

Hooe National School Log Book – 1896-1907

1896

1896 Jan 6th To make it convenient for several of the children to attend school in the afternoon and Ninfield Band of Hope Tea Meeting in the evening school was began at 1.30 and closed at 3.30.

1896 Jan 8th [Page 313] The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 Jan 13th Gave an Examination in Arithmetic – all sums being in problematic form.

1896 Jan 22nd The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning. On January 11th Form F was received. The Drawing Examination is fixed for Monday the 27th at 2pm. The Government Examination is fixed for February 29th at 10am.

1896 Jan 23rd The attendance this morning was only 69, mainly on account of bad colds among the children.

1896 Jan 27th The boys were examined this afternoon by Mr. Fox, the Inspector of Drawing. Number present 32. The Rev. C. Routh and Mr. R. Hayward were present during part of the time. The Examinations began at 2 o/c. All the girls and infants were in the class-room.

1896 Jan 31st [Page 314] End of the school year. Average 76th. The last fortnight's attendance has been poor owing to sickness among the children.

1896 Feb 4th A. Baker was present in the afternoon.

1896 Feb 5th The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning. The attendance was better today.

1896 Feb 7th Received Report for Drawing – “Good”.

1896 Feb 13th Examined the children in the Three R's this morning. The result was 75%. The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson yesterday morning.

1896 Feb 14th An examination by sample this morning gave as a result – 80% - in the Three R's. The other subjects were fair. The attendance has been good this week.

1896 Feb 20th [Page 315] The School examined by Rev. H. G. Alington and Mr. Germain. Number present 92. Rev. C. Routh and Mr. R. W. Hayward visited and remained throughout the time. A holiday until Monday.

1896 Feb 24th The children were placed in their new classes. 88 present. Stage II is divided into the First and Second Divisions, and Stage I into A. B. and C. Divisions, representing Third, Second and First Years respectively.

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1896 Feb 26th The vicar gave this usual Scripture Lesson this afternoon.

1896 Mar 3rd No school was held this morning. Only 13 scholars presented themselves in consequence of the heavy snow.

1896 Mar 6th Mr. Hayward visited this morning.

1896 Mar 11th Rev. C. Routh gave his usual Scripture Lesson.

List of Object Lessons for Infants 1896-7

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| 1. Money | 16. The Camel |
| 2. A Letter | 17. An Apple |
| 3. A Steel Pen | 18. Cotton |
| 4. A Slate | 19. Wild Flowers |
| 5. An umbrella | 20. The Stinging Nettle |
| 6. A Brick | 21. Silk |
| 7. A Table | 22. Wool |
| 8. A Basket | 23. Different kinds of Paper |
| 9. The Outside of a House | 24. Cork |
| 10. A Candle | 25. Wheat |
| 11. The Cat | 26. Rice |
| 12. The Cow | 27. Tea |
| 13. The Dog | 28. Salt |
| 14. The Elephant | 29. Ice |
| 15. The Lion | 30. A Bell |

Recitation for 1896-7 – Older Scholars

Stage I “The Ropewalk” – H. W. Longfellow Stage II “Hans Vogel” - R. Buchanan

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List of Object Lessons for Older Scholars 1896-7

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| 1. A Chair | 16 Tea |
| 2. A Table Knife and Fork | 17. Sugar |
| 3. Needles | 18. A Hen’s Egg |
| 4. A Penny and other Bronze Coins | 19. Candles |
| 5. An Uncut Lead Pencil | 20. Soap |
| 6 Calico and Cotton | 21. Iron and Steel |
| 7. Linen and Flax | 22. Gold |
| 8. Wool and Woollen Cloth | 23. Silver |
| 9. Paper | 24. Common Clay |
| 10. The Pig | 25. Slate |
| 11. The Cabbage Tribe | 26. Rain and Clouds |
| 12. The Potato Tribe | 27 The Lever |
| 13. The Apple | 28 The Common Pump |
| 14. Matches | 29. The Wedge |
| 15. Coal | 30. The Horse |

H. G. Alington 20.11.96th

Word Building for:

Stage I. The work as in Brown’s “Word Builder”. Standards I and II.

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1896 Mar 11th [Page 318] Copy of Inspector's Report for Year ending January 31st 1896 – received this morning.

“Mixed School” The present Master, who has been only eight months in charge found the school in an inefficient condition. I cannot report any definite progress yet. The elementary work is inaccurate and wanting in intelligence, and the scholars have shown little interest and knowledge during the oral examinations. In the lower part of the school they are inclined to be restless and talkative. The drill would be much better if accompanied by Music. The Needlework must improve very much if any grant is to be recommended next year. General improvement will be expected then.

Infants Class “The children of the First Division are still very backward in Reading. In the Second Division the slates not being ruled after the same method as the black-board, the Writing has been poor. A word-building frame should be used in the third division. The elements of Numbers are satisfactorily taught. The children are interested in the Object Lessons but their powers of observation are not quite sufficiently cultivated.

[Page 319] The Singing must improve. There is not sufficient Reading matter in the book used by the First Division. A second book should have been provided, in accordance with last year's requirements.”

The additional Reading book referred to by Her Majesty's Inspectors should be at once provided. (Art.85 (a) of the Code.)

E. H. Newport is recognised under Art.68.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

Present Staff of School:-

J. J. Newport	Master
E. H. Newport	Infant Mistress
C. Ridel	Temporary Monitor

The Reading Books required above have been bought.

1896 Mar 12th A considerable fall in attendance today was caused by a fox hunt in the neighbourhood. At least 10 were away in consequence. The number of scholars present was 19 less than on Monday morning.

1896 Mar 16th [Page 320] The Form giving a Summary of the School accounts for 1894-5 was posted on the School door this afternoon.

1896 Mar 18th Today's attendance rather small on account of much rain.

1896 Mar 20th The past week shows a very good record of attendance considering the unfavourable weather we have had. The children seem to have more interest in their work since the examinations has shown them their deficiencies. Suitable occupation and Object Lessons have made the school more pleasant and attractive to them.

1896 Mar 27th [Page 321] Mrs. Newport away this morning on account of child's sickness.

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1896 Mar 30th Dr. Russell, the Medical Officer of Health, called today to examine the Boy's and Girl's Offices. The order for material for needlework was made out and rendered a week ago. We were compelled to wait until the garments made last year were disposed of before making out the order because of the difficulty in disposing of the girl's work. Further time is now being lost because of the action of a so-called 'Ladies Committee'. See Page 300.

1896 Mar 31st [Page 322] The house provided by the Managers for the School Master has been visited by the owner – one of the Managers – several times and during the Master's absence at school. He has been spoken to about it. This morning with no apparent reason he once again went through the garden in the rear to a neighbouring garden. This action of his is at least annoying.

1896 Apr 2nd G. Clarke was present in the afternoon.

1896 Apr 7th Last Friday being Good Friday and yesterday being Easter Monday no school was held.

1896 Apr 10th C. Ridel was allowed a holiday this week. Mrs. Newport was away this morning on account of the baby being very unwell. The week's average attendance is low.

1896 Apr 14th [Page 323] On counting the pupils present this afternoon, I found that the Registered number accurately corresponded.
Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1896 Apr 20th Re-opened School after a holiday. The holiday was given on account of the Catsfield Races and Mrs. Brand's flower gathering.

Ernest Cramp returned this morning after several months' absence through illness. W. Jenner was present this morning.

1896 Apr 27th I examined the scholars today. The results are given in a book for the purpose. Minnie and Rosa Messiter admitted a few days ago are found to be very backward.

1896 May 4th Mrs. Hayward Visited the school this afternoon.

1896 May 6th The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 May 15th [Page 324] This week's attendance has been affected by the hop-tying going on. The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson on Wednesday morning.

1896 May 18th 'Monthly' examination - early, on account of forthcoming holiday.

1896 May 20th The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning. Mrs. Newport was away because of a domestic difficulty – arising from the washerwoman being engaged in hop-tying.

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1896 May 21st Hooe Club Day – the usual holiday given.

1896 May 22nd Charles was absent this morning on account of his sister's death. The attendance in the morning was 54.

[Page 325] The school was closed for the Whitsun holiday.

1896 May 28th On the 4th instant a copy of the N.U.T. edition of the Code was ordered from 71 Russell Square, London, W.C. As a Postal Order for 2/- was enclosed with the order a postcard was sent on the following Friday. No reply being received a letter was forwarded on the 20th. Not a word was received at all. A copy of Heller's Annotated Edition ordered in Bexhill on Tuesday evening was received today. A perusal of it confirmed a rumour that notice of closing of school should be sent to the Inspector.

1896 June 1st School reopened. Florence and Gladys Pocock returned after an absence of about 3 months (from fever).

1896 June 9th [Page 326] Admitted two girls this morning – Ettie and Ada Seymour – both shockingly backward. They have not been attending any school for 8 months (without excuse).

1896 June 10th A bad attendance this morning because of rain and a Sunday School Treat.

1896 June 11th Slates were substituted for copy books this afternoon because the supply of ink was almost exhausted. A jar of ink was ordered on Monday.

1896 June 12th Mary Langridge fainted this afternoon. On May 11th she fainted in school interrupting the work very much. Today's case was not so bad.

[Page 327] The past week's attendance has been rendered very small by Wednesday's rains and a Show at Eastbourne today.

1896 June 15th The vicar sent a letter to the N.U.T. about the Codes ordered (see Page 325). In reply they sent two Codes and a note stating that a postcard had been sent by them on May 5th.

1896 June 19th Mr. Crew – the School Attendance Officer called today at 11.30. The vicar visited in the afternoon and looked at the boy's drawings.

1896 June 24th The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 July 7th The School was inspected by the Reverend W. Walsh this morning at 10.00. Number present 81. Half holiday in the afternoon.

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1896 July 8th [Page 328] The Diocesan Report received this morning says:- "The older scholars have passed a very satisfactory examination and have done very well. The behaviour of the children was all that can be desired."
Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1896 July 9th On counting the scholars present this afternoon I found the numbers to correspond accurately with those previously registered.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1896 July 14th Yesterday morning Mrs. Newport was absent because not feeling well. The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 July 21st Monthly Examinations held this morning.

1896 July 22nd Mary Langridge who is a delicate child –subject to fits – is being employed in harvesting (see page 326th). The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 July 23rd Page 329] Mrs. Newport away today on account of sickness of herself and daughter. Charles was away on Monday through sickness.

1896 July 24th I have to record the difficulty experienced with regard to needlework material. Wool asked for on May 4th (through Mr. Hayward – see Page 323) has not yet been received.

During the hot days of the last few weeks the condition of the Infants Classroom has necessitated turning part or all of them (the children) into a shady part of the playground.

[Page 330] A blind ordered weeks ago has not yet been received. Reading sheets have been used to take the place of the requested blind.

1896 July 31st Mrs. Lewis began this afternoon to assist in the teaching of needlework. She will be employed only on Mondays and Fridays from 2.45 – 4. The need of her services is obvious from the fact that Mrs. Newport is held responsible for the Infants and the needlework of the Older Girls. (see page 335.)

1896 Aug 7th Received the wool required (as stated on Page 329).

1896 Aug 12th The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning. Mrs. Newport was away today unwell.

1896 Aug 13th Mrs. Newport away today.

1896 Aug 14th Closed School for six week's holiday.

1896 Sept 28th Re-opened School with a good attendance.

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1896 Sept 30th The vicar gave a Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 Oct 2nd Mrs. Newport was away today being unwell. The week's average is 70.7.

1896 Oct 7th -14th [Page 331] The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lessons on these mornings.

1896 Oct 16th I have this morning examined the School Registers and found them correct.

Richard W. Hayward.

Mrs. Newport was away from school today, having to go to Hastings. The week's attendance has been much affected by heavy rains.

1896 Oct 21st The vicar gave his Bible Lesson this morning.

1896 Oct 28th [Page 332] The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1896 Oct 30th This week's average has been improved by the weather and the efforts of the School Attendance Officer. It is 86th.

1896 Nov 4th The vicar gave his lesson.

1896 Nov 11th The vicar visited this afternoon and looked at the Suitable Occupation work going on at the time; also the papers of the previous day's Test Examination.

1896 Nov 16th The Sanitary Inspector examined the offices this morning. He pronounced them satisfactory. However, he called attention to the need of repair of a gully. His visit was due to the presence of Scarlet Fever at Akehurst Cottage, Hooe.

1896 Nov 16th John Lade sent home because the smell from him was dirty and very objectionable (3.30pm).

1896 Nov 18th [Page 333] The vicar gave his lesson this morning.

1896 Nov 20th Several boys absent this afternoon through a fox hunt in the neighbourhood. Several infants away today with colds.

1896 Nov 25th The vicar gave his lesson.

1896 Nov 27th Mr. R. W. Hayward visited this morning. At my request he inspected the exercise books which the children have been working in lately.

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1896 Dec 4th The past week's attendance has been badly affected by heavy rains.

1896 Dec 7th Some inconvenience was occasioned this morning by the amount of water that had found its way into the school through the attendances.

1896 Dec 9th [Page 334] I have this morning examined the School Registers and found them to correspond to the numbers previously accounted for - two of them present having arrived too late to be counted.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1896 Dec 16th The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning. On account of a concert to be given this evening the Registers were marked this afternoon by 1.30 and the school closed at 3.30.

1896 Dec 21st Mrs. Newport was away this morning.

1896 Dec 22nd Master E. Brand visited this morning to take measurements in preparation for a Concert.

1896 Dec 23rd Mrs. Newport away – gone to London for Christmas holiday.

1896 Dec 24th School closed for holiday.

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1897 Jan 4th School reopened with 72 present.

1897 Jan 6th [Page 335] The vicar gave his lesson this morning.

1897 Jan 11th Received notice of Drawing Examination. It is fixed for the 26 instant at 2pm. Form 8M was received on December 31st 1896.

1897 Jan 15th The week's average has much suffered through infant's colds.

1897 Jan 20th The vicar gave his lesson.

1897 Jan 22nd The Infants have been taught this week in the Main Room for most subjects, owing to the coldness of the Class Room. Many of them have been absent with bad colds. Schoolwork is more difficult with the Mixed and Infants working together. Mrs. Lewis (see page 331) does not intend to continue her services as Assistant Sewing Mistress. She declared this afternoon she is unable to instruct the girls as required by the Code.

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1897 Jan 25th Received notice from the Inspector of Drawing he could not conduct the Examination tomorrow as appointed.

1897 Jan 27th Drawing Examination fixed for February 3rd.

1897 Jan 29th Our School Year closed today showing an average attendance of 40 only. This low rate is due to the prevalence of mumps and colds.

1897 Feb 1st School opened with an attendance of 14 only, the disease of mumps having seized the other scholars.

1897 Feb 3rd The School was closed this afternoon on account of the mumps. The date suggested for reopening is the 15th instant. An examination in Drawing was conducted by a deputy for Mr. D. A. Fox. Only five boys were present. The vicar explained to the gentleman the circumstances of the school.

1897 Mar 1st [Page 337] The School was reopened this morning. The attendance was 58. the majority of the absentees were absent with mumps.

1897 Mar 5th this week's attendance has been satisfactory considering the sickness still about.

1897 Mar 10th The Drawing Report received today is: - "Good".

1897 Mar 18th I examined the Infants today. My opinion is their work is very satisfactory.
J. J. Newport

1897 Mar 19th Visited the School and compared Registers with attendance and found them correct.
Richard W. Hayward

[Page 338] I visited the School this morning and found the Children attentive but particularly shy.
J. E. Brand

1897 Mar 22nd I came in the p. m., bringing word to the Masters, to arrange for the Inspector's Visit, not on Friday next, (as he had looked forward to) but on Tuesday, March 30th, 9.35am.
Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1897 Mar 26th I examined the Stages this morning by sample. The result was generally good; although the tests were harder than those usually given by Government Inspectors.

1897 Mar 30th The School was inspected by Reverend H. G. Alington and his Assistant – Mr. Germain. The vicar was present the whole time. The children's behaviour was excellent.

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1897 Mar 31st The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning.

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List of Recitation for the Mixed Department 1897-8

Stage II	“Treasures of the Deep”	36 lines
	“Last Tree of Forest”	48 lines
	“Venice”	17 lines
		101 lines
Stage I	“A Hindu Fable”	48 lines

H. G. Alington

List of Object Lessons

Mixed Department
1897-8

1. China Tea – cup and saucer
2. A Pen nib
3. A Carriage Wheel
4. A Railway Carriage
5. Milk
6. Table Salt
7. Leather
8. Fur
9. Horns
10. Whalebone
11. Gutta Percha
12. Camphor

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13. The Camel
14. The Reindeer
15. Oxen
16. Sheep
21. Lessons
22. Stone Fruit
23. Lead
24. Zinc
25. Brass
17. The Turkey
18. Cat and Dog
19. Geese and Ducks
20. Peas and Beans
26. Quicksilver
27. Glass
28. Charcoal
29. Ice
30. Dew and Hoar frost

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List of Object Lessons

Infants' Department
1897 – 8

1. A book
2. A Penny
3. A Straw Hat
4. A Farmyard
5. A Bottle
6. A Kite
7. Ink
8. A Glass Tumbler
9. A Looking Glass
10. Inside of a House
11. A Yard Measure
12. Sheep
13. A Tiger
14. A Butterfly
15. A Horse
16. A Hen
17. A Robin
18. A Frog
19. A Tree

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20. An Orange
27. A Shoemaker's Shop

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| 21. A Potato | 28. A Post Office |
| 22. Soap | 29. Spring |
| 23. A Sponge | 30. The Sea Shore |
| 24. Bread | |
| 25. Sugar | |
| 26. Coal | |

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“Word Building” for the Mixed Department with “Brown’s Word Builders” – Standards I to IV

1897 Apr 5th Miss Jane Taylor began work here today as Monitress.

1897 Apr 14th Mr. Brand visited the school this afternoon.

1897 Apr 15th School closed for Easter Holiday – to reopen on 21st. instant.

1897 Apr 21st Small attendance this morning – weather somewhat unfavourable and Catsfield Races on today.

[Page 342] The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1897 Apr 22nd A holiday was given this afternoon on account of Mrs. Brand’s flower gathering.

The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Government Report – 1897. 17A/2899

Mixed School. The scholars are in fairly good order; but their attention is very easily diverted and they show little interest in their work. Both in respect of intelligence and accuracy the result of the examination is decidedly unsatisfactory. I have made every allowance for the late unfortunate closure, but I feel certain that the present want of efficiency is due to deficiency of staff. The Directress of Needlework reports that the specimens forwarded to her for inspection are good.

Infant’s Class. “The children are fairly instructed in the elementary subjects. The proposed division into two instead of three classes will probably improve the efficiency. General progress, however, has already been made since my last visit. There is still perhaps a little want of proper encouragement to observation during the Object Lessons, but the attention of the children is secured in these as well as in the Drill and Occupations.

The Directress of Needlework reports that the specimens forwarded to her for inspection are fair only. The accommodation of the infant’s room as it is at present is insufficient for the average attendance.

[Page 344] This should be at once remedied or the Grant next year will be endangered (Article 85 (a) of the Code).

E. H. Newport is continued under Article 68.

Unless a more favourable report on the Mixed School is received next year it may be necessary to warn that Department under Article 86 (1) of the Code.

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Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent 28.4.97

School Staff

John James Newport

Master

Emily Harriet Newport

Infant Mistress

(Jane Taylor – Monitress)

1897 Apr 30th This week's attendance has rather improved.

1897 May 3rd The Summary of Accounts for the Year ended January 31st 1897 was posted on the School door this morning.

1897 May 5th [Page 345] Half holiday in consequence of Wesleyan Anniversary Tea.

1897 May 17th Removed 'Summary of Accounts' from school door.

1897 May 20th Hooe Club Day – holiday given.

1897 May 25th Mrs. Brand visited this afternoon.

1897 June 3rd Frederick Sargent ran home in the playtime this afternoon. I went after him and brought him back. Finding he was incited to go home by Ernest Fuller I punished that boy.

1897 June 4th School closed for Whitsun holiday.

I visited the School this afternoon to check the Registers by the number of Scholars present and found that the numbers exactly corresponded.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1897 June 11th The vicar visited this morning.

1897 June 15th [Page 346] School Attendance Officer called this morning. School closed till the 28th instant on account of 'Diamond Jubilee' Celebrations.

1897 July 2nd This week's attendance has been very fair. The vicar called yesterday afternoon. Mr. Crew called this morning.

1897 July 5th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

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1897 July 8th The Diocesan Inspector examined the children this morning. 81 present. The vicar visited and remained to the end. Holiday in the afternoon.

1897 July 14th The Diocesan Inspection Report says:

The children sang well. Much care has been bestowed on them by Mr. and Mrs. Newport

[Page 347] A considerable increase in attendance this week has mainly resulted from the prompt action of the Attendance Officer in dealing with some irregulars.

1897 July 23rd Some infants are absent with Whooping Cough. Mrs. Newport assists to teaching the lowest class of older scholars during the afternoon leaving Jane Taylor in charge of Infants.

1897 July 26th/27th I sent home several children suffering with Whooping Cough.

1897 Aug 2nd A Holiday – Bank Holiday.

1897 Aug 3rd Only 55 present, including 15 infants.

This p. m. I checked the numbers of pupils registered by the numbers actually present; and found them to correspond.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1897 Aug 4th Mrs. Newport was away from School this morning – the children being sick with Whooping Cough.

1897 Aug 6th [Page 348] The School closed for six week's holiday. Only 35 (Mixed and Infants) in the afternoon.

1897 Sept 20th Re-opened school with only 27 children. Many are busy hop picking. Their work is expected to be over today, so we look for fair attendance in a day or two.

1897 Sept 22nd The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1897 Sept 23rd Having a sore throat this afternoon, I had to substitute slate work for oral lessons.

1897 Oct 1st The past week's attendance is a considerable improvement.

1897 Oct 5th Three children admitted today – Helen, Florence, and Victor Latter – are very backward.

1897 Oct 6th The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

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1897 Oct 8th Mr. Crew called this morning.

[Page 349] I examined all scholars present today. Mrs. Newport assists me with the older scholars now both morning and afternoon. Miss Jane Taylor has the help of the older girls, one at a time.
The number of infants attending is large; but more can reasonably be included.

1897 Oct 12th As often happens at such time a number of children are absent this afternoon through a hunt in the neighbourhood. Twelve more away in consequence.

1897 Nov 3rd The vicar gave his Scripture Lesson this morning.

1897 Nov 12th The attendance continues satisfactory owing to the fine weather.

1897 Nov 19th [Page 350] School work is going on to a satisfactory issue next February we trust. The work is certainly very hard – especially in the lowest class of Stage I, where quite a dozen remain – instead of being where they should – among the infants – simply on account of their age.

1897 Nov 23rd The play interval was not allowed this afternoon on account of a number of boys (almost ten) – locked out for late-coming – hanging about the premises to come in for their dinner-baskets.

1897 Dec 1st Received notice today the Drawing Examination will be held on Monday the 13th instant at 10am. The last Examination was on February 3rd.

1897 Dec 3rd & 6th [Page 351] Continued the Drawing lesson until 3.30.

1897 Dec 7th, 8th Substituted Drawing and Drill for ordinary school work because of the examinations coming on 13th instant.

1897 Dec 13th Drawing Examination by Mr. D. A. Fox. 32 boys present.

1897 Dec 23rd Mrs. Newport away from school – going to London for Christmas holidays.

1897 Dec 24th School closed for Christmas holidays – To reopen January 3rd or 4th.

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1898 Jan 4th The school commenced today with 78.

1898 Jan 12th The vicar gave his usual Scripture Lesson this morning.

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1898 Jan 18th Since Christmas Mrs. Newport has been instructing the Infants in the morning and J. Taylor in the afternoon.

[Page 352] The ordinary course of work was departed from this morning in order to give an opportunity to instruct the children how to enter their work on the examination paper.

Several scholars – especially girls – are absent with colds.

1898 Jan 19th Received this day from the Education Department (Form 17A C.V.S.) the announcement of Grant under S1 (4) of the Voluntary Schools Act: - viz. £40.19/- which “grant is made for the purpose of repairs and improvements; providing additional plant; and increasing staff.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

Same morning, I counted the numbers of scholars present, which answered accurately with the numbers previously registered. Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1898 Jan 24th I began school this morning feeling too unwell to be present.

1898 Jan 27th [Page 353] The vicar came this afternoon to enquire after my health; because yesterday evening he had a very poor opinion of it. I was able to inform him I was sufficiently recovered to continue at school.

1898 Jan 28th Several children are still away with colds. This afternoon 14 children came after the registers were closed – through hunting. I detained them half an hour after school to check them.

1898 Jan 31st End of School Year.

Averages	Mixed -	45.9
	Infants -	25.4

1898 Feb 8th The School was examined this morning by Mr. Alington and his assistant Mr. Germain. The vicar and Mr. Hayward were present.

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List of Object Lessons for '98 – '99

Infants

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| 1. A Watering Can | 2. A Chair |
| 3. A Ladder | 4. A Wheelbarrow |
| 5. A Knife | 6. A Boot |
| 7. A Clock Face | 8. A Cart |
| 9. A Lamp | 10. A Train |
| 11. A Pair of Spectacles | 12. A Hairbrush |
| 13. The Tea Table | 14. The Ostrich |
| 15. The Eagle | 16. Singing Birds |
| 17. A Pig | 18. The Donkey |
| 19. The Goat | 20. A Garden |
| 21. The Daisy | 22. Haymaking |
| 23. Clothing | 24. A Piece of Flannel |

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| 25. The Hand | 26. A Soldier |
| 27. The Ploughman | 28. A Postman |
| 29. A Butcher's Shop | 30. A Baker's Shop |
| 31. Summer | |

H. G. Alington

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Mixed

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| 1. A table | 2. Pins |
| 3. A book | 4. A Pain of Scales |
| 5. A Window | 6. Coffee |
| 7. Cocoa | 8. Olive Oil |
| 9. Silk | 10. Bones |
| 11. Ivory | 12. Glue |
| 13. The Moon | 14. India Rubber |
| 15. Pigeons | 16. The Atmosphere |
| 17. The Thermometer | 18. Hares and Rabbits |
| 19. Carrots and Parsnips | 20. Oranges |
| 21. Currants | 22. Copper |
| 23. Tin | 24. Chalk and Lime |
| 25. Wood | 26. Snow |
| 27. Hail | 28. Heat |
| 29. The Pulley | 30. The Screw |

H. G. Alington

Selection for Recitation

Stage 1. "Sunshine and Shower" – 60 lines

Stage 11 "Curfew shall not ring tonight" - 112 lines

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Scheme for History

Stage 11 From 1066 – 1485

A) Stories:-

1. "The Norman Conquest of England"
2. "The New Forest"
3. "The White Ship"
4. "He Never Smiled Again"
5. "Richard the Lion Heart"
6. "King John and the Great Charter"
7. "Crowned with a Bracelet"
8. "The Battle of Bannockburn"
9. "The First Prince of Wales"
10. "Prince of Wales' Feathers"
11. "Joan of Arc"
12. "The Princes in the Tower"

B) Characters:-

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| 1. Anselon | 2. Roger Bacon |
| 3. Beckett | 4. Caxton |
| 5. Edward, The Black Prince | 6. Hereward the Wake |

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| 7. Hotspur | 8. Simon Montfort |
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9. Sir John Hardcastle 10. Wat Tyler
11. Warwick, The King Maker 12. John Wycliffe

Arithmetic and Geography according to Schedule "S" of the Code

H. G. Alington 8.11.98

1898 Feb 22nd The School was closed this afternoon on account of a concert in the evening.

1898 Feb 25th The attendance this week has been very irregular. School commenced on Wednesday with several less than Tuesday morning. On Friday afternoon no less than 42 children were absent. Hunting partly accounts for this.

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Mixed School. "Spelling, Composition, and Arithmetic are extremely poor, and the Reading in some cases is fast, careless and almost inaudible. No knowledge of History has been shown, and the Object Lesson teaching which has been mainly on appeal to memory, - the provision of apparatus being very deficient, - has altogether failed to secure the interest of the classes. The boys have learnt something from their lessons on Geography but have not an intelligent grasp of the subject. The order is in some respects fairly good, but there has been at least one case of copying and the children are inclined to be talkative. There is much want of neatness in the exercise books and copy books. There has been no slackness on the part of the Head Teacher, but he evidently requires help, and he has apparently classified many children beyond their capabilities. The aid grant ought to be partly used in strengthening the staff. Unless better results are shown next year it will be necessary to recommend the issue of a warning."

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Infants Class "The children are backward in the elementary subjects. Fairly good methods are adopted in teaching the lower division, except in writing, where want of success is mainly due to improperly ruled slates. More pattern teaching is required in the Reading lessons of the First Division, as well as some oral work with the blackboard in Numbers. The attention of the older children is fairly secured in the Object Lessons, but they do not interest the babies' class. The Drill is suitable and fairly effective. Singing by note should improve. The gallery should be furnished with desks, and a Teacher's desk provided. More suitably ruled slates must be used."

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School Staff:-

John James Newport Head Teacher
Emily Harriet Newport Assistant

1898 Feb 28th The Copy of School Accounts for 1897-8 was posted on the school door today.

1898 Mar 2nd A holiday this afternoon to prepare for School Treat this evening.

1898 Mar 8th Messrs. Brand and Hayward visited the school this morning.

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1898 Mar 18th Material ordered for the school comes in by instalments from the Railway Station – the last is a portfolio of maps. Slates and books have not yet arrived.

1898 Mar 24th This afternoon I have compared the number of pupils present with the number registered and find them to correspond accurately.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1898 Mar 25th [Page 362] No school was held today. The snow storms prevented all the children (except five boys) from presenting themselves.

1898 Mar 28th Mrs. Newport is unable to attend school. Two monitors are put in charge during her absence.

1898 Mar 29th Mr. Hayward visited this morning.

1898 Apr 7th The school closed this morning for the Easter Holiday,

1898 Apr 18th School reopened with 72 children.

1898 Apr 20th The vicar gave a Scripture Lesson this morning.

1898 Apr 21st A holiday this afternoon for Mrs. Brand's annual Flower gathering.

1898 Apr 26th The children were addressed this morning by the Rev. W. J. Watking of St. Cuthbert's Church, London.

1898 Apr 29th [Page 363] A Mission has been held in the village this week. The average attendance is the best since November 13th 1896.

1898 May 1st School closed – Hooe Fair (See page 301)

1898 May 2nd Mrs. Newport returned to school. Holiday in afternoon – Wesleyan Sunday School Treat. (See page 345).

1898 May 4th Was compelled to cane Arthur Lewis after repeated warning. Father complained of me cutting the boy's hand. His brother William declares he had a 'bladder' there which broke with a stroke of the cane.

1898 May 13th The attendance has suffered through heavy rains during the last fortnight. Several children having left we are reduced to 87 scholars.

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1898 May 19th Hooe Club Feast – a holiday.

1898 May 20th 37 (Mixed and Infants) only present this morning.

1898 May 20 [Page 364] This week's attendance has been the poorest since the third week in April 1897. (See pages 341, 342).

1898 May 27th School closed for Whitsun Holiday.

1898 June 1st School reopened.

1898 June 3rd Attendance this week poor.

1898 June 6th Posted up notice of Diocesan Inspection, fixed for July 8th.

1898 July 8th The Scripture Examination was held this morning by the Rev. W. Walsh. 71 present. His report is: "The children sang very well. Mr. and Mrs. Newport deserve much commendation for their admirable teaching."

A holiday was given in the afternoon.

1898 July 14th This morning's attendance is 29 Mixed Department and 31 Infants. The attendance has been – for weeks past – affected by the need of labourers for the farms.

[Page 365] Men who formerly worked on the land are now engaged in brick-making, which affords them higher wages. Farmers have but two alternatives:- pay higher wages and employ men or employ school boys, who are not big enough for the demands of brick-makers. The school registers obviously show their choice.

1898 July 15th A forty minute Temperance Lecture was given this afternoon by Miss Saunders of the Church of England. Temperance Society. Her lecture was illustrated by experiments.

1898 July 20th The attendance yesterday was much affected by Ninfield Foresters Fete. Only 44 in the afternoon.

1898 July 22nd Several children have been away at work this week.

1898 July 29th [Page 366] I have this day tested the week's totals in all the registers, and find them correct.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1898 Aug 1st Bank Holiday.

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1898 Aug 8th The vicar and one of his cousins visited the school this morning.

1898 Oct 5th The school was not opened on Monday, as the state of the schoolrooms prevented that being done. A start was made today; but the desks only are available for use.

1898 Oct 6th The Infant's schoolroom has been scrubbed and got ready today.

1898 Oct 10th School commenced in earnest today. The rooms are well whitewashed, painted and coloured. Object Lessons pictures and maps are cleaned and replaced on the walls.

[Page 367] The Infants' gallery desks were put up a few days before the summer holiday. They will be stained and vanished in a few days.

1898 Oct 11th The head teacher was absent this morning, being obliged to be in Battle at 11 o'clock.

1898 Oct 18th Four boys played truant this afternoon – T. Noakes, W. Sargeant, W. Lewis, A. Lewis. Another – E. Cramp – seems to have done the same. I hope to see the parents about the matter.

1898 Oct 21st Heavy rains caused poor attendance today.

1898 Oct 27th This afternoon I have tested the numbers for the day entered in the Registers; and found them quite correct.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1898 Nov 4th Heavy rains have lowered this week's average attendance.

1898 Nov 11th Mrs. Newport has been prevented from due performance of her duties this week by sickness at home.

1898 Nov 15th [Page 368] Feeling unwell with an affection of the heart. I have set the children to such work as will least try me, still keeping to the Time Table.

1898 Nov 18th I find myself better today – the result of rest and dietary treatment. I may record I have been very busy lately; schoolwork has been very harassing and the ill-timed, false charges of an irate parent after church last Sunday morning exhausted my strength.

1898 Nov 21st Last Saturday I got a doctor to examine my heart, He pronounced it sound, but excited in action through worry. He ordered me to rest as much as possible for a few weeks.

1898 Nov 28th [Page 369] Attendance this morning is much lower owing to heavy rains. I am feeling much better this morning.

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1898 Dec 9th Several cases of chicken pos have been found among the scholars.

1898 Dec 15th This afternoon I have counted the pupils present and find that the number corresponds to that previously registered.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

1898 Dec 22nd School closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

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1899 January 2nd School reopened with 55 scholars - three newcomers admitted. Weather wet.

1899 January 6th The Vicar brought Form IX and visited the school this afternoon.

1899 January 7th Mrs Newport was away from school throughout last week from Tuesday morning on account of sickness of the children (influenza).

1899 January 12th Heavy rains reduced this morning's attendance to 27 (Mixed and Infants).

1899 January 20th The past week's attendance has been much lowered especially in the Infants School by colds and other sickness.

1899 January 27th With the frosty healthy weather of this week we have a much better attendance -- 18 higher than last -- equal to the last week (the best) in last July.

I have received the registers for the new school year and form 61.

1899 February 3rd The school was closed this afternoon for cleaning.

1899 February 8th

School examined by Rev H. G. Hington and Mr Germain. Number present 77.

The Vicar and Mr Hayward visited.

1899 February 17th Received this morning one box of new books for this year's work.

1899 February 24th Nothing particular to note this week.

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1899 March 1st The Vicar visited bringing the report with him. Registers marked in the afternoon soon after assembly and closed by 1:45. The school dismissed at 3: 45 to allow the head teacher to get to Bexhill for a meeting at 4: 30.

1899 March 2nd

Pasted summary of accounts on school door. Removed it on March 23rd.

Recitation 1899 -- 1900

Stage II - "The Shepherd -- Poet of the Alps"

Stage I - "Joy of Emigration"

History -- Stage II - Stories

The Reformation

The Spanish Armada

The gunpowder plot

The Pilgrim Fathers

The Civil War

The Hampton Court Conference

Biographies

Cardinal Wolsey

Archbishop Cranmer

Mary, Queen of Scots

Henry VIII -- Shakespeare

Lady Jane Grey

Sir Francis Drake

Sir Walter Raleigh

Queen Mary Elizabeth

James I

Charles I

Object Lessons -- First Year's Course -- as on pages 316, 317, with four changes.

School worked according to scheme 'S', except Arithmetic, scheme 'B'.

Governor's Report dated February 27th 1899

Mixed School

"The spelling is very poor still. Arithmetic is improving but is still very week in the fourth standard. Reading and Recitation are as a a monotonous and an intelligent but they show some promise in the lower division of the school.

In all oral work the answering his left to a few willing children and a large proportion of each class appears to have little interest in the lessons.

The intelligent interest of all must be secured if real progress is to be made.

Nevertheless, there is undoubtedly some improvement since last year. The grant for singing by note will not be recommended next year unless the upper division is much better able to pass the tests."

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Infants Class

The elements are taught with very fair success but the children of the first division are unequal in Reading, some being still very backward. The deficiency of Reading books, which must not be allowed in future, is no doubt to a great extent the cause of this weakness. Answering in sentences ought to be more encouraged. The Action Singing and Drill are entered into with fair precision of movement."

E. H. Newport is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

School Staff -- John James Newport, Emily Harriet Newport.

Cuthbert Routh, Correspondent

March 1st 1899

1899 March 7th Mr R. W. Hayward, a Manager, visited this afternoon.

1899 March 10th . "This afternoon I checked the number of pupils by the register, which I found quite correct."

Cuthbert Routh

1899 March 14th

Annie Foster is absent with measles.

Ernest Collins had his right eye-lid cut by the school bell this morning as a boy was ringing it in the playground. I sent him home because I considered the wound too serious for him to do any work in school.

1899 March 18th The Vicar showed me today My Lords' notice intimating the school year will in future terminate in February. My Lords require the next returns to cover thirteen months in order to include the month of February.

1899 March 21st Twelve months since a carpenter was asked to put up a cupboard. On two occasions he measured the space for it. The order was substantially repeated a few weeks ago but the work has not been attempted yet.

Influenza is the main cause of absence of scholars lately.

1899 March 22nd Owing to a fall of snow, this morning's attendance is only 36.

1899 March 24th The classroom has proved itself to be insufficiently heated by the stove in it. During the last few days it has been bitterly cold in there. The attendance officer called this morning.

1899 March 29th The Vicar visited the school this afternoon.

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1899 April 10th School reopened after a week's holiday (Easter).

1899 April 12th School began at 9:45, the interval from 9 o'clock being occupied in getting the room ready for school (after a concert last night).

1899 April 17th Admitted Elsie Russell this morning. She is very backward and not promising as a scholar.

1899 April 19th Tomorrow and in future I propose taking the school lessons on Wednesday mornings in the same order as on other mornings of the week, unless the vicar notifies his intention of taking the Scripture lesson at 11:30.

1899 April 21st This week's attendance has been good up to today. Much rain, however, has kept scholars away today lowering the average for the week by 4.5. The attendance officer called this morning.

1899 April 28th This has been an encouraging week.

1899 May 1st Hooe Fair Day -- school close as is customary.

1899 May 2nd Wesleyan Sunday School treat -- holiday in the afternoon as usual.

1899 May 8th School closed on account of Hooe Club Day.

1899 May 9th I regret to have to record that a fourth desk (out of the six galley desks) was broken this morning. The mischief is evidently done by someone sitting in the desk but who the person is remains a mystery as also when the damage is done.

1899 May 10th The Vicar visited this morning.

1899 May 12 The attendance officer called this morning.

1899 May 15th This afternoon I have counted pupils present and find that the number corresponds to that previously registered.

Cuthbert Routh

1899 May 19th School closed Whitsun holiday.

1899 May 24th School reopened.

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1899 May 29th Charlotte Wilmshurst was understood to have left together with her neighbour (at Why down) Annie Tester.

1899 May 30th I am compelled to remove Alfred Taylor from the Infants Room where he is a nuisance. Having crushed one of his fingers he is debarred from writing, et al., and is into mischief continually. He is outside with me.

1899 June 2nd Several children are absent this afternoon being gone to the Volunteer Inspection at Ninfield.

1899 June 5th I have difficulty in getting the ages of children. Two cases -- Charles Brett and Alice Pocock -- have been unsettled for months. I am making renewed enquiries.

1899 June 6th Bertha Pocock was unwell through the heat this morning (75° in the shade). I sent her home by Frank Pocock.

1899 June 8th No school today. More than half were found this morning to have gone with the Wesleyan Sunday scholars to Cooden. The few who assembled were sent home.

1899 June 13th Edith Lusted, of whom the inspector last February remarked as deficient in intelligent, is said by her father to have learnt nothing in the last four years.

1899 June 16th Scripture Examination held this morning by Rev Walter Walsh. Attendance 73. The Vicar was present.

1899 June 19th The following is the report. The highest marks (VGA) has been gained in the eight subjects of the Mixed Division. In the Infants three subjects are awarded VG and the other three G.

"The children have been taught carefully. The Infants Division should do better. The singing was very good and a good tone pervades the whole school."

1899 June 22nd Carrie Moore yesterday visited me of her brother who is suffering with diphtheria and came to school this morning. I sent her home with a note asking for an assurance in writing that she was not exposed to infection then. In the course of the morning her mother came to see me being annoyed with my action. She left me, saying, "I shall keep my child now till you are pleased to send for her."

1899 June 26th The above case was only settled by an interview with the doctor attending the sick brother. The girl returned to school this morning.

1899 June 30th I sent home Lizzie Ockenden this morning because of the objectionable condition of her hair. Owing to complaints, Mrs Newport had interviewed her grandmother (with whom she lives) the day before and no improvement was apparent.

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(Later) The grandfather said he removed half-a-dozen himself last night and then thought other children should be sent home. But he could not name one who was similarly affected.

1899 July 3rd The above child is absent this morning. It is very striking that last week's average attendance was 10 lower than the previous weeks mainly through sore throats. One boy, who lives in the same house as Carrie Moore (see opposite page) was about all last week and is still absent this morning, from that cause.

1899 July 6th A thunderstorm has reduced this afternoon's attendance to 51.

1899 July 10th Lizzie Ockenden returned to school this morning.

1899 July 12 According to custom a holiday was given (this afternoon) on account of Ninfield Club Day.

1899 July 13th The Hooks are absent owing to measles in the family.

1899 July 21st The 'measles' mentioned above proved to be a rash only so the children were allowed to return to school last Monday.

1899 July 24th Mr Hayward called this morning. I am giving special attention to some scholars who are to sit for a Labour Certificate at Wartling Hill on Monday next.

1899 July 26th Very, very cold this afternoon.

1899 July 31st Five scholars -- Emily Brett, Eliza Bryant, Lily Hutchinson, Margary Lewis, and William Jenner -- are being examined today for Proficiency Certificates at Wartling Hill.

1899 August 7th Bank Holiday - School closed.

1899 August 9th Received today result of proficiency Certificate Exam at Wartling. It is as follows: -

	<i>Schoolmaster's prediction was:</i>					
	R	W	A	R	W	A
Brett, Emily	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryant, Elizabeth	O	O	X	?	O	X
Hutchinson, Lily	X	O	X	X	O	X
Jenner, William	X	O	O	?	O	?
Lewis, Margery	X	X	X	X	X	X

[? = There was a faint hope of a pass]

[*JWN's Note* - "R" = Reading; "W" = Writing; "A" = Arithmetic]

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1899 August 11th The school closed this morning for six weeks holiday -- to September 25th.

1899 September 25th School reopened this morning with a total of 46 scholars.

1899 September 29th This week's attendance has been much affected by heavy rains.

1899 October 2nd This p.m. I checked the number of pupils present, by the register previously recorded, which I found perfectly correct.

Cuthbert Routh

1899 October 6th This week's attendance has improved. We are now settled down to work again.

1899 October 11th Today Mr Munn in an offensive manner charged me with cutting his son Ernest's hand with the cane, etc. It transpired the hand was sore in one part and the place was accidentally made to bleed in playing with his hoop, as witnessed by Alfred Taylor and others. The other part of this complaint was falsehood. What I did during the morning was to administer one stroke on each hand, mildly, as a deterrent to reflect on his, and other scholar's part, of the teacher's orders. No hurt was nor could be done by what I did.

1899 October 13th The attendance this week has risen to the same percentage as the corresponding week of last year -- viz 89.

No sickness exists among the scholars, the weather is pleasant, school work is going on with a display of earnestness quite refreshing here and hope of success is bright. Many things, however, are still needed before the school can be thoroughly efficient.

1899 October 16th James Taylor had excited a little spirit of insubordination by informing some of his colleagues he would kick the schoolmaster if he caned him. This was duly announced by some youngsters this morning. Of necessity I had to cane the boy to demonstrate the futility of defying my authority. I, afterwards, led him by the collar to the Infants to show them there was no soundness in his boast. He claims that in doing so I broke a buttonhole of the collar. As there was no sign of such a thing after he went to his seat and he did not find it out till an hour or so afterwards it seems doubtful if I did.

1899 October 20th The past fortnight's attendance has been steady.

1899 October 24th Eleven boys were absent this afternoon on account of a hare-hunt in the country.

1899 October 27th Heavy rain has decreased the attendance.

1899 October 30th Heavy rain this morning lowered the attendance to 43 and prevented the monitor coming.

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1899 November 6th This morning's attendance was only 27 on account of heavy rains. This afternoon I admitted Victoria Adams, six years old. I find her very backward, not able even to tell the letters.

I am writing to the Attendance Officer about Alice Pocock who was admitted a scholar last March but who has made only 12 attendances up to date. Her mother has said she proposes sending her again after Christmas yet she was five years old last October (last month). See page 380.

I find the effect of the rains last week upon attendance was the same as the third week in April last. See page 377.

1899 November 22nd Visited the school T. G. Germain

At his visit Mr Germain suggested forming the whole school into two groups for reading (as scheme "S" allows). This plan I have well tried before but gave up as impracticable (with the children I then had) and found the subdivisions required simply brought me back to the standards.

1899 November 24th Mrs Newport has been absent all the week from "depression" and influenza. The doctor advises she shall not return to school till Wednesday and if her health does not improve that she shall relinquish school work altogether.

1899 November 27th Today, I dispatched to the inspector several schemes for grouping under schedule "S". In 1895 the divisions were arranged thus: --

Group 'A' - Standards I to III; Group 'B' - Standards IV to VI. This plan led to a number of subdivisions and was beset with difficulties in working. I am seeking now to Group I and II, III and IV, and to work a Two Years Course in each subject possible.

1899 November 29th Mrs Newport came to school today but the doctor warns her to take care of herself and condemns the classroom as unhealthy.

1899 November 30th The inspector's approval of my schemes received this morning. He writes sympathetically advising my wife to take care of herself.

1899 December 4th Today, I begin with Reading according to the new scheme. The following Readers have been chosen for use to the end of February: -

I	(Palmer Rdrs Std I, II	(Palmer Rdrs Std III
	(Chambers Geog Std II	(Chambers Hist Std IV

1899 December 7th This Morning I Received Timetable And Drawing Scheme Approved by the Inspector. I hear record the monitress -- Jane Taylor -- is expected every morning at 9:45 but ever since she has been here she has arrived late as a rule. I informed her last week I should have to record her late coming to no change has yet taken place. Her lateness has often upset the working of the school as I have had to readjust the work in the course of the first lesson to find her something to do.

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1899 December 13th Colds have lowered this week's attendance. Mrs Newport is not very well.

1899 December 22nd School closed today till Wednesday January 3rd for Christmas holiday.

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1900 January 3rd School reopened this morning and 62 scholars. I find eleven window panes cracked and four broken during the holiday. The high winds are partly responsible for this.

1900 January 10th I feel it my duty, though a very unpleasant one, to record that the late coming of the additional teacher and the monitor, compels me to leave the Scripture instruction of the Infants in the charge of girls from the higher standards. I hope to be able to record that the effect of their knowing I have made this entry will be to improvement in their fulfilment of their school duties in this respect.

1900 January 11th The monitor is away this morning, being unwell.

1900 January 12th The doctor considers the monitor is suffering from indigestion and influenza.

1900 January 16th Mr H called this PM

1900 January 19th Attendance this week shows improvement.

1900 January 26th Heavy rains and sickness have affected the school part of the week, especially Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning is also usually the time for fetching medicine from Boreham, resulting in many absentees from school.

1900 January 30th I visited the school for the purpose of checking the accuracy of the number of pupils registered. Upon counting the number present, I find the registers quite correct. Cuthbert Routh.

1900 January 31st The registers show the past years attendance to have been the best since 1884 yet it is but 80.5.

I have hitherto referred to the case of Alice Pocock (p 390). The girl is still away from school. Although I have written to them the Attendance Committee seem to have done nothing in the matter. Her sister, Maud, could not read when she left school at 13 and her sister, Bertha, who is over 10 years of age, is in standard I. I fear Alice Pocock's future is not very "rosy" -- educationally at least.

In the doctor's opinion, Jane Taylor, is not likely to be able to return to her school duties for several weeks yet -- perhaps months.

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1900 February 1st School closed this morning for the annual cleaning -- two reopen on Monday next, February 5th.

1900 February 16th Much rain, sleet and snow have lowered the attendance. On Wednesday morning last only 19 were present.

1900 February 19th A new stove has been supplied for the main room. Unfortunately, for the comfort of the children and the progress of the work in cold weather, it is a no.2 size instead of a no. 4, which the size and circumstances of the room demand. I have suggested it shall take the place of the open (and almost useless) grate of the classroom; another and larger stove being got for the large room.

I am pleased with the pleasure and interest the boys are showing in their drawing nail, which is according to the syllabus drawn up by the master and approved by Her Majesty's Inspector.

1900 February 20th Visited this school – Article 84b - J. G. Germain

I think it well to record several points on which the inspector made observation. These are: --

- 1) the school rooms are not sufficiently warmed -- the stove being too small for the purpose (the inspector had to put on his overcoat and hat during the interval between the two sessions),
 - 2) he advised the master to record the temperature in each room during cold weather,
 - 3) the need of repairs to the infants desks was pointed out (he stated the desks were well-suited and strong enough for the purpose for which they were made but had evidently been badly used),
 - 4) expressed himself as afraid to monitor was little help to me,
 - 5) enquired for logbook entries of expenditure of Aid Grant,
 - 6) commented on the state of the school fence and the delay in repair in all renewing it,
 - 7) asked for more actual teaching and attention to singing tests (except song tests) and children's formation of letters in writing,
 - 8) and expressed his opinion the schemes lately introduced for the three Rs by the master had already worked improvement and that the schemes he is now preparing for the class subjects would also prove successful.
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1900 February 26th Owing to the state in which the school rooms were left by the promotion of a Patriotic Concert on Friday last school did not commence this morning till 9:40. I hope the managers will enquire into the matter for I found on arrival this morning that desks had been left anywhere, ink had been upset, plaster of the partition between the rooms broken by trying to get nails to hold in it, an infant's desk broken down, the new cupboards scratched and soiled with dirty boots of lads who sat on the tops of them, object lesson pictures knocked down, paraffin oil spilt on a form and on the floor, and other marks of utter disregard for the school appearance and apparatus.

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1900 March 2nd Half holiday giving this afternoon to commemorate the relief of Ladysmith. National anthem was sung and cheers given before closing.

1900 March 8th This afternoon's attendance was reduced by visit of Imperial Yeomanry (en route to Battle). 38 present.

1900 March 13th "I received this morning form 17A (V. G.), announcing a Supplemental Aid Grant of £5 towards Repairs already executed." Cuthbert Routh (also counted register)

1900 March 16th Mrs Newport has for some time been suffering from neuralgia. Yesterday and today she has been absent from school on account of the pain.

1900 March 26th Government Report

The government report received last Saturday is as follows: --

Mixed school

"There is some improvement in Reading and the drill is good. In other respects the school is bordering on inefficiency and unless there is decided improvement a warning will be issued next year. The children are untidy in their work and seem to have acquired slothful habits of mind. These are fostered by some of the methods adopted. Cram books must be discarded and brisk healthy teaching given. At present the Elementary Science and History Lessons fail to secure interest. Those on Geography are only a little better."

Infants Class

"The work in this room is fairly satisfactory. During oral lessons the Mistress must manage to secure answers from each individual of the class. At present a few brisk children are allowed to monopolise the answering. The room is not satisfactorily warmed."

Staff JJ Newport, Mrs Newport, Jane Taylor

C R Routh

The above report is another of the list which -- in referring to the mixed school -- contains comments on the work in my care of the kind to which I have not been before subject. These are of a fault finding character, and distinctly unfair to children and teacher alike. There are things in the school which need remedying. These have been and are receiving my strenuous efforts to remove. But when the report says without exception "the children are untidy in their work" it is not presenting the whole truth and when it ambiguously refers to methods fostering slothful habits of mind and to "Cram books" which "must be discarded" it is obviously so far based upon evils more imagined than real.

1900 April 8th

My comments on the previous page may be taken as reflecting upon the Inspector's capability and character. For that reason I would gladly erase them, if that were permissible.

I trust my rashness may be pardoned for at the time I was crushed with the apparent hopelessness of my hard labour here on behalf of the school. With a "good conscience towards God" I can claim to be -- as a former testimonial states -- "methodical and painstaking" in my work and to ascribe my want of success mainly to the circumstances under which I am unfortunately working.

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With the stir occasioned by the report I do hope next year will show a great change for the better.

The attendance has fallen during the past fortnight. Coughs and other sickness are causing trouble.

I am glad to be able to record Her Majesty's Inspector has approved the schemes for the Class Subjects. Also, that our monitress is doing much better than ever before.

1900 April 9th The Vicar visited the school today both morning and afternoon, spending altogether about four hours here.

1900 April 10th

Last night one of our girls died from haemorrhage on the brain (Edith Lusted). She has always shown herself of weak constitution. Her voice was inaudible; she was slow to give answers and her answers displayed a feeble intellect. We miss her quiet inoffensive and simple presence.

1900 April 12th School closed this afternoon for the Easter Holiday -- till Wednesday. The week's attendance has been poor.

1900 April 18th School reopened with a total of only forty-eight scholars.

1900 April 20th This week's percentage of attendance is 57 only.

1900 April 26

I paid a visit to the school during the writing and dictation. I also checked the accuracy of the Registers by the number of pupils present: the Registers were correct.

At the above visit, I called the Vicar's attention to the careless writing of James Taylor and Levi Noakes.

Cuthbert Routh

1900 April 27th

An improvement has been made this week in the attendance. I am glad to report there are signs of interest in the Elementary Science Lessons. With a renewed attempt to establish a school Museum I trust this subject will greatly improve.

There is also a very hopeful change in the Geography and History.

The Vicar's visits without notice are decidedly helpful. On such occasions he looks into the children's work and I am able to bring under his immediate notice the work of particular children and the needs of the school. The work of erecting a new fence was put into a carpenter's hands yesterday.

1900 May 1st Holiday today on occasion of Annual Fair.

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1900 May 3rd Half holiday on account of Annual flower gathering.

1900 May 11th - Some improvement in attendance this week but several children are absent with influenza. Many children are now showing intelligence. I trust they will maintain and show this characteristic at the Inspector's visit.

1900 May 15th Closed school this afternoon on account of Wesleyan Sunday School Treat.

1900 May 17th School closed today on account of Hooe Club Fête.

1900 May 18th

Owing to the fête yesterday, only half the children are present this morning. Many of these are unfitted for work by the excitement of yesterday. It was under similar circumstances we were visited by the Inspector on February 20th. During the last few days I have made a renewed attempt to form a School Museum. I have asked a carpenter to make me a glazed door for a cupboard and have sent for and received specimens for use. Materials acquired in time gone by are becoming useless for want of a proper place to present them. I hope the Managers will see their way to grant my repeated request for a case for objects.

1900 May 25th The school was closed today in commemoration of Her Majesty's birthday.

1900 June 11th This week's attendance has been affected by rain. Yesterday I held an examination. Today the school closes for the Whitsun Holiday.

1900 June 11th

School reopened. Having suffered much from neuralgia during the past week and been still afflicted with it I have not felt very capable of doing good work.

1900 June 14th On account of the Annual Wesleyan Chapel Excursion school was closed today.

1900 June 15th

Yesterday's treat and rain this morning have lowered our attendance. Among our absentees are: --

John Lade -- 7 weeks	)	From St. Vitus' Dance
Edith Carey -- 17 weeks	)	From St. Vitus' Dance
Fred Mitchell -- 4 weeks	)	Pneumonia
Alice Bryant -- 7 weeks	)	Influenza and Pneumonia
Florence Cornford -- 5 weeks	)	Influenza and Pneumonia
George Neve -- 9 weeks)	Influenza and Pneumonia

others who have been absent through sickness are: --

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Horace Collins -- 6 weeks)	Influenza et al
Mary Marwick -- 3 weeks)	Influenza et al
Alice Marwick -- 3 weeks	)	Influenza et al
Gladys Pocock -- 6 weeks	)	Heart Affection
Ida Vitler -- 7 weeks	)	Colds
Charlotte Wilmshurst -- 6 weeks	)	Colds
Agnes Munn -- 6 weeks	)	Influenza
Albert Grant -- 6 weeks	)	Colds
Gordon Lewis -- 4 weeks	)	Colds
William Pocock -- 4 weeks	)	Colds
Lizzie Ockenden -- 5 weeks	)	Rheumatic Fever
Alice Pocock -- 7 weeks	)	Croop
Harriet Wilmshurst -- 10 weeks	)	Croop

The above works out to an average of six weeks absence for each of 19 scholars (ab't 1/4 of whole)

1900 June 20th

School closed this afternoon. This morning the diocesan inspector examined the children. 67 scholars and the Vicar present. Certificates were awarded as follows: --

Excellent Jas Taylor, Thos Sinden, Irene Newport

Very Good Arthur Lewis, Frank Vitler, Hettie Mitchell, Ho Sinden, Walter Noakes

Good Alf Jenner, Mary Munn, Horace Collins, Edgar Taylor, Nellie Brett, Alf Taylor, Wm Pocock.

The Report runs:

"The children sung well and they have been taught with care."

1900 Jul 2nd Today we had a visit (his first here) from Mr F. Witcomb, the Organising Visitor.

1900 Jul 11th The school was closed this afternoon on account of Ninfield Forrester's Fete.

1900 Jul 13th The following is the Organising Visitor's "criticism": -

"I had a larger number of children than I expected on a wet day. The general attendance of the children is not as regular as it should be. Mr Newport reported only 71% last quarter. Grant depends much on attendance and Mr Newport's task would be easier if there were greater regularity. I suggest that a scheme of weekly tickets -- followed by prizes at the end of the year -- would be very profitable. Details of excellent schemes may be got from St Wilfred's School, Haywards Heath and Holy Trinity, Hastings.

The children were in very good order when under Mr Newport's care. But I am sorry to say that the monitress has no idea of keeping order by herself. Her style is not nearly vigorous enough. This was painfully evident when she had charge of the Infants. After careful consideration I feel it is true kindness to recommend the appointment of a much more qualified assistant -- (one who has been a pupil teacher). H. M. inspector will I am sure not be able to sanction the continuance of the monitress (as article 68). She would be wisely transferred to a school where she could get training as a pupil teacher, both in her own interests and for the sake of the school. I could not discover any aptitude for teaching or discipline in the monitress. I have the greatest regret in saying this but it is a duty.

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I do not propose to write down the points I found it possible to discuss during my visit. A first to visit must be largely occupied in making acquaintance with all the circumstances.

A few suggestions occurred about the work I saw: --

- 1) Reading will be better if arranged for the groups at different times. More pattern reading is wanted. There was no mental effort in the class of the monitress.
- 2) All slate writing should be discontinued. Paperwork throughout is of the greatest importance (Std I may be excepted).
- 3) The same remark applied to arithmetic, which was well done on slates.
- 4) The Museum just made by Mr Newport is a great gain and will allow of more 'objects' being used for the lessons. The illustrations made for Geography, et al, are very good indeed.
- 5) The teaching of needlework would be greatly aided by diagrams and a frame for teaching the stitches.
- 6) The Infants would be much better worked in two classes only.
- 7) Another blackboard is much wanted for infants work.
- 8) I made some suggestions about Object Lessons.

Large pictures (such as those of the S. P. C. K.) are necessary. Books on Blackboard Sketching (Macmillan's "Observation Lessons") are wanted for teacher's use (Parts 1, 2, 3 -- 1/6 each).

I do not see any reason why this should not be a successful school under Mr Newport. But there are many things needed and it is to be hoped the chief will be supplied speedily. At a future visit I shall hope to spend more time with the children themselves as I now understand the special circumstances.

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The rooms want good deal of improvement. The classroom would be much more convenient if the gallery were taken away and suitable infants desks (Jarrett's "Croydon") put on the floor instead. Some of the school desks are very rickety and unwieldy. One had to be propped up with a stick. Renewal is necessary. The playground and urinal were very sloppy and want repairing. The fencing (new) is very good. The windows of the boy's lobby and at the top of the classroom ought to swing open.

The heating of the classroom is very defective and must affect attendance badly. Probably there is a loss in grant sufficient to buy a new stove -- in the winter months.

The rooms did not look as clean as one could wish. Stoves need polishing, et al.

It seems to me a case for strong temporary help till furniture and apparatus are up to an average level,

If local resources are not available, I suggest applying now for some help out of "Supplementary Grant".

(signed) F. Witcomb.

Note A better assistant teacher is needed at an increased cost.

1900 July 13th I find to-day that on the occasion of Mr Witcomb's visit I did not check the registers by the number present. The result was two errors in the totals in the Boy's register. All is now correct.

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Mrs Newport had leave from school yesterday to attend a sister-in-law's wedding in London.

She will return on Monday next, the 16th.

1900 July 20th I have been busy this week drawing up lists of needed alterations and additions in school premises, furniture, and apparatus and estimated cost of the same.

1900 July 27th I have been cheered this week by children bringing plants for the school windows. Hitherto, I have been quite unsuccessful in attempts to have flowers growing in the school, except once when I had primroses in moss on the hearth.

There is also decided interest shown during Elementary Science lessons.

1900 Aug 3rd School closed to-day for six weeks - Harvest Holiday.

1900 Oct 15th School was not re-opened until to-day owing to the rooms not being ready for us.

1900 Oct 19th Attendance has been very satisfactory this week but, as the men are still at work on the Cloak Room, there has been several drawbacks and noise to hinder due progress

1900 Oct 22nd Alfred Jenner, having ringworm on his left arm, I sent him home to-day.

1900 Nov 2nd School-work has not yet ceased to be affected by the alterations.

1900 Nov 6th The master being required to serve on a coroner's jury was absent from school this morning from half-past ten o'clock.

1900 Nov 7th Alfred Jenner aged 10 and Levi Noakes aged 11 are being employed by Mr Brand at the Grove mangold pulling. He personally asked the boys to work for him and Arthur Lewis is being employed by Mr G. Sargent in pig-killing.

1900 Nov 7th (Same day) I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present. Cuthbert Routh.

1900 Nov 9th The attendance is very good in spite of heavy rains.

1900 Nov 16th Attendance is still very good; but school has been hindered by workmen. A comparison of the percentages of attendance with those of the corresponding period of last year shew (sic) how much absence there has been so far.

1900 Nov 19th The workmen took their departure to-day, leaving me to finish painting, plastering and clearing up playground.

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There is also some cleaning needed, which the school cleaner hopes to do next Saturday - cleaning of windows, doors and offices.

1900 Nov 21st The school is now getting into orderly habits of marching into and out of school, and improvement in their work is being shown, especially in Arithmetic.

1900 Nov 26th I came to-day and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present. Cutht Routh.

1900 Nov 30th Heavy rains have checked attendance this week.

1900 Dec 6th Mr Witcomb, the Organising Visitor, visited to-day. He expressed himself as thoroughly well pleased with the alterations and improvements, with the improved attendance, and the quality of the school work. He pointed out the need of a monitor in the Infant's Room.

The vicar and Mr brand visited also in the course of the morning.

1900 Dec 7th The week's attendance in spite of two days' heavy rain has been 93.9%.

1900 Dec 11th I saw Alfred Jenner this morning, and found him still afflicted with ringworm.

1900 Dec 18th Visited this school. Art 84b. J. G. Germain

Mr Germain expressed his pleased at the improvements that had been made. He suggested the monitress might be given the Bible instructions of the Infants, as it was hard to expect Mrs Newport to do it with her domestic duties.

“Mr Witcomb's Criticisms”

“I was again very unfortunate as to weather but only one child was absent and the regularity of attendance is exceptionally good. The card scheme might well be followed by prizes to the most regular.

Immense improvements have been effected sinve my lasat visit and I congratulate all on the remarkable difference they have made in the school. H. M. Inspector will undoubtedly be much pleased. I have no doubt he will make allowance for the loss of time entailed by the alterations. The assistant teacher had certainly improved considerably. It is impossible to be too energetic and I hope the advice I was able to give will be followed. Then I think Article 68 qualification may be earned. I should like this teacher to spend a day now and then in some other school that I could find for her - say at Bexhill or Eastbourne. She would gain by such, I believe.

The children worked very well and kept good order when I was talking to Mr Newport and they were left to themselves.

I am led to advise attention to

- (1) Exact attitudes of children in the desks.
- (2) Right placing of feet
- (3) Smart movements when orders are given
- (4) Perfect quietness when working

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A few drill exercises between lessons will do good.

Reading wants to be louder in Std V. Then it should do well. The same applies to some in the other standards. Speaking out forcibly will lead to distinctness (greater). Std IV was good,; Std III very good in some cases. More mental exertion should be roused in I & II.

Writing on the whole was very good and the books should be all alike. Arithmetic was being done on paper. Some of the work was very neat but some boys may well improve. I advise now and then having model sums on the blackboard copied to improve style. The progress in doing sums seemed quite satisfactory.

Geography wants working up in I and II. I suggest not attempting too much but more revision. This had better be frequent. The upper group answered pretty well and promise to be good by the end of the year. The History was taken by the monitress and here she showed improvement. But more life and energy will do good.

Mr Newport makes some very useful illustrations for his teaching and works very hard. I suggest that there is a danger of not throwing quite as much on children's own efforts nowadays as is good for them. This applies in many of our schools. I feel very hopeful that H. M. Inspector will be able to give an encouraging report when he comes and to note real improvement.

With an unbroken year next year I have the opinion that the school will rise to a high state of efficiency; for managers and teachers are doing their best now towards this.

The Infants at the end of the year are really too many for one and a monitress would be very helpful in keeping the little ones employed.

Reading was pretty fluent in most cases. Expression may well be worked at in Class |. I saw some good work on paper in the upper division in writing and there was a very good result in sums.

I advised outlined notes in Object Lessons.

Books on Blackboard Drawing that would be useful to Mrs Newport are: -

“Blackboard Illustrations” (Davis & Moughton) Parts I & II.

The drawing I saw was very good.

Needlework Of the specimens shewn the methods and materials are good. The calico patch and print patches were very fair. The flannel patch was good. So also were sew and fell seams. The pleating was fairly good. Knitting was very good.”

J. Witcomb [signed]

All the above hints are unnecessary for me but are most useful in supporting me in my endeavours to get a successful school.

Summary for Aid Grant form 1901

The improvements effected since my last visit are remarkable and bring the school buildings and equipment up to a very high level. (I have a bit in my notes) I may point out that Mr Newport's able assistance with plans and in superintending work saved much expense and are most praiseworthy services. By himself getting the sanction of the Education Board, he saved valuable time. The idea was unique.

The playground wants repairing but I heard this was in hand.

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I have rarely seen so much done for a school in a few months between my visits.”

1900 Dec 21st The school closed to-day till the 31st inst for the Xmas holiday.

1900 Dec 31st School re-opened this morning with 66 scholars.

1901

1901 Jan 4th I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1901 Jan 8th Heavy snow fall this morning reduced attendance to 30 - 23 Mixed and 7 Infants.

1901 Jan 15th Eliza Bryant of Longdown Cottage commenced duty here this morning as a monitress.

1901 Jan 18th Eliza Bryant is leaving us to-day, giving place to Lily Lewis of Hooe Common.

1901 Jan 23rd With deep regret we heard this morning of the death of Queen Victoria at Osbourne last night.

1901 Jan 25th The venerable Archdeacon of Lewes visited this afternoon to inspect the alterations and additions recently carried out.

1901 Feb 1st The monitress was absent to-day with a severe cold.

Through the pleadings of the Ven. Archdeacon a grant of £20 towards the cost of the new cloak room was made by the Chichester School Confederation.

1901 Feb 5th A Fall of snow checked the attendance to-day.

1901 Feb 8th To allow a school Tea to commence at 5 the school was resumed at 1 and closed at 3:10 this afternoon.

1901 Feb 11th To-day an examination was held. The results show an improvement on last December's.

On Friday evening last thirty two prizes for attendance were distributed to such scholars as had been most regular during the civil year ended 31st Dec last (sic).

At the meeting for parents and friends during which the distribution took place I was permitted to speak to (sic) on the condition and prospects of the school. My purpose was to show we must be prepared for changes in school work; for changes have taken and are taking place and that by these changes we are doing

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more and more for the benefit of our children on right lines than in by-gone days. A very good impression appears to have been made by my remarks.

Such a meeting was quite a new feature in this parish. It is hoped it will not be the last.

1901 Feb 13 Ethel Newport was present - she was in the class room unwell at the time I thought her at home from that cause.

1901 Feb 15th The attendance is very good indeed in spite of the unfavourable weather. I find the highly unsatisfactory change in the last six months attendances will result in (what otherwise would have been a miserable average for the year) a very good average.

1901 Feb 21st Every week, many absentees are such because they are sent across the marsh to fetch medicine from the doctor's. One boy (Alfred Jenner) went this morning for a person who had no claim whatever on the boy's services. The boy is very irregular and consequently very backward.

1901 Feb 22nd We visited the school this today and checked in accordance with Art 84 C.

H. G. Addington
H. M. Inspector

1901 Mar 8th Have been busy getting new material required for new year. Sent off Time Table for approval today.

1901 March 15th School work has been progressing favourably this week.

1901 March 22nd Much rain has affected attendance but work has gone on well. Most of, if not all, the material required this year has been already supplied -- including some metric weights.

1901 Apr 1st I have checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

Government Report for 1900 -- 1901

Mixed There is a very remarkable improvement in this school since my last visit.

The buildings are clean, cheerful and well lighted; the fences and outbuildings have been put into good repair; and the books and apparatus are in a very satisfactory condition. The general order, the neatness and accuracy of the work, as well as the methods of instruction have shared in this advance, and the attendance is much better. In the Recitation, which is on the whole well known, rather more expression should be acquired, and a more intelligent interest may yet be served in the Elementary Science lessons. The school, however, is now in a very promising condition.

Infant Class I am glad to find that the mistress has now the help of a monitor -- she may, I think, be taught to be useful.

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The work is generally creditable but the answering, during oral lessons, ought to be incomplete sentences."

J. Taylor is recognised under Article 68 and E. H. Newport is continued under that Article.

Staff

Principle Teacher	-	John James Newport
Infant's mistress	-	Emily Harriett Newport
Additional Teacher	-	Sarah Jane Taylor
Monitress	-	Lily Lewis

Correspondent: Cuthbert Routh

1901 April 4th School closed to-day for Easter Holiday.

1901 April 15th School re-opened.

1901 April 19th Mr Nobbs, the newly-appointed Attendance Officer, called this morning. I had no case for him to see into.

Edgar Taylor was marked "Left" as his sister said he was not likely to come again. But he returned to school on Monday morning.

1901 April 25th The attendances marked on April 5th in the Infant Boy's Register were in error by the assistant. A holiday was given this afternoon for Mrs Brand's Annual Flower Gathering.

1901 May 1st Hooe Fair & Wesleyan Anniversary - usual holiday given.

1901 May 10th Colds have affected the attendances this week.

1901 May 13th Under medical advice, Mrs Newport may be absent six months from school (except that she will continue to teach needlework).

I have therefore placed Jane Taylor, being recognised under Art 68, in charge of the Infants.

Twelve months ago, Mrs Newport was warned by her doctor she would probably have to resign schoolwork. During the past year she had an extra large attendance of infants and found her work very trying.

After a period of rest she may be expected to return in health and strength as she does not appear to have any signs of disease about her.

1901 Mar 16th School closed on account of Hooe Club Feast.

1901 Mar 19th School closed as the Master was suffering from bronchitis.

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1901 May 23rd I regret to have to refer again to the lateness at which Sarah J. Taylor habitually arrives. 9:30 is about the time; occasionally, as this morning, it is 9:40 or even 9:45. I have shown her this entry and spoken to her about the matter.

1901 May 24th School closed this afternoon till Wednesday next for Whitsun holiday.

1901 June 1st S. J. Taylor has been coming earlier this week.

1901 June 10th This afternoon, I visited the school and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1901 Jun 12th School closed on account of Wesleyan Excursion to Cooden. Yesterday afternoon, the Mixed Department went for a 'ramble' on the marsh (west of the school), wild flowers were gathered - one child got as many as 21 variations.

1901 Jun 18th Diocesan Inspection held this morning by the Revd. W. Walsh. The Vicar was present. He (the Inspector) spoke in praise of the new scripture illustrations and attributed the better results in the Infant Class to their use.

A holiday, as usual, was given in the afternoon.

1901 Jun 20th Mrs Newport has been taking the Needlework Class and assisting with the Infants during the past week.

1901 Jun 24th The Diocesan Report is as follows: -

"A marked improvement in the Infants is a subject of congratulation. The singing is very good. The results of the examination were satisfactory."

Each subject received the highest mark.

"Excellent" cards were awarded to: - Fred Mitchell, Irene Newport, W. Crouch, Flo Sinden

"Very Good" to: - Mabel Baker, Alb't Collins, Hettie Mitchell, Arthur Lewis, Edith Carey, Carrie Moore

"Good" to: - Gladys Pocock, Minnie Collins, Wm Neve, Alice Pocock, Ada Lewis, Chas Pelling, Lilly Fuller.

1901 Jul 8th Half holiday to-day on account of Ninfield Club Fête.

1901 Jul 11th Objection was made by Mrs Chas Pocock to daughter Bertha going with the school for an out-door lesson last month. She busied herself the next day in village gossip over the matter. As a result it appears one-fifth of the mixed children are absent this afternoon, as another 'ramble' is proposed.

The children absent are: -

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Annie Florence and Julia Cornford; Bertha and Alice Pocock, Arthur & Gordon Lewis; Frederick and Hettie Mitchell; Lizzie Morris, Eva Lewis, William Carey; Albert Gander, Chas Fuller; Arthur & Chas Petting; Rose & luise Cornford.

1901 Jul 11th This afternoon, I visited the school and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1901 Jul 12th On enquiry this morning I find the Mitchells, Pococks, and Cornfords were away solely on account of the 'ramble' yesterday afternoon. I am writing to the parents about the matter.

1901 Jul 23 Charles Fuller has been away from school a fortnight. The cause of absence is variously given by his sisters, his parents and by scholars. The case has been laid before the Attendance Committee. This afternoon I left school to see for myself what was going on. I saw the boy, his father and his father's employer.

1901 Jul 24th It is with pleasure I write the boy Charles Fuller returned to school this morning.

1901 Aug 2nd School closed for six weeks - Summer Vacation.

1901 Sep 16th School re-opened with an attendance of 56. The Fuller family among others have left the parish. The vicar called this afternoon to see the number present.

1901 Sep 20th The attendance during the week has been very good.

One-sixth of the scholars on the books before the holidays have now left - in each case but one through removal to other districts.

1901 Sep 27th Nearly all the children have now returned to school. Some parents send their children away for a change at the end of the summer vacation. There are now two away. A third is possibly likely to remain absent as she is now staying with her parents at Tunbridge Wells.

1901 Oct 4th I have nothing to note this week.

1901 Oct 11th Attendance is very good. The work of the school is proceeding uninterrupted.

1901 Oct 14th The first entry in the (new) punishment book was made this morning. Had I not been in the Infants' room attempting to get the fire to burn and to dispose of the smoke there the need for the punishment would not have arisen.

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1901 Oct 14th This afternoon, I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1901 Oct 25th Visited this school Art 846
A. G. Alington
H. M. Inspector

1901 Oct 31st On the occasion of the visit above recorded eight children were absent gathering chestnuts. The previous day I had conducted my second examination. This week I have been busy with carrying out hints and ideas received at the visit. A chart for recording direction of winds, temperature and rainfall is posted on the school door.

Lists of lessons given and some results of examinations hang on the school wall. More apparatus is also being made as aids to successful teaching. I am sparing no pains to ensure success.

1901 Nov 4th Mrs Newport was away from school today suffering from a swollen cheek and neuralgia.

Miss Taylor went to Bexhill this morning to read and recite before H. M. Inspector Mr Alington.

On Saturday last I received the news of Rev. H. G. Alington's resignation in December. His departure is a matter of sincere regret to me, as he has always shown such gentleness and sympathy to my wife and myself.

1901 Nov 8th This week I started making lists of "excellents" in Stages I & II. I find my plan is stimulating the children very much. To help them to gain 'stars' (of excellence) I have prepared some charts which hang before the class as they are doing writing.

Three sets of jumping stocks were put up in the playground yesterday. Today they have proved the attraction.

Mrs Newport had not been able to return yet. I hope she will be on Monday.

1901 Nov 11th Mrs Newport was well enough to resume duty this morning.

1901 Nov 15th Several children were away all the week from some kind of sickness - probably colds.

1901 Nov 18th The older boys and girls are this week competing for a "Kodak" (in their ordinary school work).

1901 Nov 21st I find the cause of absence of the children away last week was sore throats. Some of these children have returned but others (and more) are now away from the same cause.

1901 Nov 22nd The smallpox has appeared in Sussex villages. Precautions are being taken in most parishes. I posted up today a list of symptoms of the epidemic and requested any child who at any time suspected himself (or herself) of being affected to come to me. Should a case appear I propose - at my own cost - (if necessary) and with the parents' consent - to call in a medical man.

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The school premises are being disinfected with "Izal" - at least once weekly.

1901 Nov 29th Several cases of sore throat have lowered this week's attendance.

1901 Dec 3rd & 4th On these dates I conducted an examination of the Mixed Department.

1901 Dec 9th With deep regret I found last Friday some pictures in school Readers had been rendered indecent by some boys. The worst boy is Alfred Taylor. He has always given trouble (See page 379). Frank Noakes has followed his bad example.

I have had a thorough search of all the books. Those pictures I wrote of have been removed and burnt.

I am writing to the boys' parents about the matter.

The boys acknowledge themselves guilty and declare they did the drawings while in charge of the mistress during Reading and Transcription.

1901 Dec 11th I find I caned Alfred Taylor and Frank Noakes for damaging Readers on November 4th. Miss Taylor is sitting for King's scholarship at Hastings this week.

1901 Dec 13th Much rain fell yesterday and to-day. This has lowered our attendance - the percentage of which for the week is nearly 20 less than usual.

1901 Dec 24th Closed school for Xmas Holiday - till January 6th.

1902

1902 Jan 6th School re-opened with 69 scholars present.

1902 Jan 10th This week's attendance has been very good. We have settled down to work nicely. There is no case of sore throat among the scholars now.

1902 Jan 17th This week's attendance has been very good - 94%.

Mrs Newport's health is not as good as desirable. She has continued coming to school but has done it because she is so much required here.

1902 Jan 22nd Being Ascension Day a verse of the National Anthem was sung at close of afternoon school.

1902 Jan 24th A holiday was given this afternoon to allow time for preparation for the Annual School Treat.

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1902 Jan 27th Mrs Newport was away this morning as she had to wait for the doctor's visit to the baby, who was found to have an abscess in the left arm. She was ordered to poultice the place every two hours. It was lanced on Wednesday but not sufficiently. The necessity of another operation under chloroform was threatened but averted by medicine and poultices. Her attentions to the child prevented Mrs Newport returning to school during this week.

1902 Feb 6th This afternoon, I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1902 Feb 11th Yesterday and to-day I felt very unwell through re-vaccination a week ago.

1902 Feb 13th & 14th School was closed because I was too unwell to perform my duties. I was compelled to return home on the morning of the 11th.

1902 Feb 22nd Attendance in the Infants has this week been reduced by colds. On Tuesday I conducted an examination on the scholars with gratifying results.

1902 Feb 28th The School Year closed to-day with percentage of 87.

1902 Mar 20th During the past three weeks I have been busy obtaining material and making other preparations for the new year. Last Saturday I attended a teachers' meeting at Eastbourne to hear from Mr Baker an address on Primary Drawing. On Monday and to-day I started the boys with freearm drawing on paper with chalk.

Freearm with pencils I tried several weeks since 20 March 1902

School visited: C. W. Hutchins

1902 Mar 27th A half holiday was given in the afternoon. School closed to-day for the Easter Holiday.

1902 Apr 7th School re-opened. During the holiday the rooms and furniture have been well cleaned.

1902 Apr 11th Nothing more to note this week.

1902 Apr 18th The Attendance Officer called this morning

1902 Apr 21st The Government Report on the school for 1901-2 was handed me yesterday. It is a decidedly more satisfactory one than any of its predecessors. The grant is the higher one and includes £10 under Art. 105.

The Report is as follows: -

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“Mixed School This school was found closed when visited in February last for inspection and the work of the year has not, therefore, been examined.

Mr Newport is evidently a zealous teacher endeavouring to do everything he can for the welfare of his children.

At a visit paid last year fairly good progress had been made.

Infant Class The Infants were found in a fair state of advancement when visited in October last.”

With reference to the closure of the school on 13th February 1902, without notice, I am to warn the managers that should this occur again the Board of Education will be compelled to inflict the fine specified in Article 87 of the Code.

Expenditure upon subscription to Association and Voluntary Schools is inadmissible under Article 90, and should not again appear in the account on Form 9. I am to request that this direction may be complied with in future.

S. J. Taylor and E . H. Newport are continued under Article 68.

Cuthbert Routh Correspondent

School Staff

Principal Teacher - John Jas. Newport

Infants' Mistress - Emily Harriet Newport

Additional Teacher - Sarah Jane Taylor

Monitress - Lily Lewis

[**J. W. N.'s NOTE** - As a matter of interest, Lily Lewis gives her age, in the 1901 census, which took place on March 31st, as 17 years old.]

1902 Apr 22nd The Statement of Accounts of the past year was posted up on the school door this morning. On leaving school I found we had had such heavy rain that the paper had been torn into three pieces and blown away.

1902 Apr 23rd Being St. George's day we had Sentence Building about it in the morning and the drawing of the Cross of St. George in the afternoon.

Miss Taylor was absent to-day on account of her mother being ill.

1902 Apr 28th Miss Taylor returned to school this morning. Mrs Newport is unwell.

1902 Apr 29th This morning we hoisted above the boys' porch a 'St. George' flag made by the girls.

1902 Apr 30th This afternoon we closed the school until next Monday, may 5th, on account of Hooe Fair, the Wesleyan Anniversary Treat and Mrs Brand's Primrose gathering.

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1902 May 5th Miss Taylor was absent to-day through influenza.

1902 May 14th The school was closed to-day on account of Hooe Friendly Society's Fête and the Whitsun Holiday.

1902 May 21st School re-opened.

Notice of Diocesan Inspection on June 16 given this morning. Attendance suffered to-day on account of Bexhill Charter day Celebrations.

1902 May 28th This afternoon, I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.

Cuthbert Routh

1902 Jun 8th I have nothing to note for the past week.

1902 Jun 16th The Diocesan Inspection was held this morning by the Rev. W. Walsh. A holiday in the afternoon was given.

1902 Jun 25th School closed to-day for the Coronation Festivities - till Monday next - 30th Inst.

1902 Jun 30th School re-opened. The Diocesan Inspector's Report has been mislaid by the Vicar.

However, each subject received the highest mark (VG) and the General Report was worded almost like the last - as far as the Vicar can remember.

1902 Jul 4th I found the conduct had not improved among the children this week - through the "Coronation" time.

1902 Jul 7th Mrs Newport was away this morning unwell.

1902 Jul 11th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1902 Jul 14th Being unwell this morning, I left Mrs Newport in charge and went home.

1902 Jul 15th I was able to resume work this morning, though feeling weak.

1902 Jul 16th School closed this afternoon on account of Ninfield Foresters' Fête.

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1902 Jul 21st This afternoon, I visited the school this afternoon and checked the registers; and found the figures to correspond with the number of pupils actually present.
Cuthbert Routh

1902 Jul 23rd A duplicate copy of the Diocesan report has been received. The following is a copy! -
"The children sang nicely and passed on examination with great credit to themselves and their teachers."

1902 Jul 25th Mrs Newport's attendance this week has been interrupted by the servant remaining away to look after a sick grandfather.

A lesson was given by Miss Saunders of the C. E. T. S. this afternoon from 3:20 to 4:0 on "Alcohol and the Lungs".

Several experiments were performed.

1902 Jul 31st School closed today for Midsummer Vacation six weeks - to re-open on September 15th.

The school is being closed earlier this year because the head teacher is going to Nature Study Lectures at Cambridge with a scholarship granted by the East Sussex County Council.

1902 Sep 15th School re-opened this morning with 52 scholars.

1902 Sep 17th Owing to hop picking, which commences tomorrow and threatens to take all but 30 of the scholars, the school was closed this afternoon - on the advice of the Acting Manager and a telegram was sent by me from Little Common to C W M Hitchens, Esq informing him of the closure and of the re-opening on the 29th.

1902 Sep 18th T. G. Germain, Esq., H. M. I. Called this morning, arriving about 9:45. After examining the registers et al and asking questions upon the work of the school, he left again half-an-hour later.

1902 Sep 29th School re-opened, this morning, with 68 scholars in attendance.

1902 Oct 1st On account of a case of diphtheria in the Cornford family, 6 children - 4 Cornfords and 2 Pococks - are excluded from the school.

1902 Oct 2nd Upon enquiry of Alfred Taylor this morning I learned his sister Dorothy was suffering from sore throat, and called to see the girl. I considered it advisable to send Alfred home until the doctor said he might without risk of infection attend school, and did so. I fear it may prove to be another case of diphtheria - her temperature at 5 this evening was 102.3.

1902 Oct 6th The case mentioned on the previous page was pronounced by the doctor to be a bad sore throat, especially on the left side (where I had noticed a little bleeding). The girl is to have her tonsils out. I allowed the 2 Pococks to return to school this morning after making full enquires of their health et al.

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1902 Oct 8th The boy, Alfred Taylor, mentioned on the preceding page was certified by the doctor to-day to be suffering from diphtheria.

This evening I went to see Lucy Potter, who has been absent this week with sore throat. I advised calling in the doctor as the case is no ordinary sore throat.

1902 Oct 9th Frank Noakes, being absent this morning with a sore throat, I went to his home and made enquires. Afterwards, I sent his brother Walter home until it was shown there was no infectious disease.

This afternoon I found the reason for the children not answering an 'inspector's' question on 'hips and haws' some years ago. The reason is 'hips' here are known as 'rose berries' and 'haws' as 'hog hazels'.

This afternoon's attendance was 58.

1902 Oct 10th I found this morning I had to make many enquiries on account of rumours of diphtheria - I may summarise the state of affairs thus: - There are three certified cases and one suspected. There are also sixteen scholars excluded.

There is no sign of sickness in any scholar now attending school.

I have not received any visit or advice from medical man or any other person with reference to any sickness on the parish.

The attendances to-day were 43 and 45.

Dr Garman's assistant and the Inspector of Nuisances called here this afternoon.

The doctor was very unpleasant and unreasonable at first; but became somewhat better when I pointed out to him the suggestions of the Local Government Board Memorandum on Epidemic Sickness.

The Inspector came to enquire as to the wisdom of closing the school. I pointed out to him the state of the school attendance and the Government notes on Closure and suggested the school shall remain open. I also told him of three boys whom I met together this morning - one of whom is an excluded scholar and the other two were away illegally.

1902 Oct 11th I sent off a report of my doings to the Medical Officer of Health this morning and thoroughly cleaned the 3 galvanised iron tanks and disinfected the school and offices.

1902 Oct 14th This morning I received a notice from the Sanitary Inspector which ran thus: -

"I have received Instructions from Dr Stott to order your school to be closed at once. Room to be disinfected and forms to be washed with carbolic water."

As this notice did not comply with Article 88, I set off to see Dr Stott, if possible. I walked from here to Hailsham and there took train to Lewes. As the doctor had gone to London I was able only to leave a note for him.

While I was away a proper notice dated the 11th inst was left at my residence.

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1903 February 9th [page 1] The number present this morning is 29 - 23 Mixed and 6 Infants.

1903 February 11th Visited this school Art 846 J. G. Germain

The school closed this afternoon by order of the Sanitary Authority until the 23rd inst.

Mr Germain examined Sarah Jane Taylor - who is a K. S. candidate - at his visit and took away Form 9/10 off with him.

1903 Feb 22nd Government Report for 1902-1903 (Summary)

Mixed School. The School has suffered much due to sickness among the children. Considering the drawbacks, the progress for the year is fair. History is apparently the weakest subject now. Mr Newport has framed an interesting scheme of Nature Study and has carried it out with success but in other oral lessons the children showed little interest and are not at all inclined to exert themselves; few of them attempt to answer simple questions.

They should be expected to take a good share of the work. They should also be trained in habits of punctuality.

Infant Class The infants have been taught to behave quietly in school but they are not yet very attentive. They would take more interest in their work if their lessons were made brighter and more attractive.

The Board of Education accept Mr Carling as Auditor of the School Accounts.

Staff for 1903 to 1904

John J. Newport	-	Head Teacher
Emily H. Newport	-	Infant Mistress
Sarah J. Taylor	-	Assistant Teacher
Lillian Lewis-		Assistant Teacher

Signed - Cuthbert Routh
Correspondent

1903 March 30th School reopened with 41 scholars. While the school has been closed the buildings have been thoroughly renovated internally.

1903 March 31st [pages 1 & 2] This morning there are 66 present. Children absent this morning include

--
Ernest Collins -- who is in weak health after diphtheria.

Ernest Munn -- who is away from the parish, convalescent.

May Markwick -- who has formations on her tongue and defective eyesight following diphtheria, and the Careys, whose father maintains the slaughterhouse opposite the school, which is responsible for the disease which has given so much trouble.

In school, Ida Vitler is suffering from weak eyes resulting from diphtheria.

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1903 Apr 2nd [page 3] The stove in the Main Room could not be got to burn today owing to the strong North Wind blowing. As a consequence the schoolroom was not sufficiently warm (Temperature about 50°F.)

Sent notices of the reopening to H. M. I., H. M. I. A., and Mr Nobbs this morning.

1903 Apr 3rd Mr Nobbs, S. A. O., called this morning. The stove complained of yesterday gave trouble again today.

1903 Apr 7th A good fire was burning in the Main Room this morning until the wind changed. Then the fumes poured into the room with unpleasant and injurious effect.

I sent Gordon Lewis home with a note at noon to-day. He has a suspicious sore throat which he felt first yesterday morning and I thought it better he should remain away until well.

This afternoon Alice Markwick fell whilst running in the Boys' playground and broke her right arm.

1903 April 9th [page 4] School closed for Easter Vacation until the 15th inst.

1903 April 15th School reopened. The stove in the main room could not be got to burn this morning for the same reason as on the 2nd instant.

Jane Taylor returned to school this morning.

1903 April 22nd [page 7] On visiting the school this afternoon and counting the number of pupils present, I find that it accurately agrees with the number previously registered

Cuthbert Routh

1903 Apr 24th [pages 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11] At the first meeting of managers under the Education Act of 1902 the head teacher was, for the first time, requested to absent himself from their meeting -- on the motion of W. A. Lemmon.

The following rules were submitted to the Managers for approval and signatures.

Attendance

1. Each child shall be in the school playground by five minutes before the time shown on the Time Table for opening school unless good reason can be shown for coming later.

Play

2. Each child shall play only in the playground provided during the period allowed for play in the Time Table.

Garden, Museum, etc

3. Each child shall take care not to dirty, damage or destroy anything.

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4. Each child shall replace any object he (or she) may remove to look at.

Outdoor Lessons

5. Each child shall do only what the teacher orders or consents to.
6. Each child shall take care not to do any damage and not to make any unnecessary noise.

The above were signed by the chairman

At the same meeting, the Managers refused to again allow the loan of forms or swing barrows and the customary holiday on Hooe Fair Day. No prize scheme was entertained.

The master brought forward the question of the bi-weekly cleaning of the boys' urinal (in addition to the weekly removal of soil), the weekly washing of towels and dusters, the quarterly cleaning of windows, scrubbing of floors and washing of closet seats. He was invited to ask the School Cleaners at what price they were prepared to do these things. He also laid before the managers the unsatisfactory working of the main room stove at certain periods.

A holiday next Monday afternoon on account of the interment of the corpse of the Chairman's father was allowed.

This afternoon the higher group were taken for an out-of-door lesson to Hall's Cross Pond. A 'blackboard' ad easel, jars, line and sticks were taken as apparatus.

The pond was measured and dredged. Specimens of pond life were brought to school; the trees and plants around the pond were named. At 2.45 the party left the school and returned at 4.20 except a few whose homes were in the other direction from the pond. The children who remained in school with Stage I were: - F. Mitchell, H. Mitchell, B. Pocock, & L. Holden.

1903 Apr 27th [page 11] School closed this afternoon on account of interment of corpse of the late O. F. Routh, the father of the Chairman of the Managers.

He died on Wednesday morning last about 5.30 - aged 91 years.

1903 Apr 29th School closed this afternoon on account of the Annual Sunday School Treat of the Wesleyan Church, Ninfield.

1903 Apr 30th Mr G. Vitler of Hall's Cross came to the school this afternoon, opened the door and called his son Horace. I went to him and told him he should first ask me to let the boy leave.

He said he should not ask me, whereupon I refused to allow the boy to go, and he had to go without his son.

1903 May 1st [page 12] Although May 1st - Hooe Fair Day - has been observed as a holiday ever since the school was founded (probably) by order of the Managers it ceases to be so observed.

1903 May 5th [page 12] Mr Hayward called this morning. Lily Lewis was away unwell this morning.

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1903 May 6th [page 12] Summary of Syllabus of Work dispatched this morning.

1903 May 8th [page 12] See p 24 - "An examination was held to-day, concluding the work for 1902. As a result ten children remain in the same standard."

1903 [page 13 - 22]

Plan of work for 1903-4

Elementary Science

Stage I

Spring	Water
Summer	The Sun
Autumn	Flat Fish
Winter	Herrings
Fowls	Crabs
Turkeys	Shrimps
Ducks	A Year
Geese	Nails & Screws
Snails	Clocks
Waterbugs	Weathercocks
Worms	Our Flags
The Senses	Bricks
A Plant	Needles
A Tree	Pins
A Seed Geminating	Butterflies and Moths

Stage II

A Potato	Camphor
A Pear	Tallow
A Nut	Grass
Tin	Cats
Clay	Mice
Firewood	Snakes
Hail	Worms
The Sun	The Beech Tree
A Pulley	Poisonous Plants
The Wheel & Axle	A Drill (Agricultural)
A Hedge	Spade
Bird's Nests	A Moth
Plants	A Lock & Key
Calico	A Bone
Starch	A Duck

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Stage I

England - Productions, Manufactures, Exports and Imports - Chief Towns - Geographical Definitions

Stage II

Scotland and British Possessions in the Old World

Grammar

Stage I

Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs
Simple sentences with Capitals and Period.

Stage II

Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs
Adjectives and Adverbs
Sentence forming - Capitals, Period, Comma, Semi-Colon,
Dash, Inverted Commas, Notes of Question and Surprise.

Arithmetic

Scheme 'B' of the Code

Physical Exercises

The "Model Course"

Recitation

Stage I - not less than 40 lines

Stage II - not less than 60 lines with expression, meaning and illustration.

Drawing

Freearm, Freehand, Ruler, Scale, Geometrical, Model, and Design

Writing

Sentence building, Dictation, Transcription, Letter Writing,
Observation Notes, Summaries of Oral Lessons and Copy Books.

Singing

The Sol-La system as under former codes.

Stage II - Reading

(Std's III & upwards)

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Three Readers as follows: -

1. Literary Reader - Std III Bk
2. Geographical R'd'r - Std IV
3. Historical R'd'r - on the Concentric Method

Stage I

Three Readers, as follows: -

1. Literary R'd'r - Std I Book
2. Geographical R'd'r - Std II Bk
3. Object R'd'r - Std II Bk

History

The contents of the Historical R'd'r with Oral Exposition.

Needlework

As under scheme 'S' of former codes

Infants

Reading

Upper Group - Two Books

1. Infants Rdr
2. Primer No. 2

Lower Group

1. Primer No. 1
2. Reading Sheets

Writing

Upper Group

1. Transcription from blackboard
2. Dictation of words from the Readers.

Lower group

Transcription of letters or short (two or three letter) words from the blackboard.

Word-Building

Words generally monosyllabic, based on those in Readers.

Arithmetic

Upper Group

Addition and subtraction - no number in the questions or reqd in the answer to exceed 49.

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Division and multiplication by a number not higher than 7; no number in question or answer to exceed 49.

Lower Group

Numeration & notations to 20

Addition & Subtraction of Units, no number in question or answer to exceed 9

Arithmetic to be mainly oral and concrete only.

Drawing

For Boys generally and for Girls occasionally.

Freearm, Freehand, Ruler - Copies correlated with Object & Conversational lessons.

Object Lessons

A Bird's nest	Salt
Glass	blotting paper
Wool	A Feather
Iron	A Wallflower
Sugar	A Poker
Lead	A Paper Clip
Earthenware	Coins
Bee's Wax	An Elastic band
Wood	A Brick
A Leaf	A Clock Face
A Sponge	A Box
A Dandelion	A Pin
Tea	A Letter
Water	A Stone
An Onion	A Scarlet Geranium

Singing

Division I of former Codes

Drill

Mixed Drill with bells and flags

Needlework

To hem strips of calico

To knit strips of cotton, twelve stitches on a needle.

Varied Occupations

Paper Folding, Mosaic Work, Basket Work, Boot lacing, Cord Embroidery, Stick laying, Mat Weaving, Embroidery, Stick Plaiting.

Recitation

Easy pieces of poetry of not less than 20 lines.

Conversational Lessons

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A Baker's Shop	An Elephant
Spring	Autumn
Summer	Winter
Frogs & Toads	A Fox
A Donkey	An Eagle
A Shoemaker's Shop	
A Blacksmith's Shop	

1903 May 14th [page 16] Miss Taylor was absent to-day on account of a wedding.

1903 May 15th [page 16] Miss Taylor is absent with a 'swollen' face.

1903 May 21th [page 16] School was closed for the Annual Hooe Friendly Society's Fête and Gala.

1903 May 29th [page 22] The school closed this afternoon for the Whitsun holiday - to re-open on Wednesday next, June 3rd

1903 May 28th [page 22] Yesterday afternoon Stage II went to the 'shaws' at the rear of Bunk's Barn under the guidance of Mr Errey, owner of the property and a manager of the school. Specimens of the different trees with names attached (on labels) were brought to the school for future use.

1903 May 29th [page 23] Stage I went out into Mr. Mannering's fields for an Outdoor Lesson which was mainly geographical and included the physical features of the locality (hill, valley, plain, river, etc.) and the various productions.

1903 Jun 5th The three school days this week have not been among the best for progress. They came between the Whitsun holiday and the Mission Hall Anniversary Service (On Sunday next) and the Mission Hall and Wesleyan Annual Excursion (next Wednesday). Whitsun Holiday - June 1st and 2nd.

1903 Jun 10th Visited this school - T. G. Germain

[My Note. - J. J. N. has written a note, in the L. H. Margin, correcting the date to '9th and signed 'JJN'.]

1903 Jun 10th School closed to-day on account of Mission Hall and Wesleyan Excursions to-morrow.

1903 Jun 18th [page 24] Books, Stationery, and Needlework Material were received to-day from the County Council Education Committee through the Educational Supply Association.

Whooping Cough has appeared among us. It and the heavy rains have reduced attendance to 81%.

Among the things asked for from the County Council Education Committee were sine apparatus (chemicals) for experiments as suggested in Circular 435.

These the Committee have not granted. I am writing to the Secretary asking if the Committee will supply such apparatus.

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1903 Jun 22nd [page 25] This morning the children were examined by the Rev. W. Walsh, Diocesan Inspector. 69 were present out of 79 on the books.

The Vicar was present part of the time. The remainder of the day was a holiday, as usual.

1903 Jun 24th [page 25] Mrs Newport left school this afternoon at 3 to attend the Primrose League Annual Fête at Ninfield.

1903 Jun 30th [page 25] The Diocesan Report is: --

"Mr Newport deserves high praise as a careful and conscientious teacher. The singing was good."

1903 Jul 6th [page 26] Mr Reeves, the newly appointed Inspector of Attendances called this afternoon. Mr Hayward, school correspondent, also called.

1903 Jul 10th Paid the school a visit this morning. Checked Registers with numbers present and found them correct. Was pleased with the order and attention of children.

Rich. W. Hayward

1903 Jul 13th Mrs Newport and Miss Lewis had not arrived by 10.35 this morning. Mrs Newport came during the play interval, complaining of feeling unwell. Miss Lewis did not come at all.

The number of infants this morning was 10 only. These all seem to be troubled, more or less, with coughs.

1903 Jul 14th Miss Lewis was at school this morning. She is suffering with her right (diseased) hip.

1903 Jul 15th [page 27] To-day is Ninfield Club day. Instead of Hooe School being closed this afternoon, according to custom, the school assembled at 1.15 and was dismissed at 3.30 - registers being closed at 1.30.

1903 Jul 16th Miss Lewis was absent again this morning.

1903 Jul 17th The Attendance Inspector called this afternoon.

This week's attendance in the Infants' Department has been seriously affected by Whooping Cough, being but 40%. Two in the Mixed department are away with the sickness.

The Geographical Readers for Stage II arrived last evening so I was able to see them to-day for the first time.

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The 'Concentric Correlated Commercial' Geography Scheme on which I have worked since June 9th gives promise of good results as it did when worked two years ago. In Stage I we have been considering the 'exports' and 'imports of the village and their relationship to local products and conditions; and in Stage II we have followed the wool produced here to Yorkshire; and then have considered why it is sent from here, what becomes of it, what sources of supply the seats of the woollen manufacture have, and also who the customers are, and the like.

1903 Jul 21st [page 29] Yesterday and to-day I tried a new scheme for Sentence-Building. I gave each child a selected picture to write about. The results were decidedly mixed. I consider the method worth trying again but with simpler subjects.

While the work was proceeding, I was besieged with questions more numerous than could be well dealt with during the limited time for the lessons.

A typical class of difficulty was that of a boy who described a street lamp-post as a 'finger-post'.

1903 July 23rd Last evening the closing for the Summer Vacation was fixed for August 7th and the reopening for September 21st.

1903 July 30 [page 30] Mrs Newport and family travelled to London today; to return after the Vacation.

1903 Jul 31st (pages 30, 31 & 32) This morning I heard from the Education Committee that the Practical Nature Study arrangements at Cambridge had been cancelled on account of an epidemic of smallpox there. In consequence the school will not be closed until August 14th to reopen September 28th.

These changes are very inconvenient to Mrs Newport as she has fixed to spend at least a fortnight in London and the servant has entered into a holiday arrangement for that period. The number of infants attending continues small on account of whooping cough. Last week one child, Dorothy Grant, died through pneumonia following on an attack. Several adults are affected. In the Crouch family all but the mother are suffering.

Yesterday the school suffered much annoyance from the smoke issuing from burning rubbish behind the school -- on Mannering's Farm. Today the nuisance continues.

This week I have completed the First Term's Examination of the Mixed Department. The infants are such, I question if a just examination of them can be made.

On Wednesday, three children broke a pane of glass in the Class Room door during the dinner hour. I suggested they should pay 6d each to repair the damage. This they did yesterday.

1903 July 31st [page 30]

Visited School this morning checked registers with numbers present and found them correct

Rich W. Hayward
Correspondent

1903 August 3rd [page 32] Bank Holiday -- School Closed.

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1903 August 5th The Attendance Officer called in this morning.

1903 August 10th The County Surveyor inspected the premises this afternoon. The vicar came with him. He expressed his pleasure at the sight of rooms so well lighted and airy.

1903 Aug 12th [page 33] As the school will not close until Friday, Mrs Newport has returned from London (leaving the family there). She was at school this morning with eleven scholars.

1903 August 14th School closed this afternoon for the Summer Vacation -- six weeks, to reopen September 28th.

There being more in the Infants, an examination was conducted today. As the percentage of attention is not higher than 50 for the quarter and those present have been absent at times with the Whooping Cough, the test can hardly be a safe guide to the progress of the class.

1903 September 28th School reopened with 62 scholars. The others were absent from various causes of which not one was sickness.

1903 October 6th The attendance yesterday and today has been affected by the heavy rains.

An experiment with beans was made this year to see what difference (if any) was made in the yield by placing the plants apart. Beans planted twelve 12 inches apart produced nearly five times as many beans as those grown thickly together on the ground.

The crop from twelve sets of selected potatoes amounted to above 1 1/3 pounds to each set; and twelve sets of small potatoes as 'seeds' yielded barely one-quarter pound to each set.

1903 October 7th [page 35] Eva Carden was understood to have returned home for good and so to have left the school. However, she returned to her grandparent's yesterday and was present here this morning.

Mrs Freeman came to see me this afternoon about Thomas Eastwood, who is in her charge, I found her annoyed because I told the boy he should ask if a doctor might see him about his cough which is a suspicious one. As he was so backward in his tables I asked him to write out and learn the Three Times at home (which he had made up and written in school). Over this she was abusive and I had to request her to leave.

1903 October 12th [page 36] Finding no prospect of Thomas Eastwood doing satisfactorily in Stage I, I transferred him this morning to the Infants' Department.

1903 October 15th Several away this afternoon attending the funeral of Mr Catt. Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer visited.

1903 October 21st Visited the school this afternoon, checked Registers with number present and found them correct.

Rich W. Hayward, Correspondent.

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1903 October 23rd Visited the school this morning. Checked Registers and numbers present. They are correct.

J. Edmund Brand
Manager

1903 October 26th [page 37] Following the managers meeting last Thursday I have had three restless nights. These had so affected me I am feeling unwell and have a return of heart trouble.

Mr Brand called at noon. He and I went round the premises, noting sundry matters that need the Managers' consideration.

1903 October 28th In the Infants Register "3 & 6 " the assistant but 22 instead of 20. I corrected the number.

Today the Main Room stove is giving out sulphurous fumes -- as it generally does when North West winds are blowing.

Frank Noakes met with an accident during the dinner hour. My attention to his wound delayed the afternoon opening seven minutes.

1903 October 30 [page 38] The stove gave trouble again today.

1903 November 3rd During this morning's play I was startled by the frightened scream of Walter Noakes. I found Thomas Eastwood with open knife was threatening to 'stick' him and Wm. Brett. Afterwards I learned he had so threatened the majority of the scholars and had even cut E. Collins left hand.

1903 November 6th [page 38, 39, & 40] Stage II wrote accounts of the Guy Fawkes' Celebration in the village this morning. Some of those were very full and well written.

The weather has been fine this week.

This afternoon we concluded a lesson on The Earthworm.

I had some worms in some soil in a case having two panes of glass. We saw how the worms tunnelled through the soil, burying the dead leaves which were laid on top, and how these tunnels allowed water to pass freely through the soil and air to enter.

A lesson in the Germination of seeds was based on the results of cress seed sown in soil, on blotting paper, in closed cardboard boxes, and in a test tube.

An offer to supply cress seed to children willing to experiment with them was accepted by a number of them. From time to time I hear what they have observed in their home experiments, showing their practical interest in the work.

1903 November 10th [page 40] When Mr Dodson visited this morning the air of the main room was affected by fumes issuing from the stove. He noticed this and contrasted it with the classroom.

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Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer, called this afternoon.

1903 November 11th Miss Taylor was absent this afternoon attending a wedding in Hastings.

1903 November 13th Mr Lemmon, a manager, paid an unofficial visit this morning. He watched the Drill in the playground.

1903 November 16th [page 41] To meet with objections being made to the outdoor drill, I am taking the Drill in the mornings only and am allowing the children to wear hats, caps, and mufflers when dumb bells are not used and the weather is cold. Under this arrangement the girls retain their hats on in school while being 'dismissed'.

1903 November 20th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

The supply of Exercise Arithmetic Books is quite exhausted. I am using whatever paper I can find for the purpose.

1903 November 26 The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

1903 November 30th The Second Term concluded last Thursday. Today I began an examination of the 'Mixed Department'. I believe the results show that the work is still progressing. There is room for improvement.

To plod on is a means to better results but better methods may be found.

I propose trying a scheme I call 'Vowel Drill' which I expect will give better pronunciation and enunciation in reading and will also benefit the 'Word-building'.

1903 December 4th [page 42] On account of the weather no drill has been taken out of doors this week.

On Wednesday afternoon I got the children to make some Christmas Cards. The attempt was very well done.

I am hoping some better ones done some, time before Xmas.

The results of her work reflect credit on Miss S. J. Taylor. With a firmer discipline she may hope for further success.

1903 December 7th [page 43] Today I examined the Infants in part of their work.

1903 December 8th [page 43, 44] I concluded the above examination. The results are not as good as I had hoped to gain. The Whooping Cough epidemic very much reduced attendance before the Summer Vacation.

Out of 19 children, 12 were absent for intervals of 2 to 7 weeks (average per child on roll of 3 weeks). Between Diphtheria and Whooping Cough the Infants have had a very poor chance this year. In order to raise the standard of 'progress' I am devoting all the time I can to the infants.

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1903 December 10th [page 44] Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer, called this morning.

Yesterday the school stove gave much trouble. The fumes were very unpleasant to us all. Mrs Newport was feeling unwell after being in the injurious atmosphere in the afternoon.

1903 December 14th Miss S. J. Taylor is absent attending the King's Scholarship Exam at Hastings.

1903 December 18th Found Register correct this morning. J. Errey

Mrs Newport, being unwell, has attended irregularly during the past week.

Last Wednesday afternoon I again gave the scholars Christmas cards to make. This time they brought pieces of ivy, holly, fern, etc., from which to draw. The results were better than before inasmuch as there was a greater variety of original design and colour. I left the children to choose their mottoes, designs, colours, etc.

For 'cards' I used the stiff covers of old examination books.

1903 December 24th [page 45] Managers met about 10 o'clock here this morning.

They propose putting a zinc cowl on the chimney of the Main Room. I suggested two fresh air inlets should be put in the E. wall of the Main Room and one in the Class Room; also that air gratings should be supplied to the stoves. The inlets I proposed were 9" x 6", the shaft inside to be placed at least 4ft above the floor and to run up to a height of 6ft; and to be placed as far from the stoves as practicable.

The school closed at noon for the Xmas Vacations -- to reopen January 4, 1904.

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1904 Jan 4th [pages 46 and 47] School reopened this morning. Mrs Newport is absent having given birth to a daughter on Boxing Day.

To assist in the infants during her absence, I am employing Bertha Pocock who left school last month aged 14.

This morning I am not well. I find my Sunday walk to Church to take the Sunday School is often responsible for disordered digestion: not enough time is afforded me between the morning service and the Sunday School for a needed meal and sufficient rest after.

1904 Jan 5th [page 47] This morning I gave a lesson on 'Manners'. I have no fault to find with the children's manners to the teachers or myself but I hear improvement is desirable in their conduct towards others outside the school -- as appears to be general in the country.

1904 Jan 11th [page 48] Visited the School this afternoon, Checked Registers with numbers present and found them correct

Rich W. Hayward, Manager

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1904 Jan 13th This morning's attendance is but 49 owing to South Westerly gales.

1904 Jan 14th The fumes and the smoke from the Main Room stove were so bad this morning that no scripture lesson could be given and no other oral (Class) instruction was attempted.

In fact, the air was so injurious no one should have been compelled to have remained in the room. The playgrounds were very wet.

1904 Jan 14th [page 49, 50,]

Scheme of Work for 1904 -- 5

The scheme for 1903-4 with the following modifications

Mixed Dept

Elementary Science

Stage I

The Lessons in the Graphic Object Reader - Book I

Stage II

Peas	A Thermometer	
Plums	A Trapped Gully	
Iron	Shells	A Tree
Lead	Silk	Horn
Slate	Sponges	Ivy
Coke	Oxen	The Birch Tree
Ice	Frogs	Sand
Celery	A Ditch	A Harrow
A Wedge	Bees	A Garden Fork
A Roof	A Hinge	A Candle
	A Cabbage	

(The above work for Stage II is the Fourth Year Course approved by the Rev. H. G. Slington Feb 22nd 1901)

Geography

Stage I

Maps, Plans, Pictures, illustrated by the school building and the parish as well as by the county and England.

Size and shape of Earth -- Land and water.

The Cardinal Points

Geographical Definitions illustrated by England.

Stage II

Upper Division - Europe

Lower Division - Ireland and British Possessions in America

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General - Current Geography

Physical Exercises

The 'Model Course' for Outdoor Drill (weather permitting), 'Musical Drill' for Indoor Drill (when weather is against Outdoor Drill)

Infants

Object Lessons

A Window Blind	An Orange
A Piece of Cotton	A Lemon
A Piece of Brass	A Twig
A Piece of String	A Book
A Piece of Leather	A Desk Top
A Piece of Chalk	A Cork
A Piece of Elastic	A China Cup
A Piece of Coal	A Needle
A Piece of Writing Paper	
A Piece of Moist Clay	
A Piece of Bread	A Chair
A Piece of Silk	A Table Knife
A Coal Scuttle	A Violet
A Snowdrop	A Primrose
A Plant Leaf	An Inch Rule
A Hand	A Pair of Scissors

Conventional Lessons

A Butcher's Shop	Ducks
A Bookbinders Shop	
A Lion	A Farmyard
Dogs, Cats, Pigeons, Pigs, Wolves, A Dairy, A Sheep	

1904 Jan 14th [page 53] Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer, called this afternoon with a copy of the proposed new Bye-laws for Attendance

1904 Jan 15th The M. R. Stove smoked badly again this morning. The weather being fine, I sent the children out to play; and then put out the fire with water. School commenced at 9.40. The temperature was 41°F.

1904 Jan 19th Lately I have given Std II some Practical subjects for Sentence Building. In these I find much more interest shown than in those we generally take. This morning's paper was on:

"How and Why to Show Respect to Others"

Other subjects dealt with have comprised: --

Airing beds, cleaning knives and forks, choice of foods for making up meals, feeding horses, and sweeping rooms.

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1904 Jan 20th [page 54] Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer, called this morning.

1904 Jan 25th Mrs Newport returned to her duties today.

1904 Feb 2nd In the Infants' this morning Lottie Pilbeam was absent and Nellie Short was present. [Blunders by S. J. T.]

The Physical Drill is a source of trouble. To take the exercises in the room where children have been for an hour is unwise unless a copious supply of fresh air can be obtained during the time. To open windows for supplying air is to let in draughty currents. The space in the room is not sufficient for Drill. There are other objections.

To Drill out-of-doors is strongly opposed by a number of parents with apparently good reason in spite of the care I take in doing so only when the weather is favourable. One girl, Winifred Baker, is lying seriously ill with pleurisy and pneumonia. I know the girl has looked unwell for some days and has had a cough.

Suspicion falls on the Outdoor Drill as the cause of her illness. How can I prove the suspicion is unreasonable? Other cases of sickness, among those affected being Hettie Mitchell and Lucy Potter, have been traced to the taking of Drill in the playground.

Mr Reeves, Attendance Officer, called this morning.

Yesterday and today men have been at work putting a tallboy on the Main Room chimney; putting in soot-doors outside the premises and repairing the roof.

Last Friday, Mr Hayward brought a hanging card of "Directions for Cases of Emergency" issued by the Local Education Authority. The card does not state who is responsible for payment of medical fees and materials.

1904 Feb 4th [page 56] This morning I received books, stationery apparatus and materials from the Local Education Authority through the Educational Supply Association.

This morning Mr Brand visited, and Mr Hayward this afternoon. Both managers inspected the alterations to the chimneys.

1904 Feb 10th [page 57] The back row of desks are so unsteady ink is being upset and the children are not to blame. The desks should be screwed to the floor.

1904 Feb 12th [page 57, 58] Dorothy Taylor is likely to be absent a long time. Under medical advice she is remaining at home until the weather is favourable for an operation on her throat.

Yesterday the Main Room stove was as great a nuisance and a hindrance as ever, in spite of the alterations and tallboy. In the afternoon Mr Brand handed me some suggestions from the County Surveyor re: Fresh Air Inlets.

It is noteworthy the children absent through sickness reside on the "Bogs" or other low-lying land. They include D. Taylor, W. Baker, M. Markwick, F. Pilbeam, C. Pilbeam, L. Pilbeam, and A. Crouch.

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Mr Brand called this morning to inquire whether any information had been afforded why the assistants had not had their salaries raised to the minimum of the scale.

1904 Feb 15th [page 58] Mrs Short came at noon today to inquire why her daughters are not allowed to remain in the school room to eat their food.

I pointed out to her how many attempts have been made to meet children's needs in this respect and how they have failed. I advised her to lay the matter before the Managers.

The children have full use of the lobbies during the dinner-hour. They have been allowed the use of the Infants' Room but so much has the room been rendered unfit for the afternoon by the foul air; books have been used and damaged; bread and cheese burnt on the stove and the like that they are now shut out from it.

1904 Feb 18th Visited -- G. Gander

1904 Feb 18th [page 59] Fire emergency drill taken this afternoon.

1904 Feb 19th [page 60] The registers were checked by me and found correct

Arthur Lemmon
P. C. Manager

1904 Feb 23rd Today I concluded the last Terminal Examination of the School Year. I have taken it earlier than usual because two of the teachers are resigning this month and I shall have more work in hand than ordinarily at the end of the year.

1904 Mar 3rd Visited the School and tested the Registers and Summary which I find correct

Rich W. Hayward
Correspondent

1904 Mar 3rd Mrs Newport's attendance this week is irregular as her servant is away attending a sick grandfather.

S. J. Taylor has withdrawn her resignation as the Education Committee have increased her salary by £10.

L. E. Lewis is remaining as Mrs Newport and I have undertaken to pay her an increase on her stipend ourselves.

1904 Mar 4th [page 61] I visited the School and on counting the number of pupils present I found it to correspond with that previously registered.

Cuthbert Routh -- Chairman of Managers

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1904 Mar 9th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1904 Mar 17th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

As the weather is very fine now, we are having very good attendances; and the work is being done well.

1904 Mar 18th [page 62] Visited - C. Garland

1904 Mar 29th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

1904 Mar 31st School closed this afternoon for the Easter Vacation -- to re-open April 11th.

1904 April 11th School reopened this morning.

During the holiday the school rooms have been well cleaned (walls, windows, floors and furniture).

1904 April 14th In a case of emergency (serious illness) I allowed Alfred Taylor to be withdrawn from attending this morning (at 9:45).

1904 April 15th [page 62, 63] The Main Room stove emitted smoke and flames this afternoon. I found the head of the tall boy had become fixed, so that the wind was actually being assisted in driving smoke and flames down the chimney.

I rang an "Emergency" Bell and marched the children out to play (about 2:15) while I obtained a ladder and shifted the head of the tall boy. After this we were able to resume our duties in comparative comfort.

During the week the boys have managed to secure specimens of pond life for the school "pond", and the girls have brought flowers for school decoration.

1904 April 18 [page 63] The "County Council" Inspector -- Mr Brown -- called this afternoon and spent about two hours inquiring into matters concerning premises, furniture, curriculum, and staff.

1904 April 20th [page 64] Doctor Stott, Medical Officer of the Hailsham Union, visited this morning and inquired into the heating and ventilating.

1904 April 22nd Attendance Officer visited.

1904 Apr 25th Government Report for 1903 to 1904, received 23rd inst.

"Mr Newport works hard and has many devices to make children observant and intelligent but they do not sufficiently respond to his efforts.

The examination papers show neat and accurate work. The reading of the lower standards are weak. It will probably be advisable to give more time to needlework.

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The infants are on the whole making satisfactory progress. Special care should be taken to render their lessons as interesting as possible.

The teacher, S. J. Taylor, does not appear to be engaged under a written agreement. I am to refer you to article 72 of the Provisional Code.”

Rich W. Hayward

Correspondent

1904 Apr 28th [page 65] Received School Books, etc., from Educational Supply Association, London, and despatched Return of same to Lewes.

1904 Apr 29th The week's attendance has reached 99% - the best the school has yet seen.

1904 May 2nd Ada Lewis informed me the Everdens were not coming on account of the heavy rains. I found, before closing the Registers (1:50) that Dorothy was present.

1904 May 3rd [page 66] The Attendance Officer called at noon. In consequence of the Annual Wesleyan Tea, a holiday was given in the afternoon, as customary.

1904 May 6th Stage 2 went for an out-door lesson this afternoon. The time spent was forty minutes. We went to Bunt's barn looking for the answers to the following (a copy of which was given to each child).

“Tree Bark”

compare and Contrast the barks of trees -

Surface -

Colour -

Shape -

Guests - (animal and vegetable)

What is bark? What its use?

A miscellaneous collection of specimens was brought back. This included bark of chestnut, hazel, oak, holly, etc., Scotch Fir, maple and elder - old, sear, rotten and new bark - bark with lichen, moss and fern - bark with interior demolished by lice, or harbouring other forms of insect life.

1904 May 17th [page 67] Visited the School this afternoon. Counted the number of pupils present and compared the Registers which I found correct.

R. W. Hayward,
Correspondent

1904 May 18th School closed this afternoon. Tomorrow being Hooe Club Day and next week Whit Week, the reopening is fixed for the 25 inst.

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1904 May 25th School reopened this morning - 80 present.

1904 June 1st Tomorrow the school will be closed on account of the Wesleyan Annual Excursion. This week has been a trying one as many of the children have been difficult to control; the work has suffered; and the teachers have been sorely tried. The reason of this appears to be that the excursion is a time when children can do as they please - the number of teachers in charge of the excursions being too few to manage them.

The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1904 June 8th [page 68] I am feeling 'run down' again. I am working for a RHS examination; and find the work together with the anxious work for next Monday's Scripture Examination and preparations of lessons for Drawing, Drill, Geography, and Elementary Science more than I can comfortably manage.

1904 June 8th [page 69] On the Manager's return for the CDA I have recorded: -

"During May and June we have two Club Feasts, one fair, two Excursions, two Anniversaries, and two Teas affecting our discipline."

School closed this morning - half holiday this afternoon on account of the Ninfield Club Fête and Gala.

In consequence of men distemping, paper-hanging and painting my residence, Mrs Newport's attendance at school has been irregular during the last fortnight.

It is difficult to find people to assist intelligently in domestic work.

1904 June 13th [page 70] Rev. W. Walsh inspected the school this morning.

The usual half holiday was given in the afternoon.

The Diocesan Report is:

"The children sang well and passed a satisfactory examination."

The highest mark was given in each subject.

1904 June 20th Mr Noakes, father of two boys of the school was found drowned yesterday morning.

1904 June 21st [page 70] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

This evening I sit for the RHS School Teacher's Exam. In the R. H. S. General Exam of last April, I secured First Place in Second Class - top of the six Sussex teachers who sat.

1904 June 24 [page 71]

Our Elementary Science Lessons of the past fortnight have been: "A Flower Pot for Cuttings" and "A Zonal; Pelargonium Cutting".

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These have excited keen practical interest (?????)

This afternoon a bed was made behind the school and Pelargonium (and other) cuttings made by the children were put into it.

I have made a school thermometer give Centigrade readings - so these are now kept instead of Fahrenheit.

The lesson on "Bark" of May 6th led up to the principles of 'Budding and 'Grafting'. The boys are anxious to learn how to bud fruit trees.

Our sundial is now exposed on the S. E. corner of the building. When the sun is shining on it, it forms the subject of talk, curiosity, and puzzledom in the play interval.

A Fund has been started to provide tokens of their fellows, good wishes and sympathy to the two Noakes - who are leaving the parish. They now have no parent.

1904 June 28th [page 72] This morning unpleasant smells came from the south direction: and today the squealing of pigs and bellowing of calves at the slaughter house disturbed us.

1904 July 1st [page 73] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1904 July 8th Mr Hayward called at noon - Mr Harmer, Sanitary Inspector, visited this afternoon.

1904 July 15th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

This afternoon we had a lesson in Stage II on making cuttings of currant bushes. Several cuttings made by boys have been prepared for the school garden.

Stage I had a lesson on 'Broad Beans' - a sequel to a previous lesson on a 'Baby Bean'.

1904 July 18th On Saturday last Thomas Morris, Aged 10, was 'drunk' through beer received at 'haying'. Evidently, the boy suffers both physically and mentally from the intemperance of his father and grandfather. In school he is a duffer.

1904 July 22th The Attendance Officer called at noon.

1904 July 27 [page 74] As the Local Education Authority consider I am in charge of an average attendance of 49 children - the Mixed only - I am not enquiring into the working of the Infants' Class. Mrs Newport is reckoned to be 'Head Mistress' of the Infants' department although her salary is not half the minimum of the Scale and she has not the material required.

Besides these, she has signed an agreement as an assistant.

1904 July 28 [page 75] Visited the school this morning, counted number of Scholars present. Compared Registers and found them correct.

Rich. W. Hayward

Correspondent

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1904 July 28th This morning the scholars presented Mr Leeves with a set of jugs and Mrs Anashall with six glasses as tokens of their appreciation of their kindness in giving them drinking water.

Mrs Short called this afternoon and complained about Miss Taylor's treatment of her child, Lottie. The case was as groundless as that recorded on page 58.

[JWN's Note: See entry dated **1904 February 15th**. Also, there is a letter, between pages 75 and 76 in the logbook, which reads, as follows: --]

*"Rose cottage,"
"Hooe,"
"July 1904"*

"Mr Newport"

"Dear Sir,"

"Just a line to thank the Scholars for the set of jugs which they kindly sent me and also you for kindly bringing them."

*"From yours truly,"
"A. Leeves"*

1904 July 29th Monday now being Bank Holiday, we shall reopen on Tuesday - August 2nd.

1904 Aug 3rd [page 76] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1904 Aug 5th This morning I concluded an examination of the Mixed Department. The answers in Stage 2 were on paper. Ten marks were assigned for each subject. The results show a marked improvement; twenty-five out of thirty four obtaining the mark "good", "very good", or excellent.

1904 Aug 11th An examination of the Infants was completed this morning.

1904 Aug 12th There being but 16 scholars altogether this morning on account of Sanger's Circus, etc., school was closed for the Harvest Holiday - to reopen September 26th.

1904 Sep 26th [page 77] School reopened this morning.

Ventilators for the school have been ordered but not received; a ventilating shaft has been added to the dumb well; the guttering has been repaired; and the window sashes have been painted outside.

1904 Sep 27th Mr Hayward visited yesterday afternoon.

1904 Oct 3rd An alarm bell was rung this morning before play.

1904 Oct 4th G. Gardner, Esq., visited this afternoon.

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Harry Jones, who had been giving trouble by molesting fellow scholars on several occasions, was complained of this morning. I sent for the constable who promptly visited and lectured him.

In the RHS June exam I obtained 11th place in the first class. During the Summer Vacation, I turned particularly to the culture of fruit in cottage gardens. I spent a week in the horticultural department of the University College, Reading, especially in pruning. On returning, I was welcomed in many local gardens. My advice is being much acted on. During the present month I expect to be busy tree lifting, soil preparing and root pruning. In the school I find my further horticultural knowledge useful. There is a good prospect of the school and the locality gaining educationally and economically by my studies.

1904 Oct 3rd [page 78] Visited C. Garland.

[J.W.N.s Note. Mr Garland wrote this at the top of the wrong page which is why the dates are not in order]

1904 Oct 11th [pp 79, 80] This afternoon Stage II were taken for an Outdoor Lesson on "Birds". The special points of the lesson were:

(1) Wood, Flower, and Fruit buds -- Shapes, sizes, colours, on what trees, etc, found, and their positions on such trees.

(2) Dormant and Adventitious Buds -- Where found, and the causes.

Gains from the lesson incidentally were: --

(1) Locations of buds on Thorn-bearing trees, as the wild plum.

(2) Contrast of Terminal and Auxiliary Buds on the Ash, etc.

(3) Discovering 2 buds in some axils on the Bramble.

(4) Mussel Scale on a branch, and

(5) Presence of three to five buds (adventitious) on nodes of a stump as a result of 'heading' (pruning) on a tree.

Several specimens were brought by us for future further consideration.

1904 Oct 17th [page 80] Mrs E. H. Newport was absent today on a visit to Whitley Road Infants School, Eastbourne - as recommended by H. M. I.

1904 Oct 26th Fresh Air Inlet Brackets and a Mica Flat Outlet were put in today, the school being closed.

1904 Nov 4th An Alarm Bell was rung this morning.

The cowl on the Main Room chimney has been repaired but the wind still blows down the chimney so much we cannot have a fire.

1904 Nov 8th On inquiry this afternoon I found but 4 p.c. of the Older Scholars had been to Battle Abbey, Hastings Castle, St Clements Caves, Hurstmonceux Castle and Pevensey Castle.

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1904 Nov 11th Professor Vane, conjuror and ventriloquist gave the children an entertainment this afternoon from 4 to 5 p.m.

In order to check the Main Room stove smoking I have riveted a zinc shield below the cowl.

1904 Nov 16th [page 81] Mrs Newport was absent this afternoon having to go to Bexhill unexpectedly.

1904 Nov 17th [page 82] Attended School and tested Registers and Summary which I find are correct

Rich. W. Hayward

Correspondent

1904 Nov 21st This morning, I received a note from His Majesty's Inspector sanctioning the taking of cottage gardening as an experiment for an hour each week.

1904 Nov 22nd The Main Room stove has been working better since the 11th inst. But this morning, with fierce northerly gales, the fumes are blown into the room again -- detrimentally to the health of children and teachers.

The cowl is not strong enough to stand a flange around its mouth or I would put one on.

1904 Nov 24th [page 83] The scholars were photographed this afternoon by W. Pearson, Hastings.

1904 Nov 25th [pages 83, 84, 85, 86, 87] At a Manager's Meeting last night (Messers Dodson, Errey, Ryan, and Hayward being present) a letter was read from Mrs Neve in which I was charged with "thrashing" her son, George (so the chairman, Mr Dodson, said).

I produced the punishment book and stated the facts, which were as follows: --

- 1 William Neve, in running, knocked down Alice Marriott, bruising her knee.
- 2 later in the day, his brother George knocked my son Cuthbert down in a similar way. I cautioned him to be more careful, as I had William in the other case.
- 3 William told the scholars afterwards, during the time for recreation, that his father would do something to me (what his words were I didn't know but they meant some injury).
- 4 As this was a serious matter for discipline, I caned the boys giving one stroke, one each hand, in the Boy's Lobby. I told him why I caned him.

The managers present considered the letter in my absence. Evidently it contained libellous falsehoods. It was clear, too, by what he said and how he acted, that Mr Ryan was determined to make out as bad a case as

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spleen and bias could dictate, against me. Mr Hayward expressed the opinion that my feelings overcame me. I challenged him to show evidence and he confessed he had none. Mr Dodson suggested I should be asked to be more lenient towards children! I asked him to show cause for such, and he was silent.

Mr Ryan protested I had no right to punish any child for an offence which was committed in the playground during the Play Interlude!!

These opinions, above expressed, lose nothing; as they are circulating in the parish is proved by crop of wrongdoing. This morning, I had no less than six boys guilty of tearing leaves from their exercise books. This afternoon, George Neve told Tom Morris he would fight Harry Jones on his way home this afternoon. Tom Morris advised him not to do so as he would probably be punished for it by me on Monday. He replied he could do as he liked out of school. I dared not touch him!!

I found discipline more difficult to secure during the past fortnight. These are indications. Also, the letter referred to has been a matter for discussion among village gossips and within children's hearing.

I rang an 'Alarm Bell' this morning.

1904 Nov 29th [page 87] L. Potter was present this morning.

1904 Dec 2nd The Attendance of Infants this week is but 50 p.c. This is on account of colds.

Mrs Newport has been absent three days, having three children and herself unwell.

1904 Dec 5th I rang an 'Alarm' bell this morning.

1904 Dec 9th Mr Haig Brown visited this afternoon. At the time, I was conducting an examination of Stage II in General Knowledge.

1904 Dec 16th Today I am not feeling very well

1904 Dec 19th My right eye is inflamed.

1904 Dec 20th [page 88] This afternoon I was absent through sickness.

1904 Dec 21st The attendance officer called this afternoon.

1904 Dec 23rd School closed this afternoon for the Christmas holiday -- to reopen January 2nd.

Owing to her baby being ill with bronchial pneumonia, Mrs Newport has been away this week.

School closed this afternoon for the Xmas holiday -- to reopen Jan 2.

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1905 Jan 2nd [page 89] School reopened on Thursday last - a Xmas Treat was given to the scholars. Twenty-one prizes were given to the scholars in Stages I & II who had secured the highest daily average of marks. Lady Idina Brassey distributed the prizes and provided a Conjuring Entertainment.

1905 Jan 3rd An "Alarm" Bell was rung this morning.

1905 Jan 6th This afternoon the Main Room stove smoked so much I had to turn the children into the playgrounds. I tried to cure the evil, but in vain. The fire had to be extinguished.

While the stove was pouring out volumes of smoke, I got Mr Brand (who was passing the school) to come in and see it.

Colds and rain have reduced this week's Infants' attendance to 71%.

1905 Jan 11th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1905 Jan 12th This afternoon I informed Miss Taylor she must do some Collective Teaching in Needlework, keep her class in better order, prepare exercises so as to have a supply always ready and organise the removal and putting away of the children's work.

I pointed out to her Mrs Newport, being the Infants' Teacher, is not at liberty to be engaged in the instruction of the older girls in Needlework.

1905 Jan 13th Received material from and despatched Return of same to the Local Education Authority today.

1905 Jan 17th [page 91] Gales last night crippled the Tallboy and cowl of the Main Room chimney.

1905 Jan 17th The attendance officer called at noon.

1905 Feb 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. "Alarm" Bells rung this morning.

1905 Feb 2nd Visited the School this afternoon, compared number of scholars present with the Registers and find them correct.

Rich. W. Hayward
Correspondent

1905 Feb 3rd Miss Lewis was absent this afternoon -- having toothache.

1905 Feb 6th On Tuesday last Stage II went down the road as far as Bunt's Barn for an Outdoor Lesson. The children were to look at the angles in the axils of different trees and the directions in which the branches grew.

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Also, they were to examine hedges, noting especially strength and weakness in them and to consider the probable causes of such.

1905 Feb 9th [page 92] On the first instant we took possession of about 6 Rods (sq) of additional school garden. We have been busy trimming and repairing the hedges.

We have divided it into six plots and propose, as soon as possible, to get it dug and to sow some Broad Beans. Each plot has been allotted to a boy in Standard IV. He finds a partner in a boy in the lower class.

1905 Feb 13th There were 28 infants this morning. In marking the registers Miss Taylor committed one name. I corrected after counting.

1905 Feb 19th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1905 Feb 20th [page 93] Mrs Newport was taken ill this morning and was unable to come this afternoon.

1905 Feb 21st Miss Lewis' mother died (very suddenly) yesterday afternoon. Mrs Newport and she are both absent today. Miss Taylor is taking charge of the Infants.

1905 Feb 27th Mrs Newport and Miss Lewis returned to school this morning. Mrs Newport was too unwell to attend again in the afternoon.

A number of scholars are now absent suffering with Influenza and Sore Throat.

1905 Mar 3rd The Attendance Officer came at noon. Mr Hayward brought forms of Annual Returns this morning.

1905 Mar 6th Visited - G. Gardner

1905 Mar 10th [page 94] Since the inspector's visit I have been busy with Form 9, the quarterly Requisition List and new Time Tables.

1905 Mar 13th Today I have been looking into the Syllabuses of Instruction with a view of modifying them for the Inspector's approval.

1905 Mar 16th An Alarm Bell was rung this morning. (10.35). Received Forms for Returns of Sales of Needlework. This afternoon we removed the garden gate to the east end of the offices.

1905 Mar 17th Mrs Newport, Miss Taylor, and Miss Lewis have been coming earlier than formerly since the Inspector's visit.

Mr Gardner said he was agreeable to the arrangement continuing which was sanctioned by Mr Arlington by which Mrs Newport may arrive at school by 9.45 without being considered late-coming.

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1905 Mar 21st [pp 95, 96, 97, 98, and 99] As I find advantage is taken of the marking of Registers after opening hymns and prayers, I propose marking first -- making no allowance for children coming from a distance, and to start on this plan tomorrow morning.

Edith Mabel Treagus, 10 yrs old, admitted yesterday is very backward. She is like Horace and Harry James: no welcome addition to our number so far as their attainments are considered. Rarely have I admitted pupils from other schools showing as good work as ours produce.

I cautioned Alfred Taylor this morning about his conduct. This Boy has been remarked on by the Inspectors as a source of trouble (and consequent injury) to the school. It is interesting to note his father was expelled the school when about nine years of age; he himself was removed from the Infants Dep't because he was a nuisance there (Old Log Book, p 379) and has been conspicuously bad on two occasions (Nov 14 and Dec 9; 1901 - Old Log Book pp 460,461)

His uncles Frank and Horace were very troublesome at school (the latter was expelled in consequence). Miss S. J. Taylor is an Aunt of the lad.

On page 448 of the former Log Book, I have the following note:

"I regret to have to refer again to the lateness at which Sarah J. Taylor arrives. 9.30 is about the time; occasionally, as this morning, it is 9.40 or even 9.45. I have shown her this entry and spoken to her about the matter."

This was under date 1901 May 23rd. On June 1st, I noted that she was coming earlier.

However, as Miss Taylor was not engaged (at first) to be here before 9.45, and as no agreement had been drawn up with her by the Managers, and I had no warrant for my demands other than the needs of the school, I felt I could not press her any more to come earlier. When there was a prospect of an agreement being signed with her, at the beginning of the present year, I pointed out to her she would be bound by that bond to be at school by the time for opening. At the beginning of the year I put up a Time Sheet (on my own authority) and required the assistant to sign on arrival as I myself did.

In 1900 and again in 1901 (Old Log Book pp 446, 447) Mrs Newport was either to take a prolonged rest from school duties or to resign on account of her health. But, as she was indispensable here, the Managers informed her "she was to study her health and to take rest from her school duties when she found it necessary". (Old log book page 488)

As a result of the Managers' consideration Mrs Newport has been able to continue her work here, giving satisfaction.

Approved Plans of Instruction were received from the Inspector yesterday.

1905 Mar 24th [page 100] I have examined the Mixed Dep't this week.

1905 Mar 28th Yesterday, I examined the Infants, and proposed clearing up this terminal examination today.

Since Mr Gardner's visit I find the assistants are more willing to receive an act upon my advice.

I anticipate doing more directly with the Infants. My difficulty in this direction is what to do with my class (Stage II) while in the classroom. I must leave them in charge of Miss Taylor and hope for the best.

In order to add force to my criticisms I am giving the Assistants hints in writing as well as verbally.

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1905 Mar 27th [page 101] The Attendance Officer called this morning. I expected he would know the result of the Proficiency Examination held at Bexhill on the 18th but he knew nothing.

1905 April 5th The Attendance Officer called this morning, bringing the results of the Proficiency Exam.

L. Hobden failed on Arithmetic; the others passed in each subject.

1905 April 10th After school this afternoon I had a serious chat with A. Taylor, H. Vitler, G. Lewis, and C. Potter about showing care for the work in school. In Gardening (and any other form of manual labour) they are quite satisfactory.

Mrs Newport was absent on Friday last as her youngest child was very ill with Acute Bronchitis.

Three days nursing has been blessed to the child's recovery so far that Mrs Newport returned to her duties this morning.

Miss Taylor arrived here at 9.6 on Mar 27, 9.5 on April 7; and 9.7 this morning. On all other days she has arrived before 9 o'clock.

1905 April 12th [page 102] The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

1905 April 14th An 'Alarm' Bell was rung this afternoon.

1905 April 19th School closed this afternoon for the Easter Vacation - to reopen May 1st.

1905 May 1st School reopened with 82 present. An 'Alarm' Bell was rung this afternoon.

Tools for the School Garden have been furnished by the Local Education Authority. They comprise: - 6 spades, 6 forks, 6 rakes, 6 hoes, 6 drill hoes, and were received April 21st.

Owing to the large quantity of wireworms in the school garden most of our seeds have disappeared.

1905 May 2nd [page 103] The Wesleyans of Ninfield had a Children's Tea this afternoon at 3, which reduced our total attendance to 38.

School closed at 3.30, the registers being closed at 1.30.

1905 May 9th A case of Measles has broken out in the Munn family; the infection being brought by a boy visitor during Easter. In consequence, the Munns are excluded from the school until all risk is gone.

1905 May 11th [page 104] Visited the School this morning, compared numbers of Scholars present with the Registers and found them correct.

Rich W. Hayward
Correspondent

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1905 May 11th Mr Harmer, Sanitary Inspector, called this afternoon.

1905 May 17th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1905 May 18th Being Hooe Club Day the school was closed.

1905 May 19th There was no prospect of any school being held this morning at 9 o'clock. By 9.30, however, we had 74 scholars. These were on the whole, as usual, much the worse for the previous day's 'enjoyment'. I myself find the continuous noise of the roundabout 'organ' (which is not stopped till 11.45) is no help to fitness for one's school duties. There is no hope of doing any real work in the school after such an occasion.

1905 May 25th [page 105] The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Yesterday, being Empire Day, we sang a Patriotic Song and "God save the King" after a few words on our privileges and responsibilities as subjects of the British Empire.

1905 May 30th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1905 June 6th This morning Mr Hayward of the farm adjoining the school was having the dung in the yard thrown up into a heap. The stench from the filth stopped our work and, at 11.45, I dismissed the scholars for their sakes, I also protested to Mr Hayward against what was being done and informed him I should report the same in the ordinary course of my duty.

Not being satisfied that Gordon Lewis was in such a state of health as warranted his attendance in school I sent him home at 1.40 with the request he should not return until after the Whitsun holiday. He was feverish and acknowledged he had a rash over his body.

1905 June 7th [page 106] Tomorrow being the Annual Excursion of Ninfield Wesleyan Sunday School and Monday being Whit Monday, school was closed this afternoon until Tuesday next, June 13th.

1905 June 13th School reopened today.

1905 June 15th The Wesleyan's referred their excursion to today on account of the rain. As only 15 scholars presented themselves the school was closed.

Two desks supplied by the education committee were fitted up this morning.

1905 June 20th [page 107] Rev. W. Walsh, Diocesan inspector, visited this morning.

72 scholars were present out of 95 on the books. The Vicar was present. No school was held in the afternoon.

As usual the highest mark was given in each section.

The report runs: -- "Both divisions have been well taught and the children sang nicely."

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From the E. S. A., I have received an account for two desks supplied through the E. Sussex L. E. Authority. The desks are £1. 8s. 6d each, less 5%, that is £2. 14s. 2d.

1905 June 26th [page 108] An "Alarm" Bell was rung this morning.

1905 July 5th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1905 July 11th There being increases in the number of cases of measles, actual and suspected, I made an investigation of them this morning to report to the Sanitary Authority. I find there are: -- 46 cases, with 12 children excluded (total 18 absent); and there have been: --

7 cases with 2 excluded and 15 suspected -- children who have been absent with a headache, colds, and sickness for a week at a time.

1905 July 12th [page 109] 5 more cases of Measles this morning with exclusion of other children reduce our attendance to 51 all told.

1905 July 13th More cases this morning! Considering all the cases and the circumstances under which the other children are attending, I closed this school. I am reporting the facts to the Medical Officer [there were 39 scholars].

1905 July 31st The Managers reopened school this morning for three weeks. There are 37 Mixed and 18 Infants present. Those absent are in nearly every case away through the Measles. Three are harvesting; that work having now commenced.

Hop-picking is not expected to begin for a month or six weeks yet.

Seventeen children now present have not yet had Measles. One child absent -- Cyril Brand -- has the sickness a second time this Summer.

1905 Aug 4th [page 110] The week's percentage of attendance is but 54. One cannot be otherwise than disheartened by working under such circumstances; being aware those absent are losing instruction now being given (especially in Arithmetic) and that successive terms will afford little or no opportunity to make good such loss.

1905 Aug 18th [page 111] School was closed this afternoon for six weeks.

1905 Oct 2nd This morning school began with 78 present, several not having returned from their holidays.

1905 Oct 4th The Attendance Officer visited this morning.

1905 Oct 12th The Attendance Officer called.

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1905 Oct 13th A good week's work has been done. Last week I contracted an inflamed and ulcerated throat which hindered me. I was glad this week to quite recover and work on merrily.

In the past fortnight I have read the "Companion to the Code" with much pleasure. I trust some hints I obtained from it will be found to aid in greater success here.

Oral Arithmetic and Oral Composition will be found to have improved by a change of methods.

1905 Oct 17th [page 112] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Last night there was a sharp frost and this morning is cold. We have, therefore, a fire burning in each room.

1905 Oct 20th Tomorrow being Nelson Day, we have taken the Account of Nelson's victories for Reading and History Lessons; we have sung Patriotic Songs and Hymns; we have written Composition on his last signal, etc., to impress good lessons on the children.

1905 Oct 24th This afternoon Stage II went for an Outdoor Lesson. The subject was: Trees -- which are bare; which have dead leaves; which living leaves; what are the positions of these trees.

Flowers -- what and where.

1905 Oct 27th Visited - C. Garland

1905 Oct 27th [page 113] **Copy of government report**

"The same characteristics are again observable. The Head Teacher spares no time or trouble but the children, and especially the boys, seem apathetic and disinclined to exert themselves in return.

It is essential that teachers should be punctual in their attendance at school.

Sweeping should not be done just before the school assembles in the morning.

Rich. W. Hayward
Correspondent

1905 Oct 27th [page 114] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Mr Garland, at his visit today, suggested a Master's desk should be obtained and the desk he now uses should be for the assistant. He, once again, pointed out the need of apex ventilation and he suggested the walls should be of a pale green tint instead of white. He noted the need of more cupboards.

1905 Nov 1st This afternoon the Gardening Class assembled in Sandhill Farm garden. A trench was dug and prepared for gooseberry bushes, which were removed from another place. An espalier tree was root pruned. All the boys worked well. Alfred Taylor was particularly interested, asking numerous intelligent questions and working with conspicuous energy.

This morning smoke was filling the Infants' Room through the Chimney Ventilator, which was clogged with soot. With the aid of a ladder from Mr Hayward, I removed the front, cleaned the flaps and so put the matter right.

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1905 Nov 2nd [page 115] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Mr Garland, last Friday, approved the occasional substitution of Drawing for Brushwork on Wednesdays.

1905 Nov 3rd A Curtain was hung in the Main Room this afternoon.

1905 Nov 9th As the Gardening Class had to leave several fruit trees with roots exposed yesterday I took the boys this afternoon to replace them in the soil.

1905 Nov 16th [page 116] For the same reason as above a special lesson was given this afternoon. This time the boys did more of the removal and replanting of trees as they were current and not gooseberry trees.

1905 Nov 17th The Attendance Officer called at noon. An "Alarm Bell" was rung this afternoon.

1905 Nov 22nd The Attendance Officer called at noon.

Mr G. Sargent, guardian of Thomas Morris, objected to him gardening this afternoon. Mr Sargent had a visit from the Attendance Officer earlier in the day and was in a state of intoxication. I advised Thomas to return to school and work with the other boys. This he did just before the close of the lesson.

1905 Nov 27th [page 117]

"I visited the School and counted the number of pupils present, which accorded accurately with the number previously registered."

Cuthbert Routh Chairman of Managers

Partly through standing too long at my duties I have a varicose vein with ulceration.

1905 Dec 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

1905 Dec 8th On account of the very wet state of the soil we could not work in the garden last Wednesday. We dealt with the subjects of Manuring and Liming instead.

1905 Dec 13th [page 118] The Attendance Officer called at noon.

1905 Dec 21st The Attendance Officer called at noon.

School closed this afternoon for the Xmas Vacation -- to reopen Jan 1st 06. I concluded the Terminal Examination today.

1905 Dec 22nd School closed this afternoon for the Xmas holiday.

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1906 Jan 1st School reopened this morning.

1906 Jan 5th Not a grand week of work as the children are excited over a Concert and their Annual Christmas Treat.

1906 Jan 12th School closed on account of the school Tea, Treat, Prize-giving and Christmas Tree.

1906 Jan 17th [page 119] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Jan 18th Weekly Tickets received from the Local Authority.

1906 Jan 22nd It is with great regret I find Alfred Taylor is still a great nuisance in the school. He is generally the cause of all mischief and trouble inside and outside the school. It is desirable that lads of such characters should not be allowed to attend schools like this, corrupting others and hindering the work. I sent him home expressing the hope that tomorrow morning he would put in appearance resolved to start afresh as a good boy.

1906 Jan 23rd This afternoon Mr Booth, the Police Constable, came to the school at my invitation and, with me, inquired into the several cases of damage to school property. Several boys, among whom Alfred Taylor is chief, were warned as to their future conduct; and seven boys were caned by me.

1906 Jan 26th [page 120] A very satisfactory improvement in discipline and work has resulted from the "understanding" of the 23rd inst.

1906 Jan 30th The Attendance Officer called at noon.

1906 Feb 2nd A much better week for work than any other since Christmas.

On Monday last the Weekly Reward Tickets of the E. Sussex Local Education Authority were distributed to the Scholars for the first time. This week more children have tried to secure the "prizes".

The branches of Gardening occupying our attention at the present time are branch pruning and caustic washing. This Winter we are washing about four times as much as last.

This evening I was able to see the very satisfactory results of an experiment with mite-infested Black Current bushes.

1906 Feb 7th [page 121] Visited the school this afternoon and counted the children present which agreed with the Registers

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1906 Feb 8th [page 122] The Attendance Officer called at noon.

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1906 Feb 9th No fire could be had today on account of the wind. The Temperature in the Main Room at noon was 46°F.

1906 Feb 16th [pages 122 & 123] I propose resuming the ordinary times of instruction in the afternoons on Monday next.

This week I have obtained natural interest in illustrations for lessons in pruning. From these I have made drawings.

Last Wednesday afternoon being so wet the Gardening Class had a lesson indoors on: -- "How to shape trees and to prune old ones". It was obviously appreciated by two boys at least -- A. Taylor and F. Grant.

For years I have been anxious to make clear to the children what are: -- 'New Moon', 'First-Quarter', etc. I have, at last, been able by using an old small globe, to make the phases of the moon quite clear to myself. I now hope to treat the subject successfully.

1906 Feb 20th [p 123] The stove in the Main Room was a filthy nuisance this morning. At 11:45, I dismissed school; the children and teachers all affected by the fumes. [The registers were closed about 9:15] I put out the fire with hot water and opened all the windows. In the afternoon we had no fire.

1906 Feb 27th T. Morris was understood to be not coming this morning. He arrived before 9:30.

During Mr Hayward's visit this afternoon the stove began puffing smoke as it had before with north-westerly winds. Mr Hayward remarked he had no idea the nuisance was so great and that it must be abated.

1906 Feb 28 [page 124] A Reading from the Addison Temperance Reader has brought under my notice cases of intoxication among some of the boys. I have previously found beer drinking boys very dull in school. The worst case of intemperance among the boys is one who is frequently a laughing stock of his fellows because of his absurd blunders in Reading, Arithmetic, etc.

1906 Mar 2nd Visited - G. Gardner

1906 Mar 6th [page 125] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Mar 9th At the Manager's Meeting last evening the Correspondent described the evil workings of the Main Room stove at his last visit and the Managers resolved to attempt again to remedy the serious matter and also to supply apex ventilators.

1906 Mar 14th [page 125] Despatched rough Time Table and Schemes to H. M. I. for his approval.

1906 Mar 15th Ada Lewis and Alice Markwick were this morning examined for L. E. A. Honours Certificate. Mr Hayward, the Correspondent, acted as Superintendent.

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1906 Mar 22nd [page 126] The Attendance Officer called at noon. Despatched Arithmetic scheme to H. M. I. this evening.

1906 Mar 25th Received Time Tables and Schemes approved.

1906 April 6th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 April 12th School closed this afternoon -- to reopen after Easter, the 23rd inst.

Neither of the girls who sat for the Examination on March 15th gained an Honour Certificate.

1906 April 23rd School reopened

1906 April 24th The Attendance Officer called.

1906 April 30th I called this morning to check the Registers and found that the numbers of Scholars present accurately correspond with those in the Registers

Cuthbert Routh

The Annual Diocesan Inspection was this afternoon.

The Rev. C. W. G. Wilson, Vicar of Mountfield, was the Examiner. There were 90 scholars present. The Rev. Cuthbert Routh, the Vicar, was present all the time. The examination concluded about 3 o'clock.

1906 May 2nd [page 127] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

This afternoon school was closed on account of the Wesleyan Tea, etc.

1906 May 4th Mrs Newport was absent yesterday and today as she was unwell.

1906 May 9th The Attendance Officer called this morning. Mrs Newport returned to her duties here this morning.

Nine boys were allowed to finish garden work which could not be left till another day.

1906 May 16th "Juaisia Wood" was used on rose and fruit trees for the first time in the school garden this afternoon.

1906 May 17th [p 128] Being Hooe Club Day the school was closed.

1906 May 22nd The Diocesan Report runs thus: -

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"The Infants showed a very good knowledge of all that they have been taught, and said their Repetition very well. In estimating the work of the children in the large room, it must be remembered that the inspection was held at a much earlier date than usual.

The work was on the whole very satisfactory though the answering was confined to rather a small portion of the children. Some of the written work was very good especially that of Mabel Baker, Lizzie Hobden, A. Markwick, A. Lewis, Dorothy Evernden, and Florie Grant."

(Signed) C. W. G. Wilson
Diocesan Inspector

The above Mr Wilson insisted on coming when he did on April 30th in spite of objections. The objections were: --

- 1 The examination was seven weeks earlier than usual.
- 2 One week only was allowed to specially prepare for it.
- 3 The Wesleyan S. S. Anniversary Public Meeting, etc (affecting nearly all the scholars) was the day before.
- 4 Hooe Fair Day with its Gala occupied the scholar's minds that day and the next, and
- 5 The Wesleyan S. S. Treat was the second day after, and
- 6 The visit was an afternoon one.

1906 May 24th [page 130] The Attendance Officer called.

Being Empire Day we hoisted a Union Flag and sang suitable hymns and songs during the day and "God save the King".

1906 May 30th "I counted the number of Children in Stage II and found it agrees with the register"

J. E. Brand.

1906 June 1st School closed this afternoon for the Whitsun Vacation - to reopen June 6th.

1906 June 6th School reopened with 87 present.

1906 June 14th Visited H. E. Haig Brown

Yesterday the Wesleyan and Hooe Church Sunday School Excursions took place. School was closed therefore.

1906 June 20 [page 131] Owing to an accumulation of Garden-work, this afternoon the class worked until four o'clock - so putting in 2 lessons.

1906 June 26th The Attendance Officer called this morning. An alarm bell was rung this afternoon.

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1906 June 27th At the close of the afternoon the scholars and the staff were photographed.

1906 July 2nd On counting the number of Scholars present Stage I, I find the attendance as registered is correct.

S. Dodson

1906 July 3rd Our first ripe strawberry was noticed this afternoon.

1906 July 9th Cans and mugs for water for the scholars were introduced today.

1906 July 12th [page 132] The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 July 23rd I checked the Infants' Register this morning and found the same correct.

John Errey

1906 July 27th This morning I have three cases of Chickenpox brought to my notice and one case of Measles and I have excluded scholars of families affected. I have also sent word to the Local Authority.

On account of the loss of a pail at the cottages we are not able to get water there and, as they find water running short at the farm, we cannot draw water there. We are, therefore, without drinking water.

The Attendance Officer called yesterday morning.

Broad Beans, Potatoes, and Carrots have been gathered from the plots. I got these sorted. The beans made three lots, potatoes five, and the carrots three.

Last year we did not secure any beans; this year we gathered half-a-bushel. We got this year five gallons of potatoes against less than one last. We had about a dozen times as many carrots.

I am having the ground trenched and manured.

1906 Aug 2nd [page 133] Visited - C. Garland

1906 Aug 3rd Mrs Newport was absent this afternoon.

1906 Aug 3rd [page 134] Visited School, Counted Scholars Stage 2 and signed Register as correct.

Rich W. Hayward - Manager

1906 August 10th [page 133] During the week the garden plots - especially the Fruit Plot - has been manured & trenched. School closed this afternoon for six weeks - to reopen September 24th.

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1906 Sep 24th [page 134] School reopened with 81 scholars.

1906 Sep 28th [page 134] The Attendance of Infants Scholars this afternoon is correctly registered. –
Cuthbert Routh, Manager
The Attendance Officer called on Tuesday afternoon.

1906 Oct 3rd The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Oct 12th This afternoon's attendance of Stage II scholars is correctly registered. - T. Morris

1906 Oct 12th [page 135] On Wednesday afternoon the Gardening boys were allowed to continue working on the plots as there was so much to be done.

1906 Oct 18th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Oct 25th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Nov 1st The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Nov 5th This afternoon we began school, had lessons, and closed according to the times for the Winter Session.

1906 Nov 6th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1906 Nov 7th This afternoon's attendance of the scholars is correctly registered.

Cuthbert Routh - Manager

1906 Nov 12th [page 135 & 136] My father died last Wednesday afternoon. In the morning I was informed by telegram he was "sinking fast".

Arriving home the same night I found he had been dead about 6 1/2 hours and it was my duty to prepare for the internment, etc.

Consequently, on Thursday the 8th inst., I was busy with such arrangements and the funeral was on Saturday. Today I was absent: having other matters concerning my mother's future, a headstone for the grave, etc., to settle.

Over anxiety about his work, acting on a weak heart, hastened his decease but his life proved he was prepared and willing to depart and be with Christ.

1906 Nov 16th [page 137] The Attendance Officer called this morning. This week's attendance has been reduced by sickness.

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1906 Nov 22nd The Attendance Officer called at noon.

1906 Dec 14th The Attendance Officer called at noon. During the week I have conducted the ordinary terminal examination. Miss Taylor was absent today, unwell.

1906 Dec 21st School closed for the Xmas Vacation.

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1907 Jan 7th Today, school reopened with 73 scholars present.

1907 Jan 10th The Attendance Officer called.

1907 Jan 14th This afternoon's attendance of Stage II scholars is correctly registered

John Errey

1907 Jan 15 [page 138] The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

1907 Jan 21st This afternoon the boys in Stage II were taken to measure (roughly) a field on Sandhill Farm in connection with their Field Drawing lessons.

1907 Jan 24th The temperature today at noon in the classroom is 37° F and in the main room 43° F.

1907 Jan 30th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

1907 Feb 1st On Monday and Thursday "Field Drawing" was carried on, on school Farm where three plots have been offered us for the purpose.

1907 Feb 6th This afternoon's attendance of all Scholars is correctly registered.

Rich W. Hayward

1907 Feb 7th The Attendance Officer called this morning. Stage II continued Map-Drawing till 12; the Singing Lesson time being occupied with him over absentees.

1907 Feb 18th [page 139] The Time Table has been sent to the Local Authority, approved by Mr Freeland, H. M. I., received, and -- this morning -- is shown again in the school room.

1907 Feb 20th The Attendance Officer called.

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1907 Mar 1st The past week has been the best for freedom from sickness for many weeks.

1907 Mar 4th Stage I had an Outdoor Geography Lesson this morning from 10.45 to 12.

1907 Mar 5th This morning I read aloud to the Older Scholars, the Notice of the Minor Scholarship Examination.

1907 Mar 15th [page 140] During the past three weeks, by Test Cards, and other "Standard" sums I have been enabled to see the working of the present year's Scheme of Arithmetic.

Among the results I note:

- 1 Children can do the ordinary standard (Scheme B) work.
- 2 There are hopeful signs of increased power in dealing with numbers.
- 3 The scholars in "Standard III" have such a knowledge of "Standard IV" work that another year's work under the scheme should make them very fit to proceed to "Standard V" and "Std VI" rules.
- 4 Practical oral arithmetic is done promptly, satisfactorily.

Other subjects which have been especially considered lately are Reading and Recitation. With regard to Recitation, I have allowed the scholars to select and learn their pieces and then have got them to recite them before the others.

Silent Reading, I have tried unsuccessfully in years gone by but I now find that by an assortment of book's, the older scholars settle down industrially to read in silence. In the new school year I hope to be able to progress even more in developing in the children a love of Reading intelligently good books for and by themselves and, also, a good style of clear, well expressed Reading allowed to others.

At the Manager's meeting held last night I put forward a scheme of "apex" ventilation for the main room. This was my second attempt to get a defect remedied but I was unsuccessful.

1907 Mar 18th While hearing Stage I scholars read this afternoon, I was impressed with the ease with which they read. I formed the opinion that a wider range of matter (in a larger number of books) was probably the cause.

I carefully put a question to the children and found that all who had considered it (40 out of 47) were unanimous in the opinion that a greater variety of Reading matter helped them to read better.

1907 April 8 [page 143] Visited this afternoon. F. A. S. Freeland H. M. I.

[J. W. N.'s note: This entry is completely out of place in the Log Book and I don't know why!!!]

1907 Mar 28th The school closed for the Easter Holiday -- until April 8.

During the last three weeks we have been using various sorts of paper for writing as our stock of exercise books and drawing paper is quite exhausted.

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1907 April 8th School reopened with 76 present.

Having no writing paper, Reading has been substituted for Writing and Arithmetic has been tables only.

1907 April 10th This morning I was able to work by the Time Table as I received some exercise books from the L. E. A.

1907 April 11th [page 144] Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday, owing to the weather.

1907 April 12th Mrs Newport has been absent all the week, unwell.

1907 Apr 19th This afternoon's attendance of all the Scholars is correctly registered

Cuthbert Routh
Chairman of Managers

This morning Mrs Newport gave birth to a daughter.

In place of Brushwork, I am taking Reading as I have no paper for the scholars. For drawing exercises I am using exercise paper.

Gardening was not taken this week owing to the circumstances.

The Correspondent informs me the L.E.A. will not buy a Union Flag (for Empire day and other occasions) and a set of English Measures (for measuring garden produce, etc.).

1907 April 30th [page 145] Medals and Certificates gained by scholars last year were presented them by the Vicar assisted by the Correspondent this afternoon at 3.55.

1907 May 1st School closed this afternoon for the Wesleyan S. S. Tea.

1907 May 2nd Read notice of Diocesan Inspection on 27 inst. this morning.

1907 May 7th G. and E. Morris are both frequently late. This morning I caned both and warned them.

The defective outlet ventilation of the Main Room has been especially obvious again this week. I have caught cold in the head through the draft from the N. E. windows.

These windows form our only outlets; and, when winds blow through them into the room, we have to choose between draughts and foul air.

1907 May 9th [page 146] Gardening was taken this afternoon instead of yesterday, owing to the weather. Last week rains stopped Gardening altogether.

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1907 May 15th School closed this afternoon for Hooe Club Fête and the Whitsun Holiday -- to reopen on the 22nd inst.

1907 May 22nd School reopened. Nellie Sargent having a sore throat, I sent her home.

1907 May 24th [page 147] Being Empire day we wore daisies, sang patriotic hymns and songs and the National Anthem, and gave three cheers for His Imperial Majesty.

Mrs Newport returned to her duties on Wednesday.

1907 May 27th The Diocesan Examination was conducted by the Rev C. W. G. Wilson this morning, commencing at 10.30.

School was closed during the afternoon.

1907 May 30th Miss Taylor was absent today, her father dying.

1907 June 6th Miss Taylor was absent today preparing for her father's internment on Saturday.

1907 June 7th Miss Taylor was absent again today.

1907 June 12th Visited - H. E. Haig Brown.

1907 June 13th [page 148] This afternoon's attendance of all the scholars is correctly registered.

Cuthbert Ralph
Chairman of Managers

1907 June 17th Visited School. The little outlet ventilation at the top of the building would be a great improvement if the Managers could see their way to it.

A. Lawrence Thornton
Chairman
Education Council
East Sussex

1907 June 19th School closed on account of Wesleyan S. S. Excursion.

1907 June 24th F. Grant was present. I was misled by a note I received which stated she would be late through coming from Hurstmonceux by 'bus.

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I was much pleased this year with my visit to this school. The infants appeared to be rather shy but some of them answered brightly. I think that better pictures, such as those published by Nelson & Sons, which I should like to recommend, would be helpful both to the teacher and to the little ones.

In the large room, there was a marked improvement. The answering was much more general and ready and the children seemed to take a real interest in their work. The written work consisted of portions of the Catechism, and was done very fairly well on the whole.

The best papers were those of Olive Luck, Ethel Brett, Mabel Baker, Dorothy Taylor, and Grace Newport.

[signed] C. W. G. Wilson.

1907 July 9th [page 150] G. Morris came this morning at 9.50. He and his sister Edith are frequently late in the morning arriving at any time between 9.15 and 9.45.

1907 July 18th & 19th The Head Teacher conducted an examination of the Juniors, the result of which was a shock to him. Head teacher returned home ill.

1907 July 31st This afternoon's attendance of all Scholars is correctly Registered.

Rich W. Hayward
Manager's Correspondent

1907 July 31st Our Head Teacher has been absent from School since Monday last, 29th inst., and, today, has been removed to the Hastings Hospital to be operated upon.

Rich. W. Hayward
Manager & Correspondent

1907 Sep 30th School reopened after seven weeks closing (August 9th).

I find the work is as much as I can manage. I was advised in the hospital that unless I could sit at times and refrain from continuous strain on the abdominal muscle, I should run the risk of injuring myself by returning to school so soon. It is my hope and aim to go on with my work successfully.

1907 Oct 4th [page 151] The week's Attendance and work have been to me satisfactory.

1907 Oct 7th Mrs Newport absent today being unwell.

1907 Oct 11th Several children have been ailing this week with headache and sickness.

1907 Oct 18th Fires were lighted in the Infant's Room this week.

1907 Oct 25th The ventilator has shown its utility. The North windows have been occasionally closed lately owing to draughts from them and the ventilator has been found to act as an outlet satisfactorily.

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1907 Nov 1st [page 152] This week's attendance is the best since last June.

1907 Nov 8th An "Alarm" bell was rung this afternoon.

1907 Nov 13th This morning's attendance is correctly registered.

J. E. Brand

1907 Nov 15th Fires have been maintained in both rooms this week. The afternoon sessions have closed at 3.30.

1907 Nov 19th Mr Morris gave apples to the Infants this afternoon.

1907 Dec 7th Not being satisfied with the condition of my side, I went to the hospital. There I learnt that the muscle was being weakened and I must have an appliance to give support and prevent serious consequences. I find giving orders (as in Drill] thrusts the remnant of the appendix against the muscle and causes tenderness there.

1907 Dec 21st [page 153] With the aid of an air pad and a belt, I am now getting on comfortably.

During the week I have commenced an examination of the scholars.

I find at the time I became disabled I was conducting an examination. All knowledge of that period seemed to have vanished from my mind but through association I find I can recollect something of what I was doing.

1907 Dec 24th School closed this afternoon for Xmas - to reopen Jan 6th 1908.

I have again weighed the children and measured their heights and girths. From past and present figures I have a table as a standard, which I find instructive in considering the health of the scholars.
