

A Selective Transcription of entries from the Osborne School Logbooks at the Dorset History Centre
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Emily Cheeseman born Dec 21st 1874

Recognised under Article 68 December 1894

Appointed as Monitress September 17th 1888

Miss Alice Wright entered upon the duties of this school on the 2nd day of September 1876.

Signed: C. M. Rogers.

SELECTED EXTRACTS:

- 1877 Jan 19 Taught Standard III Addition of Money and Stand: II Multiplication by two figures
Revd C Rogers gave his Scripture Lesson as usual
Attendance very fair.
- Jan 26 Taught Standard III Multiplication of Money and Standard II Multiplication by three figures.
- Feb 2 Taught the children a new song.
- Feb 16 Several children absent through illness
A new song
School visited by Mrs Rogers
- Mar 2 Sent several children home for being late.
Reading improved in the 3rd class and the writing in the 1st Class.
- Mar 9 Very poor attendance throughout the week.
The six boys who were sent home for being late have been absent all the week.
- Mar 16 Attendance very good the boys having returned
School visited by Mrs Digby.
- Mar 29 Closed school from April 17th to April 30th owing to a case of scarlet fever.
- May 4 Very poor attendance this week, two or three boys at work
- May 11 Attendance very good (Average 33)
- (Regular visits to the school throughout this period by Mr & Mrs Rogers and Mrs Digby.)
- May 11 Admitted Bessie Sansom
Standard III Long Division of Money.
- May 18 Edwin Dyke absent all week
Also Edwin Miller who was wanted at home
A new song.
- May 25 Closed for a week (Whitsuntide)
- May 31 Edwin Florence & Annie Smith absent.
- Jun 15 Several girls absent, wanted at home
- Jun 22 Very poor attendance this week, so many children wanted at home on account of their mothers going out to work.

Edwin Miller has left school and gone to work.
Kate Cheeseman has left school and gone into service.
Admitted **Maude Sansom** and **Robert Banger**.

- Jul 27 Very poor attendance this week, nearly all the 1st class still absent.
No school on Wednesday afternoon, the children had their school treat.
- Aug 3 Nearly all the 1st class children still absent
- Aug 17 Closed school this week for the Harvest Vacation, viz a month.
- Sep 17 Commenced school this week
Very poor attendance, nearly all the 1st class children still absent.
Mary Jane Abbott has left school, she is going to leave the parish.
- Sep 24 **Edwin Dyke** has left school and gone to work
Kept several children in after 12 o'clock for being late
- Oct 5 Kept several children in after 12 o'clock for being careless and inattentive
- Oct 19 Very poor attendance this week. Most of the children were absent on Monday and Tuesday on account of the Fair held in Sherborne.
- Oct 26 Attendance very good (average 25)
- Nov 2 Attendance not so good owing to wet weather
- Nov 9 Several children absent this week but **Willie Chant** home because he had a ringworm on his face.
- Nov 16 **Arthur Miller** met with an accident in the field and was taken to hospital but has not yet returned.
Willie Chant still absent.
- Nov 30 Very poor attendance
Bessie, Willie and Beatrice Martin have left the school, gone from the village.
Tom and Kate Wiscombe have left the parish.
- Dec 7 Very poor attendance. **Willie Chant** still absent.
- Dec 14 **Maria Brockway** has left school gone from the parish
- Dec 21 Two weeks' Christmas Holiday.
- 1878 Jan 11 Attendance very fair.
Edwin Smith has left school, gone to work.
James Lambert has not been since the holidays
Taught Standard III Addition & Subtraction & Avoirdupois Measure
- Jan 18 **Maria Chant** wanted at home & **Willie** still has ringworm
James and Alfred Dyke absent.
- Mar 2 **Miss Wright** resigned her office and **Miss Giles**, formerly pupil teacher at Hyde near Fordingbridge is appointed as her successor.
- Mar 8 Half holiday on Tuesday afternoon – the schoolroom being required for a concert.
- Mar 29 Attendance very poor owing to the weather.

Apr 5 **Bessie & Maud Samson** left school, gone from village

Apr 26 School closed on Monday & Tuesday for Easter holiday.

*No entry from May 2nd until 8 November 1878 – new handwriting (marginal note: **Miss Elliott.**)*

Nov 8 Schoolroom inspected by Diocesan Inspector

Nov 15 Found the children very hesitating over the Tables and Standards I and II very backward in Reading.

Nov 22 Children showed an improvement in singing.

Nov 29 Standards I and II progressing very slowly in reading but their arithmetic is much improved.

Dec 6 One little boy taken to the hospital on Monday having a broken leg. Half holiday on Wednesday “the schoolroom being wanted for a ‘Tea-Meeting’”

1879 Jan 10 Not very good attendance (inclement weather)

Jan 17 Very bad weather. Rector did not give his usual lessons.

Jan 24 One boy has been obliged to stay at home in consequence of having slipped on the ice and given himself a severe strain.

Jan 31 Number of children kept at home owing to the inclement weather.

Feb 7 **Rev C M Rogers** absent from home. (**Mrs Digby** took the “First Division” herself on Friday.

Apr 10 Attendance low. A great many children out potatoe (sic) setting.

Apr 25 **Rev C M Rogers** again absent from home. **James Dyke** has been absent all week – bird-keeping.

Jun 20 Nearly all the First Class absent. Holiday given on Thursday, the schoolmistress being away.

Jun 27 **Rev C M Rogers** again absent from home.

Jul 4 Diocesan Inspection of Friday when the following report was received: “This school has passed a very good examination.”

Sep 26 Several children still at work

Oct 10 **Willie Chant and Maria** have left the school and gone from the village. **Mary Brockwait** re-admitted.

Nov 20 One little girl very dangerously ill.

Dec 12 **Rose Cheeseman** has left the school and gone to London in service.

1880 Jan 9 One boy absent with broken chilblains

Jan 23 **Alfred Miller** has left school and gone to work.

Jan 30 Standard II have begun their Compound Rules

May 14 Closed school on Tuesday for a fortnight as several cases of measles have appeared among the children.

Jul 2 A girl in VI Standard has been admitted into the school for a few weeks until she gets a place of service. Her name is **Lucy White**. School closed one day, the schoolmistress being unable to attend to her duties.

Jul 16 Closed school for the day on Friday, some of the big girls having an excursion to Sidmouth.

Aug 6 Half holiday – Annual School treat.

Aug 13 Very poor attendance all week so many children being at work. **Rev C M Rogers** absent from home.

Sep 13 Re-opened. Attendance very bad indeed – obliged to close from Thursday to the end, so many children out in the fields at work.

Sep 31 Standard I have begun numeration of millions.

1881 Jan 21 Obligated to close school on Tuesday in consequence of a terrific snow-storm. Reopened on Monday but was obliged to send the children home again on Thursday, the snow having melted and come through the ceiling into the school.

July 29 Holiday given on two half-days this week, the first given by the Diocesan Inspector and the second on account of the Children's Tea.

Sep 5 Re-opened the school. Attendance very bad, nearly all the children in the fields, for, owing to a long continued rain the harvest is not in.

Oct 10 School closed for a fortnight owing to the illness of the schoolmistress.

Nov 4 The III Standard seem very backward at learning Long Division. They have not been able to begin Compound Rules.

1882 May 5 Several children absent potato planting.

Jun 9 **Rev C M Rogers** absent from home.

Jun 16 Several children absent being obliged to carry dinners every day a long distance.

Aug 4 Poor attendance owing to so many children carrying their fathers' meals to the fields.

Dec 7 **Rev A H Lutman** visited the school on Friday and examined the children in Writing and Arithmetic.

Dec 18 School inspected and examined. **George H Gordon HMI**

I can't work out yet what happened to 1882/3!

1884 Jan 4 Half holiday on Tuesday morning owing to illness of the schoolmistress.

Jan 11 **Rev A H Lutman** visited the school on Friday and gave some of the children a "Grammar Lesson"

The following is the Inspector's Report of the school after the examination: "This little school has made a capital start. The children have passed a very good examination in Elementary Subjects. The schoolmistress has evidently taken very great interest in her school-work" Signed: **A H Lutman**.

Jan 25 Visited by new mistress who takes the place of the present one who sent in her resignation

- Feb 1 4th Standard: "Reduction of Money"
- Feb 8 II standard: "Notation". **Samuel Percival Withers** admitted
- Feb 15 IV standard: "Reduction of Weights and Measures". 7 children absent all week with severe colds.
- Mar 7 Examined 1st Standard and found them very backward in Arithmetic and Spelling. **Mrs Atwater** visited school on Tuesday and helped the elder girls with their knitting. The infants, both boys and girls, began learning to sew. They get on very slowly at present.
- Mar 14 **Mrs Bugg** visited the school on Tuesday and took the 1st Class girls in knitting.
- Mar 21 **Mrs Dunford** visited the school on Tuesday and helped girls with their needlework.
- Mar 28 Gave the infants a lesson on "The Cow". Average attendance 33.
- Apr 25 Admitted two fresh girls who are very backward for their age.
- May 9 A new song: the "Historical Song". School examined on Friday by the Diocesan Inspector who gave a very good report and said that he was very pleased with the children.
- May 12 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "There is a slight want of distinctness in repetition; the children ought to be able to say the Catechism one by one as well as simultaneously. The school has been re-organised since my last visit, and shows a marked improvement in discipline and general tone. The children are bright and intelligent and seem to be well cared for and well taught. Their knowledge of Holy Scripture is above the average. The singing is particularly good."
- May 23 The Infants have begun learning to knit. They get on very slowly at present.
- Jun 13 The 4th Standard are very slow over their Reduction sums.
- Jun 20 New song: "The Wanderer's Farewell". 4th Standard very backward in Spelling and have given them two or three extra lessons in that subject.
- Jul 4 New round: "Hark the bonnie Christchurch bells." Two of the II Standard children read very falsely.
- Jul 25 Gave the infants a lesson on "The Apple" on Wednesday. The 1st class infants began reading out of books today.
- Aug 8 Admitted **Robert Smith**
- Sep 15 **Rev A H Lutman** has been in school nearly every day this week helping with lessons, owing to the absence of **Kitty Chant**, the monitress, who has been out on a visit.
- Sep 24 Infants a lesson on "The Bed"
- Oct 31 One little girl absent all the week with chicken pox.
- Dec 12 Average attendance: 43.9
- 1884 Dec 16 "School inspected and examined" Signed – **Geo. H. Gordon**.
- 1885 Jan 3 The following is the Inspector's Report of the school: "The Elementary work has been extremely well done. English has been taken with great success and the order is all that can be wished. The Infant Class is, however, backward in comparison with the others, and must improve during the next year in order that the school may earn the highest Merit Grant again." **A H Lutman**, Chairman of Committee.

Jan 11 Several children absent with bad feet.

Feb 6 **Bessie Chant** admitted. Sent a little First Standard child home because she had got ringworm.

Feb 13 Admitted **Mary Ann Loader**
The following is the list of Recitations approved by HMI:
Standard V – Lady of the Lake
Standard IV – Wreck of the Hesperus
Standard III – Bruce and the Spider
Standard II – Robin Redbreast’s Secret & The Mice
Standard I – The Sparrow

Feb 27 Taught the 5th Standard “Bills of Parcels”. Infants a lesson on “The Elephant”

Mar 20 Infants a lesson on “The Sheep”

Apr 10 Infants a lesson on “The Ostrich”

May 1 Gave the babies a lesson on form on Thursday

May 22 Gave the babies a lesson on Tables on Thursday, and a new song, “The Child and the Robin”

Jun 5 One 1st Standard boy absent all the week because he hurt his right hand with a grinding stone. Day’s holiday on Thursday on account of the Forrester’s (sic) Fete at Sherborne.

Jul 3 Attendance not so good this week, so many of the elder children are wanted in the “hay-making”.

Jul 10 A new song: “All Among the Barley”

Jul 24 **Percy and Edith Withers** have the Scarlet fever and have been absent all the week. Sent 4 children home because they live under the same roof as the “Withers” and 4 other children have been absent all week with sore throats.

Aug 7 So many children away ill.

Sep 25 One little girl from the gallery has left school for a time on account of delicate health.

Nov 13 Two boys, **John and Walter Loader** read very badly in the Second Standard.

Dec 4 Three children absent all week because one child in the family has scarlet fever.

Dec 11 **Edith Smith** (one of the infants) has been absent all the week with Nettle Rash.

Dec 18 School closed for a week on account of the absence of the schoolmistress for her certificate examination.

Dec 21 School inspected and examined. **G. Gordon HMI**

1886 Jan 18 Report by HMI: “The school is in capital order and a first rate Elementary Examination has been passed. The children have shown more intelligence than is generally met with in small country schools. Singing and Needlework are also decidedly good.”

Jan 29 **Ada, Jessie & Lily Hunt** who have been absent eight weeks with scarlet fever came back to school again on Monday.

Feb 5 New song: “Look on the bright side.”

List of recitation approved by HMI:
Standard I – The Child and the Robin
Standard II – The Little Hare and Lessons
Standard III – Meddlesome Matty and With All Your Might
Standard IV – The Inchcape Rock and Be Kind
Standard V – Lady of the Lake

Feb 19 Infants a new song: “My Pretty Doll Rose”

Mar 5 Poor attendance – stormy weather.

Apr 11 “The writing on the Gallery is not satisfactory.” (*This is the 2nd reference to “The Gallery” which I do not understand.*)

May 25 Diocesan Inspector’s Report:

Notes: The children from their other work show themselves capable of learning considerably more Repetition.

Report: “The state of the school in Religious Knowledge is uniformly good. Discipline and tone excellent. The Infants show that much care and pains have been bestowed upon them. Hymns and Chants were sung with very pleasing effect.”

Jul 9 Eleven children have been absent all the week with the whooping cough. On Tuesday afternoon we were obliged to close the school owing to the bad attendance.

Jul 11 Attendance still very bad owing to so many of the children having the whooping cough.

Jul 23 Admitted **Amy and Herbert Smith**.

Aug 6 “Song of the Hop-pickers”

Oct 8 Two children sent home – ringworm.

Nov 12 **Amy and Herbert Smith** have left the school and the village.

Nov 19 **Alice Cornick** has left school and the village. **William Norris and Edith Smith** (1st Standard) are still uncertain over their subtraction sums.

Nov 26 Admitted **Herbert Brockway** (3rd Standard)

Dec 10 **Ada Hunt and John Loader** left school this week. Admitted **Bertie Ebdon & Arthur Dunford**.

Lists of Recitation and Object Lessons approved by HMI:

Standards I, II, & III “Bruce and the Spider”

Standards IV, V & VI “The Lady of the Lake”

Object Lessons: Cow, Sheep, Horse, Reindeer, Camel, Elephant, Bear, Owl, Apple, Clock, Chair, Milk

Dec 14 HMI Report: “The School has done extremely well in everything.”

1887 Mar 18 School closed on Tuesday and Wednesday the children being unable to come on account of the heavy fall of snow.

Jun 17 A day’s holiday on Tuesday on account of the choir going to Weymouth.

June 24 A day’s holiday on Tuesday (Jubilee Day) and half holiday on Thursday on account of the children’s Sunday School treat.

Jun 27 Diocesan Inspector’s Report: The state of the school as last year is most creditable to all engaged in its administration. The Scripture subjects extremely well known. The infants carefully

instructed. Singing in parts particularly good. Considerable advance made upon the Repetition of last year.”

Jul 8 Song: “Ring the bell, watchman.”

Jul 15 William Norris & Frances Baster (?) away through illness.

Jul 29 Annie Stacey has measles

Oct 7 William Norris (II) and Flossie Dunford (I) still read badly.

Dec 16 Mr Benthall paid a visit to the school on Tuesday afternoon.

Note: from about this point onwards the entries will be a little more heavily edited and comments about progress of various Standards on aspects of the curriculum will be omitted. I hope that what has been included to date gives something of the flavour of the learning experiences of children at this date. Of course, there are plenty of resources available that give more detailed pictures of what went on in country schools at this time, but this focuses on our little school.

Also, after 1910, some names, unless I am sure that the person involved is dead, may be entered in an incomplete form. This is order to comply as far as possible with Data Protection legislation and a form I have signed at the Dorset History Centre where I am not to publicise the names of any persons who may be living and about whom some references in the logbooks may give rise to embarrassment etc. (e.g. the name of a boy punished for a petty misdemeanour, but who in later life holds an elevated rank such as Chief Constable!!)

Dec 22 Recitation and Object Lessons approved by HMI:

Standards I, II, & III “Casablanca” & “The Spider and His Wife”

Standards IV, V, & VI: “The Wreck of the Hesperus”, “Hohenlinden”

“The Burial of Sir John Moore”

Object Lessons: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter; The Eagle, The Seagull, The Lion, The Ass, Cold Countries, The Air About Us, The Clothes we Wear, Salt.

Dec 23 Closed for Xmas Holidays (viz. a week)

1888 Jan 5 The following is the report of HMI: “The work all through the school is really quite first rate.”

Jan 13 Two children have left the school and gone to work. The 6th Standard are getting on fairly with their fresh arithmetic. The 1st Standard reading is very poor at present, but their sums have been very well done.

Jan 20 Taught the 4th Standard Compound Multiplication by Hundreds, and the 2nd Standard Simple Multiplication by two figures. The 3rd Standard are getting on with Compound Addition. The attendance has been very poor owing to so many of the children having bad colds.

Jan 27 Attendance better this week. Gave the 3rd Standard a lesson on Compound Subtraction. Began teaching the children a new song: “Don’t Fret”. The Revd. O Benthall visited the school on Wednesday and heard the children sing.

Feb 3 Taught the 4th Standard Compound Long Division.

The 3rd Standard, with the exception of William Norris have done their arithmetic very well this week. Attendance not good this week owing to the bad weather. School closed on Wednesday on account of a heavy fall of snow.

Feb 10 6th Standard have begun decimals. Gave the 4th Standard a lesson on Case, and the 3rd a lesson on Pronouns. There has been an improvement in the spelling in all classes this week. Rev O Benthall came in and checked the registers this afternoon.

Feb 17 Obligated to close the school on Tuesday and Wednesday, the weather being so bad. The children from a distance haven't been able to come all week as the roads are blocked up with snow.

Feb 24 Attendance much better this week. Two children in 4th Standard and one in 3rd and one in 2nd have done their sums very badly this week. Began teaching the 4th Standard Reduction of Weights and Measures. 2nd and 3rd Standards have done their grammar very well this week. Taught the choir a new song.

Mar 9 The writing of the 2nd Standard on paper is very poor. Some of the 1st Standard children are very slow in learning Subtraction. Two children in 4th Standard do their Reduction sums very badly.

Mar 16 Taught the children a new song, "Merrily o'er the Waves" and began teaching them Exercise IX in Drill.

Apr 6 Taught the 1st Standard to spell the months of the year. Arithmetic in 1st class very well done with the exception of one girl.

Apr 13 Attendance very good all the week except Thursday when the day was very wet. Gave the 6th Standard a lesson on Interest. Grammar in 4th Standard not satisfactory. Dictation and Grammar in 2nd Standard bad.

Apr 20 Composition of **William Rawlings** in the 6th Standard very bad. 4th Standard have learned Square Measure Table.

May 26 The following is the report received from the Diocesan Inspector: "The school as before passed a most creditable examination. All groups uniformly well instructed. The Repetition very satisfactory in quantity and most accurately said. The singing very good. The discipline and demeanour of the children most pleasing."

Jun 7 Have given the children a few lessons in singing from notes. A day's holiday given on Friday on account of the Choir Treat.

Jun 16 The 6th Standard have not done their Latin roots well this week. The children have done their music fairly well this week, with the exception of some of the big boys.

Jun 22 The children find the flats and sharps rather puzzling but have got on fairly well with their time tests.

Jul 6 The attendance has not been good this week owing to the stormy weather.

Jul 13 Attendance still poor. Several children been absent with bad colds.

Jul 20 Two children still away ill. One little girl, **Bessie Chant**, has got inflammation on the lungs.

Aug 3 Attendance much better this week. Two children have read very falsely in the 1st Standard this week.

Aug 9 **Mr Hall** (one of the managers) came in and checked the registers on Wednesday. Closed school today for Harvest Holiday, viz. five weeks.

Sep 21 Re-opened school on Monday 17th September. Attendance very good; average 43.5 **Kate Chant** (the monitress) has left the school and **Emily Cheesman** is taken on in her place. **The Rev O. A. Benthall** checked the registers on Monday morning and **Mrs Benthall** and **Mrs Harrison** visited the school on Tuesday.

Sep 28 **Julia Dunford**, a 6th Standard girl, has left the school. Admitted two children: **Ernest & Aubrey Brooks**

Oct 5 The attendance has not been at all good this week for several children have been away potato-picking.

Oct 19 Half Holiday given on Monday and Tuesday afternoons on account of Sherborne Fair. Taught the children a new song: "The Foot Traveller."

Oct 26 **Deborah Miller & Florence Dunford** in the 2nd Standard read very poorly. **Bertie Hall** in 3rd Standard has done his grammar very badly.

Nov 9 Arithmetic in 2nd Standard very good this week, but **Fred Chant** has done his dictation very badly. Began teaching the infants a new song: "See the neat little clock". **Louisa Brockway** has been absent all the week with the mumps.

Nov 13 Owing to the heavy rain the stream has overflowed this morning. It covers the road and is rushing all down the street, the children are therefore unable to come to school.

Nov 14 The water has gone down and we have opened school as usual.

Nov 16 **Louisa Brockway** still absent.

Nov 23 Writing in the Babies Class progressing favourably. **Louisa Brockway** still absent. **Mrs Benthall** came in and looked at the children's needlework on Thursday afternoon.

Dec 7 **Louisa Brockway** is better and has been at school this week.

Dec 14 Two children in 2nd Standard hesitate over their Pence Table.

1888 Dec 21 School inspected and examined – signed George Gordon
List of recitation approved by HMI:
St I-III: "Lucy Gray"
St IV-V: "The Inchcape Rock" & "Fidelity"

1889 Jan 4 Admitted **Katie Dunford**

Jan 7 The following is the report received from HMI: "The elementary work is exceedingly well done and the class subject and needlework are first rate." (entry signed by **O A Benthall**)

Jan 18 School closed a day and a half – the schoolmistress not being well enough to attend to her duties.

Feb 15 The three **Brockways** have been absent all week.

Feb 22 **Annie Cheesman** away ill all the week.

Mar 8 Attendance very bad all this week owing to the very stormy weather. Arithmetic in the 2nd & 3rd standards fairly done with the exception of **Louisa Brockway** who has done nothing right all the week. **Miss Berry** came in school to see the children drill and hear them sing on Wednesday afternoon.

Mar 15 Attendance better. **Annie Rawlings** (2nd Standard) absent all the week.

Mar 22 Attendance not good. Two children absent all the week. **Annie Rawlings** and **Emily Dyser**. **Deborah Miller** has done her long division sums very badly in the 3rd Standard. **Rev. O A Benthall** checked the registers on Thursday morning and afterwards brought in two ladies to see the children drill.

Apr 5 Sent one little girl home on Tuesday because she had the chicken pox. Two other children have been absent all week with sore throats. Admitted two children **Maud & Sidney Jeans**.

Apr 12 Attendance very bad this week. Eight children have been absent the last two or three days with chicken pox. **Deborah Miller** has shown a little improvement in arithmetic this week. **The Rev O A Benthall** brought in a lady and gentleman to see the school on Wednesday and they stayed to see the children drill and hear them sing.

Apr 18 Attendance very bad. Eleven children absent all week with chicken pox. Admitted **Lois Jeans**

Apr 26 Day's holiday given on Monday. **Lily & Herbert Brockway** dismissed from the school on account of the irregularity of their attendance. **William & Edward Balsom** have left the school and gone to work. **Ernest & Ruby Brooks, Edith Smith & Lois Jeans** have been absent all the week.

May 3 **Aubrey & Ernest Brooks** have not yet returned from their visit. **Lois Jeans** has the chicken pox. **Edith Smith** still absent. Admitted **Ruth Hall**. **Annie Cheesman** has done her analysing very badly. Gave 3rd Standard a lesson in Compound Subtraction.

May 10 **Aubrey & Ernest Brooks** still absent. **Rose Loader** away all week through illness.

May 17 Attendance very bad again this week. A great many of the children have very bad coughs. **Ernest Brooks and Rose Loader** back again, but four other children have been absent all the week.

May 24 Attendance better this week. School examined by the Diocesan Inspector. Gave 3rd Standard a lesson on the Adverb. **Edith Smith** has done her arithmetic very badly this week.

May 31 **Edith Smith** has shown a slight improvement in arithmetic.

Jun 6 The following is the report received from the Diocesan Inspector:
"The inspection of this school as pleasing as in former years. The children thoroughly well taught in all their subjects – bright and interested in their work. The Repetition very well said – the singing in very good taste.

Jun 7 Taught 3rd Standard Addition of Fractions. **Sydney Jeans** is improving in spelling. Closed school for Whitsun holiday (viz. one week)

Jun 21 Attendance poor. **Maud Jeans** has left the school. Admitted **Nellie Marks**.

Jun 28 Attendance better. **Walter Dunford** in the 1st Standard seems very backward in all his work.

Jul 5 Attendance this week very bad. So many of the bigger children wanted to help in the hay field. **John Ebdon** is very slow in picking out verbs.

Jul 12 The attendance has again been very bad. Several children absent all week, three through illness. A day's holiday given on Wednesday on account of the choir treat.

Jul 19 Attendance still very poor. **Ernest and Aubrey Brooks** have left the school.

Jul 26 Attendance a little better this week. **Deborah Miller and Edith Smith** in 3rd Standard still very backward in arithmetic.

Aug 2 **Lily Hunt** absent all week, owing to her mother being ill.

Aug 9 **Lily Hunt** still absent, also **Lois Jeans**. Half holiday given on Wednesday for the school treat. Closed school for the Harvest Holidays (five weeks)

Sep 10 **Florence & Sydney Ebdon** away from home. **Louise and William Chick** have left owing to their parents leaving the village. **Miss Dunford** brought in two ladies to see the children drill and hear them sing on Wednesday afternoon.

Sep 27 Florence Ebdon back at school.

Oct 4 3rd Standard arithmetic a little better with the exception of Deborah Miller and Edith Smith.

Oct 11 Edith Smith has shown a little improvement in arithmetic. Mrs Benthall brought Mrs Harrison in to see the drill and hear the children sing on Wednesday afternoon.

Oct 18 Half holiday given on Monday & Tuesday on account of Sherborne Fair. Admitted Ellen and Ethel March.

Oct 25 Attendance very poor. So many of the children away potato picking.

Nov 5 Arithmetic fairly done in all standards with the exception of Annie Cheesman in 5th & Deborah Miller in the 3rd.

Nov 15 Alfred Rendall is very weak in his spelling.

Nov 22. Attendance very bad this week. Herbert, Leonard and Ruth Hall absent all week. Annie Cheesman has done her sums a little better this week. Taught the children a round.

Nov 29 Deborah Miller and Fred Chant have done their dictation very badly this week.

Dec 6 Deborah Miller and Fred Chant have shown a little improvement in dictation.

Dec 13 Attendance very good.

Dec 16 School inspected and examined. J Butt, H.M.I.A

Dec 20 List of Recitation approved by HMI:
Standards I, II, & III: "Bruce and the Spider"
Standards IV, V & VI: "The Wreck of the Hesperus" and "The Mariners of England."

1890 Jan 3 Re-opened school on Monday 30th December 1889. Attendance very bad all week. Admitted Percy Hall and re-admitted Sidney Ebdon. Mr Hall came in and checked the registers.

Jan 6 The following is the report of HMI: "This is an excellent little school. The discipline, Elementary subjects, English, Needlework and Musical Drill are all thoroughly satisfactory."

Jan 10 Attendance much better. Caroline Horsey has left the school. Taught the 6th Standard multiplication and division of fractions. 4th Standard have shown a little improvement in Compound Multiplication.

Jan 17 Attendance poor. Emily Cheesman, the monitress, is very ill and has been unable to come to school all this week.

Jan 24 Emily Cheesman has not been well enough for school this week. Louisa Brockway and Lois Jeans absent all the week through illness. Taught the 4th Standard Multiplication by three figures. Writing poor in the Gallery.

Jan 31 Emily Cheesman is better and back again at school. Taught the 5th Standard "Bills of Parcels" and the 4th Standard Compound Long Division.

Feb 7 Attendance very poor.

Feb 14 Gave the 4th Standard a lesson on "Mood".

Feb 21 Attendance very bad all week. A great many of the children have the influenza. Taught the 4th Standard Reduction of Money.

Feb 28 Attendance very bad again this week. 10 children absent all week.

Mar 7 Attendance still very bad. Twelve children absent all week. 20 away yesterday and today. Admitted **Annie Marsh**.

Mar 14 Attendance much better. Four children still absent. Gave 6th Standard a lesson on Interest sums. Began teaching 4th Standard Reduction of Weights and Measures.

Mar 21 All the children are back again this week.

Mar 28 Attendance not so good. Three children absent all week.

Apr 3 Attendance better. **Louisa Brockway** has left the school and the village.

Apr 11 Attendance poor. A day's holiday on Easter Monday.

Apr 18 Attendance not good. The five Hall's away – gone to Weymouth for a fortnight. **John Ebdon** away all the week with a breaking out on his face. **Fred Chant**, **Deborah Miller** and **Edith Smith** are very slow in learning Reduction sums. Admitted **Rose Batten**.

Apr 25 Attendance still poor. Obligated to close school this morning on account of the heavy rain but opened this afternoon.

May 2 Attendance much better. The Hall's are all back at school again this week.

May 9 **Deborah Miller's** reading has been very bad.

May 16 Attendance good.

May 23 **Annie Cheesman** absent all week – wanted at home because her mother has broken her wrist. Gave 2nd Standard a lesson on The Verb, and taught them Short Division. Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The excellent condition of this school fully maintained. All subjects well known. Repetition increased. Singing as before very good." Closed school today for Whitsun holiday (viz. one week)

Jun 6 **Annie Cheesman** still absent. Gave 3rd Standard a lesson, "The Adverb".

Jun 13 Attendance very poor. Three children absent all week. **William Norris** has done his composition very badly this week.

Jun 20 Attendance much better. **Annie Cheesman** back again. **William Norris** has done his composition very badly this week. The 4th Standard have not been able to manage their Problem sums this week. **Alfred Rendall** in 2nd Standard has done his dictation very badly.

Jun 27 Attendance poor. **Annie Cheesman's** arithmetic very badly done. Also **Deborah Miller's** and **Fred Chant's**.

Jul 4 Attendance still poor. **Edith Smith**, **Bertie & Sydney Ebdon** away all the week.

Jul 11 Attendance very poor. Several children wanted in the hay field. **Fred Chant** has shown a little improvement in Arithmetic, but **Edith Smith** and **Deborah Miller** are still very backward.

Jul 18 Attendance still poor owing to the stormy weather. **Rev O. A. Benthall** brought some visitors in school on Monday to see the children drill and hear them sing.

Jul 25 Attendance poor. Half holiday given on Thursday.

Aug 1 Attendance better. **Annie Cheesman** (VI) has done her arithmetic very badly this week. Taught the children a new marching song.

Aug 8 Closed school today for Harvest Holiday (viz five weeks)

Sep 19 Attendance poor. Several of the 1st Class children are still at work in the fields.

Sep 26 Attendance better. **William Norris** still absent. Taught the children a new song, "Boys Wanted".

Oct 3 Attendance good. **William Norris** at school again. **William Norris** has done his composition very badly.

Oct 10 Attendance very good.

Oct 17 Half holidays on Monday and Tuesday on account of Sherborne Fair. Attendance very good. **William Norris** has done his composition very badly.

Oct 24 Parsing poor in 4th Standard. **Melina Hunt** absent with ringworm in her head.

Oct 31 Attendance good.

Nov 7 Attendance good.

Nov 14 Attendance not so good.

Nov 21 Attendance bad. Several children ill with sore throats. **Melina Hunt** back at school this week after an absence of a month.

Nov 28 Attendance still bad. **Deborah Miller** in the 4th Standard has done her dictation very badly this week.

Dec 5 Attendance still very poor. **Melina Hunt** absent again with inflammation in her face.

Dec 19 The following is the list of Recitation approved by HMI:
Standards I, II & III "The Inchcape Rock"
Standards IV, V & VI "Fidelity" & "The Burial of Sir John Moore"

1891 HMI Report: "The school continues to be taught in the usual careful and successful manner."

Jan 9 Attendance very bad owing to the winterly weather. Six children have left the school and gone to work. Admitted **Herbert Loader**.

Jan 16 Attendance still very bad. **Lily Hunt** absent with ringworm on her neck.

Jan 23 Attendance still very bad. Several children absent through illness.

Jan 30 No improvement in attendance. **Rose Batten** has left the school.

Feb 6 Six children still absent through illness.

Feb 13 Attendance a little better. Four children still absent. Admitted **Katie Ebdon**. **Rose Loader** in 4th Standard has done her reading and arithmetic very badly this week.

Feb 20 **Annie & William Cornick**, **Alfred Rendall & Emily Dyser** still absent. **Melina Hunt's** arithmetic in 3rd Standard very bad.

Feb 27 Attendance rather better. **Annie & William Cornick** at school again.

Mar 13 Obligated to close school on Tuesday and Wednesday owing to a heavy fall of snow. Re-opened on Thursday morning, but attendance very bad. Only half the children present, the weather still being very bad.

Mar 20 Attendance a little better but the Clatcombe children are still unable to come owing to the snow in the lanes. Taught the 5th Standard "Rule of Three" by the unit method.

Mar 26 Attendance very poor. **William & Annie Cornick & Alfred Rendall** still absent.

Apr 3 **William & Annie Cornick** at school this week. **Rose, Mary Ann, Frank & Herbert Loader** have left the school and the village. Admitted **Frederick, James, Charles & Louisa Lye**.

Apr 10 Attendance very good. **Alfred Rendall** at school again. Admitted **John Dunford**.

Apr 17 Attendance not so good. **Herbert & Leonard Hall** absent all the week. **Frederick, James and Charles Lye** are all very backward in everything. Latin roots in 6th Standard poorly done.

Apr 24 Taught the 4th Standard Reduction of Long Measure.

May 1 Attendance poor. **Melina Hunt** gets on very slowly with her arithmetic and spelling.

May 8 **Walter Dunford and Frederick Lye** still do their arithmetic very badly in the 2nd Standard.

May 27 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The state of the school continues to be entirely satisfactory. The children answering with readiness, brightness and intelligence. The repetition very well said – singing in good taste and very pleasing. Discipline and order excellent."

May 29 **Reginald and Ruth Hall** absent all the week – away from home. **Louisa Lye and Minnie Berry** absent through illness.

Jun 5 The Hall's are still absent. **Louisa Lye and Minnie Berry** are at school again this week.

Jun 12 Hall's at school again.

Jun 26 **Minnie Berry** has left the school. **Annie Rawlings & Annie Cornick** in 4th Standard do their arithmetic very badly.

Jul 3 Attendance bad – so many of the children wanted in the hay field.

Jul 10 **Annie Rawlings & Annie Cornick** have shown a little improvement in Arithmetic.

Jul 17 **Walter Dunford & Frederick Lye** are very weak in Arithmetic.

Jul 24 Attendance bad: children wanted in the hayfield. A day's holiday on Wednesday on account of the choir treat.

Jul 31 **Walter Dunford** is the most backward in the Standard. A day's holiday given today for the Review in Sherborne Park.

Sep 18 Attendance bad, owing partly to the bad weather and partly to unfinished harvest. **Herbert Hall** has left the school. Admitted **William Warr**. Gave infants a lesson on the "Horse" and the "Cow"

Oct 2 **Frances Barter** absent all week. **Frederick & James Lye & Walter Dunford** do their arithmetic very badly in 1st Standard. **Edward Cheesman** (3rd Standard) reads badly.

Oct 9 **Frances Barter** at school again.

- Oct 16 Attendance very poor owing to the bad weather.
- Oct 23 Attendance very bad owing to the floods and the bad weather.
- Nov 13 **James Lye & Ellen March** in 1st Standard still very uncertain over their subtraction sums.
- Nov 20 The five Dunfords absent on account of four of them having scarletina.
- Dec List of Recitation:
I-III: "The Afternoon Nap" & "Song of the French Strawberry Girl"
IV-VI "The Wind in a Frolic" & "The Battle of the Baltic"
- Dec 18 **Annie Cornick** absent all week & **Alice Banger** for the last three days owing to illness.
- 1892 Jan 8 Four children have left the school having passed the 5th Standard. Re-admitted **Minnie Berry**.
- Jan 12 "The attendance was exceedingly small owing to the prevalence of the influenza." (signed: **E. Hall**). H.M.I. Report: "The school as usual was in excellent order. The lower Standards have passed a very good examination in the Elementary subjects, but there is a falling off in the Spelling and Arithmetic of the Upper Classes, where these subjects are only fair. English, Needlework, Recitation and Musical Drill have been successfully prepared." Signed **O A Benthall**.
- Jan 13 Closed school on account of so many of the children being absent with influenza.
- Jan 29 Re-opened on Monday 25th. Attendance poor, six children still absent.
- Feb 5 **Sidney Jeans** has left the school and gone to work. Gave the children a lesson on "Leather"
- Feb 12 Admitted **Ellen Lye**. Gave the children a lesson on "Sugar"
- Feb 19 Admitted **Arthur & Frank White** and **Emily Sherring**.
- Feb 26 **Alfred Rendall** has left the school. Gave the children a lesson on the "Camel". **Mrs Digby** visited the school on Wednesday and stayed to see the children drill and hear them sing.
- Mar 4 **Ellen March & James Lye** read very badly in 4th Standard. Gve Infants a lesson on the "Sheep". **William Warr** has left the school.
- Mar 11 **Walter Dunford** absent all week having hurt one of his eyes.
- Mar 18 **Emily Sherring** absent all week. **Walter Dunford** at school again. Gave the children a lesson on the "Giraffe". Taught the Infants an Action Song.
- Mar 25 **Emily Sherring** still absent. **Ruth Hall & Ellen March** in the 2nd Standard have done their dictation very badly this week.
- Apr 1 Taught the 4th Standard Reduction of Long Measure. Gave the children a lesson on "Milk".
- Apr 8 "Visited the school, checked the registers and audited the accounts of the children's savings bank deposits prior to other various sums being paid to their individual accounts in the Post Office Savings Bank, to open such accounts." Signed: **E. Hall**.
- Apr 14 Admitted **Elsie Cheesman**. **Elsie Balsom** has left the school.

Apr 22 Admitted **Alice & Bessie Rendall** who are very backward for their ages (11 and 12 years). **John Banger** has left the school and gone to work. A day's holiday given on Monday and a day on Thursday owing to the unavoidable absence of the Mistress.

Apr 29 **William Cornick** absent all the week.

May 6 **William Cornick** at school again.

May 13 Attendance very bad this week. Several children absent part of the week with bad colds.

Jun 3 **Charles Lye** absent all the week with a bad face. **Percy Hall** is away on a visit.

Jun 10 Attendance very bad. Av: 28.6 The two White's are absent. One of them has the measles.

Jun 17 Attendance much better. Av: 34.4. Admitted **Alice Parker**. 4th Standard Arithmetic rather better with the exception of **Mary J. Smith**. **Edward Cheesman** and **William Cornick** parse very badly.

Jun 22. Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The Religious Teaching of this school continues to be excellent. The subjects of the Syllabus uniformly well known. The Repetition was most accurately said, and the Singing most pleasing and in good taste. Order and discipline excellent." Signed **O A Benthall**.

Jun 24 Attendance fairly good. Average 34.1. **Mary Jane Smith** absent all the week through illness. **Annie Cornick** has left the school.

Jul 8 **Alice & Bessie Rendall** have left the school.

Jul 22 **Ruth and Dorothy Hall** absent – gone away on a visit for a fortnight.

Jul 29 Four of the Hall's are absent. One little girl, **Ethel March**, has broken her collarbone

Sep 16 **Lois Jeans** absent all the week – away on a visit. **Mary Lambert**, **Mary J Smith** & **Melina Hunt** in the 4th Standard have done their Arithmetic very badly this week.

Sep 22 **The Rev. W. Mason** came in and tested the registers this morning.

Oct 7 The 3rd Standard are improving in Arithmetic and Spelling, with the exception of **Leonard Hall** who still works badly.

Oct 14 **Frances Barter** (6th Standard) has done her Arithmetic badly this week. **Edward Cheesman** (III) and **Arthur Dunford**, 2nd Standard, do their Drawing very badly.

Oct 21 Admitted **Harry Ashford**. Two half holidays this week on account of Sherborne Fair.

Oct 28 Two girls in the 2nd Standard hesitate very much over their pence table. **The Rev. J V Mason** brought a gentleman in to see the school on Thursday afternoon.

Nov 4 **Ruth and Dorothy Hall** absent – away on a visit. The boys were examined in Drawing on Tuesday morning 1st November by Mr Geffcken, the Local Inspector. **The Rev. J V Mason** was present during the examination.

Nov 11 The Halls were back at school again today.

Nov 25 Attendance very fair this week. Average 34.2. The report from the Science and Art Department on the Drawing Examination is "Excellent".

List of Recitations for 1893:

Standards I-III: "The Spider and His Wife" & "Casablanca"

Standards IV & V: "The Well of St Keyne" & "Burial of Sir John Moore"

Dec 16 Taught the 6th Standard Simple Interest. **The Rev. J V Mason** came in this afternoon and stayed while the boys did their Prize Drawing.

Dec 23 The following is the Report: "The order and attainments of the children are very good. All the work except Mental Arithmetic shows careful and successful preparation. The attention of the Managers is called to a great defect in the drainage which has allowed a lot of water to accumulate under the Infants' gallery." Signed **O A Benthall**

1893 Jan 6 **William Cornick & Harry Ashford** absent all the week. **Reginald Hall** and **Mary Lambert** have left the school.

Jan 13 **William Cornick and Arthur and Frank White** absent all the week.

Jan 20 The two White's still absent. **William Cornick** is at school again.

Jan 27 The White's are at school again. **Mary Jane Smith** absent all the week through illness.

Feb 3 **Elsie Cheesman** absent all the week. **Mary Jane Smith** at school again.

Feb 10 Began teaching the 6th Standard Decimals. Attendance better. Average 33.1

Feb 24 Began teaching the First Class Infants "Mat Weaving" and the Babies "Stick-Laying".

Mar 3 Attendance bad. **Alice Banger** absent all the week because her mother is ill. **Lois Jeans** also absent having scalded her foot.

Mar 10 Admitted **Kate Mitchell**. First Class Infants are getting on nicely with their "Mat-Weaving".

Mar 17 Admitted **William Mitchell** who is very backward for his age. **Harry Ashford** has left the school.

Mar 24 **Bertie Ebdon and Leonard Hall** have done their Arithmetic very badly this week (4th Standard)

Mar 30 Admitted **Ellen White**. **Louisa Lye** absent all the week through illness. Began teaching the children a new drill with "Musical Bells."

Apr 7 **Annie Rawlings** has gone away on a visit. **Frances Barter** absent all week.

Apr 21 Admitted **Ethel Hinks**. Taught the 4th Standard Reduction of Square Measure.

May 12 **Ruth Hall** absent away on a visit.

May 19 **Ethel Hinks** has left the school.

Jun 2 **Frances Barter** has left the school.

Jun 14: "Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school throughout has passed an exceptionally good examination. All subjects of the syllabus well known and readily answered upon. Singing in excellent taste. Repetition considerable in quantity and accurately said. Discipline and tone all that could be wished."

Jun 16 Admitted **Maud Sherwin** for a few weeks.

Jun 23 Taught the children a new song: "The Fire Brigade"

Jun 30 Average: 35

Jul 7 Attendance bad. Average 31. Half Holiday given yesterday in honour of the Royal Wedding. [*Prince George the Duke of York – the future King George V - marries Princess Mary of Teck – the future Queen Mary - St James' Palace*]

Jul 14 **Lois Jeans** absent all the week – away on a visit.

Jul 20 Attendance poor – some of the boys being wanted in the harvest field.

Sep 15 Admitted **Ernest Bugg**

Oct 6 Boys' attendance bad – so many away picking up potatoes.

Oct 13 **Leonard and Dorothy Hall** absent all the week – gone on a visit to Weymouth.

Oct 20 **Ellen Lye** absent through illness. **Charles Lye** in 1st Standard is still very uncertain over his subtraction sums. Holiday given on Tuesday on account of Sherborne Fair.

The report from the Science and Art Department of the Drawing Examination is "Excellent". Signed O A Benthall.

List of Recitation approved by HMI:

Standard I: "Mary had a little lamb."

Standards II & III: "The Little Black Ant" & "Meddlesome Matty"

Standards IV & V: "The Wreck of the Hesperus" & "Where there's a will there's a way."

1894 Jan 13 **John Ebdon, William Cornick, Edward Cheesman & Frederick Lye** have left the school. Admitted **Ethel Pinnock**. **Emily Cheesman** (the monitress) has been unable to come to school this week being ill with influenza. **Annie Rawlings** who has had scarletina during the holidays is not yet fit to come back to school.

Jan 19 **Emily Cheesman** is not yet well enough to resume her duties.

Jan 26 **Emily Cheesman** is back again. Admitted **Mabel March**

Jan 29 HMI Report: "Everything is quite first rate. I seldom find such excellent paper work in a small country school." Signed F B Phillips

Feb 2 Attendance still very bad.

Mar 2 **Emily Cheesman** the monitress unable to come to school all the week owing to illness.

Mar 9 **Emily Cheesman** not yet well enough to resume her duties.

Mar 16 **Emily Cheesman** came back to school on Tuesday morning.

Apr 6 Admitted **Ada Lye & William Halliday**.

Apr 13 Two children away with the "Mumps". Admitted **Reginald Smith**

Apr 20 One child away with the mumps, and two with bad colds. Admitted **Nora Cranton**

Apr 17 Attendance poor. Two children ill with the mumps and three others away with bad colds.

May 2 "The attendance having become so small owing to an attack of the mumps the school is closed by the Committee until Whit Tuesday May 15th" Signed **E. Hall**

May 18 Attendance on Tuesday good, but since then four of the Babies have taken the mumps.

May 25 Attendance very poor the earlier part of the week as several children were away with the mumps, but the last two days it has been much better. Two children still not well enough to come to school.

Jun 4 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school is deserving of the very highest commendation. In the Scripture subjects the history thoroughly well known and the answers given in the words of Scripture. Prayer Book and Catechism thoroughly understood. Repetition considerable and accurately said. Singing in excellent taste and most pleasing. Infants, as always, bright and well taught. I have never held a more pleasing and satisfactory inspection."

Jun 8 Half Holiday given on Wednesday on account of the good Scripture report.

Jun 18 Scale Drawing very badly done this week.

Jun 22 **Katie Ebdon** away all the week on a visit. Admitted **Grace Hall**.

Jul 6 The family of Dunfords (five) have left the school and village.

Jul 20 A holiday given on Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday owing to a Rummage Sale being held here, and on Thursday on account of the choir going away for their annual outing. **Nora Cranton** has left the school and the village.

Sep 14 Admitted **Beatrice Lily Smith**.

Oct 19 **Ernest & Percy Bugg** absent through illness. Half Holiday given on Monday and Tuesday on account of the Sherborne Fair. **Rev F. B. Phillips** has been in school and given three Scripture lessons this week.

Oct 26 **Rev F. B. Phillips** gave a Scripture lesson to the Upper Standards on Monday.

Nov 10 School closed half the week owing to the flood.

Dec 4 "Examined the school" signed **Alfred H Lacey**, Asst. to HMI
Poetry – Standards I, II & III: "Bruce and the Spider"
Standards IV, V & VI: "The Poor Fisher Folk"

Object Lessons:

Cat	Fish	Bread
Horse	Fire	Milk
Clock	Snow	Teapot
Sheep	Money	Coal
Bear	Sun	Tone
Camel	Moon	Flowers
Cow & Calf	Fly	Bee (AHL 4.xii.94)

HMI Report: "A bright and well-taught school, the subjects of the examination being well answered, and the paper work neat and accurate. The intelligence of the children and their ready answering rendering the work of examination a pleasure."

"With reference to your claim for the Special Grant under Article 105 of the Codse, I am to inform you that looking to the financial state of the school, My Lords consider that they would not be justified in paying both the Special Grants under Articles 104 and 105. The Grant under 105 has therefore been withheld.

E. Cheeman is recognised under Article 68."

Signed **F B Phillips**.

1895 Jan 11 **Annie Rawlings & Melina Hunt** have left the school. Admitted five children, four girls and a boy.

Jan 18 The five Clatcombe children absent all the week. Admitted **Agnes Miller**. **Rev F B Phillips** came in school on Wednesday afternoon and gave the children a lesson on singing by note.

Jan 25 **William Halliday** has left the school.

Feb 1 Attendance very bad owing to the heavy snow storms. **Rev F B Phillips** brought in the Models for the 5th Standard boys this week. The 1st class have also got a new set of reading books "The Viaduct Reader."

Feb 8 Owing to the intense cold several of the little ones have been unable to come.

Feb 15 **James Lye** has left the school.

Feb 22 The 6th Standard do not get on very well with their Essay Writing.

Mar 8 Admitted **Louisa and Ellen Leach**

Mar 15 Have put **Ellen March** back into the 3rd Standard for Dictation as she could not get on at all with that in the 4th Standard.

Mar 29 Several children absent all the week with bad colds. The girls commenced their garments for the examination on March 25th

Apr 5 **Emily Cheesman**, the assistant, unable to come to school this week being ill with influenza.

Apr 11 Admitted **Sydney Curtis**

Apr 19 **Louisa & Elsie Evans, and Ernest Bugg** absent through illness. Taught the 6th Standard Division of Decimals.

May 3 Gave the children their monthly examination this week. Two of the babies away with the mumps. Notice was received on April 29th that the Annual Examination would be omitted this year.

May 24 Attendance good. Average 41.

Jun 10 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school fully maintains its excellent reputation. Old and New Testament subjects extremely well known – especially the life of St. Paul. Knowledge of the Prayer Book very good. Repetition faultless in accuracy. Singing in good taste. The Infants answered brightly and showed much interest in their work. Order and discipline excellent." Signed F B Phillips.

Jun 28 Attendance good. Average 41.1

Jul 5 **Emily Cheesman** the assistant has been unable to come to school this week.

Jul 11 **Emily Cheesman** still away.

Jul 18 **Emily Cheesman** is at school again this week.

Jul 26 **Emily Cheesman** has not been able to come to school this week owing to the death of her mother. **Kate Mitchell** has left the school. Admitted **Bessie Miller**.

Sep 13 Three girls have left the village and school during the holidays. Admitted **Edmund Hall**.

Sep 27 **Arthur, Frank & Nellie White** have left the school.

Oct 4 **Mrs Phillips** visited the school on Tuesday and helped the boys with their Drawing.

Nov 1 Gave the lower Standards their first object lesson on Wednesday afternoon and gave the same standards their first lesson on "Coloured Crayon Drawing" this afternoon, which subject we are taking as a Varied Occupation.

Nov 8 Attendance poor owing to the wet weather

Nov 29 Attendance bad owing to the wet weather. **Sydney Curtis** has left the school and village.

Dec 10 Object Lessons, Recitation and Geography approved by HMI

Object Lessons for Standards I, II & III:

Water	Sugar	The Cat
Liquids & Solids	Coal	The Cat's big Cousins
Hard & soft bodies	Coal & its uses	The dog
Plastic bodies	Coal - The Mine	Dogs
Clay	Flexible &	Parts of a plant
Putty	Elastic substances	The Root
Gutta Percha	Milk	The Stem
Soluble Substances	Butter & Cheese	The Stems
Brine and how to get	The Cow	Leaves
Salt from it	The Sheep	Flowers

Recitation Standards I-III: "The Inchcape Rock"
Standards IV-VI: "Curfew must not ring tonight."

Geography as a 2nd class subject for the Upper Standards: "The British Isles"

Infants' Object Lessons:

A Chair	Sugar	The Goat
A Boot	Meat	The Sheep
A Slate	Butter	The Elephant
A Letter	Tea	The Lion
A Table	Salt	Wool
A Garden	An Orange	Leather
A Potato	Spring	

Jan 10 The 3rd Standard and 1st Class have each a new set of readers.

Jan 16 HMI Report: "An admirable little school. The lobbies might be kept tidier." **E Cheesman** is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

Jan 20 **Rev F B Phillips** brought in some new maps and pictures for the school at the beginning of the week.

Feb 7 Admitted **Freddy March**

Feb 28 The children are learning a new drill with wands.

Mar 13 Two children absent with chicken pox.

Apr 2 Admitted three new children. **Joseph Harris** has left the school.

Apr 24 Have been grouping the 2nd and 3rd Standards for Reading this week and find it answers very well.

May 8 Began teaching the 6th Standard Mensuration.

May 13 The children were examined by **Mr MacDowell** the Diocesan Inspector this afternoon.

Jun 1 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school quite keeps up the high standard it has long sustained. The knowledge of both Old and New Testament subjects singularly ready and accurate. The Prayer Book well known and understood. Repetition uniformly accurate and considerable. Singing throughout in good taste. The Infants answered brightly and readily."

Jun 12 Have given the 6th Standard two lessons on Recurring Decimals this week.

Jun 19 Attendance very poor owing to two wet days.

Jun 26 **Lily Delement** has been absent all the week owing to illness. **Sydney Ebdon**, 4th Standard, does his Arithmetic very badly.

Jul 10 Three children absent with whooping cough.

Sep 14 School closed by order of the Medical Officer on account of whooping cough until September 14th

Sep 18 **Leonard Hall & Bertie Ebdon**, 6th Standard boys, have left the school.

Sep 25 Attendance poor owing to the wet weather.

Oct 9 On Wednesday opened school at 8.45 and closed at 1.15 – marked twice. Interval of 30 minutes in the middle of the morning.

Oct 26 "Visited [Art 841(b)]. Signed George Gordon.

Nov 27 **Wilfred Smith & Ada Evans** absent all the week through illness. Half Holiday given today in order to prepare the school for the choir's Annual Entertainment,

Dec 4 Attendance bad partly owing to the weather, partly to sickness.

Dec 11 Taught the 6th Standard Proportion. **Rev F B Phillips** brought a gentleman into school this morning who gave the children a Scripture lesson.

Dec 18 Attendance very bad owing to the children having such very bad coughs.

Object Lessons & Recitations approved by HMI:

Object Lessons for Standards I-III:

Porous Bodies	Cast Iron	Silver	Horse	
Sponge	Wrought Iron	Gold	Pig	Filters
Steel	Starch	Rabbit	2	
Adhesive substances	Copper	Corn	Monkey	
Flexible substances	Lead	Rice	Mole	
More about metals	Tin	Maize	Blotting paper	
Iron	Tine	The Cow	Cork	

Infants' Object Lessons:

The Cat	Ice
The Frog	Wild Flowers
The Eagle	Stinging Nettle
Postman	Summer
Hand	Haymaking
Daisy	Farmyard
Apple	Primrose
Bread	Book
Milk	Clock Face
Winter	Tea Table

Recitation for Standards I-III: "Somebody's Mother" & "Mr Nobody"
Standards IV-VI: "The Wives of Brixham"

Upper Standards 1st Class Subject: "Geography" "Europe"
2nd Class Subject: "Grammar" in both stages.

1897 Jan 8 Alice Banger & Ethel March have left the school. Admitted Cuthbert Hall.

Jan 23 HM<I Report: "It continues an admirably taught little school." E. Cheesman is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

Feb 19 Admitted Annie, Charlie, Ernest & Frank Sweet who are all backward for their age. The Rev F B Phillips brought in a new map of Europe on Monday

Feb 26 The Rev F B Phillips brought in a Cabinet of Specimens for Object Lessons. And twenty new pictures on Wednesday.

Mar 12 Attendance good. Average 40.2. Admitted Martha Sweet. On Tuesday morning, Mr Palmer, late missionary in China, addressed the children for half an hour.

Mar 26 One little boy absent with a broken collar bone and a little girl with a bad throat.

Apr 9 Nora & Edith Cranton have left the school.

Apr 30 Admitted Rose and George Cornick

May 14 Ernest Bugg has left the school

May 31 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school has again passed a most satisfactory examination. The Old and New Testament subjects known with great fullness and accuracy. The Prayer Book and explanation of the Catechism very good. Repetition considerable and well said. The Infants bright and intelligent. The children sang very nicely – in time and with expression."

Jun 18 A family of six children have left the school and village.

Jun 25 Charles Lye has broken his thigh and has been taken to the Hospital. A day's holiday given on Tuesday (Jubilee Day)

Jul 2 Admitted May, James & Reginald Field.

Jul 9 Have moved the 1st Class Infants from the classroom into the school for their morning work so that Emily can devote more time to the new children (Field, Sweets and G. Cornick) who are very backward for their age.

Jul 23 Lily Delement (Standard I) still does all her work very badly.

Sep 24 Attendance not quite so good as the children have been wanted for potato picking. Admitted Alice Cornick.

Oct 1 Louisa Evans absent with ring worm.

Oct 22 Jesse Smith has left the school.

Dec 3 George & Alice Cornick will not come to school again during the winter months as their home is some distance from the school. The Rev. Francis Jones brought in the Drawing Report yesterday which is "Excellent".

Dec 16 Charles Lye has left the school.

1897 Recitations and Object Lessons approved by HMI for 1898:

Recitations:

Upper Stage: "Fidelity" and "The Priest and the Mulberry Tree"

Lower Stage: "Father is Coming."

Class Subjects:

Upper Stage 1. Geography, "British Isles"
 2. Grammar
Lower Stage: 1. Object Lessons
 2. Grammar

List of Object Lessons:

Rats and Mice	Roots	Flax
Birds	Stems & Trees	Silk
The Sparrow	Leaves	Leather
The Duck	Flowers	Salt
The Frog	Fruits & Seeds	Glass
Herring & Perch	Potato	Paper
More about fishes	Wheat Field	Bread
Bees	Tea	Candles
The Earthworm	Cotton	Soap
A Plant	Wool	Sugar

Infants' Object Lessons:

Cats' Big Cousins	Winter	Bread	Tree
Domestic Animals	Fire	Milk	Buttercup
The Dog	Knife	Water	
Dogs	Window	Apple	
Pig	Wall	Daisy	
Rabbit	Penny	Dandelion	

Dec 17 Attendance very bad owing to the stormy wet weather.

1898 Jan 14 Eleven children have left the school and village. HMI Report: "The same steady excellent work which has always been evident in this school is still noticeable." E Cheesman is continued under Article 68 of the Code. Signed by F B Phillips

Jan 28 Admitted Frank & Annie Hunt who are very backward for their age. Frank (10 ½) cannot do the work of the First Class Infants.

Feb 4 Admitted Jesse Hunt

Feb 11 Admitted Reginald, Willie & Evelyn Smith.

Feb 18 Admitted Emily & Mabel Northam, both are very backward in all their work. Mabel, 8 ½ is only fit for 1st Class Infants & Emily's (11) spelling and reading are very bad. The Rev I F Jones came in school on Wednesday morning.

Feb 25 Attendance bad owing to the stormy weather. Unable to open the school on Tuesday on account of the heavy fall of snow. Albert, Wilfred, Lily & Frances Smith have left the school and the village.

Mar 4 Admitted Lily & Jessie Russell & Arthur Hunt. Lily Russell (10 yrs) is not fit for Standard I and Jessie (7 yrs) has never been to school before.

Mar 11 Annie Hunt absent with a breaking out on her head.

Mar 25 Louisa Evans and Arthur Hunt have left the school.

Apr 1 Elsie & Ada Evans have left the school.

Apr 29 Re-admitted George & Alice Cornick

May 6 Admitted **Walter Smith and Charles Russell**

Jun 6 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The school has been admirably instructed in all its subjects. The History and facts of Scripture subjects well known. The Prayer Book well understood. The Infants bright and interested in their work. They said a considerable amount of Repetition. The children sang particularly well." Signed F B Phillips.

Jul 1 **William Delement** has left the school and gone to work.

Jul 15 **Mr Butt (Sub. Inspector)** gave the children a half holiday on Wednesday afternoon.

Jul 22 Three of the Hall's absent all the week – away from home.

Jul 29 A day's holiday given on Wednesday on account of the Bazaar, the schoolroom being wanted for entertainment, and a half holiday today for the Sunday School treat.

Sep 16 Admitted **Nellie Watts & Edith Smith. Jesse Hunt** has left the school and gone to work. Moved the 1st Class Infants up from the Infants' Class this week. They are very backward in all their subjects.

Oct 14 Admitted **Emma March. Charles Sweet and Gracie Hall** in the 2nd Class read very badly.

Oct 21 **Percy Bugg** does his Arithmetic badly.

Recitations and Class Subjects Approved by HMI for 1899:

Recitation:

Upper Stage: "Trifles" & "The Lighthouse"

Lower Stage: "The Foolish Mouse" & "The Endless Story"

1st Class Subject: Elementary Science

2nd Class Subject: English.

Nov 18 **Annie Hunt** absent with German measles.

Nov 25 **Cuthbert Hall** away with a broken arm. **William March** has ringworm. **George and Alice Cornick** both ill.

Dec 9 Attendance still bad – partly owing to stormy weather and partly to illness.

Dec 16 Six children absent with German measles. **Rev F B Phillips** brought in some new hymn books on Wednesday for use in the school.

1899 Jan 13 **Percy Hall & Annie March** have left the school.

Jan 15: HMI Report: "The standard of excellence is well maintained." E Cheesman is continued under Article 68 of the Code. Signed F B Phillips.

Jan 20 **Rev F B Phillips** brought in some new Bibles and Prayer Books on Wednesday for use in the school.

Mar 10 The Infants have begun some fresh kindergarten this week – Basket Work.

Mar 17 Attendance bad. **Lily Russell** absent through illness. Also **Percy Bugg. Alice & Edith Smith** have left the school. Admitted **Valda Taylor**.

Mar 24 Attendance still bad. **Lily Russell & Percy Bugg** still absent, also **Jessie Russell** who has broken her collar bone. Admitted **Gertrude Taylor**.

Mar 30 Average same as last week: 28.1

Apr 14 A new stove has been put up in the school this week.

Apr 24 **E. Hall**: "Visited school and found everything proceeding satisfactorily. Spoke to children about the cruelty of throwing stones at birds and animals."

May 5 **Valda and Gertrude Taylor** have left the school and village.

May 12 Began teaching the children a new song: "Waiting for a bite."

May 17 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The children have passed a most creditable examination: commendable in all their subjects – shewing particular intelligence and accuracy in explanation of the Catechism. They sang Chants and Hymns with precision and taste. Repetition very good. Infants most pleasing. Interested in their work and eager to answer. Discipline and tone excellent." Signed **F B Phillips**.

Jun 9 Sent two children home (**Russels**) for being dirty.

Jun 23 No Object lesson given this week owing to the mistress having a bad throat.

Jun 30 2nd Standard have done their Arithmetic badly this week owing to copying the sums incorrectly from the cards. **Elsie Cheeseman** absent with a broken collar bone. No Object Lesson given again this week for the same reason as before. School closed from June 30 to Jul 17 owing to the unavoidable absence of the Mistress.

Jul 21 Two girls absent all the week – **Elsie Cheeseman**, who is still unable to use her arm, and **Emily Northam** who is away on a visit.

Sep 8 **Nellie Watts** has left the school and parish.

Sep 22 **Emily Cheesman**, with the assistance of one of the 1st Class girls, took charge of the school on Thursday, owing to the absence of the Mistress.

Nov 20 School to be left in charge of **Emily Cheesman** this afternoon. Special lessons for the first hour – not according to Time Table.

Dec 14 Closed school for the remainder of the week – so many children away with influenza.

1900 Jan 5 **Katie Ebdon** has left the school.

Jan 12 Attendance very poor. Average 24

Jan 19 HMI Report: "An excellent little school."
Recitations and Object Lessons approved by HMI

Recitation: Upper Stage: "The Wives of Brixham"
Lower Stage: "Anybody's Mother" and "A Cobweb made to Order."

Object Lessons: Lower Stage: A Postage Stamp; The Post; Money; A Lead Pencil; A Knife; Train and Railroads; Wheatfield and Bread; Cotton and Wool; Silk; Tea; A Feather; Bees; A Rabbit; A Monkey; A Mole.

Upper Stage: Woody Stems of Plants; The Oak and the Fir; Timber – It's Uses; The Bony Skeleton; Nature of the Backbone; Vertebrates; Invertebrates; Mammals; More about Birds; The Covering of Animals; The Mouths of Animals; Mercury.

Both Stages: Parts of a Plant; Parts of a Flower; Flower and its Work; Seeds and Seedlings; More about Reptiles; Kinds of Snakes; The Frog; A Toad; An Insect; More about Metals; Iron; Cast Iron & Wrought; Copper; Lead; Tin.

Mar 22 School re-opened by **Rev F B Phillips** who took charge of the Upper School all morning. School in charge of the Assistant Mistress in the afternoon.

Mar 23 Head Teacher still ill. School conducted as yesterday.

Mar 25 Admitted **Florence Hodges**

Mar 30 Average 30.5. **Rev F B Phillips** again took charge of the Upper School this morning, leaving the afternoon school to the assistant. In the afternoon of the 29th **Elsie Smith** began to assist as temporary Monitor until the Head Teacher's return.

Apr 6 Head Teacher still ill. Teaching carried on as last week.

Apr 12 Head Teacher still ill.

Apr 23 Head Teacher still ill.

Apr 25 Admitted **Rose, Lily & Kate Bugler**.

Apr 27 **Percy Bugg and Evelyn Smith** have been away from home all the week on a visit.

Apr 30 "Visited school and found everything proceeding in good order under the Assistant Teacher **Emily Cheesman**. ... Spoke to the children about the law against taking birds' eggs and destroying young birds. "**Edmund Hall**."

May 1 Admitted **Ernest, Frederick & Albert Bishop**.

1901 Jul 8 "Ten minutes for recreation must be given each afternoon to the whole school. This must appear on the Time Table." **J Butt. Sub. Insp.**

1900 May 18 Diocesan Inspector's Report: "The state of the Religious Education in this school wholly commendable. Some portion of the Syllabus necessarily shortened through the illness of the Head Teacher, but the Old and New Testament subjects were extremely well known and the Catechism well understood. Order excellent. Singing particularly in good taste and distinct. Infants bright and intelligent."

Jun 8 The Head Mistress resumed her duties on Tuesday morning.

Jun 22 The four **Bishops** and **Frank Hunt** have left the school. Number on books now 36.

Jul 13 The big boys have attended badly being wanted in the hayfield.

Jul 20 **Ethel Pinnock & Lily Russell** still absent.

Sep 28 Admitted four new children who are very backward for their age.

Oct 5 Head Teacher taken ill again. School conducted by the Assistant with help from the **Rev. F. B. Phillips** from 9 till 11 in the morning and from **Miss Ruth Hall** as temporary Monitor from 11-12 and also in the afternoon. **Jessie Russell** left.

Oct 12 Head Teacher still absent. School conducted as before.

Oct 19 School conducted as before. **Miss Elliott** worse.

Oct 26 **Miss Ruth Hall** doing very well with Infants. Order and discipline continues good, but I had to cane **William Marsh** for giving trouble to the Assistant in the afternoon of the 23rd.

Oct 29 **Miss Elliott** died, a terrible loss to the school, Managers and Parish generally. Managers have agreed to close the school until after the funeral on Monday November 1st.

Nov 9 School conducted as before. Have had no more trouble with discipline. All 3 **Buglers** away almost all the week, only 5 attendances made out of a possible 30. **Thomas Tuck** away all the week through illness.

Nov 19 Have undertaken temporary charge of this school. **J. B. Witton**. Cert. Mistress. Gave lesson on "Sponge"

Nov 27 Received from Managers:- Two Registers; Blotting Paper; Exercise books and paper; Rubbers 1 dozen; Drawing Books.

Nov 29 Managers received notice that the Board of Education had approved of an Aid Grant of £15 to be open as follows:

Maintenance of salary of Head Teacher	£7	
Maintenance of salary of Assistant Teacher	£3	
To meet Annual Deficit	£5	F B Phillips

Dec 14 **Reginald Smith and William Smith** entered the school this afternoon at 2.40 (had been kept by their mother). Sent them home again.

Dec 21 Resigned charge today with regret. Signed **J B Witton**.

1901 Jan 7 **R M Denner** Cert. Mistress took charge of this school.

Jan 14 The Assistant **E. Cheeseman** unable to be at school on account of illness. School carried on with help from **Rev F B Phillips** from 9-11 in the morning and one of the Upper Standard girls in the afternoon.

Jan 21 Assistant Mistress still absent.

Jan 28 Temporary Monitress engaged to assist with Infants until the Assistant is able to resume her duties.

Feb 9 Assistant Mistress still ill.

Feb 11 **Charles Sweet** absent ill with influenza.

Feb 18 Assistant Mistress not yet able to return to school. Temporary Assistant working well with Infants.

Feb 25 **Miss Cheesman** returned to school today.

Mar 1 **Frank Sweet** has been absent from school seven times this week. Believed to have been playing truant.

Mar 8 **Ethel Pinnock** and three **Minchingtons** absent from school through illness.

Mar 22 Admitted **Frank, Edith & Florence Langdon** this week.

Mar 29 **Annie Hunt** left school, her parents having left the village. Admitted **Herbert & Willie Lawrence** (Infants)

Apr 4 **Ivy Cheeseman** aged 4½ admitted. Number on books: 44

Apr 18 "Explained to the children the provisions of the Wild Bird Act and specially warned three boys who had been guilty of cruelty to young birds." **E. Hall**. Member of the School Committee [*Sch. Manager crossed out.*]

Apr 26 The three **Minchingtons** have been giving a great deal of trouble on account of irregular attendance. Sent their names to Attendance Officer.

May 16 **W. March** and **A. Delement** absent, both unwell in school and had to be sent home. Admitted **Nellie Bugler** aged 3½ on Monday

Jul 8 HMI Report: "The last School Report does not seem to have been entered in the Log Book and no Conscience Clause is in the school. The Cloakroom must not be used as a Classroom. It is not ventilated nor lighted properly and has not sufficient accommodation for over twenty children even if otherwise suitable." J.B.

Summary of Inspector's Report for 1900. Received Jan 1st 1901. Entered July 8, 1901 by Instruction of The Inspector **J. Butt** Esq. "I much regret the death of the late Mistress after many years' excellent service. She did first rate work to the last and has left her school in a high state of efficiency." **E. Hall** on behalf of the Managers.

Jul 8 Re-opened school this morning having been closed for four weeks. Part of the summer holidays having been given at this time instead of later in the year owing to the illness of the Head Teacher.

Jul 12 Received "Conscience Clause" which was at once hung up in school (Wednesday afternoon)

Jul 22 Admitted three children this afternoon from Clatcombe. Found them all very backward.

Jul 24 A very wet morning, attendance very poor in consequence. Only 24 children present. Number on books: 48.

Aug 7 Re-admitted **Daisy Minchington** who has been away from home for several weeks.

Sep 2 "Found attendance satisfactory except in case of The **Minchington's** children (4) all of whom were absent. The Mother on whom I called to learn the reason pleaded "Rags and tatters" as the cause. She however promised to send them tomorrow and regularly after this date." **E. Hall** Sch. Manager.

Sep 2 **Mabel Northam** away on a visit for 4 or 5 weeks. Number on the books: 54. Received new Readers for Infants and Additional Register for children under five years of age.

Sep 9 Owing to wet weather, children from Clatcombe have been absent several times this week.

Sep 27 **Daisy Minchington** absent this week, her mother made the excuse she has no tidy clothes. Transferred **Ivy Cheeseman** to Upper Division of Infants.

Oct 4 **Victor Hoskins** left this week having returned to his home.

Oct 11 **Charles and Elsie Ellaway** still irregular.

Oct 18 **Mabel Northam** returned to school after an absence of six weeks.

Oct 25 **Lily Russell** aged 14 has left school. **Herbert Lawrence** absent this week.

Nov 8 **Daisy Minchington** absent. Gone to stay with relatives

Nov 15 **Mr Wilkins** attendance officer called to enquire as to absentees. **Mr Waldegrave** (Rector) visited the school on Wednesday morning.

Nov 29 Average attendance for past year: 39.2

Dec 2 First day of School Year. Transferred children to next highest standard with one or two exceptions.

1902 Jan 9 Re-admitted **Daisy Minchington** who had been away on a visit for several weeks. Found her very backward, she having forgotten a great deal of work already taught.

Jan 21 **Reginald, William, Evelyn and Walter Smith** have left the school this week. Their parents are leaving for another parish. Number on books: 48. Attendance still very irregular.

Jan 31 **Lily Minchington** absent on account of sickness.

Feb 14 Received new Drawing Materials: B.b. dividers as advised by Drawing Inspector on his last visit.

Feb 21 **Frank Sweet** absent all the week suffering from broken chilblains on feet.

Feb 28 Attendance better. Average 45.4. Number on books: 48. End of 1st Quarter in school year. Average for Quarter: 43. P.C. 89

Mar 20 Admitted **Minnie Russell** (aged 3) on Monday.

Apr 2 **Grace Hall** has left the school. Gone to Sherborne Higher Grade School.

Apr 18 Very wet morning on Wednesday in this week, consequently a poor attendance throughout the school.

Apr 28 Copy of report for year ending November 20, 1901: "The school continues to be taught with care and success; but more suitable provision really must be made for the accommodation of the Infant Class." The teacher, **R. M. Denner**, does not appear to be engaged under a written agreement. I am to refer you to Article 71 of the Code. **E. Cheesman** is continued under Article 68.

Copy of Report of Inspector of Drawing Dec 16, 1901:

Equipment: A B. Board square in red on one side, & L' rule. Demonstration Sheets of Standards I, II & III, Dividers, Squared and dotted Kindergarten Drawing Books, Short plain rulers, a book of kindergarten Drawing Examples should be provided.

Observations: The drawing is progressing fairly and satisfactorily. The use of paper in Standard I is a step in the right direction. – Drawing and Needlework should not be taught together, and the drawing lesson should be taken earlier in the day. Freehand, Drawing to scale and Oral Work require special care. The various points in the work discussed with the Teacher should receive special attention."

Arthur W. Geffken. 21st Dec., 1901

Apr 21 **Robert Hunt and Herbert Lawrence** absent from school this week on account of sickness.

May 9 Half Holiday given on Friday to allow teachers to attend a teachers' meeting at Milborne Port.

May 25 The **Minchington** children (4) absent. **Elsie Cheeseman** still ill.

Jun 2 On receiving the news that Peace was proclaimed the school was closed by the **Rev. S. E. Waldegrave** for the remainder of the day.

Jun 18 **Charles Sweet** Standard V aged 14 has left the school this week.

Jul 10 The children in the upper division are attending very badly this week. 15 present out of 27 on the register. The reason in the majority of cases being sickness. The children seem to be suffering from mumps in a mild form. One family (**Minchingtons**) are away on account of skin disease.

Jul 16 Closed school this morning on account of an epidemic of mumps among children of the village.

Sep 10 **Emily Cheeseman** (Asst.) too ill to be at school today. Very heavy rain this morning consequently children from Clatcombe not able to attend.

Sep 19 **Frank Sweet and Fred Marsh** punished for stealing apples from orchard after several warnings.

Sep 26 Four **Langdowns** have left the village this week. **Frank Sweet**, Standard III, has given a great deal of trouble with his Arithmetic this week.

Oct 7 Entered news of the receipt on September 20th of the announcement from the Education Department that school would shortly receive the amount of £10 Aid Grant under A – Teaching Power _ I to maintain the present charge for Salaries, also that on Wednesday October 1st at 3 p.m. the **Ven. Archdeacon Dandas**, Archdeacon of Dorset, opened the new classroom with an appropriate service in the presence of a Numerous Company.” Entered and signed for the Managers by **Samuel Edmund Waldegrave**.

Nov 17 **Edmund, Cuthbert, Winifred & Frank Hall** left the school this week. They have gone from the village.

Nov 28 **Daisy, Lily, Charles and Fred Minchington** left school this week. They have removed to another village. End of school year. Filled in Form IX. Average for past year: 89.9.

Dec 1 First day of school year. **Amelia Hunt** returned to school today.

1903 Jan 12 Admitted **Charles & Cassey Stickland** and **Hilda Chant**. Number on books: 37

Jan 23 Admitted **Alice Mary Berry** (Infant)

Jan 29 No. 19874 Osborne CE School. Form 17A. Summary of Inspector’s Report & Remarks (if any) of the Board of Education thereon. “Creditable progress has been made. More attention to Reading of the Younger, and Recitation of the older, children is desirable.” H.M. Inspector reports that Physical Training is not taught in accordance with an approved scheme. If the Model Course has not been adopted for future use, I am to request that an alternative course equivalent in scope and aim may be submitted for approval to the Board of Education. The attendances claimed on account of Half-Timers (Article 12(b) of the Code) are not sufficiently numerous to affect the Total Grant Payable. Entered and signed for the Managers: **Samuel Edmund Waldegrave**.

Feb 9 Admitted **Agnes, William and Florence Hodges** this week. Found the latter very backward for the age of children.

Feb 20 **Arthur Delement** Standard V has given a great deal of trouble in school lately, having been both idle and disobedient. Had to punish him this morning.

Feb 25 Secular work started at 9 o’clock this morning to allow children attending school to be present at 11 o’clock service (Ash Wednesday). The usual holiday given in the afternoon.

Mar 27 Admitted **Ethel Pike** Standard V, and **Lucy** (Standard II) this week.

Apr 3 **Harry, Maud & Minnie Russell** have left school this week. They have gone to live at Sherborne. Number on books: 40.

Apr 20 Admitted **May Bugler** (Infant)

May 21 Inspection in Religious Knowledge by **Rev Gordon Wickham** at 9.30

May 30 Report on above (copy). “Standards III & IV show an improvement on last year and in Old Testament and Repetition the result of the year’s work is good. The Infants passed an excellent examination. Standard II requires separate instruction. Singing good. Tone and discipline very good.” Signed **Gordon Wickham**, Diocesan Inspector. (Entered and signed for the Managers **Samuel Edmund Waldegrave**)

Jun 26 **Mabel Northam** (Standard VI) Age 14 left school this week.

Sep 7 Re-opened school this morning after the Midsummer holidays. One family, the **Marches**, have left the village during the holidays. Number on books: 34.

Sep 25 Admitted **Kate Moody** Standard V this week.

Oct 2 Re-admitted **F. Waldegrave** Standard II

Oct 9 **Charles Ellaway** has been absent this week. He met with an accident and injured his head.

Oct 29 **Cassey Stickland** has returned to school. Found her backward in her work she having been away over two months.

Oct 30 **Albert Hunt** has been absent this week owing to an accident.

Nov 10 Was obliged to send **Albert Hunt** home this afternoon. He was taken ill during school hours.

Nov 20 **Albert Hunt** still absent. He is ill and in Sherborne Hospital.

Nov 25 **Charles and Lucy Ellaway** have left school this week, their parents have gone to Sherborne to live.

Nov 30 End of School year. Filled in Form 9. Average for year: 34. Number on books at the end of school year: 36. P.C. 94

1904 Jan 11 Admitted **Doris Rolls** (aged 3). Received Circular from County Education Committee offering medals and prizes for regular attendance. Read same to children.

Jan 26 Acting under Management orders have sent **Albert Hunt** home. He has been pronounced by the Medical Officer as unfit to attend school.

Feb 5 **Maggie Keats** from Clatcombe has been rather irregular this week.

Mar 1 Copy. Dorset # 19874 Osborne CE School. Inspector's Report for 1902-1903. Form 17A "With a little more system and methodical arrangement the school would be perfectly satisfactory." Received February 16, entered and signed for the Managers March 1st **Samuel Edmund Waldegrave**.

Mar 23 Admitted **Eva Downton** aged four. **Katie Moody** Standard VI left school this week. Her parents have left the village.

Apr 6 Admitted **Ada Loader** Standard I. Found her very backward with her work.

Apr 8 **Wilfred Cheeseman, Agnes Hodges & Ethel Pinnock** absent this morning having gone to Sherborne to attend examination for Labour Certificates.

Apr 15 **Arthur Delement** (14) **Agnes Hodges & Ethel Pinnock** have left school this week. The first named having gone to work and the two latter having obtained the Labour Certificate.

Children needed the certificate in order to start work as it demonstrated their school work was of a reasonable standard. This system ensured that the workforce was competent at reading, maths and general knowledge, and guaranteed all children a basic level of education. Unfortunately it put pressure on bright children from poorer families to leave school as soon as possible. Once they had reached this basic standard of education they could start work and bring an extra wage to their household.

The certificate came into use under the Employment of Children Act 1903 and stipulated that no child under the age of 14 should be employed in any occupation before 6am or after 8pm or for more than nine and a half hours a day or on a Sunday. These regulations outlawed many of the bad practices relating to the employment of children, but were hard to enforce, particularly in remote mining and farming villages, or large cities with a high proportion of migrant labourers.

In times of high unemployment governments have often encouraged pupils to continue their education beyond the minimum age: it can improve their prospects of a better job, and helps keep the unemployment figures lower. When Annie left Darley Street Council School the school leaving age was 13 years. This rose to 14 years in 1918, 15 years in 1944, and 16 years in 1972. These changes were often strongly opposed at the time - by employers and parents, and also by pupils themselves. An example from the V&A Museum of Childhood to explain the Labour Certificate.

May 13 Admitted **Mary Slade** Standard I on Monday. Attendance on Wednesday afternoon very poor, a great number of the children have gone into Sherborne there being a ceremony at the Abbey.

Jun 8 **Wilfred Cheeseman, Dora Downton & Amelia Hunt** absent.

Jun 10 **Rev S. E. Waldegrave** visited school this morning and had a short talk with the children on "The Empire Holiday given in the afternoon for Empire Day"

Jun 14 **Amelia Hunt** absent since Tuesday. Her mother sent a message to the effect her child had what she thought was ringworm.

Jul 1 Admitted **William Hunsford** aged 5. **Amelia Hunt** still absent.

Sep 12 I commence my duties as mistress of this school today – **Emma Camp**, Certificated Teacher.

Sep 18 **Rev S E Waldegrave** visited together with a gentleman from America who wished to see the school. Re-admitted **Albert Hunt** who has been unable to attend school for some time owing to illness. He is, therefore, very backward for his age.

Sep 24 No school held on Thursday this week but on Saturday instead. This was done in order that the teacher might have an opportunity of visiting the "Palestine" Exhibition at Weymouth. Downton family left the village.

Sep 30 Have carefully examined the children in this school and find them very backward in all subjects, more especially in the upper part of the school.

Oct 7 In find the children of the Lower Standards very backward in their Arithmetic.

Oct 14 New song, "Persevere".

Oct 28 Admitted **Frederick Lawrence**, 3 years of age.

Dec 7 **William Hodges** came to school being unwell had to be sent home.

1905 Jan 17 Copy of HMI report: "The work has improved under the new teacher. The discipline and tone of the school is excellent."

Feb 3 **Edward Pike** (3 years old) admitted.

Feb 10 This morning the medals were awarded to the children who made the most attendances last year. **Mr & Mrs Waldegrave, Mr Dunford** and several others were present. Three children received medals: **Herbert Lawrence, William Lawrence and Thomas Tuck**. The Rector then spoke to the children on the advantages of regular attendance, and urged everyone to try and do better for the future. The children had a holiday for the remainder of the day.

Mar 3 Arithmetic (Scheme B) is now being taken with the lower Standards.

Mar 17 **Amelia Hunt** has been very irregular in attendance.

Mar 31 "I resign the charge of this school." **Emma Camp**.

Apr 3 Took charge of the school today. **Jessie J West**, Certificated Teacher. **Amelia Hunt** has been absent this week.

May 3 **Amelia Hunt** is still absent from school. Her mother is ill.

May 17 New song, "Far Away", and the words of the Canadian Boat Song.

May 26 The Rector talked to the children about the Empire.

Jun 23 **The Rev S E Waldegrave** cautioned some of the boys about stone throwing.

Jun 30 Admitted **Maude and Flossie Smart**.

Jul 21 **Amelia Hunt** attends occasionally.

Aug 5 Received Circular C37 from the County Council.

Nov 4 **Amelia Hunt** is 14 years of age and has left the school.

Dec 1 1905. Copy of the report made by HMI Mr Gordon after visit of October 31, 1905: "Drawing. The frequent use of actual objects and regular practice of memory drawing are recommended. The want of free-arm practice is clearly perceptible in the free-drawings of this school. Drawing to scale and geometry should be regularly practised. The squared work should be discontinued in the Infants. A 2' rule (Carpenter's), Set of Squares, pair of blackboard compasses, and a Blackboard catch (?) are greatly needed and should be provided as soon as possible."

Dec 8 **Ethel Pike** has left the school. Was obliged to punish **Herbert Lawrence and Reginald Clarke** for disagreeing during school hours. **Rose Bugler** has gone away on a visit for several weeks. "Hurrah for Merry England" perfected.

Dec 15 **Robert Hunt** absent through illness.

1905 Oct 16 Form 35. Copy of HMI Report after visit Nov 22, 1905. "The work of the Mixed School has been affected by the two changes of staff and at present it is only in a fair state of efficiency.

Physical exercises with singing by rote should be systematically taught and the written exercises should be regularly revised. Handwriting is good in the upper division, but only fair in the lower division. The Infants' class is very well taught – the children are bright and happy and have made very satisfactory progress."

1906 Jan 19 **Rose Bugler** still absent on a visit to Cranbourne.

Jan 26 **Ada Loader** is absent from school through illness. **Thomas Tuck** is still very backward.

Feb 2 **Ada Loader** is still away ill. **William Hansford** is away from school through illness.

Feb 9 **Ada Loader and William Hansford** are still away.

Mar 23 Hilda Rolls, Ada, Doris & Owen Rolls have been absent this week through illness. They have been visited by **Dr. Whittingdale**.

Mar 30 **Ernest Sweet** has left this week. He is fourteen years of age and has gone to work. The Rolls' have returned to school this week. **Charles Stickland and Reginald Clarke** are very irregular in their attendance at school.

May 2 **Charles Stickland** still absent from school, spoke to his mother about sending him more regularly.

May 9 **Reginald and Donald Clarke** have left the village with their parents, also **Maggie Keats** has left and gone to Sherborne with her parents.

May 16 Admitted **Phyllis Berry**.

Jun 1 **Charles Strickland** has returned to school after some weeks of absence.

Jun 15 Old Time Table adhered to as the new one has not yet been returned from Dorchester Education Office. **Phyllis Berry** who was admitted before the holidays is not returning to school until she is five years old, so I have removed her name from the register. **Maude Smart** is still away from school as her mother is ill.

Jun 29 Received circulars from County Education Committee respecting "half-timers" and total exemption.

Jul 13 Admitted **Fred Hansford and Daisy Bugler**.

Jul 20 **Maude Smart** attends school very irregularly.

Sep 14 **William and Fred Hansford** are kept at home on account of whooping cough in their family.

Sep 28 New song: March of the "Men of Harlech".

Oct 5 **William Hodges** punished for insubordination.

Oct 12 Re-admitted **Phyllis Berry**.

w/e Nov 9 Friday. Children commenced morning school by singing the National Anthem in honour of King Edward's birthday; and were given a holiday in the afternoon at the suggestion of HMI who visited the school.

Nov 16 **Hilda Chant** is still away from school on a visit to her aunt (in Stalbridge)

1907 Jan 8 Thursday afternoon the school was closed on the occasion of the funeral of our Dear Rector at which the School children and the Mistress attended.

Jan 18 Attendance officer called and promised to come in occasionally.

Feb 1 New song learnt, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" and "The Englishman".

Mar 8 **Lily Bugler, Kate Bugler & Maude Smart** attend school very irregularly. Maude Smart is very backward.

Mar 29 **William Hodges, Florence and Dorothy Hodges** have left with their parents who have gone to Sherborne to live. **Maude and Flossie Smart** also left the village with their parents. Number on books now 24.

Apr 26 Mr George Waldegrave called and brought a lady with him, Mrs Rust.

May 17 William Hansford away part of the week, is gone to Cerne to stay with his grandmother.

Jun 21 Monday. The older children were taken to the Missionary Exhibition at 9.30, the infants remaining at work with the Art 68. A half holiday was given on Friday to enable teachers to attend an S. S. meeting at Bishops Caundle.

Jun 28 Admitted Mary Slade & William Slade for five weeks.

Jul 5 Ellen Bugler and a younger brother who does not attend school have an attack of measles.

Jul 12 Friday morning. As a great number of the children are ill with measles it was decided by the managers to close the school and commence the summer vacation of five weeks.

Sep 13 Average for week: 22. Cassy Stickland and Thomas Tuck very weak in their Arithmetic. They cannot keep up with the others in their standard.

Sep 20 Edward Pike absent nearly all the week with a crushed finger, staying at home by Doctor's advice.

Oct 18 Philis (sic) Berry is away suffering with a bad arm.

Oct 25 The weather has been so stormy for three days that the children have not had their usual outdoor recreation but have had a quiet game in the lobby.

Nov 1 Only 9 of the children have made full attendances this week.

Nov 29 Admitted Cuthbert Rolls, 3 years of age.

Dec 13 School closed on Thursday on account of heavy rains in consequence of which the roads were flooded.

Dec 20 On Friday morning Mr Sidney Dunford came and distributed the medals and attendance prizes and spoke to the children about the importance of regular attendance.

1908 Jan 10 Admitted Marjory Pike (3 years). Cuthbert Rolls re-admitted. A half-day holiday was given on Thursday on account of a Parochial Tea being held in the school.

Jan 17 The school was closed on Friday until the following Monday, Mistress being obliged to go away suddenly to see her Father who was seriously ill.

Feb 15 Children were not allowed out to play this week on account of rain.

Feb 29 School closed. The Mistress was called away suddenly as her father was dangerously ill.

Mar 13 School carried on this week from Monday noon by Art 68 was the mistress was called away suddenly to the death of her Father.

Copy of the report received in February:

Older Children: "This part of the school is showing better now. Reading, Handwriting, Spelling and Composition have all improved and are now fairly successful, and continual improvement will be looked for as the educational year advances.

Arithmetic continues to be wholly mechanical and the children of Class I failed in the simplest of everyday calculations. In order to secure the adequate preparation of the oral lessons the Teachers should keep "notes". Very little progress is made in the teaching of Music."

Infants' Class: The children are promising but more suitable methods of instruction should be followed. The Music would improve if regular Modulator practice were given."

Signed: **A. R. Rust.**

Apr 17 **The Buglers, Kate, Ellen, Daisy & May** have left the village with their parents, they have gone to Sherborne to live.

May 1 Admitted **Lucy Grinter. Lucy Pike** has not returned to school this week, she is away on a visit.

May 29 A half-holiday was given on Monday on account of a tea being given.

Jun 5 The children's coughs and colds have developed into whooping cough. Wednesday morning, School closed on account of poor attendance, 8 of the children being away ill.

Board of Education, Whitehall, London 24th June 1908 to Osborne L. E. A.

Sir, I am directed to forward a copy of a Report made by H. M. Inspector upon the above school.

The Board should be informed what steps will be taken to remedy the defects in the offices referred to in the appended report, and whether the managers can see their way to adopt the suggestion of the removal of the girls' offices to another position.

Your obedient servant

F. A. Selby-Briggs

Form 35 Encl.

Dorset, Local Education Authority
Osborne C of E School, No 158.

Copy of Report made by HMI **Mr Dibben** after visit of 17th June 1908:

The children at present play in the lane which joins the main road close to the school, as their playground has been used for some time as a garden for the Head Teacher.

The covering for the cess-pool appears to be in a dangerous state. There is no proper separation of the offices; the seats for older and younger boys are in one closet, those for older and younger girls are in another, and there is no separate closet for the Teacher's house.

If the playground were given back to the children it would be easy to place the girls' closets in the far corner away from the boys, and it would be an advantage to abolish the cess-pit and adopt the pail system for both sets of offices.

Signed R. W.

Jul 24 School re-opens this morning after closure for six weeks on account of whooping cough. **Ivy Northam, Willie Hansford & Lucy Grinter** have not returned to school. **William Hansford** has been in the hospital at Sherborne, and has undergone an operation for his throat and is not quite strong yet.

Aug 7 Admitted **Alick, Leslie & Charley Fudge.**

Sep 5 **Herbert Lawrence** has left having gained the Labour Certificate.

Sep 11 The children are working in their new classes, in consequence of several wet days the usual playtime out of doors has not been allowed. Children sitting quietly in Schoolroom to eat their lunch.

Sep 18 **Molly and Philiss Berry** are gone to Swansea on a visit with their mother.

Sep 27 Red catalogues from County Council for selection of books for prizes for good attendance. Forwarded list of absentees to attendance officer with a Request.

Oct 2 The Rector visited the school on Friday morning to see how the men were progressing with their work in the children's play yard. The offices and yard have been left in an unfinished state since the preceding Saturday.

Nov 13 **Leslie Fudge** fell and dislocated his thumb on Wednesday evening and is staying at home on that account by the Doctor's advice.

Nov 20 **Ivy Northam** has attended very badly this week. A message was sent me that she has a cold.

Dec 4 **Hilda Chant** has been absent all the week also nine times last week, have been informed that she has gone to Shepton Mallet on a visit.

Dec 25 Tuesday morning the Managers decided to close this morning for the Christmas holidays, the medals and certificates were therefore presented this morning by the Rector and the children dismissed for the usual holiday. Sweets, bonbons, oranges and pennies were given to the children before going home.

1909 Jan 29 **Ivy Northam** away 4 times with abscess in her face.

Feb 5 **Ivy Northam** has been away all the week suffering from an abscess in her face. Friday morning one case of chicken pox reported to me by parent of child. The Doctor has not seen the child but supposes it is chicken pox on hearing symptoms (sic) as reported to him by child's sister; by his orders the child is to be kept from school for three weeks and the brother and sister to remain at home for one week.

Feb 12 I have made enquiries about the supposed case of chicken pox and found that it was only a rash with a bad cold.

Feb 26 **Phyliss and Molly Berry** away from school this week with chicken pox.

Mar 12 The "Medical Officer of Health" advised me to exclude other members of the families where there is chicken pox, which I have done.

Apr 2 **Lucy & Frank Grinter** have left the parish with their parents.

Apr 19 **Lucy Pike** has left, she was 14 in February last.

May 28 Monday being Empire Day the children celebrated it by singing some of their patriotic songs in the morning, saluting the flag, and singing the National Anthem.

Jun 11 The **Handsford**s have been away several times this week on account of the death and funeral of their father.

Jun 25 **Ivy Northam and Thomas Tuck** have both been away the greater part of the week with toothache. **Tom Tuck** has stayed away by Doctor's advice as he has had a tooth drawn.

Jul 2 On Thursday the School children were taken to Weymouth for their summer treat so a whole holiday was given.

Jul 9 **Willie and Fred Hansford** have left the village with their mother.

Jul 16 Only 6 children in the first class have made full attendances this week. Flossie Smart and Alec Fudge detained from play for idleness and inattention during lessons.

Sep 10 Admitted **Deborah Rolls**

Sep 17 Admitted **Leonard Lawrence**

Oct 1 The “medical officer” examined the two scholars who are shortly expecting to leave.

Oct 8 **Alec Fudge**, detained for rudeness during lessons. **Ada Rolls** detained for rudeness during lessons. **Flossie Smart** punished for rudeness.

Oct 29 In consequence of heavy rains on Monday and Tuesday the road to the school was impassable and on Wednesday the school was closed for the day, re-opened again on Wednesday, most of the children being able to come.

Dec 17 **Hilda Chant** having gained a Labour Certificate has left school.

Dec 24 Monday, **Ada Loader** has left school as she is now 14 years of age and is wanted at home. Wednesday, was obliged to close for the day in consequence of floods, the roads by the school were impassable.

1910 From now on I shall only be recording particularly significant entries in the log book. Under the terms of the Data Protection Act I am not to print, without permission, names of any persons who may be alive when this was edited and transcribed in 2010. The idea underlying the selection of entries has been to assist family historians in fleshing out a bit more of their relatives' lives, and for others to suggest something of the life of a small country school at the end of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th century. Education in this period has been extensively studied and there are innumerable academic and more popular studies available – this small contribution focuses specifically on our village and it is hoped is of some small interest to visitors to the web site.

1911. Copy of report by HMI Mr H W Irvine:

“Reading and writing show improvement but the use of headline copy books would be more effective if the children were expected to copy the headline. Arithmetic is still unintelligent: no practical work has been attempted since the Educational year. The lessons in other branches of instruction are now prepared with more care and are consequently more effective.

“A progressive syllabus in Needlework should be prepared. Representations of common and natural objects should not be limited to outline only, and scale drawing should have close relation to Arithmetic. The Infants' teacher does very fair work but her increasing deafness is a serious drawback; the scheme of observation lessons for infants should be enlarged so as to retain the interest of the children.

“The Head Teacher should report regularly on the progress of the school.

“The admission and summary registers are imperfectly kept.”

Inspected on 27 Mar 1911

Signed: **A R Rust**, Correspondent.

