 78. Average 76.3. % 96.5.

Sept 8th. Very wet again this morning causing many absentees, some of which could be easily avoided as they (4) do not live far from the school. These cases reported to Romford. A Gould absent today. Readmitted 1 boy who had been away since summer holidays. I had been told by his parents that he was at school at Upper Ongar but found he was at work over there.

Sept 9th. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 74.1. % 92.6.

Sept 14th. Rev, W.B. White Visited.

Sept 15th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Sept 16th. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 76. Average 74.7. % 93.3.

Sept 21st. Attendance very low today, 5 children being away because of the Circus in Romford.

Sept 23rd. Work going on steadily & with good progress. I have spent most of the week with the 2nd Standard in Arithmetic as they are very weak. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 76. % 95.

Sept 29th. Lady Neave visited the school a.m. accompanied by two friends. She inspected the Needlework and heard the children sing, and expressed her satisfaction with them. To the children she spoke very kindly about their work.

Sept 30th. Work progressing favourably all the week. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 77.1. % 96.3.

Oct 3rd. Poor attendance. Six girls absent with Influenza or colds.

Oct 4th. No improvement in attendance. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Oct 7th. Very heavy rain this morning, 18 children absent. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 75. Average 70.9. % 88.6.

Oct 10th. Rather better attendance today. One girl came with her clothes very untidy, and her back showing in places, so I sent her home to get them mended.

Oct 11th. The above girl (Reynolds) absent today.

Oct 12th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Oct 14th. The Carpenter has been today to remove the gallery. All the children have had to accommodated in the main room. In consequence the lessons have been somewhat altered. Attendance for week. On books 79. Present 78. Average 76.5. % 96.8.

Oct 17th. Children still in main room. The workmen have not yet arrived to finish the room. Very wet morning but good attendance. A. Gould absent today.

Oct 18th. I have received complaints from parent that their children coming to school clean, return home with vermin. I have traced the same to the Reynolds Family and this morning I sent them home as they were so untidy & dirty. I went to Romford and informed the Vicar & J.H. Smith Esq. who promised to have the same attended to immediately.

Oct 19th. Rev, W.B. White visited. The forms for the Infants room have not arrived yet so I have made some to go on with. Sir Thomas Neave kindly sent three for our use.

Oct 20th. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Oct 21st. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m. Work progressing very favourably, except Geography in 3rd & 4th Standards. Prepared Requisition Lists today. Average for week.

On books 79. Present 78. Average 73.4. %92.9. This is rather lower than usual owing to the 4 Reynolds being absent since Tuesday.

Oct 26th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Oct 28th. Removed names of 4 Reynolds this week. Also V. Joyce who is not likely to be at school for some time. She is suffering with her eyes and in all probability will lose the sight of one. On books 74. Present 74. Average 73.4. % 92.9.

Oct 31st. The 4 Reynolds have been returned clean & tidy and I have readmitted them, acting on the advice of the Vicar. Admitted two girls and readmitted another who had been in London for a few months. Very wet morning but 78 children present out of 81. Fires commenced today. Mrs. Dutton absent with Influenza. A. Gould absent today.

Nov 1st. A. Gould & Mrs. Dutton still absent.

Nov 2nd. Rev, W.B. White called, also Mr. Keeble the Attendance Officer. A. Gould present.

Nov 4th. Work has progressed favourably this week. All work is now being recapitulated owing to the Final Quarterly Exam in a fortnights time. Attendance for week On books 81. Present 80. Average 79.2. % 97.7.

Nov 7th. Admitted 2, one boy and girl. Very wet morning, 5 absentees. Mrs. Dutton returned to school this morning after a weeks absence with Influenza. A. Gould absent today. J.H. Smith Esq. visited this morning.

Nov 9th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m. and brought 35 new Prayer Books for the use of the School. Very poor attendance today.

Nov 11th. Work has been finally recapitulated in readiness for the final Terminal Examination which I propose to hold next week. Special attention given. Attention for week. On books 83. Present 83. Average 79.5. % 95.7. Many cases of influenza & bad colds among the children has caused this drop in the %.

Nov 14th. A. Could absent today. Final Examination started today and will be continued till all the subjects have been thoroughly tested, consequently the Time Table will be slightly disarranged this week.

Nov 16th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Nov 18th. The Terminal Exam is finished and I have this morning written up the Reports of the different Classes. Attendance for week. On books 83. Present 82. Average 80.6. % 97.7.

Nov 23rd. Rev, W.B. White visited, 23rd Nov 1904. Visit of Inspection. Exam awards, Sarah King & Fred Knight, over 12 year of age, further certificates. A. Watkins.

Nov 24th. Very heavy fall of snow caused a further drop in the attendance this week.

Nov 25th. Registers checked and found correct. H.Watt.

H. Watt Esq. visited this afternoon. Attendance for week. On books 82. Present 81. Average 74.8. % 91.2.

Nov 30th. End of school year. The record of attendance & numbers admitted etc, as follows. Attendance 72.2. 73.5. 76.1. 76. Average 74.5. Admitted 3+3.=6. 2+5.=7.

3+0.=3. 1+4.=5. =21. Left 2=2. 4+3.=7. 1+2.=3. 4+3.=7 =19.

The above shows there is a decrease of boys by 4 and an increase of girls by 6. The percentage of attendance is 91.9. This is rather low owing to the admittance of 7 children during the last few weeks of the school year.

Dec 1st. New School year started this morning. The children placed in their new classes which makes the main room rather full.

Dec 2nd. Attendance for week. On books 81. Present 81. Average 77.8. % 96.

Dec 6th. Very wet day and in consequence the attendance has dropped considerably.

Dec 7th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Dec 9th. Good progress has been made this week with the new work Attendance very poor. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 74.4. % 93.

Dec 14th. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Dec 16th. Nothing special to report this week except the punishment of one girl (at parents wish), for taking other children's dinner. Copy of letter. Black

Cottages. Dear Sir. I am sorry to say that Elsie did not have any orange from here, so she must have taken it from some ones basket. You will be doing both me and Mr. Robinson a very great service if you punish her very severely for it as we cannot stop her from taking things but we think if you would punish her it might do her more good. We are both very sorry to think that she should do such a thing. Yours Respectfully Mrs. Robinson.] Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 75.7. % 94.8.

Dec 22nd. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m. We break up this morning for the Christmas Holiday which will last for a fortnight. The Prize Distribution takes place this evening. There are 52 prizes and 3 special (presented by Mrs. Sands) for Needlework. The children will sing their school songs and say the recitations learnt during the year. An open invitation has been issued to the parent of the scholars. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 79. Average 76.5. % 95.6.

Jan 1905.

Jan 9th. Reopened School this morning. 75 Children present out of 81. Admitted one boy and one girl and removed the name of one girl who had gone to London for an indifferent period. The School has been scrubbed during the Holidays and a new stove pipe fixed in the Infants Room.

Jan 10th. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jan 11th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m.

Jan 13th. Copy of Inspectors Report to hand this morning.

Mixed Department. The Master manages his school well and teaches with good effect. During the time he has been in charge he has done much in the way of securing greater accuracy and increased intelligence, but he requires more efficient help than he has been provided. The Infants are now taught under more satisfactory conditions and they have made good progress under the present teacher. The regular attendance throughout the school is a matter deserving special commendation. R.M. Tabor.

Good progress made this week in all the classes. Attendance for week. On books 81. Present 79. Average 77.4. % 95.5.

Jan 17th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m.

Jan 18th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m.

Jan 20th. I have not been in school all day today as I have a very severe cold. Mrs. Dutton has been taking the Upper Classes. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 78. Average 75.5. % 94.3.

Jan 24th. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m.

Jan 27th. Work proceeding in a very satisfactory condition and good progress is being made in most subjects. Attendance for week. On books 80. Present 79. Average 77. % 96.3.

Jan 30th. The whole school present this morning and again this afternoon.

Jan 31st. Rev, W.B. White visited a.m. Admitted one girl this morning.

Feb 1st. Rev, W.B. White visited.

Feb 3rd. Work progressing favourably in all Standards. Attendance for week. On books 81. Present 81. Average 78.9. % 97.4.

Feb 6th. Readmitted one girl this morning. She has been to London, but her attendance will be marked in the same spaces as before to avoid mistakes.

Feb 7th. Rev W.B. White visited a.m.

Feb 10th. Two boys punished for misbehaviour during the few minutes that I was called out this morning. I had warned them only a few days previously. Work has proceeded favourably this week except the Arithmetic in the 3rd Standard who seem unable to grasp the faintest idea of the easiest rules. Attendance for week. On books 82. Present 80. Average 79. % 96.3.

Feb 13th. Readmitted one boy who has been ill during the winter. The whole school present this morning and again this afternoon.

Feb 14th. All present again this morning and afternoon.

Feb. 15th. One girl found with Ringworm, so was sent home with a note to her mother.

Feb 17th. Registers closed this morning at 9.15 a.m. and at 1 p.m. Children dismissed at 3.30 p.m, in consequence of their concert which takes place this evening Attendance this week. On books 83. Present 83. Average 82. % 98.8.

Feb 20th. Admitted one boy and readmitted one girl who had been away since last November with illness.

Registers examined and found correct. J. Kemp.

Feb 21st. Rev, R.H. Whitcombe visited this afternoon.

Feb 22nd. A Gould absent today.

Feb 23rd. Rev, Mitchell visited a.m. A. Gould again absent with Neuralgia.

Feb 24th. A. Gould still absent. Attendance for week. On books 85. Present 83. Average 81.3. % 95.6. End of the First Quarter of the School Year. Record of Attendance Admitted 2 boys and 3+1 girls. Left 1 boy. Gain of five scholars. Average attendance = 77.7. being a gain of 5.5. over the corresponding quarter of last year.

Feb 27th. A Gould returned to school this morning.

March 1st. First Terminal Examination started today, consequently a slight deviation from Time Table.

March 3rd. The Exam finished and I have been writing up the reports this morning. Attendance for week. On books 85. Present 84. Average 82.2. % 96.7.

March 6th. Registers closed at 1.50 p.m. and school dismissed at 4.10 p.m. this day. This will be continued on through the summer.

March 7th. Mr. Keeble the Attendance Officer called during the dinner hour today.

Requisition list made out and forwarded today.

March 8th. Registers closed at 10 a.m. this morning, being Ash Wednesday. The children attended church between 9 & 9.45. a.m. Rev J.H. Mitchell visited this morning.

March 9th. Rev, J.H. Mitchell visited a.m..

March 10th. Work progressing favourably this week. Special attention given to Spelling and Mental Arithmetic, as these were found to be the weakest subjects during the recent Examination. Attendance for week. On books 86. Present 85. Average 83.2. % 96.7.

March 14th. Very heavy rain at 12 o clock. Children not dismissed till 12.20 p.m.

March 16th. Rev, J.H. Mitchell visited a.m.

March 17th. St. Patrick's Day. Special lesson given to the Upper Division. Attendance for week. On books 86. Present 85. Average 82.6. % 96.

March 20th. Admitted two girls this morning. A Gould absent today. Fires in main room discontinued today.

March 21st. A Gould still absent.

March 22nd. William Chandler (11) punished this afternoon for climbing over and breaking the fence. They had all been warned about this during the morning. This boy has been reported several times during the last few weeks to me for damaging peoples fences on his way to and from school.

March 23rd. Rev, J.H. Mitchell visited a.m.

March 24th. Work has been progressing very favourably this week. The Monitress A. Gould has been absent all the week. The whole of the boys present during the week. This is the first time this has occurred since I have been here. Attendance for week. On books 88. Present 87. Average 86.4 %98.1.

March 27th. A Gould returned this morning.

March 30th. Rev, J.H. Mitchell visited a.m. A Gould absent till 10 a.m. Very dark morning, so that no work could be done in books. The Lamps had to be lit and kept burning most of the morning.

March 31st. This Attendance has been very good and the work has been going on steadily and well. Attendance for week. On books 88. Present 87. Average 86.8. % 98.6. The whole of the boys were again present during the week being the second week in succession.

April 3rd. Removed the name of 1 girl from the Register, who has returned home. Very poor attendance this morning, 6 children being absent. Miss Burrel and Miss Bennet visited this afternoon.

April 4th. Admitted one girl this morning. Attendance still poor as compared with last week.

April 5th. I left this morning at 11.45 to go to Romford to obtain the Vicars Signature to the Inventory Forms.

April 6th. Rev, J.H. Mitchell visited a.m.

April 7th. Very heavy snowstorm this morning causing a considerable drop in the attendance. As it was so very cold, I have had fires in school today. Rather better attendance this afternoon. Attendance for week. On books 88. Present 84. Average 81.2. %91.1.

April 10th. A Gould absent again today.

April 11th. I have been away from school these last two days suffering with a slight attack of Influenza. Mrs. Dutton has been taking charge of the older children, while M King has taken the Infants. The Attendance Officer called during the dinner hour today. The Attendance especially amongst the girls is very low. One girl removed from the roll this week.

April 14th. Attendance for week. On books 87. Present 84. Average 81.8. % 94.

April 19th. Very cold today, so fires have been lit. We break up this afternoon for our Easter Holidays. The Texts for Good Attendance were distributed at the close of the Afternoon School. Attendance for week. On books 87. Present 85. Average 84.6. % 97.

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Water Meter. 1936.

May 22nd. 013312.9

June 8th. 015061.6

June 15th. 015933.8

June 22nd. 016806

June 29th. 018703.2 (Fence Mortar).

Sept 7th. 022984

Sept 24th. 024043

Oct 7th. 025915.6

Water Meter. 1940.

183,000. No 2742. South Essex Waterworks. Romford.

State of Meter. 12:6:1940. 180,000. Previous Reading. 177.000.

1922.

24th April. School reopened this morning after the Easter Holidays. Two girls names were removed from the register. 74 children present out of 77.

27th April. Rev A.C. Stone visited today. S.A.O. called and I reported to him that Rosetta Lodge was suffering from scabs on the head

28th April. On Books 77. Present 76. Average 73.1. % 94.9. The attendance has greatly improved. Dudley and Kathleen Hammer returned this week, having been excluded for several weeks on account of Chicken pox prevailing in the house.

4th May. Rev A.C. Stone visited today.

5th May. Leslie Turner left this week, he has gone to live with his grandmother at Navestock Side. The weather has been very cold and wet, fires have been continued this week. Yesterday evening the gusty wind tore a window from its fastening's, one pane was broken. Have reported to correspondent for repairs. On Books 76. Present 73. Average 69. 2. % 91.

8th May. Admitted William Brown, 9 years, Jack Brown 7 years and Bert Brown 5 years, the two former have attended school at Walthamstow. I noticed Ethel Lincoln's face breaking out (Impetigo) I told her to get ointment.

9th May. Ethel Lincoln's face much worse, must sit by herself today, ointment obtained. Miss Boyd absent this morning, owing to illness.

10th May. Religious Knowledge Examination.

11th May. Rev A.C. Stone visited this morning.

12th May. Julia, Susan, and Ethel Farrow have left this week. Their parents have gone to reside near Havering. On Books 76. Present 75. Average 72.6. % 95.5. Miss Boyd returned to school today.

18th May. Black Board received from L.E.A. Chelmsford. Rev A.C. Stone visited today.

19th May. S.A.O. called in reference to the employment of Les Willis on the Gidea Park Golf Links on Saturdays and Sundays. The boy was warned not to accept any employment whatsoever, he not having attained 12 years of age. Ethel Lincoln's face now much better.

On Books 76. Present 75. Average 72. % 94.7.

22/23/24/th May. These days have been excessively hot, the temperature of the main room

was over 80f. and in the infants room 86f. was reached. I thought it wise to relax the

ordinary routine somewhat, so that the children should not become excessively fatigued.

26th May. The school was closed on Thursday 25th. Ascension Day. Empire Day Celebrations were held in the morning, when Lady Neave addressed the children and told them of the many past scholars who were now scattered over our Empire and doing splendid work. The children sang songs suitable to the occasion. On Books 78. Present 77. Average 72.1 % 92.5. Admitted this week, Sidney Lincoln 5 years and 6 months, Francis Mary Passway 5 years and 10 months. Received Gardening Requisition. 3 Spades, 3 Forks, 1 Water Can, 2 Rakes, 2 trowels, 1 Hedge Shears.

1st June. Work has proceeded normally this week. Today, by the permission of the managers, a double session was held. Registers were closed at 8.55 and 11.55 respectively. Rev A.C. Stone visited today. On Books 78. Present 76. Average 73. % 93.6. At 2pm the school closed for the Whitsuntide holiday. Reopen 12th June.

12th June. School reopened today. Attendance good. Received Easel & parcel of pastels from Reines

15th June. Rev A.C. Stone visited. Have this day examined registers and found same correct. H.Watt.

16th June. On Books 78. Present 76. Average 73.1 % 93.4. N.B. Letter written to Mr. A.C. Dutton, Kelvedon re George Dyer, who I am given to understand has left school this week on attaining the age of 14 years.

21st June. A Collection is being made today, both in school and round the district in support of Alexandra Rose Day Scheme. Romford Cottage Hospital benefits as a result.

Mr A.C. Dutton called re George Dyer, he states he had called upon Mr Dyer and that George Dyer would be returning to school forthwith.

23rd June. On Books 78. Present 77. Average 72. % 92.3. Received this week, 2 parcels Kindergarten material from Rudd & Co, also parcel from Phillips & Tacey: writing books.

26th June. Received further requisitions from Phillips & Tacey.

30th June. On Books 78. Present 74. Average 71.4. % 91.5. Rev A.C. Stone visited today.

7th July. Rev A.C. Stone visited today. On Books 78. Present 75. Average 69. % 88.5.

The attendance has fallen this week owing to very rough wind and rain.

12th July. Sir Thomas Neave Bart has this day visited the school and has kindly presented two pictures which were hung in the large room. Thomas L H Neave. S.A.O. visited today. Mr. Hales H.M.I. called today.

13th July. Local fete, the school children were given a days holiday for this event.

14th July. 40 children only, present this morning owing to the heavy rainfall during the early morning. The attendance was not sufficient to mark registers. The weather and therefore the attendance improved considerably this afternoon. On Books 77. present 75. Average 69.3 % 89.9.

19th July. Miss A.L. Boyd was absent today on account of sickness. Lady Turner, The Priory, has presented a case of Indian Butterflies to the school, for which gift she was thanked.

20th July. Rev A.C. Comer Stone visited today.

21st July. On Books 77. present 77. Average 73.1 % 94.9. The school children have been invited to give an exhibition of folk dancing at Hou Hatch, Garden fete tomorrow. As Miss Boyd is still unwell, I think it advisable to have a rehearsal at 11:30 am, as this afternoon the school have gained an attendance holiday.

25th July. S.A.O. called.

27th July. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today.

28th July. By permission of the managers, a double session was held today, the children having been, by the kindness of Sir Thomas and Lady Neave, invited to tea and games in Dagnam Park. Miss N.L. Boyd returned to duty today. On Books 77. Present 76. Average 72.6 % 94.3. At 2pm the school closed for the Midsummer Holidays. Reopens 4th September.

4th Sept. School reopened today. William Knight, Eunice Easter and Molly Stovold have left. Admitted., Henry Charles Ottley and Winnie Hollingsworth.

5th Sept. Rev A.C. Stone visited today.

6th Sept. Two tons of coal delivered here by Dalby & Co.

7th Sept. S.A.O. called today.

8th Sept. On Books 76. Present 74. Average 73.1 % 96.2. 12th Sept. Children of class II taken for Nature Ramble at 2 pm today. 5 cwt firewood from W.Wacket.

15th Sept. On Books 76. Present 76. Average 73.9. % 97.2. I have this day examined the registers and found same correct. A.G. Taylor.

19th Sept. This has been a very wet and windy day, the rain has been blown into the porch, wetting the children's coats. I drew the attention of Mr. H. Watt to the state of the porches and suggested that new window frames be procured for the windows, which are at present without frames. I also drew his attention to a large puddle, which effectively blocked the way of the infants who use the passageway to reach the playground.

20th Sept. Received Form 73. Pens for staff.

22nd Sept. S.A.O. visited today. Maud Crowfoot is reported by mother to have mumps. Form M. I. 13 to be sent. On Books 76. Present 74. Average 71.5. % 94.1.

27th Sept. Heavy rain during the afternoon. It being impossible for the children to have the usual break, lesson were carried on and the school dismissed at 3:20 pm.

29th Sept. On Books 76. Present 74. Average 65.6 % 86.3. Monthly totals. Possible Attendance's 3040. Actual 2841. Average. 71.25. % 93.4.

4th Oct. S.A.O. visited today.

5th Oct. The following boys are attending the Clinic, Albert Road Council School, this afternoon for Dental Treatment. I have given them their marks. ?

6th Oct. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 69.2. % 93.5. Left. William Juck and Bert Brown. Admitted. Leslie Paget aged 6 years for 3 weeks only.

13th Oct. School closed this afternoon for attendance holiday. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 69.4 % 93.8.

20th Oct. S.A.O. called today. On Books 74. Present 73. Average 69.7. % 94.2.

27th Oct. On Books 75. Present 74. Average 71.3. % 95. One ton of coal delivered from Dalby & Co. Romford.

31st Oct. Monthly Totals. Possible Attendance's 3192 Actual 3000. Average 69.8. % 93.9.

1st Nov. A wet and depressing day. Lessons were carried on in the afternoon session and school dismissed at 3:20 pm.

2nd Nov. S.A.O. called, also Rev H.C. Robins. Vicar, visited and checked the registers and found same correct.

3rd Nov. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 68.7. % 92.8.

10th Nov. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 67.2. % 90.

15th Nov. School closed for General Election. The main room being used as a polling station.

17th Nov. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 66.5 % 89.9. Total Possible 592. Total Actual 532.

20th Nov. Admitted. Mary Ottley aged 13 years 3 months, very backward child, has great difficulty in arithmetic. Left. Mary Wheeler, returned to Birmingham.

22nd Nov. S.A.O. called and asked for attendance certificate to be rendered respecting Charles Lincoln.

24th Nov. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 69. % 93.2. Total Possible 740. Total Actual 690.

30th Nov. Monthly returns. Possible Attendance's 3108. Actual 2823. Average 67.2. % 90.8.

1st Dec. On Books 74. Present 73. Average 64.8. % 87.6. Total Possible 740. Total Actual 648.

8th Dec. On Books 74. Present 73. Average 69. % 93.2. Total Possible 740. Total Actual 690.

11th Dec. S.A.O. visited. I reported to him that the Passway children had not had any food for their dinner for a week and that we had to supply them. He said he would investigate the case.

12th Dec. Managers meeting in school at noon.

15th Dec. Inspector Martin. R.S.P.C.C. called to investigate, re Passway children.

On Books 74. Present 73. Average 68.3. % 92.3. Total Possible 740. Total Actual 683.

19th Dec. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited.

21st Dec. Head Teacher granted leave of absence for day, Mrs. E.M. Hartop to undertake duties of Head Teacher. S.A.O. called today. School closed for Xmas Holidays. Reopen Monday Jan. 8th. 1923. Monthly Totals. Times opened 30. Possible Attendance's 2220. Actual 2033. Average 67.8. % 91.6.

1923.

8th Jan. School reopened today. Charles Lincoln & William Lodge have left school, being over age.

9th Jan. Admitted Isabella Mirchell, seems to be very backwood.

12th Jan. S.A.O. called today. I asked him to visit Dolly Passway who is suffering from a severe attack of Impetigo, with a view to persuading the mother to let the child visit the clinic at Romford. On Books 73. Present 67. Average 63.4. % 86.8. There are many cases of sickness due principally to colds.

15th Jan. Have this day examined the registers and found same correct. Thomas L.H. Neave.

16th Jan. Rev A.C. Comer Stone visited today.

19th Jan. On Books 73. Present 70. Average 62.5. % 85.6. The number of sick increases, the weather remains very wet and dreary. Mrs. Passway forwarded a Medical Certificate from Dr. Moore, excluding Dorothy from school for a fortnight.

23rd Jan. S.A.O. visited today. Head teacher absent from 2:45 pm to fetch a parcel for school from Harold Wood. Rev A.C. Comer Stone visited.

25th Jan. The Lady Neave visited.

26th Jan. On Books 73. Present 69. Average 65.8. % 90.1. The weather has improved and consequently the attendance has been steadier, there are still several children absent owing to colds.

31 Jan. Monthly Totals. Sessions 36. Possible Attendance's 2628. Actual 2318. Average 64.4. % 88.5.

2nd Feb. Weekly total. On Books 73. Present. 71. Average. 65.9. % 90.3.

5th Feb. S.A.O. visited.

6th Feb. Several sheep strayed into the school garden during the early morning & destroyed everything they possibly could. The garden was a ruin.

7th Feb. The following is the report of the Diocesan Scripture Examination held at this school on May 10th 1922, by Rev Y.W. Armitage. The Infants and Standard 1 answered very well and were interested in imparting information.

They are always an interesting class at this school. The rest of this class was examined in two groups, answers were given readily in all subjects, and all seemed to be interested. The written work was good, especially in III. V.& VI. I understand that Prayer Books are scarce in the school. Y.W. Armitage. Diocesan Inspectorate. 15/5/1922.

9th Feb. On Books 72. Present 68. Average 61.4. % 85.4.

12th Feb. Meet of the Essex Hounds at Noak Hill. It has long been the custom at this school to take the scholars to see the meet. As this occurs at 11am, today school will be suspended for a short time in order to allow the scholars to view the meet. They will be required to write a short description of what they have witnessed.

14th Feb. Ash Wednesday. Children proceeded to church, after the service the children were dismissed for the day.

16th Feb. On Books 72. Present 70. Average 67. 25. % 93.4.

21st Feb. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited.

22nd Feb. County Architect visited re repairs, Chargeable to County.

23rd Feb. On Books 72. Present 67. Average 59.1. % 82.1.

27th Feb. S.A.O. visited today.

28th Feb. Monthly Totals. Sessions 38. Possible Attendance's 2746. Actual 2388. Average 62.8. % 86.9.

2nd March. On Books 73. Present 70. Average 64.8. % 88.8.

9th March. On Books 73. Present 70. Average 67.8. % 92.8.

13th March. Owing to inclement weather lessons were carried on this afternoon and school dismissed at 3-20 pm.

16th March. On Books 73. Present 68. Average 61.1. % 81.

20th March. S.A.O. visited today. Examinations taken this week.

21st March. Teachers desk received.

23rd March. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 68.6. % 92.7. Admitted Donald Sewell 6 years 5 months from Private School Dagenham.

28th March. Rev A.C. Stone visited.

29th March. On Books 74. Present 72. Average 69.4. % 92.9. Monthly Totals. Times opened 42. Possible Attendance's 3084. Actual 2791. Average 66.5. % 90.5. School closed today at 3:30 pm for Easter Holidays. Reopens Monday 16th April. Sidney Harvey, Connie Parker and Gladys Wright left today, over age

16th April. School reopens today after the Easter Holidays. Form 9E (a)&b) dispatched

5th April. 1923. Mrs. E.M. Hartop granted leave of absence from 16th April to 7th July inclusive. At a Missionary Exhibition held in Romford during the holidays the following boys were successful in winning prizes for illustrated posters. Group 4 (aged 12) John Ovall 1st prize. Group 6 (aged 10) C. Wingrave 2nd prize.

20th April. In consequence of a delay in sending a teacher on supply Miss Boyd has been working in the Infants class, and I have taught both classes in the main room. This has disorganised the work of the school considerably. On Books 73. Present 71. Average 66.6. % 91.2.

23rd April. Mrs, Le Fevre of 27 Stockdale Rd, Romford appointed Supplementary supply. T.5.6 to D.S.C. S.A.O. visited today.

24th April. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited.

26th April. School granted a whole days holiday to celebrate the Duke of Yorks wedding day.

27th April. On Books 73. Present 66. Average 61. % 83.6. There appears to be an epidemic of sore throats, which has lowered the attendance this week. Nothing very serious has, as yet, developed. N.B. Written Mr. Dutton re Roy Turner.

30th April. Admitted W. Knight, Warren Passway & Gladys Lorge - to Infants. I have this day examined the registers and found same correct. E.W. Padfield. Monthly Totals. Times opened 20 Possible Attendance's 1466. Actual 1287. Average 64.35. % 87.8.

1st May. Mr. Jewsbury H.M.I. visited. Mr. Frazer - from Horticultural School Garden, Chelmsford, visited this morning. Managers Meeting at 12 noon today.

4th May. On Books 76. Present 70. Average 67.3. % 88.5.

10th May. Ascension Day children visited Church. Registers marked & closed at 10.am.

11th May. On Books 76. Present 71. Average 67.3. % 88.5.

16th May. Owing to stormy weather, afternoon session carried straight on. School dismissed at 3:20.pm.

18th May. On Books 75. Present 70. Average 68. % 90.6. Whitsuntide Holidays.

28th May. School reopened today.

29th May. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today. Owing to incessant rain during the afternoon school was dismissed at 3:20pm, no breaks being given.

1st June. On Books 75. Present 71. Average 66.7. % 89. Monthly Totals. Sessions 20. Possible Attendance's 2718. Actual 2427. Average 67.4. % 89.3.

4th June. Have this day examined the registers and found same correct. Thomas L.H. Neave.

7th June. Nurse White, Balcombe Cottage, Brentwood. inspected school this morning.

8th June. On Books 75. Present 73. Average 68. % 90.6.

12th June. S.A.O. visited. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited.

14th June. Sir Montague Turner addressed the school on Empire. The children sang appropriate songs. He afterwards distributed prizes. Children given a half day holiday.

15th June. Scripture Examination by Rev Armitage. On Books 75. Present 69. Average 66. % 87.8.

20th June. The following report from the County Committees Horticultural Instructor concerning the gardening instruction in the school was received today. Excellent work is being done. In the present year an allotment is in use as well as the Head Masters garden. Crops are making good progress and tools are well kept.

22nd June. On Books 76. Present 71. Average 62.8 % 82.6. Admitted Herbert Hollick aged 5 years.

27th June. Nurse White visited.

29th June. On Books 75. Present 67. Average 62.6. % 83.6. Monthly Totals. Sessions 39. Possible Attendance's 2935. Actual 2528. Average 64.6 % 86.1.

6th July. On Books 69. Present 68. Average 65.6. % 95. Mrs. Le Feure relinquished duties as supply.

9th July. Mrs. E. M. Hartop resumes duties after leave of absence since 16th April.

Have this day examined registers and found same correct. Thomas L.H. Neave. 9/7/23.

11th July. Children of upper division taken to cricket field to compete in heats preparatory to their sports tomorrow.

12th July. School closed for the day for the Noak Hill Fete & Flower Show. The judges highly praised the school plots & collection of vegetables put up by the boys. Prizes were awarded as follows. Best kept plot. (1) J. Ovell, S. Robinson. (2) A. Salmons, L. Willis. (3) D. Freeman, T. Enkil, H. Moore J. Kemp. Best Collection of Vegetables. (1) H. Moore, J. Kemp. (2) A. Salmons. L. Willis. (3) L. Kemp, J. Salmons.

13th July. Attendance very poor, owing to children attending Fete and the heat. Afternoon temp 85.f. On Books 69. Present 69. Average 60. % 87.1.

19th July. Nurse White inspected several children.

20th July. On Books 69. Present 69. Average 60.7 % 88.

23rd July. S.A.O. called today.

24th July. Managers meeting in the school at noon today.

25th July. By permission of the Managers a double session will be held today. At 3pm, by the kind invitation of Sir Thomas and Lady Neave the school children will attend at Dagnams.

26th July. The following report of Religious Instruction at the school was received today. On Books 75. Present 63. The Infants and Standard I were very attentive and answered questions correctly and readily. The rest of the school was inspected together, though the teaching had been given in two groups. questions were answered evenly throughout the school. Standard III deserves special notice. The written work was neat and generally good. J.W. Armitage. 23/7/23.

27th July. Double Sessions held today. During Head Teachers absence, 1 hour. Mrs. E.M. Hartop teacher in Charge. On Books 69. Present 69. Average 59.7. % 86.6. Monthly Totals. Sessions 38. Possible Attendance's 2622. Actual 2341. Average 61.6 % 89.3.

School term ended today for Summer Holidays. Reopen 29th August. Leavers, Amy Enkel, Lily Benton and Dan Freeman.

29th Aug. School reopened today. Weather was very wet, several children absent on account of this. Admitted Christopher Nettleingham & Alfred Willis.

30th Aug. S.A.O. visited today.

31st Aug. On Books 68. Present 53. Average 52.7. % 77.5. N.B. Also Monthly Totals. Sessions 6. Possible Attendance's 408. Actual 316. Average 52.7. % 77.5.

7th Sept. On Books 68. Present 66. Average 65.6. % 96.5.

10th Sept. S.A.O. visited today.

14th Sept. On Books 69. Present 68. Average 65. % 94.2. Alex Boyd admitted for 2 weeks from Oxford Gds CS, South Kensington.

20th Sept. Rev A.C. Robins visited to inspect repairs to playground and offices.

21st Sept. On Books 69. Present 66. Average 62.2. % 90.1.

27th Sept. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today.

28th Sept. S.A.O. called. On Books 69. Present 65. Average 61.6. % 89.3. Monthly Totals. Sessions 40. Possible Attendances 2750. Actual 2544. Average 63.6. % 92.5.

1st Oct. Mr. Frazer. Gardening Inspector visited the school this afternoon. He advised the application of lime or basic slag to the garden.

3rd Oct. Nurse White inspected Children today. Owing to heavy rain during afternoon, the usual break was not given, school was dismissed at 3:20pm.

5th Oct. On Books 68. Present 66. Average 63.8. % 93.8.

12th Oct. On Books 67. Present 64. Average 57.1. % 85.2. The weather has been wet, especially today. Many children's boots are bad, consequently the attendance has been poor.

19th Oct. On Books 68. Present 68. Average 65.3. % 96.

25th Oct. S.A.O. visited today.

26th Oct. On Books 68. Present 68. Average 59.4. % 87.4. I have this day examined the registers and found same correct. A.W. Taylor.

29th Oct. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today.

31st Oct. Monthly Totals. Sessions 46. Possible Attendances 3118. Actual 2826. Average 61.4. % 90.6.

2nd Nov. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 61.4. % 90.3. S.A.O. called today with reference to Charles Lincoln who left school 17.12. 22, certain defaults required by Medical Officer were supplied and also M.I. card.

9th Nov. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 60.9. % 89.6.

16th Nov. On Books 68. Present 65. Average 60.3. % 88.7.

19th Nov. Extract from report of Horticultural Instructor on School Gardens for Oct 1923. "Noak Hill CE, School. The gardening class and its instructor have acquitted themselves well during the past season. The Masters garden and an allotment are both used to full advantage. A supply of lime is needed by this soil"

21st Nov. S.A.O. visited.

23rd Nov. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 64.3. % 94.6.

30th Nov. On Books 68. Present 65. Average 62. % 92.4. Monthly Totals. Sessions 43. Possible Attendances 2924. Actual 2667. Average 62. % 91.7.

6th Dec. School Closed for General Election.

7th Dec. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 60. % 88.2.

12th Dec. Nurse White visited today. Charles Ottley excluded.

14th Dec. On Books 68. Present 66. Average 60. % 88.2.

17th Dec. S.A.O. visited.

18th Dec. Headmaster absent from 2:45pm. Mrs. E.M. Hartop in charge.

20th Dec. Headmaster granted leave of absence from 10am to 12 noon. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 63. % 92.6. Monthly Totals. Sessions 26. Possible Attendances 1768. Actual 1584. Average 60.9. % 89.6. School closes for Xmas Holiday, reopen 7th January. 1924.

1924.

7th Jan. School reopened today. Leaving 2. Admitted Nil.

9th Jan. Heavy fall of snow, 23 children only, present, registers not marked. School closed for the afternoon session.

11th Jan. On Books 66. Present 64. Average 51.6. % 78.2.

16th Jan. S.A.O. & Nurse visited school today. Glass Front School Cupboard received in order.

18th Jan. Firewood from W. Wacket. On Books 66. Present 65. Average 60.3. % 91.4.

22nd Jan. Have this day examined the registers & found same correct. H. Watt.

25th Jan. On Books 66. Present 60. Average 55.7. % 84.4.

31st Jan. Monthly Totals. Sessions 36. Possible Attendances 2376. Actual 2066. Average 57.4. % 86.9.

1st Feb. On Books 66. Present 65. Average 60.7. % 91.9.

8th Feb. On Books 66. Present 65. Average 58.2. % 88.2.

13th Feb. Miss Boyd absent, on visit to dentist. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today.

14th Feb. Miss Boyd resumed duties.

15th Feb. On Books 66. Present 63. Average 54.1. % 82.

20th Feb. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited. S.A.O. called.

21st Feb. S.A.O. again called. Francis Passway readmitted. (1 year in hospital).

22nd Feb. On Books 67. Present 57. Average 50.4. % 72.2. Poor attendance due to prevalence of influenza.

25th Feb. Headmaster absent at funeral from 2:45pm.

29th Feb. On Books 69. Present 50. Average 43. % 62.3. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2812. Actual 2171. Average 51.7. % 77.2.

5th March. Children at church to 9:45am. Mrs. E.M. Hartop absent today, sickness.

Have examined registers and found them correct. Thomas L.H. Neave 5/3/24.

7th March. On Books 69. Present 57. Average 51.3. % 74.3.

11th March. S.A.O. visited.

12th March. Mr. Stone visited

14th March. On Books 69. Present 64. Average 59.7. % 86.5.

17th March. Mrs. E.M. Hartop resumed duties today. Headmaster granted leave of absence to attend funeral.

19th March. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today. Rev H.C. Robins, correspondent, visited school & examined into various defects existing in the buildings. Some minor repairs were to be executed immediately.

21st March. On Books 69. Present 64. Average 61.8. % 89.5.

27th March. S.A.O. visited. Form IXE. etc received. Managers meeting at Romford.

28th March. On Books 69. Present 64. Average 60.1. % 87.1.

31st March. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2898. Actual 2450. Average 58.3. % 84.5.

1st April. Forms IXE. dispatched.

4th April. On Books 69. Present 63. Average 55.6. % 80.6. There has been an outbreak of measles in the school, cases reported to Romford, Ongar, Billericay & Chelmsford respectively.

7th April. S.A.O. called.

9th April. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited

10th April. Head Teacher granted leave of absence at 10:45am. Mrs. E.M. Hartop in charge during His absence.

11th April. On Books 69. Present 47. Average 41.2. % 60.

14th April. I have this day examined the registers and found same correct. A.W. Taylor.

17th April. On Books 69. Present 42. Average 37.6 % 54.5. School closed for Easter Holidays at 3:30pm. Reopen Monday 28th April.

28th April. School reopened today.

2nd May. On Books 68. Present 52. Average 46.8. % 68.8.

9th May. Mr. Jewsbury, H.M.I. visited the school today & examined in the three classes.

On Books 69. Present 58. Average 55.3. % 80.1.

13th May. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited.

16th May. On Books 68. Present 57. Average 53.7. % 79.

22nd May. S.A.O. & Rev Stone visited.

23rd May. Empire Day celebrated. Flag saluted, lessons based upon Empire subjects given, songs sung & a short talk on the wonders of the Exhibition given by Head Teacher.

On Books 68. Present 61. Average 57. % 83.8.

29th May. Ascension Day. In order to meet the arrangements of the Rev A.C.C. Stone for a children's service at 2:45pm, a double session will be held today. Assemble 8:55 am Dismissal 11 am. Reassemble 12:20pm Dismissal 2:30pm.

30th May. On Books 68. Present 66. Average 63.2. % 93. Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Total Possible Attendances 3002. Actual 2484. Average 56.5. % 82.7.

3rd June. I have duly examined the registers & found the same correct. A.E. Roberts.

6th June. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 61.4. % 90.3. School closed for Whitsuntide Holidays.

16th June. School Reopened.

20th June. S.A.O. visited today. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 63.1. % 92.8.

25th June. Alexander Day. The School Children are making a collection in aid of this fund.

26th June. Half Days Holiday for the visit of Princess Victoria to Romford.

27th June. On Books 68. Present 67. Average 60. % 88.4. Monthly Totals. Sessions 29. Total Possible Attendances 1972. Actual 1786. Average 61.6. % 90.6.

30th June. Scripture Examination.

1st July. By the kindness of Sir Thomas & Lady Neave and the other Managers of the School, 40 of the scholars & staff enjoyed a day at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

4th July. On Books 68. Present 66. Average 56.6. % 83.3.

10th July. S.A.O. visited.

11th July. On Books 64. Present 64. Average 58.8. % 91.8.

14th July. The last lesson this afternoon was arranged to enable the girls to practice Folk Dancing & the boys to attend to their plots.

16th July. The last lesson this afternoon, for the girls, arranged to enable a final practice of Folk Dancing, & Maypole Dancing.

17th July. School closed for Village Fete.

18th July. On Books 64. Present 64. Average 52.5. % 82. I have examined the registers and found same correct. Thomas L.H. Neave. 18/7/24.

22nd July. Managers meeting at 12.noon in the school.

25th July. On Books 64. Present 64. Average 52.5. % 83.6. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Total Possible Attendances. 2712. Actual 2302. Average 54.8. % 84.9.

1st Aug. On Books 64. Present 62. Average 54. % 81.9. Monthly Totals. Sessions 2. Total Possible Attendances 128. Total Actual 102. Average 51. % 80. School closed for Summer Holidays today, reopen 8th September.

8th Sept. School reopened today. S.A.O. visited. September. The following is a copy of the report on the school garden by the County Committees Horticultural Instructor on 18th August. "Work in the school garden continues to be of a Meritorious nature even if last years fine efforts are not quite equalled.

The teaching of the subject is in capable hands, and nowhere is keener enthusiasm shown by the children than here".

12th Sept. On Books 61. Present 57. Average 54.9. %90.

16th Sept. S.A.O. visited today.

19th Sept. On Books 61. Present 60. Average 55.7. % 91.3.

25th Sept. Nurse Philpott called.

26th Sept. On Books 61. Present 60. Average 53.4. % 87.5. School closed at 3:20pm on account of very heavy rainfall.

29th Sept. S.A.O. visited & introduced Mr. W. Larrett S.A.O.

30th Sept. Monthly Totals. Sessions 34. Total Possible Attendances 2074. Actual 1862. Average 54.7. % 89.8.

3rd Oct. S.A.O. visited. On Books 61. Present 59. Average 54.4. % 89.1.

10th Oct. On Books 60. Present 58. Average 52.4. % 85.9.

17th Oct. On Books 60. Present 57. Average 55.4. % 92.3.

22nd Oct. S.A.O. visited.

24th Oct. On Books 60. Present 60. Average 57.4. % 95.8.

29th Oct. General Election. School closed for polling purposes.

31st Oct. On Books 60. Present 60. Average 56.75. % 94.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 34. Possible Attendances 2656. Actual 2429. Average 55.2. % 91.1.

7th Nov. On Books 60. Present 58. Average 56.4. % 94.

12th Nov. S.A.O. visited.

14th Nov. On Books 60. Present 60. Average 54.8. % 91.3.

21st Nov. I have this day examined the registers and found same correct. H. Watt.

On Books 60. Present 59. Average 56.6. % 94.3.

25th Nov. Received today. Report on Religious Instruction. Inspected June 30th 1924. Number on Books 68. Present at Inspection 64. Infants & Standard I; Scarcely any in Standard I. The Infants answered very well in the Old Testament, and repeated the Catechism very correctly. They were not so ready with answers in the New Testament, but full of information about the Church Seasons. Standards II to VI; were examined together: They answered well in all subjects: They seemed to be much interested in the instruction given in Church History. Standards II & III; which had been taught in one group did their fair share in answering questions. Written Work: In Standards II & III; the written work was rather uneven. Some of it was good. In Standard IV; written work in Catechism good. Standard V; written work in Catechism very good. Some of the other answers good.

Standard VI; Written work in Catechism from memory very good, other answers good.

J.W. Armitage. 24. Nov. 1924.

27th Nov. Visit of Rural Dean (Rev Steer) Rev Armitage, Rev H.C. Robins & Mr. Selby to inspect the fabric etc. of the school.

28th Nov. On Books 61. Present 61. Average 56. % 91.8. Monthly Totals. Sessions 40 Possible Attendances 2410. Actual 2238. Average 55 9. % 92.8.

2nd Dec. S.A.O. visited.

5th Dec. On Books 61. Present 60. Average 57.2. % 93.7.

10th Dec. James Passway punished for stealing money from teachers desk. Nurse Philpott visited.

12th Dec. On Books 61. Present 60. Average 57. % 93.4.

15th Dec. Owing to rain and fog closed school 10 minutes early today.

Have this day examined the registers and found same in order. Thomas L.H. Neave.

17th Dec. S.A.O. visited today.

18th Dec. Double Sessions held today by permission of the managers. The school children have again been invited to an Xmas tea in the Victory Hut, given by the Woman's Institute. School closes for Xmas Holiday, reopens 5th Jan. On Books 61. Average 56. 9. % 95.3.

Monthly Total. Sessions 28. Possible Attendances 1708. Actual 1594. Average 56.9. % 93.3.

1925.

5th Jan. Reopened School today. Horace Moore aged 15, is attending school, at the request of his parents. He is not registered as attending.

9th Jan. On Books 55. Present 54. Average 51.4. % 93.4.

16th Jan. On Books 55. Present 50. Average 44.7. % 81.3. Colds & sickness are responsible for the fall in the attendance.

21st Jan. Three days leave of absence granted to Head Teacher to attend a funeral.

22nd Jan. Nurse Philpott visited.

23rd Jan. On Books 55. Present 51. Average 46.2. % 84.

29th Jan. Miss Boyd absent, sick.

30th Jan. On Books 55. Present 50. Average 48.7. % 88.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 40. Possible 2200. Actual 1919. Average 47.75. % 87. Have examined the registers and found same correct. E.W. Padfield.

2nd Feb. Miss Boyd resumed work today.

6th Feb. On Books 55. Present 51. Average 45. 2. % 82.9. 13th Feb. On Books 55. Present 46. Average 39.3. % 71.4.

16th Feb. Managers meeting.

20th Feb. On Books 55. Present 44. Average 38.6. % 70.2.

25th Feb. Ash Wednesday. School Closed for the day.

26th Feb. County Architect called to inspect the playground.

27th Feb. On Books 56. Present 52. Average 46. % 82.

Monthly Total. Sessions 38. Possible Attendances 2098. Actual 1598. Average 42. % 76.1.

1st March. Mrs. E.M. Hartop granted leave of absence for 3 months.

6th March. On Books 55. Present 50. Average 45.4. % 82.5.

13th March. On Books 54. Present 49. Average 42.1. % 78.

20th March. Miss F.M. Gladding Supplementary (The Briars, Wingle Tye Lane, Hornchurch.) commenced temporary duty today.

27th. March. On Books 54. Present 49. Average 43.9. % 81.3.

31st March. On Books 53. Present 50. Average 54.8. % 90.5. Form IXE completed.

Monthly Total. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2382. Actual 1958. Average 44.5. % 82.2. Miss. F.M.Gladding absent today.

1st April. Medical Inspection of school children by Dr. Barker. & Nurse Philpott.

2nd April. W. Jewsbury H.M.I. inspected the school today.

3rd April. On Books 53. Present 50. Average 48. % 91.

6th April. Head Teacher granted this day leave of absence for visit to Father who is ill.

Miss F.M. Gladding returned to duty today.

9th April. On Books 53. Present 50. Average 47.8. % 90. A double session held today by permission of the managers. School closed down at 2pm. for Easter holiday, reopens on Monday 20th April.

20th April. School reopened today. S.A.O. called

22nd April. Mr. Veysey. H.M.I. inspected school buildings today.

24th April. On Books 50. Present 49. Average 46.9 % 93.8.

30th April. On Books 52. Possible 416. Actual 393. Average 49.1. % 94.4. Monthly Totals. Sessions 32. Possible Attendances 1658. Actual 1532. Average 47.9. % 92.4.

1st May. On Books 52. Possible 104. Actual 96. Average 48. % 92.3.

8th May. On Books 53. Present 53. Average 50.3. % 94.9.

12th May. I have this day examined the registers and found the same correct. E.W. Padfield.

15th May. On Books 55. Present 55. Average 51.3. % 93.3.

20th May. 10am, Gardening Boys permitted to take advantage of suitable weather for transplanting cabbages etc.

21st May. Ascension Day. Children attend Church at 9am. School closed for the day.

22nd May. Miss F.M. Gladding ceased duty here today. On Books 55. Present 54. Average 48. % 87.3.

25th May. Mrs. E.M. Hartop. resumed duties today.

27th May. School closed for Diocesan Scripture Examination.

29th May. Double Sessions held today. On Books 55. Present 51. Average 47.25. % 86.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 38. Possible Attendances 2064. Actual 1874. Average 49.3. % 90.

4th June. Received today. Copy. of the H.M.I.s. Report. Board of Education Local Education Authority - Essex. Noak Hill, St Thomas School. No 280 E/13/280/1

Inspected on 2nd April 1925. Report by H.M.I. Mr. J.W. Veysey. "Mixed and Infants: Many of the children are undoubtedly of a low grade of intelligence, they are however well disposed and attentive. The written exercises in Arithmetic and Composition are carefully done and display a very fair degree of accuracy. During the past few years improvement has been made in the Reading as regards fluency, but much remains to be done in respect of clear and accurate enunciation, proper phrasing, natural expression and understanding of the language met with in the reading books. Bright and interesting lessons in History, Geography and Nature Study are given to the lower class in the main room and the children make satisfactory response. In the upper group, the master carries out his syllabus conscientiously, but judging by the results of tests set to this group it is evident that the work attempted is beyond the grasp of the lower section of this group. These children (standards IV and V) should be taught separately on a simpler course of work. The others (Standards VI and VII) could proceed on a more advanced course, and might be trained to learn a good deal by their own efforts". Signed. H.C. Robins. Correspondent.

8th June. School reopened today after Whitsuntide holiday.

12th June. On Books 55. Present 52. Average 47. % 85.4.

19th June. On Books 56. Present 54. Average 49.4. % 88.2.

24th June. Report on Religious Instruction. May 27th 1925. On Books 53. Present at Inspection 45. The Infants and Standard I; answered well, their work had I understand been rather hampered by difficulties in the course of the past year. Standard II & III; were very good in class work, the children were attentive and ready with their answer. In Standards IV-VI; the results of the years teaching were very satisfactory. Some Church history was included and the children seem to have found it interesting. The written work of Standard II & III was very good, so far as it went, in the higher standard the written work was very good in the Catechism. J.W. Armitage, Correspondent.

Managers meeting in the school at 6pm.

26th June. On Books 56. Present 54. Average 49.1. % 87.6.

30th June. On Books 57. Sessions 4. Possible 228. Actual 213. Average 53. 25. % 93.4.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 34. Possible Attendances 1898. Actual 1668. Average 49. % 87.9.

3rd July. On Books 57. Sessions 6. Possible 342. Actual 310. Average 51.6. % 90.6.

7th July. 3pm. Miss Boyd and girls practised Folk Dancing this afternoon in the Victory Hut.

9th July. 3pm. The children of the upper division taken to see the cricket match between a local team and the Chartered Bank of India & Australia.

10th July. On Books 57. Present 54. Average 49.3. % 86.5.

16th July. Village Fete. School Children gave displays of Maypole and Folk Dancing.

17th July. On Books 57. Present 57. Average 48. %

20th July. I have this day examined the Registers and found them Correct. Thomas L.H. Neave.

24th July. Head Teacher granted leave of absence for afternoon. On Books 57. Present 57. Average 46.3. % 81.2.

28th July. Visit of Mr. Frazer, Gardening Inspector.
30th July. On Books 57. Present 55. Average 50. % 88.8. Monthly Totals.
Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2394. Actual 2054. Average 48.9. % 85.8.

School closed for Summer Holidays.

31st Aug. School reopens today. During the holidays the schoolrooms have been redecorated. Monthly Totals. Sessions 2. Possible 112. Actual 88. Average 44. % 78.5.

Jack Dyer reported to have chicken pox, Grace Dyer kept at home as a contact. Eileen Galpin & Cecil Galpin also excluded as contacts. Medical Officers informed. I am endeavouring to meet H.M.I. suggestions to promote individual work in the upper division by a system of weekly assignments.

4th Sept. On Books 56. Present 51. Average 48.1. % 86.

11th Sept. On Books 56. Present 52. Average 49.9. % 89.1. S.A.O. called.

18th Sept. On Books 57. Present 55. Average 52 .4. % 92 .6.

21st Sept. Received today. Report of School Gardening Instructor, and letter of congratulation on the report from the Director of Education, W.O. Lester Smith Esq.

"A useful standard is observable in all that relates to the school garden, and many instructive features are to be seen. Particularly helpful are the drawings and copious notes made under the guidance of the teacher. Most satisfactory methods are employed from beginning to end, this being clearly demonstrated in the fine results secured".

25th Sept. On Books 57. Present 57. Average 52.1. % 91.4.

28th Sept. S.A.O. called today.

30th Sept. Rev A.C.C. Stone visited today. Monthly Totals. Sessions 43. Possible Attendances 2427. Actual 2194. Average 51. % 90.4.

2nd Oct. On Books 56. Present 54. Average 52.5. % 93.7. S.A.O. visited On Books 56. Present 52. Average 48.75. % 87.5. Inspector Martin R.S.P.C.C. visited re, Passways. He reports improvement in home Conditions. 7th Oct. School Nurse visited

9th Oct. On Books 57. Present 55. Average 51.9. % 91.

16th Oct. On Books 57. Present 56. Average 50.6 % 88.4.

23rd Oct. On Books 56. Present 55. Average 49.3. % 88.

29th Oct. I have this day examined the registers and found the same correct. H. Watt.

30th Oct. On Books 56. Present 56. Average 51. 8. % 92.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2484. Actual 2231. Average 50.7. % 89.8.

6th Nov. On Books 56. Present 55. Average 50.4. % 90.

11th Nov. Armistice Day was observed in a fitting manner throughout the school.

The upper division were given instruction on the League of Nations.

12th Nov. Dorothy Mumford was punished for disobedience.

13th Nov. On Books 56. Present 54. Average 51.5. % 92.

20th Nov. On Books 56. present 53. Average 49.4. % 88.2.

27th Nov. On Books 54. Present 53. Average 50.1. %93.3. I have examined the registers and found the same in order. H.C. Robins.

30th Nov. On Books 54. Present 48. Average 47.5. % 88. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2328. Actual 2109. Average 50.2. % 90.5.

3rd Dec. On Books 54. Present 49. Average 45.3. % 84.

4th Dec. School closed for one day by permission of managers.

11th Dec. On Books 54. Present 52. Average 48.1. % 89.1.

18th Dec. On Books 54. Present 52. Average 43.7. % 81.

23rd Dec. On Books 54. Present 44. Average 34. 4. %64. The weather & sickness considerably reduced the attendance. Monthly Totals. Sessions 31. Possible Attendances 1674. Actual 1362. Average 44. % 81.9. The school has

closed today for the Xmas holidays. It will reopen on Monday 11th January. 1926.

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11th Jan. School closed for one further week by order of Medical Officer of Health, there has been an outbreak of scarlet fever in the village.

18th Jan. School reopened today, attendance very poor owing to wintry conditions.

Miss Boyd absent owing to sickness.

22nd Jan. On Books 47. Present 31. Average 28.5. % 60.6. The Passway family have been taken to the Infirmary, Romford. Their Father was sentenced to 3 months Hard Labour for his neglect.

26th Jan. Miss N.L. Boyd returns to duty today. Form TS6. rendered. 29th Jan. On Books 47. Present 40. Average 36. 9. % 78.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 20. Possible Attendances 940. Actual 654. Average 32.7. % 69.6. 2nd Feb. Mr. Veysey H.M.I. visited the school today to inspect the conditions of the building etc.

5th Feb. On Books 47. Present 43. Average 38.7. % 82. 3.

8th Feb. Rev A.C.C. Stone. & Mr. Yull, Romford. Inspected the School Cesspool & school walls & roof.

12th Feb. On Books 47. Present 41. Average 34.4. % 73.2.

15th Feb. Miss N.L. Boyd absent owing to rheumatism. Form TS6. rendered.

17th Feb. Miss N.L. Boyd returned to duty. Form TS6. rendered. Children attended service at Church it being Ash Wednesday. 19th Feb. On Books 47. Present 39. Average 35.6. % 75.7.

24th Feb. I have this day examined registers and found them in order. A.C. Comer Stone 24/2/26.

26th Feb. On Books 47. Present 34. Average 29.3. % 62.3.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 40. Possible Attendances 1880. Actual 1380. Average 34.5. % 73.4.

2nd March. Nurse Newby inspected school today.

5th March. Attendance Certificate sent to Mr. Dutton respecting Valentine Lincoln, 14/123 Attendances during the last 13 school weeks. On Books 47. Present 34. Average 30. 2. % 64. 2.

12th March. On Books 47. Present 38. Average 33. % 70.2.

14th March. Punished Nellie Willis for disobedience.

15th March. Rev A.C.C. Stone. Correspondent and Sir Thomas Neave. Bart, Manager inspected the school buildings today.

16th March. County Architect called to inspect school building for Summer repairs.

19th March. On Books 48. Present 43. Average 39.9. % 83.1.

26th March. Medical Inspection. On Books 47. Present 45. Average 39.6. % 84.2.

30th March. Nurse Newby visited.

1st April. School closed for Easter Holidays.

12th April. School reopened today. H.M.I. Mr. Jewsbury called today.

16th April. S.A.O. On Books 49. Present 47. Average 43.6. % 89.

19th April. S.A.O.

23rd April. On Books 49. Present 47. Average 42.1. % 85.9.

30th April. On Books 49. Present 46. Average 40 .7. % 83.8. Monthly Totals. Sessions 32 . Possible Attendances 1564. Actual 1335. Average 41.7. % 85.3.

7th May. On Books 52. Present 50. Average 47. % 90.4.

13th May. School closed for Ascension Day. Service in Church 10:30am.

14th May. On Books 52. Present 49. Average 45.2. % 87.1. Registers examined today. A.C. Comer Stone.

21st May. Empire Day celebrated at school today. Sir Thomas and Lady Neave, the managers and parents were present. Suitable songs were sung. Her Ladyship addressed the children and presented prizes for successful essays on Empire. Miss Boyd was the recipient of a present on the occasion of leaving the school after 4 & a half years service. On Books 51. Present 48. Average 44.1. % 86.5. School closed today for Whitsuntide Holidays. Reopen Monday 31st May 1926.

31st May. School reopened today. Miss N.L. Boyd terminated her duties at this school on the 31st instant. She has been appointed to a post at Shenfield C.E. School. The school has now been reorganised in two groups, Infants standard II, and Standard III to Standard VI.

Weekly Summary. On Books 52. Sessions 2. Possible 104. Actual 88. Average 44. % 84.6. Monthly Totals. Sessions 29. Possible Attendances 1499. Actual 1317. Average 45.4. % 87.8.

2nd June. School Scripture Examination by Rev. J.W. Armitage.

4th June. Weekly Summary. On Books 51. Sessions 6. Possible 306. Actual 256. Average 42. % 85.

11th June. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 458. Average 45.8. % 90.

16th June. Head teacher granted leave of absence from 2:30pm.

18th June. On Books 51. Sessions 10 . Possible 510. Actual 466. Average 46.6. % 91.3.

23rd June. I have this day examined the registers and found the same in order. H. Watt.

25th June. On Books 51. Sessions 10 . Possible 510. Actual 478. Average 47.8. % 93.7.

28th June. On Books 51. Sessions 6. Possible 306. Actual 291. Average 48.5. % 95.1.

30th June. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2142. Actual 1949. Average 46.4. % 91.

1st July. I have examined the registers and found them in order. Thomas L.H. Neave.

2nd July. On Books 51. Sessions 4. Possible 204. Actual 183. Average 45.7. % 90.

9th July. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 444. Average 44.4 % 87.1.

16th July. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. Actual 341. Average 42.6. % 83.6.

22nd July. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. Actual 329. Average 41.1 % 80.6.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 30. Possible Attendances 1530. Actual 1297. Average 43.2. % 84.8. By permission of the managers a double session was held today, School closed for Summer Holidays, reopen 30th August.

30th Aug. School reopened today.

31st Aug. Monthly Totals. Sessions 4. Possible Attendances 204. Actual 165. Average 41.25. % 80.9.

3rd Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 6. Possible 306. Actual 228. Average 38. % 74.5.

10th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 466. Average 46.6. % 91.4.

17th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 447. Average 44 .7. % 87.6.

22nd Sept. Copy of Diocesan Report, received today. Inspected June 2nd 1926. The Rev H.C. Robins. Correspondent. Number On Books 52. Total present at Diocesan Inspection 35. "The day was very wet and the numbers were seriously affected. The Infants and Standard I, did very well on the whole, some of them were at the very beginning; but good signs of useful instruction were seen. The other standards were examined together, though they had been instructed in two groups. The answers came briskly and correctly and altogether the results were highly satisfactory. The written work was good and careful so far as it went" J.W. Armitage. 2nd July 1926.

24th Sept. On Books 48. sessions 10. Possible 480. Actual 443. Average 44.3. % 92.3.

30th Sept. Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2190. Actual 1952. Average 44.4. % 89.1.

1st Oct. On Books 48. Sessions 8. Possible 384. Actual 368. Average 46. % 95.8.

On Books 48. Sessions 2. Possible 96. Actual 83. Average 41. % 86.4. Copy of School Gardening Report 1926.

"A very satisfactory crop growth was observed when an inspection of this garden was made, but the plots seemed a little less tidy than usual. Renovation of the flower border in the allotment part of the garden would be desirable during the coming autumn as the clumps of perennials now occupy too much space. A varied selection of plants continues to be treated, and the scheme as a whole undoubtedly serves a most useful purpose."

8th Oct. On Books 48. Sessions 10. Possible 480. Actual 432. Average 43.2. % 90.

16th Oct. On Books 48. Sessions 10. Possible 480. Actual 440. Average 44. % 91.6.

20th Oct. Managers meeting at the School.

21st Oct. Have examined registers and found them in order. A.C. Comer Stone, 21st Oct. 1926.

22nd Oct. On Books 51. Present 50. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 449. Average 44.9. % 88.

27th Oct. The following boys were punished for misconduct. R. Bright. S. Beckwith. W. Mumford.

29th Oct. On Books 51. Present 49. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 448. Average 44.8. % 88. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2076. Actual 1852. Average 44. % 89.2.

1st Nov. W. Mumford, after receiving a general warning not to interfere with children proceeding home after school, received four strokes of the cane for striking Arthur Farrow (8 years) as he was proceeding home. This boy had given information which led to the punishment of the three boys on the 27th Oct. 1926.

5th Nov. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 448. Average 44.8. % 88.

12th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 469. Average 46.9. % 90.2.

Registers posted to Director. Chelmsford.

19th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 491. Average 49.1. % 94.4.

26th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 464. Average 46.4. % 90.

30th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 4. Possible 208. Actual 195. Average 49. % 93.7.

Monthly totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2278. Actual 2067. Average 46.8. % 90.7. Registers received from Chelmsford.

3rd Dec. On Books 54. Sessions 6. Possible 324. Actual 291. Average 48.5. % 90.

10th Dec. On Books 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 485. Average 48.5 % 90.2.

15th Dec. Children taken to the Victory Hut at 2:40pm. to practise organised games for their Christmas party,

17th Dec. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 463. Average 46.3. % 87.4.

21st Dec. Double Session today by permission of the Managers. The children are being entertained to a Xmas Tea & Party by the Woman's Institute. School closes for the Xmas Holidays. Reopen 3rd Jan. On Books 53. Sessions 4. Possible 212. Actual 185. Average 46.25. % 82.7. Monthly Totals. Sessions 30. Possible Attendances 1606. Actual 1424. Average 47. 5. % 88.4.

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3rd Jan. School reopened today.

7th Jan. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510 Actual 460. Average 46. % 90.2.

10th Jan. Mrs. E.N. Hartop granted leave of absence for four months, under regulation of the Committee. Mrs. Le Feure Supplementary, commenced duties today.

11th Jan. Four dual desks forwarded to Collier Row School on the request of the Correspondent. Rev A.C.C. Stone.

14th Jan. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 442. Average 44.2. % 86.7.

21st Jan. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 338. Average 33.8. % 66.2.

21st Jan. I have this day examined the registers and found all in order. A.C. Comer Stone.

25th Jan. H.M.I. Mr. Edwards visits the school today.

28th Jan. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 393. Average 39.3. % 75.1.

31st Jan. Nurse Philpott visited today. Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2142. Actual 1703. Average 40.5. % 79.

3rd Feb. Mr. P.B. Tinker, Clerk to Romford D.S.C, called today & instructed me to nominate seven girls between 12 &14 years of age, to attend a Domestic Class at Mawney Road School, Romford, on Thursday next at 9am. The class is for the whole day. Mr. E. Hammer will convey them to and fro.

4th Feb. On Books 51. Sessions 2. Possible 102. Actual 70. Average 35. % 68. 6. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. Actual 230. Average 28.7. % 56.3.

11th Feb. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 304. Average 30.4. % 59.6.

18th Feb. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 337. Average 33.7. % 66.1.

25th Feb. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 402. Average 40. 2. % 78.8.

28th Feb. On Books 51. Sessions 2. Possible 102. Actual 74. Average 37. % 72.5.

3rd March. The School was medically examined today by Dr. C. Brown.

4th March. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. Actual 378. Average 47.3. % 92.7.

10th March. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. Actual 371. Average 46.4. % 91.3.

11th March. School closed for the day.

14th March. H.M.I. Mr. Veysey visited to inspect repairs.

18th March. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 461. Average 46.1. % 90. 4.

25th March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 458. Average 45.8. % 91.6. Copy of Form 35E; Board of Education. Local Education Authority, Essex.

Noak Hill, St Thomas C.E. School. No 280. Reg. No. E. 13/280/5. Inspected on 25 January 1927. Report by H.M.I. Mr. J.W. Veysey.

"The general plans, the schemes of work and the methods of teaching in this small rural school of two classes are on the whole satisfactory. For most of the subjects the Head Teachers class is divided into 4 groups, and for much of the time the children are left to work independently, the work of each group being carefully arranged a week in advance. Generally speaking the results are very fair, but a higher level of attainment would be reached if the Head Teachers plans were carried out with a little more vigour. In a few cases the written Composition of the older children is good, but the Handwriting of the younger children is sometimes untidy. In Reading lessons care is taken to see that the children understand the meaning of individual words, but in reading aloud they should be trained to speak more distinctly. With the senior group fairly good results are obtained in teaching Geography. To arouse the children's interest and assist them in learning Geography and History numerous pictorial illustrations and newspaper cutting's are hung on the walls, but in continuing this commendable practice care should be taken to avoid giving the room an untidy appearance. The boys do not appear to receive much instruction in Drawing, and the results are not very satisfactory. This weakness is partly due to the fact that during these lessons the Head Teacher has at times to devote part of his attention to the boys working in the school garden. The Infants are making satisfactory progress in oral Reading and Handwriting. Signed." A.C. Comer Stone. Correspondent.

31st March. On Books 50. Sessions 8. Possible 400. Actual 376. Average 47. % 94.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2226. Actual 2044. Average 46.4. % 91.8.

1st April. On Books 50. Sessions 2. Possible 100. Actual 78. Average 39. % 78.

5th April. Notified by the Director that the attendance's. for the weeks ending the 4th & 11th February may be omitted when calculating the average attendance for the year, owing to the prevalence of epidemic sickness amongst the scholars. Rule 23 (2) Schedule IV, Code V Article 15 (ii) of the Memorandum No 51.

7th April. Head Master granted leave of absence to attend a course of instruction, at Saffron Walden Training College, for Head Teachers of Rural Schools. Mrs. E.N. Hartop undertakes duties of Head Teacher during his temporary absence.

8th April. On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 427. Average 42 .7. % 87.1.

13th April. Head Teacher resumes duties. On Books 49. Sessions 6. Possible 294. Actual 246. Average 41. % 83.6. School closed for Easter Holidays. Reopen 25th April.

25th April. School reopened today.

28th April. Visit of Mr. Wakeley. Gardening Inspector.

29th April. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 475. Average 47.5. % 92.1.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 28. Possible Attendances 1404. Actual 1226. Average 43. 8. % 87.3.

5th May. Visited School - Examined & signed Registers. A.C. Comer Stone.

6th May. On Books 52. Present 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 490. Average 49. % 94.2. Mrs. E.A. Le Fevre relinquishes duties here today.

9th May. Mrs. E.N. Hartop resumed work today after 4 months leave of absence.

13th May. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 484. Average 48.4. % 93.1.

18th May. Managers Meeting.

19th May. On Books 52. Sessions 8. Possible 416. Actual 381. Average 47.6. % 91.5.

Eileen Mumford punished for misbehaviour.

20th May. School closed for Diocesan Inspection.

27th May. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 475. Average 47.5. % 91.3.

30th May. Registers examined and Signed. H.C. Robins.

31st May. On Books 52. Sessions 4. Possible 208. Actual 197. Average 49.25. % 94.7.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 42 Possible Attendances 2184. Actual 2027. Average 48.2. % 92.8.

1st June. Head Teacher granted permission to attend Blacksmith's Demonstration Van, with 4 boys at Bush's Forge, South Street. Romford.

2nd June. On Books 52. Sessions 4. Possible 208. Actual 192. Average 48. % 92.3.

A Double Session held today by permission of the Managers. School closed for Whitsuntide Holiday. Reopen Monday 13th June.

13th June. Copy of School Gardening Report 30/5/27.

"A useful scheme is here at work, partly in the School House garden, partly on an allotment plot. The latter is suffering from the extremely wet weather of early April. Instruction is given in the culture of a considerable variety of crops." Have examined the registers and found the same correct. Thomas L.H. Neave.

16th June. Nurse Philpott visited today.

17th June. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 483. Average 48.3. % 93.

24th June. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 472. Average 47.2 % 90.

30th June. On Books 52. Sessions 8. Possible 416. Actual 369. Average 46.1. % 88.7.

1st July. On Books 51. Sessions 2. Possible 102. Actual 64. Average 32. % 62.7.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 32. Possible Attendances 1664. Actual 1516. Average 47.4. % 92.7.

7th July. Visited School and found everything Satisfactory & examined registers. A.C. Comer Stone.

8th July. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 468. Average 46.8. % 91.7.

13th July. Copy of Diocesan Report received today. May 20th. Noak Hill School.

"Although there had been some difficulties to overcome the Infants and Standard I answered readily and correctly. Perhaps what impressed me most was the interest they seemed to take in the books and pictures from which they had been taught. Standards II - VI; gave good answers in all their subjects, I was much interested in what they were able to tell about Acts VI - XII. The Litany, and the Gospel of St Luke; Evidently much care had been given to the teaching. Some of the written work was very good; especially difficult answers in the Catechism, done without mistake. Some of the other answers were put down with spirit and well expressed." J.W. Armitage. June 21st 1927.

15 July. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510 . Actual 417. Average 41.7 % 81.7.

21st July. Noak Hill Village Fete. School closed for the day.

22nd July. On Books 51. Sessions 8. Possible 408. actual 358. Average 44.7. % 87.7.

25th July. Mr. Blundell Brown presented a prize to William Jones and Beatrice Threardle for "Virtue, learning and character."

26th July. By permission of the Managers a double session was held today. Weekly Totals. On Books 51. Sessions 6. Possible 306. Actual 283. Average 47.1. % 92.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 36. Possible Attendances 1836. Actual 1590. Average 44.2 % 86.6. School closed for Summer Holidays reopen 29th August.

29th Aug. Holiday Extended to 31st Aug, as the reconstruction of the Offices etc had not been completed. Mr. Tinker informed.

31st Aug. School reopened today.

On Books 52. Sessions 2. Possible 104. Actual 64. Average 32. % 67.5.

2nd Sept. H.M.I. Mr. Veysey and Mr. Holden visited today. On Books 52. Sessions 4. Possible 208. Actual 142. Average 35.5. % 68.2

9th Sept. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 493. Average 49.3. % 94.8.

16th Sept. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 452. Average 45.2. % 87.0.

23rd Sept. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 470. Average 47. % 88.7.

30th Sept. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 486. Average 48.6. % 91.7.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2308. Actual 2043. Average 46.4. % 88.5.

7th Oct. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 486. Average 48.6. % 85.3.

Petty Cash Account rendered to 30th Sept. 1927.

14th Oct. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 508. Average 50.8. % 95.8.

18th Oct. Visited School and examined registers, found all in order. A.C. Comer Stone Correspondent.

21st Oct. On Books 54. Present 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 495. Average 49.5. % 91.7.

25th Oct. On Books 54. Present 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 504. Average 50.4 % 93.3.

31st Oct. On Books 53. Sessions 2. Possible 106. Actual 100. Average 50. % 94.3.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2286. Actual 2093. Average 49. 9. % 91.5.

4th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 8. Possible 424. Actual 402. Average 50.4. % 94.5.

11th Nov. On Books 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 454. Average 45.4. % 85.7.

18th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 447. Average 44.7. % 84.3.

25th Nov. On Books 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 457. Average 45.7. % 84.6

29th Nov. County Architect visited school.

30th Nov. Nurse Philpotts inspected children.

On Books 54. Sessions 6. Possible 324. Actual 243. Average 40.5. % 75. Monthly Totals. Sessions 44. Possible Attendances 2348. Actual 2003. Average 45.5. % 85.3.

2nd Dec. On Books 54. Sessions 4. Possible 216. Actual 181. Average 45.25. % 83.8.

5th Dec. Mr. Blundell Brown has invited the School children to attend the Meet of the Essex Hounds 11am at Wrightsbridge. The Managers having granted permission, the children will leave school at 10:30 am, and return immediately the Hunt moves off. Mrs. Hartop will remain in charge of those at school.

9th Dec. On Books 54. Present 52. Sessions 10. Actual 493. Average 49.3 % 91.3.

16th Dec. On Books 55. Present 55. Sessions 10. Actual 489. Average 48.9. % 89.

20th Dec. Double Session by permission of the Managers to enable children to attend a Xmas Party in the Victory Hut, arranged for them by the members of the Woman's Institute.

21st Dec. 18 children only present this morning, registers not marked. Roads treacherous with ice. 19 present during the afternoon session.

22nd Dec. On Books 55. Sessions 6. Possible 330. Actual 254. Average 42.3. % 77.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 30. Possible Attendances 1636. Actual 1417. Average 47.2. % 86.6. School closed for Xmas Holidays. Reopen 9th January 1928.

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9th Jan. School reopened today, 22 children only present. Out break of Whooping cough responsible. Informed Dr. Ball, Medical Officer of Health. Romford. He visited me at 5pm, and instructed me to close the Infants Department. Particulars forwarded to M.O.H. Chelmsford & Romford.

11th Jan. N. Tinker. Clerk to D.S.C. advises me to exclude all children up to 7 years of age.

13th Jan. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 167. Average 16.7. % 32.

20th Jan. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 146. Average14.6. % 28.1.

25th Jan. Nurse Philpott visited.

26th Jan. Examined Registers. S.S. Adkins. Correspondent.

31st Jan. On Books 56. Open 4. Possible 224. Actual 60. Average 15. % 26.8.

Totals for Month of Jan. Open 34. Possible 1814. Actual 530. Average 15.6. % 29.2.

3rd Feb. On Books 56. Open 6. Possible 336. Actual 83. Average 13.8. % 24.7. Cesspit emptied today.

10th Feb. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 152. Average 15.2. % 27.1.

17th Feb. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 134. Average 13.4. % 24.

22nd Feb. School closed for Ash Wednesday.

24th Feb. On Books 56. Sessions 8. Possible 448. Actual 116. Average 14.5. % 25.9.

29th Feb. On Books 56. Sessions 6. Possible 336. Actual 97. Average 16.2. % 28.8.

2nd March. On Books 56. Sessions 4. Possible 224. Actual 68. Average 17. % 30.3.

9th March. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 172. Average 17.2. % 31.2.

16th March. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 150. Average 15. % 27.3.

23rd March. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 204. Average 20.4. % 37.1.

30th March. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 211. Average 21.1. % 38.3. Form IX filled up, and attached a statement showing the number of attendance's of each week during the whooping Cough epidemic in accordance with Article 15 (ii) Memorandum 51.

4th April. On Books 55. Sessions 6. Possible 330. Actual 120. Average 20. % 36.3.

School closed for Easter Holiday. Reopen 16th April.

16th April. School reopened today. Dr. Bell instructed me to admit children recovered from whooping cough.

18th April. Nurse Philpott visited.

20th April. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 327. Average 32.7. % 63.

27th April. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 522. Average 52.2. % 95. Cesspit emptied.

30th April. On Books 55. Sessions 2. Possible 110. Actual 90. Average 45. % 81.8.

Monthly Totals. Sessions 28. Possible Attendances 1510. Actual 1059. Average 37. 8. % 70.1. Medical examination of children took place in the morning.

3rd May. Have this day examined the registers and found the same in order. SSA.

4th May. On Books 55. Sessions 8. Possible 440. Actual 316. Average 39.5. % 71.8.

11th May. On Books 54. Sessions 10. Possible 540. Actual 471. Average 47.1. % 87.2.

16th May. Diocesan Scripture Examination. School closed.

17th May. Ascension Day, - Church, - School closed.

18th May. On Books 54. Sessions 6. Possible 324. Actual 287. Average 47.8. % 88.5.

24th May. Diocesan Report. On Books 54. Present 41.

"The weather was wet and cold, this accounts partly for the number of absentees from the inspection. The school had also been troubled with epidemics. Under

the disturbances the results of the inspection were quite satisfactory. The Infants and I & II were much interested in pictures and gave nice answers. They repeated the Catechism carefully and remembered what they had been taught about Samuel and David, and the chief Festivals. Standards III - VI were well informed in their subjects, especially the Gospel according to St Matthew The whole of the Catechism and Morning and Evening Prayer. Perhaps the younger children were a little inclined to leave the answers to the older children. Good written work was produced by Standard VI. Lower down the work written from memory was of better quality than their other information."

J.W. Armitage. May 21st. 1928.

On Books 54. Sessions 7. Possible 378. Actual 312. Average 44.5.% 82.5. Monthly Totals. Sessions 31. Possible Attendances 1682. Actual 1386. Average. 44.7. % 82.4. Empire Day Celebrated with song & address etc. School closed for Whitsuntide Holidays, reopen 4th June 1928.

31st May. F.O. Hartop and Mrs E.M. Hartop this day relinquished duties at Noak Hill School.

4th June. School reopened. I have succeeded Mr. F.O. Hartop as Head Teacher. C. Mardall.

Miss Harding succeeds Mrs Hartop. Attendance 56, having admitted three children.

5th June. Mr. Bright visited today.

7th June. Rev S.S. Adkins. visited the school.

8th June. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Present 56. Average 53.6. % 94.

14th June. Rev S.S. Adkins, condemned worn out stock, Atlases, Reading books, Pictures.

15th June. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Present 56. Average 54.1. % 95.

22nd June. On Books 59. Sessions 10. Present 58. Average 56.2. % 95.

29th June. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Present 57. Average 55.4. % 97.

2nd July. Inspection of the children by the nurse took place this morning.

4th July. Rehearsal for the Fete at 2:45pm. School reassembled at 1:20, while singing and physical exercise lessons were put together and taken in the Victory Hut.

6th July. On Books 58. Sessions 10. Possible 580. Actual 566. Average 56. 6. % 98. Cesspit cleared. Sir Thomas Neave. Bart. visited the school this morning and examined registers. Thomas L.H. Neave.

12th July. School closed for Village Fete. The children gave displays of Maypole and Sword Dancing.

13th July. On Books 58. Sessions 8. Possible 464. Actual 396. Average 49.8. % 86.

20th July. On Books 58. Sessions 10. Possible 580. Actual 553. Average 55.3. % 95.

24th July. Miss Harding took charge of Class I, while I spent the day in examining Class II.

Scripture. The children need pictures to help them understand the stories. The first three answers in the Catechism are known, when said simultaneously, by the older ones, who can also recite a few of the commandments. Singing; Four nursery Rhymes known. Words good, tune poor. Tonic Sol-fa. up and down scale. Arithmetic; Babies do not know the analysis of 10 with the exception of G. Lodge. Grade II mostly know analysis up to 10. Tables only taught up to 6 times. This known by a few children. Standard I; Working on Exercises 14 and 15 in Fundamental Book I. Subtraction of money grasped by three children only. On whole books were neat and well kept. Writing; A good style of script throughout the upper section of the class. Reading; Babies, sounds not known. Grade II 3 letter words. Good E. Mumford and Annie Rogers, poorer work from the rest. Grade III. R. Guest, T. Godfrey and A. Jones Fair, from cards only. L. Enkel and E. Guest weak.

Standard I; These children read much better than the rest of the work had led one to expect. E. Palmer and S. Galpin, top. C. Nettleingham weak. To be promoted. R. Guest. T. Godfrey, on age alone, to do handwork when other are engaged in private study. C. Nettleingham, T. Ottley, B. Clark, E. Palmer, M. Redger and S. Galpin to work as lower Standard II.

3rd Sept. School reopened today.

4th Sept. H.M.I. Mr. A.W. Holton, visited the school this afternoon.

7th Sept. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 506. Average 50.5. % 88.8.

14th Sept. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 509. Average 50.6. % 89.3.

Chicken pox has broken out. Three children absent. School Nurse visited the parents.

21st Sept. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 483. Average 48.3. % 84.7.

One more case of C.P.

28th Sept. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 337. Average 33.7. % 59.1.

Ten more absent with C.P. and one excluded as contact.

5th Oct. The Rev S.S. Adkins visited today and taught Scripture to Class I. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 340. Average 34. % 60.

9th Oct. R.F.A. Carter Esq. Assistant to the Director of Education, visited the school this morning.

12th Oct. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 335. Average 335. % 58.7.

19th Oct. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 346. Average 34.6. % 60.7.

26th Oct. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 417. Average 41.7. % 73.2.

2nd Nov. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 465. Average 46.5. % 82.7.

9th Nov. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 501. Average 50.1. % 90.

16th Nov. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 498. Average 49.8. % 89.

23rd Nov. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 522. Average 52.2. % 93.2.

30th Nov. On Books 56. Sessions 10. Possible 560. Actual 519. Average 51. 9. % 92.2.

3rd Dec. Terminal examinations begin this morning. The ordinary timetable will not be followed during this week on that account.

7th Dec. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 502. Average 50. 2. % 88.

14th Dec. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 493. Average 49.3. % 86.5.

21st Dec. On Books 57. Sessions 10. Possible 570. Actual 530. Average 53. % 93.

School closes today for Christmas Holidays.

1929.

7th Jan. School reopened this morning. Two girls having left, we have only 55 children on the books.

10th Jan. The Rev S.S. Adkins visited school this morning and taught Scripture to Class I.

11th Jan. On Books 55. Sessions 10. Possible 550. Actual 499. Average 49.9. % 90.7.

14th Jan. The Rev Robins visited school this afternoon.

16th Jan. The piano was tuned today. Heavy snow this morning, caused a very poor attendance, especially among the younger children.

18th Jan. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 395. Average 39.5. % 76.

The weather has been very severe this week, consequently the attendance has been poor.

21st Jan. Rev S.S. Adkins visited the school.

23rd Jan. Nurse Philpott examined the children this morning.

25th Jan. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 443. Average 44.3. % 86.3.

1st Feb. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 438. Average 43.8. % 84.2.

8th Feb. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 465. Average 46.5. % 89.4.

15th Feb. Very severe weather has caused a very bad attendance this week, especially among the younger children.

On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 371. Average 37.1. % 71.3.

22nd Feb. I returned to school this afternoon after having been absent, with Influenza since the afternoon of Monday 18th. Miss Harding carried on school in my absence.

On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 457. Average 45.7 % 88.

26th Feb. Very severe weather has caused a poor attendance.

1st March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 369. Average 36.9. % 73.8.

8th March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 426. Average 42.6. % 85.1.

14th March. The Rev S.S. Adkins visited the school and tested the registers.

15th March. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 452. Average 45.2. % 88.6.

22nd March. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 441. Average 44.1. % 86.4.

27th March. On Books 51. Sessions 6. Possible 306. Actual 279. Average 46.5. % 91.1.

School closed today for the Easter Holidays.

9th April. School reopened this morning.

10th April. The Rev H.C. Robins visited the school and tested the registers

11th April. Today Nurse Philpott visited. The Rev S.S. Adkins taught Scripture to Class I.

12th April. On Books 49. Sessions 8. Possible 392. Actual 354. Average 44.2. % 90.3.

19th April. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 473. Average 47.3. % 94.6.

26th April. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 451. Average 45.1. % 90.2.

3rd May. On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 459. Average 45.9. % 94.

9th May. School closed for Ascension Day.

10th May. On Books 49. Sessions 8. Possible 392. Actual 289. Average 36.1. % 71.2.

The very poor attendance is caused by an outbreak of mumps.

17th May. On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 418. Average 41.8. % 85.3.

The school closed at 3:30 this afternoon for one weeks Whitsuntide Holiday.

27th May. School reopened today. Ten children are ill with mumps.

30th May. The school is closed today, as the building is in use for the General Election.

31st May. On Books 50. Sessions 8. Possible 400. Actual 296. Average 37. % 74.

6th June. This morning the leavers and children of eight, together with the new entrants, were medically examined.

During the examination, the seniors did private study under the supervision of Miss Harding.

7th June. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 365. Average 36.5. % 71.6.

14th June. Rev M.W. Smith, Vicar of Chigwell called at school this morning to make arrangements concerning the Diocesan Inspection to be held on June 28th. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 370. Average 37. % 71.1.

21st June. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 393. Average 39.3. % 75.6

27th June. On Books 52. Sessions 8. Possible 416. Actual 346. Average 43.2. % 83.1.

28th June. School closed today for the Annual Diocesan Inspection.

5th July. By permission of the Managers I relinquish my duties here after today for fourteen days, to attend a Board of Education Course in Geography to be held at Oxford from 6th July to the 20th.

8th July. During the absence of Miss Mardall. I am in temporary charge of the school. A. Keary.

9th July. Kathleen Hammer, Daisy Ovall and Amy Wright went to Romford to attend Cookery class, but found the Centre closed. They returned to school at 11:30 am.

12th July. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 424. Average 42.4. % 83.1.

17th July. Nurse Philpott visited the school.

19th July. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 451. Average 45.1. % 88.4.

I relinquish my temporary duty here this afternoon. A. Keary.

22nd July. I resumed duty here this morning. C. Mardall.

24th July. The school closes after this afternoons session until September 2nd. The village Fete takes place tomorrow, the children will dance and sing both in the afternoon and in the evening.

2nd Sept. School reopened today.

During the holidays the interior of the school was painted and distempered.

6th Sept. H.M.I. Mr. A.W. Holton and examined the school, both this morning and this afternoon.

On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 477. Average 47.7. % 93.5.

9th Sept. Nurse Philpott visited this morning.

10th Sept. Mr. Wakely. F.R.H.S. visited the school and examined the school garden.

13th Sept. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 478. Average 47.8. % 95.

20th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 495. Average 49.5. % 97.

27th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 470. Average 47. % 92.1.

3rd Oct. By permission of the managers, the physical exercises of the week have been grouped together, to enable the school to go to the cricket field for their Annual Sports, at 2:30 this afternoon.

4th Oct. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 482. Average 48.2. % 94.4.

11th Oct. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 481. Average 48.1. % 94.3.

18th Oct. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 467. Average 46.7. % 91.6.

25th Oct. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 466. Average 46.6 % 93.6.

1st Nov. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 450. Average 45. % 90.

6th Nov. Through the kind interest and help of Sir Montague Turner, Class I goes to the Victory Hut on Wednesday at 2:15pm and Thursday at 10:45am, in each case for 45 minutes, for drill and singing.

8th Nov. On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 434. Average 43.4. % 88.5.

15th Nov. Copy of the Diocesan Report, received this day. June 28th 1929. "Religious instruction is very carefully given in this school and the Headmistress obviously takes the keenest interest in the Spiritual and moral welfare of the children. Infants & Standard I; Carefully taught. Repetition good. The questions asked were for the most part well and intelligently answered. Deserving of special mention, Louis Enkel, Emily Knight, Alfred Freeman and Eileen Mumford. Standard I--VI; Evidently very carefully taught and the spiritual significance of the lessons is well brought out and impressed upon the children. Repetition good. A sound knowledge of the Old and the New

Testaments subjects was shown, also an accurate knowledge of the catechism. The teaching on the "Order of Holy Communion" had evidently been carefully and devoutly given. The written work submitted was in the majority of cases good; that of some of the older children, quite excellent".

The following deserve mention for their answers and/or written work: Eric Enkel, Arthur Martin, Doris Lodge, Alfred Willis, Sylvia Galpin, Cecil Galpin, Albert Threadgle, Eric Clarke and William Knight. Signed W.N. Smith. Diocesan Inspector.

Report made by the Horticultural Instructor. "No gardening class is now held at this school, but nature study is based on the schoolhouse garden".

On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 460. Average 46. % 94.

19th Nov. The school will be closed this afternoon for an attendance holiday. Twelve of the seniors, with Miss Harding and myself are paying a visit, during the afternoon and evening, to St Thomas School Clapton. From there we are going to the Palestine Exhibition at Hackney Baths.

The attendance of the infants is very poor this morning, owing to the wet weather.

22nd Nov. On Books 49. Sessions 9. Possible 490. Actual 399. Average 44.3. % 90.5.

29th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 445. Average 44.5. % 85.5.

6th Dec. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 438. Average 43.8. % 80.4.

H.M.I. Mr. Veysey visited this afternoon.

13th Dec. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 448. Average 44.8. % 86.1.

18th Dec. Prizes given by Lady Neave, Mr. & Mrs. Blundell-Brown and several others, were given away by Lady Neave in the Victory Hut this afternoon. The school drilled, recited, sang and performed "Alice in Wonderland".

20th Dec. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 487. Average 48.7. % 93.6.

The school closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holiday.

1930.

7th Jan. School opened this morning after the Christmas Holiday, 49 present.

10th Jan. On Books 50. Sessions 8. Possible 400. Actual 381. Average 47.6. % 95.2.

17th Jan. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 448. Average 44.8. % 89.6.

24th Jan. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 436. Average 43.6. % 87.2.

29th Jan. The Nurse visited this morning and inspected the children.

A gramophone has been presented to the School and Village by Mrs. Boyd in memory of her daughter. It stands in school on a cabinet made by one of the old boys of the school.

31st Jan. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 438. Average 43.8. % 87.6.

7th Feb. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 453. Average 45.3. % 90.6.

14th Feb. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 308. Average 30.8. % 61.6.

The very poor attendance this week was caused by an epidemic of influenza in a mild form.

21st Feb. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 375. Average 37.5. % 75.

28th Feb. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 444. Average 44.4. % 88.8.

3rd March. Lady Neave having very kindly presented the school with £2:10s. A Horlicks Malted Milk equipment has been installed and all the children have

the hot milk each morning at playtime, paying where it can be afforded 2d each week.

5th March. Ash Wednesday, registers were closed at 9:10, secular instruction followed until 11:10 when a service was held in Church.

7th March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 470. Average 47. % 94.

11th March. Weather being unsuitable for seed setting, Nature Study is transferred, Thursdays lesson being taken in its place.

14th March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 426. Average 42.6. % 85.2.

21st March. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 396. Average 39.6. % 79.2.

25th March. The school will be closed this afternoon for an Attendance Holiday, which was earned in the month of October last when the percentage was 93.

On Books 50. Sessions 9. Possible 450. Actual 416. Average 46.2. % 92.4.

7th April. I have returned to duty this morning (Monday) having been absent on April 3rd & 4th as a result of an injury to my leg which occurred in the school in the afternoon of April 1st. C. Mardall.

Miss Harding took charge of the school in my absence. (away again on 10th to May 6th).

15th April. I assumed temporary charge of this school during the illness of Miss Mardall. M.W. West.

17th April. On Books 50. Sessions 8. Possible 400. Actual 346. Average 43.2. % 86.5.

School closed until April 29th for Easter Holiday.

6th May. I returned to duty this morning after being absent since April 10th. The injury recorded above (April 7th) having resulted in phlebitis.

9th May. On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 386. Average 38.6. % 82.

23rd May. On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 420. Average 42. % 90.

30th May. On Books 47. Sessions 8. Possible 376. Actual 351. Average 44. % 93.4.

2nd June. H.M.I. Mr. Holton visited the school today.

4th June. Nurse Philpott visited and inspected the children.

6th June. On Books 48. Sessions 10. Possible 480. Actual 416. Average 41.6. % 87.

School closes this afternoon for the Whitsuntide Holiday. It reassembles on June 16th.

16th June. School opened this morning. Present 43.

20th June. C. Wakely Esq. F.R.H.S. visited and inspected the school garden this morning.

On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 433. Average 43.3. % 92.1. The April requisition (2nd instalment) arrived today.

27th June. On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 421. Average 42.1. % 90.

30th June. On Books 46. Sessions 2. Possible 92. Actual 84. Average 42. % 91.3.

4th July. On Books 46. Sessions 8. Possible 368. Actual 344. Average 43. % 93.4.

11th July. On Books 46. Sessions 10. Possible 460. Actual 443. Average 44.3. % 96.3.

15th July. School closed for the Diocesan Inspection.

17th July. School closed for the Annual Village Fete. The children provided an entertainment of Songs, and country dances, while in the evening, a netball match was played against Havering school.

18th July. On Books 46. Sessions 6. Possible 276. Actual 254. Average 42.3. % 92.

25th July. A very wet week has resulted in a very poor attendance. Two families have been taken by their parents to pick peas.

On Books 45. Sessions 10. Possible 450. Actual 356. Average 35.6. % 79.1. The term examinations in English and Arithmetic, for the whole school have been done this week.

30th July. School closed this afternoon at 3:30pm for the Summer Holiday.

8th Sept. School reopened this morning. Four new entrants. The boys playground has been cemented.

12th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 489. Average 48.9. % 96.

19th Sept. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 469. Average 46.9. % 92.

26th Sept. On Books 50. Sessions 10. Possible 500. Actual 465. Average 46.5. % 93.

3rd Oct. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 443. Average 44.3. % 87.

8th Oct. Wednesday morning timetable changed with Thursday am. on account of the presence of the accompanist on Oct 8th instead of 9th.

10th Oct. On books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 506. Average 50.6% 97.3.

17th Oct. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 488. Average 48.8. % 93.8.

24th Oct. On Books 52 . Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 464. Average 46.4. % 89.2.

31st Oct. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 460. Average 46. % 88.4.

7th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 458. Average 45.8. % 88.

10th Nov. School closed all day (Monday) for Half Term Holiday.

11th Nov. Remembrance Day was celebrated today. School assembled and registers marked and closed at 8:45am. Two hours secular instruction followed, then at 10:55 those whose parents wished, went to Church for the Silence and service following. For the winter months, school reassembles for the afternoon sessions at 1pm and closes at 3:5pm.

13th Nov. Doctor Lobson conducted a medical inspection this morning. He also tested several dull and backward children.

14th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 8. Possible 416. Actual 359. Average 45. % 86.

21st Nov. On books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 416. Average 41.6. % 80.

28th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10 . Possible 520. Actual 458. Average 45. 8. % 86.

5th Dec. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 454. Average 45.4 % 87.

8th Dec. Mr. C.L. Bending of the Institute of Agriculture visited today to talk about the school garden.

12th Dec. On Books 51. Sessions 10. Possible 510. Actual 413. Average 41.3. % 81.

17th Dec. Copy of the Diocesan Report, received this day.

"The Religious Teaching in this school is very carefully and reverently given, also the children's interest is secured. Infants & Standard I; Evidently well and carefully taught. Repetition excellent. The children also answered the questions put to them by the inspector on their teacher nicely, especially Eric Guest, Warita Guest, Eileen Mumford, Edward Rawlings and Edna Craig. Certificates are awarded to these children. Standard II to VI; Repetition good. A good knowledge was shown on the work done during the year. The written work maintained a good level. The syllabus had been very carefully adopted to the needs of the school by the Head Teacher. The lessons on work in the Mission Field were a pleasing addition. Certificates are given to Thomas Ottley, Sylvia Gilpin, Eric Clarke, Cecil Gilpin and Emily Knight for excellent answering to questions asked on the day of the inspection, and to Albert Threadgle for good written work".

Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector.

23rd Dec. School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

1931

12th Jan. School reassembled this morning.

15th Jan. The Rev Goodwin and Rev Lewis, visited the school this morning.

16th Jan. On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 428. Average 42.8. % 91.

23rd Jan. On Books 47. Sessions 10. Possible 470. Actual 375. Average 37. 5. % 80.

30th Jan. On Books 48. Sessions 10. Possible 480. Actual 386. Average 38.6. % 80.

2nd Feb. The school returns to its usual sessions, 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 3:30pm.

5th Feb. Visited the school. R.S. Abraham.

6th Feb. On Books 46. Sessions 10. Possible 460. Actual 392. Average 39.2. % 85.

10th Feb. I am leaving Miss Harding in charge of the school this morning for an hour while I go to the Doctors.

13th Feb. On Books 46. Sessions 10. Possible 460. Actual 274. Average 27.4. % 59.

Outbreak of influenza is responsible for the very poor attendance this week. Dr. Bullough & Dr. Ball informed.

The Medical Officer visited the school this morning and has advised a closure.

18th Feb. This being Ash Wednesday, school this morning was held from 9 until 11:10am.

20th Feb. On Books 46. Sessions 10. Possible 460. Actual 188. Average 30.7. % 66.7.

27th Feb. On Books 46. Sessions 10. Possible 460. Actual 366. Average 36.6. % 80.

9th March. A heavy fall of snow took place this morning, therefore many children have not returned to school this afternoon. Present 26, on roll 46.

12th March. The school is to be closed this afternoon to allow the children, and staff to take part in a village function.

13th March. On Books 46. Sessions 9. Possible 414. Actual 321. Average 35.6. % 77.5.

16th March. Today I received a communication from the Director of Education, stating that the reduced attendance during the week ended February 13th, may be disregarded with permission of the Medical Officer. The necessary adjustments have been made in the registers.

2nd April. The school will be closed after this afternoon, for the Easter Holiday.

15th April. School reopened this morning. The back playground has been recemented during the holidays and is not yet perfectly hard. Therefore the boys and girls are playing together in the front playground.

On Books 49. Sessions 6. Possible 294. Actual 271. Average 45. % 92.

24th April. On Books 49. Sessions 10. Possible 490. Actual 434. Average 43. % 89.

13th May. H.M.I. Mr. A.W. Holton visited and inspected the school this morning.

14th May. The school is closed today for Ascension Day.

22nd May. Empire Day was celebrated in school this afternoon. At 3:30pm the school dismissed for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

1st June. School reopened after the Whitsuntide Holiday. The cesspool was cleared today.

4th June. Nurse Philpott came and examined the children this afternoon.

22nd June. Twelve collapsable tables having arrived, the first class will now do all possible lessons in the open air, weather permitting.

30 June. The percentage of attendance having reached 95 for the month of June, the school has earned an attendance holiday.

10th July. Head Teacher granted leave of absence for the afternoon session. Miss Harding in charge during H.Ts. absence.

16th July. School is closed for today on account of the Village Fete.

17th July. Sir Montagu Turner has presented the school with two pictures.

22nd July. Visited the school. Thomas L.H. Neave.

24th July. Lady Neave visited the school this morning. She has kindly presented the school with a pair of pictures. The afternoon session is being held from 1pm. until 3:5pm by permission from the Managers.

29th July. The school closes this afternoon for the Summer Holidays. The Diocesan Inspection takes place at 10am, tomorrow, July 30th.

7th Sept. School reassembled this morning. On Books 50, present 47.

24th Sept. Rev F. Goodwill visited and taught Class I. Fire drill was taken at 11:15am and the school was cleared, roll called in 80 seconds.

30th Sept. Extra gardening is being taken this week in place of one hours Drill, Drawing and Dramatisation, for digging. These times will be made up during inclement weather.

14th Oct. Mr. C.L. Bending of the Institute of Agriculture, visited and inspected the school garden.

20th Oct. Copy of the Diocesan Report; received this day. Inspected July 30th 1931.

"This is an excellent school, in which the religious teaching is most carefully given. The tone throughout is very good. Infants. Standards I& II; Have been very carefully taught. Repetition very good. Answers intelligent. Deserving special mention; Infants; Bertie Rawlings, Violet Judd and Arthur Gildersleeve. Standard I; Barbara Ray, May Judd, Leslie Gilpin, Eddie Rawlings, Reggie Mumford, Grace Gildersleeve and Doris Shelley. Standard II; Edna Craig & Eileen Mumford. Standard I to VI; Scripture Very Good, Catechism, accurate and evidently carefully taught. Written Work; Some papers very good, general level good. Missionary work; It is very gratifying to find that the Church's work overseas is taught and the children's interest in it is aroused. Certificates endorsed; Sylvia Galpin (for the 3rd time), Eric Clarke and Thomas Ottley (for the 2nd time). Certificate given to: Amy Wright, Edith Palmer, Emily Knight and Arthur Jones. Deserving mention; Alfred Freeman and Lewis Enkel" Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector: F. H. Goodwill, Correspondent.

23rd Oct. The school will be closed all day on Monday, as attendance holidays were won in June and July. It will remain closed on Tuesday 27th October as the school will be in use as a Polling Station in the General Election.

28th Oct. School reopened this morning. Mr. Frostick tuned the piano. 2nd Nov. I was absent on this day owing to an attack of influenza.

3rd Nov. Owing to illness Miss Mardall is unable to be present. I (Mrs. J.A. Miskin) have therefore taken duty temporarily as Head Teacher. The Attendance Officer called and brought six tins of malt. Commencing from today the afternoon session commences at 1pm and school closes at 3pm. These times to be continued until the longer days.

6th Nov. On Books 52. Sessions 10. Possible 520. Actual 478. Average 48. % 92.

10th Nov. H.M. Inspector, A.W. Holton Esq. visited the school this afternoon, but did not inspect owing to the absence of the Head Teacher (Miss Mardall) who is suffering from influenza.

11th Nov. Armistice Day was celebrated today. School assembled as usual at 9am and registers were marked. Secular instruction was given until 10:35am and was followed by a Service in Church which lasted from 10:50 until 11:30. The children then reassembled in their separate classes for further lessons. The Church Service took the place of the usual scripture lesson.

13th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 484. Average 48. % 91.

19th Nov. Rev F. Goodwill visited this morning & took Scripture with the Upper Division.

20th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 486. Average 49. % 92.

26th Nov. Nurse Philpott visited the School and examined the children this morning.

The Rev F. Goodwill also visited this morning & took Scripture with the Upper Classes.

27th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 10. Possible 530. Actual 473. Average 47. % 89.

30th Nov. On Books 53. Sessions 2. Possible 106. Actual 97. Average 48.5. % 91.5.

Monthly Totals. On Books 53. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2216. Actual 2018. Average 48. % 91.

4th Dec. On Books 53. Times Open 8. Possible 424. Actual 389. Average 48.6. % 92.

Miss Mardall hopes to resume duty on Monday December 7th.

7th Dec. After an absence of five weeks from November 2nd, caused by an attack of influenza, I have returned to duty this morning. C. Mardall. H.M. Inspector, Mr. Edwards visited the school and inspected the buildings and playground.

17th Dec. Rev F. Goodwill visited the school and signed the registers.

23rd Dec. The school breaks up today after the afternoon session for the Christmas Holidays. By the permission of the Managers, a double session is being held. 1st part 9 to 11:20am. 2nd 12:20 to 2:20pm.

1932.

5th Jan. School reassembled this morning.

12th Jan. During the recent gale, something must have come dislodged in one of the chimneys, for no smoke could escape at all, the school being filled. The time table was changed, extra physical exercises being taken while the doors and windows were thrown open to allow smoke and fumes to escape.

13th Jan. The above matter has been attended to and all is now quite satisfactory.

3rd Feb. Miss Harding is absent from school today on account of sore throat and cold. The time table will be changed as it will be necessary for the Head Teacher to take the whole school together.

4th Feb. Miss Harding returned to school this morning.

10th Feb. The weather is exceedingly cold, the temperature in both rooms being in the danger zone. On this account frequent physical exercises are being taken.

The attendance being small (26 present out of 53) stock is being taken, ordinary lessons bring replaced by extra English and Arithmetic.

11th Feb. The weather continues to be very severe, heavy fall of snow having occurred. 25 children only are present. Winter times are being taken today. Dinner from 12 noon to 1, school is to close at 3:5pm. At playtime this afternoon, it was snowing hard, the children therefore carried straight on with lessons, and the school will be dismissed ten minutes earlier.

29th Feb. Dr. Hatton conducted a Medical Examination today. Thirty nine children were examined during the morning and afternoon. The cesspool was cleared today. Monthly Totals. On Books 53. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2206. Actual 1712. Average 41. % 78.

4th March. During this month extra time will be given to gardening and knitting, as weather permits.

The extra time is to be taken from drawing, reading or arithmetic, and will be made up during wet weather, or and when the more urgent needs of the garden have been met.

22nd March. With the permission of the Managers the times of the school sessions are being altered today to permit the children and staff to take part in a village function. Scripture 9 to 9:30 Registers closed at 9:35am. Dinner hour 11:45 to 12:45. Registers closed 12:50. School dismissed 2:50pm. Owing to the fall of rain all day, no playtime has been given, and the school is closing ten minutes earlier this afternoon.

24th March. The school closed after the afternoon session for the Easter Holiday.

5th April. School reassembled this morning.

21st April. I was absent from school on this day owing to influenza. C. Mardall.

2nd May. Owing to illness Miss Mardall is unable to be present. I (Mrs. A. Yaxley) have therefore taken duty as Head Teacher.

3rd May. Commencing from today, the afternoon session will begin at 1pm and school closes at 3pm. These times will be in force until Miss Mardall's return.

5th May. The school is closed today for Ascension Day.

12th May. I returned to duty this morning.

13th May. At 3:30pm the school dismissed for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

25th May. School reopened this morning. Six new children admitted.

26th May. The school Dentist, conducted a dental inspection this morning. The open air classes were started today, and will be held whenever the weather permits.

An extra hour was taken for gardening this afternoon.

30th May. On entering the main room this morning, I found that a large portion of the plaster from the ceiling had fallen, making a great mess, the school not being usable until it was cleared. Mr. H. Watt, a manager, came to investigate the matter, I telephoned to the correspondent and reported what had happened. Class I; is now working in the open air, while the cleaner is clearing up the class room.

1st June. During the summer months, on Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, the last hour will be devoted to netball, taken in a field near Spicepits Farm. The lesson missed on Wednesday, will be transferred to Thursday afternoon, instead of the Physical Exercise lesson which appears on the Time Table.

13th June. Nurse Philpott visited the school and examined the new children, also difficult cases. Gladys, Annie and Joan Hodge were excluded on account of dirty heads.

16th June. H.M.I. Mr. A.W. Holton, visited the school this afternoon. He examined the registers and found them correct.

23rd June. Nurse Philpott visited the school and examined all the children.

4th July. This morning five new children were admitted. This brings the roll up to 66, infants and Standard II, together numbering 31. This necessitates a change of classes, and from today, Standard II a will not go down for History, Geography, and Nature Study, but will work with the Junior Section in Class I.

7th July. The school is closed all day today on account of the Village Fete. Twenty children entered for the competition of a wild flower collection, and seven for a vase of garden flowers. Turnips grown by the boys, in the school garden gained first prize, and peas second prize. These were both in open competition.

8th July. Gardening is to be taken this morning for an hour for transplanting. The weather not being suitable on Tuesday last, the time being given to English instead.

12th July. On account of the great heat, gardening is to be taken for an hour this morning, 9:45 to 10:45am. The music and Geography lessons are to be transferred to this afternoon.

15th July. The Diocesan Inspection takes place today therefore registers will not be marked.

18th July. Owing to bad weather, the attendance is very poor this morning, only 37 being present out of 67 on books.

20th July. The History and Geography syllabuses having been completed and a new English scheme being started, extra time between now and the end of term will be devoted to English. By this means the children will pass quickly through the preliminary stages and so be ready to start at their proper places in the scheme in September.

21st July. On account of rain, no playtime was given this afternoon, the school was dismissed ten minutes earlier.

22nd July. By permission of the Managers, the Head Teacher is leaving school this afternoon in time to keep an appointment with the Director of Education at Chelmsford at 4:30pm. That the school work shall be interrupted as little as

possible, one hour only is being taken for dinner, the afternoon session being from 1pm to 3:10pm.

28th July. By permission of the Managers, a double session will be held today, and the school will dismiss at 2:20pm for the Summer Holiday.

5th Sept. School reopened this morning. On Books 65. Present 55. Miss V.H. Hutchison took up her duties as Supplementary teacher here this morning.

The school has been reorganised, Standards II & III being formed as a small class in the large room, under Miss Hutchison. The Head Teacher has Standard IV.V.VI. together with a class of backwood children, at the other end of the room. Suitable screens to make a division are being sent from the County Offices.

7th Sept. In accordance with the managers permission the Head Teacher is leaving school at 3pm in order to reach the Bank by 3:30. Miss Hutchison is taking drill in her absence.

8th Sept. The Rev F. Goodwill visited the school this morning. He inspected all the repairs and decorations that had been done during the holidays, also examined and signed the registers.

14th Sept. At 8:50 am. just after the warning bell had been rung, the children were still playing in the playground, the juniors at a game called "Chivvy". One John Enkel, was being chased by several other children, when he fell over near the fence. Reginald Mumford stumbled on to him and a girl, Grace Gildersleeve fell on top of Reginald. The latter struck his lip on the fence cutting it in the centre. These details were gathered from the children concerned, and eye witnesses, immediately after the accident, as the staff were in their respective classrooms preparing their work. The lip was at once dressed and the bleeding stopped. I sent Reginald and his sister home at 9:10am by car, through the courtesy of Mr. Hammer. 9:45am. Eileen Mumford has now returned and reports that Mrs. Mumford is taking Reginald to the doctors this morning. This report has been sent to the Correspondent and the Clerk.

22nd Sept. The Head Teacher was absent this morning on account of a strained back, and an examination by the doctor. Miss Harding took the Infants and

Juniors, while Miss Hutchison was in charge of the Seniors. Miss Mardall returned to duty in the afternoon.

30th Sept. Monthly Totals. On Books 61. Sessions 40. Possible Attendances 2440. Actual 2065. Average 52.

17th Oct. A new cupboard, new board & easel and eight dual locker desks arrived this morning during school. Children in Class I had to work alone, while the Head Teacher made the Necessary rearrangements of books etc.

18th Oct. Dr. Feldman visited the school and examined the Lodge children and Herbert Rawlings to see if they still required free Cod Liver Oil & Malt.

25th Oct. Miss Hutchison has gone to the clinic to Dr. Feldman, in accordance with his instructions. Her class has been divided between Miss Harding and the Head Teacher.

Copy of the Diocesan Report; received this day. Inspected July 15th 1932.

"The tone of this school is excellent. One feels that a real effort is being made to give a devotional character to the religious teaching. Infants. Standard I & II; The class answered the questions asked brightly and intelligently, not only together but individually as well. Repetition was very good. The following deserve special mention: Peggy Ottley, Edward Rawlings, Grace Gildersleeve, Gwendoline Guest, Reginald Mumford, Leslie Galpin and Arthur Gildersleeve. Standards III to VI; The children have clearly been taught carefully and well. It is also obvious that every effort is made to impress upon them the meaning and application of what is taught. The teaching of what is going on at the present day in one part of the Mission Field in addition to Bible and Catechism is an excellent plan and might be adopted with advantage in other schools"

Certificates; Sylvia Galpin (advanced certificate) Thomas Ottley (3rd endorsement) Emily Knight and Arthur Jones (2nd endorsement) Richard Holton, Herbert Hollick, Olive Claydon, Edna Craig and Margaret Redgar (certificates). I also give certificates to Alfred Freeman and Lois Enkel. These two boys only just missed certificates last year, and again came in the list of those who answered well in the viva voco examination.

Signed M.W. Smith.: Diocesan Inspector. F.H. Goodwill, Correspondent.

27th Oct. The 91st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Village Church is being celebrated today, the children are being given a party after school this afternoon.

They will sing, dance and play, songs dances and games learnt in school. Starting today and for the winter months, the school will reassemble for the afternoon session at 1pm, and will close at 3:10pm.

28th Oct. The school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next; Oct 31st & Nov. 1st for the Half Term Holiday. Monthly Totals. On Books 59. Sessions 40. Possible Attendances 2360. Actual 2009 Average 50.

2nd Nov. School reopened this morning.

3rd Nov. Miss Hutchison is absent for part of the day today in connection with her Medical Examination for the E.E.C.

4th Nov. Miss Morgan visited the school this afternoon and inspected the Physical Training. The usual timetable was suspended.

9th Nov. Miss Mardall was absent today, This was advised by the Doctor as she has a feverish cold.

10th Nov. The Head Teacher returned to duty this morning.

23rd Nov. Miss G. Harding is absent from duty this morning.

24th Nov. Miss Harding returned to duty this morning.

25th Nov. Fire-drill was taken this morning at 10:18am. Time taken to clear school 1 and a half minutes.

30th Nov. Monthly Totals. On Books 60. Sessions 42. Possible Attendances 2366. Actual 2081. Average 50.

15th Dec. The cesspool is being emptied today.

20th Dec. By permission of the Managers a double session is being held today, in order that the children may attend a party, given to them at the Victory Hut, by Lady Neave and her friends. Morning 9 to 11:10am. Afternoon 12:10 to 2:20pm.

22nd Dec. The school closes for the Christmas Holidays after the session this afternoon.

On Books 64. Sessions 32. Possible Attendances 2026. Actual 1871. Average 59. % 92.

1933.

10th Jan. The school reopened this morning. A four-fold screen, each section 7ft x 3ft, has been delivered and is now in use to separate classes I&II.

13th Jan. There is a thick fog this morning, and only 45 children are present.

18th Jan. On this day, the Head Teacher (C. Mardall) was absent, owing to an attack of influenza. Miss Hutchison took the upper half of the school, Miss Harding the lower.

19th Jan. Miss Hutchison was also away on this day owing to influenza. Mr. Tinker was informed.

23rd Jan. Influenza has rapidly spread in the village, 25 children only in school. 69 on books. Mr. Tinker informed. Miss Harding in charge of the school.

24th Jan. 19 children present. Medical Officers informed.

25th Jan. 14 children present. In the afternoon the Rev F. Goodwill came to the school and closed it until Monday 30th January by the order of Dr. Ball.

30th Jan. Miss Mardall and Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning, 22 children present.

31st Jan. 32 present today. Extra time is to be given to book repairing. On Books 68. Sessions 28. Possible Attendances 1904. Actual 1088. Average 39. % 58.

1st Feb. A very wet morning. Twenty six children present. Book repairing and stock taking to be done during the day. On this day Mrs. Harvey gave up her duties as cleaner of the school, and Mrs. R. Knight has been appointed and started work today.

2nd Feb. F.H. Goodwill. 2/2/33.

11th Feb. The Cesspool was emptied today.

15th.Feb. Attendance is still poor, both chicken pox and impetigo have broken out in the school so the school nurse was sent for and she came and examined the children today.

20th Feb. Today the school returned to the usual timetable, 9 to 12noon, and 1:20 to 3:30 in the afternoon.

21st Feb. The weather being unsuitable for gardening, English is being in the first hour (pm).

22nd Feb. A very snowy morning, so that only 40 children are present.

1st March. Lady Neave has promised £1 to start a fund, so that all necessitous children are given a hot drink each morning. The children were given cocoa this morning. The Head Teacher is leaving school to catch the 3:15pm bus in order to reach the Bank. Miss Hutchison is left in charge.

6th March. The Head Teacher left the school in charge of Miss Hutchison for an hour this morning in order to see the Doctor. It was found that Impetigo had been contracted from the children there being several cases in the school. The Clerk to the D.S.C. was phoned to ask for instructions, and he said that Miss Mardall must remain away from school until she has recovered.

10th March. The Head Teacher returned to duty this afternoon, having been absent since Tuesday March 7th.

15th March. Miss Hutchison being very unwell this afternoon, she was unable to continue her duties in school. For the last hour, the senior boys gardened under Miss Mardall's supervision, while the girls did needlework. Miss Mardall took Miss Hutchison's class.

20th March. Miss Harding has gone to the Doctors this morning. Miss Hutchison is taking the lower half of the school. Miss Harding arrived at 11:25am.

22nd March. This morning a letter was received from the Director of Education. Authorising the adjustment of the registers during the weeks ended Jan 27th & Feb 3rd. 1933. The attendance during these weeks was reduced by epidemic illness; they will therefore be disregarded in finding the Average Attendance for the year. The Cesspit is being emptied today.

27th March. Miss V. Hutchison is absent owing to a feverish cold, her class has been divided between classes I & III.

29th March. Miss V. Hutchison returned to duty at 11am. this morning. Numbers for February 1933, readjusted by permission. On Books 65. Sessions 34. Attendances 1532. Average 45.

31st March. On Books 63. Sessions 46. Attendance 2110. Average 46. % 73. From Form IX for year Ending March 31st 1933. No of Meetings 398. Attendances 20,162. Average Attendance 51. Average On Books 61.

13th April. School closed after the morning session for the Easter Holiday.

25th April. School reopened this morning. Four new children admitted. Roll 63.

28th April. On Books 63. Sessions 25. Possible 1497. Actual 1289. Average 52. % 86.

8th May. The Cesspit was emptied.

12th May. This morning Miss Harding was very unwell. Therefore Miss Hutchison and I took the school for an hour, for a rehearsal for May Day. Miss Harding went home at 11:30am.

15th May. Miss Harding is not at school this morning. Her class is being taken by Miss Hutchison, while I am teaching the upper section of class II, with class I.

16th May. Miss Harding is suffering from Impetigo so is absent from school. This afternoon extra time is being given to hand work, etc- in preparation of properties needed for May Day.

18th May. F.H. Goodwill. Correspondent 18th May 1933.

23rd May. Miss Harding is still absent and Miss Hutchison has lost her voice. At ten o'clock therefore, the whole school will rehearse the May Festival in the Garden.

24th May. Miss Harding returned to duty this morning. Mr. Holton H.M.I. visited and inspected the school this afternoon.

25th May. School closed for Ascension Day.

26th May. School reopened this morning. Today we are celebrating our first May Festival. Grace Gildersleeve having been chosen by the children as Queen. Funds obtained will start a School Journey Fund. Mr. Holton H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon and remained for the ceremonial of the May Festival.

1st June. The Head Teacher is catching the 11:15am. bus to Romford to change the cheque, Miss Hutchison is in charge.

2nd June. By permission of the managers the school will be in double session today. Morning 9 to 11:20, Afternoon 12:20 to 2:25. The Whitsuntide Holiday begins after school this afternoon. School reassemble's on Monday June 12th.

12th June. The school reassembled this morning.

29th June. St Peters Day. Scripture period taken in Church. Registers closed at 10:45am.

Today, prizes from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, have been presented to Olive Claydon and Thomas Ottley, and certificates to Sylvia Galpin and Albert Holton, for Compositions that they wrote on February 28th. 1933: F.H. Goodwill. Correspondent. June 29/33. visited today.

30th June. For the last half an hour this afternoon, the school will go to the field to practice for the Sports at the Fete. Monthly Totals. On Books 65. Sessions 34. Attendances 1919. Average 56. % 88.

11th July. Owing to inclement weather this afternoon, the lessons of the first hour (pm) will be exchanged with those for the same time tomorrow.

13th July. The school is closed today on account of the Annual Village Fete, at which the school had a Competition Stall. Sports prizes were kindly provide by Sir Thomas Neave.

14th July. School reassembled this morning at 9:20am, with permission from the Managers.

17th July. The Summer Examinations will take place during this week, so that the ordinary time table will not be followed.

24th July. I have had notice that a Medical Inspection is to take place today. Miss Hutchison will take charge of classes I & II. Dr. Feldman and nurse, were here from 9:30 am. to 12:15pm.

25th July. The Medical Inspection was continued from 1:30. to 3:30 this afternoon.

26th July. Registers were not marked today as the Diocesan Inspection in Religious Knowledge was taken by the Rev M.W. Smith.

27th July. Examinations, general clearing up and changing of books in readiness for next term will be the time table for today.

28th July. The Head Teacher is leaving the school at 11:30 am. to change the cheque at Romford. On Books 60. Sessions 36. Total 1914. Average 53. % 87. School closes this afternoon at 3:30 pm. for the Summer Holidays.

4th Sept. School reopened this morning at 9am, after the Summer Holidays. The Head Teacher is leaving the school at 11:30 am. to change the cheque at Romford.

6th Sept. Nurse Jackson visited the school this morning and this afternoon and inspected the children.

12th Sept. Nurse again visited to examine where necessary. Two children excluded.

26th Sept. The Rev P.S. Abraham visited the school and checked the registers. He also introduced the Rev W. Evans who is to be the school Correspondent.

28th Sept. The School Fete took place today at Spicepits field. Sports, pony riding, competitions and croquet took place, the children helping to make all arrangements. £4:10s was taken and it is hoped to raise enough money to build a school kitchen.

The cesspool was emptied today.

29th Sept. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:30 am. to change the cheque at Romford.

2nd Oct. A heavy blackboard slipped from miss Harding's hands this morning, and falling on her right foot, is causing her a good deal of pain. I have reported the matter to Mr. Tinker.

3rd Oct. Miss Harding is away today, Acting on the instructions of her doctor, she has gone to the hospital to have her foot X Rayed. Miss Harding returned to school this afternoon.

5th Oct. Copy of the Diocesan Report, received this day. Inspected July 26th 1933.

"I am again able to report that the tone of this school is excellent as is also the general standard of attainment. Every effort is made to impart religion as well as to teach religious knowledge. I was present at a service held for the children in Their behaviour was excellent and they appeared to enter into the service. (Choral Eucharist). Infant; Repetition very good. Answers put by teacher or inspector also good. Deserving special mention, Leonard Rawlings, Betty Ottley, Walter James, James peacock, Freida Raughton, Margaret Hollick and Ethel Rawlings. Standard I. John Enkel. Standard II & III; What I have written of the infants applies here also, in addition the written work attempted was really excellent considering the ages of the children. I have given certificates to Bertie, Rawlings, Violet Cross and Mabel Enkel, (St : II) and to Edward Rawlings, Peggie Ottley, Grace Gildersleeve, May Judd, Leslie Galpin and Doris Shelley. (Standard III). Standards IV to VI; Written work very good. Again I wish to commend the instruction given on the Church's work overseas. The knowledge of both scripture and Prayer Book reached a high level, and pointed to careful and systematic teaching. Certificates to; Sylvia Galpin,

Higher Certificate (2nd gained) Emily Knight, (Higher Certificate) Edna Graig, (2nd Endorsement) Olive Claydon, (2nd End:) Thomas Ottley, (Higher Cert:) Alfred Freeman, (2nd End:) Eileen Young, Margaret Redger and Sidney Davis," (answered well). Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector: P.S. Abraham.

9th Oct. Dr. Feldman visited the school this morning in connection with an outbreak of chickenpox.

13th Oct. Dr. Feldman visited the school this morning from 11 to 12 am. to examine backward children.

18th Oct. With permission from the Managers, the Head Teacher will be leaving school at 2:30 pm. this afternoon. Miss Hutchison will be in charge.

24th Oct. Miss Harding is absent today. The last half an hour on "Tuesday" afternoons will be spent in games, Football, Netball and Rounders. on Spicepits Field (instead of Wednesdays). The Rev W. Evans has kindly consented to coach the boys.

25th Oct. Miss Harding returned to duty this morning.

27th Oct. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:30 am. to change the cheque at Romford. The Sanitary Inspector called, with regard to the outbreak of Chickenpox, and the consequent very low attendances.

30th Oct. Starting today and for the winter months, the school will reassemble for the afternoon session at 1pm. and will close at 3:10 pm.

3rd Nov. The school closes after the afternoon session today, for half term holiday.

8th Nov. School reassembled this morning. Two more children have developed chickenpox, while two have returned. the attendance continued to be very low indeed.

15th Nov. Miss Mardall was absent yesterday, having sustained a severe fall.

16th Nov. The Head Teacher returned to duty this morning.

17th Nov. The Head Teacher was absent today, acting on doctor's orders. Miss Hutchison was in charge.

20th Nov. Miss Harding, with permission from the Managers, is absent today for an interview in London. Miss Hutchison, with the help of two big girls, was in charge of the whole school.

21st Nov. Miss Harding returned to duty today.

22nd Nov. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning.

30th Nov. On Books.?

7th Dec. The Cesspit was emptied today.

8th Dec. This morning a letter was received from the Director of Education, authorizing the adjustment of the registers during the weeks ended 27th October, 3rd and 10th of November 1933. The attendance during these weeks was reduced by epidemic illness, they will therefore be disregarded in finding the average Attendance for the year.

14th Dec. In consequence of the very severe weather, the classrooms are extremely cold. With lamps lit, large fires and the windows closed the temperature at 11:45am. is only 48f. Therefore the children do physical exercises every twenty minutes.

18th Dec. During the week extra time will be devoted to handwork, soft toys, properties for the Christmas play; finishing off of garments, chair caning etc, and torn and old books will be mended.

20th Dec. Miss Hutchison left school at 11:40 am. to go to Romford to change the cheque and to do necessary shopping for the school Christmas festivities.

21st Dec. The children of the school are helping to give a Nativity Play in the Church tonight. Three boys are to act as shepherds and the other seniors will form the choir. Many properties have been made and arranged in school.

22nd Dec. With the permission of the Managers the school will be in double session today. 8:50 to 11am; 11;50 am. to 2 pm. The children's parties will follow. Infants at 2pm. and seniors at 4 pm. The school will then be closed for the Christmas Holidays.

Miss Harding terminates her duties at this school this afternoon.

1934. William R. P. Evans. Correspondent. 8th/Jan/ 1934.

9th Jan. School reopens this morning at 9am. Miss K. Barber, a trained Certificated teacher succeeds Miss Harding, working as an uncertificated teacher. As Miss Barber has been trained for Junior & senior work, she will take Standards I II & III, while Miss Hutchison will be in charge of the Infants.

12th Jan. The music of the school will be taken by Miss Hutchison in the small classroom, the needlework by Miss Mardall assisted by Miss Hutchison; Gardening & senior drawing by Miss Mardall assisted by Mr. Moore; Junior drawing and infants handwork by Miss Barber.

24th Jan. Nurse Jackson attended school this afternoon to conduct a cleanliness inspection.

1st Feb. Miss Mardall will leave school this morning at 11:20 am. to change the cheque.

5th Feb. The timetable in class I is being altered today to allow the library to be catalogued and record cards to be made.

14th Feb. Today school returned to the usual timetable 9 to 12 noon, 1:20 to 3:30pm.

William R.P. Evans Correspondent. Feb 14th 1934.

21st & 22nd Feb. The Head Teacher was absent on these two days, owing to a feverish cold. Miss Hutchison was in charge.

23rd Feb. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning.

27th Feb. With permission from the Managers Miss Mardall is attending the Clinic at the Oldchurch Hospital this morning. Miss Hutchison is in charge. The cesspool was cleared today. Returned to school at 11:15am. C. Mardall.

1st March. Miss Hutchison will leave school at 11:30 am. to change the cheque in Romford.

6th March. On account of the inclement weather, the gardening lessons have not been taken according to the timetable, but will be exchanged with other lessons later in the week. This plan will be followed whenever necessary during the season.

12th March. Examinations start today. The timetable will be changed whenever necessary.

19th March. Owing to wet weather, no playtime was given this morning, the school will therefore dismiss 10 minutes before the usual time. P.S. The school assembled at 1:05pm. and will therefore dismiss a quarter of an hour earlier than usual.

22nd March. The Head Teacher is absent today, owing to a severe cold.

23rd March. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning. Stock- taking takes place today, throughout the school.

27th March. Miss Hutchison is absent today, having lost her voice.

28th March. Miss Hutchison resumed duty today.

29th March. School closes after the afternoon session for the Easter Holidays.

10 April. School reopened this morning.

20 April. New Title: Romford, Noak Hill, St Thomas C of E School. No. 280. Geoffrey Galpin slipped backwards, striking his head against the angle of a post, and cut his head, half an inch. Miss Hutchison took him to Dr. Ernst by car, as soon as first aid had been rendered. The Correspondent and the Clerk have been notified.

23rd April. The Cesspool was emptied today.

24th April. The Rev R.W. Evans visited the school and checked the registers.

10th May. School closed for Ascension Day.

15th May. The registers were not marked today as the school was inspected in Religious Knowledge.

18th May. This morning after scripture, the school is celebrating Empire Day. School closes at 12 noon for the Whitsun Holidays.

28th May. School reopened this morning.

31st May. Today the school is celebrating it's second May Festival. With permission of the managers, school finishes this morning at 11:45am. and the afternoon session at 12:45 when the registers were closed. School closes at 2:45 when the Festival begins.

1st June. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning. She is in bed with a high temperature. Today the eggs and fruit brought by the children as homage to the May Queen, will be taken by her to the children in Oldchurch Hospital.

4th June. Miss Hutchison has pneumonia. Mrs. Moule, an uncertificated teacher, has come to take up duties as a supplementary during her absence.

5th June. Some extra time will be devoted this week to making copies of the music for the Romford Non Competitive Musical Festival, the rehearsal being on Thursday and no funds are available for the purchase of so much music.

7th June. Eileen Mumford slipped and fell on a damp leaf in the girls playground this afternoon. She fell on her right elbow, which was grazed and became very painful and appeared out of joint. The Head Teacher left her class in charge of Mrs. Moule, and took Eileen by car to Dr. Ernst. He being out however she went to the Victoria Hospital where Eileen was admitted to wait for the Doctor. Ten children attended a rehearsal at Mawney Road School at 6:30.pm. in preparation for the Musical Festival.

13th June. From this afternoon, each Wednesday afternoon that is fine, the first hour will be spent by the school in organised games, held on the field at Spicepits farm.

19th June. The Cesspit was cleared today.

21st June. On account of heavy rain, school started at 1:15pm. and there was no play this afternoon. Therefore school dismissed at 3:20pm.

9th July. Mrs. Moule terminated her duties here this afternoon.

10th July. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning.

12th July. The school is closed today for the Annual Village Fete. At 3pm. the children will have Sports, the prizes for which have been very kindly provided by Sir Thomas Neave.

20th July. Miss Hutchison is absent today, having a minor operation. Mrs. Moule has come in a voluntary capacity and is taking her class.

23rd July. Miss Hutchison has returned to duty today.

26th July. The Head Teacher leaves school at 11:15am. to go to Romford to change the cheque. Miss Hutchison will be in charge.

27th July. The school will close after the afternoon session today, for the Summer Holidays.

3rd Sept. The school reassembled this morning.

4th Sept. The Correspondent, the Rev W.R. Evans visited the school this afternoon. The S.A.O. for Romford visited here this afternoon in connection with Frank Webb.

5th Sept. The Cesspit was cleared today.

6th Sept. Nurse Mrs. Champion visited the school and inspected the children.

7th Sept. Four ton of coal was delivered.

13th Sept. A Fete will be held after school this afternoon. It has been arranged by the staff, children and a few helpers, to raise funds to build a school Kitchen.

1st Oct. The Head Teacher leaves school at 11:25am. to change the cheque in Romford.

The Milk Scheme came into operation this morning. Forty children are now having one third of a pint of milk daily.

4th Oct. Checked the registers and found them correct. William R.P. Evans. Correspondent.

15th Oct. Nurse Mrs. Champion, visited and inspected the children.

19th Oct. Miss Wolman, Advisor for Physical Training, visited and inspected the school this morning.

29th Oct. Starting today and for the winter months the school will reassemble for the afternoon session at 1pm. and will close at 3:10pm.

31st Oct. Dr. Feldman and Nurse visited the school and conducted a Medical Inspection, all day today. The timetable was readjusted, and the small classroom left free for the inspection.

Owing to rain no play took place this afternoon, so school was dismissed at 3pm.

1st Nov. Miss Hutchison went to Romford at 11am. to change the cheque. Miss Hussey, from the Education Offices, visited the school this afternoon and inspected the needlework and knitting.

6th Nov. Miss Hutchison is absent today, on account of a bad cold. the school has therefore been divided into two classes of thirty each, and the timetable has been readjusted.

9th Nov. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning. Copy of the Diocesan Report received last evening at the Managers Meeting. Inspected 15 /5/1934. "This is a school that is a pleasure to visit, and see not only the interest that the children take in what is taught to them, but also the care with which the teachers

make the Scripture lesson not merely an occasion on which Jewish history and Palestinian geography are taught but one on which real moral and spiritual teaching is given and that definitely in the form in which it is taught by the Church. An excellent feature in this school is the place given to training in Worship and to teaching the importance of missionary work. Standard I; A really excellent class. Answering bright and intelligent, among the babies of the class, Frieda Laughton & Iris Edwards stood out. The Standard I children were all good and it would not be fair to mention any by name. Middle Division; Repetition good. Some very good papers sent in. Taking into consideration the age of the children a very good knowledge of the various subjects taught was shown. Certificates 2nd endorsement, Edward Rawlings, Leslie Galpin, Mabel Enkel. New Certificates, Evelyn Edwards, Violet Cross 2nd endorsement. Senior Division; All I have written in the first paragraph of this report applies with special force to this senior part of the school. In addition I add that the general standard of knowledge shown especially in the written work is really excellent." Senior Certificates awarded for 2nd time. Emily Knight, Sylvia Galpin, Thomas Otteley. Certificates 3rd endorsement Edna Craig, Alfred Freeman, Margaret Ledger, Olive Claydon. 2nd endorsement Doris Shelley, Bertie Rawlings. New Certificates. Annie Lodge, Albert Castle, (on written work only) Albert Holton, Robert Hollich, Robert Clark. Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector: W.R.P. Evans. Correspondent Dec. 6th 1934.

26th Nov. Nurse Champion called and inspected the children today.

29th Nov. The school is closed today for the wedding of Prince George to Princess Marina.

30th Nov. Miss Hutchison went to Romford to change the cheque, at 11:15am.

3rd Dec. Examinations are to take place this week in the First Class. the timetable will be altered accordingly.

6th Dec. On account of very wet weather, no play was given this afternoon, therefore the school was dismissed at 3:15pm. The Rev R.P. Evans visited the school today.

W.R.P. Evans. Dec. 6th 1934.

8th Dec. A report made by the Organising Instructress of Domestic Subjects, after a visit made on 1st November. The Needlework in this small school reaches a fair standard. Some of the older girls had attempted quite difficult garments and processes with quite good results, but the rest of the work was not very clean and it seems that a higher standard should reasonably be inspected and obtained from these children.

18th Dec. The Head Teacher is absent today owing to Subcute Cholerystitis. Miss Hutchison in charge.

20th Dec. An exhibition of school needlework was presented today to the parents and managers. The entire work of the school was shown unwashed, in view of the report entered on the 8th December..

Managers meeting was held in the evening. (A Nativity Play was also presented).

21st Dec. I returned to duty this morning. The school breaks up after the afternoon session today, for the Christmas Holidays.

1935.

8th Jan. School reopened this morning. 65 children on the books, Class I. 24, Class II. 18. Class III. 23. Miss Barber is to have a small class this term in order to help her in class management. She will assist in class I. work by marking the lower section English.

11th Jan. The School Party which was postponed from last term on account of the death of Sir Montagu Turner, is to be held today after school. Miss De St Croix was present.

14th Jan. Sylvia Galpin has won 2nd prize for an essay on her favourite Bible Story, in open competition in the Church Times.

17th Jan. Visited and signed the registers. W.R.P. Evans. School Correspondent.

21st Jan. With permission of the Managers, I am attending the Hospital for an X Ray, twice during the day. C. M. During my absence Miss Hutchison is in charge.

22nd Jan. The Cesspit was cleared today.

29th Jan. The Head Teacher was absent today, in order to be in Hospital for X-rays to be taken.

30th Jan. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning. Nurse visited the school this morning.

1st Feb. Miss Hutchison left school at 11:10 this morning, to change the cheque. Mrs. Macpherson sent a number of toys to school this morning, for use in the baby room.

4th Feb. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning with influenza.

5th Feb. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning. At 12:10 noon, Dr. Bodkin from Chelmsford called and examined the cleanliness of the Guest Children, Marjorie, Carla and Gwen. All three were excluded, and are not to be readmitted until Mrs. Champion certifies them to be clean.

6th Feb. The weather being wet and a drain stopped in the larger playground, only 5 minutes break was given for play this morning, so the children will be dismissed at 11:50.

13th Feb. Miss Mardall went into hospital last night to undergo an operation, so I Mrs. A. Hunm. took charge.

14th Feb. Attendance Officer visited school today and afterwards visited the home of Stanley Johnson. He reported that the boy was living with his aunt and attending Crow Lane Senior School . So I am taking him off the roll as from Friday Feb 8th. Number on roll now 64.

18th Feb. Admitted Alan and David Nott, aged 7 & 6 years. Number on roll now 66.

Dr. Feldman visited the school to examine Eileen Mumford and John Enkel. As he wanted an empty room, Miss Hutchison brought the babies into the big room and the timetables were altered slightly so that quiet lessons could be taken.

20 Feb. The Water Company's Inspector called this morning and inspected all taps etc in the school and school house.

28th Feb. I consulted Rev. Evans, as correspondent about the dinner hour, and he agreed to the continuance of the short dinner hour for 2 or 3 weeks longer, to enable me to use the bus service when the weather is too bad for cycling.

1st March. Miss Hutchison left school at 11:15. this morning to change the cheque.

11th March. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning owing to an abscess in her ear. There are only 35 children present so I have divided them between Miss Barber and myself. The low attendance is due to an epidemic of bad coughs and colds, and very cold wintry weather.

12 March. Visited G.C. Eley.

18th March. Admitted two children, Douglas and Leonard Jupp. Number on Roll now 67. Miss Hutchison still absent so we are continuing with the divided class.

26th March. Mr. A.W. Holton. H.M.I. visited the school this afternoon, but as Miss Mardall and Miss Hutchison were both absent he did not stay.

29th March. Three children, Emily Knight, Albert Holton and Robert Hollick are leaving today. Number on Roll now 64.

1st April. Admitted Evelyn Phillips, aged 4 and a half years. Number on Roll now 65.

4th April. As we have had continuous rain and snow all day today, there was no play this afternoon. So the school will close at 3:5pm.

8th April. I resumed duty this morning, Mrs. A. Hunm ceased duty on Friday afternoon April 5th 35. During the last year seventeen (17) senior children have left and many young infants have been admitted. The character of the school is therefore decidedly junior. Standard I.b is now working in the large room, and Standard IIa has been removed to the top class. Therefore the syllabuses must be considerably simplified, and a fresh start, as for a new year is being made today.

18th April. School closes today after the afternoon session for the Easter Holidays.

30th April. School reopened this morning, one new girl was admitted. Number on roll 66.

1st May. Miss Hutchison left school at 11:25am. to change the cheque in Romford; the cheque was made payable to Mrs. A. Hunm so Miss Hutchison may be delayed as she went to the District Office for Instructions. The school is divide between Miss Barber and the Head Teacher.

3rd May. An accident occurred at play time this morning. Miss Hutchison was on duty in the playground. Leonard Gray was running hard, and caught his head on the edge of the wall near the cloakroom door, making a cut in the centre of his forehead about half an inch long. I rendered first aid, and Miss Hutchison drove him straight to Dr. Ernst as I could not stop the haemorrhage.

Jubilee Celebrations. I addressed the children on this subject this morning and gave out the books kindly provided by the Romford Council, this school will be closed this afternoon, also on Monday and Tuesday May 6th and 7th. On May 7th the children are being taken by the teachers to the cinema & Raphael Park for sports and entertainment's.

8th May. School reopened this morning. Four of our children won prizes in the Sports in which all the elementary school children of Romford took part.

14th May. Nurse Champion came and inspected a few children.

16th May. The Rev R.W. Evans visited the school and checked the registers.

21st May. The Cesspool was cleared today.

25th May. W.R.P. Evans. Correspondent May 25th 1935.

29th May. The games period will be transferred from last period this afternoon to 10:am, to allow a rehearsal in Spicepits field, on account of doubtful weather.

31st May. Today the school is celebrating its third May Festival. With permission from the managers a double session is being held. The afternoon session finishes at 2:30pm.

3rd June. With permission from the managers, the Head Teacher is attending the opening of the new High School this afternoon. She leaves school at 2:40pm.

6th June. H.M. Inspector Mr. Holton visited and inspected the school this afternoon.

7th June. School closes this afternoon at 3:30pm. for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

17th June. School reopened this morning.

18th June. Nurse visited and inspected the school today.

28th June. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 10:15am. to change the cheque in Romford.

16th July. Examination are taking place today and during the week. therefore the timetable will not be followed.

23rd July. Examinations are being concluded today. A new style of handwriting is being introduced into the school. Therefore extra time will be given to practise the same until the end of the term.

24th July. The Cesspool is being emptied today. 51 third pint bottles of milk are now being sold daily.

31st July. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:10am. to change the cheque in Romford. Miss Hutchison is in charge of the seniors; and Miss Barber the juniors. An extra hour will be given to Needlework and Gardening this afternoon, in order to harvest the lavender and to leave the garden tidy for the holidays.

1st August. W.R.P. Evans. Correspondent Aug. 1st 1935.

2nd August. The school closes after the afternoon session today for the Summer Holiday.

During the holiday the ceiling in the main room is to be lined and made safe.

9th Sept. School reopened this morning. Five boys have been transferred to Ardleigh Green School as their parents wished them to attend a Council school and to be under a master.

24th Sept. Mr. Ward the attendance officer called this morning.

26th Sept. Dr. Bodkin and Nurse inspected twenty children this morning.

27th Sept. Mr. Holton H.M.I. visited and inspected the school this morning.

30th Sept. After school on Friday a Fete was held in Spicepits field in aid of the School Kitchen Fund. £7: 0 : 3d was raised.

1st Oct. Miss Hutchison will leave school this morning at 11:20am. to change the cheque at Romford.

3rd Oct. Dr. Bodkin and Nurse attended the school this morning and inspected twenty children. On account of very heavy rain no play was given in the afternoon. School was dismissed at 3:20pm.

14th Oct. Arthur and Frieda Laughton started half a pint per day as a free meal. (for six weeks).

17th Oct. Registers were not marked today, as the Inspection in Religious Instruction was conducted by the Rev M.W. Smith.

22nd Oct. Today Joyce and Leonard Gray started to have one pint of milk each daily, as two free meals. (for six weeks).

28th Oct. Miss Mardall absent with a feverish cold

An accident occurred at 2:15pm. in the school garden. Arthur Laughton was cut on the left thumb, across the corner of the nail, about half an inch in length. It bled profusely at first but stopped after treatment. George Lodge and Arthur were double digging in adjoining gardens. It was nearing the end of the lesson

when Arthur went to take George's manure to save himself trouble. To drive him away George hit him with his spade, cutting his thumb. The cut was thoroughly cleaned, bathed with hydrogen peroxide and bandaged by Miss Barber. It was not considered sufficiently serious for Arthur to be sent to a doctor. V.H. Hutchison. K. Barber. Signed. George Lodge.

29th Oct. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning.

1st Nov. 200 prepaid bus tickets were received this morning. The Cesspit has been cleared today. Miss Hutchison left school at 11:25 this morning to change the cheque.

4th Nov. The school is closed today for the half term holiday.

5th Nov. Copy. Form 35E. Board of Education. Local Education Authority, Essex. School, Romford, Noak Hill, St Thomas 280.

Registration number. E. 13/280/17.

Inspected on 27th September 1935. Report by H.M.I. Mr. J.W. Gafton.

- "1. Last year 17 children reached the school leaving age and this relatively large exodus has reduced the roll to 56 pupils who are taught in two classrooms by the Headmistress and two Assistants.
- 2. The written work of the children who left was thoroughly examined, and revealed a satisfactory level of attainment in English and Arithmetic. It was evident that these children who had spent some time in the top class exercised care and thought in their work.
- 3. Three important factors have seriously affected the aims of the Headmistress whose interest and care for the children deserve high praise: (a) she has only recently completely recovered from a serious illness which necessitated her absence from school last year; (b) a succession of young inexperienced teachers in charge of the second and third classes and (c) a relatively large number of the children are slow in the uptake. For these reasons the attainments at present do not reach a very high level; but, now that the Assistants have obtained some experience of their work, the outlook may be regarded as more promising.
- 4. Amongst the points discussed with the Head Mistress may be mentioned; (a) the need for improved Handwriting throughout the school; and (b) the low standard attained in Reading in class two.
- 5. Features of interest are the School Club, and the School Camp.

6. The successful efforts of the Head Mistress to raise funds for the provision of a Dining Room deserve a word of praise. It is understood that many of the children eat their mid-day meal at school. Signed P. S. Abraham. Chairman.

6th Nov. The school was closed today in accordance with the Kings wishes. The Duke of Gloucester is celebrating his marriage.

7th Nov. School reopened this morning. The weather being very wet, no drill was taken, but will be taken tomorrow. No play was given, so the school will be dismissed ten minutes earlier than is usual.

8th Nov. Milk returns for October. Arthur Laughton, 12 cartons milk (half pint) meals.

Frieda Laughton, 14 cartons milk (half pint)

meals.

Leonard Gray, 12 cartons milk (half pint)

meals.

Joyce Gray, 16 cartons milk (half pint)

meals.

11th Nov. In accordance with instructions from the Managers, registers will be marked and closed at 9am, two hours secular instruction will follow, and at 11am, the children will go to Church to take part in a short service, in connection with Armistice Day.

12th Nov. Miss Perkins visited the school this morning to inspect the Physical Training. A special timetable was followed. Miss Perkins suggested that individual skipping ropes be requisitioned as soon as possible.

13th Nov. The school will be closed tomorrow, as the building will be in use as a polling station for the General Election.

15th Nov. School reopened this morning.

18th Nov. Dr. Samson, the Romford Medical Officer, visited the school this afternoon in connection with the illness of Leslie Galpin

19th Nov. Notice was received this morning from Dr. Samson, that William Johnson, Kenneth Harper, Jeffrey Galpin, and any other children from these houses were to be excluded from school for a period of three weeks.

20th Nov. On the advice of Dr. Samsom, Edward Rawlings, his three brothers and sister were also excluded from school. Nurse Champion visited and inspected the children this morning.

21st Nov. Mr. Ward S.A.O. visited the school. Dr. K.M. Bodkin called this morning and recommended six children for free milk meals.

26th Nov. Visited the school, signed the registers, and found all in order. Rev. C. Robinson.

29th Nov. The Head Teacher is leaving school this morning at eleven o'clock to change the cheque and to see Mr. Newling, Head Teacher of St Edwards with regard to transference of stock etc.

2nd Dec. Permission was received this morning for Arthur and Frieda Laughton & Joyce and Leonard Gray to continue free milk for another six weeks.

3rd Dec. Inspector from the Water Company came this morning and served a notice with regard to the leakage of the taps.

6th Dec. Mr. P.B. Tinker called this morning to discuss reorganisation which is to take place in February 1936.

10th Dec. Mr. Ward S.A.O. called this morning.

11th Dec. The requisition arrived this afternoon. Mr. T.M. Owen visited the school this afternoon and gave a lecture to class 1 on "The Hygiene of Food and Drink."

13th Dec. The Needlework requisition arrived this morning

18th Dec. The Head Teacher will be leaving the school at 11am. this morning to change the cheque at Romford. No play is to be held this afternoon, therefore the school is to be dismissed at 3:20pm.

20th Dec. Sent off claims for bus fares 13/- and Petty cash 8/-. With permission from the Managers, a double session is being held today, registers being closed at 9am. The dinner hour will be from 11 to 12 noon and school is to be dismissed at 2:10pm. for the Christmas holidays. Parties will then take place, Infants at 2:115pm. and Seniors at 4 until 6pm.

1936.

6th Jan. School opened this morning; 60 on roll.

A letter of congratulation on the H.M.Is. report of the school, has been received by the Head Teacher, from the Bishop of Barking.

7th Jan. Dr. Bodkin called this morning to inspect Kenneth Thirkettle. She reported that he was definitely improved. The Rev C. Robinson visited the school this morning. On account of a very wet dinner hour and playtime, school will be dismissed at 3:20 this afternoon.

8th Jan. Just after the registers had been closed this morning, Gwen, Carla Marjorie & Keith Guest arrived at school, their lorry by which they usually come to school, having broken down. As two hours secular instruction remained, they were all given their marks.

10th Jan. With permission from the Managers, the Head Teacher will visit a physically Defective School in Vale Road, Tottenham this afternoon. Miss Hutchison will be in charge.

13th Jan. Mr. Brown, assistant to Mr. Stuart the County Architect, called at the school this morning in connection with the proposed School Kitchen and internal decoration of the school.

14th Jan. Miss de St. Croix visited the school this afternoon. She presented several small frames that will be most useful in the exhibition of pictures.

17th Jan. There has been a very heavy fall of snow. 37 children are in attendance. All shoes have been changed, and the senior boys have cleared paths to the lavatories, porches and coal-shed. Extra handwork and stocktaking will take place today.

20th Jan. The Head Teacher is absent today. Miss Hutchison is in charge.

22nd Jan. Mr. Davis, County Dental Surgeon called at the school to arrange a Dental Inspection.

27th Jan. I returned to duty this morning. C. Mardall.

His Majesty King George V has died. The funeral will take place tomorrow; therefore the school will be closed. Jan 28th.

29th Jan. School reopened this morning.

30th Jan. Mr. Davis conducted a Dental Inspection this morning.

Mr. Brown, assistant County Architect measured the floor space of the school this morning. Mr. tinker visited the school, and gave instructions that the Senior Children were to remain here until further notice, as the new school St. Edwards was not completed.

31st Jan. The Head Teacher will leave school at 11am to change the cheque in Romford, and see Mrs. Williams at the Cookery Centre concerning the class which starts next Friday February 7th.

7th Feb. Mr. Ward, S.A.O. called this afternoon. Rev Robinson visited the school today.

Miss Diggle from the Dental Clinic called to make arrangements for a clinic to be held here.

11th Feb. Mr. Phillips from Chelmsford called this morning to inspect the school buildings, with regard to a suggested Open Air Class.

12th Feb. The Rev P.S. Abraham visited the school this afternoon.

13th Feb. The Rev C. Robinson visited the school this morning.

21st Feb. Four Senior Girls are attending Domestic Science Classes at Mawney Road Centre today. They will continue to attend each Friday, all day until the end of July.

Five boys attend Woodwork Classes at Albert Road Centre on Friday afternoons, Dr. Bodkin called and recommended free milk for Joyce and Leonard Gray.

28th Feb. The Head Teacher left school this morning at 11:10 this morning, to change the cheque at Romford. She will also make arrangements for the gramophone to be repaired.

Mr. Tinker called this morning with regard to the proposed School Kitchen. It was decided to ask the County Council for three trestle tables, six forms, nine yards of American cloth, a teachers table and chair, large cupboard, gas stove, and gas heater, also to provide wages, 5/- per week, for a woman to prepare, supervise & clear up the dinner.

3rd March. Miss Negus paid a visit to the school this afternoon.

4th March. Mr. S. Ward called this afternoon.

9th March. A new wall blackboard has been fixed in position in the classroom during the weekend.

10th March. Twelve dual desks from St. Edwards have been delivered here today. The old desks, no longer needed in school, have been placed in the school play ground to form seats for those who stay to dinner.

18th March. The Cesspit has been cleared today.

30th March. Miss Barber left school today at 11am. to attend a Managers Meeting in Hampshire, where she is trying to obtain a Certificated post.

1st April. Fourteen senior children have gone to St. Edwards Senior School this morning.

The new Junior School has 39 children on the books. Mr. S. Ward called at the school this morning. The Head Teacher will leave the school at 11:10 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford. There has been so much rain today, the children have been unable to have play.

School will therefore be dismissed at 3: 20 p.m.

2nd April. The Rev C. Robinson visited the school this morning. The Head Teacher, with permission from the Managers, will leave school at 1:55 this afternoon to attend the opening of the new Senior School, St. Edwards, in Romford.

6th April. Examination in the two top classes start today. These combined with stocktaking will occupy today Tuesday & Wednesday; one teacher being free in turn, to take stock.

9th April. School closes after the afternoon session today for the Easter Holidays. With permission from the Managers, the dinner recess will be from 12 to 1pm., and the afternoon school will finish at 3:10pm. Copy of the Diocesan Report received this day.

Inspected October 17th 1935.

"This is a school which is a pleasure to inspect owing to the obvious interest shown by the head teacher and staff in all relating to the training of the children, not only in religious knowledge but also in the practice of religion. Infants. short religious play was excellently performed by some of the infants. It had evidently been taught with great care and reverence. The questions asked by the inspector were for the most part answered readily and intelligently. following children deserve special mention; William Ottley, Reginald Bunting, John Godwin, Louis Gladwell, Leonard Jupp, Jean Peacock, Eric Wood, David Bunting and Joyce Douglas. Standards I. II. III C These children are carefully taught and an excellent standard reached taking into consideration their ages. The efforts which are made to familiarise them with the Prayer Book and Missionary work, are very successful. Written work, good for such young Deserving special mention; Geoffrey Galpin, Lionel Thirkettle, Leonard Gray, Alan Nott, Ethel Rawlings, George Gladwell, Leonard Rawlings, John Enkel, Stella Johnson, Freida Laughton and Nellie Stannard. Standards III. IV. V.& VI. Ample evidence of very careful teaching both in written work and verbal answers. An excellent standard was reached in the written work. This applies to the majority of the papers sent in. Great interest is clearly taken by these children in the Missionary Lessons. A good knowledge is shown of the portions of scripture & other subjects specially studied but there is ample evidence that they are taught from a religious as well as historical standpoint. Deserving special mention; Violet Cross, Mabel Enkel, George Lodge. Reginald Mumford, Edward Rawlings and Doris Shelly, also on written work only, Hilda Mumford, Frederick Hollich, A. Laughton and Albert Rawlings."

Signed M. W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector.

Certificates. Infants. William Ottley, Reginald Bunting, John Godwin, Louis Gladwell, Leonard Jupp, Jean Peacock and Joyce Douglas. Middle Division. Geoffrey Galpin, Lionel Thirkettle, Leonard Gray and Alan Nott. Seniors.

Mabel Enkel, Doris Shelley, Violet Cross, Albert Rawlings, Edward Rawlings, (3rd endorsement) Reginald Mumford, George Lodge, Frederick Hollich, A. Laughton and Hilda Mumford (New Certificates).

21st April. School reopened this morning. Mr. Brown the architect called with regard to the new decoration of the school. He advised me not to have any nails driven into the walls, so the pictures have been stored in the cloakroom awaiting the Managers decision with regard to a picture rail. Mr. Brown informed me that in three years time the walls will be washed down, and in five, repainted throughout.

22nd April. Injury of Head Teacher, copy sent to the Clerk & Rev G.S. Robinson.

Hearing a child crying at 8: 55am. today, Miss C. Mardall went to the cloakroom and found Alfred Jones, a new entrant aged 5, crying and wanting to return home with his mother. The Head Teacher put her arm round the child to comfort him and he straightway kicked her on both legs, bruising and grazing the right, and badly bruising the left leg. Miss Mardall will see Dr. Ernst this evening. Mrs. Jones was interviewed at 12 noon, and reported that the boy is in the habit of kicking her whenever he is crossed.

23rd April. No drill or dancing set lessons are being held today, instead a rehearsal of an entertainment will take place in the Victory Hut at 1:30p.m.

30th April. Miss Barber ceased her duties here this afternoon.

1st May. Miss M. Lewis started duty this morning as a temporary Uncertificated assistant.

The Head Teacher will leave school at 11: 05a.m. to change the cheque in Romford.

Dr. Samson M.D., D.P.H. visited the school this afternoon to discuss Diphtheria Immunisation.

6th May. Miss Perkins visited the school this morning. The time-table was changed so that she might see all the physical training activities of the school. Mr. Ward visited the school this afternoon

8th May. A rehearsal for May Day will be taken this afternoon at 1:30.

The Rev C. Robinson visited the school and checked the registers this afternoon.

11th May. Miss Lewis is absent from school this morning. Miss Lewis arrived at 10:30am. She was not at all well.

13th May. Weather permitting, the whole school will take singing and games lesson on the field this afternoon.

22nd May. Empire Day was celebrated here this morning. Mr. Selby spoke to the children & Rev C. Robinson conducted a service at 11am. A May Day rehearsal will take place at 2:20 this afternoon. The Cesspit was cleared today. 26th May. Dr. Forbes called at school this afternoon and inspected all children who had speech defects.

28th May. The May Festival is being celebrated today. With permission from the Managers the dinner hour will be from 11:45 to 12:45. Afternoon school will be dismissed at 2:45, when school will be closed for the Whitsun Holiday. 8th June. School reopened this morning. No new teacher arrived, as had been expected, so Miss Hutchison has gone to inform Miss Lewis or Mr. Tinker.

9th June. Miss Lewis has been offered the post as uncertificated assistant on three months probation. She has accepted and is on duty this morning.

15th June. Dr. J. Samson visited the school this morning and treated the children for Diphtheria Immunisation.

19th June. The School Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

22nd June. Dr. J. Samson again visited the school.

24th June. The Rev C. Robinson visited the school this morning and inspected the Percussion Band that has been recently started. The instruments and music having been bought with the proceeds from the May Festival.

25th June. Miss Hussey from the Education Office visited the school this morning to make enquiries concerning the proposed Kitchen.

29th June. Dr. J. Samson treated thirteen children this morning.

1st July. The Head Teacher will go to Romford this morning to change the cheque.

School will be closed this afternoon for a Village Festival.

Mr. Bird, superintendent of caretakers visited the school this morning.

6th July. Nurse visited and inspected all the children.

9th July. The school is closed today for the Village Fete. The children have their Sports in the afternoon, The prizes being very kindly provided by Sir Thomas Neave.

In the Horticultural Flower Show, the children also take part. All members of the upper Nature Study Class put a collection of vegetables they have grown themselves into the show; and collections of wild flowers are made.

21st July. Registers were not marked on this day as the Diocesan Inspection took place.

27th July. I have been absent from school for the past fortnight. July 13th to 24th inclusive, suffering from Pyreaia. I returned to duty this morning. C. Mardall.

Dr. Samson treated two children this morning, he also came last Monday morning July 20th.

28th July. On account of very heavy rain, no play time was given this afternoon, the school dismissed at 3:20 p.m. Examinations are to be held this week so the normal time table will not be followed.

31st July. It is an exceedingly wet day. No games lesson & very little physical training has been possible this week on account of the wet weather. At 2:30 all the children will go to the Victory Hut for games and tea. At 3:30, the school dismisses for the Summer Holiday.

Five children are being transferred to the Senior School.

7th Sept. School reopened this morning. Freida Laughton died during the holidays.

Miss Hutchison went to Romford at 10:05 a.m. to change the cheque.

15th Sept. Dr. Forbes visited the school and examined Kenneth Thirkettle this afternoon.

17th Sept. The Dentist inspected every member of the school this morning at 10 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. The Rev C.R. Robinson tested and signed the registers.

At 11 a.m. The Rev P.S. Abraham visited the school and inspected the buildings.

30th Sept. On Roll 40.

1st Oct. Head Teacher went to change the cheque in Romford during the first lesson this afternoon.

5th Oct. Scripture will be taken at the end of the morning today. Registers will be marked and closed at 9:10 a.m. With permission from the Managers, the dinner hour will be shortened to one hour during the winter months. Registers will be closed at 1:10 p.m. to enable children living at a distance to catch the 3:10 bus home.

22nd Oct. A dental clinic was held in the Victory Hut this morning. Six children attended for extraction's. The Rev C. Robinson visited the school this morning. This afternoon His Majesty's Inspectors, Mr. S.E. Holman, and Miss W.E. Valentine visited and inspected the school. This evening a meeting of the Managers is to be held.

23rd Oct. This afternoon an extra three quarters of an hour will be given to field drill and games, making up for drill lessons missed through inclement weather.

29th Oct. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:15 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford. Nurse Champion visited and inspected the children this morning.

Miss Lewis ceased to be a member of this staff on August 31st. School will be closed tomorrow and Monday for the half term holiday (Oct 30th & Nov 1st). Miss Hutchison had to go home early this afternoon as she has been attacked by influenza.

The Rev C. Robinson visited school this morning.

3rd Nov. School reopened this morning. Miss Hutchison is absent, being in bed with influenza. Dr. Samson attended here this morning to Schick Test several children.

6th Nov. Dr. Samson came again this morning to examine the results of the Schick Test.

With permission from the Managers, the Head Teacher is leaving school this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Miss Lewis is taking the school for dramatisation.

19th Nov. Mr. Phillips, from Chelmsford visited the school with reference to requisitions for a shed & set of lockers.

23rd Nov. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning.

24th Nov. With permission from the Managers, the Head Teacher is attending the Public Opening of the South East Essex Technical College, this afternoon.

25th Nov. The Cesspit was cleared today.

30th Nov. Examinations will be held during this week.

1st Dec. The Head Teacher will leave school at 11 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford.

3rd Dec. The inspector of caretakers, Mr. Bird visited and inspected the school buildings this afternoon.

4th Dec. The School Attendance Officer came this morning.

9th Dec. The Bus Service has altered today, one bus runs home at 4:06pm. Therefore school returns to its normal time-table, 9 to 12 a.m., 1:30 to 3:40 p.m.

10th Dec. Dr. Bodkin conducted a medical inspection this morning.

11th Dec. Mr. Davis visited the school and filled Ethel Rawlings tooth.

16th Dec. A dress rehearsal of the Christmas Play is being taken this morning.

17th Dec. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 10:10 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford. The Children are performing a Nativity Play this afternoon to their Mothers & the Managers, at 3 o' clock in the Victory Hut.

18th Dec. The school breaks up this afternoon until 4th Jan 1937. The last lesson will be devoted to distribution of reports and contents of the post-box and games. To be followed at 3:30 p.m. by a Party.

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4th Jan. School reopened this morning.

14th Jan. The Rev G. Robinson visited school this morning.

A cinema lesson is to be given once weekly to the upper half of the school. The showing of film takes 15 to 20 minutes and the pictures are intended to illustrate the lessons on the Syllabus.

Copy of the Diocesan Report, handed to me by the Rev G. Robinson. Report on Religious Instruction. Inspected July 21st 1936.

"The way in which the Head Teacher and her staff obviously regard the giving of religious instruction as the most important part of their duties, makes the inspection of this school a pleasure. It is a school which has a distinctive and excellent tone. It says much for the influence of the Head Teacher that one can write the above this year when she has been away so much owing to illness and was away on the day of the inspection. Infants, very good in all subjects. The way in which they entered into their dramatic representations of various scenes from scripture showed that their teacher makes their scripture lesson something that is a real source of joy to them. Divisions I & II. In both these divisions there was the usual evidence of careful teaching that one has learnt to expect in this school. The standard reached in all subjects was, taking into consideration the children's ages, very good".

Two subjects deserve a special word of praise. (1) The way in which the practical knowledge of the Prayer Book is taught. (2) The teaching about missionary work.

The names of children deserving special mention will be found over page. Signed M.W. Smith Diocesan Inspector.

22nd Jan. Miss Hutchison left school at 9:10 a.m. to attend the clinic at the request of Dr. Stopes. She returned at 10:30 a.m. From today it is proposed that the children take advantage of the Broadcast lessons on Friday mornings, in

Music for Juniors; 11 to 11:20 a.m., Music for Very Young Children 11:30 to 11:50 a.m. The time table will be adjusted so that too much time is not given to Music.

25th Jan. The Head Teacher was absent this morning. Miss Hutchison was in charge.

1st Feb. Miss Mardall returned to duty this morning, she has been suffering from influenza.

A shed 7 x 5 x 7 for storing the physical training apparatus, and two dustbins, have arrived.

5th Feb. Miss Hutchison is absent as she is suffering from influenza.

10th Feb. Miss Hutchison returned this morning.

12th Feb. The Cesspit has been emptied today.

19th Feb. Miss Turner from the Essex Voluntary Association for Mental Welfare, called at school this morning with regard to Gwen Guest.

2nd March. Stocktaking was begun this morning. Class III today, II tomorrow & I & general School Stock on Thursday & Friday.

8th March. The Head Teacher is visiting the Mawney Road Feeding Centre today. She has permission from the Managers to be late this afternoon if it is impossible to be back in time.

19th March. A gas stove is being fitted in the cloakroom so that children who stay to dinner may have something hot in the middle of the day.

23rd March. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:10 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford.

25th March. School closes after the afternoon session this afternoon for the Easter Holidays. With permission from the Managers the dinner recess will be from 11:45 to 12:45 noon and afternoon school will finish at 3 p.m.

6th April. School reopened this morning. Miss Hutchison is absent through illness. Mrs. Gladys Peacock started duty this morning as a dining attendant. A gas stove has been fitted and the children are to have hot food each day.

12th April. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning. A little extra time is being given to gardening this month, as weather permits.

13th April. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:50 a.m. to see Mr. Tinker in Romford.

21st April. The Cesspit is being cleared today.
6th May. Ascension Day, therefore the school is closed today.

11th May. The Rev G.R. Robinson came this morning at 10 o'clock and distributed books, "George VI King & Emperor" which had been provided by the Coronation Committee of Romford. He talked to the children on the importance of the Coronation. The children sang National Hymns. The school will be closed tomorrow May 12th in honour of their Majesties Coronation, and for the rest of the week. School will reassemble on May 24th.

24th May. School reassembled this morning at 9 a.m. Empire Day will be celebrated, and school breaks up for the day at 12 noon.

26th May. A May Day rehearsal will be held in the Victory Hut this morning.

27th May. A Holiday has been given this afternoon for Coronation Celebrations. The school will celebrate its fifth Annual May Festival.

28th May. School reopened this morning. Tomorrow gifts of 80 new laid eggs, plus fruit & jam will be taken by the children to the Victoria Hospital.

1st June. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:10 this morning to change the cheque in Romford.

8th June. Dr. Samson attended school this morning for the purpose of Schick testing four children.

10th June. The Rev P.S. Abraham visited the school this morning And took a coloured film of several actors in the May Day Festival. The Cesspit was cleared today.

16th June. The Head Teacher has, with permission from the Managers, gone to visit Marsh Green School Dagenham, to study cinema work in school. Miss Hutchison is in charge.

Mrs. Knight returned to duty this morning after being absent since the afternoon of June 10th. Mrs. Barker cleaned the school in her absence.

18th June. School closes at 12:45 noon for the day as 94.6 % Attendance was made last month.

1st July. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11:15 in order to change the cheque in Romford.

5th July. Examinations will be begun today, therefore the time table will not be followed.

12th July. School closes at 12:15 noon today, for the day as 96% Attendance was made during the month of June.

20th July. The Chairman of the Managers, the Rev P.S. Abraham visited the school this morning, he inspected work done and talked to the children about his new work in Newfoundland.

This afternoon the mothers have been invited to see the work done by the children.

21st July. The school goes to the field this morning at 11 am. for reading and games lesson.

23rd July. Miss Perkins visited the school this morning and saw the children's Physical Training.

28th July. The Head Teacher is leaving school at 11: 10 am. to change the cheque in Romford.

30th July. The school closes this afternoon for the Summer Holiday.

6th Sept. School reopened this morning. Nine children have been transferred to other schools and five have been admitted. Total roll 35. The school has now been reorganises in two classes. Infants under Miss Hutchison, Juniors under the Head Teacher.

Miss Lewis ceased to be a member of this staff on August 31st.

9th Sept. Dr. Bodkin called at school this morning to see Kenneth Thirkettle.

14th Sept. Dr. Bodkin inspected 9 children this morning - for free supplies of Cod Liver Oil and Malt

16th Sept. School was closed so that the children might take part in the Romford Charter Celebrations.

24th Sept. The Rev C. Robinson inspected the buildings for repairs to be done in 1938.

All children in the school having made a perfect attendance this week, a half an hours field activities have been granted from 3 to 3:30 pm.

28th Sept. A school Garden Fete is being held today at 3 pm., in aid of the Kitchen Fund.

School Sessions will be as follows, 9 am. to 11:45 am.; 12:50 pm. to 3 pm. The time table for the day is posted in the main room. The Fete realised £11:7:0d

1st Oct. Miss V. Hutchison will go to Romford to change the cheque at 10:45 am.

During July the attendance reached 95.5 %. Top of Romford and Hornchurch. During September, the attendance was 97.4 %.

9th Oct. Copy of the Diocesan Report, received today.

Report on Religious Instruction. Inspected July 26th 1937.

"The standard reached and maintained by this school is excellent. there is no doubt that this is mainly due to the head teacher who inspires her staff by her own keenness. It is a real pleasure to visit this school. Two points which deserve to be specially noted are.

(a) The way in which instruction is linked up with worship in church. (b) The keenness about and the knowledge of Missionary work abroad which is shown throughout the school.

Infants and Standard I. Their scripture lesson is thoroughly enjoyed by these little ones. A short Christmas play was exceedingly well done and also very reverently. The methods are successful not only in interesting the children but also in imparting knowledge. Certificates are given to Lillian Johnson, Pauline Galpin, Leslie Rawlings, Jean Peacock, John Taylor, Irene Noble and Evelyn Phyllips. Standards II III & IV. Excellent work is being done here and considering the children's age a high standard of attainment is reached. The children are interested and most important of all the spiritual purpose of instruction in religion is never forgotten in the mere imparting of information. Certificates. 2nd endorsement Geoffrey Galpin, Stella Johnson, Lionel Thirkettle and Ethel Rawlings. New Certificates. Joan lodge, Leonard Rawlings, Betty Ottley, James Peacock and June Phillips."

Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector.

13th Oct. The Chairman of the Managers. The Rev Blaxland visited the school this afternoon.

28th Oct. School will close this afternoon for Half Term Holiday. Friday and Monday.

On Tuesday school will be closed all day for Attendance Holidays, 95.5 % made in July and 97. 4 % in September. Approved C.S. Robinson. Correspondent 4th November 1937.

3rd Nov. School reopened this morning

9th Nov. Miss Bremner visited the school to inspect and advise upon canteen arrangements.

11th Nov. A short talk on the League of Nations will be given at 11 am. this morning.

12th Nov. Miss Bremner called this morning and brought some equipment for the canteen.

Nurse Champion inspected some children for cleanliness A representative of the Gas Co, called to find out the requirement for fittings in the canteen.

Mr. Shin came and tuned the piano.

18th Nov. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning. She has a very bad cold.

22nd Nov. Miss Hutchison's father died yesterday. She will be absent for one week.

Mrs. D. Moule has taken duty from today (Nee Fourt) P. 34/8626 W/5.

25th Nov. An outbreak of measles has occurred. The M.O.H. & S.M.O. also nurse have been advised. 26 present.

26th Nov. A very foggy morning, sixteen children only are present.

29th Nov. I was absent from school on this day, being in bed with a very feverish cold.

Nurse Champion called and examined all children present in view of the epidemic of measles. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning.

30th Nov. Mrs. Moule has ceased duty, while I (C. Mardall) have returned this morning.

The Cesspit is being emptied today.

3rd December. Dr. Samson visited the school this morning and examined all the children present for measles. Dr. Bodkin also called. The date of the annual Medical Inspection is to be postponed until February 1st 1938. (Tuesday).

6th Dec. Measles epidemic. Only 15 children present this morning.

9th Dec. The weather is very bad this morning, it being exceedingly cold and wet. Only 8 children are present, Three of those present yesterday seemed to be sickening for measles.

16th Dec. Mr. Brown assistant to the County Architect visited the school this morning in connection with the Gas Fittings to be put into the new kitchen.

17th Dec. The cheque came this morning. The Head Teacher goes to Romford to change this at 10:45 am.

23rd Dec. School closes after the morning session. There is an Attendance holiday (due for the month of October 94 %) this afternoon

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11th Jan. School reopened this morning after the Christmas Holidays.

21st Jan. A Managers meeting was held this evening. The new building has been in use for dinners since 11th January. Mrs. Peacock cooks a hot meal each day for an average of 20 children.

24th Jan. A certificate from the School Medical Officer has been received to the effect that the reduced attendance during the weeks 3rd, 10th, 17th & 23rd of December 1937 may reasonably be attributed to the prevalence of epidemic illness amongst the scholars. Upon instructions from the Director of Education, the necessary adjustments of the registers have been made in accordance with para: 15 (ii) of the Board of Education Administrative Memorandum No 51.

27th Jan. I have been absent from school Jan 25th & 26th, returned to duty this morning. C. Mardall.

Visited school this morning Fred. J. Perry.

31st Jan. Miss Hutchison is leaving school at 9:35 this morning to attend Oldchurch Hospital.

1st Feb. Dr. Bodkin & Nurse Champion conducted the Medical Inspection this morning.

Miss Hutchison went to Romford this afternoon to change the cheque.

2nd Feb. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning with a feverish cold.

7th Feb. Miss Hutchison returned to school this morning.

8th Feb. Extra handwork will be taken instead of nature for a few weeks, as extra time (for Nature Study) will be needed when the weather is suitable.

10th Feb. The Chairman of the Managers visited the school this morning

15th Feb. From today until 31st May 1938, Joan Meloin, Eileen Edwards, Mary Tonks & Gerald Wigley are to receive daily 1/3 pint of milk & Cod Liver Oil &

Malt from the Supply of free milk & Cod Liver Oil & Malt for Necessitous children.

17th Feb. The Cesspit is being cleared today.

4th March. A dental inspection was held by Miss. J. Wilson this morning.

30th March. Nurse Champion visited the school & inspected the children this morning.

31st March. A Dental Clinic was held at the school this afternoon. Twelve children had teeth extracted under gas.

1st April. Form IX was sent off today.

4th April. The Head Teacher is absent today, suffering from influenza. Mrs. D Moule has taken up supply duty.

13th April. I have returned to duty this morning.

After the afternoon session school will close for the Easter Holidays.

26th April. School reopened this morning. The number on roll is now 51.

The Essex Education Authority have allowed another teacher to be appointed.

Mrs. Moule has taken up supply duty until a new teacher is appointed.

Class I. Standards IV- III & II On Roll 18, C. Mardall.

Class II. Standards I & O Grade III On Roll 17, D. Moule.

Class III Infants On Roll 16, V. Hutchison.

5th May. With permission from the Managers a double session will be held today, as a Village Fete and School Exhibition is being held at 3pm. this afternoon.

24th May. Empire Day was explained and celebrated during the Scripture lesson this morning.

This afternoon a full dress rehearsal for May Day is taking place from 1;30 onwards.

26th May. The school will be closed this afternoon for the Ascension Day holiday.

The May Festival will be celebrated.

1st June. In order that the cheque may be changed in Romford, playtime will be held at the end of the morning session, 11:45 am. The Head Teacher will leave school at that time.

2nd June. After the afternoon session today, school will close for the Whitsun Holidays.

13th June. School reopened this morning.

15th June. The Medical Officer of Romford Mr. J. Samson inspected all the children this afternoon, as two children belonging to the school have Scarlet Fever.

16th June. Dr. Samson inspected all the children again today.

17th June. Dr. Samson inspected all the children again today.

23rd June. The Rev F. Perry visited the school in the morning. Dr. Samson visited this afternoon.

24th June. A Dental Clinic was held in the school refectory this afternoon. From 2-3 p.m. the remainder of the school went to the field for their games lesson.

Examinations start today. A different time table will be observed this week.

7th July. Mr. Bird the Inspector of Caretakers came to see Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Knight.

20th July. Four Police Officers visited the school from 10 to 11 am this morning and gave lessons and demonstrations to promote safety on the roads.

21st July. By permission of the Managers, the times of sessions will be changed today to allow the children to have their Sports at the Village Fete at 3 pm. Morning 9 to 11:50 (no play). Afternoon 12:50 to 3 pm.

25th July. Mr. Moorhouse- His Majesty's Inspector came to school this morning and remained all day to inspect the school.

26th July. Registers were not marked today as the Diocesan Inspection was taken by the Rev M. E. Smith in the morning and after dinner the whole school went to the field for Sports, Nature Study and singing round the Camp fire.

28th July. The School will close this afternoon at 3:30 pm. for the Summer Holidays.

Mrs. Moule terminated her engagement here as a temporary teacher, today. Visited school today Fred. J. Perry correspondent.

5th Sept. School reopened this morning. Five children have been transferred to St. Edwards Senior School, two have left the district. There are six entrants making the Roll number 54.

The new teacher has not arrived, so the school is organised in two classes for the present.

Twenty eight children are having hot dinners this week.

7th Sept. Miss. D. Bonsor has taken up duty as an Uncertificated Assistant, this morning.

8th Sept. The Cesspit was emptied today.

12th Sept. Miss. D. Bonsor is not at duty this morning but was present this afternoon.

Her grandfather was buried on Sept 10th.

15th Sept. Copy Form 35 E. Board of Education. Local Education Authority:-Essex.

School Romford. Noak Hill, St. Thomas Junior and Infants. No. 280. Regd No. E. 13/280/28.

Inspected on 25th July, 1938. Report by H.M. I. Mr. J.W. Gofton.

This somewhat isolated school of three classes is conducted by a Mistress whose personality and driving force have produced an atmosphere in which children from a wide area thrive both physically and mentally. In the forefront of her outlook is the pressing need for improving the bodily health of the children as a prior necessity to their mental growth. In recent years many of the pupils have been encouraged to travel at their parents expense to this school from semi urban districts for the benefit of their health. Apart from the fact that the curriculum of the methods of teaching are specially adapted to the needs of such children, a

particularly valuable complementary aid to their welfare is the well organised system of midday meals. This has been made possible through concerted efforts on the part of the Mistress, the assistant teachers, and the parents over a long period of time, together with financial assistance from Diocesan sources and generous treatment of the local Education Authority. The Refectory recently built and equipped is an invaluable adjunct to the school from points of view other than the obvious one of domestic welfare. It provides relief accommodation for the two classes which would normally be housed in one classroom; gives free floor space for such activities, as Eurhythmics, Dancing and Dramatisation, and is suitably equipped for simple practical instruction and the use of the projector. Full advantage is taken of the opportunities for widening the outlook of the children through these amenities: indeed it would be difficult to praise too highly the efforts of the teachers. The more permanent members of the Staff deserve special credit in that their interests extend beyond the limits of the present school population, infant and juniors, to include the seniors who now attend another school.

A correct copy of the H.M.I. report. E.C. Blaxland Chairman of the Managers.

The timetable has been rearranged this afternoon to allow advantage to be taken of the fine weather. From 1:30 to 2:30 a games lesson will be taken on the field.

27th Sept. Fire drill was practised this morning at 9:40 am. The school was cleared & roll called in the garden in two minutes.

28th Sept. Respirators are being distributed to everyone in the village today, from this classroom. The school therefore will be divided between Miss Hutchison and Miss. Bonsor.

29th Sept. The distribution continues. The head Teacher had to go to Romford twice to see the Borough Surveyor in connection with the construction of a trench for Protection in Air Raids. The school continues being organised in two classes.

30th Sept. Miss, D. Bonsor terminates her engagement here today.

3rd Oct. Miss Jones has taken duty here today as a supply Certificated Assistant. The Education Authority have agreed to this as the number on roll is now 56 (55).

6th Oct. Copy of the report on Religious Instruction. Inspected July 26th 1938. "As usual this is a most interesting school to inspect. All possible means of arousing and maintaining the children's interest are used but at the same time the main object of teaching true religion in its bearing on life and not simply as a mental exercise, is never lost sight of.

Infants. Interest is maintained by plays based on scripture and in other ways but also the answers of the elder children in this division showed that there had been much solid teaching as well. Certificates. John Hayfield, Sylvia Rawlings, Tom Johnstone, Frank Bray. Alan Milstead and Shirley Robson also deserve mention. Middle Division. There is a large portion of new or backward children in this part of the school, but the tone is good and all are clearly interested in their work Certificates. Lillian Johnson, Angela Thirkettle, Olive Blakeborough & Leslie Rawlings. Also deserving mention. Edward Tonks and Joy Hayfield. Senior Division. Here there is evidence of very careful teaching. Good Knowledge is shown and what is taught is linked on to worship and to practical religion in the form of missionary work. Written work, taking into consideration the age of the children, is very good. Certificates. Sarah Johnson (1) Ethel Rawlings (1) June Phillips (2) Joan Vaux, Douglas & Leonard Jupp and Margaret Hollich. (1) Third Endorsement. (2) Second Endorsement."

Signed M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector. Fred J. Perry. Correspondent.

24th Oct. During drill lesson taken by Miss Hutchison at 9:55 a.m. while the children were skipping in two rings, Jean Peacock slipped and fell backward, striking her head. She cried out. I had just previously entered the playground, so was present when the accident occurred. Immediately, I went to her, examined the place. No sign of bruise or cut was to be found. She seemed better and continued to take part in the lesson. Later in the morning, she began to cry, and said her head ached. I bathed it, and made her warm and comfortable. At 12 noon, she was sick several times and continued to cry. Miss Hutchison took Jean and her mother by car, to Dr. Ernst, at 1:15 pm. Witnessed by C. Mardall. & Violet, H. Hutchison.

25th Oct. The Gas Radiator and fittings have been fitted in the Refectory today. These are the property of the Managers.

27th Oct. After the afternoon session the school will be closed for the Half Term Holiday, Oct 28th and the 31st.

1st Nov. The school is closed today as it is being used as a Polling Station.

2nd Nov. School reopened this morning.

3rd Nov. The Head Teacher is absent owing to a feverish cold.

7th Nov. I returned to duty this morning. The Cesspit was cleared on the Saturday the 5th.

10th Nov. Miss Bremner called at school this afternoon, and inspected the Refectory and the utensils there. She approved of additions to the existing furniture and utensils as the numbers staying to dinner are now averaging 43 each day.

11th Nov. Armistice Day. Suitable lessons will be taken during the Scripture period. The School will hear the Broadcast from the Cenotaph at 10:25 to 11 am.

14th Nov. Miss Wilson, Dental Surgeon examined the children's teeth this morning.

16th Nov. Nurse Champion examined all the children this morning and found them clean.

24th Nov. With permission from the Managers and at the invitation, Miss Mardall will leave school at 1:30 this afternoon to attend the official opening of the swimming bath and gymnasium at the Technical College, Dagenham. Miss Hutchison is in charge.

8th Dec. The Cesspit was cleared today.

20th Dec. With permission from the Managers, a double session is being held today. Registers are to be closed this morning at 9:15, morning session to close at 11:15, dinner till 12:15, registers to close at 12:25. Afternoon school closes at 2:25 pm. A Nativity Play will take place at 2:45 pm. also a Sale of Work in aid of the Playground Fund.

22nd Dec. The Sale of Work and Play Resulted in £15 : 6 : 8d. School closes after the second session today for the Christmas Holidays.

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10th Jan. School reopened this morning.

19th Jan. This afternoon Miss Bremner brought 4 knife boxes for the refectory. Ten children are away today, suffering from colds and sickness. The Medical Officers have been informed.

25th Jan. There are now twenty seven children absent, suffering from very bad colds and coughs and sickness. On Roll 61. P.M. Only 29 children are in attendance. There has been a very heavy fall of snow. The school has been organised in two classes, while the Head Teacher gets on with Requisitions etc.

30th Jan. Miss Mardall was absent on Thursday 26th. and Friday 27th., suffering from the same complaint as the children. She returned to duty this morning.

1st Feb. Nurse Champion visited and inspected the children this morning. Miss Hutchison went to Romford at 1:15 to change the cheque.

6th Feb. Examinations will be held throughout the school this week.

24th Feb. Fire Drill took place this afternoon at 1:45 pm. The school was cleared and registers checked in two minutes. Copy of letter received 29th Sept. 1939. Miss Mardall. Noak Hill C. of E. School.

Dear Madam. As the number has now reached 55, the Director states that the Committee will be prepared to agree to the appointment of a Certificated Assistant in place of an Uncertificated Assistant. Yours Truly. B. Tinker.

8th March. Stock Taking has begun today. Mr. Bird: Inspector of Caretakers called this morning.

9th March. Mr. Brown: assistant surveyor called and inspected the playground.

17th March. The school has been swept by another epidemic of influenza, 39 children out of 67 are present today. The Head Teacher has been absent from duty from Monday March 13th but has returned to duty this morning, 17th. A Certificate from the School Medical Officer has been received to the effect that

the reduced attendance during the week ending 27/1/39. may reasonably be attributed to the prevalence of epidemic illness amongst the scholars. Upon the instructions from the Chief Officer of Education the necessary adjustments of the registers has been made.

20th March. The Cesspit was cleared today.

5th April. The school closed after the afternoon session for the Easter Holidays.

18th April. School reopened this morning. On Roll 72.

Fire Drill was taken this morning. The school was cleared and registers called in two minutes. There are several cases of mumps, chicken pox and suspected Whooping Cough in the school. the children suspected are being excluded.

20th April. Miss Hutchison came to school this morning with a slight swelling near her left ear. Suspecting Mumps, she has gone to the Medical Officer to make sure.

The school has been reorganised into two classes. The time table will be kept as nearly as possible.

24th April. Miss. Joyce Whitehead. B.A. has come to school this morning, to study the art of teaching.

25th April. Mrs. Baker has taken up duty as an Uncertificated assistant. The Cesspit was cleared today.

27th April. Visited G.C Eley.

28th April. The Head Teacher will go to Romford to change the cheque at 9:45 this morning.

1st May. Mr. Tinker visited the school this afternoon. Miss Whitehead is absent today.

3rd May. Miss Whitehead came to school yesterday but was suffering from a feverish cold. She is absent again today.

4th&5th May. The school is not meeting on these dates, as all the teachers are attending a Refresher Course arranged by the Head Teacher. Permission has been granted by the Managers and the Authority.

8th May. School reopened this morning.

9th May. Mrs. Baker is absent. She phoned to say she thinks she has developed mumps.

At 8:50 this morning, just as the first bell was rung, Bryan Bullen came to me with a scalp wound, bleeding profusely. Against the rules, he had been chasing a boy of five, David Meadows, in the girls playground, and mounting a seat, had banged his head against a blunt protuberance on the store shed. I immediately cleaned the wound with Dettol in warm water, applied a clean dressing and took Bryan and his elder sister by car, to Dr. Ernst who attended the wound. The boy was able to return to school.

C. Mardall witnessed by Brian Bullen.

10th May. Mrs. Baker is still absent, so her place has been taken by Mrs. D. Moule (U.A.) who took up duty this morning.

11th May. Miss Stockbridge visited with Mr. Eley this afternoon. G.C. Eley.

15th May. Miss Whitehead is absent this morning. Mumps are suspected Visited and checked registers. M. Marriot.

16th May. Miss Whitehead has returned to duty.

17th May. Miss Whitehead is absent this morning. The Rev F. Perry visited the school this morning. Miss Whitehead returned to duty this afternoon.

18th May. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning. A May Day Rehearsal will be held this afternoon, as the Seniors have a holiday and will be able to take part.

19th May. Miss Whitehead finished her observations today.

24th May. Empire Day was celebrated this morning during Scripture lesson.

Instead of a holiday, a May Day Rehearsal took place in the garden this afternoon.

26th May. The Head Teacher will go to Romford this morning to change the cheque.

School closes after the afternoon session for the Whitsuntide Holidays.

5th June. School reassembled this morning. During the next eight days, the usual amount of time will be devoted to English written, read and oral, and Arithmetic. After that the time table will be adjusted to allow the children to complete their preparations for their Annual Festival which takes place on June 15th. The Festival consists of the ceremonial crowning of an elected Queen, Singing; folk, country, sword and Morris dancing; dramatic work, together with a collection of gifts for the local hospital. Mr. Bird visited the school to inspect the water supply.

7th June. The Cesspit was cleared today.

8th June. Mr. Tinker and the Chairman of the managers of the Romford Council Schools visited the school this morning and inspected the dinner scheme.

15th June. Today the School is holding the Annual Festival. Registers will not be marked this afternoon.

16th June. By permission from the Managers, registers will be closed at 9:10 this morning, play will take place at 11 a.m. and Scripture from 11:15 to 12 noon. At 11 a.m. a few children, together with the Queen, will visit the Victoria Hospital to take the gift of eggs and fruit brought by the children yesterday.

19th June. Four Police Officers came to school from 10 to 11 a.m. to address the children on Safety First.

23rd June. At 2 p.m. the two upper classes, with two teachers in charge, will go for a Mid-Summer walk, (1) To explore the North East boundary of the borough. (2) To study and collect flowers of the hedgerow and also grasses.

27th June. Miss Hutchison will leave school today at 10:30 a.m. to attend the Dagenham Infant and Junior Schools Musical Festival, under Mr. Geoffrey Shaw.

29th June. Dr. Bodkin will take a Medical Inspection all day today.

3rd July. Fire drill was taken at 1:30 today. The school was cleared and registers checked in two minutes. The Head Teacher will leave school this afternoon to consult Mr. Tinker with regard to the arrangements concerning the new Straight Road School.

Extra time will be given each afternoon to handwork, to enable the children to finish off their work before leaving for the New School.

5th July. The school will not be open tomorrow as the majority of the children and the staff, together with several mothers are going by coach, to Westcliff for the day.

7th July. School reopened this morning

10th July. Examinations started this morning. A special time table will be followed this week.

12th July. The Head Teacher will leave school at 2:15 p.m. to attend an A.R.P. meeting of Head Teachers with officers of the Education Committee.

13th July. Miss Hutchison is absent this morning. The Annual Sports take place this afternoon at the Village Fete. The last three quarters of an hour of the afternoon will be devoted to this purpose.

17th July. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning Nurse visited the school.

18th July. A Certificate from the School Medical Officer has been received to the effect that the reduced attendance during the week ending 3/5/39 may reasonably be attributed to the prevalence of epidemic illness amongst the scholars (mumps) Adm Mem 51 para 15 (ii).

20th July. With permission from the Managers, the Head Teacher will make a visit to St. Edwards Junior School at 3 p.m.

24th July. Only 38 children are present this morning owing to (1) To parents holidays. (2) The very bad weather. The school will therefore be arranged in two classes.

Mr. Brown visited the school in connection with the summer decorations.

25th July. Visited and inspected the registers. Found all running properly. Several children away with parents on holiday. M. Marriot.

26th July. Mr. Moorhouse H.M.I. came to inspect the school this morning. The Head Teacher left school at 9:50 a.m. to attend a children's court in Romford.

27th July. Registers will not be marked this morning as the Rev M.W. Smith is examining the school in Religious Instruction. The school will be open as usual this afternoon. A games lesson will be taken at the field after play.

28th July. School will close after this afternoons session for the Summer Holidays.

4th Sept. The Staff assembled this morning, held a meeting and also measured the windows of the school for the obscuring of interior lighting. The children were not assembled as War with Germany was proclaimed yesterday. The children will return to school when adequate air raid shelters have been provided.

26th Sept. Instructions were received today, that although no shelters have been provide, school is to open as soon as possible. A circular letter has been sent to all parents stating that this school will reopen on Thursday 28th September at 9 a.m.

28th Sept. School reopened this morning. On Roll 63. Present 33. Time will be taken for Drill in going to the Victory Hut, (which is sandbagged and in putting on and care of gas masks. Found all staff present and 34 children, all settled down well. Watched a respirator drill, quick and good. School moved to shelter in Victory Hut. time taken from warning 3 minutes. M. Marriot. 28th Sept.

29th Sept. Miss V. Hutchison is absent this morning. Her mother is very seriously ill.

Air Raid Drill was taken at 1:30 p.m. This drill will be taken daily at differing times until the children are quite accustomed to the new conditions.

2nd Oct. In order to change the cheque, playtime will take place at 11:45 to 12 and the Head Teacher will go to Romford then. Miss Hutchison returned to duty this morning.

The School Attendance Officer called this morning.

5th Oct. At 10 a.m. the ceiling (approx. 4x5ft) in the girls cloakroom, crashed to the floor. I reported the matter to Mrs. Marriot, then with the help of some of the boys and the cleaner, cleared the debris.

9th Oct. Miss Jones is absent from duty this morning and is suffering from a bad cold.

10th Oct. The school is still divided in two sections. Extra time is to be given to reading, writing and arithmetic. Air Raid Drill was taken at 11:15 this morning.

12th Oct. Miss Jones returned to duty this morning.

17th Oct. Mrs. Marriot visited the school this morning in connection with the darkening of school windows and Air Raid Precautions. In compliance with the Chiefs instructions, a rearrangement of the cloakroom accommodations was made and Air Raid Drill took place together with a lesson on care and use of gas masks. This afternoon the Head Teacher is attending a meeting of Head Teachers in Romford.

19th Oct. Mrs. Marriot visited the school this morning to discuss the Tutorial Scheme.

20th Oct. The Head Teacher attended a meeting presided over by Mr. Rhodes this morning at Heath Park Road School.

30th Oct. The Head Teacher is absent today, as she is suffering from a severe chill.

1st Nov. The Head Teacher returned to duty this morning. Miss V. Hutchison left school at 10:05 a.m. to change the cheque in Romford.

2nd Nov. The Head Teacher will leave school at 2:50 p.m. to count some stock at the Straight Road School, at the request of the Chief Officer.

6th Nov. At 10:20 a.m. the Head Teacher will go to Straight road School to check stock. Returned at 11:15.

8th Nov. At 2:20 p.m. the Head Teacher will go to check stock at the Straight Road School.

9th Nov. I visited school on this date and found things proving very satisfactory. Registers inspected and found correct. F.J. Perry (correspondent). The Vicar, the Rev, C. Blaxland and Mrs. Marriot also visited school this morning, to consider Air Raid Precautions.

14th Nov. Dr. G. Lowe visited the school this afternoon. She inspected and treated twelve cases. Nurse Harwood also came to inquire about diphtheria contacts.

20th Nov. Mr. Rhodes visited the school this afternoon. He asked me to leave the school in the hands of Miss Hutchison and Miss Jones for the rest of the week, and to devote myself entirely to the work of opening the Straight Road School.

24th Nov. Miss Mardall, Miss Hutchison, Miss Jones and Mrs. Peacock (cook) this day relinquished duties at Noak Hill School

25th Nov. Copy of the report on Religious Instruction, received this morning, inspected 27th July 1939. "As usual the standard reached by this school was really excellent. One cannot praise too highly the keenness shown by the headmistress and her assistants. On the part of all, there is the effort not only (or mainly) to teach facts but to infuse the spirit of religion and to get the children to understand what worship is. Three points that deserve special mention are: (1) The dramatic representations of Bible stories by the younger children. The reverent way in which this is done is most noteworthy. (2) The "expression work" of various kinds that is done throughout the school. (3) The teaching given about the present day missionary work of the church. I understand that the Headmistress is likely to be leaving to take charge of a larger school; this will be

a great loss to Noak Hill; this school has reached a wonderful level under her guidance." Signed M.W. Smith Diocesan Inspector.

Infant Certificates awarded to nine children. Junior Certificates 1st year awarded to nine children. Junior Certificates 2nd year awarded to four children. Special Third Year Certificates to two girls.

27th Nov. I commence duty as Temporary Head Teacher - succeeding Miss Mardall.

E. Ingram.

No. on books. No . present. Class III 3. 1.

Class II 7. 5.

28th Nov. I visited the school today (28th November 1939) and found all in order. F.J. Perry correspondent.

21st Dec. School closes after the second session today for the Christmas Holiday.

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2nd Jan. School reopened this morning after the Christmas Holiday. E. Ingram.

1st Feb. On days when weather was very bad, the school closed at 3 p.m. instead of 3:30. Play times morning and afternoon were omitted and the afternoon session commenced at 1:10pm.

8th Feb. The time for Religious Knowledge was changed to 11:30 a.m. to enable us to attend a Lenten service in the church.

21st Feb. Mrs. Ingrams will be absent for two days, as she is suffering from an abscess in her ear.

22nd Feb. I commenced duty as Temporary Head Teacher, substituting for Mrs. Ingram who will be back on Monday. S. Buggs.

28th Feb. I commenced duty as Temporary Head Teacher in place Mrs. Ingram. Mrs. E. Ellis.

1st March. On enquiring of Rev Perry I learn that Mrs. Ingram is in the Victoria Hospital progressing satisfactorily after an operation on the ear. Two new children, sent from the Education Offices have been admitted, making the roll now 22.

8th March. The school Nurse carried out a cleanliness inspection this morning and reported Arthur Ottley for bodily uncleanliness. I gave her his home address. The inspection was carried out behind screens at one end of the main room, as it was a very cold morning and there is no fire in the smaller classroom.

11th March. Mrs. Marriot visited the school this morning. There is a perfect attendance today.

14th March. Snow was falling heavily and several children who have along walk to school are absent.

2nd April. School reassembled after Easter Holidays. I commence duties as Temporary Head Teacher in place of Mrs. Ingram. Deceased. E.M. Barltrop.

10th April. I commence duty as Temporary Head Teacher succeeding E.M. Barltrop.

Mrs. L.M. Lee.

11th April. Rev Perry visited the school this morning.

12th April. I found that no new registers were in use and that no Totals for year ending March 31st 1940 had been completed.

16th April. Mr. S.E. Halman H.M.I. visited the school this morning. He stayed a few minutes and left to visit Miss Mardall at Straight Road School.

17th April. The Scripture lesson was taken at 11 am. by Mr. Perry.

19th April. Received a postcard from S.A.O. saying Angela Thirkettle had German measles and Pauline Galpin a contact (her mother has same complaint).

22nd April. School Attendance Officer called.

25th April. An H.M.I. called for roll, accommodation etc, in connection with schools in wartime in neutral areas.

29th April. Visited school and found all going well, M. Marriot.

1st May. Tomorrow the school will be closed for Ascension Day. Children attend service in St. Thomas Church at 9 a.m.

6th May. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. Pauline Galpin absent with swollen gland.

8th May. Mr. Perry took prayers at 11:15 a.m.

Mrs. Marriot called with two large maps of the district for the children to see. 10th May. School closes for the Whitsun Holiday.

14th May. Whitsun Holiday cancelled by order of Government. School reopened Tuesday May 14th.

15th May. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. One child away with a cold.

20th May. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. Perfect attendance.

24th May. The school will be closed this afternoon (Friday) as it is Empire Day. The children have collected money for the over-seas League Tobacco Fund.

27th May. Two new children admitted.

30th May. Mr. Perry took prayers at 11 a.m.

31st May. Mr. Mc. Alleran called.

3rd June. Mrs. Marriot called and invited the children to walk in her garden tomorrow (Tuesday). 4th June. In the nature study period the children will go to the Priory Garden.

5th June. Mr. Perry took prayers at 11 a.m. this morning. The question of a light for the cloakroom, which is to be used as a shelter, is to be mentioned to the Authorities.

10th June. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. Only one child absent this morning. Full attendance (22) this afternoon.

12th June. Mr. Perry took prayers and addressed the children. Marjorie, Keith and Dennis Guest absent.

14th June. The school nurse inspected all the children (full attendance).

17th June. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. One boy absent. A First Aid box and a supply of Barley Sugar is in the cloakroom, which is to be used in the Air Raid Shelter.

19th June. Mr. Perry took prayers at 11 a.m. this morning.

24th June. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. All the Guest children away, probably peapicking.

1st July. Child admitted, evacuated from Shoeburyness. Roll 22.

4th July. Mrs. Marriot called and agreed to be a trustee for a Penny Saving Bank she started.

5th July. Lady Neave Called.

8th July. A parcel received from Lady Neave, containing Barley Sugar and chocolates.

10th July. Mr. Perry took prayers. Scripture examination to be held July 24th.

12th July. Five children absent, believed pea-picking.

17th July. Mr. Perry took prayers.

19th July. Dennis, Keith and Marjorie Guest, absent four weeks pea picking.

23rd July. The school will be closed tomorrow July 24th, after the Scripture Examination has been held.

26th July. Saving Group started in the village and school.

School closes today for a fortnight, a shortened holiday due to the war.

12th Aug. School reopened this morning after a fortnights holiday. Geoffrey Thomas new admission. Dennis Potter returned to his home at Shoeburyness. On Roll 20. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. A letter is to be sent to Mrs. Guest. Dennis and Keith absent pea picking.

16th Aug. Air Raid warning during dinner time, myself and five children took shelter with Mrs. Jupp in her shelter for hour. All clear at 1:15 pm. School started 1:00 as usual.

22nd Aug. Dennis and Keith Guest not yet returned to school. Air Raid during early hours of the morning possible reason for two absentees. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. Only 12 children present, two air raids during the night possible cause.

27th Aug. Air Raid at 3:30 pm. yesterday just as children were going home. Two boys ran home, the rest went into Mrs. Jupps shelter. All clear 4:10 approx. Some children late, owing to 6 hour air raid during the night.

4th Sept. School closed Sept 2nd & 3rd to allow windows to be protected with paper, a Temporary measure until net arrived. Air Raid at 9:15 am. until 9:45 am.

5th Sept. Air Raid from 9:45 am. until 10:55 am., also 3:15 pm. until 4:30 pm.

6th Sept. Air Raid from 8:45 until 9:50 am. Several children absent, night raid from approx 9 p.m. to 5 am. probable cause.

9th Sept. Air Raid during night 8 pm. to 5 am., only 9 children present.

12th Sept. Air Raid every night. Children very tired. Attendance low, registers not closed until 10 am.

13th Sept. Air Raid warning 9:45 am., all clear 1:55 pm. Six children present during afternoon session.

16th Sept. Air Raid warnings (1) 9:55 to 10:35 am. (2) 10:55 am. to 11:45 am. (3) 12:20 pm. to 12:55 pm. Eleven children present. Afternoon 2:15 pm. to 6 pm. air raid alarm.

17th Sept. 9 to 10:10 am. air raid alarm.

18th Sept. 9:30 to 10:10 am. air raid alarm, also 11:40 to 11:45 am.

Mr. Perry visited to take prayer.

19th Sept. No Air Raids during school hours.

20th Sept. Alarm 11:15 to 12 noon.

23rd Sept. Alarm 9:40 to 10:45 am.

24th Sept. Alarm 8:30 to 9:25 am.

25th Sept. Alarm 10:10 to 12 noon.

26th Sept. Alarm 11:45 to 12 noon.

27th Sept. Alarm 9:40 to 9:55 am. also 12:45 to 1:45 pm.

30th Sept. Alarm 9:15 to 10:10am. also 10:10 to 11:10 am. and 1:20 to 2:15 pm. afternoon session cancelled.

2nd Oct. Alarm 8:55 to 9:15 am. also 9:40 to 11 am. & 12 to 12:45 pm. & 1:20 to 1:50 pm. Mr. Perry called and took prayers at 11:30., further warning 3:04 to 3:30 pm.

4th Oct. School closes today for one week. No school Friday afternoon session owing to air raid.

14th Oct. School reopened after one weeks holiday. On Roll 23 No. present 16. Mr. Mc. Aleran called.

15th Oct. Air Raid Alarm 8:15 to 9:30 am. and 9:50 to 10:30 am. also 11:25 am. to 12 noon and 12:40 to 1:15 pm.

17th Oct. Alarm 9:15 to 10:10 am., 1:40 to 2:15 pm. and 3:20 pm.

18th Oct. Mr. Mc. Alleran called. Mrs. Roberts returned to parents.

On Roll 22.

21st Oct. Alarm 11am. to 1:15 pm.

25th Oct. Alarm before 9 am. and still on at 10 am. Morning school cancelled, afternoon school cancelled also.

28th Oct. Copy of the report on Religious Instruction, inspected July 1940. "In number this is a sadly depleted school, more than two thirds of the children having been Transferred to a newly built school. There have also been numerous changes in the teaching staff during the year. However in spite of the difficulties the present teacher is carrying on the school on the excellent lines on which it has been carried on in the past and which made it one of the best schools of its type The children answered the questions asked them, readily and in the district. well. The written work was neatly and carefully done. Repetition was good. I hope that when the school has settled down under its altered conditions it may still maintain the splendid traditions built up during Miss Mardalls leadership." Infants. Margaret Spett (certificate). Older children. Angela Thirkettle (3rd endorsement), Jean Peacock & Alfred Jones (2nd endorsement), Doreen Luffman, Evelyn Holmes, Pauline Galpin, John Papps, Dennis Potter, Norma Papps, (new certificates). Deserving mention Elsie Ottley. M.W. Smith. Diocesan Inspector.

29th Oct. Air raid alarm 11 to 11:30 am., 12:40 to 1:15 pm. and 1:20 to 1:45 pm.

31st Oct. Afternoon school cancelled, owing to air raid alarm.

4th Nov. As from today, school opens 9:30 am. registers closed at 10 am. Dinner time 12 to 1 pm. Afternoon session 1 to 3pm

5th Nov. Air raid 10:15 to 10:45 am. and 10:45 to 11 am.

7th Nov. H.M.I. Mr. S.E. Halman visited this afternoon.

8th Nov. Air raid 10:15 to 12 noon. and 1:45 to 2:15 pm.

11th Nov. Air raids 9:15 to 10:10 am., 10:20 to 11:30 am, 12:5 to 12:45 pm. and 1:10 to 1:45 pm.

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13th Nov. 1:35 to 2:40 pm. Air raid alarm.

Mr. Perry called during an air raid in the morning. This lasted from 11:15 to 12 noon.

15th Nov. Siren 9:20 to 10:5 am. Temporary register marked. 10:30 to 11:20 am., 1:15 pm.

2nd Dec. Air raid 11 am. to 11:45.

4th Dec. Mr. Perry visited and took prayers with children, also distributed Scripture Certificates. Three new children admitted Dec 3rd, not been to school for a year.

5th Dec. Air raid 11:15 to 12 noon.

6th Dec. Air raid 10:50 to 11:50 am.

12th Dec. Air raid warning from 11:5 to 11:25 am.

19th Dec. School closes for Christmas Holiday. Reopens 7th Jan 1941.

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7th Jan. School reopened after Christmas Vacation. Snow on ground, only 13 present.

Notification received that no senior class could be formed. Therefore 3 senior children taken off register. One new admission,

Keith and Dennis Guest readmitted.

Air Raid Alarm 10:5 to 10:25 am.

No registers marked during afternoon session air raid alarm from 12:50 to 5 pm. Nurse called and inspected children in school shelter.

17th Jan. Snow on ground during week. Children allowed to leave a few minutes earlier as no play is possible.

21st Jan. Air Raid Alarms 10:40 to 11:0 am. and 11:40 to 12:10 pm. Medical Inspection in the afternoon.

27th Jan. William Samson readmitted. New admission, Margaret Sillet. On Roll 27.

28th Jan. Air Raid 12:50 to 1:50 pm.

29th Jan. Warning 9:30 to 10:0 am.

30th Jan. Warning 9:20 to 10:0 am., 11:30 to 12:10 am, and 12:20 to 6 pm.

31st Jan. 11:20 am. ----- children taken home at end of afternoon session.

7th Feb. Very poor attendance during the week owing to weather, colds etc.

12th Feb. Alert 2:30 to 2:45 pm.

14th Feb. Alert 12 to 12:40 pm.

20th Feb. Alert 10:50 to 11:45 am.

21st Feb. Alert 9:35 to 10:0 am.

26th Feb. Alert 2:0 to 2:15 pm.

27th Feb. Alert 11:20 to 11:30 am. Alert again at 12:35 to 1:25 pm.

28th Feb. Dentist visited to inspect teeth. Extraction's to be done March 13th.

5th March. Air Raid Alarm 12:20 to 1pm.

7th March. Air Raid Alarm 11:20 to 11:40 am.

13th March. Teeth extraction's. Dentist, Doctor, Nurse and Dentists assistant present. The Refectory used for the purpose. Small classroom used as a waiting room. Depleted attendance in afternoon.

14th March. Dentist visited in morning for fillings. This again done in Refectory.

17th March. Elsie and Arthur Ottley to have 2/3rd pint of free milk per day and half a lb malt each per week. Brian Holt left district. Managers meeting.

18th March. Alert 1:20 pm. All clear 2:15 pm. Temporary Registers marked, session less than two hours.

24th March. Alert 10 am. to 10:30 am.

26th March. Alert 8:55 to 9:05 am.

Mrs. Davis attending voluntarily for Teaching experience.

28th March. Alert 9 am. to 9:15 am.

31st March. S.A.O. called. Doreen Cates of Noakside, measles, other cases suspected.

2nd April. Mr. Perry called and took prayers at 11 am.

3rd April. Alert 12:30 to 12:45 pm.

4th April. Chimneys swept.

7th April. Only 10 children present owing to measles epidemic.

9th April. School closes today for Easter holiday, only 8 children present, owing to measles epidemic.

22nd April. School reopened after Easter Holiday. Five new admissions making Roll 31. Two Pearce children returned after absence since September.

24th April. Nurse called re measles epidemic. Left to call on Betty and Geoffrey Thomas.

30th April. Mr. Perry called and took prayers with children.

1st May. Nurse Hayward called to see Ivy Clear's leg. Child absent; nurse visited and recommended treatment by a Doctor. On Roll 32.

6th May. Mr. S.E. Holman H.M.I. visited.

7th May. Mr. Perry visited and signed registers.

8th May. Air Alerts 11:10 to 11:40 am. and 2:50 to 3:20 pm.

14th May. Mr. Perry visited and conducted prayers. Thirty children present out of 32.

16th May. Alert 9:47 am. All clear 9:55 am.

22nd May. Closed for Ascension Day.

23rd May. Closed for afternoon session for Empire Day.

29th May. Excluded boy with suspected impetigo and one suspected scabies.

30th May. School closes for the week, Whitsun Holiday.

9th June. School reassembled today after Whitsun Holiday. One new child admitted.

On Roll 33. Three children excluded, measles contact. School nurse notified.

12th June. Gas ring fitted in Refectory for heating water to wash milk beakers during the summer. Money put in gas meter to be entered on Petty Cash form.

18th June. Mr. Perry visited and took prayers.

19th June. Nurse Harwood visited. Elsie and Arthur Ottely to have Free milk for a further three months. Ivy Clear in hospital; abscess on ankle.

24th June. Mary Morgan admitted. Although 6 years & five months this child has not attended any school before. She is very nervous and screamed when her mother brought her.

4th July. Martin Harvey returned to Hornchurch. Michael Smith returned to East Ham. One fire blanket and one fire extinguisher delivered for storage for Canteen equipment.

On Roll 34.

7th July. Temperature 82 f. in classrooms.

8th July. Temperature 84 f.

18th July. School will be closed Monday July 21st, for Scripture Examination.

24th July. By kind permission of Mrs. Jupp, a party organised by the villagers, was held in the School House garden. Mothers inspected children's work before gathering in the garden to watch dramatized nursery rhymes by the Infants, and races. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Marriot.

31st July. School closes today for the Summer Vacation.

2nd Sept. School reopened this morning after the Summer vacation. On Roll 31. Maureen Galpin, new admission. Keith Guest and Evelyn Phillips. transferred to St. Edwards.

9th Sept. Mr. Bartlet, S.O.A. visited. Dennis Guest, Elsie and Arthur Ottley believed to be bean picking.

16th Sept. Mr. Pearce (Paternoster Row) very abusive and took four children home, said he was going to 90 Eastern Road. Trouble began when I asked him to address his complaints to me. He was swearing at child over school fence. 10 am. Mrs. Pearce arrived to apologise.

23rd Sept. Nurse Haywood visited. Betty Robins to visit clinic with spots on leg.

25th Sept. Mr. Bartlet, S.A.O. visited. Called on Mr. Haniman. John Luffman absent picking up potatoes.

6th Oct. Alfred Jones fell in the playground at 10 am. He cut open his knee very badly and it was obvious that he needed a Doctors attention. Mrs. Jupp (School house) telephoned Dr. Ernst, while I washed the cut. Dr. Ernst asked that the boy should be sent immediately to the Cottage Hospital to reach there at 2 pm. A junior boy was sent to inform Mrs., Jones and a farmer, Mr. Hammer offered to convey Alfred and Mrs. Jones to the hospital by car. Form E (m) 3 posted to Dr. Ernst.

7th Oct. Alfred Jones to stay in hospital for a day or two.

8th Oct. Mr. Bartlett, S.A.O. called. Several cases of sickness in the village. 13th Oct. Terence Pearce in hospital with appendicitis. Serious condition. Mr. Perry called.

22nd Oct. Mr. Bartlett called.

24th Oct. A Managers meeting was held at 3:30 pm. The question of hot meals was discussed.

30th Oct. Mr. Worden (acting District Clerk) visited. Form of application for assistant posted on his advice. Mrs. Jupp recommended as supply teacher. School will be closed Friday Oct 31st & Monday Nov 3rd for half time holiday.

10th Nov. Notice received that on and after Nov 17th, school is to commence at 9:30 am. Lunch at 12:30 to 1:45 pm. Afternoon session 1:45 to 3:45 pm. These times to remain in force until Jan 16th, 1942. Arthur Lodge age 5 admitted this morning.

12th Nov. Mr. Bartlett, S.A.O. called. Only two children absent.

17th Nov. Mrs. Jupp takes up her appointment as supply supplementary teacher this morning. She will teach the Infants in the small room.

2nd Dec. I visited St. Edwards Junior school for morning session

4th Dec. The school will be closed for the afternoon session, to allow Juniors to attend the St, Edwards Church Bazaar.

10th Dec. Mr. Perry visited and took prayers. Piano tuned.

19th Dec. School closes today for the Christmas Holiday.

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6th Jan. School reopened today. Nurse Harwood reported on visit to Molly Morgan, unfit for school, recovering from Whooping Cough.

Nurse to visit Mrs. Holmes re cast in Robert Holmes eye.

20th Jan. Several children absent owing to snow and very cold weather. School tap has been frozen for a week. Mrs. Jupp supplied hot water for washing beakers etc.

23rd Jan. Very poor attendance still owing to heavy snow.

29th Jan. Gas mask inspection by Mrs. Marriot.

2nd Feb. Normal school hours resumed 9 am. to 12 noon, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Very few children resent owing to exceptionally heavy fall of snow. Playtime omitted, children to leave earlier.

5th Feb. Attendance all this week has been very low owing to exceptionally bad weather.

Percentage for the week 36.7 %.

9th Feb. Attendance much better. Playground still icy and no play permitted.

12th Feb. Milk samples taken by official from Chelmsford.

13th Feb. M.O.H. Department enquires respecting washing facilities now that milk is supplied in bulk.

18th Feb. S.A.O. visited. No information re John Huffmans absence. Final notice sent.

25th Feb. Mr. Perry visited and took service with the children. Romford Librarian called to inspect cupboard for Branch Library in Noak hill.

16th March. Air Raid Alert 11:30 am. to 12 noon.

18th March. Mr. Perry visited and conducted service. Mr. Bartlett S.A.O. visited. To call on Molly Morgan who has been absent since beginning of December.

19th March. 7 Juniors and 9 Infants present. Bad attendance due to very heavy rain this morning.

23rd March. Managers meeting. Stocktaking involved time table changes.

24th March. Stocktaking continued.

25th March. Mrs. Pearson visited in connection with proposed canteen. 24 children willing to have hot meals. Piano tuned.

31st March. School closes today for the Easter Holiday.

14th April. School reopened this morning. One new admission. Roll 30. Present 30.

17th April. 100 % attendance this week.

20th April. Nurse visited for cleanliness inspection.

24th April. Good attendance maintained 99.3 %. Dennis Guest absent one day; possible truancy.

27th April. H.M.I. Mr. Holman visited the school this morning. He stayed one hour.

30th April. Medical inspections for new admissions. Billy Roberts absent with chicken pox.

8th May. Mrs. Pearson delivered canteen equipment. Canteen to be opened.

May 18th.

Mrs. Knight engaged as washer up etc.

15th May. Notice received this morning that William Robins has passed the secondary school entrance examination.

18th May. The School canteen started, 23 children had their dinner.

20th May. The School will be closed Thursday 21st for the Scripture Examination.

22nd May. School closes at noon today for the Whitsun holiday.

Mr. Gaze is visiting this morning to take a short Empire Day Service.

1st June. School reopened this morning after the Whitsun holiday.

10th June. Received plates for canteen.

22nd June. Cupboard received for canteen.

25th June. Two policemen visited and lectured on Safety first.

6th July. Brenda Matthew's admitted, very backward child, brother attending Dagenham Special School. Mother suspected T. B.

Pauline Galpin has passed General Entrance Examination and will attend Girls County High School in September. Billy Roberts is to attend South East Essex Technical College.

1st Sept. School reopened this morning. Whooping Cough in the village. Roll 28. Present 25.

3rd Sept. National Day of Prayer. Mrs. Marriot took afternoon Prayers. S.A.O. visited.

16th Sept. Prayers and Service by Mr. Perry.

Mr. Bartlett visited. 2 children still absent with Whooping Cough.

18th Sept. All chimneys were swept during Summer holidays.

30th Sept. Air Raid warning at 10:55 am. All Clear 11:15 am.

1st Oct. Mr. Bartlett S.A.O. attended.

7th Oct. Mr. Perry called and took prayers.

19th Oct. 10 am. Air Raid Warning. 10:30 am. All Clear.

10:50 am. Air Raid Warning. 11:10 am. All Clear.

20th Oct. Mr. Perry visited to make arrangements in connection with Church Centenary.

28th Oct. Mr. Perry visited and took prayers.

29th Oct. Afternoon session a holiday for Church Centenary. School closed for Half term holiday, Friday and Monday.

3rd Nov. School reopened. Two children absent.

18th Nov. Mr. Perry visited and conducted service in school.

27th Nov. One girl left. On Roll 29.

30th Nov. school session starts 9:30 ends 12:30. Afternoon session 1:45 to 3:50 Juniors.

1:30 to 3:45. Infants. These times to be in force until Jan 29th.

2nd Dec. Mr. Perry conducted service.

9th Dec. Mr. Perry visited and addressed children.

14th Dec. School party, Rev and Mrs. Blaxland were present.

16th Dec. Air Raid Warning 2 pm. 2:15 All Clear. Mr. Perry visited.

18th Dec. School closes today for the Christmas Holiday.

Mrs. L.M. Lee relinquishes duty as Head Teacher at Noak Hill School.

1943.

5th Jan. School reopens. Miss K.A. Hollis takes charge, pending appointment of permanent head teacher.

6th Jan. Rev. Perry visited school this morning, and checked the registers.

7th Jan. Dr. Samson carried our second injections for diphtheria immunisation.

20th Jan. Rev. Perry visited school, to see Miss Hollis.

An Air Raid warning sounded at 12:30. 1:15 pm. All Clear.

25th Jan. Mrs. Jupp was away from school all day, for domestic reasons. The Cesspit was emptied

26th Jan. Mrs. Jupp resumed duties.

27th Jan. Miss Hollis absent from school, due to death of mother. Mrs. Jupp took both classes.

1st Feb. Miss Hollis returned.

4th Feb. Four boys; Dennis Guest, Arthur Ottley, Brian Thomas and William Pearce each received one stroke of the cane (on the hand) for trespassing into Mr. Watts stackyard after being warned not to do so.

15th Feb. Mrs. Jupp left by the 3 o' clock bus to attend a National Savings Association meeting in Romford.

26th Feb. Miss K.A. Hollis relinquishes duty as Supply Head Teacher at Noak Hill School.

1st March. I begin duty as Head Teacher succeeding Miss Hollis. E.M. Lock. (Mrs.)

31st March. The Cesspit was emptied.

21st April. School closes today for the Easter Holiday.

4th May. School reopens.

5th May. Rev. Perry visited. The Cesspit was emptied.

11th May. George Claydon notified that he has been awarded a special place as a result of the Entrance Examination.

24th May. Rev. Gaze visited School to talk to the children on Empire Day.

28th May. Medical Inspection.

3rd June. The School was closed for Ascension Day. The children attended Church at 9 am. and afterwards took part in Sports on the field until 12 noon. After school dinner, they returned home.

11th June. The School was closed for the Whitsun Holiday.

12th June. The Cesspit was emptied.

21st June. School reopened after the Whitsun Holiday.

23rd June. Rev. Perry visited the school.

30th June. Rev. Perry visited the school.

12th July. Mr. Holman H.M.I. spent the morning in school. Dr. Samson (M.O.H.) called in the afternoon, making enquiries with regard to a prevalent epidemic of sickness and diarrhoea. The Cesspit was emptied today.

22nd July. Today was kept for an open day for parents and friends. The children gave a concert and £8 was raised towards a Wireless Set for use in School.

28th July. The school closes today for the Summer Holiday. An extra day has been given as holiday by the E.E.C. because the children have made over 94 % attendance for two consecutive months.

31st Aug. School reopens today after the Summer Holiday. Four children have been transferred to Senior Schools, George Claydon has won a place at the Royal Liberty School, and four children have been admitted. Numbers 31.

1st Sept. Rev. Perry visited the school.

7th Sept. Two members of the local Police Force visited the school and spoke on the dangers of the anti personal bomb.

20th Sept. Mrs. Jupp is to spend the next five days at Collier Row Infants School in order to observe teaching methods.

22 Sept. Rev. Perry visited the school.

18th Oct. The Cesspit was emptied today. Mr. Holman called this morning.

22nd Dec. The School closed today for the Christmas Holiday after a party in the afternoon.

The Cesspool was emptied today.

1944.

10th Jan. The School reopened after the Christmas holiday. The Cesspool was emptied on 3rd Jan. 2 children have moved from the district. On Books 30.

19th Jan. Rev. Perry visited..

26th Jan. Rev. Perry visited.

2nd Feb. Rev. Perry visited.

9th Feb. Rev Perry visited.

11th Feb. The children have this week made 100 % attendance.

16th Feb. Air Raid Warning about 2 pm. All Clear very soon afterwards.

21st March. The School will be closed for the next three days in order that the Teachers may attend a conference on Physical Training at Pettits Lane School, Romford.

5th April. The School closes today for the Easter holiday. The Cesspool was emptied.

18th April. Today the School reopened after the Easter holiday.

Two new children were admitted, John Matthews, transferred from the Special School at Dagenham, and Janet Biddis, who is staying in the village for a fortnight. On Roll 32.

2nd May. A medical inspection took place today. Dr. Forbes called in connection with John Matthews. He decided that John be excluded as he is unable to profit by instruction in School, and is a disturbance in class.

10th May. The School will be closed tomorrow and Friday in order that the Teachers may attend a Refresher Course at Suttons Senior School, Hornchurch.

12th June. Visited the school. M. Eley.

16th June. An Air Raid Alert remaining in effect until 9:30 am. from 11:30 last night has affected the attendance, 25 out of 31 present. 2nd warning about ten minutes after the All Clear, 2nd All Clear about 10:30 am. 3rd warning about 10:40, All Clear 11:30 am. The children took cover in a cloakroom as the gunfire was heavy; unfit, proved rather small for the purpose.

23rd June. There have been many "Alerts" during this week, but owing to the direction of the wind, it has been impossible to hear them and to record their times and duration. I have seen Mr. Taylor about the matter and he has approached the Police with a view to them giving us a call on the Telephone when an Alert has been sounded in Romford. I have also asked for protection of some sort for the children, who have attended splendidly this week in spite of broken nights and alarms during the day (97 %).

7th July. Two officials called today with reference to our request for a shelter. They took measurements, found the place used at present is too small for the number of children. They then selected a suitable place for a shelter and took necessary measurements.

19th July. Today the School was closed for the Scripture Examination, conducted by Rev. Rooke of South Weald.

27th July. School closes this afternoon for the Summer holiday.

29th Aug. School reopened this morning for the Autumn term. Several children are still evacuated. Roll?

12th Sept. Rev. Blaxland and Mr. ? called this afternoon after school hours to inspect the School buildings.

22nd Sept. A representative of the E.E.C. called today, regarding the question of an air raid shelter.

2nd Oct. Owing to ill health Mrs. Jupp is unable to be at School this week. Mrs. Moule of Oaklands, The Mount, is taking her place.

3rd Oct. The telephone has today been installed in the School.

21st Dec. The School Breaking up Party was held this afternoon. The children had a Christmas tree on which was placed a present for each child. Games were played and tea was served in the refectory. Mrs. Marriot and Rev. Gaze were present. School closed for the Xmas holidays.

1945.

9th Jan. The School reopened today after the Christmas holiday. The weather which is very bad has affected the attendance.

2nd Feb. Three Morrison Shelters were delivered at the School today.

21st Feb. The Head Teacher absent owing to damage of house owing to Enemy Action.

Mrs. Jupp took both classes.

22nd Feb. The Head Teacher returned to duty.

23rd Feb. Mr. A.N. Rhodes, representing E.E.C. called to check information given in Form E. Acc 1.

20th March. Visited. M. Eley.

27th March. Last night a rocket fell almost opposite to the School buildings, doing considerable damage. The school is closed, and a report from the surveyor awaited.

28th March. The Ecclesiastical Architect called and after examining the building, stated that it could be repaired. The Council gave permission for the work to be started, and Scott Hales, a firm of builders, undertook the work.

10th April. The School reopened today after the Easter holiday. The large room only can be used, so the infants will occupy one end of the room, until their room is repaired.

7th May. The three days following will be kept as a school holiday in celebration of Victory in Europe.

12th May. Today, Saturday, the children of Noak Hill are being entertained to tea in the playground, with games and races to follow. Each child will receive a gift of money. This treat is a Victory Celebration, the money for it being contributed by the people of Noak Hill.

18th May. Rev. Blaxland and the Rev. Pink visited the school. The school closes today for the Whitsun holiday.

28th May. Today the school reopened after the Whitsun holiday. The Temporary repairs to the school have been completed. One new child admitted. On Roll 31.

1st June. A half day holiday given for the highest attendance in the district during last term, will be taken this afternoon.

19th June. A half day holiday was given this morning in order that the children might welcome the Duchess of Kent on her arrival in Romford to visit the Cottage Hospital.

5th July. The School is closed today, in order that it may be used as a Polling station in the General Election.

12th July. A copy of each of the following regulations of the Ministry of Education was received this morning for retention at the School. The Primary & Secondary Schools (Grant conditions) Regulations, 1945, dated 29th May 1945. Administrative Memorandum, No. 48, dated 25th May 1945. School Registers and Records in Primary and Secondary Schools. The Regulations for the Registration of pupils at Schools 1945, dated 17th April 1945.

27th July. The School closes today for the Summer holiday.

Seven children are leaving to go to the Secondary School.

10th Sept. Today the school reopened for the Autumn term. Miss Martha Webster has taken the place of Mrs. Jupp for a month. Four new children were admitted No. on roll 31.

5th Oct. Miss Martha Webster relinquishes her duties today. Mrs. Jupp is returning for one week to teach the Infants while Mrs. Christine Barnett observes.

15th Oct. Mrs. Christine Barnett commences duties as Supplementary Supply.

29th Oct. The children attended Church this morning to celebrate the Dedication Festival.

This afternoon is a half day holiday.

1st Nov. School closed for the Municipal election.

2nd to 6th Nov. Half term holiday.

20th Dec. The school Xmas party was held this afternoon. Each child received a present from the Christmas tree, and another present and a bag of sweets given by Mrs. Peak. Rev. Gaze, Mrs. Gaze, Mrs. Marriot & Mrs. Jupp were present.

21st Dec. The School closed today for the Christmas holiday.

1946.

7th Jan. The spring term started today. One new girl was admitted. On Roll 32.

19th Jan. Saturday. 25 children, together with children who have recently left the school, were taken to Saddlers Wells Theatre this afternoon to see a performance of Humperdink's Opera "Hansel & Gretel. Part of the funds were obtained from money left from V.E. day celebrations, and the rest was given by Mrs. Marriot.

25th & 26th Feb. Half term holiday.

12 April. The School closes today for the Easter holiday.

29th April. Summer term started today. Three new children were admitted. On Roll 35.

30th May. The children attended Church this morning (Ascension Day) and will have a half holiday this afternoon.

7th June. Mrs. Christine Barnett relinquishes her duties as Supplementary Supply Teacher in the Infants department. The school will be closed until June 12th (Whitsun holiday).

12th June. School reopens today after the Whitsun Break.
Miss Evelyn Penter is acting as Uncertificated Supply Teacher to the Infants.

18th June. The Head Teachers in the Romford Area are meeting Mr. Rhodes today at Havering Road Junior School to discuss the new individual record cards to be introduced in all Primary Schools in the County.

27th June. The School will be closed today for the Non competitive Music Festival for the Romford Area to be held at Pettits Lane Secondary School, Romford.

1st July. Miss Rains, the Physical Training Organiser, called this morning to inspect and advise on Physical Training in the School.

3rd July. The Rev. Stroud. Vicar of St. Edwards, Romford, examined the school in Scripture today. In the afternoon, the children were given a holiday.

27th July. The School closed today for the Summer holiday. Sally Bianca has been transferred to Brentwood County High School, for which school she won a free place at the recent entrance examination.

9th Sept. The School reopened this morning for the Autumn Term. Two new children were admitted, Madelaine Cross and Ian Lodge. On Books 35.

Miss Penter returned as a Supply Teacher as no new Teacher has yet been appointed for the Infant class.

16th Sept. A Medical Inspection took place today.

18th Sept. Miss Penter absent with a cold.

Mrs. Jupp is acting as Supply Teacher in the Infant Class.

23rd Sept. Miss Penter resumed duty today.

Maureen Padair, who had been allowed to stay on in the Junior School until examined by the doctor, was transferred to St. Edwards Modern Secondary School.

30th Sept. Today the whole School went by Coach to Straight Road Junior School, where they were shown films in connection with Romford's Safety Week.

7th Oct. Miss Hercock, H.M.I., visited the school today, and stayed two hours.

21st Oct. Mr. Whitehead, the Borough Education Officer, visited the School today.

8th Dec. The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held today, the Rev. Gaze and Mrs. Gaze being present.

19th Dec. The School will close today for the Christmas holiday.

1947.

7th Jan. The School reopened today after the Christmas holiday. Two new girls were admitted. Roll 32. Present 30.

19th Feb. The School will close today until Feb 25th for the half term holiday.

25th Feb. School reopened today.

26th Feb. Miss Rains called today with some extra P.T. equipment.

27th Feb. After a very severe frost for several weeks, the pipes in the cloakroom today thawed, revealing a burst. The cloakroom was flooded, and Mr. Wingrave was called in to deal with the situation.

10th March. An official called from the Health Department of the Town Hall to inspect the milk arrangements. He criticised the milk can in which the milk is delivered.

12 March. Mr. Hammer is now delivering the milk in 1 pint bottles. A Carpenter from the Works Department. Town Hall, is today carrying out repairs to desks, cupboards etc.

28th March. The School closes today for the Easter Holiday.

15th April. Today the School opens after the Easter Holiday. No on Books 34. Present 34.

3 children were admitted, two of them under 5. One child has been withdrawn. She has gone for a 3 months holiday to Switzerland, being one of the 6 Romford children chosen to take advantage of an offer by the Swiss Red Cross.

17th April. Mrs. Scutts commenced duties as Playground and Dining Room attendant.

18th April. Piano tuner called and tuned the piano.

24th April. Brenda Matthews, aged 10 years 11 months, during morning recess, fell while coming out of the lavatory and cut her hand badly on a rusty corrugated iron fence, which divides the school house from the playground. Miss Penter, having gone to the swimming baths with 15 Juniors was out of school, and Mrs. Jupp took Brenda to Dr. O' Sullivan. The doctor put 3 stitches in 1 cut and 2 in the other. Miss Penter is taking Brenda home this afternoon, to explain the circumstances to her mother.

14th May. Miss Penter relinquishes her duties as Supply Infants Teacher today as she will join an Emergency Training College on Friday.

15th May. Today being Ascension Day, the children will have a half day holiday.

16th May. Mrs. Jupp started duties today as Supply Teacher in the Infants Class.

22nd May. Today 31 children with a few of the parents were taken for a days outing by Coach to Whipsnade Zoo. A gift of £2 : 2 :0d was made through the kindness of Mrs. Gaze.

23rd May. The School closes today for a weeks Whitsun holiday.

2nd June. The School reopened today.

An outbreak of measles has considerably reduced the attendance. No. on Books 35. No. present 17.

11th June. There is a half day holiday today for the preliminary heats of the Romford & District School Sports.

1st July. Miss Irene Stevens commenced duties as Supplementary Supply Teacher in the Infant Class today. She is awaiting Training under the Emergency Teachers Scheme.

4th July. Miss Raines, P.T. organiser, visited the School this afternoon.

23rd July. Scripture Examination by Rev. Stroud.

24th July. The School closes today for the Summer Holiday. School Roll 38.

10th Sept. Today the School reopens for the Autumn Term. Five children have been transferred to St. Edwards Secondary Modern School, three have left the district; three have been admitted. No. on Roll 33. Mrs. Scutts, having left the district, has relinquished her duties as Playground & Dining Room Attendant. Mrs. Sayers has been appointed to the post. Permanent repairs of the War Damage have now been started, the School room and Infants Class room being already finished.

29th Sept. All the School children in the charge of the two teachers, the Caretaker, and the playground attendant, today went by train to spend a day at the Regents Park Zoo. An enjoyable and instructive day was spent there.

2nd Oct. The children attended a Church Service this morning and brought their gifts for the Harvest Festival. Tonight a Harvest Home Celebration is to be held in the School.

17th Oct. Miss Raines, P.T. organiser, visited the School and brought navy shorts for use in P.T. lessons for each child in the Junior School.

1st Oct to 4th Nov. Half Term holiday.

18th Nov. Divisional Canteen Organiser called to consider possibilities of providing a School Kitchen.

16th Dec. Sixteen children attended a Carol Service held at St. Edwards Parish Church, Romford for the United Romford Schools.

17th Dec. The Annual Christmas Party was held this afternoon. Rev. Gaze and Mrs. Marriot were both present.

19th Dec. A cabinet was today installed to hold the telephone receiver.

22nd Dec. Today the School closes for the Christmas Vacation. A visit to the Circus has been arranged for Jan 5th, so the School has remained open for another day this term and will reopen a day late next term.

1948.

6th Jan. The School reopened today and started by the children attending Church to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. On Books 32. Present 30.

7th Jan. The Borough Surveyor called today to inspect the premises prior to alterations for the Canteen.

13th Feb. Half term holiday today and on Monday 16th.

23rd. Feb. Mr. Taylor Jones visited the School.

11th March. Parents Meeting.

18th March. Medical Inspection.

19th March. This afternoon the School closes for a 3 weeks Easter Holiday. The Parent's Association will meet this evening to discuss future plans.

12th April. The School reopened today. 4 new children were admitted, one child has contracted Scarlet Fever during the holiday. No on Books 38. No. present 37.

6th May. Ascension Day. Half holiday given.

14th May. The School closes this afternoon for the Whitsun holiday.

24th May. The School reopens today after the Whitsun holiday. On Books 40. Present 39.

28th May. 4 children have been admitted this week. On Roll 44.

4th June. This afternoon I leave school at 2:15 pm. in order to attend a meeting at Havering Road Junior Schools to discuss plans for next Wednesday when the King & Queen will pass through Romford.

7th June. Mr. Taylor Jones, the Borough Education Officer, visited the School today.

9th June. This morning the school children were conveyed by Motor Coach to Gallows Corner, where they were able to cheer the King & Queen, who were on their way to the Agriculture Show at Chelmsford. The afternoon was a holiday.

11th June. Miss G.I. Stevens relinquishes her duties as Infant Teacher today, in order to go to Birmingham Training College.

12th June. Mrs. Jupp commenced duties as Temporary Infant Teacher.

21st June. Mrs. Jupp relinquished her post as Temporary Infant Teacher.

22nd June. Mrs. Neale, 150 Victoria Road, Romford, commenced duties as Temporary Infant Teacher.

26th July. In the afternoon a concert consisting of Action Songs by the Infants & a Play by the Juniors was given to the parents of the Infants. This was repeated in the evening for the Parents of the Juniors and their friends. A presentation was made to the Rev. Gaze by the School Children. To our great regret, he is relinquishing his duties as School Correspondent and Priest in Charge. We are all very grateful to him for his devoted work in and for our School and wish him satisfaction and happiness in his future work.

27th July. The School today breaks up for the Summer holiday. Mrs. Neale relinquishes her duties as Temporary Infant Teacher.

1st Sept. The School reopened today for the Autumn Term. On Roll 49. Mrs. Tusker commenced duties as Temporary Infant Teacher. 12 children have left, 10 were admitted.

3rd Nov. Mrs. Lock absent owing to illness (appendicitis). Mrs. Jupp commenced duties as Temporary Supply. Mr. Taylor Jones came to visit the School.

10th Nov. Policeman came to talk on Road Safety.

19th Nov. Mr. L.F. Pendlebury H.M.I. paid a visit to the school. He stayed and also inspected the dining room.

26th Nov. This afternoon an accident occurred at 2:40 to Vernon Steggles (aged 4 years 5 months). While the Teacher in charge was in the back playground. Vernon climbed the iron gate & slipped, cutting his lip. The Teacher in charge rendered first aid and afterwards taking him to the Victoria Hospital and thence to his home at 73 Briar Road. M J Tucker (Teacher in charge).

29th Nov. The Head Teacher returned to duty today. The weather is very foggy and in consequence, the attendance is very poor. No on Books 56. No present 37.

30th Nov. The fog is still very thick. No present 30. As the fog made it almost impossible to see, the children had no playtime and a shortened dinner hour, in order that the long distance pupils could catch the 3 pm. bus. This did not run however, and we were obliged to escort the children who lived in Straight Road, to their homes.

7th Dec. Dr. Draper called to arrange for a Medical Inspection to be held on Dec 16th.

9th Dec. Ten children over the age of eight were escorted to Straight Road Primary School for a concert arranged by the Education Committee.

15th Dec. The Children's Christmas Party was held. Father Rhymes and Mrs. Marriot both present.

21st Dec. The School closed for Christmas holiday.

1949.

5th Jan. The School was reopened today. Two new children admitted. On Roll 59. A Measles epidemic has reduced the numbers to 42. During the holiday, alterations have been carried out on the building in preparation for the proposed canteen to be opened.

13th Jan. Miss Rayment and Mr. Taylor Jones called in connection with the new Canteen preparations. The gas hot closet was delivered.

25th to 28th Feb. Half term holiday.

1st March. Miss Rayment called to inspect dining arrangements and had lunch at the school.

10th March. Mr. Pendlebury H.M.I. inspected the school today.

11th April. Miss Rayment called to discuss the appointment of a cook for the new canteen.

13th April. This afternoon the school closes for the Easter holiday. Rev. Gaze paid us a short visit.

27th April. The Summer term begins today. On Roll 66. Two children have left the school and four were admitted.

12th May. The School will be closed today as it will be used for Election purposes.

26th May. After a Church Service, today is a School holiday in Celebration of Ascension Day.

2nd June. Today the children are to be given a half holiday, in order that they may attend the Romford School Sports.

22nd June. Mr. Samson M.O.H. paid a visit to the School this afternoon. The Supervisor of School Caretakers also called.

23rd June. Mr. Taylor Jones called this afternoon to inspect the new village hall and discuss plans for housing the new infant class in September, with Rev. Rhymes.

22nd July. The School closed for the Summer holiday.

1st Sept. Today the School opened after the Summer holiday. The School Canteen started to function. Mrs. Tredgett has been appointed as Cook, Mrs. Sayers as part time Cooks Assistant and Mrs. Knight retains her post as Dining Room Attendant. Number of children On roll 66.

19th Sept. Miss Rained, Physical Training Advisor, paid a visit to the School today.

5th Oct. Mr. R.J. Washington, County Arts Advisor visited the school this morning.

11th Oct. Ten children were taken to Straight Road School for a concert given by a String Trio. They were conveyed there and back by bus.

14th Oct. Mr. Taylor Jones called.

19th Oct. Sanity Inspector called for sample of School Milk.

21st Oct. A representative of the R.S.P.C.A. addressed the children.

25th Oct. This afternoon during play time a small boy, David Deuters, aged 5 years, fell in the playground, cutting his head. I rendered first aid and the child was taken home by bus. His mother took him to the Victoria Hospital, where he was X Rayed and 4 stitches put in.

17th Nov. Dr. Draper conducted a Medical Inspection.

18th Nov. Installation of electric light started.

24th Nov. Installation of electric light completed and wires joined to the mains.

28th Nov. Head Teacher absent in the morning to consult specialist. Approval given by Borough Education Officer.

1st Dec. New cupboard delivered.

20th Dec. The School Christmas Party was held this afternoon. The children were entertained in the afternoon with a Punch & Judy Show and Conjuring Tricks, and afterwards enjoyed an excellent tea.

22nd Dec. The School broke up for the Christmas Holiday this afternoon. Each child received a gift from the Christmas Tree and then played games.

1950.

11th Jan. Today the School opened after the Christmas Holiday. 5 new children were admitted On roll 69. Miss Ellis started her duties as General Assistant (15 hours weekly).

26th Jan. The Head Teacher left School at 2:30 pm. to consult a Specialist. Approval was given by the Borough Education Officer.

31st Jan. The Head Teacher left School at 2 pm. to attend a Conference of Head Teachers.

8th Feb. Mr. Pendlebury, H.M.I. visited the School. Miss Rayment and other officials of the Borough Council visited the Dining room at lunch time.

13th Feb. Miss Audrey Savill joined the Staff today as Temporary Teacher. She will spend most of her time in the Infant Class, but will be given an opportunity to gain experience in the Junior Class also.

15th Feb. The Catering Committee visited the School today, inspected all the Canteen arrangements, and watched the mid day meal.

6th March. Canteen Equipment was delivered.

10th March. The two School playgrounds were resurfaced with tarmac today.

28th March. Thirty two children, accompanied by Rev. & Mrs. Maloney, Miss Savill, Mrs. Ellis and the Head Teacher, today paid an Educational Visit to the London Zoological Gardens. They were conveyed by Coach at 9am. and returned at 4 pm.

5th April. The School closed today for the Easter Holiday.

25th April. Today the School reassembled for the Summer term. On Roll 74.

5th May. High chair for School Assistant delivered.

11th May. The School is closed today for the Borough Election.

15th May. Mrs. Sayer has retired from the post of Playground Supervisor. Mrs. Chapman, Priory Cottage, will now undertake these duties.

17th May. The School will be closed in order that the Teaching Staff may attend a Refresher Course in the Teaching of Physical Training.

18th May. Ascension Day. The children attended Church in the morning and were given a half holiday in the afternoon.

26th May. The School will be closed from today until June 5th for the Whitsun holiday.

5th June. School reopened today.

12th June. 1 chair for the Infant Assistant Teacher delivered.

21st June. Medical Inspection of the three boys who have reached Secondary School Age.

26th June. Mrs. Tucker absent. She is to have an operation on her throat. Mrs. Taylor acting as Supply Teacher in her place.

3rd July. Mrs. Taylor replaced by Mrs. Johnson.

5th July. 1 Teachers Desk and 1 Screen delivered.

10th July. Mrs. Tucker returned to duty.

13th July. This afternoon will be a holiday, and the School Sports will be held. These will take place on the Sports Ground opposite the School. and will be followed by a tea in the Village Hall. The tea and prizes are obtained through the kindness of Mrs. Knight and the Social Committee, who organised a Whist Drive and gave the proceeds for a School Summer Treat.

22nd July. This afternoon the school breaks up for the Summer holiday. Three boys will proceed to St. Edwards Modern Secondary School after the holidays as they have attained the age of eleven.

4th Sept. Commencement of the Autumn Term. On roll 74. Agility apparatus delivered during holiday also the annual requisition. 20th Sept. Miss Rayment, Canteen organiser, visited the school and the Canteen.

22nd Sept. Repairs carried out on the Canteen floor. Clock delivered to Canteen.

Mr. Thomas, H.M.I., visited the school and spent the day with us.

29th Sept. Miss Audrey Savill today relinquished her duties as Temporary Teacher of the Lower Infants.

2nd Oct. Miss Esther Jean Thomson commenced duties in the Lower Infants as Temporary Teacher.

27th to 31st Oct. Half term holiday. For several weeks the attendance has been very low owing to the fact that an epidemic of Mumps has swept through the school.

7th Nov. A Heaving frame for use in P.E. was delivered.

8th Nov. Miss Rayment visited the school in order to introduce the new Canteen organiser.

During playtime (a.m.) Rita Morgan (aged 10 years) tripped over some coke in the playground. She did not complain at the time, but later on, the ankle was found to be badly swollen. Miss Buys, Health Visitor, came for a cleanliness inspection in the afternoon, and on her advice, the child was taken to Oldchurch Hospital for an X ray. The ankle was badly bruised, but no bones were broken and the child is to attend Hospital again for treatment.

28th Nov. Thirteen children from the Junior Class today were conveyed by coach to St. Edwards Church, Romford, for a Rehearsal of Carols to be sung at a Carol Service on December 13th. Four Infant dual desks were delivered today.

29th Nov. The piano was tuned today.

30th Nov. Four chairs for use with Junior desks were delivered today.

12th Dec. Eighteen children with the Head Teacher and Playground Supervisor in Charge were conveyed by coach to St. Edwards Church, Romford, for the Annual Carol Service. One of the lessons was read by Ann Chapman, one of the children in the top age group.

13th Dec. The Annual School Christmas Party was held today in the Village Hall. The function was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor J.R. Poel, J.P. & Mrs. Poel), Mrs. Mc. Weeney, the Vice Chairman of the Education Committee, the Vicar and Mr. Taylor Jones, the Borough Education Officer. The parents were also invited to be present and many accepted. Carols, songs, recitations and a short sketch were rendered by the children. They were then served with a tea, and each child was given a present.

19th Dec. Dr. Symonds conducted a Medical Inspection today.

20th Dec. Commencement of the Christmas Holiday.

1951.

9th Jan. First day of the Spring Term.

Mrs. E. Lock was absent owing to being in hospital for an operation. Miss M.E. Rice from the County Unattached Staff came to take charge. Five new children admitted. Roll is now 81.

22nd Jan. Mrs. E.M. Lock returned to duty.

31st Jan. Fourteen children in charge of Miss Thompson, attended a concert at Straight Road School (Hilldene County Primary) today.

16th to 20th Feb. Half Term Holiday.

27th Feb. Miss Curd, Canteen Organiser, visited the School, spending some time in the Canteen and having Lunch at the School.

2nd March. Miss E. Thompson, Junior Infant Teacher, relinquishes her duties today. She is leaving to train as an Occupational Therapist.

5th March. Mrs. Margaret Houghton today started duties as Supply Infant Teacher.

Mr. Taylor Jones visited the School.

6th March. Mrs. Eley visited the School today. Rev. James conducted prayers and took a Scripture Lesson in the Infant Class.

12th March. The Head Mistress had leave of absence today in order to attend a day Course for Head Teachers on Health Education in the Schools.

13th March. Rev. James conducted morning prayers and taught Scripture in the Junior Class.

15th March. Mr. Taylor Jones visited the School.

19th March. Miss Raines visited the School.

20th March. The children attended a Service in Church this morning (9 am.) which was conducted by Rev. James.

21st March. Today the School broke up for the Easter Holiday.

22nd March. Lady Neave, the Mayor & Mayoress (Alderman & Mrs. Poel, the Town Clerk (Mr. Twinn, Rev. James and several other helpers, attended the School this afternoon and distributed sweets and food parcels to the Noak Hill

School Children and Old Age Pensioners of Noak Hill. Mr. Hammer very kindly provided transport for the old people and tea for them and for the visitors. The sweets were received from the Tanganyika Food Fund for Britain.

1st April. A Managers meeting was held at St Edwards Vestry, and Mrs. Wesson of the School House, Havering Atte Bower, was appointed Assistant Mistress at the School. Her duties will commence on the first day of the Autumn Term.

10th April. The School reopened for the Summer Term. No. on roll 83. Rev. James took prayers and the Scripture Lesson.

16th April. A member of the Police Force addressed the School on the subject of Safety First.

3rd May. The School is closed today for its Ascension Holiday.

10th May. The School is closed today for the Borough Election. Tomorrow the Whitsun Holiday begins.

22nd May. The School reopened. One child was admitted and one child has removed to Bexhill. There are 4 cases of Whooping Cough. Roll 83. Rev James took prayers and Scripture.

25th May. Miss Curd, Canteen Supervisor, called.

29th May. Rev. James took prayers and took Scripture and had lunch at the School.

30th May. Miss Curd, Canteen Supervisor, called and had School lunch.

15th June. Miss Raines, Physical Education Supervisor, visited the school. She inspected the apparatus, and took a lesson with the Junior Class.

20th June. The School Sports meeting was held this afternoon, followed by tea and an entertainment in the Village Hall.

25th June. The Mayor, Councillor A.E. Blane, J.P., visited the School today. He was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Mr. Taylor Jones.

4th July. Rev. Vernon Jones, Diocesan Inspector, visited the school today, and examined the children in each class. No register was marked, And the children were given a holiday in the afternoon.

9th July. Mrs. Innocent, 1st Kitchen hand at Pettits Lane School, commenced duty today in order to gain experience as Cook. She will be Acting Cook while Mrs. Tredgett is absent. She goes into Hospital on July 12th.

13th July. Mrs. Houghton relinquished duties as Supply Infant Teacher. Wireless Installation was completed. Loud speakers are installed in both classrooms and the dining room.

16th July. Miss Welch commenced duties as Supply Infant Teacher.

18th July. The Village library was transferred from the School to the Village Hall.

20th July. Mrs. Sayers, Kitchen hand, relinquished her duties.

23rd July. Mrs. Chapman commenced duties as Kitchen hand. Medical Inspection. Dr. Draper attended the school and examined the Leavers and special cases.

? July. The School closed today for the Summer Holiday.

SCHOOL LOG BOOK

SCHOOL St. Thomas, C of E (controlled)

DATE COMMENCED December 11th 1973

SCHOOL CLOSED July 19th 1977

To be kept by Head Teacher.

1973.

Dec 11th. Nativity play in Church today, well attended by parents and friends. Collection taken for Church Restoration Fund.

Dec 20th. School closed tonight for Xmas Holidays.

1974.

Jan 8th. Mrs. Mylard commenced part time teaching today, mornings only. So far no one available for afternoons. Mrs. Gildersleeve, M.D.A. off sick. Mrs. Attrill deputising for her. Mr. Jones unable to take boys for football because of back trouble. Two children were admitted to infants. Numbers now on roll. Infants 15 Juniors 30.

Jan 15th. Mr. Martin unattached Staff started teaching here today, afternoons only.

Mrs. Gildersleeve returned to duty yesterday.

Jan 21st. Monday. Mrs. Woods, M.D.A.. off duty. Mrs. Attrill deputising for her.

Jan 22nd. Tuesday. Mrs. Woods returned to duty.

Jan 23rd. Wednesday. Mr. Makepeace gave the top Juniors a lesson today. Mrs. Kerr off duty. Mrs. Gildersleeve is deputising for her. John Watkins swam his width and so all the 3rd & 4th Juniors can now swim.

Jan 28th. Monday, Gas leak in canteen repaired.

Jan 29th. Tuesday, Tree planting Ceremony place in the playing field today, attended by the Mayoress, many managers and parents. Glenny, Estate Agents for School house, informed of broken windows and bad state of roof due to ivy. Mr. Martin absent this afternoon.

Jan 30th. Wednesday, Michelle Gildersleeve and David Proctor swam two widths.

Feb 8th. Mrs. Woods, M.D.A. resigned today as she is leaving the district.

Feb 12th. Glenny, Estate Agent for School house have promised to examine property because of its state; broken tiles falling from roof, broken windows making access easy and cracked walls.

Feb 14th. Mrs. Kerr cleaner in charge resumes duty today.

Feb 18th. Managers meeting at Vicarage.

Feb 19th. Mrs. Attrill commenced duty as M.D. in place of Mrs. Woods.

Feb 20th. Rev, Makepeace Vicar of Romford, stayed to lunch and gave a lesson to top Juniors in the afternoon.

Feb 25th to 27th. Monday to Wednesday inclusive, half term holiday.

Feb 28th Thursday school closed for General Election.

March 1st. Friday. Mr. Martin resumed duty this afternoon.

March 5th. Tuesday. Mrs. Mylard, Junior teacher absent.

March 6th. Wednesday. Mr. Makepeace took Juniors for Scripture (half hour) this afternoon. Mr. Martin commenced full time teaching here until Mrs. Mylard's return.

March 11th. Monday. Many children off sick with severe colds, 7 Infants and 13 Juniors only present. Mrs. Gildersleeve, M.D.A. and Kitchen. helper, absent, owing to sons illness.

March 12th. Mrs. Gildersleeve returned today. Mrs. Attrill, M.D.A. sent home ill.

March 13th. Mrs. Gildersleeve absent again because of sons illness.

March 14th. Thursday. Mr. Martin off duty; back trouble.

March 15th. Friday. On average only 20 children were present this week due to sickness.

March 18th. Monday. Mr. Martin returned to duty today, 26 children present in whole school. Mrs. Gildersleeve also returned to duty. Lock on Staff Room door reset and now works properly.

March 19th. Tuesday. Gas leak in canteen reported, 32 children present today.

March 20th. Wednesday. Vicar came today.

March 21st. Thursday. Mrs. Mylard resumed duty today, Mr. Martin allowed to stay full time until required elsewhere. Mrs. Attrill resumed duty today. Miss Bray and Mr. Hattey examined front playground because of excess water still flooding in.

March 22nd. Friday. Gas burner of water heater again examined in Canteen; Soldering advised. Inspectors from London Transport delivered a letter today stating that as from April 20th the only buses serving Noak Hill (Pentowen) would be as follows. Arrivals (Pentowen) 08:55 departs (Pentowen) 09:00. Arrivals (Pentowen) 15:40 departs (Pentowen) 15:42.

March 25th. Monday. Fitter again called to burner of sterilizer.

March 26th. Tuesday. Window of Junior cloakroom measured by Mr. Barrs for iron frame to be fitted to prevent illegal entry.

March 27th. Wednesday. Vicar came today. Mrs. Jones, school meals Supervisor called today.

March 28th. Thursday. An article on Havering Schools is to appear in the Observer.

A reporter from the paper called today and took some photographs of children and Staff.

Sterilizer burner repaired.

March 29th. Friday. Mark Smith ill and unable to eat any food. Parents unable to be contacted, so Mark had to stay in school until ordinary home time.

April 2nd. Mr. Martin absent attending sisters funeral.

April 5th. Friday. Windows cleaned. School closes tonight for Easter Holiday.

Summer Term.

April 23rd. Tuesday. School reopened today after the Easter Holidays.

Mr. Martin part time Junior Teacher, transferred to Dunningford School in Elm Park.

A Miss Eltham appointed in his place for the Summer Term at least. No children admitted.

Catherine Salter has scarletina.

April 25th. Thursday. Mr. Hart from the Technical Office called to say he has taken over from Mr. Barrs.

April 29th. Monday. Painters commenced painting the outside of the school today.

P.E. Apparatus inspected and overhauled by Allisons.

May 2nd. School closed for Borough Council Election.

May 6th. Monday. Road safety officers gave a lecture and a demonstration in the playground on Safety First in all the School.

May 7th. Tuesday. Mr. Routledge, maintenance inspector from Works Division, called to inspect the Junior Classroom wall and drain in Infants playground.

May 8th. Wednesday. Outside painting of school finished today.

May 10th. Friday. Mrs. Bell, kitchen helper, resigned and leaves today week.

May 14th. Tuesday. Graham White off school with streptococoli - contracted from brother who has just returned from Hospital.

May 15th. Wednesday. Mr. Merson, Electrical Inspector for Works Division, inspected heaters in Staff Room and recommended that new ones should be installed.

May 16th. Thursday. A Mrs. Aparicio interviewed today and offered Mrs. Bells duties, which she accepted and agreed to start on Monday May 20th as General Kitchen hand.

May 20th. Monday. Mrs. Aparicio commenced duties in the Canteen today. Mr. Routledge inspected Junior Cloakroom window repairs.

May 22nd. Wednesday. Miss Bray, school correspondent visited the school today.

May 23rd. Thursday. Ascension Day service in Church conducted by Rev, Makepeace, Organist was Mr. Peeks. Several parents were present.

May 24th. Friday. School closes today for Spring Holiday and reopens on Monday June 3rd.

June 3rd. Monday. School reopened after Spring Holiday

June 4th. Tuesday. Managers meeting in school at 3:15 pm., those present Miss Bray (Clerk) Rev, Makepeace, Mrs. Blund, A to mistress. Mrs. Kerr off sick with laryngitis; Mrs. Gildersleeve deputising.

June 5th. Wednesday. Infant Reading Survey conducted with top Infants.

June 6th. Thursday. Mr. Rangecroft, 1st year tutor at Bedfords Comprehensive School, visited us and had an informal chat with children going to his school in September.

June 10th. Monday. Juniors (4th years) Reading Survey conducted today.

June 11th. Tuesday. Educational visit to The Golden Hinde today for 17 Juniors accompanied by Mrs. Mylard and Mrs. Bruse. Phones repaired, new pad inserted. Miss Eltham off sick. Mrs. Kerr resumed duties. 4th years have been allocated places in following schools.

St. Edwards Comprehensive, Romford.

Elaine Proctor and Catherine Salterand.

Francis Bardsley.

Deborah Hurley.

Bedfords.

Sylvia Hogarth, Michelle Gildersleeve, James Heathman, Graham White, Philip Jones, John Watkins & Steven Tisbury.

Hedley Waters, Brentwood.

Diane Mc. Turk.

June 12th. Wednesday. Jane Bradshaw swam her width.

June 14th. Friday. Health Education Officer visited the school today. Miss Eltham off sick.

June 18th. Tuesday. Reading Survey for Infants & Juniors returned via Mr. Knight.

Miss Eltham returned to duty.

June 19th. Wednesday. Maggots falling from ceiling in Juniors classroom; ceiling inspected. Diane Mc. Turk and John Watkins swam two widths.

June 20th. Thursday. Library books exchanged today.

June 25th. Tuesday. Open Day, attended by many parents, friends and some managers.

June 26th. Wednesday. Front playground inspected again, re excess water coming in from road. Diane Mc. Turk swam her length.

June 27th. Thursday. Mrs. Mylard took 4th years who are going to Broxhill in September, to visit the school. Mrs. Sorenti interviewed today and will take up duty here in September, replacing Miss Eltham. Window catches in Staff and Juniors Classroom renewed, also door lock in Canteen, Infants classroom door shaved to prevent sticking and step to Infants cloakroom re-cemented, boys urinal also re-cemented. Iron bar frame put over window in Juniors Cloakroom.

July 3rd. Wednesday. The following children swam a length today, Deborah Hurley, Michelle Gildersleeve and David Proctor. Susan Renwich swam her width.

July 4th. Thursday. School closed for Swimming Gala, 5 entrants.

July 5th. Friday. Mrs. Jones, Supervisor School Meals called today. School kitchen equipment overhauled.

Catherine Seter came 5th in her heat in the Swimming Gala. Other entrants placed 6th (last).

July 9th. Tuesday. Sports Day, attended by Mayor, deputy Mayor, some managers, many parents and friends.

July 10th. Wednesday. The following each swam 6 lengths. Steven Tisbury, Diane Mc. Turk & Elaine Proctor. John Watkins swam 1 length & David Dunlop 1 width.

July 12th. Friday. Fire drill today, school cleared in 3 minutes. Very slow.

July 15th. Monday. Fire extinguishers inspected by L.A. Gors Ltd. Mr. Hart called with coloured tiles for classrooms.

July 18th. Thursday. Mr. Jeramiah visited the school and Miss Bray brought new registers.

July 19th. Friday. School closed today for the Summer Holidays. Classrooms to be tiled and front playground tarred in the Holidays.

Sept 3rd. Tuesday. School reopened today after the Summer Holidays. 2 children were admitted; 1 to the Infants and 1 to the Juniors. One Junior was transferred to another school, as her parents have separated and the mother is moving out of the district with her daughter. Numbers on roll are now. Infants 10. Juniors 23. Total 33.

Floors have all been tiled in Classrooms, but playground not tarred.

Sept 9th. Mrs. E.H. Edwards (Headmistress of Bosworth Infants School) present at the school, because of Mrs. Knightbridge being absent, because of her husbands death.

Sept 12th. Electricity cut from 9:30 to 15:30 hours.

Sept 16th. Mr. Jerimiah visited the school.

Sept 18th. Mr. Lamb (new curate) visited the school and talked to the children.

Sept 19th. Mr. Makepeace (the vicar), lunched at the school, and talked to the children.

Sept 20th. Mrs. E.H. Edwards finished her duties at the school. Mrs. Knightbridge returning to school on Monday, September 23rd, 1974.

Sept 23rd. Monday. Mrs. D. Knightbridge resumed duties today. Milk delivered very late because of staff shortages.

Sept 25th. Wednesday. Rev, B. Lamb agreed to Audit school Funds. Paul Dunlop swam 2 widths. Letter sent to Mrs. Hurley, as her son Anthony is absent 1 day each week for past month.

Sept 26th. Thursday. Grating fitted over drain in Infants playground.

Sept 30th. Monday. 3 Infant absent with chicken pox. Mr. Pipe from Dr. Barnardo's, collected £2 : 50d which children donated for the Homes.

Oct 1st. Tuesday. Another Infant down with chicken pox. Hedge in front playground cut.

Oct 2nd. Wednesday. Locks on front door repaired.

Oct 7th. Monday. Harvest Service in Church today, conducted by the Rev, B. Lamb & Mrs. Lamb. Mr. Willcockson, the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. R. Coffin, Mr. Jerimiah, Miss Bray, many of the managers and very many parents attended the Service. Mrs. R. Coffin (Mayor) accepted the children's gifts.

Oct 8th. Tuesday. Mrs. Aparicio leaving as journey to much in bad weather.

Oct 9th. Wednesday. Robin Morton swam his width.

Oct 10th. Thursday. School closed for General Election.

Oct 14th. Monday. One more Infant and 2 Juniors down with chicken pox. Old sand and salt in bunkers taken away.

Oct 15th. Tuesday. Mrs. Attrill, Junior playground Supervisor down with chicken pox.

Mrs. Gildersleeve (G.K.A.) absent to attend grandmothers funeral.

Oct 16th. Wednesday. Karen Morton swam 25 metres. Junior classroom and cloakroom measured for repairs. (Dampness).

Oct 17th. Thursday. Mr. Mylard gave children some wood for book shelving. Letter of thanks sent to him.

Oct 25th. Wednesday. Karen Morton and Mark Smith swam quarter mile.

Oct 27th. Friday. Mrs. Heathman approached for job as G.K.A. in place of Mrs. Apraricio.

School closes today for half term holiday and reopens on Monday November 4th.

Nov 4th. Monday. Mrs. Attrill Playground Supervisor returned to duty today. Playground resurfacing completed today.

Nov 5th. Tuesday. New heater installed in Staff Room.

Nov. 6th. Wednesday. Mr. Summers inspected very old, unsafe cupboard which houses our library books. We had requested shelving and the wood and the wood was given to us for nothing. Mr. Summers, after discussing the situation with the Mr. Dean, Works Dept, told us our request was granted. Mrs. Heathman reported for duty today as our new A.K.A.

Nov 11th. Monday. Infants roof repaired.

Nov 12. Tuesday. New teachers desks delivered.

Nov 15th. Library books exchanged.

Nov 20th. Wednesday. Swimmers, Nicholas Causton 1 width, Paul Dunlop and Richard Tisbury 2 lengths.

Nov 21st. Thursday. Due to heavy flooding on some roads, some children collected early by parents.

Nov 22nd. Friday. Mice reported as seen in Canteen.

Nov 25th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard off sick with a heavy cold.

Nov 26th. Tuesday. Dampness in Juniors Classroom inspected by Mr. Routledge.

Nov 27th. Wednesday. Swimmers, Jane Baucklam 12 lengths and Alison Proctor 1 width. Mrs. Kerr, caretaker off sick, Mrs. Gildersleeve deputising for her.

Nov 29th. Friday. 6 new desks delivered for Juniors.

Dec 3rd. Tuesday. Nativity play in St. Thomas Church, conducted by Rev, B Lamb, Mr. Wollacott officiated at the organ. Many parents, managers and friends attended and Mrs. Baker, deputy Mayoress. Old desks and old library cupboard taken away today. Temporary repairs to Infants cloakroom door carried out.

Dec 4th. Wednesday. Swimmers, Michelle Wodley 1 width.

Dec 10th. Tuesday. Messrs Glenny, Estate Agents inspected school house. Screws placed in wall plug in Canteen. Lock on Canteen door repaired.

Dec 11th. Wednesday. Swimmers, Tony Oswald, Simon West & Julien Monksfield, swam their width.

Dec 12th. Thursday. Christmas dinner in Canteen. Full compliment of children, Vicar of Havering, Rev, J. Makepeace and Rev, B. Lamb, curate of St. Edwards. Chairman of Rotary Club collected surplus books which we no longer use. It is understood that these are sent to underdeveloped countries. Mrs. Jones, School Meals Supervisor called just before dinner.

Dec 13th. Friday. Mrs. Morton called to discuss her daughter's new school when she is 11years old. Infants cloakroom door repaired.

Dec 16th. Monday. Mrs. Bruse absent due to death in the family. Mrs. Sorenti, Junior teacher, (afternoons) absent as her son has chicken pox.

Dec 18th. Wednesday. Xmas party today. Rev, B. Lamb acting as Father Christmas, gave each child a present from our Xmas tree. Bubbling tiles in Juniors classroom reported and inspected by Mr. Hart.

Dec 19th. Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. Lamb are conducting our end of term service in St. Thomas Church today at 2 pm. School closes tonight at 3:30 pm. for the Xmas Holidays.

One of our parents, Mr. Watkins, made a gift of £5 for school funds and Rev, B. Lamb also made a gift of £5 for school funds.

1975.

Jan 6th. Monday. School reopened today after the Christmas Holidays. 2 children were admitted to the Infants, Numbers on roll now, Infants 12 Juniors 23 Total 35.

All guttering's were cleaned today. P.E. equipment was overhauled during the holidays, walls in Juniors classroom and cloakroom were re-plastered.

Jan 8th. Wednesday. Alison Proctor, Julian Monksfield & James Arden swam 2 widths.

Jan 9th. Thursday. Floor tiles in classroom inspected because of rising, said to be due to dampness affecting hardboard.

Jan 15th. Wednesday. Fire Drill Practice. School and Canteen emptied in 1 minute.

Jimmy Attrill swam 25 metres today.

Jan 16th. Thursday. Request sent for re-painting of hop-scotch in front playground.

Jan 20th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve off sick, Mrs. Heathman and Mrs. Attrill, kitchen staff, helping out. Mr. & Mrs. Rumsey, caretaker and cleaner from Bedfords Park, helped out with caretaking here.

Jan 22nd. Wednesday. Luke Strutt swam a width.

Jan 24th. Friday. Attempted break in, new lock had to be fitted to front door. Police notified and tampered door inspected by them.

Jan 27th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty today.

Jan 29th. Wednesday. Buses on 1 day strike today, only one child absent because of this.

Drains in back playground cleared. Jimmy Attrill swam his length.

Jan 30th. Thursday. Mrs. Sorenti absent today, car would not start.

Jan 31st. Friday. Mrs. Sorenti resumed duty this afternoon.

Feb 4th. Tuesday. New rubber feet for Infant desks and chairs delivered.

Feb 5th. Wednesday. Karen Morton gained Grade II certificate for swimming.

Feb 10th. Monday. 3 old desks and 9 old chairs sold to parents for £7. 25p, money for School Funds.

Feb 12th. Wednesday. Library called today and 25 books exchanged.

Feb 13th. Thursday. Mrs. Bruse off ill with influenza. School closes to night for half term.

Feb 19th. Wednesday. 2 children admitted to infants. Mrs. Bruse absent with influenza.

Feb 20th. Thursday. Children's photographs taken today. Mrs. Knightbridge absent in the afternoon with influenza.

Feb 24th. Tuesday. Managers meeting, Mrs. Smith, vice chairman of managers. Mrs. Knightbridge returned to duty.

Feb 26th. Wednesday. Mrs. Bruse returned to duty.

Feb 27th. Thursday. New heater installed in Infants classroom.

Feb 28th. Friday. Door of Boys toilet repaired.

March 3rd. Monday. Mrs. Heathman sent home, sickness. Mrs. Saich takes over as cleaner.

March 4th. Tuesday. Mrs. Heathman resumed work today.

March 5th. Wednesday. Mrs. Knightbridge off duty again, viral enteritis, medical certificate sent. Mrs. Gildersleeve sent home ill, laryngitis.

March 10th. New caretaker, Mrs. Saich as from March 3rd. (temporary). Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty.

March 11th. Wednesday. Mrs. Knightbridge resumed duty.

March 13th. Nurse Hayes did Juniors Hearing & Sight.

March 17th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve absent with gastric upset. Lights and clock fused in Infants classroom.

March 18th. Tuesday. Electrician repaired lights and clock.

March 19th. Wednesday. Gillian Watkins and family moved to Devon. Kitchen larder inspected. Jimmy Attrill and Paul Dunlop swam 6 lengths.

March 20th. Thursday. Nurse Hayes inspected Infants Hearing & Vision.

March 21st. Friday. Mrs. Sorenti, juniors teacher absent because of sons illness.

March 25th. Tuesday. Mr. Lamb conducted an end of term service in school.

March 26th. Wednesday. School closes tonight for the Easter Holidays.

April 15th. Tuesday. School reopened today after the Easter Holidays. The price of school meals increased, children 15p per day, adults 38p per day. Mrs. Gildersleeve returned to duty.

April 17th. Thursday. Piano tuned today (Mr. Clayden). Mrs. Saich has given in a weeks notice.

April 24th. Thursday. Mrs. Cruse absent.

April 25th. Friday. Mrs. Saich, temporary cleaner leaving today; child needs daily speech therapy. A Mrs. Herridge from another school is helping out in the meantime.

April 28th. Monday. Francis Hogarth to receive free meals until further notice.

May 2nd. Friday. Mr. Makepeace had lunch with us. Library shelving altered in Staff room during Easter Holiday, not very satisfactory but will do as we need to use shelves immediately. New step outside Infants cloakroom broken and useless, report re-this sent to Works Department.

May 5th. Monday. Miss S. Fox commences duty as temporary cleaner during Mrs. Kerrs prolonged illness. Cleaning machine overhauled by a Mr. Cawson.

May 6th. Tuesday. 7+ Survey delivered.

May 7th. Wednesday. Children sat the Junior Survey Test. (4th Years)

May 8th. Thursday. Ascension Day Service in Church conducted by the Rev, Lamb and assisted by Mrs. Lamb.

May 13th. Tuesday. Junior Reading survey.

May 20th. Tuesday. Fire drill, school and Canteen cleared in 40 seconds.

May 21st. Wednesday. Jane Baucklam moving to Suffolk today.

May 23rd. Friday. School closed tonight for Spring Bank Holiday.

June 2nd. Monday. School reopened today after Spring Holiday. Mrs. Gildersleeve, M.D.A., hospitalised, a Mrs. Code deputising for her as from Wed 4th June.

June 3rd. Tuesday. Mr. Bell visited school and allocated us a piece of carpet for Library Corner, he also made arrangements for surplus furniture to be collected.

June 4th. Wednesday. Alison Proctor and Luke Strutt swam 1 length and Tony Oswald swam 2 lengths.

June 5th. Thursday. Miss Bray visited the school today.

June 9th. Monday. Miss Mills visited school today. Six pictures on Loan Scheme returned.

June 11th. Wednesday. Mr. Rangecroft, teacher from Bedfords Park Comprehensive School, called to discuss and meet 4th years going there in September.

June 12th. Thursday. Library van called today.

June 13th. Friday. Mr. Makepeace, Vicar of Romford called today and gave us a Church key for our use.

June 16th. Monday. Managers meeting under the Chairmanship of Rev, J. Makepeace, held at the Vicarage in Romford. Michelle Wolley off with German Measles. Walls in Juniors cloakroom repaired.

June 17th. Tuesday. Juniors taken on Educational Visit to H.M.S. Belfast by Mrs. Mylard, Mrs. Cruse and Rev, B. Lamb. Rest of school enjoyed a party in school.

June 18th. Wednesday. Mrs. Code absent because of sons illness. Sarah Wallace swam 1 width. Mr. Scott (manager) visited the school today.

June 19th. Thursday. 7 + Survey today. Mrs. Code returned to duty.

June 20th. Friday. Mr. Routledge inspected staff room ceiling and Juniors classroom walls.

June 24th. Tuesday. Mrs. Mylard took 4th years to visit Bedfords Park Comprehensive School.

June 25th. Wednesday. Mrs. Code absent, as son broke his arm. Swimmers. Mark Smith half mile. Paul Dunlop quarter mile. Richard Tisbury and Luke Strutt 6 lengths.

June 26th. Thursday. Mrs. Code resumed duty. Mrs. Mylard absent.

June 27th. Friday. Mrs. Code leaving today as Mrs. Gildersleeve hopes to resume duty on Monday.

June 30th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard and Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty today.

July 3rd. School closed for Swimming Gala.

July 9th. Wednesday. Surplus furniture collected today. Karen Morton and Paul Dunlop swam 24 lengths.

July 10th. Open Day. Very well attended by managers, parents and many advisors from Education Office. Parents made a gift of £2: 44p for school funds. Mr. and Mrs. Jones made a gift of Apples and Oranges for the children.

July 15th. Tuesday. Sports Day. Well attended by managers, parents and friends, gifts of money from friends and parents. Mrs. Smith deputised for Mayor, as he is seriously ill. We heard latter in the day that he had died. Letter of sympathy sent on behalf of school.

July 16th. Wednesday. No swimming as Dycorts Gala in Baths. Rodent Officers inspected kitchen for mice. 4th years awarded places in the following schools.

Ongar Comprehensive

Karen Morton.

Harrow Lodge Comprehensive

David Proctor.

Bedfords Park Comprehensive

Mark Smith.

July 18th. Friday. Mark Smith off with chicken pox. School closes tonight for the Summer Holidays.

Sept 2nd. Tuesday. 2 children were admitted to the Infants. During the holidays the walls of the Juniors classroom were plastered and decorated, as were walls of Canteen store room.

Sept 3rd. Wednesday. 1 child admitted to Infants, there are now 34 children on roll, 23 Juniors & 11 Infants. The Swimming Coach failed to turn up at Baths to

bring children back to school. However, parents with cars volunteered to go to Baths and pick up all children and the teacher. A small freezer was delivered to Canteen. Not to be used yet as one castor was broken off in transit.

Sept 8th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve M.D.A. hospitalised, Mrs. Code taking over her duties.

Sept 17th. Wednesday. Fire drill. School and Canteen cleared in 20 seconds.

Sept 18th. Thursday. Electricians have changed 5 amp plugs to 13 amp in Staff, Infants and Juniors Classrooms.

Sept 23rd. Tuesday. A Mr. Saunders doing caretaking while Mrs. Richardson is on holiday.

Sept 24th. Wednesday. Apparatus in Hall overhauled.

Sept 26th. Friday. Mrs. Code M.D.A. absent.

Sept 30th. Tuesday. Mrs. Code resumed duties today.

Oct 2nd. Thursday. Harvest Festival in Church. Vice Chairman of Education Committee received gifts from children. Collection of £9:33p taken for Church Restoration Fund.

Oct 6th. Monday. Managers meeting tonight at Vicarage in Romford.

Oct 10th. Friday. Electricity cut from 9:30 to 1:30 pm. approximately. Oct 13th. Monday. Laying of Foundation Stone of St. Edwards new Junior School in Romford. Mrs. Knightbridge attended.

Oct 14th. Tuesday. Mrs. Code absent, domestic trouble. New washers put on taps in boys toilets.

Oct 15th. Wednesday. Mrs. Gibbs is on a day course. Mrs. Heathman G.K.A. and Mrs. Attrill M.D.A. helping out. H.M.I's Mr. Dunstead and Mrs. Peacock here all morning and part of the afternoon.

Oct 16th. Thursday. Mrs. Code resumed duties. Swimmers. Tony Oswald 1 length. Michelle Woolley 2 widths. Mark Jones and Deborah Jones 1 width.

Oct 22nd. Swimmers. Richard Tisbury, Luke Strutt and Jimmy Attrill swam their quarter mile. Paul Dunlop swam 1 mile.

Oct 23rd. Back playground drains cleared. 4 pictures received on Loan Scheme from Teachers Centre.

Oct 24th. Infants cloakroom door repaired and also Infants classroom roof. School closed tonight for Half Term Holiday.

Nov 3rd. Monday. Mrs. Gibbs, Cook in charge hospitalised. A Mrs. Chinery has taken over her duties. Mrs. L. Cruse has today commenced 20 hour week Secretarial work and Mrs. Attrill 10 hours week Secretarial work. Kitchen freezer again repaired during half term holiday

Nov 5th. Wednesday. Gas leak in kitchen repaired.

Nov 6th. Thursday. Unable to gain admission to Victory Hall because of loose horses round Hall. Mrs. Code absent for G.K.A. duty, has reported for M.D.A. duty

Nov 7th. Friday. Still unable to use Victory Hall. Mrs. Code ill. Mr. Pipe from Dr. Barnardo's collected money (£4:55p) which was contributed by children. Mrs. Kerr, absent for 1 year due to illness, phoned to say no more wages forthcoming.

Nov 10th. Monday. Library called today and 78 books chosen. Mrs. Gibbs resumed duty.

Nov 11th. Tuesday. Canteen water heater repaired. Deborah Jones & Sarah Wallace received superficial cuts on bus on way to school. Passing lorry threw up a stone which smashed off side window. Parents informed and accident forms sent to Office. Bus Company informed Police.

Nov 12th. Wednesday. The Rev, J. Makepeace had lunch with us today.

Nov 14th. Friday. Medical inspection today, 12 children, Michelle Woolley, (one of the twelve) absent.

Nov 18th. Tuesday. Mrs. Mylard absent on account of husband in hospital.

Nov 21st. Friday. School raffle today, £11: 26p raised for school funds.

Nov 24th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duties today. Ill since 8/9/75. Gas leak in Canteen reported and repaired.

Nov 25th. Tuesday. Infants classroom window repaired. Road Safety Film shown for whole school.

Nov 26th. Wednesday. Mrs. Mylard sent home as she felt ill.

Nov 27th. Thursday. Mrs. Mylard still absent. Canteen door repaired.

Nov 28th. Friday. Mrs. Mylard resumed duty. New bolts fitted to Juniors Classroom and girls toilets.

Dec 2nd. Tuesday. Mrs. Heathman absent today, children ill.

Dec 3rd. Wednesday. Mrs. Mylard absent because of husbands illness. Gas leak again reported in Canteen (heater). Gas man advised that heater needs new valve.

Dec 4th. Thursday. Mr. Woolacott delivered a lovely Xmas Tree to us today. Photographer called and was booked to take photographs of Nativity Play in Church on Dec 12th.

Dec 8th. Monday. Front playground gate repaired. Mrs. Sorenti sent home early, 3pm. because of sons illness.

Dec 9th. Tuesday. Photographs taken today in Church during dress rehearsal.

Dec 11th. Thursday. Nativity Play today in Church. Mr. Woolacott very kindly officiated on organ. Collection of £8 : 50p taken for Church Restoration Funds.

Dec 16th. Tuesday. Miss Bray and Mr. and Mrs. Lent joined staff today for Xmas dinner.

Mr. Dunlop donated £5 for School Funds.

Dec 17th. Wednesday. At our Xmas Party today. Mr. King acted as Father Xmas and gave every child a present from the Xmas Tree.

Dec 18th. Thursday. School closes tonight for Xmas Holidays and re-opens January 7th

1976.

Jan 7th. Wednesday. School re-opened today for the Spring Term. One boy admitted to Infants. Number on roll now 35, 12 Infants and 23 Juniors.

Jan 8th. Thursday. Mr. Hart, Surveyor, inspected crack in wall in Infants Cloakroom, really gable end of school house.

Jan 9th. Friday. Damage to Infants cloakroom roof inspected, damage due to gales on January 2nd.

Jan 14th. Wednesday. New admission, Mark Current, goes to speech therapy every Wednesday afternoon.

Jan 15th. Thursday. Miss Bray inspected Infants cloakroom.

Jan 16th. Friday. Swimming Certificates given to following children, Paul Dunlop 1 mile. Richard Tisbury, Luke Strutt and Jimmy Attrill 400 metres. Infants cloakroom roof repaired.

Jan 20th. Tuesday. Mr. Heathman repaired and returned one of the two school bells he is repairing. 3 Infant and the Juniors visited the Central Library Book Display.

Mrs. Sorenti absent with migraine.

Jan 21st. Wednesday. Nativity Photographs delivered. Mrs. Sorenti resumed duty.

Jan 22nd. Thursday. Mrs. Mylard attended lecture at Abbs Cross School.

5 children (3 Juniors & 2 Infants) visited Central Library.

Jan 23rd. Friday. Michelle Woolley and Nicholas Cansten swam 25 metres.

Jan 26th. Monday. Fire extinguishers inspected.

Jan 27th. Tuesday. Cheque for £3:51p received from Photographers (Baker & Wheatman) as discount on order for Nativity Play.

Jan 28th. Wednesday. No swimming as pool closed for repairs.

Jan 30th. Friday. Windows catches in Juniors classroom repaired.

Feb 2nd. Monday. Gas leak in Canteen sterilizer repaired.

Feb 3rd. Tuesday. Secondary Pupils forms collected.

Feb 4th. Wednesday. Mrs. Mylard absent owing to her husbands illness. Lock on Infants classroom repaired.

Feb 5th. Thursday. Several children absent with flu.

Feb 6th. Friday. Mrs. Mylard resumed duty today.

Feb 11th. Mrs. Kerr passed fit to resume caretakers job, but is having her holiday first and hopes to resume duty on 16th March.

Feb 13th. Friday. Typewriter repaired.

Feb 16th. Monday. Managers meeting at Vicarage. 2 more children off with flu.

Mrs. Mylard absent and has applied for about 6 weeks Care of absence because of husbands prolonged absence.

Feb 18th. Wednesday. Mrs. Sorenti absent, taking son to hospital for check-up. School closes tonight for Half Term Holiday.

Feb 25th. Wednesday. School reopened after Half Term Holiday.

Mr. Whitney, unattached staff is replacing Mrs. Mylard during her absence. Mr. Hart, Surveyor, inspected Infants Cloakroom and side wall of house.

Feb 26th. Thursday. Mrs. Sorenti absent with flu. Paul Dunlop gained his Life Saving Certificate.

March 1st. Monday. 4 more children absent with flu. Mrs. Sorenti resumed duty today.

March 3rd. Wednesday. Mrs. Lamb not coming today. 2 more children off with flu.

March 5th. Friday. Francis Hogarth leaving today as family are moving out of the district.

Juliet Monksfield transferred to Ambersfield School (Suffolk).

March 9th. Tuesday. 1st year Juniors sat N.F.E.R. test.

March 10th. Wednesday. Swimming. Deborah Popes & Sarah Wallace 1 length, Simon West 2 widths. Francis Hogarth's & Juliet Monksfield's records sent to Office by Courier.

March 11th. Mrs. Richardson, temporary caretaker, hands over keys to Mrs. Kerr today.

March 15th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard on leave of absence until after Easter because of sick husband., Staff Room ceiling repaired.

March 16th. Tuesday. Mr. Whiting, Mrs. Mylard's temporary replacement being moved to Redden Court.

March 17th. Wednesday. Swimming, Simon West 1 length, Jimmy Attrill & Luke Strutt « mile. Mrs. Gildersleeve absent with upset stomach.

March 18th. Thursday. A Mrs. M. Taylor to replace Mr. Whiting tomorrow. Mrs. Kerr, caretaker, off sick again; replaced by Mrs. Richardson.

March 19th. Friday. Mrs. M. Taylor commenced temporary teacher duty of Juniors today.

March 22nd. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty today.

March 24th. Wednesday. Mrs. Sorenti off duty, taking her son to hospital. Record Player repaired, new needle.

March 26th. Friday. Further Medical certificate received from Mrs. Mylard.

March 30th. Tuesday. Mrs. Heathman (kitchen) off due to stomach sickness.

March 31st. Wednesday. No Swimming today as Pool is closed. Mrs. Heathman resumed duty today. Nicholas Causton hit in mouth by Simon West, mother contacted and Nicholas taken home (1:45pm.).

April 2nd. Friday. Kitchens electrical utensils examined by a Mr. Caren for Safety.

April 7th. Wednesday. 2 new toilet pans installed in girls toilet. Andrew Reardon swam 1 width.

April 8th. Thursday. Gas leak in Canteen repaired.

April 9th. Friday. End of term service taken in Church today by Mrs. D. Lamb. 2 toilet pans put in boys toilet. School closes tonight for the Easter Holidays, reopens on Monday April 26th. 1976.

Summer Term.

April 26th. Monday. School re-opened today after the Easter Holidays. 4 children admitted to Infants. Number on roll. Infants 16. Juniors 21. Total 37. Mrs. Mylard Juniors teacher, resumed duty today, also Mrs. Kerr.

April 29th. Thursday. New lock fitted to Infants classroom, reported useless as its too difficult to open and keys do not fit.

April 30th. Friday. Woodworm eaten shelving in Infants classroom replaced.

May 3rd. Monday. James Hawkins off with chicken pox.

May 7th. Friday. Mr. Elliott, Council inspector, inspected school for asbestos and cleared us.

May 10th. Monday. Hole in back play ground filled with tarmac.

May 12th. Wednesday. Swimming coach did not turn up, when reported we were informed that as from June 1st, council will be running the service as Brentwood Coaches contract has expired.

May 13th. Thursday. Mrs. Gibbs, cook in charge, is hospitalised and a Mrs. Goldsworthy in charge for Thursday and Friday. Mr. Clayton tuned piano today.

May 17th. Monday. Mrs. Gibbs resumed duty today. Broken bottom spring on front door repaired.

May 18th. Tuesday. Juniors visited a fish farm today. Whole school has now paid a visit there by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Tisbury. New lock fitted to faulty Infants door, 2 keys left.

May 20th. Thursday. Fire Drill. School cleared in 2 minutes. Very slow because of new children.

May 21st. Friday. Canteen door repaired.

May 26th. Wednesday. James Arde transferred to St. Johns School, Epping. Juniors now 20 and Infants 16. Total 36. Paul Dunlop gained his grade II certificate and Alison Proctor her grade I certificate at swimming. Ascension Day conducted in St. Thomas Church by Mrs. D. Lamb. Afterwards in school, Mrs. Lamb was presented with a cheque for £11: 80p and a tray, made by Richard Tisbury, as Rev, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are leaving district. Fire Drill, school cleared in 30 seconds.

School closes tonight for Spring Bank Holiday + Friday off in lieu of Ascension Day.

June 7th. Monday. School reopened after Spring Break.

June 9th. Wednesday. Christopher Strutt swam his width.

June 14th. Monday. Managers meeting in Vicarage. I informed them of my proposed retirement in 1977. Mrs. Cruse absent because of husbands illness, Mrs. Attrill deputised for her. 7+ screening taken today; 3 children. Mr. J. Scott visited school and offered his apologies as he will be unable to attend managers meeting tonight.

June 15th. Tuesday. Mrs. Cruse resumed duty today. Glazier repaired window in Staff room.

June 16th. Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Attrill took our 4 swimmers to the Gala in Hornchurch.

June 17th. Thursday. Mrs. Mylard and Mrs. Cruse accompanied children (in mini coach) to Hampton Court, 14 top Juniors.

June 25th. Friday. Mobile Library called.

June 29th. Tuesday. Health inspector called to inspect small creatures found on Canteen floor. Canteen sprayed with insecticide. Specimens sent to London for identification, confirmed as Bar Fleas.

June 30th. Wednesday. Mark Jones, 1 length. Anthony Hurly and Douglas Wooley 1 width.

July 1st. Thursday. Luke Strutt and Richard Tisbury, 4th years, taken by Mrs. Sorenti to visit their new school from September; Bedfords Park Comprehensive.

July 2nd. Friday. Mrs. Hurley visited school today to see if her son Anthony could go to boarding school in September 77. Dampness in Boys Toilets examined by Mr. Ralph, Maintenance Inspector.

July 6th. Tuesday. Children's photographs taken in playing field today by photographer from Baker & Wheatman. Mr. Allison asked to overhaul P.E. Apparatus in Hall as children broke in there and threw broken glass over mats etc.

July 7th. Wednesday. Swimmers. Christopher Strutt, Andrew Richardson & Anthony Hurley, 2 widths. Joanne Attrill, 1 length.

July 8th. Thursday. Open afternoon. Dancing and Singing in front playground, attended by many parents, friends and the Mayor and Mayoress of Havering.

July 14th. Wednesday. Phones serviced. Swimmers. Anthony Hurley 1 length. Deborah Jones, Mark Jones, Tony Oswald and Nicholas Causton 3 lengths.

July 15th. Thursday. Sports Afternoon, attended by many friends and parents.

July 19th. Monday. Sports prizes given out.

July 20th. Tuesday. 2 former pupils revisited school A Mr. Coleman inspected windows for future contract of cleaning.

July 21st. Wednesday. Mrs. Gildersleeve absent because of accident to her son in Bedfords Park Comprehensive School. Mrs. Heathman deputised for her. Workman lowered letterbox on Front Door.

July 22nd. Thursday. Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty. Swimmers. Michelle Wooley 3 lengths, Deborah Wallace and Nicholas Causton 6 lengths.

July 23rd. Friday. Children transferred to following Comprehensive Schools, **Bedfords Park.** Christopher Strutt and Richard Tisbury. **St. Johns C of E. Primary, Epping.** James Arden.

School closed today for the Summer Holidays.

Sept 7th. School reopened today after the Summer Holidays. 1 boy admitted to Infants. Number on roll, Infants 14, Juniors 21, Total 35. During the holidays someone switched off freezer and about £22 worth of food destroyed.

Sept 8th. Wednesday. Douglas Wooley swam 2 widths. Social Services concerned re Saul Wallace whose mother died during the Summer Holidays.

Sept 13th. P.E. Equipment in Hall examined.

Sept 14th. Tuesday. Miss Sorall, organiser for Help the Aged gave a talk in school and several children are taking part in sponsored projects to raise money for this fund.

Crack in front door inspected, large crack in wall there & ceiling crumbling & pieces continually falling.

Sept 15th. Wednesday. Miss. Miller, lay helper from St. Edwards Church, Romford, to give half hours R.I. each week in place of Mrs. Lamb who has moved to another parish.

Swimming Coach failed to pick up children from Baths, parents contacted and picked up children.

Sept 17th. Friday. Dawn Hawker leaving today to live in Dorset.

Mr. Barber, Assistant Head inspected crack around Staff room.

Mr. Mead, Chief Structural Engineer, declared porch not dangerous.

Sept 21st. Tuesday. Miss. L. Sorall visited school to collect sponsored questionnaire.

Mr. Knight, E.W.O., audited school accounts.

Sept 22nd. Wednesday. A Mr. Pursell inspected front porch and said a builder would be coming to give an estimate for repairs to be carried out. Mr. Woodcroft, Visual Aids, repaired radio. Notice of Mrs. Sorenti's intention to attend course in Brentwood Training College, from Jan 10th to April 1st (77) inclusive. Medical forms given out to 4th years.

Sept 29th. Wednesday. 2 pair of shoes delivered by official for caretaker, Mrs. Kerr.

Sept 30th. Thursday. Harvest Festival Service in Church at 2 pm. Conducted by the Rev, J. Makepeace, assisted by Miss. Miller, Mr. Woolacott officiated on the organ. Our Mayor, Councillor Turner accompanied by the Mayoress, Mrs. Turner, received gifts from children. A collection for the Church Restoration Fund realised £16:50p. A new back door has been fitted to Canteen. Miss. L. Sorall called to thank the children who realised £23 for the Help the Aged Fund. Various sponsored activities included; swimming, walking and questionnaires.

Oct 4th. Monday. Managers meeting tonight at 7 pm. at Vicarage, Romford. New back door fitted to Kitchen. Miss Bray called and inspected front porch cracks & Mr. Hattey also called in afternoon to inspect same.

Oct 5th. Tuesday. Fire extinguishers checked by L. & A. Crow Ltd.

Oct 6th. Wednesday. Mr. S. Rogers called to see if we could admit a child who has a heart condition. Child's mother to visit school on Tuesday. Swimmers. 6 lengths swam by Deborah Jones and Michelle Wooley, 3 lengths were swam by Alison Proctor, Joanne Proctor, Anthony Hurley and Christopher Strutt.

Mrs. Taylor contacted to see if she can do supply work during Spring Term.

Oct 8th. Friday. Faulty stop-cock in boys toilet repaired.

Oct 11th. Monday. Children notified that there will be no swimming on Wednesday 13th; baths closed for Gala.

Oct 12th. Tuesday. Mr. Rogers brought a Mrs. Lyden and her son, requesting his admission here on Monday 18th. He cannot attend large school because of heart trouble. A Mr. P. Y. Russell measured school for internal decoration estimates. Oct 14th. Thursday. Mrs. Hayes, school nurse, inspected 4th years vision & hearing, 1 child, (Michelle Wooley) has hearing defects. This might tie up with the fact that she suffers from a form of Epilepsy (blackouts).

Oct 15th. Friday. Rotting floorboard in Juniors classroom reported. Mr. knight took names and addresses of all children's for Mr. Richardson.

Oct 18th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard absent, taking husband to hospital.

Oct 19th. Tuesday. New door fitted to Canteen, sticking due to wet weather and fact that it had not been painted.

Oct 20th. Wednesday. Miss. Miller absent for the next 2 Wednesday's. Canteen door adjusted. 2 children gained their grade 1 Certificates. Garage door damaged.

Oct 21st. Thursday. Cracks in entrance porch made good. Rodent Officer informed of mice in Canteen.

Oct 22nd. Friday. School closes tonight for Half Term Holiday, reopens on Monday November 1st.

Nov 1st. Monday. School reopens. Steven Lyden admitted to Infants today. This child has a congenital heart disease. Holes in Juniors Classroom due to dry rot, examined and temporary repair to be carried out. During Christmas Holidays permanent repairs to be carried out. Steven Lyden is to be brought and taken home each day by taxi.

Nov. 4th. Thursday. All gutters cleared today.

Nov 9th. Tuesday. Juniors porch painted after repair work. Panes of glass renewed in Staff Room, Infants Class and Canteen.

Nov 10th. Wednesday. Neil Hutton and Sean Lancaster swam 1 width.

Nov 15th. Monday. Temporary repair carried out on back playground manhole. Education Department. (Mrs. Starrs) enquired re-old school coal-skuttles. Informed two available.

Nov 17th. Wednesday. Sean Lancaster swam 2 widths. Temporary repair carried out on Juniors floor.

Nov 19th. Friday. Mrs. Jones, School Meals Organiser, advised us no new plug points available for Canteen.

Nov 22nd. Monday. Mrs. Sorenti off duty with migraine. Mr. G. Armstrong, former Headmasters assistant to Gardener, left information re-Sponsored Sunflower growing.

Nov 24th. Wednesday. Mrs. Gibbs attended Contracts meeting at 2 pm. Mrs. Saffron and Mr. Moore visited School today.

Nov 25th. Thursday. Amount realised from School Raffle for School Funds was £17:10p, this includes a gift of £1 from Mr. Hawkins and £1 from Mrs. Phelan.

Nov 26th. Friday. Mr. Woolacott made us a gift of a Christmas Tree.

Nov 30th. Tuesday. Mobile Library called, 57 books + 16 starters for Infants.

Dec 1st. Wednesday. Mark Jones, Alison Proctor and Joanne Proctor swam 6 lengths.

Dec 6th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard attended Silver Jubilee meeting. All Guttering cleared.

Dec 7th. Tuesday. Nativity play in Church, Mrs. Saffron, Miss bray, Managers and many parents and friends attended. Service conducted by Mrs. Miller. Collection taken for Church Restoration Fund raised £8:55p.

Dec 8th. Wednesday. Neil Hutton swam 2 widths. Juniors floor again inspected, work on this is to be carried out during the Christmas holidays.

Dec 10th. Friday. Mr. Prasill and Mr. Richard, examined Junior Cloakroom wall.

Dec 13th. Monday. Mr. Dunlop gave £10 towards School Funds.

Dec 14th. Tuesday. School Meals Panel, 10 in all had dinner at the School.

Dec 15th. Wednesday. As Savings Stamps are now discontinued the £6 float has been returned, receipt in safe.

Dec 17th. Friday. Xmas Party today. Mr. T. Short acting as Father Xmas when each child will be given a present from our Xmas Tree. Mr. Hawkins, a parent gave £1 to the School Funds. School closes tonight for the Xmas Holidays.

1977.

Jan 4th. Tuesday. School reopened today after Xmas Holidays. 3 children 2 Juniors and 1 Infant admitted. Number on roll now. Infants 16, Juniors 22, Total 38.

Jan 5th. Wednesday. Rev, J. Makepeace took a lesson with Juniors today as Miss Miller, lay worker at St. Edwards, is on holiday. Elizabeth Reardon down with measles.

Jan 6th. Thursday. No lesson in Victory hut as gas workmen are repairing a lantern.

Jan 10th. Monday. Mrs. Sorenti starts a terms course at Brentwood Technical College. Mrs. Mylard, Junior Teacher, is doing full time teaching that term only.

Jan 11th. Tuesday. Miss Baskett, Brookside Junior School Headmistress, collected a bag of off cuts for us from Dagenham Polytechnic. Window in Staff room broken after school hours, reported. Tony Oswald down with chicken pox.

Jan 13th. Thursday. Mrs. Hayes, Health Centre, tested hearing and vision of some children.

Jan 14th. Friday. Medical inspection today of school for some children. Miss Bray called today and collected names and addresses of children who would be on roll in September 1977. Badges and programmes ordered re Silver Jubilee.

Jan 17th. Monday. Julia Robinson down with measles.

Jan 19th. Wednesday. Darren Brayforth, new Junior Admission swam 1 length today.

Jan 20. Thursday. Police gave a film today on "Never go with strangers". Electric fire in office repaired.

Jan 27th. Thursday. Juniors at the invitation of Miss Baskett, Headmistress of Brookside Juniors, visited her school to see a Silver Jubilee play.

Feb 1st. Tuesday. Fire Drill Alarm as from Canteen, school cleared in 30 seconds.

Feb 2nd. Wednesday. Roof tiles over front door replaced.

Feb 3rd. Thursday. Maths fee (£1) sent by courier.

Feb 4th. Friday. Canteen inspected for decoration.

Feb 9th. Wednesday. New door handle fitted to Infants Cloakroom. Swimming, Anthony Hurley 200 metres. Deborah Jones, Michelle Wooley, Alison Proctor, Sarah Wallace, Nicholas Causton and Mark Jones 400 metres.

Feb 14th. Monday. Garage, P.E. equipment and Caretakers cleaning materials stored there, was broken into over the weekend. Police informed. A new handle and padlock have been fitted to Garage.

Feb 15th. Tuesday. Condition of Victory Hall floor reported to caretaker, Mr. Ward.

Feb 16th. Wednesday. Miss Miller unable to visit school today.

Feb 17th. Thursday. Victory Hall floor still not clean. School closes tonight for the « term holiday. At the managers meeting on Monday, the future of the school was discussed. I am retiring in the summer and as this school is too costly to run and the numbers so low, it has been decided to close this school on August 31st 1977. The school lies in the green belt and no building is likely to be granted so we depend on our numbers from Straight Road. Buses only run twice daily, Monday to Friday.

Feb 21st. Monday. Piano tuned and part of Juniors Classroom retiled during « term.

Feb 23rd. Wednesday. Library called today. Windows cleaned.

Feb 24th. Thursday. Staff room windows reglazed by Firmans.

March 2nd. Wednesday. Miss Miller not coming today.

March 4th. Friday. Mr. Chisman P.R.O. phoned to tell us Press knew of my retirement and that future of the school was being considered. Office sanctioned Observer Press to come and take photographs etc.

March 7th. Monday. Romford Recorder and Havering Express rang for permission to talk to me re- my retirement and take photographs. Recorder came today.

March 8th. Tuesday. Mrs. Mylard will be absent for 3 days due to death of relative in Cumberland.

Havering Times took pictures today. Havering Express to take pictures today. March 10th. Thursday. Names and addresses of all children (except 4th years) given to Mrs. Brennan at office.

March 11th. Friday. Mrs. Mylard resumed duty today. Letters from office distributed to all parents today.

March 14th. Monday. Commonwealth Day. Message from Queen read to children.

March 15th. Tuesday. Mr. Broderick, advisor, Computer Centre visited school today. New electric wall fire fitted in Canteen. Bishop of Barking received deputation of parents in Canteen (4 : 45 pm) re-future of school.

March 16th. Wednesday. Mrs. Gildersleeve absent because of mothers illness. Paul Dunlop passed A.S.A. Bronze Survival (Swimming).

March 17th. Thursday. Mrs. Gildersleeve returned to work today.

March 18th. Friday. New toilet pan installed in teachers toilet. During installation, seat was broken. Library visit cancelled.

March 22nd. Tuesday. Meeting of parents arranged for tonight in Canteen at 7: 30 pm. Eighteen parents attended, Mrs. Kerr, (caretaker) and Mr. Laister, Rev. J. Makepeace, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Jeramiah, Mrs. Safron and Mr. Rogers. Mrs. Mylard and son were also present. Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Gildersleeve supplied cups of tea. Accident form for Mrs. Kerr (hit head on garage door) sent to office.

Because of rain pouring into front porch, electricity meters were examined and found to be alright.

March 23rd. Wednesday. Councillor R. Knell inspected school buildings in order to make report to panel on Thursday 24th. This panel had been arranged to hear parents views etc. re-proposed closure of school.

March 24th. Thursday. Mrs. Kerr on one days leave. School opened and closed but no work done. Easter Holidays notices distributed and money for Silver Jubilee Programmes refunded. None to be printed as insufficient orders did not warrant it. Mrs. Mylard sent home because of severe stomach pains. March 25th. Friday. Mrs. Mylard still absent.

March 28th. Monday. Mrs. Mylard resumed duty today.

March 30th. Wednesday. Swimmers. Elizabeth Readon, 1 width. Douglas Wooley, 6 lengths, Joanne Attrill and Anthony Oswald, 12 lengths. Alison Proctor, Sarah Wallace, Nicholas Causton and Anthony Hurley, 24 lengths. School closes tonight for Easter Holidays.

Summer Term.

April 19th. Tuesday. School re-opened today after the Easter Holidays. Mrs. Mylard reverts to morning teaching only, as Mrs. Sorenti has returned from her course for afternoon teaching.

April 25th. Monday. Messrs A. Glenny and Son, Estate Agents, to visit school this afternoon. Neil Hutton has chicken pox.

April 26th. Tuesday. Unable to use Hall for dancing, as there is no electricity because of cable blow out outside Victory Hall.

April 28th. Thursday. Mrs. Kerr unable to open school this morning because of severe headache, turned up for afternoon work. Windows cleaned today. Notices given out to children that school will be closed on May 5th. because of G.L.C. Elections.

May 2nd. Monday. Canteen door repaired.

May 3rd. Tuesday. Mrs. Attrill absent today because of mother-in-law's illness.

May 4th. Wednesday. Mrs. Gildersleeve off with pleurisy. Mrs. Heathman taking over her duties.

May 11th. Wednesday. Model Village (Elizabeth I) being collected today for Silver Jubilee Exhibition at Raphaels Park. Shar Test for 4th years taken today.

May 16th. Monday. Mrs. Gildersleeve resumed duty today. P.E. Equipment in Hall checked today by new Contractor, E.S. Clough & Co Ltd., annual examination.

May 17th. Tuesday. Mrs. Sorenti not in school this afternoon; interview at Tring Gardens.

7 + screening test today.

May 18th. Wednesday. 27 children accompanied by Mrs. Mylard, Mrs. Sorenti and Mrs. Attrill, going to Raphaels Park to see Silver Jubilee Exhibition. Children and Teachers conveyed by coach, free of charge. Swimming coach cancelled because of this event.

May 19th. Thursday. Ascension Day Service in Church; conducted entirely by children.

May 20th. Friday. Silver Jubilee Exhibition collected from Drama workshop.

May 23rd. Monday. Broken window in Canteen renewed. Mrs. Kerr off duty because of illness. Box compartment of refrigerator reported not working.

May 24th. Tuesday. Fridge repairman called to repair refrigerator.

May 26th. Thursday. Mrs. Kerr resumed duty. Silver Jubilee Badges distributed today.

May 31st. Tuesday. Head's report sent to Mrs. Bray. Mr. Priyer E.W.O. certified school accounts. School closes tonight for Spring Bank Holiday.

June 13th. Monday. School reopened after Spring Bank Holiday.

June 14th. Tuesday. Steven Lyden admitted to Great Ormond Street Hospital for heart surgery on June 16th, he may not be back in school this term.

June 20th. Monday. Managers meeting in School tomorrow at 4: 30 pm. All Managers present.

June 21st. Tuesday. Bulk of Havering Library Books collected today.

June 23rd. Thursday. Open day in Victory Hall. The Mayoress, Vice Chairman of Managers, Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. P. Danett, music adviser, Miss J. Miles, P.E. adviser and Miss Miller from St. Edwards Church and very many parents and friends enjoyed a happy afternoon with us. The happiness however was tinged with sadness, as this may be the last Open Day this School holds. No official notice of closure has been received, but parents have accepted that it will close and all but 3 parents have gained places for their children in other schools.

June 27th. Monday. Mrs. Kerr sprained her ankle in school garage and will be absent for 1 week. Mrs. Richardson will take over her duties in the meantime.

June 28th. Tuesday. A Father Christmas Outfit, which was given to me many years ago, I have passed over to the Head of Ingrebourne School.

June 30th. Thursday. 3 boys entered for the Swimming Gala held at Hornchurch Pool. They came 3rd in their relay Event.

July 1st. Friday. 38 Jubilee 25p pieces bought from Nat West Bank Hilldene. These will be given to children at the end of term.

July 5th. Tuesday. Michael Miller taken home by mother as he was very sick in school.

Today was our Sports day and a happy time was enjoyed in brilliant sunshine by parents, managers and friends. Mrs. Kerr resumed duty today.

July 6th. Wednesday. Some 4th year boys visited Harrow Lodge School this morning, as that is where they will be going in September. There was a short electricity break down this morning.

July 7th. Thursday. The area supervisors for school meals called to discuss the alternative employment of Kitchen Staff should school close.

July 8th. Friday. Mobile Library called and left about 80 books. Mrs. Attrill leaves tonight to take up new employment at Chase Cross School.

July 11th. Monday. Key to Church and House (school) given to Miss Miller for vicar.

Mrs. Cruse is doing full time service until end of term.

July 12th. Tuesday. Anthony Hurley and Nicholas Causton swam a mile today. I attended a Head Teachers meeting at Francis Bardsleys school, where all retiring Heads were given a cheque.

July 14th. Thursday. Mrs. Safron rang and informed me that is it now official that St. Thomas School will close on Tuesday 19th July 1977. Notices will be sent out to Parents tomorrow.

The 4th year children are going to the following schools.

St. Edwards. Paul Dunlop.

Harrow Lodge. Jimmy Attrill, Simon West and Andrew Readon.

Bedfords Park. Michelle Wooley and Anthony Hurley.

Francis Bardsley. Alison Proctor.

July 15th. Friday. Mrs. Wycrofts, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Meah, and union representatives are calling to see more Teaching Staff and discuss their jobs in other schools. Mrs. Gibbs, cook-in-charge, is going to Broadfords, Mrs. Gildersleeve to Bedfords Park Lower and Mrs. Cruse to Upper School at Bedfords Park. Mrs. Safron informed me that Mrs. Mylard is going to Dame Tipping and Mrs. Sorenti to Ingrebourne Juniors.

July 18th. Monday. Dinner Tickets collected today by Audit Representative. Party today.

July 19th. Tuesday. Today school closes permanately. This has been a very happy school and for that I wish to thank Staff, Parents, Children and Managers for the wonderful support and help they have given me over the years. I also thank Parents, Staff and Managers for the beautiful gifts they have given me and all at Mercury House and past pupils who have sent me their best wishes for my

retirement. Every child was presented with a Silver Jubilee Medal and either a book or record token to the value of £1: 50p from School Funds. The remainder of the money, £37: 38p was given to Dr. Barnardo's Home.

I now close this Log Book, Friday July 19th. 1977, at 3:45 Pm.

Daphne Knightbridge. Headmistress.

The building last housed students in 1977, before it was transformed into a residential home and then in 1980 into a restaurant and was later turned back into a school ran by the Heron Educational Trust who are aiming to open the school in time for the Spring term and will cater for up to forty pupils, aged 11 to 17, who are currently undergoing home schooling.