

LOG BOOK

School Logbook Transcription: 1866; 1871–1889

FRONT COVER

The front cover of the log book: brown cloth boards with a maroon leather spine and corners, now worn and cracked with age. A brass clasp and circular brass lock secure the front flap. "LOG BOOK" is stamped in gilt lettering on the front board.

Extracts from the Revised Code of Regulations announced in Parliament on the 13th February and 28th March, 1862, and confirmed by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in the Minute of the 9th May, 1862.

CHAPTER II. PART I. SECTION I.

55. In every school receiving annual grants is to be kept, besides the ordinary registers of attendance,—

(a.) A diary or log-book.

(b.) A portfolio wherein may be laid all official letters, which should be numbered (1, 2, 3, &c.) in the order of their receipt.

Diary or Log Book of School.

56. The diary or log-book must be stoutly bound and contain not less than 500 ruled pages.

57. The principal teacher must daily make in the log-book the briefest entry which will suffice to specify either ordinary progress, or whatever other fact concerning the school or its teachers, such as the dates of withdrawals, commencements of duty, cautions, illness, &c., may require to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.

58. No reflections or opinions of a general character are to be entered in the log-book.

59. No entry once made in the log-book may be removed nor altered otherwise than by a subsequent entry.

60. The inspector will call for the log-book at his annual visit, and will report whether it appears to have been properly kept throughout the year.

61. The inspector will not write any report on the good or bad state of the school in the log-book at the time of his visit, but will enter therein with his own hand the full name and standing (certificated teacher of the — class, or pupil-teacher of the — year, assistant-teacher) of each member of the school establishment. The inspector will not enter the names of pupil-teachers respecting whose admission the Committee of Council has not yet pronounced a decision.

62. The summary of the inspector's report when communicated by the Committee of Council to the managers must be copied into the log-book by the secretary of the latter, who must also enter the names and description of all teachers to be added to, or withdrawn from, those entered by the inspector, according to the decision of the Committee of Council upon the inspector's report. The secretary of the managers must sign this entry.

63. The inspector before making his entry of the school establishment in the following year will refer to his own entry made in the preceding year, and also to the entry which is required to be made by the secretary of the school pursuant to Article 62, and he will require to see entries in the log-book accounting for any subsequent change of the school establishment.

THE
LOG BOOK,
(To be kept by the principal Teacher)

Coleshill: Ch. of England
SCHOOL.

NINTH EDITION.

LONDON:
JAMES MARTIN, 9, LISSON GROVE, MARYLEBONE, N.W.;
G. J. STEVENSON, 54, PATERNOSTER ROW, E.C.

1865.

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<i>July 28</i>	— Summary for month ending, Day School. Highest attendance 33, number on register 55, average attendance 18.
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July 28	Coleshill (Sunday) School — Summary for 4 weeks ending Aug. 26. T. 5(?). Highest attendance 55, number on register 84, average attendance 49.
"	Highest attendance 61, number on register 91, average attendance 55.

—	Coleshill — <u>Sunday</u> — School. Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, Curate.
<i>July 29</i>	IX. a. Trin. Teachers & Visitors: Mrs Bennett, Miss Wilson, Dr Dickson, Miss M. Dickson, Curate, & Schoolmistress. Children 61.
<i>Aug. 5</i>	X. a. Trin. Mrs Bennett, Miss Wilson, Miss M. Dickson, Emily Francis, Curate, & Schoolmistress. Children 47.
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<i>(?)</i>	Mrs Bennett, Miss Wilson, Rev. — Matson, & Schoolmistress. Children 60.
<i>(?)</i>	Mrs Bennett, Miss Wilson, & Schoolmistress. Children 50.
<i>(?)</i>	Mrs Bennett, Miss Wilson. Children 47.

—	Coleshill — <u>Day</u> — School. Mrs Elbourn, Schoolmistress.
<i>July 30</i>	Mrs Elbourn's 1st day as Schoolmistress.
<i>Aug. 20</i>	Harvest holidays began & lasted a fortnight.
—	School built 1847. Church " 1862 (Flint & brick).
<i>[1866]</i>	[Added later, in a different hand:] Edward Tyrwhitt-Drake (Rector). Vicar: Rev. (Dr.) R. B. Bruce-Dickson M.A., Rev. Matson. Mrs Bennett. Miss Mary Wilson. Mrs Drake (of Amersham).
<i>[1871]</i>	[Added later:] T. Isaac Major, Headmaster.
<i>[1874]</i>	[Added later:] Managers: Rev. R. Bruce Dickson M.A., E. K. Clay, Mary Wilson, Ann Rogers, Jesse Betts, J. J. Rogers.

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<i>Jan. 9</i>	J. Isaac Major, Certificated Master, this day took charge of this school. Rev. R. B. Dickson opened the school with prayers. Find that boys and girls have been put into separate classes; this made so many classes that my first work was to try and arrange them in classes.
<i>10th</i>	The clergyman again opens the school, which I find is invariably his custom. All classes in school have no idea of numeration. Commence to teach it to the two upper classes at present. Evening school at the usual time.
<i>11th</i>	Take Catechism this morning, but I find some of them do not learn the first three pieces. Reason: have not been baptized.
<i>12th</i>	The lessons taken as usual throughout the day.

13th	Teach Second & Third Classes the piece of Catechism learnt from “The Creed.”
15th	The children will still continue to come(?) very late.
17th	Go on with Scripture. 1st Class [illegible] “The Gospel of St. Luke.” 2nd & 3rd Classes: “General lessons out of the Bible.” Night School at the usual hours.
18th	Rev. B. Dickson takes the bigger children in Catechism this morning.
19th	The boy James Kew had to be sent home to-day, having got very wet by getting into a drain. The first Class shew signs of improvement in numeration.
20th	All lessons as usual. Average for present week now ending somewhat above the average for last week.

<i>23rd</i>	I cannot but complain of the great irregularity of the children. The last one this morning comes in at 10.55 a.m. instead of at 9 o'clock.
<i>24th</i>	A thorough winter's day. One or two children absent. A good number present in First Class to-day. Have got to the beginning of Multiplication with that class. Uphill work, very, with the numeration of the other classes.
<i>25th</i>	To-day being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Rev. R. B. Dickson takes the First Class in the part of the Acts of the Apostles relating thereto.
<i>26th</i>	The children more punctual in a morning towards the end of a week. Dictation very fairly done to-day.
<i>27th</i>	Night School at the usual time. Average for day school still on the increase.

<i>Jan. 30</i>	Punctuality must be enforced by some method. Children keep coming here quite up to the time for closing the register.
<i>31st</i>	Lessons as usual to-day. Night school — it was held on the previous evening owing to Confirmation Classes being held in school on those nights on which we held the night school.
<i>Feb. 1st</i>	Teach the children in school to-day a round: — “Call John the Boatman.” Number in school this morning 68.
<i>2nd</i>	As so many children who live in the parish bring their dinners, I must insist on all going home to dinner who can do so.
<i>3rd</i>	Have the whole of the children in Infant room this morning. A Vestry meeting in the other school at 11 o'clock a.m.

<i>Feb. 6</i>	The children in 2nd Standard make so slow progress in Subtraction. Night School as usual.
<i>7th</i>	All lessons as usual throughout the day.
<i>8th</i>	The Rev. R. B. Dickson takes the First Class in Catechism as usual. First Standard improve in Arithmetic. The School Committee hold a meeting in New Schoolroom at 4 o'clock p.m. to-day.
<i>9th</i>	The lessons as usual throughout the day. The Infants very troublesome this afternoon.
<i>10th</i>	A very rainy morning; the small children do not come up so well. The system of dinner-bringing is on the increase. The First Class learn text of Scripture to prove the part of the Apostles' Creed, "The third day He rose again from the dead." Average for week 63.

<i>Feb. 13th</i>	Julia Shrimpton returns to-day after a fortnight's absence with chilled feet. Allnutt's Children late both morning and afternoon.
"	The Second Standard makes more progress in Arithmetic than the Third.
"	Mrs. Lane inquires this morning why her daughter Catherine does not write in Copybook. Reply that she is not forward enough in writing to do so.
<i>14</i>	Mr. Drake pays a visit to the schools this afternoon. Children busy taking up work at the time of her visit.
<i>15th</i>	Find great difficulty in keeping attention of the children at Reading lesson. The stag hounds go by, and I find that they have at such times been allowed to leave school to go and see them.

<i>Feb. 15</i>	Lessons as usual throughout the day.
<i>16th</i>	Children not so late this morning.
<i>17th</i>	Average for past week 70.5.
<i>20th</i>	A great many bring their dinners as usual. Night School at the proper hours.
<i>21st</i>	Albert Woodbridge, Albert Slade, & Mary Ann Bryant come back to school, first time since Xmas.
<i>"</i>	Mrs. Allnutt comes up to the school to-day, saying that she will not have the her children corrected at school, they never having once been corrected by their father and need no correction. The reply given was that they would be corrected when at fault in school.
<i>22</i>	Being Ash Wednesday the children were taken to Church in the morning, the attendance not being reckoned.

23 rd	All lessons as usual throughout the day. Night school as usual.
24 th	The number of children very low this afternoon.
"	Average for past week 70.2.
27 th	W. Payne's mother sends a note to say that she cannot pay her children school pence this morning but will do so as soon as she can.
28 th	The following children are absent this afternoon.
"	Charles Slade
"	Henry Muckley
"	William Allnutt
"	Herbert Randall
"	Thomas Lane
"	George Lane
"	Harry Palmer
"	Owen Palmer
"	Thomas Penn
"	Henry Woodbridge

<i>March 1st</i>	Singing at the usual time in the morning.
<i>2nd</i>	Revd. Cole missionary from Ceylon came in this morning with Revd. Dickson. He gave a lesson to all the children in Old School on Ceylon, they paid great attention and were very much interested.
<i>3rd</i>	Average for past week is somewhat lower, the children have been absent gathering wood.
<i>6th</i>	Kate Grace and Mark Phillips come again to school after a considerable length of absence. Benjamin Harris also after a short absence.
<i>"</i>	Mrs. Rogers came into school to day very angry because her children have been sent home for 3 weeks school pence.
<i>"</i>	H. Woodbridge does not return

"	when sent for his.
7th	The smaller children very late this afternoon.
8th	Lessons as usual throughout the day.
9th	The children only attend in the morning, holiday in the afternoon owing to the school being wanted for the candidates for Confirmation to meet in.
10th	A great many children absent to day especially girls in the afternoon.
13th	David Allnutt comes this afternoon without his brother Joseph: he is sent back for him and instead of coming again to school goes to his brother in the fields. Thomas Slade takes a great many lessons home by his mother's special request.
"	Charles Lane and Ellen Bryant return again to school to day.

14 th	Mrs. Rogers comes to school this morning saying that her daughter Mary Ann Rogers, who is 7 years old, is too young to learn tables yet.
15 th	Find some of the children about 7 take very badly to arithmetic. The upper classes are now doing addition of money.
16 th	All lessons as usual.
17 th	Average for past week, 64.
20 th	A great many children present to day. I am doubtful whether they will come all the week. Mary Ann Burnham comes in the afternoons but not in the mornings.
"	E. Hawkes
"	K. Lane
"	S. Lane
21 st	— (<i>bracketed together</i>) go to the plaiting school in the afternoons. The New Fifth Standard makes but very slow progress in Tables and Arithmetic.

<i>Mar: 22nd</i>	The children come in an half hour earlier to day and come out an half hour earlier, as the master wishes to be absent. A great many children absent.
<i>23rd</i>	See Herbert Randall and he tells me he is "bird starving" is the reason he is from school.
<i>24th</i>	All children in new school to day after 11 o'clock. A vestry meeting being held in old schoolroom.
<i>27th</i>	Over 70 children present this morning. A good number in First Class. Find a little encouragement to work especially with First and Second classes.
<i>28th</i>	All lessons as usual throughout the day.
<i>29th</i>	Revd. R. B. Dickson takes his Catechism lessons as usual to the First Class.
<i>31st</i>	Average for past quarter now ending 65.

April 3rd

All the girls in Old School in the afternoon. The School Committee have a meeting in the other room at 3 o'clock.

4th

The improvement in New First Standard is but slight. Weakest point is Arithmetic.

5th

Mrs. Elizabeth Norris visits the school this morning to know how many times her child has been marked absent lately and when told she denies it when the register has been accurately marked twice per day. When she saw she could not have her own way she was going to strike some of the children who happened to be talking at the time but was prevented by the Revd. R. B. Dickson, and she was eventually put out of the door and left free to make a disturbance there if she liked.

April 6th	Easter Holidays commence.
	Easter Holidays
April 17	Reopen the school. The school committee having made a rule that one infant in every family shall pay 2 pence per week, it comes into force this morning. Some of the parents return their children saying they cannot afford to pay for them. It seems strange that they cannot afford 2d per week especially where they have but one in the family.
"	E. Crump and S. Slade commence duties as paid monitors.

<i>18th</i>	No recreation time to day, it is so very wet. Number in attendance 62.
<i>19th</i>	Number of girls in schools very low. So many having gone to the plaiting school, where they can afford to pay 2d per week and learn a great deal of gossip when their plea is, that "they must be earning something," and cannot afford to pay to send them to school. In looking down the register I find that a boy by the name of B. Harris, although he has but just turned six years old has been to work some little time, in all kinds of weather.
<i>20th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>21st</i>	The average this week has fallen down to 57.

<i>April 24th</i>	The attendance of children up in the higher classes so very irregular in the afternoon, sometimes scarcely a dozen in First Three Classes.
<i>25th</i>	The dictation not so well written to day as it ought to be. The fifth class attend very regular.
<i>26th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>27th</i>	The children in fifth class are examined by the Master in the Scripture which has been taught.
<i>28th</i>	The Diocesan Inspector visits the school to day, and gives a favourable report on their writing, reading & Scripture & Catechism but the arithmetic was not so well done.
<i>"</i>	Children have 1/2 holiday.
<i>"</i>	Average for past week
	— Boys — Girls — Total 62

May 1st

Children not so early to school this morning, and several have gone a Maying, the following children play truant to do so in the afternoon.

- Lizzie Croomper (*or Crump*)
- Eliza Croomper (*or Crump*)
- Martha Dunkley
- Rebecca Dunkley
- Sarah Slade
- Fanny Levin

2nd

Arithmetic of 1st Standard most difficult to work up.

3rd

The irregularity of the children makes it very difficult to proceed with work. This afternoon only 7 boys present who are not Infants.

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Call on Clara Harris' mother for 3d back school money. I am told by the father to go to the gentry for it as they are more able to pay than he is.

"	also enquire the cause of absence of Mary Ann Burnham and I am informed that she goes to the plaiting school and will continue to do so whilst she can earn a penny.
4th	Thomas Lane absent again this morning, he has been very irregular lately.
5th	This afternoon I have 5 boys present who are not Infants. Master got nothing to do, without teaching Infants, and only 9 boys of those present.
8th	Revd. R. B. Dickson opens the school again this morning on his return.
9th	Holiday to day, the mistress very ill and unable to bear the noise.
10th	Hear a complaint against the holiday yesterday. Children unpunctual.

<i>May 11th</i>	The two girls who are working to try to pass for Pupil Teachers stop one hour every night after school hours.
<i>12</i>	Out of 23 boys on Registers who are not Infants only an average of 7 present this week. Master cannot work them up for examination on account of irregularity.
<i>15th</i>	The children in upper Standards cannot do their work on slate properly. Cannot get them forward to do on paper.
<i>16</i>	The number of Infants still continue to be large.
<i>17th</i>	Children still continue to be late in the morning.
<i>19th</i>	Average for past week has been 52.3.

<i>May 22nd</i>	All lessons as usual throughout the day.
<i>23rd</i>	The writing of Dictation not so well done to day.
<i>24th</i>	Arithmetic of 4th Class is very difficult to work up.
<i>25th</i>	Holiday on account of the Master going along with his choir to a Choral Festival at High Wycombe.
<i>26th</i>	Average for past week has been 54.1, a little above last week.
<i>30th</i>	This being Whitsuntide week, the children do not come up yesterday afternoon and this afternoon, and the school is kept open but a short time.
<i>31st</i>	Revd. R. B. Dickson still continues to open the school every morning at 9 o'clock, and give a Catechism lesson to First Class every morning.

<i>June 1st</i>	Nothing but the usual course of lessons.
<i>2nd</i>	The average for past week is again on the decrease it only being 45.3.
<i>5th</i>	The number of children in school to day is somewhat larger. The girls in the afternoon still continue to go to the plaiting school & find Fanny Lawrence has commenced to go.
<i>6th</i>	The children in the Infant School are the largest in number.
<i>7th</i>	Examine First Class in Arithmetic. Only 2 boys do 3rd Standard work correctly. Two children able to do 3rd Standard on slate; did not try them on paper.
<i>9th</i>	Not one half of the number of girls on Register present this afternoon, and boys scarce any. What can the Teachers do with such irregularity.
<i>"</i>	Average for past week 57.3.

June 12th	The Keens children who have been absent for a great many weeks return to school again.
13th	All lessons as usual throughout the day.
14th	The children make but slow progress in Arithmetic. Have to send W. Payne home for not bringing up his school pence. Hear a complaint against M. Dunkley not taking any change home as she ought to have done. After paying her school pence, the same girl having lost some before, the Master gives it to her in presence of the whole class, the child is therefore responsible alone for her loss.
15th	Very wet; a great many children bring their dinners.
16th	Average for past week.
	— Boys 10.2 Girls 11.7 Infants 30.6 Total 52.5

<i>June 19th</i>	Unless parents are made to pay their school pence regularly every Monday morning, it is difficult to get it.
<i>20th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>21st</i>	Very small school this morning but very little larger in the afternoon.
<i>22nd</i>	Notice to day when Mistress takes the girls in sewing that only 7 girls present over 7 years of age. There ought to be in attendance at least 20 girls over that age.
<i>23rd</i>	Average for past week 52.5.
<i>26th</i>	The lessons in school go on as usual, but find it impossible to persuade them to come in school by 9 o'clock in the morning. Some sterner measures I am afraid will have to be taken, but do not know any method that would succeed here, the parents object to have them kept

"	in after school hours. Lost two children by doing so.
27th	The First Standard girls attend very irregular.
28th	Nothing out of the usual course to day, the singing as usual, but find some difficulty in attention as the boys do not seem to care for music, they prefer other lessons.
29th	But slow progress made in Arithmetic throughout the school.
30th	Average for past week 49.
"	Average for Quarter 51.
July 3rd	Nearly all late as is usual on Monday.
4th	The Rev. R. B. Dickson takes the First & Second classes in Arithmetic. The result very discouraging.
5th	All lessons as usual throughout the day.

<i>July 6th</i>	Very small school to day, very few girls present this afternoon and only one boy present in First Standard.
<i>7th</i>	Average for past week 48. This has been on the decrease this last 5 weeks and must decrease, unless some measures are adopted to keep the girls from the plaiting school, where their parents send them to earn a penny or so a day.
<i>10th</i>	The number in school as usual.
<i>"</i>	The First Class take for their lesson in Scripture to day, the Book of Exodus.
<i>11th</i>	Dictation lessons somewhat better to day.
<i>12th</i>	The children are rather late again to day. All lessons as usual.
<i>13th</i>	The Revd. R. B. Dickson takes the 1st Class in Arithmetic again to day.
<i>14th</i>	The average for past week is again lower. The average for past week is 47.

July 17th	Have to speak to the two Dunkley's who went away on Friday afternoon without sweeping the school as they were bade to do.
18th	Commenced school with but eight present.
20th	The following is a list of children who were late this morning. If punctuality could but be enforced it would make it much better for the school. Persuasion won't do it, and parents fetch their children home if kept in and, what master after teaching 3 hours in a morning wishes to lengthen his hours of work by staying 1/4 of an hour afterwards simply, because parents do not wish to send their children to school at the proper time?
	1 Fanny Penn 10 minutes
	2 Eliza Ann 10 "
	3. George Lane 10 "

4	William Norris	10 minutes
5	John Norris	10 "
6	Fanny Lawrence	10 "
7	Mary Ann Lawrence	10 "
8	Walter Muckley	10 "
9	Leonard Muckley	10 "
10	Martha Dunkley	18 "
11	Rebecca Dunkley	18 "
12	Henry Palmer	18 "
13	Ephraim Palmer	18 "
14	Mary Ann Rogers	18 "
15	Catherine Bowler	18 "
16	Herbert Bowler	18 "
17	Charles Grace	18 "
18	Catherine Grace	18 "
19	Alfred Slade	18 "
20	Albert Slade	18 "
21	James Slade	20 "
22	Burton Bowler	20 "
23	Joseph Allnutt	20 "
24	David Allnutt	20 "
25	Louisa Payne	35 "
26	William Payne	15 "
27	Henry Bryant	35 "

<i>July 20th</i>	28: Martha Rogers 35 minutes late
"	29: Annie Rogers 35 " "
"	30: Esther Shrimpton 40 " "
"	31: Harriet Shrimpton 40 " "
"	32: Clara Harris 40 " "
"	33: Dorcas Harris 40 " "
"	34: William Howard 40 " "
"	35: Eliza Hawkes 42 " "
"	Total number present 45.
"	35 being late shows but 10 present at proper time.
"	This afternoon 17 late again.
"	In coming in after marking of the registers.
<i>July 21</i>	Average for past 46.1
<i>24th</i>	School hours as usual.
<i>25th</i>	The Revd. R. B. Dickson examines the Third Standard in Arithmetic, and the result anything but encouraging. 2 children having 2 right, 1 child having 1 right, and the rest none.

<i>July 26</i>	Attendance in afternoon rather scanty.
<i>27th</i>	The Dictation of Third Standard done in Books to day for first time, the writing not so well done as the spelling. Arithmetic of First Standard makes but little progress.
<i>28th</i>	This afternoon out of 36 girls on Books only 18 in attendance and 15 of those Infants.
<i>"</i>	Average for past week 44.
<i>Augst. 1st</i>	Nothing but the usual lessons.
<i>2nd</i>	The Children in Standards have commenced writing in Books their Dictation and also commenced to do their sums from Cards in words.
<i>4th</i>	Average for past week 47.
<i>7th</i>	So very warm in school to day that there is a difficulty in keeping the children awake.

Augst. 8th	The Children this last two mornings have been somewhat more punctual.
9th	All lessons as usual. The singing lesson not so lively as usual on account of the extreme heat of the school.
11th	The School breaks up for Harvest Holidays.
Harvest Holidays	

<i>Sept. 11th</i>	Reopen the school with a very good number in attendance, and have lessons according to Time Table.
<i>12th</i>	The Mistress takes the school in the absence of the Master.
<i>13th</i>	Lessons as usual.
<i>14th</i>	Dictation very fair. The Arithmetic of all the Standards make very slow progress.
<i>15th</i>	Average for past week 62.
<i>18th</i>	Full School to day.
<i>19th</i>	Half holiday according to custom on this day.
<i>20th</i>	Mrs. Drake of Amersham gives a treat to the Children of Sunday and Day Schools, including in the latter only those who have or will make up their attendances for examination.
<i>21st</i>	This afternoon the master has but 9 boys present who are not Infants, amongst whom he must spend nearly all his time.

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<i>Sep: 25th</i>	The number of children is on the increase in school. All lessons as usual.
<i>26</i>	The Dictation of the upper class shows a little improvement.
<i>28th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>29th</i>	Average for past week
	— Boys — Girls — Total 58.8
<i>Octr 2nd</i>	Children more punctual to day.
<i>"</i>	The Committee of the school held their quarterly meeting in New School after the usual school hours.
<i>4th</i>	Taught a hymn this morning in the Singing lesson. "The head that once was crowned with thorns".
<i>6th</i>	The greatest number of children in school still continue to be those of, under 7 years of age.
<i>9th</i>	A little time lost in commencing this morning: Reason being: The commencement of another year for Mrs. Drake's Clothing Club and several

Octr. 10th

come to enter their children.

— Isaac Major. 2nd Class.

W. B. Garde

List of Children presented for examination Oct: 10th 1871.

Name	Age last b.	Date of admission	Times	Class	Standard
1. Frederick Burnham	7	70 . 10	308	3rd	I
2. Martha Dunkley <i>(absent from home)</i>	9	70 . 10	326	"	"
3. Rebecca Dunkley	8	70 . 10	319	"	"
4. Henrietta George	7	70 . 10	307	"	"
5. Fanny Lawrence	9	70 . 10	295	"	"
6. Henry Palmer	7	70 . 10	380	"	"
7. Annie Price	8	70 . 10	259	"	"
8. Henrietta Slade	8	70 . 10	328	"	"
9. Lydia Slade	9	70 . 10	359	"	"
10. David Allnutt	7	70 . 10	388	2nd	II
11. Burton Bowler	8	70 . 10	319	"	"
12. William Bryant	9	70 . 10	382	"	"
13. Eliza Crump	9	70 . 10	414	"	"
14. Charles Grace	7	70 . 10	395	"	"
15. Thomas Lane	9	70 . 10	306	"	"
16. Walter Muckley	9	70 . 10	329	"	"
17. William Penn	9	70 . 10	309	"	"
18. Fanny Penn	10	70 . 10	358	"	"
19. Herbert Randall	10	70 . 10	271	"	"
20. Lizzie Crump	12	70 . 10	387	"	"
21. Henry Muckley	11	70 . 10	176	"	"

Name	Age last b.	D. A.	Times	Class	Standard
22. Joseph Allnutt	6	70 . 10	387	5th	Infants
23. Catherine Bowler	6	70 . 10	375	"	"
24. Henry Bryant	4	70 . 10	336	5th	"
25. Fanny Croompe	6	70 . 10	414	4th	"
26. Catherine Grace	5	70 . 10	289	5th	"
27. Dorcas Harris	4	70 . 10	397	5th	"
28. Clara Harris	5	70 . 10	331	5th	"
29. George Lane	6	70 . 10	340	5th	"
30. Annie Lane	5	70 . 10	260	5th	"
31. Leonard Muckley	5	70 . 10	341	5th	"
32. Owen Palmer	6	70 . 10	365	4th	"
33. Ephraim Palmer	5	70 . 10	384	5th	"
34. William Payne	6	70 . 10	295	4th	"
35. John Penn	6	70 . 10	411	4th	"
36. Mary Price	5	70 . 10	325	5th	"
37. Ellen Randall	6	70 . 10	269	5th	"
38. Martha Rogers	5	70 . 10	413	5th	"
39. Sarah Shrimpton	4	70 . 10	368	5th	"
40. Esther Shrimpton	4	70 . 10	357	5th	"
41. Albert Slade	4	70 . 10	335	5th	"
42. Catherine Sean	6	70 . 10	287	4th	"
43. Julia Shrimpton	6	70 . 10	355	4th	"
44. Mary Ann Walker	5	70 . 10	357	5th	"
45. William Norris	6	70 . 10	344	5th	"

	— Total number presented — Over 7: 19 — Under 7: 24 — Total: 43
<i>Oct 11th</i>	Half holiday to day, asked for by H. M. Inspector yesterday.
<i>12th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>16th</i>	Pick out those children who are to go from the Infant Class up to the First Standard.
<i>17th</i>	Notice that several girls have gone off to plait in the afternoons again.
<i>18th</i>	School as usual.
<i>19th</i>	The Third Standard makes but slow progress in Long Division.
<i>20th</i>	Average for past week is as follows:
	— 1 & 2 Classes: 11.5 — 3 Class: 8.7 — 4 Class: 13.9 — 5 Class: 20.7 — Total: 54.8
<i>23rd</i>	Children more punctual to day. Lillian Lane is readmitted & Elizabeth Saunders admitted.

<i>Oct: 24th</i>	As usual.
<i>25th</i>	Mary Ann Burnham and her sister Elizabeth readmitted.
<i>26th</i>	Learn the children the Hymn and Tune, "Who are these like stars appearing".
<i>27th</i>	Write their Catechism to day instead of repeating it.
<i>29th</i>	Learn the children their lessons as usual.
<i>Nov: 1st</i>	In the singing lesson up to day the children are taught singing the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" H. A. & M. 342, but they did not get it perfect.
<i>2nd</i>	The dictation of to day not so well done.
<i>3rd</i>	All children very very late this morning; the classes are very much disturbed by those late in dropping in. Average for past week 56.

Nov: 6th	The school goes on as usual. Annie Payne returns to school after a considerable length of absence.
7th	The dictation and Arithmetic seems to make a little progress.
8th	Infant Class very large in number.
9th	Revd. R. B. Dickson takes the Scripture lesson to First Class this morning.
10th	Copy of Inspector's Report this day received.
	Summary. Average Attendance. — No for Payment at 6/- : 55. — Infants under 7. — Qualified for Presentation: 24 — No for Payment @ 8/- : 24 — Children over 7. — Qualified for Examination: 23 — Presented for Examination: 19. — Passes in Reading: 4 — Passes in Writing: 13

- Passes in Arithmetic: **14.**
- No for Payment @ 4/- : **31.**

Financial breakdown	For 12 months	For 9 months
Grant Claimable On Average Attendance	16 . 10 . 0	12 . 7 . 6
On Infants Presented	9 . 12 . 0	7 . 4 . 0
On Examination	6 . 4 . 0	4 . 13 . 0
Total	32 . 6 . 0	24 . 4 . 6

"It is desirable that an urinal should be provided for the Boys: at present they use the Closet. The desk accommodation is insufficient. Desks should be provided sufficient to seat all the children who are learning to write. A greater variety of Books required. Particular attention must be paid to Reading."

£15 has been deducted under Article 32 (c), and it is with some hesitation that Their Lordships have refrained from making a deduction under Article 32(b). A better report will be looked for next year.

- **Isaac Major**, Certificated Master 2nd Class
- **R. Bruce Dickson**, Correspondent of the School Managers

<i>Nov: 13</i>	The numbers in school as usual.
<i>15th</i>	The children very late this morning. Only 47 come in after prayers.
<i>"</i>	In the singing lesson the teaching of any thing having a religious tendency such as Hymns is discontinued.
<i>17th</i>	Average for past week 56.
<i>20th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>21st</i>	The lower class makes but slow advance in arithmetic.
<i>22nd</i>	Some of the bigger girls very irregular in the morning, such as Mary Ann Burnham & Lillian Lane.
<i>24th</i>	Average for past month 55.
<i>27th</i>	Send some children home for back school money. One of their parents come and pay up it all. Another keeps them at home. And a third refuses to pay as she states she already sent the money which the registers disprove. She is therefore told to keep them at

"	home.
<i>Nov: 24th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>30th</i>	The children not so punctual this morning as other days of the week.
<i>Dec: 1</i>	Average for past week has been 57.4.
<i>4th</i>	Benjamin Harris and Mark Harris return to school again after an absence of somewhat 8 months: what learning they knew before they have about lost.
<i>6th</i>	The numbers in school as usual.
<i>7th</i>	The writing and dictation of the upper classes makes but slow progress.
<i>8th</i>	The average for this week has been somewhat above the average of other weeks. viz 60.1.
<i>11th</i>	The two children mentioned above as readmitted are again absent from school. Gone to work being the cause.
<i>12</i>	All lessons as usual.

<i>Dec: 15th</i>	Average for past week. 54.5
<i>18th</i>	Admit two other children, viz. George Slade & John Slade.
<i>19th</i>	All lessons as usual.
<i>20th</i>	A very full school to day.
<i>21st</i>	Number in attendance 67.
"	In leaving this morning , through the kindness of Mrs. Griffin, each child has a bun given to him or her.
"	Present on the occasion:
	— Miss Wilson — Miss Goddard — Mrs. Chennells & others
"	After the usual school hours in the afternoon, all the present children in the parish between 2 years old and 10 are given articles of clothing, through the great liberality of Mrs. Bennett.
"	Last day as master of this school.
	— I. Major

<i>January 1st to January 5th</i>	Henry Raggett, Certificated Master, took charge of this school to day. I find the children very backward and very difficult to make them attend to their lessons. The Rev. R. B. Dickson always opens the school in the morning. Average for past week 59.3.
<i>January 8th to 12th</i>	I find the children are very unpunctual and irregular. Master takes the classes alternately in their different subjects. Lowest Standard especially very dull in arithmetic. Work the children up in singing. Average for past week 58.
<i>15th to 19th</i>	School very slack on Monday morning, as many go to pay their club money to Mr. Howey. Children seen very unruly; punished several for talking during lessons. The children since Monday have been more punctual. Average for week 58.5.
<i>22nd to 26th</i>	Children late as is usual. Those without excuse to keep after 12 and 4. Make the whole school remain after 4 in the afternoon for 10 minutes because could not obtain perfect silence at the close of school. Average for week 55.9.
<i>29th to February 2nd</i>	Not so many children late so that the late correction seems to have done some good. Better behaviour in school this week. Average attendance 53.8.

<i>February 5th to 9th</i>	1072. (1872) Children are much improved in their behaviour, as there is less talking during school hours, and more attention to work. I punish one boy in the first class for copying during Arithmetic lesson. The Lower Standards are improving in their lessons. Average attendance 54.4.
<i>12th to 16th</i>	School not so well attended as usual. Good many children go to platting in the afternoon.
<i>14th</i>	Ash Wednesday. Children go to Church in the morning. Consequently the registers are not marked. School open as usual in the afternoon. Average for week 51.
<i>19th to 23rd</i>	The lessons during the week as usual according to the Time Table. I take the Lower Standard in Arithmetic, and try to work them up in the rules required but find little progress is made. Ordinary progress made by the whole school. Average for past week 44.3.
<i>26th to March 1st</i>	The school attendance falls off on account of some of the children going to work, and others staying away on account of the bad weather. Mr. Howey and a lady visit the school, and see a marked improvement in the children's behaviour. Average for past week 45.6.

March 4th to
8th

Attendance rather better this week, a little better, and the children much more punctual than formerly. Ordinary progress is being made throughout the school. I still find that there is copying going on throughout the school to a small amount, and make it my endeavour to prevent it if possible. The children get on in their singing, and pay much more attention during the singing lesson. Average for past week 48.8.

11th to 15th

The Higher Standards are making progress in their arithmetic, as they seem to understand the rules better, and take more interest in their work. I find an improvement in their writing, which is mainly due to the New Desks which are much more adapted to the children than the old ones. Average for past week 49.25.

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On the 13th there was a whole holiday as the Master and Mistress attended the Confirmation at Cookham with the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson.

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Consequently the school was open only 8 times during the week.

March 18th to 22nd	The School has been open as usual during the week, and the Lessons have gone on satisfactorily, and ordinary progress has been made. The average has slightly increased it being for the past week 50.4. During this week several boys have been punished for inattention and carelessness, and others have been punished for talking.
25th to 29th	Several Children kept in during the week for coming late to School, and having no proper excuse. The Children have not been quite so punctual of late; but still they are much more punctual now than at the beginning of the year. The Average has again increased, being for this week 54.28.
29th	Good Friday. No School as the School closed on Thursday for Easter Holidays.
	— (Centered on page) Easter Holidays. — April 8th

<i>April 8th to 12th</i>	School reopens after Easter Holidays. With Lessons as usual. Revd. R. Bruce Dickson absent from Coleshill, therefore I open the School myself and take the Whole School during his absence in the Scripture Lessons, Catechism and Hymns. Average for past week 53.3.
<i>15th to 19th</i>	Several Children come late after having had to go to Mr. Howey's to pay their Club Money; and as they come after Registers have been closed they are therefore not marked.
<i>"</i>	Have been working up the Higher Standards in their Arithmetic, and find they make ordinary progress. Children come much more punctually than formerly. Average attendance 51.2.
<i>22nd</i>	All Lessons as usual during the week and Children are making ordinary progress. I find an improvement in the Reading and Writing. New Song learnt this week. Attendance slightly better than the last week. During this week the Children were kept in during the hours of recreation as it was too wet for two mornings.

<i>April 26th</i>	The Infants had their playthings during recreation and the other children marched and sang. Average for past week 52.3.
<i>29th to May 3rd</i>	The School has not been so well attended this week as the previous week owing I suppose to May-day. On the 1st of May many were absent from School to go a "Maying". Several last year, according to Log Book, did so without asking leave—but this year they came and asked leave of me. Work up the Lower Standards in their Reading and Spelling. I find a great improvement in the behaviour of the Children. Average for past week 50.1.
<i>May 6th</i>	The Attendance has been better this week and the Children are making ordinary progress in Reading & Writing; but find the 1st and 2nd Standards are not making so great progress in their Arithmetic as I could wish. Teach a New Song this week, and find greater attention and interest paid to the Singing Lesson. Children who come late are as a general rule kept after School hours.

May 9th	Ascension Day. Children assembled in the Morning to receive a Scripture Lesson previous to going to Church; and in the Afternoon there is a holiday. Registers not marked to day; so that there has been only 8 attendances for the week. Average 56.5.
13th to 15th	Attendance has fallen off this week considerably. But the Children who have been present have been punctual, and none have been kept behind this week for late attendance. On the 16th there was a holiday on Thursday, as I attended the Choral Festival with the Choir at Amersham.
17th	The following day after School hours the School broke up for Whitsun Holidays. Average for past week 43.2.
	— 20th to 27th — } Whitsun Holidays.

May 27th	School reopened after Whitsun Holidays. Children not very punctual, but the attendance much better. A Change in the Teacher of the Sewing Class. The Committee of the School engage a young woman of the Village (Blake Clare) to take charge of the Sewing and teach the Girls needlework; who commences her duties the first day of this week. Temporary change of Order of Lessons, and Alteration of Time Table . New Time Tables prepared and sent to the Gentleman who Inspected the School at the last Examination. He returned them unsigned as his term of office as Inspector had Expired. After receiving the New Time Tables unsigned the work of the School, and Lessons, conducted according to the Old Tables in existence.
	— R. Bruce Dickson, — Correspondent.
"	Average for past week 58.2.

June 3rd	Several Children come late which is generally the case on Monday Mornings; but none were kept as they were sent to Mr. Howey's to pay the Club Money. The Attendance this week not so good as last, consequently the Average is not so high. Learnt a New Song this week, and find Ordinary progress is made throughout the School. I still find now and then a case of copying and accordingly expose the child and administer Corporal Punishment. Average for past week 54.6.
10th	The Attendance a little better this week and the Average higher. The Lessons are conducted as usual according to Old Time Tables. Take the Highest Standard in their Lessons throughout the week, and find they are rather backward in Arithmetic and Tables. Singing and Marching instead of Recreation in Playground two mornings this week on account of wet weather. The Infants had their playthings at the same time and for the same reason. Average for past week 57.2.

June 17th	The Attendance has been much better, and the Average for this week, the Highest since I have had the Mastership of these Schools.
"	The Lessons as usual, and ordinary progress made throughout the School.
"	More Interest and attention paid to Singing Lesson, consequently I find the Children keep better time and sing in better tunes than formerly.
"	On Friday the 21st the Revd. E. K. Clay of Amersham, the Diocesan Inspector visited the School to Examine the Children in Scripture History, Catechism &c. He was accompanied by the Revd. R. Bruce Dickson and Hy. Bennett Esq. Miss Goddard and friend also visited the School.
"	Holiday at the request of the Diocesan Inspector in the Afternoon. The Registers were not marked for this day.
"	Average for past week 61.

June 24 th	The Children have been more punctual this although the attendance has not been so good as last week. The Average too has also fallen.
"	Learn a new Song this week during the Singing Lesson on Wednesday morning.
"	The Lessons throughout the School the same as usual.
"	Ordinary progress made by the several Standards.
"	Made the 1st Standard remain in School on Friday morning (as there was too much talking and noise during their Arithmetic Lesson) instead of going out to play.
"	Administered Corporal Punishment to one boy for playing truant.
"	Two Children made to stand on the Stool with their hands on their heads, a quarter of an hour for talking and playing Thursday Morning, during Dictation Lesson.
"	Average for past week 55.1.

July 1st	The Attendance not so good as last few weeks, as several of the boys are gone out to work.
"	The Average for this week has been lower than usual.
"	Work up the Arithmetic of the 1st and 2nd Standards.
"	The Attention of the Children to their lessons has greatly improved.
"	Teach the Children a New Song on Wednesday Morning.
"	No recreation on Thursday as the weather was too unfavourable. The larger Children occupy the time in Marching and Singing; and the Infants have their Playthings.
"	Complaint made by Sewing Mistress of the behaviour of the Girls during their Needlework. Caution them, that if there is any more complaint made by their Teacher I shall find it necessary to administer Corporal Punishment.
"	Average for past week 40.9.

July 8th	Several late the first morning of this week as they are sent by their parents to pay their Club Money at Mr. Howey's.
"	The attendance this week on the decrease as several boys are gone to work, and some of the Girls are kept away for lace making.
"	As so many are away it is not very encouraging for the Master to work. There are several boys from the first class kept away on order to go "bird-starving".
"	The Average for this week is still lower, and but very little progress is made.
"	The Arithmetic in the first Standard is very badly done, and more especially the Subtraction.
"	The Attention of the Children to their Needlework is better this week, as there has been no complaint from the Sewing Mistress.
"	Average for the past week 43.5.

July 15 th to 19 th	The Children are a little more punctual this week, and the number in attendance is larger than last week.
"	The Average is higher this week.
"	The Children are more attentive to their Reading and Arithmetic than late. So much noise was made during Lessons, that I found it impossible to go on. Therefore the Whole School remained sitting with their hands on their heads till perfect silence is obtained. The Children are then Cautioned "that if there is not less noise, all must be kept after School hours".
"	Had to punish two of the Girls for bad behaviour during Sewing Lesson; and for talking.
"	Work up the 1st Standard in Writing and Arithmetic. Find them still very dull at their Arithmetic.
"	The Higher Classes make ordinary progress.
"	Average for past week 50.6.

July 22nd to
26th

Several Children again late, but excused themselves by saying their Mothers wanted them; and it not being the fault of the Children they were not kept after School hours.

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Several boys away birdstarving and hay-making; and several girls are gone to the Knitting School, and others are gone to the lace making so that there are very few Scholars besides Infants.

"

Take the Infants in the Afternoon in Counting, Reading and Writing; but find it very difficult to gain their attention as many of them fall asleep, as they invariably do during the Summer, the heat being so oppressive.

"

The behaviour of the Girls after the Example made last week has been much better, and no complaint has been made during the week.

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Average for the past week 45.4.

*July 29th to
August 2nd*

	Some of the Children came in after Prayers on Monday Morning for this Reason. They were sent by their Parents to pay their Club Money.
"	The Lessons go on as usual, and according to the Time Table.
"	There are several of the Bigger Boys and Girls, kept away from School in order to go to work in the Harvest Fields. Some of the Farmers have commenced Harvest Operations.
"	Very few Children at School this week who are not Infants.
"	Instead of the Ordinary Recreation in the Playground the Children were kept in School to March and Sing for the allotted time appointed for recreation. The Infants had their Playthings in the Class Room, because the weather was too wet to go out the first two mornings of this week.
"	The Harvest Holidays would have commenced this week had the weather been fine.
"	Average for past week 45.1.

August 5th to 8th	The attendance this week has been very low; and the Average the lowest throughout the School Year; which may be attributed to the Children going out with their parents to the Harvest Fields, as the Harvest on some farms was commenced this week.
"	The Lessons throughout the week the same as usual and according to Time Table.
"	Average for week 40.1.
"	On Thursday the Schools broke up for Harvest Holidays.
	— August 8th to September 9th — } Harvest Holidays.

*September
9th to 13th*

	School reopened after Harvest Holidays and the Attendance not so good as could be expected.
"	On Tuesday the School Children had a holiday; and in the Afternoon the Day School Children partook of the Annual Treat provided for them by Mrs. Drake.
"	On Wednesday the Revd. Thomas late Archdeacon of Cape Town, with the Revd. R. Bruce Dickson, visited the School in the Afternoon; but only stayed a short time.
"	The Lessons according to Time Table.
"	I find the Children are very dull after their four weeks holiday, and some who have to be presented for Examination are absent, as they are still at work.
"	The Children learnt a new Song during their Singing Lesson. They sing rather flat as they have been out of practice for some time.
"	Average for the past week 50.

*September
16th to 20th*

Some of the Children come late again on Monday Morning but are not kept in, as they bring the same excuse as repeated before.

"

The Attendance still a little better.

"

There are still some boys away who are eligible for examination.

"

The Whole School seems to have made a slight improvement in their work, and more attention has been paid to their Lessons.

"

Work up the Children during their Singing Lesson in the Songs to be sung at the Inspection.

"

On Thursday the 19th Inst. there was the usual Holiday; as it was the Fair Day at Amersham.

"

Average for past week.

September
23rd to 27th

There is an improvement in the Punctuality of the Children this week. Very few have been late; and those only a few minutes. So were excused as they were wanted.

"

The Lessons as usual and I find the Second Standard have made Improvement since their Holidays especially in their Arithmetic.

"

Ordinary progress is made throughout the School and the work of the School is being carried on with much less noise than formerly.

"

The Third Standard are still making progress improvement in all their Lessons, but on one morning during this week they were kept in from playground, for Carelessness, and talking during their Arithmetic Lesson.

"

There are still some away who are eligible for Examination; but are some of them blackberrying, and others at work.

"

Average for past week.

September 30th to October 4th	The Attendance of the School is still a little better; and a few children have made their first appearance since harvest.
"	The work of the School as usual, and according to Time Table.
"	On Wednesday Morning the Children were again worked on in their Singing Lesson in the Songs to be sung before Inspector. They have made a slight improvement in their Singing.
"	Take the First Standard in their Arithmetic Lesson and find they make a little improvement.
"	There is Ordinary progress made throughout the School, both in Lessons and Singing. The Children kept in School twice this week during time allowed for recreation; and the Time was occupied by the Older Children in Singing and Marching; and the Infants had their play things.
"	Average for past week.

*October 7th
to 11th*

The Children are more regular this week, and the Attendance still Increases. On the First day of this week, those who belong to Mrs. Drakes Clothing Club, commenced paying their Subscriptions, and several Mothers came to pay and enter their Children. The Rev. R. B. Dickson visited the School.

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The Rev. R. B. Dickson, having gone away from Coleshill for a short time the duty of opening the School falls upon me.

"

All the Lessons as usual and according to the Time Table. One or two have made their first appearance since the Holidays, and Consequently, they are very backward.

"

Ordinary progress is made throughout the School and the children pay more attention to their Studies.

"

I find the First Standard rather backward in Arithmetic still; and keep them in from play for making so much noise during their Arithmetic Lessons.

*October 14th
to 18th*

The Attendance a little better, and some more have returned to School. There is still one away at work who has attended his number of days; am not certain of his being presented for Examination.

"

All the Lessons as usual and work up all the Standards for Examination. The Standards have made a good deal of progress during the time School has been opened since the Holidays.

"

During Singing Lesson this morning the Children sang through all their Songs for the Inspector, with a marked improvement both in time and tune.

"

Ordinary progress made throughout the School and the Third Standard do not seem so careless in their work as before.

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A Departure from Time Table the last Lesson on Friday Afternoon, as all the Children sang through their Songs instead of the appointed Lesson.

**1872. List of Children to be presented for Examination
October 21st.**

	Name	Age B.	D. f. a.	Times	Class	Standard
1	George Bryant	8	70.10		4th	I
2	George Lane	7	70.10		"	"
3	William Norris	7	70.10		"	"
4	Owen Palmer	7	70.10		"	"
5	John Penn	7	70.10		"	"
6	Catherine Bowler	7	70.10		"	"
7	Fanny Crump	7	70.10		"	"
8	Ellen Elizabeth Randall	7	70.10		"	"
9	Catherine Sears	7	70.10		"	"
10	Julia Shrimpton	7	70.10		"	"
11	Frederick Burnham	8	70.10		3rd	II
12	John Keen (absent)	8	70.10		"	"
13	Henry Palmer	8	70.10		"	"
14	James Slade	9	70.10		"	"
15	Henrietta George	8	70.10		"	"
16	Henrietta Slade	9	70.10		"	"
17	David Allnutt	8	70.10		2nd	III
18	Burton Bowler	9	70.10		"	"
19	William Bryant	10	70.10		"	"
20	Charles Grace	8	70.10		"	"
21	Thomas Lane	10	70.10		"	"

	Name	Age	D. f. a.	Times	Class	Standard
22	Walter Muckley	10	70.10		2nd	III
23	William Penn	10	70.10		"	"
24	Herbert Randall	11	70.10		"	"
25	Eliza Crump	10	70.10		"	"
26	Fanny Penn	12	70.10		"	"
27	Lizzie Crump	13	70.10		1st	IV
28	Joseph Allnutt		70.10		5th	Infants
29	Henry Bryant		70.10		"	"
30	Herbert Bowler		70.10		"	"
31	James Keen		71.10		"	"
32	Leonard Muckley		70.10		"	"
33	John Norris		70.10		"	"
34	Ephraim Palmer		70.10		"	"
35	Albert Slade		70.10		"	"
36	Tommy Tapping		70.10		"	"
37	George Walker		70.10		"	"
38	Catherine Grace		70.10		"	"
39	Dorcas Harris		70.10		"	"
40	Clara Harris (absent)		70.10		"	"
41	Annie Lane		70.10		"	"
42	Eliza Penn		70.10		"	"
43	Mary Price		70.10		"	"
44	Emma Price		70.10		"	"
45	Martha Rogers		70.10		"	"

	Name	Age	D. f. a.	Times	Class	Standard
46	Sarah Shrimpton		70.10		5th	Infants
47	Esther Shrimpton		70.10		"	"
48	Harriet Shrimpton		70.10		"	"
49	Mary Ann Walker		70.10		"	"

*October 21st
to 25th*

	On Monday the Children were assembled at 10.30; and were afterwards Inspected. A holiday in the Afternoon, asked for H. M. Inspector.
"	On Tuesday, a good deal of time was taken in placing the Children in their respective Standards.
"	On two mornings of this week the Children marched and sang during time allowed for recreation, and the Infants had their playthings, the weather being too wet to go out.
"	All the Lessons this week have been according to the New Time Table, signed by the Inspector.
"	The Children have commenced learning two new Songs this week.
"	All the Classes this week have been learning ^the Tables this week, required by their respective Standard, instead of Arithmetic.
"	Average for past week.

October 28th to November 1st	The attendance has improved a little since last month. A fresh boy Percy McCarthy, a visitor admitted this week. A few came late this morning.
"	On Tuesday morning the Standards III & IV received a lesson in Arithmetic, in their new rules.
"	On Wednesday the weather being very wet there was no recreation in the Playground for the Children; but the time was occupied in marching and singing. The Infants had their playthings in the School.
"	Some of the Children of the IV Standard kept in for carelessness in writing on Thursday Morning.
"	On Friday, according to the Time Table the Children were practised in Singing instead of the usual Lessons.
"	Average for the past week.

*November
4th to 8th*

The regularity and more especially the punctuality of the children has improved of late. The Rev. R. Bruce Dickson visited the School this Afternoon and distributed the Chatterbox.

"

On Tuesday the 5th Inst. there were no less than 16 Children away from School, who had not obtained leave of the Master. They were cautioned by the Master.

"

On Wednesday the Children during their Singing Lesson begin to learn another New Song and they pay more attention than formerly to their Singing.

"

All Lessons throughout the week are as usual and according to the New Time Tables. The Rev— Clarke, Officiating Minister visits School this Afternoon, to look at the Map of England.

"

On Friday the whole School received their Singing Lesson during the last lesson in the Afternoon.

"

Average for past week.

November
8th**Copy of Inspector's Report received today****Summary**

— Average Attendance	
— No. for payment at 6/-	54.
— Infants under 7	
— Qualified for Presentation	22.
— No. for Payment at 8/-	21.
— Children over 7	
— Qualified for Examination	27
— Presented for Examination	26.
— Passes in Reading	20
— " " Writing	14
— " " Arithmetic	9.
— No. for Payment at 4/-	43.
— Grant Claimable	
— On Average attendance	£16 . 4 . 0
— On Infants Presented	8 . 8 . 0
— On Examination	8 . 12 . 0
— Total	33 . 4 . 0

- **Report.** "The improvements and alterations in the School Buildings suggested last year have been carried out. The attainments of the Children are not so high as they might be, but they seem to be making progress under the present Master. The Arithmetic and Sewing require care."
- **Henry Raggett.** Certificated Master 2nd Class.
- **Signed, R. Bruce Dickson, M.A.** — Correspondent.

*November
11th to 15th*

The children are more punctual than usual, and the Master has more time therefore for the first Lesson.

" Some rather late were kept in after School time as a punishment for being late.

" The Master took the 1st Standard in Arithmetic, and Reading.

" Steady progress throughout the school.

" The Singing on Wednesday was rather better than usual and an improvement was observable in the marching.

" Superintended the whole of the Lessons of the 1st Class throughout Thursday. Taught new Rules.

" Singing as usual on Friday afternoon.

" Numbers still fall off in the Afternoon.

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<i>November 18th to 22nd</i>	Several late on Monday Morning with no reasonable excuse. Kept in.
"	Master took the III & IV Standards throughout the day; in their Arithmetic great care still wanting.
"	Taught a New Song "The Ladybird" during the Singing Lesson in the morning.
"	More late corners Thursday Morning were punished for not being punctual as it no doubt was their own fault.
"	On Friday the School was very thinly attended owing to wet weather, Singing as usual in the Afternoon.
"	A slight improvement observable in the Children's singing.

<i>November 25th to 29th</i>	The Children attend a little more punctually, but the Regularity of several is very discouraging. Ordinary progress made throughout the School, more especially in Reading & Writing.
<i>December 2nd to 6th</i>	School rather better attended than in previous weeks, and the different Standards do make satisfactory progress. Children still sing rather flat: therefore practice them in the Scales.
<i>December 9th to 13th</i>	The numbers have fallen off considerably this week, and therefore the business of the School has not been so satisfactory. The average attendance has been 57 as against 65 in the preceding week.
<i>December 16th to 20th</i>	Some late corners were kept in after 12 o'clock. Considerable are kept in the Afternoon on Wednesday, so as to take off the Infants playtime.

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<i>December 23rd to 27th</i>	Christmas Holidays consisting of 1 week.
"	Little Examination in Arithmetic to the first two Classes, i. e. III & IV Standard.
"	The numbers of the School are much better, and the regularity has very much improved.
"	The School broke up for the Christmas Holidays.

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<i>December 30th to January 3rd</i>	The School on the whole makes satisfactory progress, and a little improvement is visible in the Punctuality.
"	The numbers have fallen off considerably this week, on account of weather.
"	Singing as usual, and marching during the hours of recreation instead of Playground. Children learn a fresh Song.
<i>January 6th to 10th</i>	The numbers have slightly increased this week; but the Children have not been quite so punctual owing to weather.
"	Take III Standard in Arithmetic, and teach them Compound Multiplication. The other Standards make satisfactory progress in their respective Lessons.
"	Singing as usual. This week.
<i>January 13th to 17th</i>	A much better School this week, and the average has risen considerably. Several late Scholars where deprived of their play time, as well as some who were inattentive during their Reading Lesson.
"	Improvement throughout the School in the Singing this week.

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<i>January 20th to 24th</i>	The numbers very nearly the same as preceding week. Found very great fault with the Arithmetic. As several were very careless in Arithmetic, they were kept in during playtime. Ordinary progress made throughout the whole School. Singing on Wednesday & Friday as usual; but could not get a nice tone of voice from the Children.
<i>January 27th to 31st</i>	The Average attendance about the same as last week. Several who have come late were punished, as it was entirely their own fault.
"	Take the II Standard in Arithmetic, and teach them simple Long Multiplication, which they seem to take very quickly.
"	March & Sing on Thursday during play time as it was too wet to get out.
<i>February 3rd to 7th</i>	The numbers have fallen off very considerably this week; the average being only a little more than half that of the preceding week. This was owing to the very snowy weather. As the School was so thin could not do much in the way of making progress.

<i>February 10th to 14th</i>	A much better School than last week as the weather is much finer. Took the I Standard in Reading and Arithmetic and found them rather backward.
"	Punished several boys for bad behaviour during Lessons. Children rather More punctual and Ordinary Progress still continues.
<i>February 17th to 21st</i>	Kept several late scholars after School hours as there was no reason for being so. The attendance has fallen off slightly; the average for the past few weeks not so high as in former weeks. Several living at a distance find it difficult to get to School.
"	Singing as usual, and marching on Friday.
<i>February 24th to 28th</i>	The highest Standards were taken together, in simple rules, to test their quickness and activity. Find that several have very much improved in Arithmetic. Teach a new Rule to the IV Standard.
"	Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, the Children were taken to Church in the morning. Consequently the Registers were not marked. School open as usual in the Afternoon. Average very low again on account of weather.

<i>March 3rd to 7th</i>	Considerable improvement in the Attendance, and regularity of some of the Children. Make II Standard stay to do their sums after School time as they were very careless in doing some of them. Ordinary progress in other Standards.
<i>March 10th to 14th</i>	Not quite so high an average this week, but the weather is an improvement upon that that we lately experienced, consequently the children ought to attend more regularly. Progress cannot be reported if the regularity is so much interfered with.
"	Singing & Marching as usual.
<i>March 17th to 21st</i>	The Average has again increased this week. Took the II Standard in Reading & Dictation and found them making ordinary progress. As it was wet there was no playground for the Children, consequently they marched and sang during the time allotted to them for the Play Ground.
<i>March 24th to 28th</i>	Late corners were kept in during play-time as they frequently come late and have no excuse to offer. Take II Standard throughout the day, and work them up in Compound Division (Weights & Measures).

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<i>March 31st to April 4th</i>	The numbers have considerably increased this week; and the average is much higher than it has been for some time past. I find each Standard make some improvement in their lessons; and seem to take greater pains than formerly. Holiday on Friday Afternoon.
<i>April 7th to 10th</i>	Ordinary progress throughout the School, and push them on in their Tables. Very good School again this week. The average about the same as last week; but must still complain of Children not being punctual. School broke up on Thursday.
<i>April 11th</i>	No School kept it being Good Friday.
<i>April 13th</i>	Easter Holidays from 13th to 21st.

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<i>April 21st to 25th</i>	The School reopened on Monday Morning with a very good attendance which was kept up during the week. The Average for the past week being 68.4 being the highest yet attained.
"	Take the I Standard in Reading, Arithmetic and Dictation, and find them rather dull in Reading and Arithmetic. Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday.
<i>April 28th to May 2nd</i>	The Attendance has fallen off a little this week. The average being 65.8 as against 68.4 in preceding week. Punished several boys during the week for talking, after having previously cautioned them, and kept in several for being late.
<i>May 5th to 9th</i>	Have not had to complain of Children coming in late this week, as they have been much more punctual; but the numbers have rather fallen off, the average being only 62.1. Several of the larger boys are away at work. Took the III Standard in Compound Division, and found them very attentive to the instructions given, and made progress in their new Rule.

<i>May 12th to 16th</i>	All the Lessons according to the Time Table. I find several of the larger boys are away at work still. The School makes ordinary progress. Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday at the appointed time. When the Children make a very good beginning in learning a new song. Average 63.5.
<i>May 19th to 23rd</i>	The Attendance has been very low this week, the average being 48.75 as against 63.5 in the preceding week. Take II Standard in Arithmetic, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic & Dictation throughout the week. Thursday being Ascension Day, the School assembled again having received a Scripture Lesson, marched to Church in the Morning and had a holiday in the Afternoon. Consequently, the Registers were not marked all day.
<i>May 26th to 30th</i>	Kept several boys in for talking during Reading, and made them write "talking" on their slates 50 times.
"	Broke up on Thursday Friday morning for Whitsun Holidays which will extend the whole week.

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<i>June 2nd to 6th</i>	The Whitsun Holidays.
<i>June 9th to 13th</i>	The attendance pretty good this week. One boy who has been late several times was caned having been cautioned before. Take the V Standard and teach them Compound Division which they were very soon able to master. Average 58.5.
<i>June 16th to 20th</i>	Take the II Standard in their lessons and find that several have become rather careless. Teach them Long Division (Simple). Stand 2 Children on the Form with their hands on their heads as nothing seems to prevent them from talking. Average 57.
<i>June 23rd to 27th</i>	The Children came much more punctual this week, there having been none late which makes it much better for them and for me too. The Singing lately has much improved, and they seem much quicker too in learning new Songs. The Average for past week 57.2.

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<i>June 30th to July 4th</i>	This week there has been a considerable falling off in the attendance, a good many of the biggest boy[s] have gone "birdstarving". The average being only 57.7. Taught the I Standard the rule of Subtraction but find them very dull and backward. Singing on Wednesday, & Friday as usual. 51.7
<i>July 7th to 11th</i>	Gave Dictation to the II Standard and find that they have made some progress both in their Writing and Spelling. Also gave Dictation to the III & IV Standards, and considered it very well done. On Friday there was no needlework done by the Girls consequently they came to lessons the same as the boys. 53.7.
<i>July 14th to 18th</i>	Attendance a little better this week, but not so good as could wish. Boys are out at work and the Girls (a good many of them) go to straw-plaiting which are great drawbacks to the success of the School. Singing as usual Wednesday & Friday as usual; and a marked improvement noticed.
"	Average for the past week 55.2.

July 21st to 25th	The numbers have fallen off very much again, and for the same reason stated before. The numeration of the II Standard very creditably done and much care has been taken by the children. On Tuesday there was a holiday, as Mr. Drake, Great Shardeloes gave the School children their annual Treat. Consequently the Registers were not marked for that day. Average 48.
July 28th to August 1st	Very poor School again this week; the numbers were very much about the same as the past week. Singing on Wednesday and Friday. On Friday at noon, the School broke up for 4 weeks holiday during the harvest. Average for past week 46.
August	Harvest Holidays.

<i>September 1st to 5th</i>	The School reopened on September 1st after taking 4 weeks holiday during the Harvest. The numbers not so large as expected, but in some places the Harvest is not quite finished. Take IV & III Standards throughout the day. Punished one boy for being inattentive. Average for past week 54.3.
<i>September 8th to 12th</i>	Much better attendance than for some time past. Some have returned to School who have been to Harvest work &c and are therefore are very much behind with their studies. There was no needlework one Afternoon this week as the Needlework was not given out the Mistress being away from School. 64.
<i>September 15th to 19th</i>	Pushing on the different Standards for Examination, and find some who have just come back again to School, have forgotten a great deal that they had learned before. The I Standard especially seem to have lost the most. The attendance still very good. Singing on Wednesday and Friday as usual. Average for past week 64.

<i>September 22nd to 26th</i>	Keep working up the different Standards and look at I & II Standards more especially, find many in I Standard still very backward and forwards. The Sewing Mistress had a holiday, as they were removing their goods to another house. The Girls were therefore in my School doing their work according to the Time Table. Singing on Wednesday and Friday. Some improvement. Average for past week 61.
<i>September 29th to October 3rd</i>	Since the Harvest Holidays I find the Children some of them are getting now into the habit of coming late again. I kept in those that did so this week and that seems to have had a good effect upon them. There was a holiday on Tuesday Afternoon, as the New Schoolrooms at Amersham were opened by a Special Service at the Parish Church, to which I went. Average for past week 62. All Lessons were as usual as well as according to the Time Table.

October 6th to 10th	Not so many late comers now, so that I begin to hope I may have put an end to it. The Lessons as usual. Singing on Wednesday and Friday with a little more success than has lately been the case. Holiday one Afternoon this week as the Master had to go to Wycombe. Average for past week 58.2.
October 13th to 17th	The attendance has been larger this week. On one day we had at School 78 altogether. I take all the classes in their turn, and can see I fancy an improvement in their Reading and Spelling and Arithmetic. Average for past week 70.9.

October 20th
to 24th

	Very full School on Monday morning, the number in attendance, the largest since the School has been under Government. Total number 90. Monday was the Day of Inspection. A holiday in the Afternoon.
"	On Tuesday the Revd. H. A. Pickard H.M.I. visited the School, in the Afternoon, and Inspected the Buildings, & Needlework. The School not so full to day, as the weather was very wet.
"	The remaining part of the ^week school was not so well attended as the weather since Monday has been so wet.
"	Take the 1st & 2nd Class in Arithmetic and teach them their different Rules.
"	On Wednesday, the Whole School learnt the first verse of a new Song.
"	Exercises and Marching instead of Play during three mornings of this week as the weather was too wet—
"	Average for past week 69.

No. presented for Examination

Category	1871	1872	1873
Above 7	19.	26.	38.
Above 4 under 7	24.	21.	19

List of Children presented for Examination Oct 20th 1873.

1. Joseph Allnutt
2. James Keen
3. Leonard Muckley
4. Percy McCarthy
5. Ephraim Palmer
6. Alfred Slade
7. George Henry Wade
8. Elizabeth Burnham
9. Catherine Grace
10. Clara Harris
11. Annie Lane
12. Mary Ann Lawrence
13. Mary Price
14. Martha Rogers
15. Esther Shrimpton
16. George Bryant
17. George Lane
18. William Norris
19. Owen Palmer

20. John Penn
21. Catherine Bowler
22. Fanny Crump
23. Ellen Elizabeth Randall
24. Catherine Sears
25. Julia Shrimpton
26. Frederick Burnham
27. Henry Palmer
28. James Slade
29. Henrietta George
30. Henrietta Slade
31. David Allnutt
32. Burton Bowler
33. William Bryant
34. Thomas Lane
35. Walter Muckley
36. Herbert Randall
37. Lizzie Crump
38. John Keen
39. Henry Bryant40. Herbert Bowler
41. Christopher Harris
42. John Norris
43. George Shrimpton

44. Albert Slade
45. George Slade
46. Reuben Slade
47. Henry Tapping
48. Albert Palmer
49. Dorcas Harris
50. Ellen Maria Lane
51. Rosa Muckley
52. Eliza Penn
53. Emma Price
54. Annie Rogers
55. Sarah Shrimpton
56. Harriet Shrimpton
57. Frances Slade

*October 27th
to 31st*

	A very good attendance throughout the week the weather, being much finer, did not prevent the children from coming.
"	Although the attendance has improved the punctuality of several of the children, especially some of the younger ones requires attention.
"	The whole School throughout the week has been enabled through the fine weather to have their recreation out of doors.
"	On two mornings the whole of the School marched and sang, and went briskly through their manual exercises, as the air was rather chilly; before commencing the work of the day.
"	On Monday & Thursday mornings the Revd. R. Bruce Dickson, took the I. Standard in Arithmetic.
"	The whole ^of the Lessons, as usual. The Master took the III Standard, and taught them a new Rule in Arithmetic.
"	The average for past week 74.4.

November
3rd to 7th

	The numbers in attendance was not so high quite as the previous ^week's, this is probably owing to the weather as it has been wet almost all the week.
"	The Revd. R. Bruce Dickson took the I Standard in Arithmetic on two mornings of this week.
"	The Master took the III Standard throughout the week in their Arithmetic Lesson, and taught them Compound Addition (Money); and found that they made satisfactory progress in the rule.
"	On two Mornings the Children marched and sang and went through their exercise, instead of going out to Play, the weather being wet, the Infants had their playthings.
"	Corporal punishment administered to 1. for talking, after being cautioned several times beforehand; and three late comers kept in.
"	On Monday the Monitor was absent through illness. The Lessons throughout the week as usual and according to Time Table. Singing on Wednesday & Friday as usual.
"	Average for past week 68.

November
10th to 14th

	Some children are still very unpunctual and others very irregular in their attendance; which is very discouraging to a teacher.
"	The Revd. R. Bruce Dickson took the II Standard in Arithmetic on two mornings this week.
"	The Master took the IV Standard in Arithmetic throughout the week, and taught them Compound Addition (Weights & Measures) in Square & Long Measure, and they made Satisfactory progress.
"	On Wednesday the Children learnt the words of a New Song and the tune to them. Found fault with the Singing, as the Children sang rather flat. Practised them in the Scales.
"	On Thursday the children instead of having their recreation at the usual time, went out to play at 10.45 and came in at 11.
"	On Friday Morning during the ^time allotted to Scripture ^the whole school had a short Examination in Scripture, both Paper & Oral. The first division had Papers, and the second were orally examined by the Revd. R. Bruce Dickson.
"	All Lessons as usual.
"	Average for past week 68.9.

November
17th to 21st

	The School has been very well attended this, although there have been several cases of unpunctuality during the week. To check this as much as possible, those late comers have been kept beyond School-hours.
"	The Master on Tuesday took the II Standard in Simple Multiplication, which, being a new rule to them, was not very satisfactorily done; but better results may be expected in next lesson.
"	After going out to Play on Wednesday as usual, the Children in both Schools learnt the ^words of New Songs.
"	On Thursday took the IV Standard in Arithmetic (Compound Addition Square Measure) and found they made very good progress throughout the Lesson.
"	On Friday, took the III Standard in Arithmetic (Compound Addition Money) but the majority in the Class did not so well, as on a previous lesson. Arithmetic instead of singing this Afternoon, during last lesson.
"	The Rev R. Bruce Dickson took I Standard twice during the week in Arithmetic.
"	Average for past week 72.

November 22nd: Copy of Inspector's Report received this day.

Summary

- Average Attendance
 - No. for payment @ 6/- = 58.
- Infants under 7
 - Qualified for Examination = 21.
 - Presented = 18.
 - No. for payment @ 8/- = 18.
- Children over 7
 - Qualified for Examination = 39.
 - Presented for Examination = 38.
 - Passes in Reading — 23
 - " " Writing — 24
 - " " Arithmetic — 15
- No. for payment @ 4/- = 62.
- Grant Claimable
 - On Average Attendance — £17 . 8
 - On Infants presented — 7 . 4
 - On Examination — 12 . 8
 - **Total** — **£37 . 0**
- **Report.** "The School has increased in numbers, and the upper Standards pass well; some have made great progress during the past year: The lower part of the School is very backward; the infants require more special attention. The Managers have presented every child qualified by attendance; except one who has left the village and could not be brought up for examination."
- **Henry Raggett.** Certificated Master 2nd Class.
- **R. Bruce Dickson** — Correspondent.

November
24th to 28th

Pretty good attendance this week, and the regularity of the Children has improved. On Monday the Master took the IV Standard in Arithmetic; and taught them Compound Subtraction (Weights & Measures). The progress made during the Lesson was very satisfactory. The Rev R. Bruce Dickson took the II Standard in Arithmetic on Monday.

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On Tuesday Master took the III Standard in Arithmetic and taught them Compound Subtraction (Money). The progress was very satisfactory.

"

Had occasion to punish two boys for playing during the last lesson; when one of them showed an inclination to Mutiny. Was cautioned by the Master; but the next morning before school hours the same boy openly insulted the Master. The Master referred the matter to the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, who thoroughly sifted the matter. After first speaking to the Whole School concerning this affair, the Rev R. Bruce Dickson, finding the boy in fault, left the boy in the Master's hands. Corporal punishment was afterwards administered.

"

Average for past week 72.3.

December 1st to 5th	The attendance this week not quite so satisfactory as the previous week; but the Children come rather more regular than formerly.
"	Took the V Class and taught them their New Rules in Practice, found they made pretty good progress during the Lesson.
"	Also took the III Standard in Subtraction and found that they had a fair knowledge of the principles of the rule.
"	Several boys of the II Standard were kept in during play for talking. Average 70.5.
December 8th to 12th	On Monday the Rev. E. K. Clay Diocesan Inspector visited the School, and inspected the School in Religious Knowledge, and reported as follows;—
	Amersham <i>"I inspected these Schools in Religious Knowledge in December, 1873, and have much pleasure in giving the following report. I divided the children for Examination into two Divisions. The first division, answered very well in Scripture, and showed a fair knowledge of their Prayer</i>

	<i>book and Catechism. They were better in viva-voce than in writing out from memory. The Second Division showed a better knowledge of the Old than of the New Testament. Their writing out was fair. The Infants were especially good in their recitation, and showed the greatest care in teaching. I have never before heard infants repeat so distinctly and intelligently."</i> — E. K. Clay — Diocesan Inspector for the Deanery.
<i>Jany. 1874</i>	During the remaining portion of the week the School was conducted in their usual Lessons, and showed ordinary progress. Average for past week 73.6.
<i>December 15th to 18th</i>	The School attendance was better this week than previously. All lessons the same as per Time Table. Singing on Wednesday, when the Children learnt a new Song, "A Hunting we will go," and mastered pretty well the tune. On Thursday Morning the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, assisted by Mr. Parker, a gentleman residing in the Village, examined the

children in secular subjects. The examination was carried on in the same manner as the Government Inspection. The results of the Examination were as follows;—

- No. Examined — 55.
- Passes in Reading — 39.
- " " Writing — 25.
- " " Arithmetic — 38.
- Total Number of Passes — 102.

The Children afterwards sang; and then broke up for the Christmas Holidays. Average for past week 73.6.

*December
18th to
January 5th
1874*

Christmas Holidays.

<i>January 5th to 9th</i>	The School assembled after the Christmas Holiday, and showed a better attendance. The average this week being the highest since the beginning of the Year.
"	The Rev R. Bruce Dickson assisted in taking III Standard in Arithmetic.
"	Singing as usual on Wednesday Morning and Friday Afternoon when the whole School finish learning the New Song they commenced last week.
"	Average for past week 76.9.
<i>January 12 to 16th</i>	The attendance this week has greatly increased, and the Children show a more marked attention to their duties. They come more punctually, and none were kept after School Hours for late coming.
"	The Rev R. Bruce Dickson kindly took II Standard in Arithmetic and Tables.
"	On Thursday Afternoon there was a holiday, as an Entertainment was to be given to Schools in the Parish. The Children of these Schools being invited, assembled at 3.30 at the School, and were then taken to the

	<i>Entertainment held at the Town Hall Amersham.</i>
"	Average for past week 86.2.
<i>January 19th to 23rd</i>	There has been a falling off in the attendance this week, which has been owing partly to the weather. I am still pleased that the Children come more punctually, I have very seldom now to administer punishment to late comers.
"	Took the III Standard in Reading and Arithmetic (Subtraction of Money) and was very well pleased with the Attention paid to the Lessons.
"	Excused two Children from ^staying in during Playtime on promising better behaviour in future.
"	Singing as usual according to Time Table. Rev. R. Bruce Dickson took III Standard in Arithmetic during the week.
"	Average 77.8.

January
26th to 30th

There was a very good attendance at School again this week, the average being rather higher than in the previous week. The punctuality of the children remains about the same as before.

" Singing on Wednesday and Friday afternoon as usual. The Children practise some rounds they have previously learnt, but find they sing them rather flat.

" On Thursday there was a holiday in the Afternoon, on account of the Confirmation held at the Parish Church, Amersham, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Consequently the Registers were not marked.

" Took the V Standard in Bills of Parcels, and found their progress to be very satisfactory.

" Average for past week 80.4.

" Rev R. Bruce Dickson took II Standard in Arithmetic and Tables.

<i>February 2nd to 6th</i>	Children come rather less punctual than they have done for past few weeks. I am afraid shall have to resort to severe measures to ensure their punctuality.
<i>February 9th to 13th</i>	All lessons as usual. Average 65.4.
<i>February 16th to 19th</i>	On Wednesday being "Ash Wednesday" the Children attended Divine Service at the Parish Church. The previous evening the following notice was read out to the Children: "There will be no School tomorrow morning, but there will be Divine Service at ½ past 10, and those children whose parents do not object to it, will assemble here at ½ past 9 for Religious Instruction before the Service. There will be School in the Afternoon as usual"
<i>Feb. 17: 1874 —</i>	The Registers were therefore not marked for the Morning attendance.
<i>"</i>	Average for past week 70.2.

<i>February 23rd to 27th</i>	There were several children away from Prayers this Monday Morning, who afterwards came late and having no reasonable excuse were kept in to do their Lessons during Play time.
"	Took the IV Standard in Arithmetic and taught them Multiplication of Weight & Measures, (Troy Weight) and found they got on remarkably well with the New Rule.
"	Singing throughout the School on Wednesday and Friday, when the Children learnt a new song "The Roast Beef of Old England", and practised some Rounds which they sang very creditably.
"	Average 69.2.
<i>March 2nd to 6th</i>	The attendance was about the same as in the previous week; but of late weeks the average has been considerably lower in consequence of bad weather. Some boys are kept at home to assist in the Garden and others go to bird-starving.
"	Ordinary progress made throughout the School during the week. Average 69.3.

March 9th to
13th

The attendance of children this week has not been quite so good as in previous week, although the children who have been present have attended more regularly, so that I have not had to find fault with them.

"

On Tuesday took V Standard in Practice and taught them Compound Practice which they quickly mastered.

"

The other classes throughout the School have done their lessons to my satisfaction and all things have gone on well, and very satisfactory this week.

"

Singing as usual on Wednesday and on Thursday the children marched and sang instead of going out to play as the weather was too wet.

"

On Friday morning I gave the III, IV, & V Standards sums in Arithmetic to test their accuracy and quickness, and the result was quite to my satisfaction.

"

Average 63.4.

March 16th to 20th	The average for this week has again risen and a few are not punctual. These are made to stay in during play time.
"	Take the III & IV Standards in Long Division according to their separate standards and find the IV Standard get on very well but the III Standards do not seem to make themselves masters of the Rule at present.
"	Singing on Wednesday & Friday as usual.
"	Ordinary progress throughout the school.
"	Average for past week 70.1.
March 23rd to 27th	Children still come more punctual, but the attendance has fallen off considerably from the beginning of the Quarter. There are several boys gone to Bird Starving and some few have left.
"	All the Lessons as usual, according to the Time Table.
"	This is the last week of Lizzie Crump's attendance at School as monitor as she is going to service.
"	Average for past week 65.1.

*March 30th
to April 2nd*

	The School has been attended more punctually this week although the attendance has not been so large.
"	On Wednesday we had Singing as usual but could not go out to play as the weather was too unfavourable.
"	On Thursday The Revd. R. Bruce Dickson assisted by J. J. Rogers, Esq. examined the school in Secular subjects according to the Government method. Several of the best scholars were absent, but still the result was rather more creditable. The writing was the worst feature. The following are the Results:—
	— No. Examined — 44. — " of Passes in Reading — 30. — " " " Writing — 17. — " " " Arithmetic — 32. — Total number of Passes — 79
"	Holiday in the Afternoon.
"	The School closed until Tuesday April 7th for Easter Holidays.
"	Average for past week 64.

*April 7th to
10th*

The School was opened this week on Tuesday, as the Children had a Holiday on Easter Monday. It is usual to have a week at Easter; but this year only Monday was given as a holiday, because the School was closed for a fortnight at Christmas, instead of a week.

"

This being holiday time, there has been a very small School throughout the week. The average for this week is the lowest at present during the year.

"

Although the attendance has been so small, yet the Children have attended very punctually throughout the week. Only three have been late, and that only once viz. Friday Morning; and as it is a most unusual thing for them to come late, they were excused.

"

Taught the IV Standard Reduction of Weight and Measures, and found they progressed very well with the rule; but I shall have to go over the same ground again, as they were several absent.

"

The Children learnt a new Song.

"

Average for past week 49.

April 13th to
17th

	The number of Scholars in attendance has increased this week, and consequently the average has risen compared with the previous week.
"	Find it very difficult to get some of the boys learn their home lessons, especially the lesson for Mondays: as it is neglect on the part of the Boys have frequently to correct them.
"	Took the 2nd Standard in Simple Long Multiplication during the week: and found they made steady progress.
"	Singing as usual on Wednesday Morning, and Friday Afternoon. Practised the Children in the Scales as I found they sang rather flat, and taught them a New Song.
"	Gave Dictation Lessons on Tuesday and Thursday to 1st and 2nd Class; and found a small amount of carelessness in writing and spelling, There were some so careless, that as a punishment they had to write it again.
"	Average for past week 67.1.

<i>April 20th to 24th</i>	The Punctuality of the Children has been better throughout the week, and the attendance has been on the increase.
"	On Monday Morning Henrietta Harding, our new Teacher, commenced her duties; and assisted in the work of the School.
"	All Lessons as usual, and I find that ordinary progress has been made.
"	The singing this week was an improvement upon that of last week.
"	Average for past week 70.6.
<i>April 27th to May 1st</i>	The attendance has decreased this week owing perhaps to Friday being the first of May, when a great number of the girls went a "Maying".
"	Took the IV Standard in Weights & Measures, Reduction and went over the same rules, which I had previously taught; and as there were more present than before, the result was more gratifying.
"	In singing on Wednesday Morning, I took some "Rounds", and practised, and they were sung very well.
"	Average for past week 66.

May 4th to
8th

The School has been much better attended this week. The attendance is the highest we have had for the last 12 weeks; and the Children come very punctually now, to what they did at first, which is most gratifying.

"

Kept 4 boys in from play all the week for not learning their home lessons; and 3 were kept in to write out their Dictation lesson again, because they showed a great amount of carelessness, and inattention.

"

Took the III Standard in Reduction of Money and found they soon learnt the Rule and made great very great progress during the Lesson.

"

Superintended the Reading of the 3rd Standard and found a little carelessness by a few in the Standard.

"

Singing on Wednesday Morning and Friday Afternoon, and the songs were sung very nicely indeed; and a great improvement was noticed in the Rounds.

"

Average for past week 72.1.

<i>May 11th to 15th</i>	We have not had quite such a good School this week as last; but the children have still come punctually.
"	All the work as usual during the week and I find throughout the school the children are making steady progress.
"	Thursday, being Ascension Day; the following notice was read out to the Children on Wednesday Afternoon, just before dismissal: —"To morrow there will be School at 9.30 instead of 9 in the morning, and there will be no Afternoon School. There will be no Secular Instruction in the morning, and the School will attend the Church Service at 10.30."
"	Average for past week 67.1.
<i>May 18th to 22nd</i>	The attendance has been much lower this week, there were a good many of the Chapel Children away as their Sunday School Treat took place on Tuesday.
"	Broke up on Friday Morning at noon for Whitsuntide Holidays.
"	Average for past week 57.2.

<i>May 25th to 29th</i>	School Closed during this week for the Whitsuntide Holidays.
<i>June 1st to 5th</i>	Reopened the School on Monday Morning with a very fair attendance; but there are almost all the boys of the V Standard away at work. The other Standards are pretty full.
"	Taught the 2nd Standard Simple Short Division and they made good progress after a little while. They, also learnt the Division Table by 2. 3. and 4.
"	Singing on Wednesday and Friday; began teaching them a new Song "My ship is" out of "Chatterbox", on Wednesday Morning, and finished it on Friday Afternoon. The Children soon learnt as it is one which pleases them.
"	Sent two Children home on Thursday morning for coming late. They arrived at school at 10.30 and had been playing on the way.
"	Average for past week 65.9.

<i>June 8th to 12th</i>	The school has been attended about the same as last week, and with one or two exceptions the children come punctually.
"	Ordinary progress made throughout the School.
"	On Tuesday there was no play out of doors as it rained. So they sang instead: and the infants had their playthings.
"	All Lessons as usual.
"	Average 65.5.
<i>June 15th to 19th</i>	There has been a less number of Children in attendance this week.
"	On Wednesday Morning the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson accompanied by the Rev. — Reynolds visited the School and Examined the children in Reading Writing and Arithmetic. In all the Standards the best scholars and those most to be depended on were absent; but although the attendance was smaller than when they were examined last quarter, yet a greater number of passes was made. The results of the Examination

	<i>are as follows:</i> — No. Examined — 36 — " of Passes in Reading — 34 — " " " Writing — 26 — " " " Arithmetic — 26 — Total number of Passes — 86
"	The Reading and Writing have improved but the Arithmetic seems to have fallen off. The Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, pleased at the result of the Examination, asked for a half holiday for the Children, which was accordingly granted. Average for week 59.6.
June 22nd to 26th	The attendance has again fallen off during this week. Several of the boys are working in the fields, and gardens.
"	Took the II Standard in Arithmetic Short Division and find that they are progressing in the Rule.
"	On Wednesday, and Friday, taught the Whole School some new Rounds and also gave them Exercises in Singing.
"	Took the III Standard in Arithmetic and Dictation, and was very much pleased by the way in which they did their work.
"	Average attendance for past week 57.4.

<i>June 29th to July 3rd</i>	The School was rather better attended this week than the last. Took the 1st Standard throughout the morning in their different lessons, and found that they have made some Improvement in their Arithmetic.
"	On Tuesday there was a holiday in the Afternoon, given at the request of the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson who gave a farewell address to his parishioners in the Schoolroom in the Afternoon on his leaving Coleshill.
"	During the remaining part of the week, all the Lessons as usual and according to the Time Table.
"	Average — 60.3.
<i>July 6th to 10th</i>	The attendance has fallen off this week several of the boys are engaged in the fields and orchards.
"	The regularity of the Children has also improved. I find that although so many are away, yet very few stay away now, unless there is some real cause for it.
"	Lessons as usual throughout the week.
"	Average 56.3.

<i>July 13th to 17th</i>	The attendance about the same as last week. A few late but having good reasons were not punished in any way. Took the III Standard in their lessons greater part of the week and worked them up in Arithmetic & Reading as they seemed to have fallen off.
"	Ordinary Progress made throughout the School and all the lessons the same as usual.
"	Average 56.8.
<i>July 20th to 24th</i>	The attendance at the School is rather small this week, which is owing to the Commencement of harvest operations. Consequently the Children at least several of them have gone to assist their parents in the Corn fields.
"	All the Lessons as usual; and as the harvest has properly commenced, the School broke up on Friday at noon for 4 weeks holidays. Average 53.3 being the lowest but one during the previous part of the year.

July 27th to August 24th	Harvest Holidays
August 24th to 28th	Reopened the School this morning, after the Harvest Vacation; but the number in attendance not so large as one might have expected. I find the children have lost a great deal of knowledge during the vacation, but find them rather more industrious, therefore hope soon to regain lost time. The faults most to be noted are greater Carelessness in Arithmetic and more hesitation in Reading. The Writing seems to be the best point.
"	Singing on Wednesday, & Friday and all the other lessons according to the Time Table.
"	Average for past week 56.

August 31st to September 4th	The number in attendance has been a great deal better, and they have come punctually during the week, having no fault to find with any. All Lessons as usual and the progress made has been Satisfactory.
"	On Monday there was a holiday in the Afternoon as the Master had business at Wycombe, and again on Wednesday there was a Whole holiday as on that day, Mr. Drake gave his annual treat to the Day School.
"	Average for past week 68.2.
September 7th to 11th	Children are still punctual in their attendance, but there are several away, a few are at work. Take the II Standard in Arithmetic, and find there are some few rather backward, they are those who come most irregular in the Standard. Cautioned one or two of them as I fancied I could detect "Copying". Spoke to them strongly upon the vice which I am glad to say I have detected in only a few.
"	Average for past week 62.2.

September 14th to 18th	The average attendance this week is a trifle above the past week. The children make progress in their lessons and give me satisfaction by the way in which the work generally done.
"	Singing on Wednesday, & Friday as usual. Have lately taught the children some rounds but all in the School until this week sang the same part in order to thoroughly master the tune. This week they commenced to take their parts. Being entirely new to them, very little progress was made and not much music. Hope for better success.
"	Average for past week 63.9.
September 21st to 25th	Attendance a little less, and this I fancy is owing to the village being without a Pastor, and parents consequently become remiss in sending their children to school. Have made complaint to their parents concerning the absentees, but it has been of little avail. Those who are at School make Satisfactory progress. I have not noticed any more Copying since the Caution. In singing the Rounds this week they begin to catch the idea, and a marked improvement is made. Average 60.2.

September 28th to October 2nd	There has been a falling off in the attendance of the Infant Class this week as there has been several wet days so they were kept at home. The other children have been punctual with the exception of a few who come from a distance and they have been late only when it has been wet.
"	Ordinary Progress has been made throughout the School, and the Singing has greatly improved especially in the Rounds.
"	Average — 60.4.
October 5th to 9th	Work the different Standards up in their different exercises, and find they have regained the knowledge which they had lost during the Harvest Holidays. Some of the work especially being done very creditably.
"	On Wednesday there was no play in the morning as it was wet, and the time for recreation was occupied in Singing and Marching.
"	Singing on Friday as usual when I found there will be no more difficulty about the ability of the Children singing Rounds. Average 65.6.

<i>October 12th to 16th</i>	All children punctual as usual, and attentive to their work. Took the different Standards, and was satisfied with the work done. There were one or two cases of carelessness, which as a rule I find not to be the case.
"	Singing as usual on Wednesday & Friday and a marked Improvement made. All other lessons during the week according to the Time Table, and ordinary progress made. Average 60.3.
<i>October 19th to 23rd</i>	On Monday afternoon Mrs & Miss Drake from Shardeloes visited the School and looked over the work done by the children. Their visit was of short duration.
"	There was a holiday in the Afternoon. Average for past week 65.

Certificates of Pupil Teacher (Candidate)

(Copy) As to Health. Beaconsfield. Bucks.

"I hereby certify that I have personally examined Henrietta Harding, & that she is in a good state of health, & not subject to any infirmity likely to interfere with the profession of a teacher.

Dated Septr. 25th 1874"

Henry French

M.R.C.S.E.

L.A.C. Coleshill Ch. of E. School, Bucks.

(Copy) As to Character & Conduct

"We the undersigned hereby certify that from our own knowledge & from what we learn on good authority from others we have every reason for believing that the moral character of Henrietta Harding & her home justifies the expectation that the instruction and training of the School will be Seconded by her own efforts & the example of her parents."

R. Bruce Dickson M.A.

E. K. Clay

Mary Wilson

Ann Rogers

Peace Betts

J. J. Rogers.

Managers

(Copy) As to Sewing. Coleshill

Septr. 23rd 1874.

We, the undersigned, managers of the Coleshill Schools, do hereby certify, that in our judgment Henrietta Harding is reasonably qualified to teach Sewing" —

Signed E. Keatinge Clay

M. Wilson

Ann Rogers

Annie Goddard.

*October 26th
to 30th*

The attendance has been very good this week. On one day we had as many as 75 in attendance. All the Lessons have been as usual, and the Children have made ordinary progress. There was Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday according to the Time Table. On the whole the singing of both Classes was very good.

"

Average for past week 65.8.

November
2nd to 6th

	The attendance throughout the school has been satisfactory and the average has been higher than that of several weeks past.
"	All Lessons as usual throughout the first part of the week.
"	On Wednesday H.M.I. Mr. Collins paid his annual visit to the School, when the Children were by him inspected. The result [^] (was as Johnstone Johnstone) was not so Satisfactory as I anticipated.
"	On Thursday greater part of the morning was occupied in placing the children in their new Standards; and in the Afternoon (a great number of the Children being away) I gave a lesson to the first class on "The Gunpowder Plot" which was very attentively listened to. Also taught the IV Standard Addition of Weight & Measures (Avoirdupois Weight) and found the whole class very quick in receiving the instruction given.
"	Singing as usual on Friday. Commenced teaching a New Song — "The Fire Brigade" — the air of which was quickly caught by the children.
"	Average for past week 69.1.

<i>November 9th to 13th</i>	The attendance and punctuality of the Children was not quite so satisfactory as I could wish. A few have come late, but not being able to give a satisfactory excuse, were kept in.
"	Lessons as usual, and on Wednesday and Friday the usual Singing Lesson was given. The whole School learnt a new Round "The Little Bell at Westminster" which was very quickly caught. Average 64.1.
<i>November 16th to 20th</i>	A slight falling off in the numbers this week, which may be attributed to the Rain; the other children have come very punctually this week. Took the III in Arithmetic of Addition of Money; a few seem rather backward than the others. The Teacher (Henrietta Harding) took the II Standard in Short Multiplication, and the progress made was very good; whilst the first Standard were learning their Table.
"	Singing as usual on the days specified in Time Table. Average 60.6.

<i>November 23rd to 27th</i>	This week's attendance is the lowest at present of any in this quarter. It has been very wet this week, and as a good number of the Children live some distance from the School, it was impossible for them to come. The other children were engaged in their usual lessons, and ordinary progress was made. Average 54.3. The greater part of the week, instead of going out to play the Children marched and sang.
<i>November 30th to December 4th</i>	The attendance of the Children was rather higher than in the previous week. All the Lessons were the same as usual and ordinary progress was made throughout the whole school.
"	The Children marched and sang on one Morning instead of going out to play. They also learn a new Round during their Singing lesson. Average 64.6.
<i>December 7th to 11th</i>	Small attendance again this week. On Thursday, the Rev. A. Palmer Evans, examined the School with the following results: No. examined 49. No. of passes made I in Writing 26. Reading 40. Arithmetic 38. Total number of passes 104. Mr. Evans being satisfied at the result of the Examination asked for an holiday for the Children in the afternoon. Average for past week 59.1.

<i>December 14th to 18th</i>	The attendance has been very low this week, owing to the very bad weather during the latter part of the week. The deep snow and the sharp frosts have prevented many, especially the younger ones, from coming to school. The others have been engaged in their usual lessons. Instead of going out to play the Children have marched and sang. Broke up on Friday Afternoon for the Christmas Holidays. Mr. Collins the Inspector again visited the School (12-20) to inspect 4 Boys who were absent on the day of Inspection. Average for past week 46.9.
<i>December 18th to January 4th 1875</i>	Christmas Holidays.

January 4th to 8th	On Monday morning the School reopened after the Christmas Holidays. The attendance has been very fair. The School Fees have been raised for all but Infants, on the condition that one half shall be returned ^ (as a prize) if they come regularly to school. The amount to be returned at the end of each quarter. Taught the III Standard Multiplication of Weights & Measures, and they quickly caught the rule. On Wednesday taught the V Standard the first rule in Practice. They also made great progress. Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday. Average for past week 63.5. Miss Wilson & Lady Friend visited the School on Friday Afternduring the singing lesson, and praised the children very much for their singing.
January 11th to 15th	The attendance during the first three days of the week was very good and much higher than it has been for the last few weeks, but the very wet weather during the last two days has reduced the average to about the same as the previous week. All Lessons as usual throughout the week. Singing on Thursday instead of the usual recreation in the Playground. Taught V Standard the Second Rule in Practice and ordinary progress was made.
"	Average for Past week 63.8.

January 11th: Copy of Inspector's Report received January 10th 1875.

Summary. Average Attendance (Art. 26)	
No. for payment @ 5/-	67.
Music (Art. 19. A. 2) @ 1/-	
Infants under 7 years of age (Art. 19. B. 1)	
Qualified for Presentation	20
Presented	18
No. for Payment @ 8/-	18+1
Results of Examination	
Qualified for Examination	46
Presented for Examination	42
Passes in Reading	26+1
" " Writing	23+1
" " Arithmetic	15+1
No. for Payment @ 4/-	64+3
Grant Claimable	£. s. d.
On Average Attendance	20 . 2 . 0
On Infants Presented	7 . 12 . 0
On Examination in Standards	13 . 8 . 0
<i>Gross Total of Claim</i>	<i>41 . 2 . 0</i>

— **Report.** — "Order appears to be well kept and the Penmanship was, as a rule, good, but the Reading, Spelling, and Arithmetic require attention throughout the School. A fresh supply of Reading Books is required in the lower Standards. The infants between six and seven should be more carefully instructed in Numeration"

— **"Mylords will look for much better results of Examination next year (Article 32. (b))**

- Henry Raggett, Certificated Master, 2nd Class.
- Henrietta Harding Pupil Teacher, 1st Year.
- Edward Tyrwhitt Drake Rector

<i>January 18th to 22nd</i>	The punctuality of the children is still satisfactory and this week's attendance is rather better than that of the previous week. All lessons as usual, and I am satisfied with the steady progress made. There was no Afternoon School on Friday as the Schoolroom was required for an Entertainment.
"	Average for past week 66.8.
<i>January 25th to 29th</i>	The average attendance for this week is very nearly the same as for last week, and the punctuality of the Children is still very good, although there were a few from a distance rather late on one morning. Superintend the instruction of the III Standard and teach them Multiplication (Money) by one figure, which was very quickly learnt by the Standard. Average 67.1.
<i>February 1st to 5th</i>	The progress made by the Scholars throughout the School during the week, has been quite satisfactory, but there has been rather too much noise accompanying the work. Cautioned all in the School concerning this which has had the desired effect. Average for past week 62.3.

<i>February 8th to 12th</i>	The children come very punctually this week and are very attentive to their work. Taught the II Standard Simple Multiplication and as they had previously learnt the Tables they soon caught the rule. The progress of the School throughout the week has given me satisfaction. Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday and the singing was very good. Average 64.1
<i>February 15th to 19th</i>	The attendance for this week has been about the same as last week, and I have had no cause of complaint so far as regards punctuality. Have had to administer Corporal punishment for Copying, which fault I fancied had been entirely rooted out. It seems to have made its appearance to a small extent again. Hope not to find it again. The whole school has made very good progress this week. This week's average 63.3.
<i>February 22nd to 26th</i>	The no. in attendance is lower than last week which is to be accounted for by the bad weather which has prevented several of the Infant School from coming. The Infant school attendance is little more than half that of the previous week. No Recreation in Playground this week owing to bad weather. Marching and Singing instead. Average 56.4

*March 1st to
5th*

Still a rather bad attendance again this week owing to the same causes as before. Took the I Standard in Simple Addition as there were some who were rather backward in that rule, and found they at the end of the lesson were better able to proceed. Singing as usual on the specified days, and learnt two new Songs. The Infants had their playthings in the School instead of going out to play as the weather was too cold. Average 57.6.

*March 8th to
12th*

Ordinary progress has been made throughout the School during the week, both in Singing and in the other three Secular subjects of Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. Taught IV & V Standards an advanced rule in their separate rules of Arithmetic and taught also the III Standard Multiplication (Money) by Factors. All three Standards mastered their several portions at which I was much gratified. Average for past week 60.7.

*March 15th
to 19th*

About the same attendance as last week. On Tuesday the Rev. A. Palmer Evans, assisted by Mr. Balster Examined the School, at which there were present 47; and the passes as follows; — Reading 28. Writing 32. Arithmetic 29. Total 89. Holiday in the Afternoon. Average for past week 61.1.

March 22nd to 26th	The attendance has not been quite so good this week, owing to some having left the School and others are engaged bird starving &c. The whole School has been making ordinary progress during the week. The Singing too was very good. On Friday the 26th being Good Friday, the School was closed and broke up for the Easter Holidays which lasted a week. Average 58.
March 29th to April 2nd	Easter Holidays
April 5th to 9th	Reopened the School on Monday Morning with a pretty good attendance, after the Easter Holidays; although the numbers of the higher Classes are falling off; but those of the Infants have increased. All the Lessons as usual with not quite so much satisfaction as ordinary, although a little progress has been made. The singing being rather flat, the Whole School has been exercised in Singing the different Scales up and down again in intervals of 2nd, 3rd &c. Average 62.2.

<i>April 12th to 16th</i>	A better attendance this week than I have been able to record for some considerable time past. In the first Class there are only three, all the others having left to go to work, but we have an increase in the lower classes. All the lessons as usual and the progress has been steady all through the School. I have no complaint to make as regards punctuality. Average 66.8.
<i>April 19th to 23rd</i>	The School was opened for Secular Instruction only 9 times this week as, the Master having to go to High Wycombe gave the Children a half holiday on Tuesday Afternoon. The attendance a trifle below that of last week, and ordinary progress made by all. Taught a new Song to the Children which they very quickly learnt. Average 65.7.
<i>April 26th to 30th</i>	About the same attendance again this week as the last two. Took the III & IV Standards alternately throughout the week in Arithmetic and taught fresh rules and was fully satisfied with the work accomplished.
"	Average for past week 66.6.

May 3rd to 7th	Find the attendance for this week lower than it has been for the last three weeks; but some of the children are ill, which accounts for their non-attendance. Take I & II Standards in Arithmetic and assist them in their work, and find a little improvement, especially as regards carelessness in making their figures. Singing as per Time Table. Average for the past week 59.8.
May 10th to 14th	This week the school was open for Secular Instruction only 8 times, as the Master, having to go to High Wycombe on Monday gave the children a half holiday in the afternoon, and there was no school on Friday Afternoon as the school broke up for Whitsuntide Holidays at noon. There has been a good attendance this week, it being one of the highest yet made during the Year. Average 69.
May 17th to 21st	Whitsuntide Holidays.

May 24 th to 28 th	A very good attendance on the reopening of the School, after the Whitsuntide Holidays. Took the IV & V Standards in their lessons throughout the week, and found a few still careless in some of their lessons, more especially in their Dictation Lesson, and as a punishment kept them in after school hours to write the same lesson again. The order has been very good, considering that the school has been closed for a week. Singing as usual. Average 66.6
May 31 st to June 4 th	Ordinary progress has been made throughout the School. The attendance has not been so good as in the previous, as several boys have gone to work for two or three days "Couching". Superintended the Arithmetic of the I & II Standards; and the Reading & Writing of the IV & V. and was very well satisfied with the progress made. Taught the Children a New Song — "Flowers wildwood flowers", which they very quickly learnt; and practised them in the Scales. Average 59.

*June 7th to
11th*

A few Children who were late, and have been often been late the last week or two, were kept in at noon for a short time as a punishment. Gave Arithmetical examples to the I Standard; and found that a few of the irregular ones were not so good as ought to have been; the others gave me great satisfaction. Ordinary progress throughout the school. Average 63.9, an improvement upon that of the last week.

*June 14th to
18th*

The attendance of the Girls in the IV & V Standard and the infants has been very good this week; consequently the average has been raised on their respective classes, but there being several girls and boys away in some of the other classes during the week, has brought the week's average for the whole School below that of the last week. All lessons as usual; and the progress has been steady. Average 60.4

*June 21st to
25th*

The school has not been so well attended this week, as some are gone hay-making, and others bird-starving. All the lessons throughout the week have been according to Time Table. Average 55.7.

June 28th to July 2nd	The number of Children in attendance has been much the same as in the previous week, and the work throughout the week has been on ^the whole satisfactory. The Standards have gone through their different rules in Arithmetic; and as they proceed the rules will be recapitulated. The Average attendance for past week 55.6.
July 5th to 9th	The Children who have been in attendance this week have been very punctual, and no complaint has been made as regards discipline and work of the School. The average is still lower than ought to be expected, but this ^is owing in a great degree to the boys going to work, and some of the girls are kept at home frequently to "Mind the baby". Do not expect the average to increase till after Harvest Holidays. Average 57.8.
July 12th to 16th	All the Lessons have been the same as usual throughout the week. During the Singing lesson on Wednesday Morning, taught a New Song — Music and words — to the children; and on Friday Afternoon they learnt a fresh Round "Scotland's burning". Singing on both occasions very good. Average 55.

*July 19th to
23rd*

Three children came late once this week; but being only a few minutes late and giving good reasons for being so, were sent to their classes without punishment or reprimand. The progress made by the Whole School has been satisfactory, and the work has been very quietly done. Find it a rare thing to discover any copying. Average 57. The School examined by Rev A. P. Evans. Who was satisfied with the result.

*July 26th to
30th*

There are fewer children at school this week and the punctuality has not been to my satisfaction, but no punishment was inflicted as the late comers belong to the Infant School and have some distance to come, but they were cautioned, as it was supposed they had been loitering on the way. All the Lessons as usual. Average 52.8.

*August 2nd
to 6th*

As the Harvest has generally commenced about here, we have a small school this the last week before the Vacation. The average is the lowest; Except that for the week before the Christmas Holidays, when the weather was very severe; for the Whole Year till now. Average 52.4. Broke up on Friday Morning for Harvest Holidays.

From August 9th to September 3rd	Harvest Holiday.
September 6th to 10th	School re-opened this week after Harvest Holiday, but not a very full school. On Thursday there was a Holiday as Mrs Drake of Shardeloes gave her annual treat to the Schools. School ^ (opened) again on Friday as usual. All Lessons according to the Time Table. Average for past week 57.
September 13th to 17th	The attendance has been rather better this week and the average accordingly, is a little higher. I find that the Harvest Holidays make a great difference to the Children. Took the I. Class and found that although they did their sums right there was a wide difference in the work done before, and immediately after the Holidays.
"	Average 60.4

September 20th to 24th	On Monday being Amersham Fair, there was a holiday. On Tuesday the school was opened for the purposes of Elementary education. All the work throughout was done according to the Time Table and ordinary progress was made through the whole school. Average for past week 60.
September 27th to 30th	As the first four days of this week belong to the past School year, the attendances of the children have been marked in the 9th week for the last Quarter of the Year. The attendance for this week has been a little better. All Lessons as usual. Average 66
	Copy of Certificates. (<i>Henrietta Harding</i>). <i>"Coleshill C. E. School September 30th 1875.</i> <i>We hereby certify that Henrietta Harding has had perfectly good health during the past year.</i> <i>J. J. Rogers</i> <i>Ann Rogers</i> <i>Mary Wilson"</i> <i>Managers.</i>

"Coleshill C. E. School September 30th 1875

We hereby certify that Henrietta Harding has conducted herself in a most satisfactory manner during the past year.

J. J. Rogers

Ann Rogers

Mary Wilson"

Managers.

"Coleshill C. E. School Sepr. 30th 1875

I hereby certify that the Pupil Teacher, Henrietta Harding, has been most punctual, diligent, obedient and attentive to her duties throughout the past year.

Henry Raggett, Master."

*October 4th
to 8th*

Three fresh scholars admitted this week and the attendance and punctuality of the children has improved during the week. Also find that the children have made some improvement during the week. All Lessons according to Time Table. Singing as usual with marked improvement. Average 70.6

*October 11th
to 15th*

The average for this week has been the highest we have had for more than a year and the children have all been most punctual which is a very satisfactory state of things. All the lessons as usual have been according to the Time Table and the progress made has been steady. Mr J. J. Rogers came to the school and saw the children at work. Average 73.

*October 18th
to 22nd*

There has been a falling off in the attendance this week which is attributed to the wet weather, which (being wet almost every day) has prevented those who come from a distance from attending. The punctuality from the same cause, has not been so good. Singing as usual on the specified days at which I was very well pleased. Average 64.8.

*October 25th
to 29th*

Another wet week which has prevented some from coming to School and also from being punctual. All the lessons as usual and according to the Time Table. Singing through the songs required for the Inspection the children were rather flat and the Rounds were best. Average 62.1.

November 1st to 5th	The attendance has been much much better this week than in the previous week. On Wednesday the Government Inspectors visited and examined the School. The number of children present when the Registers were marked was 80 and 1 came afterwards. The Examination was more satisfactory than last year. The Managers present were the Rev. A. Palmer Evans and J. J. Rogers Esq. On Wednesday afternoon the children were placed in their new Standards which took up some little time. Having to do this there was no needlework done by the Girls. Taught the VI Standard the Rule of Three whilst the other children were learning their Tables. Holiday on Friday. Average 72.25.
November 8th to 12th	The attendance this week has not been so good, which is owing to the wet weather the first few days, consequently the average is lower than that of the previous week. R. J. J. Rogers, Esq visited the School on Tuesday morning and gave into my possession the key of the new Padlock, which has been placed on the gate separating the two Playgrounds. Taught the V Standard "Bills of Parcels" and the IV Standard Addition of Weights and Measures both Standards giving me satisfaction. Average 64.1

November 19th: Copy of Inspector's Report, received November 19th 1875.

- Summary. Average Attendance (Art. 26)
- No. for payment @ 5/- — 61
- Music (Art. 19. A. 2) @ 1/- — 61
- Infants under 7 years of age Art: 19 B 1.
 - Qualified for Presentation — 21
 - Presented — 20
 - No. for Payment @ 8/- — 20
- Results of Examination
 - Qualified for examination — 39
 - Presented for examination — 32
 - Passes in Reading — 28
 - " " Writing — 21
 - " " Arithmetic — 15
 - No for Payment @ 4/- — 64
- Grant Claimable — £. s. d.
 - On Average Attendance — 18. 6. 0
 - On Infants Presented — 8. 0. 0
 - On Examination in Standards — 12. 16. 0
 - Deduction 1 tenth — 3. 18. 2
 - Net Sum payable — 35. 3. 10

— **Report.** — 17th Coleshill C. E. S. (Bucks)

"There is a slight improvement in the school, but its state is still unsatisfactory, especially as regards Arithmetic and the attainments of the Pupil Teacher"

"My Lords have ordered a deduction of one-tenth for faults of instruction (Article 32 (b))."

"A fresh admission Register is required. ^ (Circular)"

"H. Harding has passed an unsatisfactory examination. Should she be required to complete the Staff and fail to the same extent next year, the Grant will have to be reduced under Article 32 (c) 1."

— Henry Raggett, Certificated Master 2nd Class.

— Henrietta Harding Pupil Teacher 2nd Year.

— Alfred Palmer Evans Curate & Correspondent

November 15th to 19th	A very good attendance this week and the average higher than in the preceding week. A few late comers this week but owing to the wet weather. The III Standard began a fresh Rule in Arithmetic (Addition of Money) this week and the majority of them made satisfactory progress the others are those who invariably are inattentive and careless. The Pupil Teacher taught the II Standard Short Multiplication and the result was gratifying. There was a holiday on Thursday afternoon given by the Rev A. Palmer Evans who, during the time set apart for Religious Instruction, examined the whole school in Scripture. All Lessons according to Time Table. Average for past week 69.7.
November 22nd to 26th	About the same attendance this week as in the previous week. On Monday the Rev. A. Palmer Evans one of the Managers visited the school, and distributed prizes to those children who passed in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic at the Government Examination. All the Lessons as usual. The Infants were kept in to have their playthings in the school instead of going out to play as the weather has been very cold this week. Just before dismissal on Friday morning J. J. Rogers Esq visited the school. Taught a new Round "The Windmill." Average 69.1

<i>November 29th to December 3rd</i>	Had it not been for the snow storm on Thursday and Friday the average this week would have been very high. Several from a distance were of course absent, and that has brought the average down. All the Lessons as usual. Taught the V Standard their first rule in Simple Practice and was very well satisfied at the result. On Tuesday Mr. Rogers came into the School and brought a man to look at the stove which wants repairing.
"	Average for past week 68.5.
<i>December 6th to 10th</i>	The weather has been very severe this week, with a covering of six inches of snow on the ground. This has prevented several children from coming to school, especially the infants. The school has been very thinly attended and of course the average considerably reduced. On Monday morning, David Allnutt commenced his duty as paid monitor ^ (in the school) to assist myself and pupil teacher in the instruction of the children. All lessons as usual and the children who came at all regularly made ordinary progress. No play out of the school this week owing to the weather, singing &c instead. The Rev. A. P. Evans visited the school on Thursday morning.
"	Average for the past week 51.5.

<i>December 13th to 17th</i>	An increased attendance this week as the frost has broken up and the children are the better able to attend. Taught the V Standard another rule in Simple Practice and was gratified at the result. All the other classes did their work as per Time Table, and to my satisfaction. On Monday Morning there was no recreation in Playground. On Wednesday Morning J. J. Rogers Esq visited the School and spoke to me concerning the girl Ellen Maria Lane, who has been ^ (kept) turned at home by her mother because I complained of her stubbornness. The managers have decided not to allow her to come to School again as the discipline of the School must be maintained. Miss Wilson also visited the School on the Wednesday Afternoon and expressed her pleasure at the order, discipline and work of the children. Average 70.8.
<i>December 20th to 24th</i>	About the same number at School this week as in the previous week. All the Lessons as usual with the exception of the last lesson on Thursday afternoon for the children sang instead of their usual Lessons and then broke up for their Christmas Holidays. Average 70. At noon on Thursday Henrietta Harding's duties at this school end.

December 24th 1875 to January 8th 1876	Christmas Holidays
January 10th to 14th	Commenced school again on Monday Morning after the Christmas vacation with a small school owing to the bitterly cold weather and the snow. On Monday morning the monitor from Amersham commenced her duties in the place of the late Pupil Teacher. The Rev. A. Palmer Evans visited the school on Monday Morning. All lessons as usual and on three mornings during the week the children remained in school for recreation as the weather was too inclement. The Infants had their playthings all the week during recreation for the same cause. Average for past week 57.7.
January 17th to 21st	The Rev. A. P. Evans visited the School on Monday Morning. The number in attendance a little better than the previous week. On Monday Morning ^at the close of the school J. J. Rogers Esq. also visited the school. On Thursday Afternoon Miss Wilson visited the School and heard a Geography Lesson given to the first Class by ^the Master at which ^she was very much pleased with the attention of the Children. Average 62.1.

January 24th to 28th	The attendance for this week has not been so good as that of the previous week, which is to be attributed to the number staying at home through illness and the bad weather. Taught the IV Standard Multiplication of Weight. Measures the progress they made was very satisfactory. Ordinary progress made throughout the School. Average for past week 58.
January 31st to February 4th	A much better attendance this week as the weather has been much more favourable. Miss Wilson and Mr Rogers visited the school on Monday Afternoon and looked over the work of the children. Taught the V Standard Simple Proportion but found that they did not make such progress in the new rule as is generally the case with the children of this standard. Took the same standard again towards the latter part of the week in the same rule, and found the result much more gratifying. The Lessons throughout the whole school during the remainder of the week have been as usual and according to the Time Table. Average for past week 68.6.

February 7th to 11th	A small falling off in the attendance this week as the weather has been most inclement, and there are several children too unwell to come. On Tuesday Afternoon Miss Wilson paid a visit to the school, and stayed a short time. On Wednesday Morning kept some of the scholars behind time as a punishment for being late. No play in the playground for the Infants as the weather has been too cold. Average 64.2.
February 14th to 18th	As the ground on Monday was covered with snow there was a smaller attendance than usual the first morning of the week. During the week the number in attendance increased to a small extent. There has been no recreation in the Playground for the Infants as the weather has been very wet the greater part of the week. On Wednesday Afternoon the Rev. W. A. Williams of Amersham, accompanied by J. J. Rogers Esq examined the school in secular subjects with the following results. No. Examined 46. Passes in Reading 35. Passes in Writing 36. Passes in Arithmetic 39. Total number of passes 110. Amelia Wilson's duties at this school end on Friday at the end of Afternoon school. Average for past week 63.

February 21st to 25th	On Monday morning Jeannette Adams, commenced her duties as Monitor in the place of Amelia Wilson who has left. For a part of the week the attendance has been better, but on Friday morning when it rained there was a falling off. Took the IV Standard in Division of Weight and Measures and found they made good progress, being able to master the rule at the end of the lesson. On Thursday Afternoon Miss Wilson visited the school. Average for past week 67.
February 28th to March 3rd	There has been a very good school the first part of the week, but on account of the rain the other part the numbers fell off. Ordinary progress made throughout the school. On Wednesday (March 1st) being Ash Wednesday the children attended Divine Service at the Parish Church. The previous evening the following notice was read out to the whole school; —
"	<i>"To morrow being Ash Wednesday, there will be Divine Service at the Church. The children will assemble at the School at 9.30 (if their parents do not object) for Religious Instruction previous to going to Church. There will be the usual School in the afternoon."</i> Average 68.

March 6th to
10th

The attendance has not been quite so good this week. Several of the most regular children are absent through illness. Ordinary progress has been made throughout the school. The children learnt a new round "Cold the wind," and very soon mastered it. J. J. Rogers Esq came into the school on Thursday morning during the play time, and stayed a short time. Average for past week 65.3.

March 13th
to 17th

As the weather was very inclement a great number of the children were absent, so that the average attendance for this week is much lower. Throughout the week there has been no recreation in the playground as the weather was too bad. All the lessons as usual and ordinary progress made by those at school. Average 54.9

March 20th
to 24th

From illness and bad weather there has been a very thin school again this week. As in the previous week there has been no recreation for the children in the playground, and from the same cause. Taught the children two or three new tunes both of songs and rounds which were very quickly learnt. Average for this week 57.3.

*March 27th
to 31st*

A small increase in the number of the children but so many are kept at home, especially the Infants on account of bad weather. Practised the children in singing several of their old rounds, singing was satisfactory. Very little play in the playground as the weather has been so unfavourable. Marching instead in the School. Average for past week 55.6.

*April 3rd to
7th*

As the weather has been finer there has been an increase in the number of children this week. Took the Ist Class all the week in their different lessons and found they made ordinary progress. Was especially pleased with them in Geography. Singing as usual during the week. Average for past week 63.6.

*April 10th to
14th*

The attendance the beginning was very fair but the number fell off towards the latter part of the week, on account of the weather. All lessons as usual and satisfactory progress made through the school. The school broke up at noon on Thursday for Easter Holidays. Average for past week 59.6.

<i>April 17th to 24th</i>	Easter Holidays
<i>April 24th to 28th</i>	School reopened on Monday Morning with a very fair attendance. On Monday Mary Haynes commenced her duties as assistant in the school. All lessons as usual throughout the week.
"	Average for past week 61.3.
<i>May 1st to 5th</i>	Several children absent on Monday especially the girls, who, according to custom went "Garlanding" on the first of May, consequently the average has fallen considerably. Singing on Wednesday and Friday as usual but complained of its being rather flat. To remedy this practised them in the scales. Average 56.7.
<i>May 8th to 12th</i>	An increased attendance upon that of last week, but several are away from School who are kept away by bad colds. There were a few late who were kept in from play and after school hours. Average for past week 59.

May 15th to 19th	The attendance for this ^week has been about the same as last week. Took the IV Standard in Weights and Measures, and was satisfied with the progress they made. Also took the first class in History, and was equally satisfied with the result. All lessons as usual. Average 59.2.
May 22nd to 26th	The number in the attendance of the children has fallen off this week again owing to it being bad weather and children having colds. Took the III Standard in Arithmetic and Reading and found that they made ordinary progress in their work. The Rev. J. A. Curling came to the school and stayed for a short time. On Thursday morning, the children went to the service at church as it was Ascension Day, but did not have their customary holiday in the afternoon as the weather was wet, preferring to have a holiday on a finer day. The Registers were not marked in the morning. Average 57.

May 29th to June 2nd	Have had no complaint concerning the punctuality of the children, to make for some considerable time, but this week a few have been late in their attendance who were cautioned. On Tuesday afternoon there was a holiday given instead of Thursday afternoon in the previous week, and because it was the Chapel Sunday School Treat. On Thursday morning J. J. Rogers Esq. visited the school and remained a short time. Average 58.
June 5th to 9th	Whitsuntide Holidays
June 12th to 16th	Reopened the School on Monday Morning after the Whitsuntide Holiday. A small number in attendance. And for some weeks past the best attendance has been made by the First Standard and the Infants. The boys and girls of the upper standards are kept from school to go to work. Average 55.7

*June 19th to
23rd*

There has been no improvement, or at the least but slight, in the attendance of the children during this week. Those who are at school still come punctually; and all lessons have been as usual and ordinary progress made. Miss Wilson visited the School on Thursday afternoon, and remained a short time. Average for past week 56.3.

*June 26th to
30th*

About the same number in attendance this week as in the previous week. Took the V Standard in Arithmetic and went on with the Rule, Simple Proportion and was satisfied with their progress. Singing on Wednesday and Friday was very satisfactory still practised the scales and find but very little flat singing. Average 56.9.

*July 3rd to
7th*

A much better attendance this week, especially amongst the Infants than in the previous week. All work as usual and ordinary progress made throughout the whole school. Singing very good this week. Average 62.2.

<i>July 10th to 14th</i>	This week a still greater number in attendance than there has been for some weeks past. The children still come punctually and give satisfaction in their progress. Took II Standard in Arithmetic and went on with Short Division and was pleased with the result. Holiday on Monday Afternoon as Master had to go out. Average 66.
<i>July 17th to 21st</i>	On Monday Morning there were a few children late, but as they came from a distance and very seldom come late they were excused. Mr. Howey and party of friends visited the school and heard the children sing at which they were much gratified. Ordinary progress made throughout the school. Average for past week 65.9.
<i>July 24th to "</i>	The School was closed on Monday all day as there was a picnic at Burnham Beeches in connection with the Chapel, to which all the children were invited. On Tuesday the school was opened but a considerable number of children were absent, consequently there was a falling off in the average. All lessons as usual. Average 52.

<i>July 31st to August 4th</i>	A small attendance again this week but all come punctually and give satisfaction in their lessons. All lessons as usual throughout the week, and ordinary progress made. The school broke up for Harvest Holidays. Average 53.3
<i>From August 7th to September 1st</i>	Harvest Holidays.
<i>September 4th to 8th</i>	The school reopened after the Holidays with a very good attendance. The children also came very punctually. All lessons as usual and find that the children are not so careful in their work, which is owing to the Holidays. The singing was on the whole very fair considering the time the children have been without practice. Average for past week 66.1
<i>September 11th to "</i>	There has been a good attendance this week. The average has been the highest for the whole year. On Friday there was a holiday as Mrs Drake gave her annual treat to the school children. Average 72

<i>September 18th to 22nd</i>	The school has been closed for two days this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday according to custom, there was a holiday as it was Fair day at Amersham, and on Wednesday the Revd. J. A. Curling took the Choir out for their annual holiday. The school reopened again on Thursday. All lessons as usual. Average for week 67.6.
<i>September 25th to "</i>	About the same number in attendance as there was last week. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the School and Mrs Howey and a Gentleman from London also paid a short visit. Took the I Standard in Arithmetic and found very fair progress was made. Singing also very good this week. Average for past week 66.
<i>October 2nd to "</i>	There has been a very good attendance this week and the average has been very high. It is the highest yet made during the year, which is owing to several fresh scholars being admitted this week. All lessons as usual. Miss Wilson visited the school and remained a short time.
<i>"</i>	Average for past week 74.1

October 9th to 13th	There has been a much better attendance this week, and the average for this week is the highest (as I find by looking through the summary) but one which has been made during the time that the School has been under Government Inspection. There has lately been an increase in the Infant department which accounts for the increased average. Took II Standard in Arithmetic all through the week in Simple Long Multiplication. They made very good progress. Ordinary progress made by all. Average 80.9
October 16th to 20th	Not so good an attendance this week as last as several children are at home on account of colds and Coughs which are caused by a great change in the weather, last week being very close and hot, while this week is quite cold. Took I. Standard in Arithmetic, and III Standard in Reading and was satisfied with the result. Miss Wilson visited the school, also the Revd. J. A. Curling, but they did not remain long. All lessons as usual. Average 73.

October 23rd to 27th	The weather being very cold there are still a great number of children absent from illness this week and the average has consequently fallen. Commenced the fires this week as the children seemed to feel the cold, especially the younger ones. All the lessons as usual. Took I + II Standards in Arithmetic this week on separate days and found the work of the II Standard very good; while that of the I Standard requires more care. Miss Wilson visited the school on Friday afternoon and remained a short time. Average 67.3.
October 30th to November 3rd	On Monday Morning Miss Wilson and some lady friends visited the school. They heard the children sing and were pleased with their singing. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school the same morning and gave out notices of Diocesan Inspection which was then affixed in each department of the school, he also visited the school on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon and stayed a short time. There has been a better attendance again this week; but there are still some absence through illness. Average for past week, 76.

November 6th to 10th	There has been an increased attendance this week, and all the children have been punctual. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, but on each of these occasions the visit was of short duration. On Tuesday the Afternoon school commenced at 1 instead of 1.30 and closed at 3.30 instead of 4, as there was an entertainment in the Schoolroom in the evening; and for the same reason the school ^ (on Wednesday morning) was opened at 9.00 instead of 9. The registers were marked and the secular instruction commenced at the usual time. Average 78.
November 13th to 17th	A very good attendance this week again, and with one or two exceptions the children have been punctual. The few late comers were punished by being kept behind. On Tuesday afternoon, the Revd. E. Barber, the Diocesan Inspector, accompanied by the Revd. J. A. Curling inspected the school in Religious Knowledge. The registers were not marked for that afternoon. All lessons as usual during the week. Average for past week 80
November 20th to 24th	The Revd. J. A. Curling visited and examined the school on Tuesday in Secular subjects; and gave me the following report from the Diocesan Inspector
	<i>"In the upper part of the school some of the children answered very fairly; more liveliness and intelligence is wanted in the lower part. The infants repeated hymns &c, but too quick."</i> Margaret Bunce (prize)

November
27th to
December 1st

The number in attendance has not been so good this week. There has been a considerable falling off amongst the Infants who, on account of the very wet weather, have been unable to attend. The work of the school has been satisfactory throughout the week. Average for past week 66.5. A holiday on Friday afternoon which was given at the request of the Diocesan Inspector.

December
4th to 8th

About the same number in attendance during the week as in the week before. The weather has still been very wet, and several of the children are kept at home because they have the "mumps," as have several of the bigger children who are at school. Took III & IV Standards in Arithmetic on two mornings of the week as some in each Standard were doing their work in a careless manner. Average for week 66.

December
11th to 15th

An increase in the number of children at school this week as the weather has been a little finer especially at the beginning of the week, more infants have been in attendance. There was a holiday on Thursday afternoon as the master's wife was too ill to bear the noise. Average for past week 70.3.

<i>December 18th to 22nd</i>	This week the number in attendance has not been so good as there are many away on account of the wet weather, colds and the mumps. All lessons as usual throughout the week. On Friday at noon the school was closed for the Christmas Holidays; when Mrs Howey accompanied by Lady visitor, and the Revd. J. A. Curling distributed to each child in attendance, a Bun, an Orange and two pence. The children were very much pleased with their gifts, and each thanked Mrs Howey for her kindness and liberality. The average for past week, being the lowest for the whole quarter was 65.
<i>December 25th to 31st</i>	Christmas Holidays.

<i>January 1st</i>	As the measles are so bad throughout the village the school, which was reopened on Monday morning after the Christmas Holidays, has been closed by Medical Certificate for three weeks.
<i>January 22nd to 26th</i>	Reopened the school on Monday morning with a very fair attendance, considering the circumstances under which the school has been closed. Those who are absent have not as yet recovered from the Measles. Find the children backward which is an unfortunate circumstance as the School Examination is near. Average for past week 53.3.
<i>January 29th to February 2nd</i>	Still a rather better attendance this week than in the previous week; although there are several of the children who have not yet recovered from the measles, who will come back again as soon as they are able. The work of the school has been done a little more to my satisfaction during the week. The singing too on the whole has improved. Average for past week 71.

<i>February 5th to 9th</i>	An increase in the number in attendance this week owing in some degree to the weather being finer. All the lessons have been according to the usual routine and still shows little improvement. A little more improvement too in the singing. Took the III Standard in Reading and Arithmetic; Mr Curling visited the school and stayed a short time. Average 75.3.
<i>February 12th to 16th</i>	A slight falling off in the number of children at school during the week, the weather being unfavourable. There was no school on Tuesday afternoon, as the Day and Sunday Schools had a treat in the afternoon and Magic Lantern in the evening. On Wednesday morning being Ash Wednesday the children attended the service at the church, therefore the Registers were not marked in the morning. Ordinary progress made. Average 70.1.
<i>February 19th to 23rd</i>	Not so good an attendance this week which is owing to the unsatisfactory state of the weather, which on Tuesday morning especially stormy and wet, nearly half of the usual number of children were kept at home in consequence. On Wednesday morning during the singing lesson the Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school, he came in again on Friday afternoon with notices of Meeting. All lessons as usual. Average for past week 63.3.

*February
26th to
March 2nd*

There has been an increase in the attendance of the children this week, and all have been punctual each day except Monday morning when a few from a distance were late on account of the snow. On Tuesday morning the annual Inspection took place, and in the afternoon the school children had a holiday. The managers present at the Examination were Miss Wilson, and the Revd. A. Curling. Ordinary progress made throughout the school during the week. On Thursday morning taught the V Standard the first Rule of Simple Practice which was very quickly mastered. Average for past week 73.

*March 5th to
9th*

As the weather during part of the week has been very inclement, several of the children, especially the infants were kept at home, whilst a few others are at home on account of illness. The average for this week is not so high as in the preceding week. Average for past week 68.3

*March 12th
to 16th*

There are still several children away on account of illness, who have not yet quite recovered from the measles, consequently, the number of children in attendance remains about the same as in the previous week. All lessons as usual, and ordinary progress made. Taught a new Song called "The New Mariners". Average for past week 68.4.

March 19th to 23rd	There has been no material difference in the attendances made between this week and the previous week. There are still several away on account of illness. The work of the school has been carried on to my satisfaction, and ordinary progress has been made. Taught the I Standard Multiplication. Singing as usual on Wednesday and Friday. Average for past week 68.5.
March 26th to 29th	About the same number in attendance this week and all the lessons have been as usual. Singing on Wednesday and Friday as per Time Table, as usual and taught a new song entitled "The Ivy Green" Good progress was made both by the trebles and Altos. On Thursday afternoon the school broke up for their Easter Holidays.
April 2nd to 6th	Easter Holidays.

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April 2nd

Summary.

Copy of Inspector's Report

- Claim on Attendance 1 General 4/- — 64
- 2 Music 1/- — 64
- 3. D. O. 1/- — 64
- **No. for payment @ 6/- — 64**
- **Infants.** Qualified for Presentation — 22
- Presented — 22
- **No. for payment @ 8/- — 22**
- **Examination in Standards**
- Qualified for Examination — 35
- Presented — 33
- Passes in Reading — 24
- " " Writing — 19
- " " Arithmetic — 10
- **Number for payment @ 3/- — 53**
- **Grant Claimable £. s. d.**
- On Average Attendance — 19. 12. 0
- On Infants Presented — 11. 14. 8
- On Examination in Standards — 16. 12. 0
- **Gross Total of Claim £ 47. 18. 8**

Coleshill Church of England School (Buckingham)

Summary of Report.

"The school had been closed for three weeks shortly before the Examination, through measles, which no doubt affected the examination very much. But it is very backward in point of attainments. The Infants, too, know very little. Improvement will be expected, of a very material kind next year."

"I am to inform you that the Grant under Article 19 (b). 1. is not paid unless H. M. Inspector can report favourably of the instruction of the Infants.

M Haynes is recognised as qualified under Article 32 (c). 3."

- Henry Raggett, Certificated Master 2nd Class
- Mary Haynes. (Assistant / Article 32 (c) 3.)
- J. A. Curling. Correspondent.

<i>April 9th to 13th</i>	Reopened the school after the Easter Holidays, but several are away especially in the upper part of the school. All the lessons as usual throughout the week. Taught the III Standard Subtraction of Money and the IV Standard Multiplication of money. Also took the VI Standard in Vulgar Fractions.
<i>April 16th to 20th</i>	This week there were several late comers, but as they had a good reason for being late they were sent to their places. Miss Wilson visited the school on Monday afternoon; and the Revd. J. A. Curling on the Friday morning. All the work of the school has been done according to Time Table.
<i>April 23rd to 27th</i>	A better attendance this week as the weather has been fine although cold. Taught VI Standard the first rules of Decimal Fractions, and also IV Standard Long Division of Money. On Wednesday morning the Revd. J. A. Curling visited the School and brought a New Clock, set it going and left. On Thursday Miss Goddard came into the School just before the children left, heard them sing and was pleased with their singing.

*April 30th to
May 4th*

There has been a very good attendance again this week, with the exception of Tuesday when a great many of the girls were absent in order to go "Maying". The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the School on Wednesday morning and took the V & VI Standards in Arithmetic; and again at the commencement of school on ^Thursday Friday morning and stayed till playtime, assisting in the Religious Instruction and Arithmetic. School closed at noon on Thursday till end of week, as master went out.

*May 7th to
11th*

The attendance has not been so good this week quite, as after the Meeting of the Board of Guardians some of the children whose fees they paid, have left. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school on Friday morning and assisted in the Religious Instruction and Arithmetic. On Thursday morning being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service at Church in the morning, consequently the Registers were not marked. There was the usual school in the afternoon.

*May 14th to
18th*

The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school on ^Monday morning and remained till the time for Recreation. All lessons as usual and ordinary progress made. The school was closed on Friday Afternoon for the Whitsuntide Holiday.

May 21st to 25th	Whitsuntide Holidays.
May 28th to June 1st	Reopened the school on Monday morning after the Whitsuntide Holidays with a very fair attendance. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school during the 1st Class Dictation lesson and stayed a short time. All lessons as usual and ordinary progress made. Taught the II Standard Simple Long Multiplication and found they made very fair progress in the new rule. The average is slightly higher than in the preceding week being for this week 64.3.
June 4th to 8th	About the same number in attendance, this week as in the last. All lessons as usual, and ordinary progress made throughout the school. The singing of the children for this week has been very satisfactory, especially the progress they made in learning a new song entitled "Awake and let your songs resound." Average for the past week 66.7.

*June 11th to
15th*

There has been a much better attendance this week than for some time past and although some of the old scholars have left, there have been several admitted this week, but the attendance has been more regular this week. Was satisfied with the work done throughout the week. Average for past week 73.4

*June 18th to
22nd*

A very good attendance again this week especially among the lower classes although there are many who come most irregularly which of course prevents them from making much progress. Took the III Standard in Arithmetic and found them progressing steadily. All lessons as usual. Average 70.9.

*June 25th to
29th*

There has been a slight increase in the number of children in attendance this week. Took the I Standard in Dictation on Thursday and found some of them very attentive, but the others were rather careless in their writing, on which account a few of the worst were kept in to write out their Dictation again. Ordinary progress throughout the school. Average 72.8.

<i>July 2nd to 6th</i>	There has been a falling off in the attendance this week, as some of the boys in the upper classes go out to work, and frequently are kept at home for very trifling excuses. Took the 1st Class throughout the week and was pleased with the manner in which their work was done. Singing as usual on Wednesdays and Fridays. Average for past week 67.5.
<i>July 9th to 13th</i>	About the same number in attendance this week again as in the previous week. The lower classes keep up their numbers. This week there has been only two ^absentee boys present in the 1st and 2nd classes. No doubt they can give a satisfactory reason for staying away from school although they do not choose to obtain leave of absence. Ordinary progress throughout the school. Average for past week 68.9.
<i>July 16th to 20th</i>	This week there has been only 1 boy in attendance in the 2nd class of the school, although the average keeps up which is accounted for by the regularity of the lower classes. Took the 2nd Class throughout the week and was well pleased with their work. Lessons as usual. Average for past week 69.4

<i>July 23rd to 27th</i>	A very small attendance this week which is owing to the fact that on Monday the Chapel Sunday School children were taken to Burnham Beeches, so that there were only about 30 children present throughout Monday. More came the remaining part of the week, or the average would have been very low indeed. Average 55.1.
<i>July 30th to August 3rd</i>	There has been nothing of importance to keep the children away, and the attendance has increased upon that of last ^year week. Took the 3rd class throughout the week and was satisfied with the manner in which they did their work. Singing on the whole has improved, and the manner in which ^and quickness the altos learn their part is very gratifying. Average 67.5.
<i>August 6th to 10th</i>	Some of the boys have gone to work this week as the farmers round about have commenced harvest operations, consequently there has been a slight falling off in the attendance this week. The school closed on Thursday afternoon for the Harvest Holidays. Average for past week 60.75.

August 13th to September 1st	Harvest Holidays
September 10th to 14th	Commenced school again after the Holidays with a small number in attendance as some of the farmers have not quite finished their harvest. On Wednesday there was a Holiday as Mrs Drake gave her annual treat on that day to the day and Sunday Schools. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school for a short time. All lessons as usual but find the children rather dull after the holiday. Average for past week 58.6
September 17th to 21st	An improvement this week in the number in attendance although there are many away who ought to be at school. There are several kept away from school to go blackberrying. On Wednesday by the Revd. J. A. Curling's permission there was the usual holiday on account of its being Amersham Fair Day. Took 4th Class and found some still far from satisfactory as it seems impossible to get them look at a book or slate during any amount of holiday. Average for past week 66.75.

*September
24th to 28th*

Not quite so good an attendance made this week as in the previous. There are several children away "blackberrying". The Attendance of the Amersham Union has been some time in existence but do not find it has made any material difference in the attendance of the children. Took 1st Class throughout the week and was glad to find they are getting over their Harvest Holidays. Average 64.2

*October 1st
to 5th*

Blackberrying still going on keeps several of the children away. The children who come are for the most part regular and punctual. All lessons as usual and I find ordinary progress is made throughout the school. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school and stayed a short time. Singing for the week as usual and on the whole satisfactory Average for past week 63.7.

*October 8th
to 12th*

A very little difference in the numbers in attendance this week, but this week is rather better than the preceding. Took 2nd Class in Long Division and was gratified at the progress made. All lessons as usual. Average for past week 64.

*October 15th
to 19th*

There are several away who ought to be at school and therefore the average does not increase as it ought to do. Those who do come are punctual and regular. Took the 3rd Class in Short Division and found they quickly learnt the rule. The singing was not so satisfactory this week as some of the altos were absent during the week. The lessons as usual and according to Time Table Average for past week 63.

*October 22nd
to 26th*

This the last week of the Quarter has been much better attended, several who have been kept away for some weeks have now returned and find they are very backward. Took the 4th Class in Dictation and Reading and find a few who want working up with their writing and spelling, the others did their work very much to my satisfaction. An improvement in the singing. Learnt a song called "Welcome in the Glad New Year." It was soon mastered by both Treble and Alto, but requires a good deal of practice on account of the Time Average for the past week 72.5 which is the highest for the Quarter.

*October 29th
to November
2nd*

The attendance for this week has been very good and about the same as in the previous week. There have been a few late comers who were cautioned. The work of the school during the week has been satisfactory. Took the 1st Class throughout the week and was glad to find they made progress in their lessons. Singing was on the whole very good. Average for past week 72.4.

*November
5th to 9th*

A slight falling off may be observed in the attendance this week which may be attributed to the wet weather. Took the 2nd Class in Arithmetic on Tuesday and Friday mornings and worked them up in their Long Division, and was satisfied with the result. There has been nothing to complain of concerning the punctuality of the children this week. Average 66.7.

*November
12th to 16th*

On account of the fine weather there has been a full school this week. The average stands second at present for the year. On referring back I find there is only one week in which the average is higher than the present. Took the 3rd Class throughout the week and paid especial attention to their Arithmetic. On Thursday afternoon sent Joseph Allnutt home for insubordination. On being told to go on with his work, said "I won't" aloud and was heard by the whole school. Average 74.7.

<i>November 19th to 23rd</i>	Not so good an attendance as in the previous week. A slight falling off is occasioned, as I find by enquiries made, on account of illness. I have no boy present at all in the second class. The boy Allnutt has not come back to school consequently I am led to believe he is encouraged at home in his misbehaviour. Took 4th Class in Arithmetic and found a few were very careless in their work Average for past week 69.3.
<i>November 26th to 30th</i>	Very bad news came home at the commencement of the school this week. The Inspector of Nuisances called and informed me of an outbreak of Scarlet Fever in the Parish, consequently all the children of each family where the disease exists are kept at home. All the work of the school has gone on as usual. Average 53.2.
<i>December 3rd to 7th</i>	The disease mentioned above still spreading. The Medical Officer for this district called and gave me orders to send all children home if there was any illness in their family at home; and mentioned, a possibility of the school being closed for a time. The work of the school as usual. Average 52.4.

December 10th to 14th	A few more cases have occurred of the disease which seems to be principally among the children. Sent some children home whose brother has been taken with the fever. This illness is a serious occurrence at this time as the time is getting on towards the Annual Inspection. Last year the school was shut up for some time just before the examination on account of the measles. Some of the parents keep their children being afraid to send them to school. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school and remained a short time. It has been decided by the authorities at Amersham not to close the school. Average for past week 51.9.
December 17th to "	I find this week's average is the lowest that has been made throughout the year at present, owing to the Scarlet Fever. Have not heard of any fresh cases during the week. On Friday morning the Revd. J. A. Curling, Miss Wilson, and a lady, from Mrs Howey's visited the school and distributed small presents to each child present and a bun the kind gift of Mrs Griffin. After which each child was invited to Mrs Howey's house where they received a bun, an apple and sixpence. Those absent from illness were not forgotten. Average 49.
	<i>Broke up for Christmas Holidays.</i>

December 24th to 28th	Christmas Holidays
December 31st 1877 to January 4th 1878	As some of those children who were first taken with the Scarlet Fever have recovered, and are sent to school the average is higher than for several weeks past. I find the disease has been the means of pulling the children back in their attainments, and I am afraid will be likely to make a great difference at the Examination as we have entered on the last month of the school year and thus cannot regain what they have lost in the time intervening between now and the Inspection. Took the 1st Class in their lessons throughout the week and found the work imperfectly done. Average for past week, 66.4
January 7th to 11th	Not quite so good an attendance this week as in the week previous. The scarlet fever seems to be dying out gradually and with favorable weather it may be expected to finally leave us. There are still one or two outstanding cases. All the lessons as usual, and the progress made has given me greater satisfaction than for some weeks before. I have some children in the school who are forced to attend on account of the action of the Attendance Committee of the Amersham Union, but they attend very irregularly at present. 62.6.

<i>January 14th to 18th</i>	On Monday there was a whole holiday as the Revd. J. A. Curling gave permission for the Master to be absent. On Tuesday the week's duties commenced with no material difference in the attendance. All the work as usual and satisfactory progress made. Singing as usual on the appointed days, and began working up the songs required for the Inspector. Average 62.5.
<i>January 21st to 25th</i>	An increase in the number of children present throughout the school. On Wednesday afternoon received from the Revd. J. A. Curling the notice of the Inspector's annual visit to the School. Took the 3rd Class in Arithmetic and Reading throughout the week, and was glad with the improvement they made in each subject. Average for past week 71.3.
<i>January 28th to February 1st</i>	This the last week of the School year has been very well attended. On account of the week of the Quarter being filled up was obliged to place the attendances of the children for the last four days of the year in the week marked Christmas Holidays. The Revd. J. A. Curling came into the school and stayed a short time Average for the four days 73

<i>February 4th to 8th</i>	Was obliged to send two boys home as they have the scarlet fever very badly in their homes. All lessons as usual and satisfactory progress made. Took 4th Class in their Arithmetic and find some still careless in doing their work. The singing was very good this week. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school ^on Wednesday afternoon just before its close, and repaid to the children who were entitled to it, their money for the Quarter, after which three other members attended a Committee meeting to sign the government Papers. Average 70.6 being a slight falling off as compared with the last week.
<i>February 11th to 15th</i>	The attendance for this week has remained nearly the same as the previous week. Thursday was the day appointed for the Government Examination, and being a most miserable wet day prevented some from attending the examination for whom we might claim the grant. Rearranged the classes in the afternoon. Average for the week 71.8. The Revd. J. A. Curling was present during the inspection. On Friday morning the Sewing Mistress asked for leave of absence which was granted.

<i>February 18th to 22nd</i>	A slight falling off in the attendance this week owing in some cases to illness. Took the III. Standard throughout the week in their new rules in Arithmetic. They gave great satisfaction with the progress they made. All lessons as usual. On Thursday afternoon by permission of the Revd. J. A. Curling, the children had their holiday after the Inspection as usual. Commenced learning the "Huntsman's Chorus" and got satisfactorily through the first part. Average for past week, 68.4. Kept in the school for a quarter of an hour after the others were dismissed, a part of Standard I. for talking and playing during the singing lesson on Friday afternoon.
<i>February 25th to March 1st</i>	The attendance for this week shows a great falling off which is due to illness, and the wet weather especially towards the end of the week. On Friday afternoon the school commenced at 1 o'clock and closed at 3.30 p.m. to enable the children to get to Amersham at 4.30 p.m. for the entertainment to which they had been invited by the Committee of the Literary Institution Amersham. Only half those entitled to availed themselves of the kindness of the Committee as the weather was so wet. All lessons as usual. The average for past week is 58.

March 4th to 8th	A slight improvement in the number in attendance this week; although a great number of children are absent through illness. Ordinary progress made throughout the week. Took each Standard in Arithmetic and found they had improved in their work. On Wednesday morning the children attended Divine Service at the Church; consequently the Registers were not marked on Wednesday. The previous evening before dismissal, the following notice was given out:— "To-morrow, being Ash Wednesday, there will be Divine Service at the Church, and all the children, whose parents do not object, will attend the Service. There will be the usual school in the afternoon." The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the school on Thursday afternoon, and handed to me the Report to be entered in the Log Book. His visit was of short duration. Average for past week 60.2.
March 11th to 15th	As several children are absent through illness the school has been thinly attended this week. All the lessons have been as usual, and I have been satisfied with the progress made. Began teaching Weights and Measures to the IV Standard. During the week they mastered the first two Rules, Addition and Subtraction and gave me great satisfaction. The average for the past week 57, is the lowest at present for the year.

1878 March 7th

Summary

Copy of Inspector's Report.

Claim on Attendance.

1. General 4/- — 67
2. Music 1/- — 67
3. D. O. 1/- — 67
- **No for payment @ 6/- — 67**

Infants 4 to 7 years of age.

- Qualified for Presentation — 31
- Presented — 27
- **No. for Payment @ 8/- — 27.**

Examination in Standards

- Qualified for Examination — 38.
- Presented " " — 31.
- Passes in Reading — 16
- " " Writing — 19
- " " Arithmetic — 10
- **No for Payment @ 3/- — 45**

Grant Claimable

- On Average Attendance — £20. 2- 0
- On Infants Presented — 10. 16. 0
- In Standards — 6. 15. 0
- **Gross Total of Claim 37- 13- 0**
- **D. O.**

Coleshill C. E. S (Buckingham)

Summary of Report.

"The order is good, but there is no improvement in the attainments. The prevalence of scarlet fever has interfered with the attendance, but nothing short of the closing of the school during the greater part of the school year, ought to account for the poverty of the work. The Handwriting and Singing are the good points; the Arithmetic, the Spelling, and the Reading are positively bad. The Infants between six and seven years of age are more forward than they were last year decidedly, but I cannot call them a promising class. No inspector so far, has been able to report favourably on this School; I regret to say that I am afraid its condition is now more hopeless than ever."

L. Muckleij's name has been struck off the Examination Schedule under Article 19 (B)

My Lords have allowed an unreduced grant with very great hesitation. This leniency must not be expected another time

- Henry Raggett. Certificated Teacher of the 2nd Class.
- Mary Haynes Assistant (Article 32. (c) 3)
- J. A. Curling Correspondent.

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*March 18th
to 22nd*

Several children who have lately had the Scarlet Fever and some of those who stayed away from the examination for that reason, have come back to school again this week, this raises the average, although some children have been sent home as the Scarlet Fever has broken out at home. Taught the IV and III. and II Standards new rules in Arithmetic. The Revd. J. A. Curling visited the School and stayed a few minutes. All lessons as usual. Average for past week 63.8.

*March 25th
to 29th*

A great falling off this week in the attendance of the children especially towards the latter part of the week on account of the weather. Friday the weather was so severe that only 18 children were present in the morning and they had great difficulty in getting to school on account of the drifting snow. Ordinary progress made throughout by all the school. Holiday on Friday afternoon on account of the snow. Average 52.6.

*April 1st to
5th*

A slight increase in the attendance of the children on account of the weather. Ordinary progress made and all the lessons as usual. Average 57.3

<i>April 8th to 12th</i>	There has been a very poor school this week again it is impossible to work them up. Those who are most regular improve. Average 51.2
<i>April 15th to 19th</i>	An improvement in the number this week and ordinary progress made. Kept several behind for playing during the singing on Friday. Average 61.5
<i>April 22nd to 26th</i>	} Easter Holidays
<i>April 29th to May 3rd</i>	There would have been a much better average this week had it not been for May day when several of the girls went "Maying." Something generally occurs to keep the average low. Average 60.4
<i>May 6th to 10th</i>	About the same number as in the previous week. The Attendance Officer visited the school this week and obtained names of absentees. I consider the Attendance Committee a failure as regards this school. Average 65.4
<i>May 13th to 17th</i>	My last week here as Master, but keep on school a few days till my successor arrives. Average 65.9.

<i>May 23rd</i>	I, (George Edward Smith, Certificated Master) commenced my work as Master of this School. Found the children very backward especially in Arithmetic. Number present 63.
<i>May 29th</i>	Mr Bryan, relieving officer called to see if certain children were in attendance.
<i>May 30th</i>	Being Ascension Day the children attended divine service at Church at 10.30, accordingly the registers were not marked. School as usual in the afternoon.
<i>May 31st</i>	The attendance has been better this week than it has been for some time. Sent after the absentees in the afternoon. Average for the week 70.3
<i>June 4th</i>	Holiday in the afternoon as so many of the children would be at the chapel Sunday school treat.
<i>June 7th</i>	Broke up for a week's holiday (Whitsuntide). Average for the week 62.4

<i>June 21</i>	Attendance has been very good this week. Drew up a new Time Table shortening the time given to needlework. The children are making progress with their work. Average for the week 72.8
<i>June 27</i>	Visited in the afternoon by Miss Wilson
<i>June 28</i>	During the week we have worked by the new Time Table to see if it would work suitably. Smaller school this week, due perhaps to the hay harvest. Average 68.2.
<i>July 5th</i>	New harmonium for the use of the school arrived this week. During the week the bell has been rung twice before each meeting of the school, (hitherto it has only been rung once) as there has been great improvement in the punctuality of the children the practice will be continued. Average 71.3.
<i>July 12th</i>	Commenced this week to give Home Lessons to the children. Ordinary progress made in school work. Average 68.7.

<i>July 19th</i>	Fourth Standard children are very irregular in their attendance; they know that they are not obliged to attend. Consequently very little progress is made in their Arithmetic. Average 69.8.
<i>July 26</i>	The general attendance has been bad this week, owing partly to wet weather and partly to the Harvest. Holiday this afternoon. Average for the week 61.2.
<i>July 29</i>	Visited by Mr John Lewarne, Head Master of S Paul's Boys' School Vauxhall S.E. who gave a lesson in subtraction to the 1st and 2nd Standards.
<i>August 2</i>	Broke up in the morning for Harvest Holidays. Average for the week 64.6.
<i>August 5th to September 2nd</i>	Harvest Holidays

<i>Sept 2nd</i>	Commenced school after the holidays with a very poor attendance (56) due to the backward harvest -
<i>Sept 3rd</i>	Holiday to-day owing to a Fruit and Flower Show at Beaconsfield to which many of the children were going
<i>Sept 5th</i>	Holiday in the afternoon as Mrs Drake then gave a treat to all the scholars of the Day + Sunday Schools
<i>Sept 6th</i>	Sent notices to the children who have been absent all the week. Very little work indeed has been done this week owing to the holidays and meagre attendance. Average for week 53.5.
<i>Sept 13th</i>	The attendance has been very much better this week although there are still some away. Have been paying particular attention to the Arithmetic of the 1st Class but do not seem to get on much. Holiday this (Friday) afternoon as Sunday school children were invited to Hertfordshire Farm (Mr Jackson's) to dinner. Average 73.4

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<i>Thursday Sept 19th</i>	To-day being Amersham Fair Day a holiday was given in the afternoon as so many of the children applied for leave of absence
<i>Friday Sept 20th</i>	Rather lower average this week owing to a wet day on Wednesday. Commenced to teach a new song called "Fairy Light" to children Average for past week 70.3.
<i>Thursday Sept 26th</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in for a short time in the afternoon.
<i>Friday Sept 27th</i>	The attendance has been very good indeed this week giving an average of 77.7. Number present at all 85.
<i>Monday Sept 30th</i>	As so many children come late in the afternoon, through having so far to go to dinner, notice was given that in future afternoon school would commence at 2 o'clock. The registers will be closed at 2.15

<i>Friday October 4th</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week but still we seem to make but little progress. The attendance still improves. Average Attendance for the week 78.9
<i>Friday October 11th</i>	The weather this week has been very stormy consequently the attendance has not been so good as last week. Applied to The Revd. J A Curling for some slates, Copy books and arithmetical cards. Average for the week 72.
<i>Friday October 18th</i>	A very great number of the children absented themselves this afternoon. Sent enquiries as to whether they were absent with leave or not. The 1st & 2nd Standards are making progress in their Arithmetic but arithmetical problems continue to puzzle the 3rd & 4th Standards. The Grammar exercises have been rather better this week. Average for the week 73.5

Thursday
October 24

Being a very wet day the attendance has consequently been small, only 45 were present this morning. Kept all in in the afternoon for disorderly behaviour while I was engaged in talking with Mr Ernest Bryan who came in to enquire about the attendances of the Paynes and Annie Lane. Examined the children in Arithmetic this afternoon with the following result:—

Standard	Presented	Passed	Failed
I (3 sums 2 to pass)	14	11	3
II " "	10	8	2
III (4 sums 3 to pass)	3	3	0
IV " "	3	0	3
V 3 sums 2 to pass	1	1	0
Total	31	23	8

Friday
October 25th

Holiday all day. Average for the week 67.2

<i>Friday Nov 1st</i>	Examined the children again in Arithmetic this afternoon, using Hughes' sums as tests. Three sums right out of four to pass. All passed in the Second Standard, and the Third and Fifth Standards did well but the others especially the Fourth Standard did very badly. The upper Standards have this week commenced to work on paper. Average for the week 71.6
<i>Friday Nov: 8th</i>	The Revd. J A Curling came in during the singing lesson this afternoon and said the children sang very well but did not aspirate their h's. There was a slight improvement in the result of the usual weekly examination in Arithmetic. Average for the week 74.1
<i>Friday Nov 15th</i>	The attendance has been very good indeed this week but a wet day to-day has lowered the average greatly. Average for week 75.7

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*Friday Nov:
22nd*

Ordinary progress has been made this week, and the 2nd Standard who have completed their year's work commenced long division. The 3rd Standard have generally had their sums dictated this week as I found at the last test examination that they were very weak in notation. They have improved very much. The attendance gradually increases. Average for the week 76.9

*Friday Nov
29th*

There has been a slight falling off in the attendance this week, due to the inclement weather. Did not examine the children this afternoon, as so few of the fourth standard were present. The Revd. J A Curling came in, in the afternoon. Average for week 74.9.

*Friday Dec:
6th*

Examined the children again in Arithmetic with very good results. 41 were examined of whom 33 passed. Mr Curling came in in the afternoon but did not stay long. Average for the week 77.3

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<i>Friday Dec 13th</i>	During the week the children of Standards 2 and upwards have written Christmas letters to their parents. The writing as a whole was very fair. The attendance has not been so good this week as last. Average 74.8
<i>Tuesday Dec 17th</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked and closed at 1.15 p.m. and school closed at 3.15 p.m.
<i>Friday Dec 20</i>	Broke up at 12 oclock for Christmas Holidays. Average for the week 73.2
<i>Monday Dec 30th</i>	Reopened school after Christmas Holidays with a very poor attendance only 65 in the morning and 67 in the afternoon being present. Mary Haynes absent in the afternoon ill.
<i>Tuesday Dec 31st</i>	Holiday this afternoon given with the consent of The Rev J A Curling. Mary Haynes absent in the morning.

<i>Friday January 3rd</i>	The attendance on the last two days of the week was very bad indeed owing to very severe weather and deep snow. Accordingly this week gives a very low average viz: 53.1 being 20 below the former weekly averages of this quarter.
<i>Friday January 10</i>	Began to teach the children the rudiments of music with the hope of enabling them to sing from note. Average for week 64.7
<i>Friday January 17</i>	The attendance continues low owing to the weather. Several children are away with chilled feet. The lessons have been going on as usual during the week and ordinary progress has been made. Average for the week 63.5
<i>Thursday Jan 23</i>	Completed the Attendance return for the Local Authority and sent it in to be signed by the managers. The Examination is fixed for the 20th of next month.

<i>Friday Jan 24</i>	The weather still continues severe and consequently the younger children have this week attended very irregularly. Standards 2 and upwards attend as regularly as usual. Average for the week 59.4.
<i>Thursday Jan 30</i>	The Revd. J A Curling came in, in the afternoon bringing with him some pencils copybooks and other things which had been applied for for school use.
<i>Friday Jan 31</i>	This is the last day of the school year. The week's attendances have been marked in the space left blank in the register by the Christmas Vacation as there was no other room. The attendances have slightly improved this week. Average for week 65.5
<i>Monday Feb: 3rd</i>	As Standards III and upwards sit together and take similar lessons at the same time, I have entered the names of the children in those ^Standards^ in one register as forming one class. There are now only 4 classes instead of 5 as hitherto.

Friday Feb: 7th	During the week I have been engaged in making out the returns from last year's registers and have arrived at the following results:— — No. of times the School has been opened: 433 — Total number of attendances: 29040 — Annual Average: 67 — Highest weekly Average: 79 — No. who have attended 250 or more times: — (a) Above 4 & under 7 = 21 — (b) Over 7 = 41 } 62. — The weather has again been very inclement and the week's average is consequently low Viz: 58.3.
Friday Feb 14th	This week I have given the children a test Examination with the following results:— — Reading: 35 Passes, 3 Failures — Writing: 28 " , 10 Failures — Arithmetic: 31 " , 7 Failures
Total	94 " , 20 Failures — Percentage of Passes 84. — The attendances have slightly improved this week still they are not so good as they should be. Average for the week 69.

Thursday Feb 20th	To-day the children were examined by Mr Martin, Mr Kenney Herbert's assistant. Being a fine morning all that were to be presented were present. The total number present was 80 of whom 41 were examined in standard work. The Revd J A Curling came in and stayed during the Examination. Mrs Wilson was also present in the infants' room.
Friday Feb 21st	Miss Lamprey came in this afternoon to say that she would come two days a week to superintend the sewing lessons. Average for the week 72.2
Friday Feb 28th	Have been engaged during the week in teaching the children their new rules, and find that they have made considerable progress. Commenced Geography on Wednesday as per Time Table. Average for the week 65.2.
Monday March 3rd	Miss Lamprey came in in the afternoon and took the 1st Standard in writing.

Wednesday March 5th	Mrs Lamprey came in in the afternoon and again took Standard 1 in writing.
Thursday March 6th	Mrs Lamprey took Standard 1 in reading at 11.15 a.m. Punished George Payne for disorderly conduct during the lesson.
Friday March 7th	Copy of Inspector's Report.
Claim on Attendance	
Infants. Qualified for presentation	1. General 4/- — 67 2. Music 1/- — 67 3. O. & D. 1/- — 67 — No for payment at 6/- — 67 21
Examination in Standards	— Presented: 21 — No for payment at 8/- — 21
Total	— Qualified for Examination: 41 — Presented: 41 — Passes in Reading: 36 — Passes in Writing: 36 — Passes in Arithmetic: 30 102
	— Passes Article 19(B)3: 2 — No for payment at 3/- — 100 — No for payment in 1 subject (Grammar) at 2/- — 39

Grant claimable	— On Average Attendance: £20. 2. 0 — On Infants presented: 8. 8. 0 — On Examination— — In Standards: 15. 0. 0 — In Classes: 3. 18. 0 — Gross Total of Claim: £47. 8. 0
Summary of Report	"Mr G. E. Smith has been able to raise the percentage of passes in the Elementary subjects from 46.8 to 82.9, which it is needless to point out is exceedingly creditable to him. In every detail connected with school management he has worked an improvement which I hope will continue." — George Edward Smith, Certificated Teacher of 2nd Class — Mary Haynes, Assistant (Article 32 (c) 3) — J. A. Curling, Correspondent — Work has been going on as usual during the week and the attendances have been slightly better Average for the week 69.8

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<i>Monday</i> <i>March 10</i>	Several infants who have been absent during the winter returned to school to-day.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 11</i>	Miss Lamprey took Standard I in reading at 11.15 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 12</i>	The Rev J A Curling came in in the afternoon, he stayed some time and at the close of school read prayers. Applied for new readers, board easel &c.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>March 13</i>	Miss Lamprey as usual at 11.15.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 14</i>	Attendances have been better this week giving an average of 72.7. This is due to the regularity of the younger children; there are several away in the upper classes who should be a' school.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 21</i>	Miss Lamprey came in as usual on Tuesday and Thursday. Sarah Shrimpton and Ellen Randall were to day struck off the register as left. Average 73.2

<i>Monday Mar 24</i>	Admitted two children named respectively Alice Louise Redding and Emma Sarah Redding; and sent requisitions for Certificates of their births to Ellesborough. Commenced teaching division to Standard II.
<i>Tuesday March 25</i>	This morning the 4th Class register (infants) was marked by 9.20, and the class left school at 11 o'clock as the room was wanted for a vestry meeting. Other classes as usual.
<i>Friday March 28</i>	Punished Joseph Allnutt this morning for absenting himself yesterday afternoon without permission. The average is low again this week due to the severe weather. Average for the week 67.9
<i>Friday April 4</i>	Miss Lamprey came in as usual on Tuesday and Thursday. Average for the week 75.2
<i>Monday April 7</i>	Admitted William Wright and Charles George Wilkins. There is a great number of absentees to-day: only 58 present in the morning and 64 in the afternoon. Sent enquiries for those away.

<i>Thursday</i> <i>April 10</i>	Broke up in the afternoon for the Easter Holidays which will last a fortnight. Average for the week 67.1
<i>Monday</i> <i>April 28th</i>	Reopened school after the Easter Holidays with a very fair attendance 78 being present in the morning and 79 in the afternoon.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>April 29</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the Attendance Officer came in this afternoon to see if any of the children had not put in an appearance this week. I gave him the names of the Paynes and Burnham whom he promised to look up. The Rev J A Curling also came in for a short time.
<i>Friday May</i> <i>2</i>	At the close of afternoon school I sent enquiries respecting absentees to their parents. This week would have given a very good average if so many had not stayed away yesterday to go Maying. Average for week 71.5
<i>Tuesday May</i> <i>6th</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in for a short time in the afternoon.

<i>Friday May</i> 9	Visited by Miss Brickwell of Missenden in the morning. Ordinary progress has been made during the week. Standard II have commenced division, Standard IV reduction of weights and measures and Standard V Compound practice. Standard III have learnt their rules and are now working problems. Average for the week 76.3
<i>Tuesday May</i> 13	Visited in the afternoon by the Revd J A Curling and a friend.
<i>Tuesday May</i> 20	Holiday in the afternoon in consequence of the meeting house Sunday School treat to which so many of the children go.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>May 29</i>	The children were examined in religious knowledge this afternoon by the Revd Edward Barber, the Diocesan Inspector, notice having been given 14 days previous. Eliza Penn was awarded a prize for proficiency.
<i>Friday May</i> 30	Broke up for a week's holiday; next week being Whitsun week.

Monday June 9th	Reopened school after the Whitsun Holidays with an attendance of 72.
Thursday June 12	Visited in the morning by Miss Wilson, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Gurner.
Friday June 13	Copy of the Diocesan Inspector's Report. May 29th 1879Coleshill <i>"The little ones said several hymns, but were rather too quick and inarticulate in their repetition. In the other room the children are taken as one Division which is too large, and as the lower children are rather backward. The higher standards would also be improved by writing from memory. Writing was very good, and also the answering of some of the elder children"</i> Commended — Eliza Penn, Agnes Bovingdon Edward Barber , General Inspector of Schools for the Diocese of Oxford.

<i>Friday June 20</i>	The attendances this week have been very good indeed giving an average of 80.1. This is the highest average this school has reached. Work has been going on as usual, and considerable progress is made in Standards II and upwards. Some of the children in Standard I do not yet know their letters and seem to have no idea of numbers, so that very little work appears to be accomplished in their class.
<i>Friday June 27</i>	The attendances have not been so good this week as last Average 76.1
<i>Tuesday July 1</i>	This morning school closed at 11.30 and in the afternoon at 3.45. The registers were not marked.
<i>Thursday July 10</i>	A half holiday was given this afternoon to enable the Choir and Sunday School to participate in a treat given them by the Rev J A Curling.

<i>Tuesday July</i> 15	Visited by the Rev J A Curling in the afternoon.
<i>Friday July</i> 18	Several of the elder children have been absent this week in consequence of the hay harvest having commenced. Average for the week 71.2. The children do not improve in singing; this afternoon the singing was very bad. Sent enquiries respecting those children who have been absent or irregular this week. We are getting on very well with the Standard work but do not make very great progress in the Class Subjects, Grammar & Geography.
<i>Tuesday July</i> 22	Punished three boys (Pusey, Burnham, and H. Rogers) severely for disobedience.
<i>Friday July</i> 25	This week's attendances have been very low indeed and the average 66.1 is lower than it has been for nearly 6 months. This is due generally to the hay harvest and in one or two cases to measles.

<i>Monday July 28</i>	Admitted two new boys (to infants class) named William Dover and Thomas Muckley respectively.
<i>Friday Aug 1</i>	Work has been going on during the week and ordinary progress made. Standard I though improving a little is still extremely backward. Average for week 67.6
<i>Monday August 4</i>	To-day being Bank Holiday there was no school in the afternoon.
<i>Friday August 8</i>	The Rev J A Curling came in for a short time this morning. The attendances are still low. Average for the week 67.8
<i>Friday August 15</i>	Very small attendance this afternoon; latterly it seems to be the rule for a great number to absent themselves on Friday afternoons.

Monday
August 18

Mr Geo Blaker assistant master S Peter's Schools Brighton gave the children a test examination this afternoon. The following are the sums and the result.

Sums:—

— **Standard 1.** *1 right = pass*

A		B	
2065	401	93	7016
94	0	401	<u>1935</u>
108	<u>631</u>	6	
2,01		854	
9		819	
620		0	
<u>400</u>		6	
		<u>243</u>	

— **Standard II** *2 right = pass*

A	B
473654 × 930	830256 × 807
6900010 – 91219	7010091 – 209169
1406473 ÷ 9	738096 ÷ 8

— **Standard III** *2 right = pass*

A	B
£7.003.001 19 4¾	£910.021 0 1¼
94.630 0 9¼	<u>4.931 19 1½</u>
7 6	
19 6 11	
½	4936840 ÷ 239
4.093 15 0	
240 6 3¾	
9 4 6	
<u>3½</u>	

— **Standard IV** 2 right = pass

£63900..19..3½ × 197

£91000..1..0¾ ÷ 267

How many minutes are there in leap year.

— **Results:—**

— **Standard I**

— Reading: 12 passed, 2 failed

— Writing: 12 " , 2 "

— Arithmetic: 3 " , 11 "

— **Standard II**

— Reading: 13 passed, 0 failed

— Writing: 9 passed, 4 failed

— Arithmetic: 9 passed, ****4**** 0 failed

— **Standard III**

— Reading: 11 passed, 1 failed

— Writing: 5 passed, 7 failed

— Arithmetic: 10 passed, 2 failed

— **Standard IV**

— Reading: 4 passed, 0 failed

— Writing: 4 passed, 0 failed

— Arithmetic: 1 passed, 3 failed

— **Note.** Arithmetic in the 1st Standard and the spelling in the 3rd Standard requires attention.

— Per centage of passes 72.

<i>Friday August 29</i>	This morning registers were marked and closed by 9.30 and the school broke up at 11.30 for a month's holiday (Harvest). A very wet week has caused small attendances, the average for the week being only 57.
<i>Monday Sept 29</i>	Reopened school after the Harvest Holidays with a poor attendance caused by late harvest as so many children are away gleaning. Some of the corn is not even cut yet. Visited in the morning by Mr Bryan the Attendance Officer and in the afternoon by Miss Wilson, Miss Lamprey and Miss Blenerhassett. Standards 2, 3, 4, & 5 commenced working on paper this afternoon.
<i>Thursday October 2</i>	A half holiday was given this afternoon as Mrs Drake gave her annual treat to the school children.
<i>Friday October 10</i>	Attendances have been better this week but still a great number of children are away. Standards 2, 3, 4 & 5 commenced working on paper this week.

<i>Friday October 17</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week. Standard I is progressing. Mr Bryan the attendance officer called in yesterday morning and took the names of several absentees. The attendances this week have been about the same as last week.
<i>Friday October 24</i>	Administered corporal punishment to William Shrimpton one of the infant boys. He has a very obstinate temper and refused to obey direct, until he was caned. Attendances have improved this week. Average 77.4.
<i>Friday October 31</i>	This the last week of the quarter has been better attended than any other during the quarter. Admitted three children (Slades) on Monday.
<i>Friday November 7</i>	Gave the children a test examination to-day with satisfactory results. The reading is generally good but writing and Arithmetic in Stand: I still need a lot of attention.

<i>Wednesday November 12</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the Attendance officer called in this morning. Very poor attendance to day so many children being away gathering the wood blown from the trees by the high wind last night.
<i>Thursday November 20</i>	Administered corporal punishment to George Payne for wilfully smearing a book with ink.
<i>Friday November 21</i>	Visited by Mr Bryan the school attendance officer. The attendances have not been good this week, the severe weather having kept several of the younger ones away.
<i>Friday November 28</i>	Examined the children in Arithmetic to-day and find they improve. The average this week has only been 62.2.
<i>Friday December 5</i>	Several of the children are absent, as they have whooping cough consequently there is no improvement in the attendances. Frances and Albert Slade have attended for the first time since Harvest Holidays.

<i>Monday December 8</i>	Admitted James and Henry Barker from Amersham Common now residing at Hertfordshire Lodge, also readmitted—Harry Bryant (called Henry in registers) who has been absent since 1875.
<i>Friday December 12</i>	Visited this morning by Miss Lamprey who took Standard I in reading. The attendances in the lower classes have been bad this week; in the infants' class 14 out of a total of 34 have not attended once. Average for the week 67.2
<i>Thursday December 18</i>	Caned Jesse Axten this afternoon for continued disobedience.
<i>Wednesday December 24</i>	Broke up, this afternoon, for the Christmas Holidays. Average for the week 60.8

<i>Monday January 5</i>	School reopened after Christmas Holidays with an attendance of 75.
<i>Thursday January 8</i>	Visited this morning by the Revd J A Curling. Mr Bryan the attendance officer also called for the names of absentees.
<i>Thursday January 15</i>	Visited at 11.30 by Miss Wilson and Miss Brickwell of Missenden. Miss Brickwell heard Standard I read.
<i>Friday January 16</i>	I find that the Arithmetic in Standard I is improving although those children who came from the infants' class after the last inspection have still a very poor idea of numbers. The singing this afternoon was better than it has been for some time.
<i>Tuesday January 20</i>	Examined the children this afternoon in Arithmetic with very satisfactory results. Out of 37 examined there were 34 passes; the failures being Hawkes (Stand IV), S Dover (Stand II) and Jane Harris (Stand I). Several were absent, in Stand I, who may be reckoned as failures.

<i>Friday</i> <i>January 23</i>	The attendances to-day have been low. The parents of several children appear to have got into a habit of keeping their children from school on Fridays. Average for the week 70.8
<i>Thursday</i> <i>January 29</i>	Owen Bryant was caned this afternoon for carelessness in his work.
<i>Friday</i> <i>January 30</i>	The attendances today have been low as usual on Fridays. Miss Lamprey came in on Tuesday and Thursday at 11.15 and took Standard I in reading. This is the last week of the school year. Average for the year 70.2.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 4</i>	This afternoon a large number of children were late having been playing on the pond. As the same thing had occurred one day last week and they had then been cautioned, they were all caned this afternoon.

Friday February 6	This week I have given the children a test examination in the Standard work. The following is the result:— — No examined: 42 — Reading: 39 passed, 3 failed — Writing: 29 " , 13 " — Arithmetic: 36 " , 6 " — Per centage of passes 82.5
Monday February 9	Kenney Herbert Esq Her Majesty's Inspector visited the school today and examined the children. There were 83 present of whom 42 were presented for examination in Standard work. — In reading: 38 passed — " Writing: 35 " — " Arithmetic: 39 " — Per centage of passes 88.8 — Harry Bryant who was examined for a labour certificate failed in all subjects. The Rev J A Curling and Miss Wilson were present during the examination.

<i>Wednesday February 11</i>	Being Ash Wednesday the children attended divine service at 11 o'clock; the registers were not marked. School as usual in the afternoon.
<i>Friday February 20</i>	The children are making considerable progress in their work. This has been a very wet week and consequently the attendances have been rather low.
<i>Wednesday February 25</i>	Visited this afternoon by Miss Wilson accompanied by Mr and Mrs Hopkins.
<i>Friday February 27</i>	The attendance has been better again this week the weather being much finer. Work has been going on as usual and all the Standards are getting forward with their work. Standard IV children are working at Compound multiplication and division, and those in Standard III at Compound addition and long division. Standard II hang back with their tables.

<i>Monday</i> <i>March 1</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in this morning just before twelve, but did not stay long. I gave Standard III another lesson on Compound Addition. The greater part of the Standard can now master the rule but several dull ones do not seem to pick up much.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 2</i>	Miss Lamprey did not come at her usual time to-day, so I took Standard I in reading while the other Standards were writing in Copy-books. Punished Allen Palmer and Owen Bryant for tearing an arithmetical test card, the result of carelessness.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>March 4</i>	Several children were absent this morning owing to a confirmation service at Amersham.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 5</i>	The singing this afternoon was very bad indeed, very few of the children possess even a tolerable voice.

Monday
March 8

Copy of Inspector's Report.

Claim on
Average
Attendance

1. General 4/- — 70
2. Music 1/- — 70
3. O and D 1/- — 70
- Number for payment at 6/- — 70

Infants

- Qualified for Presentation: 24
- Presented: 24
- Number for Payment at 8/- — 24

Examination
in Standards

- Qualified for examination: 42
- Presented: 42
- Passes in Reading: 38
- Passes in Writing: 35
- Passes in Arithmetic: 39

Total

112

Examination
in Classes

- Passes Article 19 B 3: 1
- Number for Payment at 3/- — 111

- Number for Payment in 1 subject (Grammar) at 1/- — 44

Grant
claimable

— Report continued

- On Average Attendance: **£21. 0. 0**
- On Infants Presented: **9. 12. 0**
- On Examination—
 - *
 - 1. In Standards: 16. 13. 0**
 - *
 - 2. In Classes: 2. 4. 0**
- **Gross Total of Claim: £49. 9. 0**

Summary of
Report

"The improvement noticed last year has steadily continued. The percentage of passes is 88.8 a very creditable result from a good year's work. The Writing is particularly good in character, and the sums are accurately done. Reading is very fair and the paper-work is neat and clean. The second Standard answered well in Grammar, it is to the proficiency of this Standard that the recommendation of payment of the grant (1/-) under Article 19 (c) is due. The upper Standards know but little of this subject, and their knowledge of Geography too was very limited. Sewing is as usual very fair. I have no particular fault to find with the condition of the Infants; but they are not on a par, comparatively, with the rest of the School."

Mr Smith will shortly receive his Certificate.

- George Edward Smith, *Certificated Teacher of 2nd Class*
- Mary Haynes, *Assistant (Article 32(c)3)*
- J. A. Curling, *Correspondent*.

Thursday
March 11

A half holiday was given this afternoon as so many of the children intended with their parents' permission to visit a circus now at Amersham.

Friday
March 12

This morning Albert Slade threw a marble belonging to H Payne into the meadow opposite the school. I sent him to find it but he did not return and on my sending out for him he refused to come. In the afternoon I proceeded to punish him for his disobedience but he refused to ~~hold~~ hold out his hand and said his mother had told him to do so. I explained to him that his mother had no right to tell him what to do and what not to do in school as it was then his duty to obey me, and gave him 5 minutes to consider the matter.

At the end of the time he again refused to put his hand out, but after receiving two sharp strokes across his back with the cane he submitted. I then gave him one stroke in each hand as punishment for his disobedience this morning.

I make this full entry respecting this affair because Mrs Slade appears to have instructed both her children to act insubordinately and seems to be endeavouring to make a bother generally. The following is a copy of a letter I received from her this morning:—

"Mr Smith. I understand you kept my girl in for not going to Mrs Harris about her children don't you do it any more for if you do I shall speak to the Guardians about it and don't make game about my children saying I don't ^no^ for I don't learn them to be telltales"

The attendance this week has been very fair. The average is 72 nearly.

<i>Monday</i> <i>March 15</i>	Visited by Mr Ernest Bryan the school attendance officer. The numbers have been very low today, more than 20 being absent.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 19</i>	There has been a considerable falling off in the numbers this week. The average attendance has been four less than that of last week. Out of 74 who have been present at all only 46 have attended 10 times. There are 90 on the registers and 16 of them have been absent all the week.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 24</i>	Examined the children to-day in Arithmetic. Standard III did well and Standards I and II badly; Standard IV work was fair. Visited this afternoon by Miss Wilson and Mrs Boyce.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>March 25</i>	Broke up at noon for Easter Holidays. The attendances have been very low indeed this week only yielding an average of 64.7

<i>Monday</i> <i>April 5</i>	Re-opened school after the Easter Holidays with a very poor number in attendance. Sent notices to absentees.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>April 6</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in for a short time this afternoon.
<i>Friday April</i> <i>9</i>	Commenced to teach a new song called "Softly fall the shades of Evening". The children generally have been very irregular this week. Sent Absent Tickets to those who have been the most irregular. Average for the week 66.5.
<i>Friday April</i> <i>16</i>	Although this has been a rather wet week the attendances have been very good, giving an average attendance of 72.4. Work has been going on as usual during the week and ordinary progress has been made. Spelling generally does not appear to be so good as it should be and the Reading in Class I and Arithmetic in Class III require attention.

<i>Friday April 23</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked and closed at 1.15 p.m. and school closed at 3.15 p.m. Number present 76. Average for the week 73.1
<i>Thursday April 29</i>	— School will not re-open next week until Tuesday morning, the Master having desired and obtained leave of absence for Monday next. The dictation exercises of the first and second classes were done very creditably this afternoon and showed considerable improvement in spelling.
<i>Friday April 30</i>	The attendances have again been good giving an average of 72 for the week. To-day ends the first quarter of the new year and during it a fair amount of work has been completed. The average attendance for the quarter is 71.
<i>Wednesday May 5</i>	The attendance which on Monday reached 77 dropped this afternoon to 64 owing to a sale by auction taking place in the neighbourhood.

<i>Thursday May 6</i>	To-day I have made particular enquiries as to the reason of so many of the children absenting themselves yesterday afternoon. All the absentees appear to have had permission from their parents to stay away.
<i>Friday May 7</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan, ^Attendance Officer,^ came in this afternoon for the attendances of Charles and Thomas Lane. The former has been present 47 times out of 123 and the latter 53 times out of 123. The average (72) is the same as last week's.
<i>Monday May 10</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in this morning during the Scripture Lesson.
<i>Friday May 14</i>	Broke up this afternoon for a week's (Whitsuntide) holiday. The attendances during the week have varied from 68 to 76, and give an average of 71.8. Have this week given lessons in subtraction to Standard I and in reduction of money to Standard III. Standard IV children have learned their rules but show little intelligence in applying them to the working of problems.

<i>Monday May 24</i>	Reopened School after Whitsuntide Holidays with a very good attendance.
<i>Friday May 28</i>	The school has been attended very well indeed during the week, and the children have settled down again to their work. In future on Mondays and Wednesdays the 3rd Class will do Arithmetic from 10 to 10.30 and Writing from 11.15 to 12. This alteration is made to enable the 1st Class to receive more attention in Geography.
<i>Tuesday June 1</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon owing to the meeting house Sunday School treat taking place and to which many of the children go.
<i>Friday June 4</i>	The upper Standards have this week commenced to work on paper.
<i>Tuesday June 8</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in during the last lesson this afternoon but stayed only a few minutes.

<i>Friday June</i> <i>11</i>	The attendances have not been at all good this week. Several children for various reasons have been absent throughout the week, and this afternoon several have gone to Amersham to visit a travelling circus which is there. Average for the week 68.2.
<i>Monday</i> <i>June 14</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the School Attendance Officer called in school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 16</i>	The Revd J A Curling paid a visit this afternoon.
<i>Friday June</i> <i>18</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week and ordinary progress made. The attendance has been very fair.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>June 24</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the School Attendance Officer came in this afternoon and left a notice to the effect that children above 8 years of age would not have leave of absence during the hay-harvest this year.

<i>Friday June 25</i>	The regularity of the children has not been quite so good this week as last, for while a greater number has been in attendance the average is rather less.
<i>Monday June 28</i>	This morning the registers were marked and closed by 9.30, and the children were dismissed at 11.30. There was a holiday given in the afternoon.
<i>Thursday July 1</i>	This afternoon I gave the 3rd, 4th & 5th Standards a test examination in Arithmetic, and was very well satisfied with the result. The 3rd Standard did particularly well, every one doing two or three sums correctly out of the three given.
<i>Tuesday July 6</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in for a short time this morning. By his permission a holiday was given in the afternoon.

<i>Friday July 9</i>	The average attendance this week is smaller than it has been for three months. Several of the children are away ill with the measles, some are staying away for fear of infection, and some are at work in the hay-fields.
<i>Monday July 12</i>	There was a half holiday given this afternoon to enable the children to attend the Sunday Schools Centenary Treat for the Amersham, Coleshill, Amersham Common, and Woodrow Sunday Schools, which was held in the rough park at Shardeloes.
<i>Thursday July 15</i>	Only 54 present this morning and 56 in the afternoon. There was a heavy thunder storm accompanied with rain early this morning which I suppose has frightened some of the children or their parents.
<i>Friday July 16</i>	The average attendance this week is lower even than it was last week, being only 64.2.

<i>Monday July 19</i>	This afternoon I gave Standard II a first lesson in division. This Standard is very backward in arithmetic. The Revd J A Curling came in this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday July 20</i>	This morning the Standard children were deprived of their recreation for being noisy while I was calling the register in the infants' room. They were kept for 10 minutes after prayers this afternoon for the same reason.
<i>Wednesday July 21</i>	Took the 2nd Standard in division this afternoon. Some of them get on but others seem to hang back very much.
<i>Friday July 23</i>	The attendances have been very low again this week and the average is only 60 61.
<i>Monday July 26</i>	A Holiday was given to-day, owing to the meeting house Sunday School Excursion to Burnham Beeches taking place.

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<i>Friday July 30</i>	The attendances still decrease, the average for this week being only 63.
<i>Monday August 2</i>	To day being Bank Holiday the Schools were closed.
<i>Friday August 6</i>	Work has been going on as usual since Monday and ordinary progress has been made. The attendances in the 1st Standard have been very bad all through the week, this afternoon there were only 12 out of 22 present. Average for the week 64.
<i>Thursday August 12</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday August 13</i>	The average attendance this week is not quite 60. Harvest has commenced and several of the bigger boys are at work. The school broke up at 12 o'clock for the Harvest Holidays.

Monday Sept 13	Commenced work after the holidays with a fair number in attendance, 69 being present in the morning, and 67 in the afternoon. The Revd J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
Tuesday Sept 14	The Rev J A Curling visited this afternoon.
Friday Sept 17	The attendance has been very fair during the week although several of the elder boys are still at work, the holidays allowed by the School Attendance Committee having not yet expired. Mr W H Shilling Assistant Master Northfleet Boys' School yesterday examined Standard III in Arithmetic. Three sums were given and the following were the results:—
	— Present: 15 — 3 right: 4 — 2 right: 9 — Passes: 13 — 1 right: 1 — 0 right: 1 — Failures: 2

<i>Monday Sept 20</i>	The Assistant Mistress was absent this morning, she having applied for leave of absence for a short time on account of a death in her family. Being Amersham Fair Day, a holiday was given in the afternoon according to custom.
<i>Tuesday Sept 21</i>	Albert Walker was punished this morning for idleness, disobedience and impudence.
<i>Friday Sept 24</i>	The attendance has been rather better this week than it was last. Average for the week 68.8. In future reading will be taken instead of Geography, and the first class will take spelling and the second class Arithmetic instead of Grammar.
<i>Thursday Sept 30</i>	Visited in the afternoon by Mrs Boyd and Miss Blennerhassett.

<i>Friday October 1</i>	More children have attended this ^week^, and the average is higher than it has been for some months. This afternoon several are absent as is usual on Friday afternoons.
<i>Friday October 8</i>	This has been a very wet week and as a consequence the attendance has not been large. This morning only 49 were present. Average 65.8
<i>Tuesday October 12</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked at 1.30 and School closed at 3.30.
<i>Wednesday October 13</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the school attendance officer called in, for the names of the irregulars and absentees, this afternoon. The Rev J A Curling also came in for a short time.

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<i>Tuesday</i> <i>October 19</i>	Have had a very good school to-day, 79 being present in the morning and 76 in the afternoon.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 20</i>	Only 57 present this morning owing no doubt to the inclement weather, snow having fallen to the depth of several inches.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>October 21</i>	Admitted Joseph Lever son of Mr Joseph Lever of Bowers Farm.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>October 26</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked and closed at 1.15 p.m. and the children were dismissed at 3.15 p.m.
<i>Friday</i> <i>October 29</i>	The Revd J A Curling came in during the singing lesson this afternoon but did not stay long. Average for the week 72.3.

<i>Monday</i> <i>November 1</i>	Admitted Harriet Shrimpton and George Henry Rogers.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>November 3</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked and closed at 1.10, and the children were dismissed at 3.10.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>November 4</i>	A holiday was given this afternoon, to enable the children to attend an entertainment given by The Royal Osborne Hand-bell Ringers at Amersham.
<i>Friday</i> <i>November 5</i>	Jesse Axten was caned this morning for making use of bad language during play-time. The school has been well attended this week. The average attendance is 77.3.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>November 9</i>	Miss Lamprey came in this morning and re-commenced reading lessons with Standard I.

<i>Friday November 12</i>	The attendance has been very good this week, the average being 80.5. There are 95 on the registers so there is still plenty of room for improvement in this respect. Work Work is going on as usual and progress is made. Standards I & II are backward in Arithmetic but show signs of progression.
<i>Wednesday November 17</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan the School Attendance Officer paid the school a visit this afternoon, and left copies of Bye-Laws of The Amersham Union School Attendance Committee, which come into force on January 1st 1881.
<i>Tuesday November 23</i>	This afternoon Charles Lane, who has been absent since July 2nd, returned to school.
<i>Thursday November 25</i>	The attendance has been lower to-day than it has been any time during this week till now.

<i>Friday December 3</i>	The test examination this week shows very satisfactory results. There is a decided improvement on those of a month ago. Very few children present this afternoon. viz 66. The average is 76.
<i>Monday December 6</i>	Three children were admitted this morning, viz:—Florence M Bilby and Charlotte J Bilby late of Asheridge School, Chesham; and Florence M Buckley.
<i>Wednesday December 8</i>	This afternoon 90 children were present.
<i>Friday December 10</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week and the backward children have made a slight progress. Generally the children are not so well up to their work as they were a year ago. The attendance has been very good indeed, the average attendance being 82.1.

<i>Wednesday December 15</i>	Visited in the afternoon by the Rev J A Curling who observed that the air in the school-room smelled very bad and close. I explained that the windows being so low it would not be wise to have them open as the children would then be sitting in a strong and cold draught.
<i>Friday December 17</i>	The average attendance is lower this week than it has been for some time, owing no doubt to the state of the weather.
<i>Wednesday December 22</i>	Very poor attendance to-day owing to wet weather; 59 present in the morning and 57 in the afternoon.
<i>Thursday December 23</i>	Broke up this afternoon for Christmas Holidays. The average is lower still this week being only 64.2. The School reopens on Tuesday January 4th 1881.

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>January 4</i>	Reopened school after Christmas Holidays. Re-admitted George Bryan Black who was admitted to this school in 1876. He has lately been attending Amersham Grammar School and is not up to Third Standard work.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>January 5</i>	Visited in afternoon by the Rev J A Curling.
<i>Friday</i> <i>January 7</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week and considerable progress has been made, especially in Standard II. Several children in Standard I are still very backward, and the possibility of bringing them up to work by next month appears to be very slight. The Rev J A Curling visited the school in the afternoon. Average for the week 77.2

Monday
January 10

Visited this morning by Mr Ernest Bryan the School Attendance Officer, who took the names of several absentees and irregulars.

Friday
January 14

Owing to the inclemency of this week's weather, the average attendance is 10 less than that of last week. Miss Lamprey came in on Thursday and Friday mornings and took Standard I in reading. This Standard is a very unsatisfactory one both as regards attainments and attendance, this morning out of 28 on the register only 10 were present.

Monday
January 17

Mr Ernest Bryan The School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning. Thomas Lane and Frederick Shrimpton were sent home because they were not clean and tidy.

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>January 18</i>	Only three children returned to school in the afternoon. The other children were kept away by the violence of a snow storm. School was not opened.
<i>Monday</i> <i>January 24</i>	The School has been closed since last Tuesday as the roads have been blocked up with snow so that the children were unable to reach the school. Only 39 present this morning. The Revd J A Curling called in shortly before 12 o'clock. No present in the afternoon, 44.
<i>Friday</i> <i>January 28</i>	The School could not be held to-day, owing to the snow, which blew under the roof, thawing and falling in considerable quantity upon the floor of the school. Very small attendance indeed this week.
<i>Monday</i> <i>January 31</i>	The School was closed again to-day, due to the cause mentioned in my last entry.

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>February 1</i>	School re-opened to-day with an attendance of 67.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>February 3</i>	Miss Lamprey took Standard I in reading this morning.
<i>Friday</i> <i>February 4</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school again this morning and took Standard I in reading. The attendance has been very small this week.
<i>Monday</i> <i>February 7</i>	School was not opened this afternoon owing to a violent snowstorm preventing those children who went home to dinner from returning.
<i>Friday</i> <i>February 11</i>	This week I have given the children a test examination, with the following result:— — No examined: 47. — Reading: 45 passes, Writing 33 passes, Arithmetic 37 passes. — Per centage of passes 81.5 — Standard I passed only 68 p.c. — Miss Lamprey came in on Thursday and to-day.

*Tuesday
February 15*

Received intimation from H M I that the school will be examined at 2.15 to-day instead of in the morning, as previously arranged. Registers were marked and closed this morning by 9.30 and the children left at 11.30 in order to have time to go to dinner. Those living at a distance did not bring dinners with them, not expecting to be at school this afternoon.

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- H M Kenney Herbert Esq. H M I examined the school this afternoon.
 - **43** were presented, 5 who were qualified being absent.
 - **35** passed in reading, **27** in writing, and **37** in arithmetic. Per centage of passes **76.7**.
 - The Rev J A Curling and Miss Lamprey were present during a part of the afternoon.

Friday
February 25

Work has been going on briskly during the week and the children have made very satisfactory progress in their new arithmetical rules. The attendance has not been good the average being only 60.8. Sent a list of irregulars to the Attendance Officer.

Monday
February 28

Admitted three new children to the infants' class this morning. Their names are Annie Elliott, Rosa Bryant and George Buckley. The Revd J A Curling came in this afternoon bringing with him Form IX which has been returned from the Ed: Dept to be corrected.

Friday
March 4

The attendance has been small again this week, the average attendance being but 62.8. The names of Rosa Buckley, Elizabeth Buckley, Frank Ware, Albert Ware, and Alfred Ware have been struck off the registers.

Monday
March 7

Admitted four new children this morning, named Florence Hobbs, John Hobbs, George Hobbs and John Price, respectively.

Friday
March 11

Louisa Parrott's name has been struck off the registers. The attendance has been rather better this week. Average 69.4

Friday
March 18

Very small numbers again this week although several children have been admitted. The Attendance Officer visited the school yesterday. This week, by the kindness of Miss Lamprey, the children who passed in all subjects at the last examination, had Certificates given to them.

— The Rev J A Curling came in this afternoon, bringing with him H M Inspector's Report, a copy of which will be found on the next page.

	— Copy of Inspector's Report
<i>Claim on Average Attendance</i>	
	1. General 4/- — 71 2. Music 1/- — 71 3. O & D 1/- — 71 — Number for payment at 6/- — 71
<i>Infants Presented being</i>	
	— Qualified for presentation: 22 — Number for payment at 8/- — 22
<i>Examination in Standards</i>	
	— Presented (being qualified): 43 — Passes in Reading: 35 — Passes in Writing: 27 — Passes in Arithmetic: 37
<i>Total</i>	99
	— Passes Article 19 B 3: 6 — Number for payment at 3/- — 93
<i>Grant Claimable</i>	
	— On Average Attendance: £21. 6. 0 — On Infants presented: 8. 16. 0 — On examination in Standards: 13. 19. 0 — Gross Total of Claim: £44. 1. 0 — Over

— **Summary of Report.**

— *"Very useful work is still being done in the upper school here. Many of the fourth (?) Standard failed in Reading through being required to read from a book beyond their capacities.*

— *The Handwriting throughout the School and the Arithmetic are very good. Spelling is weak and the Reading is unintelligent. I must draw the attention of the Managers to Article 28, 'Reading', and footnote. It is time that some steps were taken towards providing satisfactory Teaching power for the Infants. Mary Haynes has for some time been engaged here, and has done her best; but she is not successful with her little charges, who consequently become a drag upon the upper school; coming up as they do very ill-prepared for the first Standard."*

— My Lords will expect a much more favourable Report on the instruction of the Infants next year, as a condition of

	— of their being paid for under Article 19 (B) 1 (b). — An Assistant Teacher (Article 79) should be engaged at once, or one Pupil Teacher transferred from some other School. — Their Lordships cannot recognise Mrs. Haynes' services any longer under Article 32 (c) 3. — Signatures: — George Edward Smith — <i>Certificated Teacher of the 2nd Class</i> — Mary Haynes Assistant (Art: 32 (c) 3) — J. A. Curling — <i>(Correspondent)</i>
Monday March 21	Esther Brill, Annie Brill and Harriet Shrimpton returned to school to-day after an absence of several months.
Tuesday March 22	Wintry weather has kept several of the children away to-day.

<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 23</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>March 24</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan, the School Attendance Officer came in this morning.
	— There will be no school to-morrow nor on Monday, the master having obtained leave of absence for those days. The attendance has improved considerably this week, the average being 71.3
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 29</i>	Re-opened school this morning with an attendance of 68.
	— Took the upper Standards in Arithmetic both this morning and afternoon, and find that they have made fair progress since the examination.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 30</i>	Visited in the afternoon by Miss Lamprey, Miss Wilson and the Rev J A Curling.

<i>Monday</i> <i>April 4</i>	The Revd J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday April</i> <i>8</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week and ordinary progress has been made. Standard I is very backward and shows as yet very little sign of improving.
<i>Monday</i> <i>April 11</i>	New Readers, Nelson's Royal, and sequels, for use of school, arrived to-day.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>April 14</i>	Mr Ernest Bryan, the School Attendance Officer, visited here this morning.
	— The School broke up this afternoon for the Easter Holidays which will last until the 25th inst:.
<i>Monday</i> <i>April 25</i>	Re-opened School after Easter Holidays, with a very fair attendance.
	— Gave Standard IV a first lesson in compound long division, with satisfactory result.

<i>Friday April</i> 29	Ordinary progress has been made during the week. The attendance has been fair. The average is 70.4.
<i>Monday May</i> 2	A holiday was given to-day as a great number of the girls applied for leave to go "Maying".
<i>Thursday</i> <i>May 5</i>	Several infants came very late this afternoon and notice was sent to their parents to the effect that the children would be sent back if they came too late to be marked.
<i>Friday May</i> 6	The attendance has varied greatly this week. On Tuesday morning 76 were present; this afternoon 61 only were marked. The number present at all this week is 80, and the average attendance is 69.6. Number on registers is 92

<i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 11</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>May 12</i>	The Rev J A Curling called in this morning during Scripture Lesson, but made a short stay.
<i>Friday May</i> <i>13</i>	The children in the upper Standards are making very considerable progress in their work, but the lower Standards are not nearly so forward as they should be. The attendance has improved greatly this week giving an average of 78.9
<i>Tuesday May</i> <i>17</i>	Very good numbers indeed to-day. 86 present this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 18</i>	Only 69 present this morning, it being very wet weather.
<i>Friday May</i> <i>20</i>	Mary Haynes' last day as Assistant (Art 32(c) 3) in this school.

Monday May
23

Mary F Williams of Amersham commenced work here as temporary monitor in place of Mary Haynes. The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning.

Friday May
27

— Notice given that the Diocesan Inspector will examine this School in Religious Knowledge on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June next. The Notice has been affixed both in the Schoolroom and the class-room.

Average for the week is 81.2. The elder children have not attended quite so well as they did last week. The high average is owing to the regularity of the infants.

— Mary Williams absent to-day; one of the pupil teachers of the Amersham Girls School did duty for her.

— The Rev J A Curling came in in the afternoon.

<i>Monday May 30</i>	Notice was given (and affixed) that the Inspection in religious knowledge will take place on the 16th day of June and not on the 14th as announced on Monday last.
<i>Tuesday May 31</i>	The Dissenting Sunday School treat taking place this afternoon, the usual half holiday was given.
<i>Friday June 3</i>	Broke up in the afternoon for Whitsuntide Holidays, which will last until the 14th inst.
<i>Tuesday June 14</i>	Reopened School after holidays with an attendance of 80
<i>Thursday June 16</i>	The Diocesan Inspector in Religious Knowledge did not come according to arrangement. The registers were not marked in the morning, but the usual lessons were taken in the afternoon and registers marked at 1.30, School closing at 3.30

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<i>Friday June 17</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning, as did also Mr Ernest Bryan the School Attendance Officer. The attendance has not been very good this week, the average being but 75½.
<i>Tuesday June 21</i>	The children were examined in Religious Knowledge this morning by the Rev H Hall Diocesan Inspector. A Holiday was given in the afternoon.
<i>Friday June 24</i>	Work as usual during the week. Average attendance 82.
<i>Friday July 1</i>	The attendance has not been good this week, the average being only 77 or 5 less than last week's average.
<i>Monday July 4</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning.

<i>Wednesday July 6th</i>	A very violent thunderstorm prevented the children from attending this morning. School as usual in the afternoon.
<i>Friday July 8</i>	The attendance has varied this week from 82 on Monday morning to 69 this afternoon. The average attendance (74) is smaller than it has been for some weeks.
<i>Monday July 11</i>	— The hayharvest is keeping many of the children away; although no exemption has been granted by the School Attendance Committee. A list of Irregulars was sent to-day to the School Attendance Officer.
<i>Wednesday July 13</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning and brought with him Leasham Arithmetical Cards for use in the Upper school and Farnsworths Domino Cards for the use of the infants.
<i>Friday July 15</i>	The attendance has been smaller still this week. Average 68.8

Monday July 18	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon
Tuesday July 19	Mary Williams the monitress absent to-day through illness. The Rev J A Curling came in for a short time this morning.
Friday July 22	The attendance has again been small and irregular this week and the children have shown a tendency to be unpunctual also. Several, having been warned, have been caned for coming late
Monday July 25	The Revd J A Curling came in this morning and brought with him the Diocesan Inspector report which states as follows:— — Coleshill School (Amersham) — Inspected June 21st 1881 — <i>The omission of private prayers and Prayer Book from the course of Religious Instruction is to be regretted, the former is considered by the Diocesan Board essential to satisfactory Religious Knowledge.</i>

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— *In many of their answers the children showed that they retained the sound but not the sense of the words taught them. The singing throughout the school is unusually good in time, tune, and expression*

— *The following did best in their respective Standards:*

<i>Infants</i>	Janet Bryant, Alice Penn, Lizzie Bryant
<i>Standard I</i>	Elizabeth Norris (very good), Lily Wingrove, Percy Stacey, Kate Shrimpton.
<i>Standard II</i>	Minnie Bowler, Florence Bilby (fair), Alfred Wingrove, William Haynes, John Wright, George Slade.
<i>Standard III</i>	William F Moore (very good), Alice Shrimpton, George Black, Harry Redding, Mary Bowler.
<i>Standard IV</i>	Emma Wingrove (very good), Ada Shrimpton, Ellen Lane, Walter Wingrove.
<i>Standard V</i>	Harry Payne
<i>Signature</i>	S. Howard Hall — <i>Assistant Diocesan Inspector.</i>

<i>Monday August 1</i>	To-day being Bank Holiday, the registers were marked and closed at 9.30 a.m. and school closed for the day at 11.30 a.m.
<i>Thursday August 4</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
	— To day, the children have had a test examination in Arithmetic. They did fairly well but not nearly so creditably as they ought to have done. Standard III did particularly bad for them, only three passing out of seven. The children are certainly more backward in their attainments than they were at this time last year.
<i>Friday August 5</i>	Visited this afternoon by the Rev J A Curling. The corn harvest having now thoroughly set in the school broke up this afternoon for the usual vacation. School duties will be resumed on Monday September 5th.

Monday September 12	Rain having greatly delayed the ingathering of the corn, the holidays have been extended one week. School re-opened this morning with an attendance of 64.
Wednesday September 14	— The Rev J A Curling came in just as the children were being dismissed at 12 noon, and made a few remarks with reference to the School Treat, which as at present proposed will be held at Amersham on Friday next. Commenced teaching subtraction to Standard I, although the children in that Standard have not all mastered addition. — Standards 3 and 4 have begun to work problems, using Leasham's Arithmetical Test Cards. — The attendance which yesterday rose to 72, has again decreased, and this afternoon only 66 are present of which exactly half are infants.

<i>Friday September 16</i>	As the School Treat is given this afternoon, registers were marked and closed at 9.30 this morning, and school closed for the day at 11.30. Only 63 present. Average for the week 66.
<i>Monday September 19</i>	To-day being Amersham Fair Day the usual half holiday was given in the afternoon.
<i>Thursday September 22</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday September 23</i>	The attendance this week has been very much better indeed although there is still a considerable number who have not put in an appearance since the holidays. Average for the week 74.
	— Have found it necessary to resort to corporal punishment on account of extreme carelessness in working sums in the 2nd and higher Standards. Arithmetic in Stand: I improves.

<i>Tuesday September 27</i>	This afternoon the registers were marked at 1.30 and school closed at 3.30, to enable the children that attend the dissenting Sunday School, to go to a treat given at the Meeting House this afternoon at 4.30.
<i>Friday September 30</i>	— The attendance has been very good to-day 86 being present in the morning and 81 in the afternoon. The average this week is 80.7, and should have been larger only as is usual on Friday afternoons a great number of children are absent. — Work has been going on as usual during the week, and some improvement has been made although several children are very careless still in their work. Their conduct is not improved by the knowledge of their parents' inclination to resent, in case of their receiving punishment. Frederick Lane and his sister Minnie have been very troublesome this week in this respect.

<i>Friday</i> <i>October 7</i>	The attendance has been very good again this week although three children who attended last week have left through removal. Average 81
<i>Monday</i> <i>October 10</i>	Only 70 marked present this afternoon. A number of the children arrived too late to be marked, having been running after the hounds who are hunting in the neighbourhood.
<i>Friday</i> <i>October 14</i>	Very heavy rain and high winds has prevented a number of children from attending this morning. Only 58 present.
<i>Monday</i> <i>October 17</i>	The Rev J A Curling came into school this afternoon by did not stay. Attendances very small to-day.
<i>Tuesday</i> <i>October 18</i>	Mary Williams the Monitress absent to-day through sickness. Mr E Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.

<i>Thursday</i> <i>October 20</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and heard Standard I read.
<i>Friday</i> <i>October 21</i>	Mary Williams resumed her duties this morning, having been absent since last Monday. Emily Penn has had charge of the infants.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 26</i>	— Miss Lamprey again took Standard I in reading at the same time as yesterday. — The attendance appears to be on the decrease, the average this week is only 72.7 or nearly 10 less than it was a fortnight ago. The children did not go home to dinner to-day. Registers were marked and closed for afternoon school at 12.10 p.m. and school closed for the day at 2.10 p.m.
<i>Friday</i> <i>October 28</i>	The average has improved slightly, this week, being 5 more than last week.
	— Miss Lamprey took Standard I in Reading on Tuesday, and Thursday mornings.

Wednesday November 2	Registers were marked this afternoon by 12.45 and school closed at 2.45, after which the children went to Amersham by invitation of Mr Cheese and attended an entertainment in the Town Hall.
Friday November 4	To-day, the children have had a test-examination given to them and upon the whole have done very creditably.
	— Results Table:

Standard	Examined	Passes in R	Passes in W	Passes in A	Total	Passes Per Cent
2	7	6	7	5	18	85.7
1	16	11	4	6	21	43.7
3	9	7	5	6	18	66.6
4	3	3	3	3	9	100
5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	1	1	1	0	2	66.6
Total	36	28	20	20	68	63

- Standard I is still very backward indeed, as will be seen from the above.
- Average for the week 73.3. Number present at all 88. Number on books 93.

<i>Monday November 7</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and heard Standard I read.
<i>Wednesday November 9</i>	Mrs Slade refused to let me know the ages of her children, so they were sent back.
<i>Thursday November 10</i>	The Slades were again sent home and I told the eldest to tell his mother that I required their ages for entry in the admission register, and they would not be allowed to come to school until the information was given.
<i>Friday November 11</i>	This week I have been paying particular attention to Standard I and considerable improvement appears to have been made. George Elliott was caned this afternoon for using bad language. This is not the first time that I have had to punish him for that offence.
	— Average for the week 78.1

*Monday
November 14*

Visited this morning by Mr R Williams the newly appointed Attendance Officer. Informed him of the Slades' absence and the reason thereof.

*Friday
November 18*

Examined the children again in Arithmetic this morning. A slight improvement has taken place in Standard I, but upon the whole the results were not so good as they should have been. Several children, whose sums were wrong through carelessness, were caned.

*Monday
November 21*

- Miss Lamprey heard Standard I read on Tuesday, and Thursday.
- The attendance during the week has been tolerably good. Number present at all 85, average attendance 79.8

Mr R C Williams the Attendance Officer, visited the school again this morning.

- He enquired about the Slades' attendance and I told him that they had not been last week.
- The Rev J A Curling came in in the afternoon.

<i>Tuesday November 22</i>	Admitted James Rogers late a scholar in Woodrow School. He was presented to the Inspector at that school in October last but failed to pass the 1st Standard.
<i>Monday November 28</i>	— Florence Hobbs, who has been absent for a very considerable time, returned to school this afternoon. Miss Weller holds herself responsible for the school fees of this girl for six weeks beginning Nov 21st. The Rev J A Curling visited the school shortly after two o'clock this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday November 29</i>	The Rev J A Curling came into school again this afternoon at about 4 o'clock and stayed until the close of school and read prayers.
<i>Wednesday November 30</i>	— Miss Lamprey came in, as usual, this morning and took Standard I in reading. Mr R C Williams, School Attendance Officer, visited this school this afternoon.

*Friday
December 2*

Standard I wrote in copy books for the first time this morning and afterwards were taken in reading and spelling by Miss Lamprey, who visited the school this morning instead of yesterday.

*Monday
December 5*

— Considerable progress has been made in the standard work during the week. The Arithmetic in the first Standard has improved greatly.

The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.

*Friday
December 9*

— Examined the infants this morning; they have improved very much since the present monitress has had the charge of them.

Mr R C Williams the School Attendance Officer, came in this morning and took the names of several irregulars and absentees.

— Miss Lamprey took Standard I in Reading to-day and on Tuesday.

*Tuesday
December 13*

The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon, and Miss Lamprey spent some time in the infants room and assisted in their instruction.

*Monday
December 19*

The Rev J A Curling came into school this afternoon.

*Thursday
December 22*

The Rev J A Curling and the Rev F Weller, Master of the Amersham Grammar School, this morning gave the children a test examination for the purpose of awarding prizes to the most proficient.

- The Rev J A Curling expressed his surprise and pleasure at the great improvement that has taken place in the infants during the past year.
- 79 children were present of whom 42 Standard children were examined.
- School as usual in the afternoon.

<i>Friday December 23</i>	This afternoon prizes were given to those who did best in the examination on Thursday. The Rev J A Curling distributed the prizes and there were also present Miss Lamprey, Miss Blenerhassett and the Misses Townsend.
	— The following are the names of those who obtained a prize for general proficiency:—
<i>Infants</i>	Mary Elliott, Fredk Shrimpton, Alfred Bowler, Alice Penn, Janet Bryant.
<i>Standard I</i>	Kate Shrimpton, William Rogers.
<i>Standard II</i>	Minnie Bowler, John Wright.
<i>Standard III</i>	Alice Shrimpton, Allen Palmer.
<i>Standard IV</i>	Ada Shrimpton, Emily Penn.
	— The school afterwards broke up for the Christmas Holidays. — School will re-open on Monday, January 2nd 1882.

<i>Monday January 2</i>	School duties were resumed to day. Number present in the morning 74; in the afternoon 78.
<i>Thursday January 5</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and took Standard I in Reading.
<i>Friday January 6</i>	Very low attendances to day; indeed there has been great irregularity throughout the week, and several children are away through sickness.
<i>Monday January 9</i>	— This afternoon I prepared and sent out absence notices, with a request for greater regularity, to the parents of the absentees. Admitted Albert Saunders residing at Winchmore Hill. Mr Saunders called during the course of the morning, and requested me to inform him if his boy absented himself as he has been in the habit of playing truant. If at any time he kept the boy away, he promised to let me know.

<i>Wednesday January 11</i>	Mr R Williams, the School Attendance Officer, visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Monday January 16</i>	— Mr F Bryan also called in and paid £1.1.7 the School fees of the children paid for by the Guardians. Admitted Sarah Lunnon aged 5, daughter of Edward Lunnon. The children of James Slade have left through removal. Their names have been taken off the register.
<i>Friday January 20</i>	Mary Williams the monitress, absent to-day with leave.
<i>Tuesday January 24</i>	— The attendance has been better this week than it has been for some months. — Average for the week 77.3 Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and heard the 1st Standard read. — The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.

Friday
January 27

The attendance has been good again this week; the average attendance is 73.2.

— During the corresponding week of the quarter last year the average, owing to the severity of the weather, was only 50.

— This morning I gave the Standard children a test examination, using as a test the arithmetic and dictation exercises in the January part of "The Practical Teacher". Although upon the whole the results were very fair, they were not so good as they should have been, owing to gross carelessness on the part of some of the most forward children. The number examined was 43 and there were 36 passes in reading; 32 in writing and 32 in arithmetic. Percentage of passes 78.

Tuesday
January 31

Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and took the 1st Standard in Reading.

— Mr Williams the School Attendance Officer called in this morning.

<i>Thursday February 2</i>	Miss Lamprey heard Standard I read this morning as usual.
<i>Friday February 3</i>	This morning I tested the Standard children in their work again, with very satisfactory results. Per centage of passes 88.6.
<i>Monday February 20</i>	— 42 passes in Reading; 34 in writing and 37 in Arithmetic. The school has been closed since the date of the last entry in this book, owing to the illness of Mr Smith of the Schoolhouse.
<i>Friday February 24</i>	— H. M. I., in consequence has postponed the annual examination until Wednesday March 1st. — Number present this morning 81. — Frank Ware, Albert Ware and Alfred Ware, who have been absent for several months were re-admitted to-day. School has been very well attended this week. Average attendance 79.3

Monday
February 27

This afternoon the children have had a test examination, and did their work very creditably. Standard III in reading were careless and so several of them were reckoned as failures although some of them can read very well. The following table shows the results:

— Test Examination — February 27th

Standard	No Examined	Passes in R	Passes in W	Passes in A	Total passes in each Standard	Passes percent in each Standard
1	15	15	13	11	39	86.6
2	9	6	9	9	24	88.8
3	9	3	7	7	17	63
4	9	9	7	7	23	85
5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	1	1	1	0	2	66.6
Totals	43	34	37	34	105	—
Passes per cent	—	79	86	79	—	81.3

Tuesday
February 28

Visited this morning by the School Attendance Officer, and by the Rev J A Curling in the afternoon.

Wednesday
March 1

The school was examined today, by Mr Martin Assistant to H M Inspector Herbert.

- Number present 91.
- The following are the results of the Examination:
- **Annual Examination**

Standard	Number examined	Passes in R	Passes in W	Passes in A	Total passes in each Standard	Passes percent in each Standard
1	15	12	14	14	40	88.8
2	9	9	9	9	27	100
3	9	7	6	8	21	77.7
4	9	8	5	8	21	77.7
5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	1	1	1	0	2	66.6
Totals	43	37	35	39	111	86
Passes Per Cent	—	86	81.3	90.7	86	—

- The Rev J A Curling and Miss Lamprey were present during the examination.

Friday
March 3

Miss Lamprey and Miss Blennerhassett visited the school this morning at 12 o'clock, and presented every child who passed in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic on Wednesday, last, with a Certificate and a shilling. In addition Ada Shrimpton received a workbox as a prize for needlework.

Monday
March 6

— The attendance has been very good indeed this week giving an average of 84.3

The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.

Friday
March 10

Work has been going on as usual this week and some progress has been made by the children in their new work.

— Several who will be presented in Standard I next year have not passed from the infants' class as they are very backward indeed; the majority, however, are well up in their work.

— The attendance has not been good, the average being 14 less than that of last week.

*Monday
March 13*

Mary Elliot was sent home this morning, her head being in a very filthy state.

*Friday
March 17*

— The Rev J A Curling came into school at 12 o'clock.

The attendance has fallen very much indeed. The average shows a decrease of 9 on that of last week and 23 on that of the week ending March 3rd.

— Work has been going on as usual during the week and the children get on with the new work very fairly.

— Mary F Williams was absent to-day through sickness.

— The Rev J A Curling visited the schools this afternoon.

— In the singing lesson the children commenced learning a new song called "Come gentle Spring".

Monday
March 20

— **Copy of Inspector's Report**

— **Claim on Average Attendance**

1. General 4/- : 44

2. Music 1/- : "

3. B and D 1/- : "

— *No. for payment at 6/-* : **44**

— **Infants**

— Qualified for Presentation : 22

— Presented : 20

— *No. for Payment at 8/-* : —

— **Examination in Standards**

— Presented for examination : 43

— Passes in Reading : 37

— Passes in Writing : 35

— Passes in Arithmetic : 39

— *Total* : **111**

— Passes Article 19 B 3 : 4

— *No. for payment at 3/-* : **107**

— **Grant Claimable**

— On Average Attendance : £13 . 4 . 0

— On Infants presented : — . — . —

— On examination in Standards : 16 . 1 . 0

— **Gross Total of Claim : £29 . 5 . 0**

(over)

— **Summary of Report**

— *"The results of the examination are very satisfactory. The order is good and the work very creditable. The Infants are doing well under Mary Williams"*

— *My Lords cannot allow any grant on account of the Infants since they are taught in a room removed from the supervision of the Principal Teacher and he does not give any time regularly to their instruction.*

— *With reference to the application on behalf of M F Williams, a single Stipendiary Monitor has no status recognisable under Article 32 (c).*

— **Signatures:**

— George Edward Smith — *Certificated Teacher of the Second Class*

— Mary Foxwell Williams — *Stipendiary Monitor*

— J. A. Curling — *Correspondent*

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 21</i>	Miss Lamprey took Standard I in Reading this morning.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 24</i>	— The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon. Ralph Jackson Esq. visited the school this morning.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>March 29</i>	— The attendance this week has been about the same as last week's. Average 62.2. Mr Frank Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday</i> <i>March 31</i>	The attendance has been bad again this week. A number of children who ought to be at school have been away all the week, and a great many of those who have been in attendance have been very irregular. — No on the registers = 92 — No present at all = 75 — Average attendance = 64

Monday April 3	This morning Henry, Lawrence and William Slade were admitted into the infants class.
	— The names of most of the children who passed the fourth standard at the examination, have been struck off the register as left. — The attendance to day has been better than it has been for some time. — No present: morning 69; afternoon 72.
Wednesday April 5	Mr Frank Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
	— The Second and Third Standards made considerable progress in their arithmetic in to-day's lessons. — The former are now multiplying by three figures, and the latter are well into compound addition and subtraction having mastered long division. — The other Standards are also making very fair progress.

Thursday April 6	This morning the Standard children were tested in Arithmetic as under:
Standard I	Simple Addition
Standard II	Simple Multiplication
Standard III	Long division and Compound Subtraction
Standard IV	Compound Multiplication
Standard V	Practice
	— The results upon the whole were very satisfactory: 23 passing out of 36. — The Third Standard did particularly well. — Standard II did not do so well as they might have done, several in that Standard being very careless. — Standards I, IV and V did fairly. — The attendance has improved this week the average attendance being a little over 70. — In the afternoon the school broke up for the Easter Holidays which this year will only consist of Good Friday and Easter Monday; school re-opening on the 11th inst.

<i>Tuesday April 11</i>	Reopened School this morning with an attendance of 67
<i>Friday April 14</i>	The attendance this week has been pretty fair giving an average of 70. — The children are now required to bring notes of excuse from their parents after being absent. — George Payne returned to school this week, having been absent since March 3rd. He is 12 years of age and has never qualified by attendance for presentation to H M Inspector. His sister Louisa Payne left a year ago being 13 years of age and she also never in any year made 250 attendances.
<i>Monday April 17</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school for a few minutes this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday April 18</i>	Miss Lamprey came in this morning and took the Standard I writing and reading lessons. — Mary F Williams absent to-day owing to sickness.

*Friday April
21*

Albert Saunders was punished this morning for playing truant yesterday afternoon. In addition to being caned he was kept in school during the whole of the mid-day recess.

*Monday
April 24*

— This week's attendance has been rather better than that of last week. The average is 72.

The Rev J A Curling visited the school during the scripture lesson this morning but did not stay many minutes.

*Friday April
28*

— Arthur George Aldridge was admitted into the infants class to-day.

The attendance has been about the same as last week's.

— Wet weather has interfered a little with the regularity of the children.

— This afternoon a list of irregulars and absentees was sent to the Attendance Officer.

— Mary F Williams' last day as Monitor.

Monday May 1	Several of the girls have been absent to-day "Maying" and the attendance has been low in consequence.
	— Jane Elizabeth Tarbuck Pupil Teacher of the Fourth Year, transferred from the Girls' National School Amersham, commenced duties here this morning, in place of the last monitor.
Tuesday May 2	Mrs R Howey, Miss Dickson Miss Lamprey and the Misses Upfill visited the school this afternoon; and at their desire the children stopped work shortly before the proper time for doing so, and sang a few songs before going home.
	— Mrs Howey very kindly promised to give the children a treat in the summer.
	— Miss Lamprey also visited the school this morning and heard Standard I read.

<i>Tuesday May</i> 9	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday May</i> 12	Mr Frank Bryan visited the school this morning, on behalf of the School Attendance Committee.
	— Work has been going on as usual during the week and ordinary progress made. — The attendance has been very fair.
<i>Monday May</i> 15	The Revd J A Curling came in this morning shortly before dismissal.
	— Mary Ann Lunnon returned to school this afternoon after an absence of some weeks. — The children in Standard II have commenced working at simple division, and those in Standard I at subtraction. — Most of the children in Standard III have mastered their rules and are working mechanical exercises in them. — Standard IV are doing Compound Multiplication and Division and Standard V Practice and Proportion.

<i>Tuesday May 16</i>	Mary J Elliot, the girl who was sent home on the 13th of March last, returned to school this morning.
<i>Wednesday May 17</i>	Gave the Second Standard another lesson in short division this morning, and then took Standard I in subtraction.
	— Heard the first class read this afternoon and was very far from being satisfied with them. Arithmetic has received the larger amount of attention and consequently the reading throughout the school has suffered more or less of late.
<i>Friday May 19</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and as usual heard the 1st Standard read.
	— In this afternoon's singing lesson the children commenced to learn a new song, called "The Council of the Mice", and made fair progress with it.

Monday May
22

This morning the registers were marked and closed by half past nine o'clock and the children were dismissed at half past eleven o'clock.

— There was a holiday in the afternoon on account of the meeting house Sunday School Treat taking place.

— Mr Frank Bryan, the School Attendance Officer visited the school, shortly after nine o'clock, for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of the irregular attendance of Albert Sane.

Friday May
26

The attendance this week, owing to wet weather, has been bad and the average is only 65.

— A list of Absentees and Irregulars for the month was today sent to the School Attendance Officer.

— Broke up this morning at 12 o'clock for the holidays.

— *Whitsuntide Holidays.*

<i>Monday June 5</i>	Re-commenced School duties after Whitsun Holidays this morning with an attendance of 76.
<i>Friday June 9</i>	— Two children, Albert Geo Allnutt and Elizabeth Haynes were admitted to-day into the infants class. — Gave Standard III a first lesson on reduction of money. Work has been going on briskly during the week and progress appears to have been made in the arithmetic of Standards I and III.
<i>Tuesday June 13</i>	— The average attendance for the week is 73. Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and took the Standard I reading lesson.
<i>Friday June 23</i>	The attendance has been smaller this week than last owing doubtless to one or two days being very wet. — Several children are away haymaking. — Mary Bowler returned to school this week having been absent since the last inspection.

<i>Friday June 30</i>	The attendance this week is smaller than it was last week.
	— Standard III have commenced working problems and some of the children in that Standard show considerable intelligence in the working thereof.
<i>Monday July 3</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning, and Mr F Bryan School Attendance Officer visited in the afternoon.
<i>Friday July 7</i>	Commenced "Reduction of Weights and Measures" with Standard IV this week.
	— Average attendance for the week 71.6 — Number present at all: 82 — Number on registers: 90
<i>Wednesday July 12</i>	This afternoon registers were marked and closed by 1.10 p.m. and lessons for the day ended at 3.10 p.m.
	— Harry Shrimpton has been very troublesome to-day, evidently the result of home influence.

<i>Friday July 14</i>	No school was held to-day on account of the absence of the master.
<i>Wednesday July 26</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday July 28</i>	There was no school held this afternoon in consequence of the School Treat taking place.
<i>Thursday August 3</i>	— Registers in the morning were marked and closed by 9.15 and the children left school at 11.15. The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning for a short time.
<i>Friday August 4</i>	A holiday was given to-day in consequence of the Choir Excursion to Windsor taking place.
<i>Friday August 11</i>	The School broke up this afternoon for the <i>Harvest Holidays</i> .
	— Lessons will be resumed on the 18th prox.

<i>Monday September 18</i>	Re-opened school after Harvest Holidays with 66 in attendance.
<i>Tuesday September 19</i>	The usual holiday given on the occasion of Amersham Fair was not given this afternoon as the school has just been closed for 5 weeks, and work was only resumed yesterday.
<i>Friday September 22</i>	The average for the week is 68. Several children have not attended since the holidays and messages were sent to the parents of these this afternoon.
	— Work has been going on briskly during the week and some progress has been made.
<i>Monday September 25</i>	Mr F Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the School this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday September 27</i>	This afternoon the Rev J A Curling visited the school.

<i>Friday September 29</i>	The attendance has been much better this week, although there are still several children absent.
<i>Monday October 2</i>	— Since the holidays the upper Standards have done their work on paper. Mr Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday October 3</i>	This afternoon the following notice was given and affixed in the Schoolrooms viz-
<i>Friday October 6</i>	— <i>That this School will be Inspected by the Diocesan Inspector in the afternoon of Thursday the 26th day of October next.</i> The attendance has increased this week, and gives an average of 81.
	— The Fourth Standard are making progress with their Arithmetic as is also the Second Standard. The backward subjects are still Reading and Spelling.

Monday
October 9

The time of afternoon school has been altered from 2 to 1.15. Registers will in future be marked and closed by 1.30.

Friday
October 13

— This alteration has been made to enable the girls to have better light during their needle-work lesson.

The attendance has been smaller this week than it was last week. The names of Jane Payne, Frank Payne and Herbert Payne have been struck off the registers, they having removed from the place.

Monday
October 16

— The new arrangement with regard to the time of commencing afternoon school suits very well, no one having arrived at school too late to be marked present any afternoon this week.

Very wet day and low attendances in consequence.

— J E Tarbuck absent to-day with a sore throat.

<i>Thursday October 19</i>	J E Tarbuck returned to school this morning having been absent with leave since last Friday.
<i>Friday October 20</i>	The attendance has been considerably lower this week.
	— Mr F Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday October 24</i>	Only 43 present at school this morning and afternoon, owing to very stormy weather. Yesterday the attendances were 83 and 84.
<i>Thursday October 26</i>	The school was examined this afternoon in Religious Knowledge by The Revd E Barber, Diocesan Inspector of Schools.
	— George Bryan Black was awarded a prize. — The Rev J A Curling was present during the examination.
<i>Friday October 27</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon and presented the Scripture Prize awarded to G B Black by The Oxford Diocesan Bd of Ed.

Monday
October 30

The Revd J A Curling came in this morning and brought with him the Diocesan Inspector's Report which states as follows:—

- *"In the Infants Department the answering of the elder children was good, and repetition of Prayers and Hymns was satisfactory."*
- *"In the Standards the lower Division answered very fairly, as did also the upper one."*
- *"Writing was good, but the written work needs practice to bring it up to the mark."*
- *Commended: George Black (Prize), Arthur Grace, Allen Palmer, Alice Shrimpton, Henry Bryant.*
- *(Signed) Edward Barber — General Inspector of Schools for the Diocese of Oxford.*
- The Revd J A Curling informed the children that at Christmas, ~~that~~ prizes would be given to those who did best in a test examination. Two prizes in each Standard would be given and the children mentioned in the Scripture Report would also receive rewards.

Friday
November 3

The attendance has been very good this week and gives an average of 80.

- Three children named Pickett and aged 12, 9 and 6 respectively were admitted on Monday. They know next to nothing, and have never been examined.
- One boy, G B Black, has left during the week.

Tuesday
November 7

The School Attendance Officer visited this school this morning.

Friday
November 10

The children who will be presented to H M I at the next examination were tested in their work this morning but did not do very satisfactorily. The 3rd Standard especially were very careless. In this standard only three passed. Those who did badly, having been punished, afterwards did the sums as well as the rest.

- The attendance keeps up fairly, the average for the week is 79.4

<i>Monday November 13</i>	Arthur Hawkes and Elizabeth Norris returned to school this morning after an absence of several months.
<i>Friday November 17</i>	— Miss Wilson accompanied by Miss Lamprey visited the school this afternoon. Standards 1 & 2 showed improvement in the test examination given this morning. The children in Standard 3 again did their work carelessly and were punished.
<i>Tuesday November 21</i>	— The average attendance is not so high this week as bad weather yesterday caused very small attendances. The Revd J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday November 22</i>	Mr F Bryan the school attendance officer visited the school this morning at about 10.15.

<i>Friday November 24</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday November 28</i>	— There was very little improvement shown in the result of the test examination in Arithmetic given this morning. Three children of the name of Pearce were admitted to-day. They have been living in the place some time now, but have not been attending any school.
<i>Friday December 1</i>	In the arithmetic test examination this morning the children passed at the rate of 88 %. Reading is much better and more care is taken with the spelling.
<i>Friday December 8</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week.
	— Small attendances to day owing to a very heavy fall of snow. — Notice was given that, in consequence of the illness of Rev J A Curling, the distribution of the Christmas prizes would be postponed.

<i>Friday December 15</i>	A test examination was given this morning to the children who are to be presented to H M I. The number examined was 41. There were 38 passes in Reading; 34 in Writing and 37 in Arithmetic. Per centage of passes 88.6.
<i>Wednesday December 20</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning.
<i>Friday December 22</i>	The school broke up this morning for the holidays which will consist of this afternoon and Christmas Day.
<i>Tuesday December 26</i>	The School re-opened this morning with a fair attendance.
<i>Thursday December 28</i>	The school was closed to-day by medical advice, owing to the illness of Mrs Smith.
	— There will be no school until Monday next.

<i>Monday January 1</i>	The school was reopened this morning and work resumed. Number present 73.
<i>Friday January 5</i>	Average for the week is 79.
<i>Monday January 8</i>	— Many examination children were absent this morning so the usual test examination was not given. A holiday will be given this afternoon, tomorrow, and Wednesday morning, in consequence of an entertainment being held in the schoolroom on this evening and tomorrow evening.
<i>Friday January 12</i>	In the test examination given to-day the children did about as well as they did before Christmas as regards percentage. The exercises were however rather more difficult.
	— The attendance has not been very good during the week.

<i>Monday January 15</i>	Mr Frank Bryan the School Attendance Officer, visited the school this morning.
<i>Wednesday January 17</i>	A competitive examination for prizes, open to the children who have qualified for presentation to H M I at his next visit, was held to-day. The examiner was Mr George W Hinds Head Master of the Amersham Boys' National School.
<i>Friday January 19</i>	Henry Bryan, W Haynes, Minnie Lane, Florence Harris and Jane Harris all in the 3rd Standard received corporal punishment this afternoon for inattention.
	— In consequence of the examination on Wednesday last the usual weekly test was not given to-day.
<i>Tuesday January 23</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon, and gave notice that the Prize Distribution would take place on Friday next at 3.30 p.m. The annual visit of H M I is fixed for the 7th prox.

Thursday January 25	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
Friday January 26	— Alfred Wingrove received a severe thrashing this morning for using indecent language. This afternoon after lessons were finished the Rev J A Curling distributed prizes to the children who did best in the examination given on 17th inst, and also to the children who were commended by the Diocesan Inspector, in October last, for Religious Knowledge.
For Religious Knowledge	— The following are the names of the prize winners: Alice Shrimpton, Allen Palmer, Arthur Grace, Henry Bryant.
Infants	— For General Proficiency (<i>Maximum marks=90</i>): E F Shrimpton, Florence Muckley, Archd Bowler, Kate Aldridge, Kate Penn, William Wright.
Standard I	Alfred Bowler 90, Alice Penn 88.
Standard II	W Rogers 78, Kate Shrimpton 76, Eliz. Norris 76.
Standard III	Florence Harris 80, Minnie Bowler 80, Jno Wright 79.
Stand. IV & V	Alice Shrimpton 88, Mary A Bowler 74.
	— Sunday Scholars also received prizes at the same time.

<i>Wednesday January 31</i>	Mr F Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited this school this morning.
<i>Thursday February 1</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon and brought with him Form IX and the examination schedules.
<i>Tuesday February 6</i>	Examined the children to-day. 43 were examined and the results were as follows:—
	— Passes in Reading: 37 — Passes in Writing: 36 — Passes in Arithmetic: 39 — Per centage of Passes: 86.8
<i>Wednesday February 7</i>	The School was inspected this day by Mr Martin, Assistant to E M Kenney Herbert Esq H M I. There were 84 present of whom 43 were examined in Standard work.
	— The results were as follows:— — Passes in Reading: 40 — Passes in Writing: 33 — Passes in Arithmetic: 40 — Per centage of Passes: 87.5

<i>Thursday</i> <i>February 8</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 14</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon and, subsequently, notice was given that in future the School Fee would be 3d instead of 2d and that those who attended all the times the school is opened would have 1d per week returned. This does not apply to children who are under 5, or who have passed Standard 4.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>February 15</i>	Mr F Bryan the School Attendance Officer paid a visit to the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday</i> <i>February 16</i>	Work has been going on very briskly during the week, and the children have made some progress in their Arithmetical work. The attendance has fallen off slightly. Many of the younger children are absent through illness.

Monday February 19	Several children came this morning with only twopence for school money and were in consequence sent back for the other penny. The parents of the children who attend irregularly are much opposed to the increased fee.
Tuesday February 20	New Geographical and Historical Readers for Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, exercise books, copy books and other things required for use in school arrived to-day.
Friday February 23	The attendance shows a slight improvement on last week.
	— Of the number present at all, seven have absented themselves at some time or other during the week and accordingly have not had part of their school fee refunded. — In the singing lesson of this afternoon the children commenced to learn a new song called "Going a Black-berrying".

Monday
February 26

The 4th Standard, this afternoon received a first lesson upon the method of working ascending reduction sums.

Tuesday
February 27

I gave Standards II and upwards a lesson upon the Verb this morning.

- Some of the elder children are making very fair progress in "English" and can recognize Nouns Adjectives Pronouns and Verbs.
- The Poetry chosen for repetition for the upper Standards is Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon".
- Standard II commenced multiplication by two figures this afternoon.
- The names of Emma Wingrove and Mary Ann Bowler have been taken off off the register as left.

Thursday
March 1

A slight alteration has been made in the Time Table. In future the 1st Class will read before dictation on Tuesday & Thursday and the 3rd Class on the same days will take Writing for the first lesson. Writing takes place of Geography, on Friday.

Friday
March 2

The attendance again shows a slight improvement. Harry Shrimpton, Susie Shrimpton, Albert Pearce, and Florence Harris have been absent some part of the week on account of sickness. A penny of the school fee was returned to them as usual.

— Mr Frank Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.

— In the singing lesson the children commenced to learn a song called "Nutting Song".

Monday
March 5

Elizabeth Haynes of the Infants Class returned to school this morning after an absence of several months.

— Edward Elliott lately a scholar in the Wood Row National School was admitted into this school this morning.

— Elizabeth Norris applied for one week's leave of absence this morning on account of the illness of one of her relatives.

— The Rev J A Curling brought in Her Majesty's Inspector's Report this morning, a copy of which will be found overleaf.

Monday March 5

Copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's Report.

Claim on Average Attendance

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1. General 4/— | 73

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2. Music 1/— | "

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3. O & D 1/— | "

— No for payment at 6/— | 73

Infants

— Presented (being qualified) | 24

— No for payment at 8/— | 24

Examination in Standards

— Presented (being qualified) | 43

— Passes in Reading | 40

— " " Writing | 33

— " " Arithmetic | 40

— Total | 113

— Passes Article 19 B 3 | 1

— No for payment at 3/— | 112

Grant Claimable

— On Average Attendance | £21 . 18 . 0

— On Infants presented | 9 . 12 . 0

— On Examination in Standards | 16 . 16 . 0

— Grant under Art: 19 E for P. T. | 2 . 5 . 0

— **Gross Total of claim | £50 . 11 . 0**

Summary of Report

"The School is being very well taught and disciplined. The style of the work is good, and the Reading is clear. The Infants are well attended to. I shall look for a more striking display of specimens of plain Needlework and Knitting next year."

"J E Tarbuck has passed well. She should be informed that she is now qualified under both Articles 60 and 79."

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George Edward Smith

Certificated Teacher of the Second Class.

Jane Elizabeth Tarbuck

Assistant Teacher (Articles 60 and 79)

J. A. Curling

Correspondent.

<i>Wednesday March 7</i>	Miss Lamprey and Miss Blennerhassett came in at the close of afternoon school and presented every child who passed in Reading Writing and Arithmetic at the examination by H M I, with a Certificate of Merit and the sum of One Shilling.
	— Notice was given afterwards that in order to obtain this prize next year, 400 attendances must be made in addition to the passes in the elementary subjects.
<i>Monday March 12</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning.
<i>Thursday March 15</i>	Mr F Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday March 16</i>	The attendance has improved this week, and several children have been admitted.
<i>Monday March 19</i>	Four girls lately attending the Wood Row School were admitted to-day.

Thursday March 22	The average attendance for this week is rather higher than that of last week.
	— No on Registers: 106, No Present at all: 86 — Average attendance: 81.8 — The School broke up at 12 o'clock to-day for the holidays. — <i>Easter Holidays.</i>
Monday April 2	The school reopened this morning after the holidays with a very excellent attendance: 90 being present in the forenoon and 92 in the afternoon.
Friday April 6	The attendance during the week has been very good indeed. The Average Attendance (93.7) being the highest this school has ever reached.
	— Commenced teaching Compound Addition to Standard III and Compound Addition Multiplication to Standard IV, this week.

<i>Wednesday April 11</i>	Mr Frank Bryan, School Attendance Officer, visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday April 13</i>	The attendance this week has been better even than it was last week. — Out of 107 on the registers 101 have attended. — The Average attendance for the week is 94. — Work has been going on briskly, and the children are making very fair progress.
<i>Monday April 16</i>	Number present this afternoon 101. Thomas Muckley caned for playing truant.
<i>Wednesday April 18</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Thursday April 19</i>	The attendance which has been remarkably good hitherto this week, is rather low to-day owing to wet weather. — Work as usual. The upper standards appear to improve in spelling; the dictation lesson this morning was done very well.

<i>Friday April 20</i>	Average attendance for the week is 9721. Number on Registers 109- Number present at all 102.
<i>Tuesday April 24</i>	— The attendance this week has been higher than it has ever been before so far as regards this school. The Revd J A Curling visited the school this afternoon, bringing with him the Education Department Form No 31, which informs the Managers that Jane E Tarbuck has been entered in their Lordships' Register as a provisionally certificated teacher in this school.
<i>Monday April 30</i>	By permission of the Rev J A Curling a holiday was given this afternoon and to-morrow morning.
<i>Tuesday May 8</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning, and the Attendance Officer in the afternoon paid a visit also.

<i>Friday May 11</i>	The school broke up this morning at noon for the <i>Whitsuntide Holidays</i> .
	— Average attendance for the week 65.
<i>Monday May 21</i>	Reopened school after holidays with a good number in attendance.
<i>Wednesday May 23</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Thursday May 24</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and took Standard II in Dictation and 1st Division Standard I in Reading.
<i>Friday May 25</i>	Miss Lamprey assisted in the last two lessons of this morning's work.
	— The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
	— Average for the week 6621.

<i>Monday May 28</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday June 1</i>	The attendance has not been so good this week as it was last week. Several children are away through measles.
<i>Monday June 4</i>	— Miss Lamprey took Standard II in Dictation and Standard I in Reading on Tuesday and Thursday. A holiday was given to-day owing to the Church Choir Excursion and the Meetinghouse Sunday School Treat taking place.
<i>Friday June 8</i>	This week's attendance is not quite so good as last week's.
	— Three children were sent home on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday for their school fees, and have not been since. Their names are Harry Shrimpton, Susy Shrimpton, and Mary Ann Lunnon.

<i>Tuesday June 12</i>	Thomas Muckley was brought to school by his mother this morning and received corporal punishment for playing truant.
<i>Friday June 15</i>	The average attendance this week has been 6121 – about the same as last week's.
<i>Monday June 18</i>	— Miss Lamprey assisted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. — Thomas Muckley was caned again to-day for being absent yesterday afternoon. This boy is the only truant in the school. Mr F Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning.
<i>Thursday June 21</i>	Ernest Slade, Fred Shrimpton and Arthur Harris all First Standard boys were caned to-day for great inattention and disobedience.
<i>Friday June 22</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and assisted.
	— Average for the week 61; No Present at all 66.

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>June 26</i>	Eleanor Rogers was caned this afternoon for talking, having previously been warned and punished in two other ways (viz:- by 1. Extra lesson after school hours 2. Holding slates up.) for the same offence. Immediately after returning to her place after the second punishment she commenced talking again. Miss Lamprey as usual this morning.
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 27</i>	George Elliott was thrashed this morning for spitting on the Blackboard while learning spellings.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>June 28</i>	Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and assisted.
<i>Friday June</i> <i>29</i>	— Percy Staley and Eli Harris were caned this afternoon. Miss Lamprey again assisted this morning. — John F Boddy was caned. — The attendance is lower this week than it has been for several months.

<i>Tuesday July 3</i>	Miss Lamprey visited at her usual time.
<i>Thursday July 5</i>	This morning Miss Lamprey again assisted in the work of the school.
<i>Friday July 6</i>	William Dover and William Wright were caned this morning, having neglected to stay in yesterday afternoon as they were told to do.
	— Mr F Bryan the Attendance Officer visited the School this morning. — The average attendance for the week is the same as last week's: 13 children on the register have not been present at all.
<i>Monday July 9</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school this morning.
	— Gave Standard II another lesson in simple short division, this afternoon: they do not make such progress as I should like.

*Tuesday July
10*

William Wright was caned this morning for continued misconduct.

*Thursday
July 12*

— Miss Lamprey took Standard II in Dictation and Standard I in Reading this morning.

*Friday July
13*

Money to the amount of Five shillings and Twopence was removed from off the master's desk to-day.

Henry Shrimpton and others who were known to have spent money last evening, were questioned as to where they obtained it. Shrimpton says he found sixpence in the park which he spent.

— But Fred Rogers, Henry Harris, William Rogers, and George Rogers affirm that Shrimpton gave them a penny each; and Geo Palmer says Shrimpton gave him 221 to fetch tobacco and pipes. All this Shrimpton denied, but at the close of afternoon school he acknowledged that he had taken the money, and refunded 3/—.

<i>Monday July</i> <i>16</i>	This morning the Rev J A Curling visited the School, when the two preceding entries in this book were shown to him.
<i>Thursday</i> <i>July 19</i>	— Charles Sawyer aged 6, lately attending Penn Street School was admitted. — Several boys were caned this morning, for writing in their copy books in a very careless manner. They had been warned previously.
<i>Tuesday July</i> <i>24</i>	The Rev J A Curling visited the school and examined the registers this afternoon.
<i>Friday July</i> <i>27</i>	John Dover, Alfred Bowler, William Shrimpton and Eli Harris received corporal punishment this morning for idleness and bad behaviour.
	The attendance this week has been about the same as last week.
	— Several are away at work.

Friday
August 3

The children in the first and second classes who have made few mistakes in dictation during the past month, received pencils and small books this morning by way of reward.

Monday
August 6

— The attendance still decreases; the corn harvest has commenced and several children are absent from school and working in the fields. The Average attendance for the week is 5221.

— Edith Pearce was caned this afternoon for impudent conduct.

This being Bank Holiday, registers were marked and closed this morning at 9.30 and school closed for the day at 11.30.

Thursday
August 9

The School broke up this afternoon for the *Harvest Holidays*.

<i>Monday September 10</i>	Reopened school this morning with an attendance of 49. Same number present in the afternoon.
	— Exercise Books, Arithmetical cards (Midland) &c, for use of school arrived. — Christopher Slade and Elizabeth L Saunders were admitted this morning.
<i>Friday September 14</i>	The average attendance for the week is 50.6. There are 70 on the register.
	— Several children are still at work in the fields, the holidays allowed by the Attendance Committee not having expired yet.
<i>Monday September 17</i>	This afternoon registers were marked at 1 o'clock and school was closed half an hour earlier than usual, several children having asked permission to leave at 3 o'clock.
	— Mr Frank Bryan, the School Attendance Officer, visited the school this morning.

<i>Wednesday September 19</i>	This being Amersham Fair Day, a whole holiday was given.
<i>Friday September 21</i>	A half holiday was given this afternoon, as a treat was given to the scholars attending the Sunday School.
<i>Monday September 24</i>	— Registers were marked at 9.30 in the morning and school closed at 11.30. — The attendance shows an improvement on that of last week. Very low attendances to-day in consequence of very wet weather.
<i>Tuesday September 25</i>	— The upper classes have commenced to work their sums on paper, but are not very successful in getting correct answers at present. Much better attendances to-day, although there are still many absentees.
<i>Wednesday September 26</i>	Visited this afternoon by the School Attendance Officer.

<i>Friday September 28</i>	Owing to wet weather during the week the attendance is rather low.
	— Work has been going on as usual, and several children have been caned for careless work and disorder. — Average for the week 5321.
<i>Tuesday October 2</i>	Registers were marked and closed this morning at 9.30, and school closed at 11.30. Afternoon school as usual, when the Rev J A Curling came in for a short time. Harry Shrimpton was caned to-day for lying.
<i>Thursday October 4</i>	During this morning's lessons, part of the ceiling of the school fell, narrowly missing myself and Standard III children.
<i>Friday October 12</i>	Several children were caned this morning for doing dictation badly. The hard words in the dictation lesson are written in the exercise books two clear days beforehand, so plenty of time is given for preparation.

Monday
October 15

The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon, and left Labour Certificates for ~~William~~ John Wright and Owen Bryant. These boys and others who have passed Standard III and have made 150 attendances this year, are allowed by the Bye Laws of the Amersham Union School Attendance Committee to absent themselves from school until the latter end of next year when they must make 150 attendances.

— Consequently these children may if their parents choose be away for more than 12 months, and *these* are what the Amersham Union School Attendance Committee terms *half-timers*!!!

Tuesday
October 16

The Rev J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.

— Notice was given yesterday that the Diocesan Inspector would examine the school on the afternoon of Friday Nov 2nd.

<i>Friday October 26</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week and progress made. The attendance has been good.
<i>Monday October 29</i>	The Revd J A Curling visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday October 31</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday November 2</i>	This afternoon the school was examined in Religious Knowledge by the Rev H Straffen, Local Diocesan Inspector.
	— John Wright was awarded a prize and William Haynes, Annie Sears and Florence Bilbey were commended. — The Rev J A Curling was present during a part of the examination. — The attendance during the week has been very good, averaging 64.

<i>Monday November 12</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning.
<i>Friday November 16</i>	The attendance this week has been very good. Of the 69 on the books, 65 have been in attendance, averaging 62 per meeting.
<i>Friday November 23</i>	— A test examination in Arithmetic was given to the children this morning, but they did not acquit themselves at all creditably. Henry Bryant returned to school this week after an absence of some months.
<i>Thursday November 29</i>	— The results of the weekly test examination showed some improvement. — Standard I is very backward indeed. Spelling and notation is weak. — Average attendance for the week 61.2. Geo Palmer and Toy Harris were caned this afternoon the one for copying and the other for showing the answers to sums.

<i>Friday November 30</i>	The attendance continues to be good. The test examination given to-day shows improvement.
<i>Friday December 7</i>	There has been a slight decrease in the attendance this week, owing partly to inclement weather and partly to sickness, one or two children being absent with severe colds or chilled feet.
<i>Tuesday December 11</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday December 14</i>	83 per cent passed in the test examination given this week.
	— Three children were admitted on Monday. There are now 73 children on the registers, of which number 70 have attended during the week. — The average attendance is 64.4.

Thursday December 20	The annual competitive examination was held this morning.
	— The Examiner was M Geo Hinds of the Amersham National Schools. — After afternoon school the children broke up for the Christmas Holidays.
Monday December 31	Re-opened school after Christmas Holidays with an attendance of 63.
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Wednesday January 2	Miss Lamprey visited the school this afternoon.
Friday January 4	Standards 2 and 3 did well in the test examination given this morning. Standard I did badly generally, and in Standard 4 there was only one pass in Arithmetic.
	— The dictation in the upper standards was fairly good.

Monday January 7

Miss Lamprey visited the school this morning and handed to me the Diocesan Inspector's Report, which had been found amongst the late Rev J A Curling's papers. It is as follows:-

"Coleshill School (Mixed)

Examined November 2. 1883

Mr Smith conducts this school efficiently. In the 1st, 2nd, & 4th Standards there was evidence of careful teaching. The 3rd Standard did not do quite so well. Private prayers were taught well. The singing was good – the discipline was also good."

Prize: John Wright

Annie Sears Florence Bilbey & William Haynes } } are deserving of commendation.

(Signed) R Straffen

Inspector.

<i>Friday January 11</i>	The attendance has been good throughout the week. The average is 65.4.
<i>Tuesday January 15</i>	— Work has been going on as usual and progress made. The School Attendance Officer visited the School this morning.
<i>Wednesday January 16</i>	Albert Saunders received corporal punishment this morning for obstinacy and insolence. He went home during the dinner hour and complained to his father, who came to see me in the afternoon, bringing the boy with him.
	— Mr Saunders expressed himself as being quite satisfied with the manner in which I had punished his son, and he said that the boy came and told him more than he would stand to in my presence. Mr Saunders objects to pay 3d per week schoolmoney, and says that in future he shall send but 2d and I must send them his children home if I please.

Friday
January 18

There was considerable progress shewn in the test examination given this morning. 56 were examined and there were 41 passes in Arithmetic, 42 passes in Writing, and 54 passes in Reading.

Monday
January 21

— The attendance continues to be good. The summary this week gives the following:- On the Register 74, Present at all 72, Average attendance 67.
Albert and Minnie Saunders, brought only Twopence each for school fees instead of Threepence each, and in consequence were sent home. Registers examined today.

Friday
January 25

In the test examination given this morning, the children did about as well as last week.

— Average for the week.

Friday February 1	The results of the weekly test examination show that some improvement has taken place, notably in Standards I and 4.
	— During the school year ended yesterday the school has been open 435 times. The total number of attendances made is 25960, and the average attendance has been 59.6. — Alfred Palmer, George Rogers, and James Sears have attended all the times the school has been open.
Friday February 8	The attendance during the week has been very good indeed. All the children on the registers (80) have attended. The average attendance is 76.7.
	— The Rector (Rev R F Drake) visited the school this afternoon and tested the registers.

Feb. 11th

List of School Songs

- 1. The Cobbler
- 2. Nutting Song
- 3. Going a Blackberrying
- 4. Rules of Life
- 5. The Daisy
- 6. The Emigrant Ship
- 7. Strike the Iron while 'tis hot
- 8. Come follow me (round)

List of Absentees

<i>Sched. No 10</i>	Saunders Minnie
<i>Sched. No 26</i>	Saunders Albert
	<i>List of Exceptions</i>
<i>1</i>	Muckley, Thomas
<i>19</i>	Beeson Thomas C J
<i>20</i>	Elliott George

<i>Feb 11</i>	The School was inspected this afternoon by Mr Martin, Assistant to E M Kenney Herbert Esqr H M I. The passes were at the rate of 92.8 per cent.
	— <i>This is my last day as Master of this School.</i>
<i>Feb 12th</i>	Holiday after Inspection.
<i>13th</i>	I, Herbert Parker (Certificated Master) late Assistant in Welwyn National School commenced duties as Master of this School. Number present 64.
	— I gave notice on the suggestion of the Managers: — 1st That on and after Monday next the 18 inst. afternoon sch: would commence at 1.30 p.m. instead of 1.15 for the convenience of children living at a distance.

	— Registers will therefore be closed at 1.45 instead of 1.30. — 2nd That the school fee would in future be 2d instead of 3d as has been the case since Feby. 19th 1883 vide pages 337–8. — Also cautioned children about throwing stones, and breaking down hedges on school premises.
<i>Feby. 15th Friday</i>	The Rev. C. T. Drake visited th sch: this morning, and Miss Drake in th afternoon.
	— Average for past week 65.
<i>Monday Feby 18th</i>	Commenced afternoon school at 1.30 according to notice given last week.
	— Th School Attendance Officer visited th school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday Feby. 20th</i>	Minnie Lane, in the absence of the Infant Mistress, assisted in the Infant Department.

	— Found some of the children very backward in Reading especially in Stds I & II.
<i>Friday Feby 22nd</i>	Commenced teaching new school song.
	— Average for past week 66.6.
<i>Friday Feby 29th</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week, some having made fair progress in their new work.
	— Average for past week 65.2.
<i>Tuesday 4th March</i>	Many absent today through th inclemency of the weather.
	— Miss Burnham, Miss Blennerhassett, and Mr. Smith came in at the close of afternoon school to distribute prizes. Mr. Smith distributed those given by Mr. Hinds to the children who did well in the competitive exam: in December; and also Certificates of Merit the gift of Miss Lamprey to all children who passed in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic at th Government Inspection.

	— Miss Burnham afterwards distributed a 1/- to all those who made 400 attendances in th past year.
<i>Wednesday 5th March</i>	In the absence of the Infant Mistress Annie Sears assisted in the morning, and Minnie Lane in the afternoon in the Infant Department.
<i>Friday 7th March</i>	Readmitted Sarah Palmer on Monday. Registers were closed this afternoon at 1.20 p.m. instead of 1.45 p.m.
	— No on register 75. Average for past week 55.8. caused through the inclemency of the weather in the early part of the week.
<i>Tuesday 11th March</i>	Admitted Lilian Hammond today. The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 12th March</i>	Sent Mary Elliott home on account of the filthy state of her head.

<i>Friday 14th March</i>	Work has been going on as usual; fair progress having been made. The attendance has somewhat improved the average for the past week being 60.5.
<i>Tuesday 18 March</i>	The Rev. - Fidler visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 19 March</i>	In the absence of the Mistress Florence Harris assisted in that Department.
<i>Thursday 20th March</i>	The Rev B D W Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Friday 21st March</i>	Received parcel from N.S. containing new Reading books &c. for Std. IV.
	— Average for past week 61.7.
<i>Tuesday</i>	Took the 1st Class in Scripture & Impromptu Composition.
<i>Thursday 27 March</i>	The Rev D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning, and brought in during the day H M I's Report.

Thursday 27th March

Copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's Report.

Mixed School.

- Actual Average Attendance{BoysGirls31.827.8}Total 59.6
- Average Attendance on which the grant is payable 60.

Grants on Average Attendance

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1. Fixed grant 4/6

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2. Merit 3/—

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4. Singing (a) Var. 1/6

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5. Elementary Subj.

- Percentage of Passes 1d for 1 per cent 7/9
- Grant on Total Average Attendance 15/9
- Grant for Needlework at 1/— on Average Attendance Girls Arts. 106 c. + 109 c. 28/—

Presented for Examination: 56

Absent without excuse

- Total: 56

Passes in:

- Reading: 52
- Writing: 50
- Arithmetic: 54

Total

156

Grant Claimable

- On average attendance: £47 . 5 . 0
- On exam: in specific Subjs: 1 . 8 . 0

Gross total of claim

£48 . 13 . 0

	<i>Summary of Report.</i> <i>"This school is and always has been exceedingly well taught and disciplined by Mr Smith. The sewing is very fair. The ceiling of the main room is much out of repair. Its walls, too, should be coloured and painted where they were painted before."</i> <i>J. Herbert Parker.</i> <i>D. R. W. Fidler, Curate</i>
<i>Friday. 28 March</i>	The attendance is about the same as last week being 61.6. The children are making fair progress with their work.
<i>Tuesday 1st April</i>	The Rev. D. R. W. Fidler came in as usual this morning, and took the 1st Class in Scripture.

*Friday 4
April*

The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning. The attendance has slightly increased the average being 63.5.

*Monday 7
April*

The Revd. R W Fidler took the 1st Class in dictation this morning.

*Tuesday 8th
April*

The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Reading this morning.

*Thursday 10
April*

The children have attended Divine Service in church this week from 9.15 to 9.45 in lieu of Religious Instruction.

— The average for the past week – 60.8.

— The school broke up this morning for the *Easter Holidays*.

<i>Monday 21st April</i>	Reopened school this morning with a very fair attendance. Sent Sah. Lunnon home for not bringing her school fees, which have been in arrear for over two months.
<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>	— Admitted George Appleby. The Rev D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Thursday 24 April</i>	The Rev D. Fidler took the Scripture as usual this morning.
<i>Friday 25 April</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week, some progress having been made.
<i>Wednesday 30 April</i>	— Average for past week – 61.2. The Rev D. Fidler visited the school and took the 1st Class in Scripture.

<i>Friday 2nd May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler and the School Attendance Officer visited the School yesterday.
	— The lower part of the School shew some improvement in Arithmetic. Commenced Compound Addition with Std.d III. — The Average is not so good this week being only 54.9.
<i>Tuesday 7th May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Friday 9th May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler took Scripture as usual this morning.
	— The average attendance shews some improvement, having increased to 58.
<i>Tuesday 13th May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st class in Scripture today.
<i>Thursday 15th May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler as usual this morning.

<i>Friday 16th May</i>	Punished H. Shrimpton, J. Dover, and Walter Elliott for stone throwing on School premises.
	— F. Rogers on account of carelessness in Dictation was also punished. — The 3rd Std.d Dictation is still very weak, and the 1st Std. Arithmetic. — The Attendance has not been so good this week having fallen to 36.7.
<i>Tuesday 20 May</i>	The Revd D. R. W. Fidler took 1st Class in Scripture today.
<i>Wednesday 21st May</i>	Caned Harry Shrimpton and Eleanor Rogers for persistent talking.
<i>Thursday 22nd May</i>	Lilian Hammond was sent to school this afternoon on condition that she had a special seat assigned to her. The complaint was that the wall spoils her dress; she accordingly went home.

Friday 23rd May	The Revd. R. W. Fidler assisted in the Scripture Lesson this morning.
	— Examined 1st Standard in Arithmetic and found them very weak. The other Std.s are doing very well, especially the 3rd. — Average for past week - 57.4.
Monday 26th May	A halfholiday was given this afternoon owing to the Meeting House Sunday School Treat taking place.
Tuesday 27 May	The Revd. D. R. W. Fidler assisted in Scripture Lesson today.
Thursday 29th May	The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture as usual today.
Friday 30th May	The average for the week - 51.8.
	— The School broke up today for the <i>Whitsun Holidays</i>.

<i>Monday 9th June</i>	Reopened school this morning with a fair attendance.
<i>10th June</i>	Admitted Minnie Hazell.
<i>12th June Thursday</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Friday 13 June</i>	The attendance this week on the whole is fair, the average being 54.7.
	— Work has been going on as usual with fair results.
<i>Tuesday 17th June</i>	Mr. Bryan, the School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning.
<i>Wednesday 18 June</i>	The Rev D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Reading and also in Scripture this morning.
<i>Friday 20th June</i>	The Revd R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning.
	— Several of the 2nd Std. shewn...

	— <i>(continued from previous page)</i> ...great carelessness in their Dictation today and in consequence were punished. — The 2nd Std. has made some progress in Arithmetic, but the 1st Std. is still very weak in that subject. — Average for the week = 55.8.
<i>Tuesday 24th June</i>	Lilian Hammond having at the request of her parents left school at 3 o'clock this afternoon her attendance was cancelled.
<i>Thursday 26th June</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture as usual this morning.
<i>Friday 27th June</i>	The names of Sarah Palmer and William Haynes were taken off the register.
	— The attendance has not been so good this week in consequence of some of the children being employed in the hayfields. — Average for the week - 52.9.

<i>Thursday 3rd July</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler visited the school this afternoon and stayed a short time.
<i>Friday 4 July</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week, and very fair progress has been made. The following are the weak subjects in the respective standards. First, Arithmetic; Second, Dictation; Third, Dictation; Fourth, Arithmetic.
	— Average for past week 53.6.
<i>Tuesday 8th July</i>	The Revd R. W. Fidler took the first class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Thursday 10th July</i>	Through the inclemency of the weather school was not opened this morning, and the attendance this afternoon is not at all satisfactory.
<i>Friday 11 July</i>	The average this week has further decreased owing to the weather, it being only 50.8.

<i>Wednesday 16th July</i>	Mr Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Thursday 17 July</i>	The Revd. D. R. W. Fidler assisted in the Scripture lesson today.
<i>Friday 18th July</i>	— Received parcel from the National Society containing New Readers for Stds 2. Copy Books &c. Commenced teaching Short division to Std 2 during the week, but very slow progress has been made. The 1st Std in their subtraction shew some slight improvement, as also do Std 3 with their Arithmetic, but am not able to give a good account of the 4th Std in that subject. The dictation shews a little improvement throughout, and the reading generally is fair.
<i>22nd July</i>	— Average for the week = 48.3. Visited School, tested Registers + found it correct. D. R. W. Fidler, Curate.

<i>24th July</i>	The Rev D. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture today.
	— William Cox, Frank Rogers, Charles Sawyer, James Hazell, and Harry Sawyer were corporally punished for throwing stones on the school premises during playtime this morning.
<i>Friday 25 July</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week. Average - 50.6.
<i>Tuesday 29th July</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning.
<i>Thursday 31st July</i>	The School broke up this afternoon for the <i>Harvest Holidays</i> .
	— Average for the week = 50.

<i>Monday 1st Sepr</i>	Reopened school this morning and the attendance was rather poor only 43 being present, which perhaps may be accounted to the harvest having not quite finished.
<i>Tuesday 2nd Sepr</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning.
<i>Thursday 4 Sepr</i>	The attendance today was bad owing to the weather.
<i>Friday 5 Sepr</i>	The attendance has been bad this week, the reasons I have stated above. Bertha Radaway's name has been taken off the register.
	— Average for the week - 40.
<i>Monday 8 Sepr</i>	Percy Stacey's name was taken off the register, and Bertha Radaway readmitted.

<i>Tuesday 9 Sepr</i>	Mr Bryan the school Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday 12th Sepr</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning.
	— The attendance has somewhat improved this week although it is not yet what it ought to be. — The Standard work generally is improving but the Arithmetic in Std 4, Dictation in Std 2 & Arithmetic in Std 1 are very weak. — Average for past week 47.7.
<i>Monday 15 Sepr</i>	A halfholiday was given today owing to the Meeting House treat taking place.
<i>Tuesday 16 Sepr</i>	Mr Bryan, the School Attendance Officer visited the school today. The Revd. R. W. Fidler also came in.

<i>Thursday 18 Sept</i>	A halfholiday was given today on account of the Church Sunday School treat taking place.
<i>Friday 19th Sep.</i>	A whole holiday was given, being Amersham Fair Day.
<i>Wednesday 24 Sept.</i>	— The attendance is not so good as last week although more children have attended. Average - 46.6. The Revd. R. W. Fidler assisted in the Scripture lesson today.
<i>Friday 26 Sept</i>	— Several children in the 1st Std were punished for doing their Arithmetic very badly. Standard 1 have commenced writing in Copy Books. Their first lesson on the whole was fairly done. The Arithmetic in that Standard is very weak.
<i>29th Sept</i>	— Average for the past week 46.2. Martha & Mary Stoker were admitted.

<i>Wednesday 1st Octr</i>	The Revd R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning, and brought a notice to the effect that the Diocesan Inspector would visit the school on the 16 inst.
<i>Thursday 2 Octr</i>	— Mr Bryan visited the school. Walter Elliott on account of the filthy state in which he was sent to School was sent home.
<i>Friday 3 Octr</i>	The Second Standard are making slow progress with their Dictation and Arithmetic.
<i>Tuesday 7 Octr</i>	— Out of 19 in Attendance in Stds. 3 & 4, 12 failed in Arithmetic. — The reading on the whole is fair. — Average for the week - 47.4. Punished several children for carelessness in Dictation in Std 2. — The Revd. R. W. Fidler visited the school.

Thursday 9 October	Mary Elliott was sent home today on account of the filthy state in which she came to school.
	— Some of the 4 Std. were kept in for carelessness during Arithmetic. — George Elliott having attained the age of 10, and during the previous 5 yrs made at least 250 attendances in each year is allowed by the Amersham Union School Attendance Committee to leave school.
Friday 10th Octr	Admitted Minnie Baldwin on Monday and have taken the following names off the Register: Florence Harris, Annie Sears, John Dover (who is also by the Amersham Byelaws allowed to leave school), Julia Hatch, Sarah Hatch, and John & George Elliott.
	— The attendance this week is much improved having risen to 51.8.

<i>Tuesday 14 Octr</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler assisted in the Scripture lesson today and test all over the Register + found it correct. D R W Fidler.
<i>Thursday 16 Octr</i>	The Rev Edward Barber Diocesan Inspector visited the school and examined the children in Religious Knowledge.
<i>Friday 17 Octr</i>	— Frank Ware was awarded a prize. — The Registers were not marked during the day. The attendance is very fair this week every child on the registers having been present.
<i>Monday 20 Octr</i>	— Average 53.3. Emma and Ellen Saunders were admitted this morning.
	— Several children were punished for doing their Arithmetic badly in Standard II.

<i>Tuesday 21 Octr</i>	The Revd. R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning, and handed to me the Scripture Report which is as follows:- <i>"This school was in good order and is carefully taught. The children answered fairly on the whole, but should speak out more. The writing was good, and it will be well to exercise the elder children more in writing from memory what they have been taught."</i> <i>Prize: Frank Ware</i> <i>commended: Wm. Cox, K. Shrimpton, & A. Penn</i> <i>Edward Barber</i> <i>Inspector for the Deanery of Amersham.</i>
<i>Wednesday 22 Octr</i>	Mr Bryan, the School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday 24 Octr</i>	Work has been going on as usual and fair progress made by all the Standards. — Average for the week 52.8.

<i>Monday 27 Octr</i>	Bertha Pearce was admitted today.
<i>Thursday 30 Octr</i>	— The attendance has been very bad, owing perhaps to the weather. Examined 3rd and 4th Standards in Arithmetic this morning. The 3rd Std did very well, but the 4th badly.
<i>Friday 31 Octr</i>	— The Revd. R. W. Fidler took the 1st Division (3rd & 4th Stds.) in Scripture today. — Mr. Bryan, the School Attendance Officer, visited the school. The Attendance has somewhat fallen off this week the average being only 48.6.
<i>Monday 3 Novr</i>	Admitted Ephraim Bovington this morning.
<i>Wednesday 5 Novr</i>	The Revd R. W. Fidler took the 1st Division in Scripture this morning.
	— Examined the 3 & 4 Stds in Dictation this afternoon with very fair result. — Miss Wilson and Mrs. Bennett visited the school this afternoon.

Thursday 6 Novr	The Revd. Fidler came in again this morning and assisted in the Scripture.
Friday 7 Novr	The Revd. Fidler visited again this morning and assisted in Scripture.
	— Examined 2nd. Std in Arithmetic when 12 out of 14 passed. The work done this week is satisfactory, as fair progress has been made. — The average this week is higher than it has been since the Harvest Holiday having risen to 55.9.
Monday 10 Novr	Admitted Edward K. Hooker this morning.
	— Mr Bryan visited this afternoon.
13th Novr	The Revd. Fidler took the 1st Division in Scripture today.
	— The 2 Standard did their Arithmetic fairly today, but the Dictation was not so good.

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<i>Friday 14 Novr</i>	The Dictation in the 3 and 4 Stds. has improved, and some advancement is noticeable in Arithmetic in all the Standards. The Second Std is rather backward in Reading.
<i>Monday 17 Novr</i>	— The average attendance is better than last week, being 59.8. The Revd. Fidler took the 1st class in Reading and assisted in the Dictation this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday 18 Novr</i>	The Revd. Fidler came in again this morning and assisted in the secular work.
<i>Wednesday 19 Novr</i>	Commenced teaching a new song ("Hearts of Oak") today.
<i>Friday 21st Novr</i>	Work has been going on as usual & fair progress made; the attendance however is not so good the average being 55.9.

<i>Tuesday 25 Novr</i>	The Revd. D. Fidler and A. B. Dickson visited the school this afternoon. Mr. Bryan also paid a visit during the day.
<i>Friday 28th Novr</i>	Examined 1st Class in Arithmetic today with the following results – Test 4 sums; 2 to pass; 1 failed out of 22.
<i>Tuesday 2 Dec</i>	— There is some improvement in the work generally. Average 56.5. The Rev. D. Fidler came in and assisted in the secular work this morning.
<i>Friday 5 Dec</i>	— The attendance yesterday and today has been poor on account of the inclement weather. Work has been going on as usual during the week, with fair results, considering the attendance which has not been good for reasons as above stated.
	— Average for week: 49.2.

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<i>Wednesday 10 Dec</i>	Mr. Frank Bryan the School Attendance Officer visited the school. Taught a new song called "The Minstrel Boy" which was sung very creditably.
<i>Friday 12 Dec</i>	— The 4th Stds are still very weak in Arithmetic, & the 2 Std in Dictation. Examined 3rd and 4 Stds in Dictation today, and out of 21 in attendance 1 failed.
<i>Tuesday 16 Dec</i>	— The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning. — Average for past week 55.2. The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning, and took the 2nd Std in Reading.
<i>Wednesday 17 Dec</i>	Miss Boyd visited the school and stayed a short time.

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<i>Friday 19 Dec.</i>	Examined the 1st and 2nd Stds in Arithmetic to day with fair results. The Dictation seems to have improved generally, and the Reading is fair.
	— The attendance to day is bad, the average has fallen to 62.4. — The School broke up this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays which extend to the 29 inst. — <i>Christmas Holidays.</i>
<i>Monday 29 Dec.</i>	Reopened school this morning with only 48 in attendance.
<i>Tuesday 30 Dec.</i>	— Mr. F. Bryan visited the school this afternoon. The attendance today is much better.
<i>Wednesday 31st Dec.</i>	— Miss Green of Aldbury School took the 1st Class in Reading this morning. Commenced teaching a new song today "The sun is careering."

Friday 2 Jany.	Work has been going on as usual during the week and some improvement is noticeable.
Monday 5th Jany.	— Average for past week - 52.6. Lilian Hammond came to school this morning after the Registers had been marked and closed, and she was therefore told to go home. Her sister, who was outside and had brought her to school, when she heard that her attendance would not stand for anything still thought she would stay to school, and when sent her home she was very abusive. After a lapse of some 5 or 10 minutes the child's father came and wanted to know what reason I had for expelling the child. Told him I had not done so, and as he came to me in such a rage it was useless for me to try and convince him to the contrary. He ordered his child to go in school and dared me to send her home. I called in...

	(1885) — (continued from previous page) ...one of the Managers (Revd R W Fidler) who told her that she must conform to the laws of the school, and that if her father or sister came again and disturbed the work of the school he should take out a summons against them.
Friday 9th Jany.	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning. The attendance this week has not been so good, only 57 have attended of 65 on the registers. Average for the week, 49.6.
Wednesday 14th Jany.	The Revd Fidler visited the school today.
Thursday 15 Jany.	Examined the 3rd + 4th Stds in Arithmetic today with the following results: —
	— Std 3. 10 present, 9 passed, 1 failed. — Std 4. 8 present, 7 passed, 1 failed. — In Dictation the results are more satisfactory in Std 3.
Friday 16 Jany.	Emma Saunders, Ellen Saunders, Bertha Pearce, and Minnie Baldwin's names have been taken off the Register today.

	— (<i>continued from previous page</i>) Of 61 on the Register 58 have attended and the average for the week is 49.9.
<i>Tuesday 20 Jany.</i>	Fanny Wingrove received corporal punishment today on account of her great carelessness in Dictation.
	— Fred. Rogers was also caned for persistent talking.
<i>Wednesday 21 Jany.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning, and Mr. Frank Bryan, the School Attendance Officer in the afternoon.
<i>Thursday 22nd Jany.</i>	The Revd. Fidler again visited the school and informed me that the Government Inspection would take place on the 9th prox.
<i>Friday 23rd Jany.</i>	Received Examination Schedules from the Rector this afternoon. Have filled up form 8 M. & sent it to the Rev. D. Fidler to be returned to Whitehall.
	— In a Test Examination I gave today the result was that 80 per cent passed. The 1st Std Writing and 4th Std Arithmetic are the worst features. The 4th Standard...

	— (<i>continued from previous page</i>) ...children were punished for the carelessness shewn in their Arithmetic. — The average attendance is about the same as last week viz 49.5. Only 54 have attended of 61 on the Register.
<i>Tuesday 27th Jany.</i>	Mrs. Payne of Winchmore Hill applied to me this morning to have her child Harriet Payne late a scholar in this school examined for a Certificate of Proficiency at the Government Inspection which takes place on the 9th February.
<i>29th Jany</i>	Tested the Register + found them correct. D. R. W. Fidler, H. Parker.
<i>30th Jany. Friday</i>	Gave a test examination today with the result that 83 per cent passed. The second and third Standards are decidedly the best.
	— The Revd. D. R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning, and brought with him Form 63. — The attendance shews some slight improvement on last week having risen to 52.

Friday 6 Feby.	— 5 Feby. The Revd. R. W. Fidler came in this morning.
Monday 9th Feby.	— There has been some improvement shewn in the work throughout the school. Average for past week 67.9. List of School Songs. 1. Hearts of Oak. 2. Evening Song. 3. The Minstrel Boy. 4. England's Heroes. 5. The Little Bird. 6. The Wayside Stream. 7. The Sun is careering. 8. Now when the summer's fruits (Round).

Sched. No.	Exceptions
1.	Appleby George
11.	Slade Ernest
13.	Aldridge Kate
14.	Slade Catherine
26.	Slade Ethel
15.	Hammond Lilian Absent

9 Feby.

Lilian Hammond has not returned to school since I sent her home on the 5th Jany. The following is a correct copy of a note I sent to her father this morning:

The School,

Coleshill

9 Feby. 1885.

Mr Hammond,

Sir,

The Managers request the attendance of Lilian Hammond this afternoon at 1.15 to be presented to the Inspector for Examination.

Yours +c.

H. Parker.

— E. M. Kenney Herbert Esqre H. M. I. and his Assistant Mr. Martin examined the School this afternoon. Passes - 86 per cent. Scripture will for the future be taken from 9 to 10 a.m. except on Saints' and Special Days when it will be taken from 10.20 to 12 a.m. and the Registers closed at 9.20.

	— <i>(continued from previous page)</i> In the former case the Registers will be marked and closed at 10 a.m.
<i>Tuesday 10. Feby.</i>	Needlework will be taken on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.45 to 3.45 p.m.
<i>Friday 13. Feby.</i>	— The Revd D. R. W. Fidler visited the school this morning. As the School now includes the Mixed and (what was formerly) the Infant School in one Department I have entered the names of all the children into one Admission Register.
	— The Needlework will be taken by the Assistant. — The Summary shews the following returns for the week. — No. on Register 101. No. Present 94. — Average attendance 80.6.
<i>Monday 16 Feby.</i>	Admitted Sarah Rogers and Wilfred Slade today.
<i>Wednesday 18 Feby.</i>	The Revd D R W Fidler visited the school this morning.
<i>Friday 20 Feby.</i>	The average this week has fallen to 75.3. No. who attended 86. On the register 103.

<i>Feby. 23 Monday</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Master having to attend the Petty Sessions in the case of Hammonds who have been summoned for not sending their child to school.
<i>Feby. 24 Tuesday</i>	The Registers were marked and closed at 9.20 this morning. Being S. Matthias' Day the children attend Divine Service in lieu of Religious Instruction in School.
<i>Feby. 26 Thursday</i>	Charles Shrimpton and Archibald Bowler received corporal punishment this morning for throwing stones on the school premises.
<i>Friday 27 Feby.</i>	— The Revd. R. W. Fidler came in this afternoon. The Revd D R W Fidler came in this morning.
<i>Monday 2 March</i>	— The children are making fair progress with their new work. — Average for past week - 77.5. Admitted Bertram Dover this morning. He was placed in the Infants' Class.
<i>Thursday 5 March</i>	Edward Hooker having left school this morning before the 2 hours of secular Instruction had expired his attendance was cancelled.

<i>Friday 6th March</i>	Visited School examined Registers + found them correct. D R W Fidler.
	— Commenced teaching a new song with the children this week, but the results are very disheartening. They have no idea of singing whatever. With the other work, satisfactory progress is being made. Average for the week - 76.1.
<i>Wednesday 11 March.</i>	The Revd. R W Fidler visited the school this morning. I gave the children a lesson on Sightsinging in the Old Notation.
<i>Friday 13 March</i>	Work has been going on as usual during the week. Fair results obtained.
	— Received the New Time Table from the Department yesterday, which had been forwarded for E. M. Kenney Herbert Esqr. H. M. I. signature. — The average attendance is about the same as last week: 76.6. — The Rev. D. R. W. Fidler came in this morning, and brought H. M. Inspector's Report, a copy of which will be found overleaf.

	1885, Friday 13 March.
	### Copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's Report
	Mixed School
Actual Average Attendance	Boys 30.5, Girls 24.5, Total 55.
Average Attendance on which the grant is payable	55.

Grants on Average Attendance	Rate/Item	Amount (£ s d)
1. Fixed Grant		4 · 6
2. Merit		3 · 0
4. Singing (a) Ear		6
5. Elementary Subjects: Percentage of passes 1d for 1 per cent		7 · 1
Grant on Total Average Attendance		15 · 1

Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Av. Attendance Girls. Arts 106c and 109c	24 · 0
Presented for Examination	49
Absent without excuse	1
Total	50
Passes in Reading	44
Passes in Writing	42
Passes in Arithmetic	41
Total	127

Grant claimable	£ s d
On Average Attendance	41 · 9 · 7

<i>(Needlework)</i>	1 · 4 · 0
Gross Total of claim	42 · 13 · 7

	Infant School
<i>Actual Average Attendance</i>	Boys 14.4, Girls 13.7, Total 28.2.
<i>Average Attendance on which the grant is payable</i>	28.

Grants on Average Attendance	Rate/Item	Amount
1. Fixed Grant		9 · 0
2. Merit		4 · 0
4. Singing (a) Ear		6
Grant on Total Average Attendance		13 · 6

<i>Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance girls Arts 106c + 109c</i>	14 · 0
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Grant claimable	£ s d
On Average Attendance	18 · 18 · 0
(Needlework)	14 · 0
Gross Total of claim	19 · 12 · 0

<i>Total Day School</i>	£ 62 · 5 · 7
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1885. Friday 13 March.

Summary of Report.

Mixed School. "The school is decidedly doing well. The work of the first class (the fourth Standard) is not so good as it was, almost all the passes in this Standard being Fair. But I am glad to find that the School has done as well as it has under its new Teacher, for a change in the Staff of a School very frequently spoils the School work for a time."

Infants' School. "The Infants are being well grounded in the Elementary Subjects, but beyond this not much is done with them. Object Lessons should be given from proper objects, which should be provided. Recitations should be taught, and some Simple Occupations would not be out of place for the younger ones at all events. The Singing is Fair. Sewing and Knitting are improved, but the Needles given to such small..."

...hands are far too large, and the invariable use of the Thimble is not insisted upon. The Mistress of this Department must not, if it is kept as a separate Department, undertake the Sewing of the Upper School."

— **Signatures:**

- Herbert Parker, *Certificated Teacher*
- Jane Elizabeth Tarbuck, *Assistant Teacher*
- D. R. W. Fidler, *Correspondent*

<i>Monday 16 March.</i>	Admitted Ellen Finch and Mary Finch this morning.
<i>Tuesday 17 March.</i>	The Rev. D. R. W. Fidler visited the School this afternoon.
<i>Friday 20 March.</i>	The Rev. D. R. W. Fidler came in this morning and Mr Bryan the School Attendance Officer this afternoon.
	— Average for past week = 81.1.

Monday 23 March.	Ernest Slade came to school this afternoon 7 minutes after the Registers had been marked and closed and was accordingly sent home. Make this entry because this is the second time during the last week that such an occurrence has taken place.
Friday 27 March.	— Mr. Bryan, School Attendance Officer visited the school. Tested Registers + found them correct. D R W Fidler, H. Parker. — Work is steadily progressing throughout the school. — Have taken the names of William Rogers, Mary J. Elliot, Charlotte Bilbey, Eleanor Rogers, and Harriet Smith off the Register. — The children attended Divine Service on Wednesday the 25 inst. as per Time Table. — Average for past week 80.

Friday 2 April.	Registers have been marked and closed at 9.20 a.m. to allow of the children attending Divine Service in lieu of Religious Instruction vide Time Table.
	— The attendance has not been so good this week the average being only 76.8. — The School broke up to-day for a week for the <i>Easter Holidays</i>.
Monday 13th April.	Reopened School this morning with a fair attendance. The School Attendance Officer visited the school in the afternoon.
Tuesday 14 April	The Revd. Fidler came in this morning & Mr. Bryan in the afternoon.
Friday 17 April	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning.
	— Fair progress has been made during the week with the work. — Average for the week 79.1. — No. on the Books, 100.

1885. 20th April, Monday.: *The School Attendance Officer visited the School this morning. Edward Hooker and William Shrimpton was caned this morning for spilling ink during the time I had occasion to leave the room to speak to School Attendance Officer.*

— The Revd. Fidler also came in.

*Wednesday
22 April.*

Commenced teaching a new Round this morning in the singing lesson - "The Winter has pass'd to."

— Edward Hooker left school this morning before the 2 hours of secular instruction had expired, his attendance was therefore cancelled.

— Rosa Bryant came to school this afternoon at 1.55 ten minutes after the Registers had been marked + closed. She was accordingly sent home.

*Thursday 23
April.*

Frank Ware and Mary Bilbey left school before 2 hours of Secular Instruction had expired. Their attendances were cancelled.

— William Cox's name was taken off the Register.

24 April,
Friday.

The Revd. Fidler visited the school during the morning. Work has been going on as usual during the week and progress made in Stds 1, 2 and 3 but Std 4 is not so satisfactory as only 4 boys (out of 10 in that Standard) have attended + one of those has only attended 3 times. This no doubt accounts for the average being only 75.1 this week against 79.1 in the preceding week.

Friday 1st
May.

— While the Byelaws of Amersham Union School Attendance Committee remain in such a deplorable state, no remedy can be found to prevent such a recurrence. A child after passing Std 3 is required to make 150 attendances only during the year, and these by the above Committee are termed Halftimers.

The Attendance today is very poor owing to a number of the children who went "Maying" being absent.

- Average for the week 75.2.
- The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning.

<i>May 6th</i>	Tested Registers + found them correct. D R W Fidler, H Parker.
<i>Friday 8th May.</i>	— Monday Work has been going on as usual during the week and some progress has been made. The Singing is still very far from what it ought to be.
<i>Monday 11th May</i>	— The average attendance has somewhat improved having increased 6 over the previous week, being now 81 against 75.2. The Revd. Fidler visited the School this morning.
<i>Tuesday 12th May.</i>	Edward Hooker came to school this afternoon after the Registers had been marked and closed. On this, as on one or two other former occasions I sent him home. It is impossible to secure punctuality unless some such rule is resorted to.
<i>Wednesday 13 May.</i>	— Mary Hooker, not being well, left school this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Her attendance was cancelled. The Revd. Fidler visited the School this morning, and took 2nd Standard in the Reading Lesson.

<i>13 May.</i>	George Muckley and Ernest Slade who came to school too late for Registers this afternoon were sent home.
<i>Thursday 14 May</i>	Being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service in lieu of Religious Instruction as per time table.
	— A halfholiday was given in the afternoon. — Mr Frank Bryan, School Attendance Officer visited the School during the day.
<i>Friday 15th May.</i>	The average attendance is not quite so good this week being 77.7 or 3 below the previous week.
<i>Monday 18th May.</i>	Charles Sawyer and Walter Elliot came to school at 1.55 this afternoon, 10 minutes after the Registers were closed, and were therefore sent home.
<i>Tuesday 19 May.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school during the morning.
<i>Thursday 21 May.</i>	The Revd. Fidler took Standard 2 + 3 in Reading this morning.
<i>Friday 22 May.</i>	On account of the inclemency of the weather the School broke up at 9. o'clock this morning for the Whitsun Holiday.

<i>1st June Monday</i>	Opened School this morning after the Whitsun Holidays with 53 in attendance. The Revd. Fidler came in during the morning.
<i>Wednesday 3rd June.</i>	Edward Hooker left school this morning at 11 o'clock. His attendance was cancelled. Commenced teaching a new Round in the singing lesson called "All Nature smiles to greet fair Spring".
<i>Thursday June 4</i>	Examined Registers + found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler.
	— After testing the Registers the Revd. Fidler took the 1st Standard in Reading.
<i>Friday. 5 June.</i>	William Turner's name has been taken off the register during the week. Of 99 on the books 84 have attended and the average for the week is 75.
<i>Monday, 8th June</i>	Through the inclemency of the weather very few children were in attendance this morning.
	— A halfholiday was given in the afternoon as usual on account of the Meeting House Sunday School treat taking place.

<i>12th June Friday.</i>	The Revd. Fidler took the 1st Class in Scripture this morning, and afterwards assisted in the Reading Lesson.
	— The Average has fallen this week through the bad weather experienced on Monday being only 69.9. — The Arithmetic of the 1st Standard is still very weak, but the other Stds seem to be making some progress.
<i>Monday. 15 June</i>	Admitted Emily Elliott in the Class for Infants. Ernest and Catherine Slade came to school after Registers had been marked and closed this afternoon, and were sent back.
<i>Wednesday 17 June.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the School this morning. Albert Ware, Eli Harris William Dover + William Wright were punished today, the 3 latter for persistent talking, and Ware for impudence when being spoken to.
<i>Friday 19 June.</i>	The Attendance has greatly improved this week, the average having increased from 70 last week to 81 this week.

	— <i>(continued from previous page)</i> Lessons on the Ox, goat, and rabbit have been given, and the songs "The Cock Sparrow", "The Song" and "My Dolly" have been taught in the Infant class. "Which Loved Best" and the "Two Kittens" have been learnt for Recitation.
<i>Monday 22 June.</i>	Ernest Slade again came to school too late for Registers + was sent home this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 24 June.</i>	The children attended Divine Service this morning according to Time Table. The Revd. Fidler visited the School.
<i>Thursday 25 June.</i>	Sarah Lunnon left school at 10.25 this morning. Her attendance was cancelled.
<i>Friday 26 June</i>	The Rev D. Fidler visited the school this morning.
	— Fair progress appears to have been made this week with the work. The 5th Std do not take very readily to their Arithmetic. — The average for the week is fair being 79.6.

<i>Monday 29 June</i>	Edward Hooker came to school this morning at 10.5 or 45 minutes after Registers had been marked + closed. The children attend Divine Service at 11.30 (St Peter's Day). E. Hooker also asked permission to leave school at 3 p.m. His attendance was cancelled.
<i>Tuesday 30 June</i>	Charles Sawyer was brought to school by his Mother this afternoon who requested that I would keep him although he was too late for Registers as it was thought it would prevent him from "playing truant" in the future. Albert Ware and Wm Dover received corporal punishment for talking.
<i>Thursday 2 July.</i>	Stephen Wright and Archibald Bowler were punished for misbehaviour during prayers this afternoon.
<i>Friday 3 July.</i>	The work of the different Standards does not appear to improve so fast as it should, the arithmetic in particular being very weak in all the Stds.
	— Average 77.6.

	<i>July 7 1885.: Examined Registers + found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler, H. Parker.</i> — Monday
<i>Tuesday</i>	Yesterday Alice Penn left school at 11.30 and Minnie Saunders at 3 p.m. Attendances cancelled.
	— Wm Wright, Walter Elliott, Fredk. Rogers, Chas. Sawyer, James Hazell, + Harry Hazell, Stephen Wright, and Alfred Bowler were caned this afternoon for coming late.
<i>Thursday 9 July</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning, stayed a short time.
<i>Friday 10 July.</i>	Frederick Shrimpton came after Register had been marked + closed. Being 8 minutes late he was sent home.
	— The work of the school is progressing very steadily, especially the arithmetic. The 4 Std is a great drag on account of the indifferent attendance. The attendance also of the 2nd Std is not so good as it should be. The average is only 70 this week, of 80 who have attended, and 101 on the Register.

Monday 13
July.

Lilian Hammond was readmitted this morning. Her father who came with her remarked "I have brought my little (?) girl to school Mr Parker." I replied "alright".

— Edward Hooker came to school at 10.13, but at the request of his mother he was not sent back. The following is a copy of her note:

Dear Sir,

Please don't send King home again if he is marked absent for he will be able to learn. He cannot get earlier.

Yours respectfully

M. Hooker.

Tuesday 14
July

The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning and took the 1st Division in Religious Instruction, and also the 1st Standard in Reading.

— At 10.2 Edward Hooker came to school, and I called the attention of the Revd. Fidler to the occurrence, and...

— *(continued from previous page)* ...also to the note received from Mrs. Hooker on the day previous, which he read. Mr. Fidler then told Hooker he must certainly be here by the time Registers were marked, and that the Managers were determined to keep strictly to the Rule "That all who came late to school i.e. after Registers had been marked and closed were to be sent home." I was instructed to make no exceptions whatever.

Wednesday
15 July.

The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning.

Thursday 16
July.

Edward Hooker and James Sears came to school at 1.47 (2 minutes after Registers had been marked and closed) and were accordingly sent home.

- Lilian Hammond left at 3 p.m. Her attendance was cancelled.
- Some progress appears to have been made with the work of the school, but it is slow.
- Average for the week - 70.8.

<i>Friday 17 July</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Choir Excursion taking place.
<i>Monday 20 July.</i>	Frederick Rogers and Harry Hazell were sent home this morning on account of measles being in their families.
<i>Tuesday 21 July.</i>	— Mr. Bryan visited the school this afternoon. Hazell and Rogers returned to school this morning, the former with a note from his mother saying "that although the baby is not well, it is not measles." This precaution was taken to arrest the progress of the measles as much as possible from the adjoining villages where more than one school has had to be closed in consequence.
<i>Wednesday 22 July</i>	— Minnie Saunders left school at 3 p.m. and William Shrimpton at 3.15 p.m. Attendances cancelled. Elizabeth Bryant left school at 11.30 this morning. Her attendance was cancelled.

<i>Friday July 24</i>	The Revd. D. Fidler visited the school this morning.
	— William Shrimpton and A. Wingrove who came late for Registers were sent home. — Lilian Hammond's attendance was cancelled on account of leaving at 3 p.m. — The attendance this week has slightly increased being 72.8 against 70.8 for the previous week, but measles prevents some of the children from Winchmore Hill attending.
<i>Monday 27 July</i>	Edward Hooker came to school too late for Registers this afternoon and was sent home.
<i>Tuesday 28 July.</i>	Admitted Frank Joseph Samuels this morning. He is on a visit and resides at Stock Place.
	— Minnie Saunders and Edward Hooker came late for Registers this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 29 July</i>	Lilian Hammond's attendance was cancelled as she left school at 3 this afternoon.

<i>July 30 Thursday.</i>	The attendances of Alfred Palmer, Frederick Slade, William Wright, and Lilian Hammond who again left at 3 o'clock were cancelled.
<i>31 July. Friday.</i>	Attendance about the same as last week, the average being 72.6.
<i>Monday 3 Augt</i>	Being Bank Holiday there was no school today.
<i>Tuesday 4 Augt</i>	Martha Hooker's attendance was cancelled this afternoon as she left at 3 p.m.
	— The Revd. D. Fidler visited the school.
<i>Wednesday 5 Augt</i>	Lilian Hammond's attendance was cancelled, she having left at 3.15 p.m.
<i>Thursday 6 Augt</i>	E. Hooker left at 11.30 attendance cancelled.
	— The Revd. D. Fidler took 4th Std in Reading.
<i>Friday 7 Augt</i>	The average for the week has fallen from 73 last to 66.5 for the present week. The school broke up today for 5 weeks for the <i>Harvest Holidays</i> .

<i>Monday 14 Sep.</i>	Reopened school this morning with 56 in attendance. Admitted Edward Appleby, Mary Appleby, Annie Finch, Edward Funnon, and Fanny Pike. Punished Walter Elliott and Fredk. Rogers for gross carelessness in Dictation.
<i>Wednesday 16 Sep.</i>	The attendance of Lilian Hammond was cancelled as she left school at 3.0 this afternoon.
<i>Friday 18 Sep.</i>	The attendance this week is fair. 90 have attended of 104 on the Register, and the average is 82.8.
<i>Monday 21 Sep.</i>	— Ellen & Mary Finch who were brought to school by their mother at 2 p.m. 15 minutes after Registers were closed were sent home. — Object Lessons on Wax and Whalebone were given to the Infants during the week. The children attended Church in lieu of Religious Instruction as per Time Table. The Revd. R. W. Fidler and Mr. Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the School this afternoon.

	— (continued from previous page) F. Slade's, F. Wingrove's, A. Shrimpton's and Hammond's attendances were cancelled having left before the Secular instruction had finished.
Tuesday 22 Sep.	Edward Hooker and Wm. Shrimpton received corporal punishment this morning during Copy Book Lesson for impudence when spoken to, and total indifference to what was said.
Thursday 24 Sep.	The Revd. D. Fidler visited the school this morning. The attendance this afternoon is very bad, probably owing to some sports which are announced to take place in the village.
Friday 25 Sept.	Examined Registers + found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler.
	— Hammond again left before school closed. Attendance cancelled. Kate Lofty was admitted on Tuesday, which I omitted to mention. Lessons on Form + Colour have been given to the Infants. The average is not so good this week as last in proportion to those actually in attendance although 84.6 against 82.8 for the previous week.

<i>Monday 28 Sep</i>	Edward Hooker who came late for Registers was sent home this afternoon.
<i>Tuesday 29 Sep.</i>	Admitted William Muckley this morning. The Revd. D. Fidler visited. Children attended Divine Service in Church - vide Time Table.
<i>Friday Oct 2nd</i>	— Hammond again left before Secular Instruction had expired attendance consequently cancelled. The Revd. Fidler took the 4 Standard in the Reading Lesson this morning. Several of Std 3 and 4 children were punished for great carelessness on Arithmetic. The names of Frank Ware, Albert Ware, and Mary Harris were taken off the Register. The average again shows an improvement being 86. 96 have attended of 103 on the Register.
<i>Tuesday Oct 6.</i>	Edward Hooker came late for Registers and was sent home. Kate Aldridge left at 3.y p.m. Attendance cancelled. Standard III + IV make slow progress with their Arithmetic.

<i>Friday 9 Oct.</i>	Visited School, tested Register + found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler.
	— The Revd. Fidler took 4 Std in Reading. The 2 and 3 Stds who were examined in Arithmetic + Dictation this morning are very backward in both subjects. In fact the Arithmetic is disgraceful throughout the School, and the Reading is not far in advance. — Catherine Turner's name taken off the Register. Average for past week 87. Lessons given to Infant Class on "A button and "a comb".
<i>Tuesday 13 Oct.</i>	The Revd. Fidler took Std IV in Reading this morning.
<i>Wednesday 14. Oct.</i>	Commenced teaching a new song to the children entitled "My own Native Land".
<i>Thursday 15 Oct</i>	The Revd. Fidler again visited the School and assisted with the work of the 4th Std from 10.50. to 12.
<i>Friday 16 Oct.</i>	The work shows some slight improvement during the week especially Std 1. Of 102 on the Register, 94 have attended and the average is 84.

<i>Monday 19 Oct.</i>	Mr. Bryan, School Attendance Officer visited the school during the afternoon.
<i>Wednesday Oct. 21st</i>	The Revd. Fidler assisted with the work of the Fourth Standard this morning. Mr. Hammond wished me to tell her the no. of Lilian's attendances from 13 July to the Harvest Holiday" which I afterwards sent to her.
<i>Thursday 22 Oct.</i>	L. Hammond left school at 3 p.m. today. Attendance cancelled. The work and the average attendance show a little improvement, being 85.3. Alfred Ware's name has been taken off the Register.
<i>Friday 23 Oct.</i>	The Rev. C. E. Adams, Diocesan Inspector visited the school today. A halfholiday was given in the afternoon. The Registers were not marked during the day.
<i>Monday 26 Oct.</i>	The Rev D. R. W. Fidler brought in the Report received from the Rev. C. E. Adams Diocesan Inspector this afternoon which is appended on page following.

	Coleshill School
	<i>Examined Oct. 24th 1885.</i>
	<i>Report.</i>
	<i>"The general results of the examination were satisfactory. The teaching has evidently been earnest and good. The Scripture subjects were well known, but the Upper Division should learn the whole of the Catechism. The written work was, on the whole, good.</i>
	<i>The Infants are very nicely taught. Their answering and repetition were very satisfactory."</i>
	— Div.:
<i>Prize</i>	Alice Penn
<i>Commended</i>	James Sears
	— Charles E. Adams.
<i>Tuesday 27 Oct.</i>	Bertha Radaway was readmitted this morning. The Rev D Fidler visited the school. Sidney and Ernest Radaway were also readmitted today.

<i>Wednesday 28 Oct.</i>	The children attended Divine Service this morning. Registers were marked and closed at 9.20. a.m.
<i>Thursday 29 Oct</i>	Mr Bryan visited the school this afternoon and the names of Ephraim Bornydon and George Muckley were given to him as being the most irregular. Slow progress with the work is being made and the quality of the work is far from what it should be.
<i>Friday 30 Oct.</i>	The names of Kate Lofty and L. Hammond have been taken off the Register as they have left the place. Benjamin Wingrove, Harry Shrimpton, E. Bornydon & Fanny Wingrove were punished for great carelessness in Arithmetic & Dictation.
<i>Friday 6 Nov.</i>	— Average for past week = 83.1. Examined Registers, & found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler. — Gave a test examination today with the result that about 70 per cent passed. Arithmetic in Standards 1 and 3 are the worst features. The Revd. D. Fidler took Standard 1 in Reading. — Average for past week. 80.6.

<i>Monday 9 Nov.</i>	Sherwood and Alice Barker were admitted this morning. The attendance of the whole school is very good.
<i>Tuesday 10 Nov.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning and stayed a short time.
<i>Friday 13 Nov.</i>	Received prize from Diocesan Inspector which was awarded to Alice Penn.
	— Gave a test examination this morning with the result that only 56 per cent passed. The Arithmetic in the 1st 2nd and 3rd Standards are the weakest points. The Dictation in Stds 1 & 2 is not what it should be. — The average attendance is higher this week than during any week of the present year, being 91.6. — James Sears, Edward Hooker and Wm Shrimpton were punished for persistent talking.
<i>Monday 16 Nov.</i>	Admitted Louisa Barker this morning. Mr Bryan, School Attendance Officer visited the school.
<i>Tuesday 17 Nov.</i>	Louisa Lane, Arthur Wingrove, and Sarah Lunmon were punished for carelessness in Arithmetic.

<i>Nov 20th Friday</i>	Gave a test examination today and although the results are rather more satisfactory the percentage of passes was but 65. The average for the week - 89.3.
<i>Nov 26 Thursday</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school during the morning.
<i>Friday 27 Nov.</i>	Gave a test Exam. this morning. Only 63 per cent passed. Writing & Arithmetic in Standards 1 and 4 are the weakest points. Average attendance 86.1.
<i>Monday 30 Novr.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school during the morning and Mr Bryan Attendance Officer in the afternoon.
<i>Thursday 3 Dec.</i>	Edward Hooker who came late for Registers this afternoon was sent home.
<i>Friday 4 Dec.</i>	Gave a test examination this morning with rather more favourable results. Percentage of passes = 70. Although the weather has been very inclement during the week the average has risen six over the previous week being 91.8.

7 Dec.
Monday

Stephen Wright who came to school at 2 o'clock this afternoon was sent home as the Registers were closed 15 minutes previously.

Thursday 11
Dec.

Mr. Parker has called my attention to the very slow progress in learning of Ernest & Catherine Slade & Annie Elliott which is attributed to want of Mental Capacity; consequently the Managers decide on their being exempted from the Inspector's Examination. D.R.W.Fidler.

Friday 12
Dec.

Gave another test examination this morning, and the results are still unsatisfactory - 70 per cent being the total amount of passes. The 1st & 2nd Standards are still weak, notably in Dictation.

- The Assistant was not at school today, but her sister - Pupil Teacher in Amersham Schools - assisted with the Infant class in her absence.
- Several children were punished for carelessness in Std 1, and Susan Shrimpton Std 3 and Fanny Wingrove Std 4. Average for past week 90.9.

<i>Monday 14 Dec.</i>	The Assistant Miss Tarbuck having gone to sit for Certificate this week I have to take the whole school with the aid of one of the 4 Std girls. Consequently there will be no needlework taken with the girls during the week.
<i>Wednesday 16 Dec.</i>	Ben. Wingrove left school at 11 a.m. His attendance was cancelled.
<i>Thursday 17 Dec.</i>	Eli Harris and Frederick Rogers were punished this morning for misbehavior during Registers.
<i>Friday 18 Dec.</i>	Gave another test exam: this morning with most unsatisfactory results. No improvement was shown on last week's work. Std 3 are still weak in Arithmetic, and Std 1 in Arithmetic and Dictation.
<i>Monday 21 Dec</i>	— Learnt a new song called "The May Song" in the singing lesson on Wednesday. — Average for past week 88.8 Annie and Polly Elliot were sent home for their school fees this morning and as they did not return their attendances were cancelled. The School Attendance Officer visited the school.

Thursday 24 Dec.	The Attendances this week has been far from good. Of 101 on the Register only 83 have attended, and the average is but 74.4. The names of Edward Elliot, Harry Hazell, Minnie Hazell, and Alice Hazell have been taken off the Register. The School broke up this morning for the <i>Christmas Holidays</i> .
Monday 4 Jan 1886	Reopened school this morning after the Holiday. 63 were in attendance.
	— The Revd Fidler and the Attendance Officer visited the school during the day.
Wednesday 6 Jan.	There was no school today, on account of the inclemency of the weather, a deep snow having fallen during the early morning.
Thursday 7th	There was no school again today.
Friday 8th	No school today through the inclement weather.
	— Average for the week = 91.2

*11 Jan.
Monday*

The weather has unfortunately very little improved on last week consequently our average is very bad and no headway can be made with the schoolwork of which the scholars stand very much in need. Only 38 were in attendance this morning, and 56 in the afternoon.

*12 Jan.
Tuesday*

— Henry Aylett was admitted today.

Catherine Slade who came to school at 10.7 a.m. was sent home.

*15 Jan.
Friday*

Ernest and Catherine Slade came to school at 10.15 a.m., and were sent home.

— On account of the exceptional severe weather we have had for the last 10 days - interfering very much with the progress of the school work besides the average attendance, and, no doubt, the result of the annual Inspection - only 69 out of 101 have attended and the average is but 58.1.

<i>18 Jan.</i>	The attendance today is much improved 65 and 68 present morning and afternoon respectively.
<i>Wednesday 20 Jan.</i>	— The Attendance Officer visited the school this morning. The Attendance Officer called in again this afternoon.
<i>Thursday 21 Jan.</i>	The attendance today has been very bad through the inclement weather only 44 attended this morning. Consequently the school work progresses slowly.
<i>Friday 22 Jan.</i>	— Attendance very little improved this afternoon. Gave a test exam. this morning but the results are not very encouraging - Dictation in Stds 1, 2 and 4 seems to be the weakest point.
	— The unusual rough weather we experience greatly interferes with the work and average attendance which only amounts to 77.2 for the week.

*Monday 25
Jan.*

The attendance again today is bad the attendances being 45 and 46 for morning and afternoon respectively. School Keeping seems almost a farce. As many of the children live at Winchmore Hill it is almost an impossibility to get here.

*Thursday
28th Jan.*

— Ernest Slade who was sent home for his school fees this morning did not return.

Examined the Registers & found them correct. D.R.W.Fidler.

— As the Slade's have ringworm in the family Mr Brickwell advised that Ernest and Catherine should not be sent to school. Ernest therefore left on Tuesday morning before the 2 hours secular instruction had expired and his attendance was cancelled.

— Thomas and George Muckley who came after the Registers were closed this afternoon were sent home.

— The Revd. Fidler took 4th Std in Reading and Dictation.

<i>29 Jan. Friday</i>	The Revd. Fidler came in again this morning and assisted with the work. The Dictation in Stds 1 and 4 does not appear to have much improved during the week. The attendance again is far from good the average only amounting to 70.3.
<i>Wednesday 3 Feby.</i>	The weather again very greatly interferes with the progress of the school. Only 46 are in attendance this morning. 53 attended school this afternoon.
<i>Friday 5 Feby.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning. Some slight improvement is noticeable in the average attendance this week being 75.3 against 70 for the week previous.
<i>Monday 8th Feby.</i>	The following is a list of lessons given to the Infant Class during the year. 1. Water 2. Earthworm 3. The Ox

— **Monday 8th Feby.** (*continued list*):

4. Tin
5. A Plough
6. The Housefly
7. The calf
8. The Goat
9. The Rabbit
10. Feathers
11. Glue
12. The Silkworm
13. Bees
14. Sponge
15. Coral
16. Whalebone
17. Wax
18. Buttons
19. Combs
20. Blacklead
21. The Lion
22. The Human Skin
23. Tables
24. Raisins
25. Dates
26. Copper
27. Ivy

— **1886. Monday 8 Feby.** (*continued*):

28. The Sugarcane

29. Mortar

30. Bricks

Songs.

1. My little Dolly

2. The Cock Sparrow

3. The Pony

4. The Mill.

Recitations.

1. The little brown Bird

2. The Postman

3. My Dog

4. The two Kittens

5. Which loved best.

Varied Occupations.

1. Mat weaving

2. Making picture frames

3. Making spills

4. Picking

Monday 8 Feby.

List of School Songs.

- 1. My own native land.
- 2. Hurrah for England
- 3. May Song
- 4. Soft music is stealing
- 5. Work and be joyful.
- 6. The winter has passed &c round
- 7. Fair morn
- 8. All Nature smiles.

List of Exceptions.

— Schedule No. Name Reason		
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10.	Slade Ernest	Defective intellect
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21.	Elliott Annie	"
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25.	Slade Catherine	"

Absentee

— **Schedule No.** 50 | **Name:** Bornydon Ephraim | **Reason:** Ill.

(Note in purple ink at bottom left:)

H.m. for E.M.K.H.

Feb. 8th 1886

<i>Monday 8 Feby.</i>	The School was inspected this morning by Mr. Martin Assistant to E.M. Kenney Herbert Esqre H.M.I. A holiday was given in the afternoon.
<i>Tuesday 9 Feby.</i>	There was no sewing taken by the girls this afternoon as the material for next year's work has not yet been provided. The girls took ordinary lessons with boys as per Timetable.
<i>Wednesday 10 Feby.</i>	The Revd. Fidler visited the school this morning. Edward Hooker's attendance was cancelled as he left school at 10.25 a.m.
<i>Thursday 11 Feby.</i>	The Girls did not take needlework again today.
<i>Friday 12 Feby.</i>	— Received Duplicate Schedule this morning. Passes at the rate of 80 percent. The Revd. Fidler and Mr Bryan came in this afternoon. The attendance has been somewhat better this week than last viz 83.4 but not so good as it should be considering there are 101 on the books.

<i>Tuesday 16 Feby.</i>	Harry Shrimpton and Jas. Hazell were punished this afternoon for disorderly behaviour during the time that occasioned to leave the room.
<i>Friday 19 Feby.</i>	— Louisa Barker left at 3 p.m. yesterday Attendance cancelled. The attendance this week only averages 78.4 although we have 103 on the Register. Many are absent with severe colds consequent on the severity of the weather. The Attendance Officer visited the school today.
<i>Tuesday 23 Feby.</i>	Mr Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school again this morning and took a list of the Absentees.
<i>Wednesday 24 Feby.</i>	James Hazell was corporally punished this morning for misbehaviour at the time I was engaged talking to Mrs Wingrove concerning the attendance of her son Benjamin.
<i>Friday 26 Feby.</i>	About 40 children are absent today. Not much progress can be made with the new work in the various standards on account of the attendance. Average 72.5.

<i>Monday 1 March.</i>	New desks from E. S. Assoc. arrived. There was no school today on account of the rough weather.
<i>Friday 5 March.</i>	Nearly half the children on the books have been absent during the week consequently the average only reaches 50.2. The Revd. Fidler visited the school.
<i>Monday 8 March</i>	Admitted Edwin Ernest Medcalf this morning. The Revd. Fidler visited the school.
<i>Tuesday 9 March</i>	— Miss Tarbuck the Infant Mistress was absent today through illness. The Revd. Fidler brought in this morning the Report of H. M. Inspector a copy of which will be found overleaf.
	— James Hazell's attendance was cancelled as he left school at 3 p.m. today.

Copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's Report.

Mixed School.

- **Actual Average Attendance** | Boys: 30.7 | Girls: 25.9 | Total: 56.6
- **Average Attendance on which the grant is payable:**
 1. Fixed Grant: 4.6
 2. Merit: 2.0
 3. Singing (a) Ear: 6
 4. Elementary Subjects (Percentage of Passes 1d for 1 per cent): 6.8
- **Grant on Total Average Attendance:** 13.8
- **Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance Girls (Arts 106c + 109c):** 26/-
- **Presented for Examination:** 57 | **Total:** 57
- **Passes in Reading:** 46
- **Writing:** 54
- **Arithmetic:** 42
 - **Total:** 142
- **Grant claimable:**
 - On Average Attendance: £38.19.0
 - **Gross Total of Claim: £40.5.0**

- **Actual Average Attendance** | Boys: 12 | Girls: 10.4 | Total: 22.4
- **Average Attendance on which the grant is payable:** 23.
- **Grants on Average Attendance:**
 1. Fixed Grant: 9.0
 2. Merit: 4.0
 3. Singing (a) Ear: 6
- **Grant on Total Average Attendance:** 13.6
- **Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance Girls Arts 106c + 109c:** 11.0
- **Grant claimable:**
 - On Average Attendance (15.10.6 + 11.0): £...
 - **Gross Total of Claim: £16.1.6**
- **Total Day School: £56.6.6**

Summary of Inspector's Report.

Mixed School.

"The school is doing well on the whole. Arithmetic seems to be the weakest feature, but speaking generally of the condition of the School I think I may fairly call it good."

Infant's Class.

"The Infant class is decidedly a good one. The Elementary Subjects are well taught, and Varied Occupations and Object Lessons are given."

- H. H.
- Herbert Parker Certificated Teacher
- Jane Elizabeth Tarbuck Assistant Teacher
- D.R.W. Fidler Correspondent.

<i>March 10 Wednesday</i>	The Service being at 11 today the children did not attend, and no holiday was given.
<i>Friday 12 Mch</i>	Work has been going on steadily during the week and some little improvement made.
<i>Monday 15 Mch.</i>	— Average for past week 76.8 Admitted Mary Ann and Kate Clark this morning.
<i>Tuesday 16 Mch</i>	No needlework was taken this afternoon the Assistant having obtained leave of absence.
<i>Wednesday 17 March</i>	As Frank Samuels and Mary Gilbey left before two hours secular instruction had expired their attendances were cancelled.
<i>Friday 19 Mch.</i>	Mr Frank Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school today.
	— Work has been going on as usual but on account of the exceptional severe weather experienced and consequently bad average - 76.3 - progress is slow.

<i>Wednesday 24 Mch.</i>	Mr Frank Bryan visited the school this afternoon and Mr W. Bryan also called later concerning Fredk. and Sarah Roger's attendance whose fees are paid by the Guardians.
<i>Thursday 25 Mch.</i>	Children attended Divine Service as per Time Table.
<i>Friday 26 Mch.</i>	Scarcely any improvement is noticeable in the average this week. The names of Edward, Martha, Mary, and Charlotte Hooker have been taken off the Register having left the place.
	— Average for past week 76.6.
<i>Monday 29 Mch</i>	Eleanor Rogers was readmitted this morning.
<i>Friday 2 April</i>	Work has been going steadily during the week and a little improvement shown in the average 78.2.
<i>Tuesday 6 April</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
<i>Friday 9 April</i>	Work as usual during the week. The Revd D. Fidler visited this morning. Average for past week 81.6.

Friday 16 April	The names of Harry Shrimpton, Eli Harris, Benjamin Wingrove, Bertha Wilkins, Janet Bryant, and Alice Penn have been taken off the Register.
	— Taught the "Song of the Monkey" in the Singing Lesson on Wednesday. — Average for past week 77.7.
Monday 19 April	Mr Frank Bryan School Attendance Officer visited the school and took a list of the absentees.
Thursday 22 April	The children have attended Divine Service as per Time Table during the week.
	— This is Miss Tarbuck's last day as Assistant Mistress here. — Average for past week 80. — The school broke up this morning for the Easter Holidays for one week.

<i>Monday 3 May</i>	Reopened School after the Easter Holiday. The attendance is not so good as it should be.
	— Miss Fanny Gibbs late a Teacher in Lane End National School commenced duties here today as an Assistant. — Admitted Albert George Rogers.
<i>Friday 7 May</i>	Work has progressed steadily during the week, but the attendance is not yet good. Average for past week 75.6.
<i>Monday 10 May</i>	Admitted Edith Penn and Annie Shrimpton.
<i>Wednesday 12 May</i>	Commenced teaching a new song entitled "Jack Johnson". The weather has greatly interfered with the attendance today.
<i>Friday 14 May</i>	Work appears to be improving slowly especially Arithmetic, considering the time given to it. Reading and Dictation are rather more promising. Average for past week - 72.1.

*Friday 21
May*

Some progress is noticeable in Arithmetic especially Standard 3. Standard 1 children are very dull and backward although the Std numbers but 12.

- The Attendance is still bad the average being but 70.6 although 100 names are on the Registers.
- Books &c from the National Society arrived today.
- Caroline Burnham's name has been taken off the Register as she has left the place.

*Friday 28
May*

The Average Attendance is very bad indeed being but 68 for the week, although 99 names are on the Register. One family (Aldridge's) have measles in the place which precludes them from attending, and 19 children have not attended once during the week. With more favourable weather it is to be hoped the average will increase, so that the work may progress a little faster.

<i>Monday 31st May</i>	There was no school this afternoon on account of the Chapel School treat taking place.
<i>June 2nd</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
<i>Thursday 3rd June</i>	Being Ascension Day Registers were closed at 9.20 and the children attended Services at 11.30. No holiday was given this afternoon on account of the one given on Monday.
<i>Friday 11th June</i>	The attendance has been a trifle better this week, but the average only amounts to 70.1. Work steadily progresses.
<i>Wednesday 9 June</i>	— The song of "The Sparrow" has been taught in the Infant Class. Tested Std 2 in Arithmetic this morning in Subtraction and Multiplication and of 5 sums given 12 children out of 19 present got 3 or more sums correct.
<i>Friday 11 June</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school. The Average attendance has increased to 75.3. The school broke up for the Whitsun Holidays for 1 week.

<i>Monday 21 June</i>	Reopened school this morning after the Whitsun Holidays with an attendance of 79. The following names have been taken off the register – George Palmer, William Shrimpton, Alfred Bowler, and Ernest and Catherine Slade. Of 10 in Std #5 at the commencement of the school year all except 2 have left.
<i>Thursday 24 June</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school and handed to me for insertion in the folio Form No. 30 (a), relating to Miss Gibbs' appointment.
<i>Friday 25 June</i>	— The children subsequently attended Divine Service. Admitted Ephraim Palmer during the week. Work progressing steadily. Stds 2 and 3 appear to be doing best.
<i>Monday 28 June</i>	— Average for past week - 75.6. Admitted Ellen Aldridge this morning.
<i>Wednesday 30 June</i>	Mr. Bryan visited the school this afternoon, and took a list of the absentees.

<i>Thursday 1 July</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler and Miss Blennerhassett visited the school this morning. Fanny Wingrove's name has been taken off the register.
<i>Friday 2 July</i>	Mary Slade's name taken off Register.
	— The attendance this week shows a slight falling off compared with the previous week. Average 73.4. — A holiday was given this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 7 July</i>	Commenced teaching a new song called the "Sports of Childhood".
<i>Friday 9 July</i>	Admitted Daisy King on Monday.
	— The attendance of the children of the upper part of the school is gradually diminishing while that of the Infant Class steadily improves, the average for the former being 43.5 and that for the latter amounting to 30.3 or a total of 73.8.
<i>Tuesday 13 July</i>	Mr. Bryan called in this afternoon and took a list of the absentees.
	— James Hazell has made but 21 out of a possible 92. This is the worst case we have of irregular attendance.

<i>Friday 16 July</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the School. Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
	— Work is progressing steadily throughout the school. Average about the same as last week 74.6.
<i>Wednesday 21 July</i>	The attendance this afternoon is very bad indeed, only 60 being present of 95 on the Register. In Standards 34 out of 60 - absent 26, Infant Class 26 out of 35 - absent 9.
<i>Friday 23 July</i>	We are making slow progress with the work partly attributable to the meagre attendances, which only amounts to an average of 68.4 this week.
<i>Tuesday 27 July</i>	The School Attendance Officer came in and took a list of the absentees.
<i>Wednesday 28 July</i>	Mr. Frank Bryan made another visit to the school this afternoon.
<i>Thursday 29 July</i>	Mr. Bryan called again with reference to the attendances of Thos. & Geo. Muckley.
<i>Friday 30 July</i>	Attendance slightly improved this week. Average 71.1.

Monday 2 August	Both Thomas and George Muckley are at school this morning. Registers were marked and closed by 9.30 and the school closed for the day at 11.30 a.m.
Tuesday 3 Aug.	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school today.
Friday 6 Aug.	The average for past week amounts to 60.6. The school broke up this afternoon for five weeks for the <i>Harvest Holidays</i> .
Monday 13 Sep.	Reopened School this morning after the Harvest Holidays but attendance is not at all good, only 45 being present in the Standards. - 16 absent.
	— Ernest, Catherine, and Mary Slade were readmitted, and Ada Seato admitted. — Wednesday 15 Sep. / Friday 17 Sep.: The Rev. D. Fidler and Dr. Smith visited the School this morning. — Attendance for the week indifferent probably owing to harvest not being quite over.

<i>20 Sep. Monday</i>	Being Amersham Fair Day a half holiday was given this afternoon.
<i>Friday 24 Sep.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
	— The average for past week shows a decided improvement on the previous one being 72.3 against 65.6. The children appear to be getting on with their work steadily. Arithmetic is still the drawback. Commenced teaching a new song called "The Pilot".
<i>Wednesday 29 Sep.</i>	The children attended Divine Service this morning as per Time Table.
	— Rev. D. Fidler visited the school.
<i>Friday 1 Oct.</i>	Polly Elliott was caned for persistent laziness this afternoon having transcribed only 4 lines in 35 minutes in the Writing Lesson.
	— The Attendance Officer called and took a list of absentees. — Admitted Annie Barker on Monday. — Average for past week 73.1.

<i>Tuesday 5 Oct.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school this morning.
	— Ethel, Frederick, and Wilfred Slade were sent home this morning, and told to stay at home a few days on account of their brother Arthur having the measles.
<i>Wednesday 6 Oct.</i>	Commenced teaching a new song today "The Eagle".
<i>Friday 8 Oct.</i>	The Attendance this week has been very fair, the average being 75.3.
<i>Monday 11 Oct.</i>	The names of Ephraim Bovington, James Hazell, Amy Medcalf, Charles Medcalf, Edwin Medcalf and Frank Samuels have been taken off the Register.
	— A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Chapel today, and on that account there was a half holiday given this afternoon.
<i>Thursday 14 Oct.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school and brought notice of the Diocesan Inspector's visit, which is fixed for 3rd prox.

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<i>Friday 15 Oct.</i>	Work is progressing steadily throughout the school. Arithmetic still weak. Average 73.3.
<i>Monday 18 Oct.</i>	Children attended Divine Service in lieu of Religious Instruction as per Time Table.
<i>Friday 22 Oct.</i>	— Elizabeth, Mary, and Margaret Wright were admitted this afternoon. Lesson on the "Robin" given to the Infant Class. Std 2 and 3 improving in Arithmetic - 1 and 4 are weakest.
<i>Monday 25 Oct.</i>	— Average for past week 80 - being highest for any week in present qr. up to date. Admitted Catherine Ellen Dover, and Alice Jane Marks this morning.
<i>Tuesday 26 Oct.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
<i>Thursday 28 Oct.</i>	Children attended Service in church at 11.30 this morning - vide timetable.
<i>Friday 29 Oct.</i>	Standard 4 did badly in Arithmetic again. Other standards somewhat better. Average for past week 88.1.

Monday 1 Nov.	Frank Joseph Samuels was readmitted this morning. Fanny Pyke was also readmitted. Children attended Divine Service.
	— Lesson on the "Cat" given to Infant Class.
Wednesday 3 Nov.	The children were examined on Religious Knowledge this afternoon by the Rev. C. Joyce.
Friday 5 Nov.	Several children were punished for great carelessness in Dictation in Std 2.
	— Average for past week 78.1.
Monday 8 Nov.	The following is the Summary of Diocesan Inspector's Report: " <i>The Infants did well, sang hymns pleasingly and repeated psalms quietly. Their knowledge of elementary subjects in Scripture is considerable.</i> "
	" <i>In the Upper Divisions the singing and repetition was satisfactory, the knowledge of Scripture is at present confined to rather a small area, but is accurate, the oral answers showed careful and intelligent teaching, the writing is good, the general discipline and tone of both divisions is very good.</i> "

	— Monday 8 Nov. (<i>Continuation of Diocesan Inspector's Report</i>):
<i>Prize to</i>	James Sears.
<i>Commended</i>	Chas. Sawyer (Highly), Elizth Bryant, Mary Elliott.
<i>Infants</i>	Lloyd Bowler, Wm. Muckley, Mary Appleby.
	— C. Joyce — Dioc. Inspector for the Deanery of Amersham.
<i>Friday 12 Nov.</i>	Mr. Frank Bryan School Attendance Officer called and took a list of absentees.
	— The Rev. D. Fidler also called. — The Attendance this week has not been so good as the previous 3 weeks, owing to the unfavourable weather. — Some improvement has taken place in the quality of the work during the week. Average for past week 76.8.

15 Nov.	Admitted Thomas and Florence Hancock this morning.
Wednesday 17 Nov.	— Stds 3 and 4 did Arithmetic creditably. Susan Shrimpton, Arthur Wingrove, Geo. Muckley, and William Sears - Std 3 - were punished for carelessness in Arithmetic this afternoon.
Friday 19 Nov.	The Arithmetic in standard 2 having been done very carelessly this morning several of the children in consequence were punished. Stds 1 and 4 are the weakest however, in Arith. Average 81.1.
Friday 26 Nov.	Gave a test examination today with the following results, Reading throughout fair passes at the rate of 90. Dictation weak in Standards 2 and 3. Passes/1 Arithmetic weak throughout Std 4 has done most creditable although not what it should be. Percentage of passes for the 3 subjects = 71.
	— The average attendance has also improved so that more progress can be made with the work. 86.

<i>29 Nov. Tuesday</i>	Frank and Herbert Payne were admitted this morning.
<i>30 Nov.</i>	Children attended Divine Service this morning vide time table.
<i>Friday 3 Dec.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler and Mr Bryan School Attendance officer visited the school. Catherine Slade's name taken off Register. Attendance not quite so good as last week. Average 83.14.
<i>Friday 10 Dec.</i>	The attendance has not been quite so good this week, owing to the rough weather we have had.
<i>Friday 17 Dec.</i>	— Some little improvement has been made during the week with the work but the results of today's test are not satisfactory. The Rev. Fidler and Mr. Frank Bryan visited the school today, and a list of the absentees given to the Attendance officer.
	— The Average is a little improvement on last week although there are a few irregular ones - 80.6 — Henry Aylett's name taken off the Register.

<i>Tuesday 21 Dec.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler. H. Parker.
	— Being St. Thomas's Day the children attended Divine Service in church at 11.30 this morning. — Many of the children are away from school which is owing probably to the rather severe weather of the past few days.
<i>Friday 24 Dec.</i>	The Average for past week amounts to 72.3. The school broke up this morning for one week for the <i>Christmas Holidays</i> .
<i>Monday 3 Jan. 1887</i>	Reopened school this morning after the Christmas Holidays with an attendance of 36.
	— The Managers decide on withholding Charles Barker, Bertha Hathaway, Annie Elliott & Phil Slade from the Government Inspection, from want of mental capacity.
<i>Tuesday 4 Jan.</i>	There was no school today on account of the great fall of snow which render the roads almost impassable.

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<i>1887. Friday 7 Jan.</i>	There has been no school since Monday on account of the severe weather, and as a consequence the work of the school is greatly delayed and interrupted.
<i>11 Jan. Friday</i>	— The names of Kate Saunders and Edward Lunnon were taken off the Register. Gave a test examination today which shows that Arithmetic is the weakest subject throughout the school, and Std 3 the least advanced. Av: 64.
<i>Tuesday 18 Jan.</i>	Received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit which is fixed for 9th prox.
<i>Friday 21 Jan.</i>	Some improvement has taken place in the attendance this week, and the results of today's exam. are more encouraging. Average 78.2.
<i>Wednesday 26 January</i>	Received books &c. from National Socy. Tested Register & found them correct. D.W. Fidler.
<i>Friday 28 Jan.</i>	Gave another test exam. today which shows that some progress has been made during the week. Average for week 83.5.

1887. Friday 11 Feby.	Gave a test examination today with the result that about 80 p.c. passed. The Attendance during the week has been good. Archibald Bowler and Ralph Palmer have been absent through illness. Average 84.7.
Monday 7 Feby.	The following is a list of Object Lessons which have been given to the Infants during the past year: 1. The Cow 2. The Sheep 3. The Calf 4. The Rabbit 5. The Horse 6. The Goat 7. The Lion 8. The Robin 9. The Mouse 10. The Cat 11. Squirrel 12. Bee 13. Clock 14. Daisy 15. Pin 16. Apple 17. Soap 18. Silkworm 19. Cotton 20. Iron
Recitations	"The Blackbird", "Early to bed", "The Snail".

Infants' Songs.

1. The Sparrow.
2. The Clacker.
3. Watching for Pa.
4. Down by the Greenwood.

Songs for Older Scholars.

1. Song of the Monkey.
2. The Eagle.
3. The Sports of childhood.
4. The Pilot.
5. Jack Johnson.
6. Over the ice.
7. By shady woods (round).
8. A southerly wind.

Varied Occupations for Infants:

1. Mat weaving.
2. Making Picture frames.
3. Making Spills.
4. Picking.

<i>1887. Wednesday 9 Feby.</i>	This school was examined by E.M. Kenney-Herbert Esqre and Mr. Martin this morning.
	— Passes at the rate of 91 per cent. — A half holiday was given in the afternoon. — Certificates of Proficiency were granted on application to Chas. Sawyer and Agnes Cox.
<i>Friday 11 Feby.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler and School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Wednesday 16 Feby.</i>	— Average not so good this week, being but 78.6 against 84.7 for previous week. Parcel from National Society arrived today containing "Blackie's Comprehensive Reader" for Stds 1 & 3 &c.
<i>Friday 18 Feby.</i>	Herbert Payne, Harry Payne, and Walter Elliot received corporal punishment today, the two latter for spilling ink.
	— Mr. Bryan, School Attendance Officer, visited the school, and took a list of the absentees. — Average for past week 70.8. The rough weather experienced today materially reduced average for the week.

<i>1887. Monday 21 Feby.</i>	Kate Saunders was readmitted this morning.
<i>Wednesday 23 Feby.</i>	Tested Register & found them correct. D.W. Fidler.
<i>Thursday 24 Feby. / Friday 25 Feby.</i>	— The children did not attend Church on account of the Service being at 11 a.m. instead of 11.30. a.m. Being St. Matthias' Day the children attended Divine Service at 11.30 a.m.
<i>Tuesday 1 March</i>	— Some progress is being made with the new work, and the attendances show a better average being 74.5 against 70 last week. Henry Lawrence was corporally punished for persistent disobedience.
<i>Wednesday 2 March</i>	The Rev. D.R.W. Fidler visited the school this morning, and brought in H.M. Inspector's Report, a copy of which will be found overleaf.

Copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's Report.

Mixed School.

- **Actual Average Attendance** | Boys: 25.7 | Girls: 23.1 | Total: 48.8
- **Average Attendance on which the Grant is payable: 49**
 1. Fixed Grant: 4.6
 2. Merit: 2.0
 3. Singing (a) Ear: 6
 4. Elementary Subjects Percentage of Passes 1d for 1 per cent: 4.7
- **Grant on Total Average Attendance: 14.7**
- **Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance Girls, Arts 106c and 109c: 23.0**
- **Presented for Examination: 50 | Absent without excuse: 0 | Total: 50**
- **Passes in Reading: 46 | Writing: 49 | Arithmetic: 38 | Total: 133**
- **Grant Claimable:**
 - On Average Attendance: £35.14.7
 - Gross Total of Claim: £36.14.4

- **Actual Average Attendance** | Boys: 13.6 | Girls: 12.4 | Total: 26.
- **Average Attendance on which the Grant is payable:** 26.
- **Grants on Average Attendance:**
 1. Fixed Grant: 9.0
 2. Merit: 2.0
 3. Singing (a) Ear: 6
- **Grant on Total Average Attendance:** 11.6
- **Grant for Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance Girls, Arts 106c and 109c:** 12/-
- **Grant claimable:**
 - On Average Attendance: £14.19.0 / 12.0
 - **Gross Total of Claim: £15.11.0**
- **Total Day School: £52.8.4**

	Summary of Inspector's Report.
Mixed School	"The general results of the examination are again satisfactory, showing the good percentage of 91. The Dictation is the best feature, both Spelling and Handwriting being good. The Reading is wanting in expression, most of the children being accurate rather than intelligent readers. The Arithmetic is certainly improved. A good foundation in the elementary subjects having now been laid, I think that a class subject might be introduced with good effect. No grant will be recommended next year for sewing unless all the girls are provided with thimbles, and know how to use them."
Infants' Class	"The Infants' class is a very fair one on the whole. The room in which it is taught wears a very forlorn appearance. There are no desks or gallery, the walls are dirty, and the roof is out of repair, letting in the wet, and causing the

	— ceiling to give way. Proper furniture must be provided at once, otherwise payment under Article 106 (a) 1 will be endangered." — "The necessary repairs to the Infants' room must be undertaken without delay, or a deduction from the grant will have to be made next year (Article 115 i)." — Herbert Parker Certificated Teacher. — Fanny Gibbs (Article 50). — David R. W. Fidler — Correspondent.
Friday 4 March	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school today. Lesson on the "Camel" was given to the Infant Class. The average attendance is rather better than last week being 74.8. Mr. Frank Bryan visited the school this afternoon.
11th March	Average for past week 76. Assistant absent.

<i>Monday 14th March</i>	Admitted Mabel Youdell this morning. Assistant absent today owing to illness of her mother. The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school this morning.
<i>Tuesday 15 March</i>	Many children are absent today on account of the rough weather. Assistant absent.
<i>Wednesday 16 March</i>	There was no school today through the winterly weather, snow having fallen to the depth of several inches during yesterday and last night.
<i>Friday 18 March</i>	School was opened again yesterday morning, but attendances for the past week show a great falling off compared with previous weeks, the average being 64.3. The Rev. D. Fidler came in this afternoon.
<i>Friday 25 March</i>	Being the day of the Annunciation the children attended church this morning as per timetable.
	— The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school. — Progress is being made with the new work in each of the Standards. — The Average has improved a little but some of Std 3. children are absent suffering from colds. Av. Att - 75.2

1887. Friday 1 Apl.	The Average Attendance has again suffered this week owing to the winterly weather of today. Between 30 and 40 only were present and the average is but 66.2.
Monday 4 Apl.	The following names have been taken off the Register: James Sears, William Wright, William Dover, Frederick Roger, Thomas Muckley, Frank Payne, Laura Hatch, Agnes Cox, Mary Finch, and Charles Barker.
Thursday 7 Apl.	The children have attended service this week at the Church at 11.30 a.m. according to Time Table. The School Attendance Officer visits the school. Average still far from good owing to the weather, although a slight improvement on last week, being 71.8.
	— The school broke up this morning for the — Easter Holidays — which extend to Monday 18 April.

<i>1887. Monday 18 April</i>	Reopened school this morning after the Easter Holiday with a fair attendance. Admitted George Wright, Sidney Slade, Alfred Saunders, and William Saunders.
<i>Tuesday 19 April</i>	James Lawrence was admitted this afternoon.
<i>Friday 22 April</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school and took a list of the absentees.
	— The Attendance of some of Std 4. children has been very bad this week, consequently their work is progressing slowly. Other Standards seem to be doing fairly. — Average for past week 72.9.
<i>Monday 25 April</i>	Being St. Mark's Day the children attended Service in Church. Admitted Emma Barker.
<i>Friday 29 April</i>	The Average Attendance for the week has improved, having risen from 72.9 to 78.7.
<i>Monday 2 May</i>	The attendance today is far from good owing to so many of the children "Maying."
<i>Friday 6 May</i>	Work has steadily progressed during the week. Commenced teaching song "The stormy winds do blow." The singing as a rule is far from good.
	— Average for week 74.7

<i>1887. Monday 9 May</i>	The School Attendance Officer (Mr. Bryan) visited the school and took a list of the absentees.
<i>Friday 13 May</i>	The Average Attendance has made some advance on last week, but some of the children attend very irregularly, notably in Std 4. Average 76.5.
	— The progress of the work appears very slow. The Reading is indistinct and Stds 1 and 3 seem not to take to their Arith: very readily. — Have taken "Gray's Elegy" with Stds 3 & 4, and "Verses supposed to be written by Alexander Selkirk" for Standards 1 and 2 children.
<i>Wed. May 18</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.W. Fidler.
<i>Thursday 19 May</i>	Being Ascension Day the children attended Service at 11.30 a.m. and a half holiday was given in the afternoon.
<i>Friday 20 May</i>	The average attendance, which in the early part of the week promised to be a good one, has been considerably reduced by the winterly weather experienced today. Average for the week 75.3.

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<i>1887. Friday 27 May</i>	Work has been progressing slowly during the week, and the average is still far from good, being but 73.5.
<i>Monday 6 June</i>	— The school broke up this morning for the usual holiday of a week. Reopened school this morning after the Whitsun Holiday. Admitted George Cox and Kate Hatch.
<i>Tuesday 7 June</i>	Admitted Gladys Slade this morning.
<i>Friday 10 June</i>	The Attendances of the whole of the School with the exception of Stds 4. and 5. is very fair. Those standards together number 13 and the average is but 6.4. I have therefore written to the Attendance Officer respecting the absentees.
<i>Monday 13 June</i>	— Average for past week 78.9. On account of the Meeting House Sunday School Treat taking place this afternoon a halfholiday was given.
<i>Wednesday 15 June</i>	Herbert Payne's name has been taken off the Register.
<i>17 June</i>	New Desks arrived today from the Educational Supply Association. Average for past week 76.1.

<i>1887. Tuesday 21 June</i>	Being Jubilee Day a holiday was given.
<i>Friday 24 June</i>	The children have attended very irregularly during the past week and the average has consequently been very materially decreased, being but 66.1 or a fall off of 10 on the previous week.
<i>Tuesday 28 June</i>	— Chas Sawyer's name was taken off Register. The Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon and supplied with a list of absentees.
<i>Thursday 30 June</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.W. Fidler.
<i>Friday 1 July</i>	This week the attendance has improved and the quality of the work done also shows improvement. Gladys Slade's name has been taken off the Register. Av. Att: 74.2
<i>Wednesday 6 July</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday 8 July</i>	Some progress with the work is to be observed especially in Std 3. The Arithmetic is weak. Average Attendance 75.6.

<i>1887. July 12</i>	Admitted Percy Lawrence this morning.
<i>Friday 15 July</i>	Work has progressed slowly during the week and the average again shows a falling off compared with the previous week. List of absentees has today been sent to Attendance Officer. Av: 72.8
<i>Friday 22 July</i>	By a strange coincidence the attendance amount to exactly as last week viz 72.8.
<i>Thursday 28 July</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler.
<i>Friday 29 July</i>	The choir being taken for their annual excursion today a halfholiday was given in the afternoon.
<i>Monday August 1st</i>	— The Average has this week declined to 63.8 A whole holiday (Bank Holiday) was given today.
<i>Friday August 5th</i>	The Average Attendance this week is even worse than the previous one amounting to only 52.7.
	— The School broke up this morning for the <i>Harvest Holidays</i>.

<i>1887. Monday 12 Sept.</i>	Reopened school this morning with a very fair attendance. Charles Barker and Edward Lunnon were readmitted and Charles Sabatina and Albert Grace admitted. Albert Wright and Paul Desmus Lane were also admitted today.
<i>Friday 16 Sept.</i>	The Average Attendance this week is good being 85 - the highest up to the present of any week in the school year.
<i>Monday 19 Sept.</i>	— The children appear very backward in their work after the holidays, especially in Arithmetic. Being Amersham Fair Day a half holiday was given as usual.
<i>Wednesday 21 Sept.</i>	The children attended Divine Service this morning.
<i>22 Sept.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler.
<i>Friday 23 Sept.</i>	Some progress has been made with the week's work, although it has been slow. The Average Attendance is again good, 84.8.
<i>Monday 26 Sept.</i>	Readmitted Charles Sawyer this morning.

<i>1887. Thursday 29 Sep.</i>	The children attended Service this morning as per Time Table.
<i>Friday 30 Sep.</i>	The Average Attendance this week amounts to 84.4/ or about the same as the two previous weeks.
<i>Monday 3 Oct.</i>	The School Attendance Officer visited the school this morning, and the attendance promises to be below that of the preceding weeks.
<i>Friday 7 Oct.</i>	The Average shows a great falling off compared with last week being but 74 or a decrease of 11. The Wrights and Clarke's have been absent all the week probably owing to change of residence. Work for week satisfactory.
<i>Tuesday 11 Oct.</i>	John Joseph Thompson was admitted this morning and placed in the Infant Class.
<i>Thursday 13 Oct.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Friday 14 Oct.</i>	The Attendances this week is far from satisfactory. List of absentees sent to Att: Officer. Average 70.14

<i>Monday 17 Oct. 87</i>	Admitted Walter Bovington this morning.
<i>18 Oct.</i>	The children attended Service in church as per Time Table.
<i>Friday 21 Oct.</i>	Work has progressed steadily in the several Standards, but the 4th promises to be a weak one. The Average Attendance has increased to 75.2. The School Att: Officer visited the school this afternoon.
<i>Monday 24 Oct.</i>	— The names of Bertha Radaway, Sidney, and Ernest Radaway, Mary and George Wright have been taken off the Register. Admitted George, Ernest, and Ada Deamer, and Ernest and Vincent Lawrence.
<i>Friday 28 Oct.</i>	The children attended Divine Service in Church this morning.
<i>Monday 31 Oct.</i>	— Average Attendance for the week 73.14. Admitted Emma Humphries this morning.
<i>Tuesday 1 Nov.</i>	— The attendance is very bad owing to so many of the children going to pick up acorns. The Rev. D. Fidler punished C. Shrimpton for impertinence during Scripture lesson.

1887. 1 Nov.	Admitted Gertrude Elizabeth Griffiths, Eva Emma, and Clare Gussie Redrup this morning. The attendance today is better notwithstanding the inclement weather. The Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon in answer to the list of absentees sent him on Friday.
2nd Nov. Wednesday	The Rev. C. Joyce, Diocesan Inspector, examined the children in Religious Knowledge this afternoon. The Registers were not marked during the day.
4 Nov: Friday	Gave a test exam: today but results far from satisfactory. Arithmetic is weak throughout the school. The average has slightly increased but of 102 on the Registers only amounts to 79.
11 Nov. Thursday	The Rev. D. Fidler brought in the Report of the Diocesan Inspector which is appended. " <i>The Infants in this school are well and carefully instructed.</i> "
	<i>"In the Upper Division the teaching is good, but Mr. Parker"</i>

	— requires more help in his department. He is surprisingly successful despite his difficulties. The tone and discipline of the School are satisfactory. A somewhat more extended knowledge of Old Testament History would be desirable.
Prize to	Kate Penn.
Highly Commended	Chas. Sawyer. This boy would have received the prize had he attended better at school. The Register shows for him only 73 attendances out of a possible 301.
Commended	F. Slade, G. Appleby.
	— C. Joyce — Dioc: Insp: for the Amersham Deanery * 8. 41. 8%.

<i>1887. Friday 11 Nov.</i>	The Average Attendance has increased during the past week and a fair amount of work done although there is much room for improvement. Average 81.4.
<i>Monday 14 Nov.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler and the Attendance Officer visited the school today.
<i>Friday 18 Nov.</i>	Several children were punished today for carelessness during Arithmetic lesson. Std. 1 is still backward in that subject. Average for past week 82.8.
<i>Monday 21 Nov.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.R.W. Fidler.
<i>Tuesday 22 Nov.</i>	— The School Attendance Officer visited the school this afternoon. Admitted Mary, James, & Elizabeth Harris this morning. The names of Ernest and Vincent Lawrence have been taken off the Register.
<i>Friday 25 Nov.</i>	Gave a test exam. with rather more favourable results. A fair amount of work has been done during the week. Average for past week 84.4.
<i>Monday 28 Nov.</i>	Mr Bryan, School Attendance Officer paid another visit to the school today.

<i>1887. Friday, 2 Dec.</i>	Gave a test exam. today, but the passes only reached 71 per cent. The Attendance is very fair - amounting this week to 86.
<i>Monday 5 Dec.</i>	Admitted Henry Harris this morning. The Attendance officer called in the afternoon.
<i>Friday Dec. 9</i>	The Average Attendance is not quite so good as last week - probably owing to the winterly weather. Av: 82.9.
<i>Monday 12 Dec.</i>	Admitted Alice Slade this morning.
<i>Friday 16 Dec.</i>	The Rev. D. Fidler visited the school.
<i>Wednesday 21 Dec.</i>	— Work has been progressing steadily throughout the week, and the average attendance has fallen to 80.6 although it is higher than in the corresponding week and quarter of last year. Being St. Thomas' Day the children attended Divine Service in Church in lieu of Religious Instruction in School. Commenced teaching a new song.
<i>Friday 23 Dec.</i>	The Attendance is not quite so good this week, the average being but 75.
	— The School broke up for the Xmas Holidays.

<i>1888. 2 Jan.</i>	Reopened school this morning with a poor attendance.
<i>Wednesday 4 Jan.</i>	A halfholiday was given this afternoon on the occasion of Miss Kennedy giving a dinner to all in the Parish over 65.
<i>Thursday 5 Jan.</i>	The children were supplied with tea through the kindness of Miss Kennedy but as it was not given in the school the work of the school was not interfered with.
<i>Friday 6 Jan.</i>	The Attendance officer visited the school today and took a list of the absentees, as the average has only reached 64.14 this week - the lowest for any week of the present quarter.
<i>Monday, 9 Jan.</i>	Mr. F. Bryan again visited the school and the attendance is far in advance of last week. James Muckley was admitted this afternoon.
<i>Friday 13 Jan.</i>	Gave a test exam: today and the results are not satisfactory. Std 3 did badly in Dictation Std 4 Arithmetic. The Av: Attendance is the highest we have had in the school year amounting to 86.14.

<i>1888. Monday 16 Jan.</i>	Many of the children especially in the Infant class are absent owing to the bitterly cold weather. The Lunnons are absent again this week through ringworm.
<i>Friday 20 Jan.</i>	The Average is much lower this week owing to some of the children being unwell, and the weather, being only 73 as compared with 86.14 for previous week.
<i>Monday 23 Jan.</i>	Bertram Dover came to school this morning with ringworm and was at once sent home.
<i>Wednesday 25 Jan.</i>	Tested Registers & found them correct. D.W. Fidler.
<i>Friday 28 Jan.</i>	— The Rev. D. Fidler called the Registers and afterwards the children attended Divine Service as per Time-table. Gave another test exam: this morning with rather more favourable results. Some of the children being at home ill the average is not good although better than last week being 78.5.
<i>Monday 30 Jan.</i>	The Attendance Officer visited the School this morning & took a list of absentees.

1888. Friday 3 Feby.	The Average Attendance is far from good but may be accounted for to a great extent by illness. The Lunnons are still absent with ringworm, as is also Bertram Dover, while his brother is ill with rheumatic fever. Av. Att 75.1.
Monday 6 Feby.	The following is a list of Object Lessons given to the Infants during the past year:
	1. Coal 2. Lead 3. Silver 4. The Whale 5. The Camel 6. The Lion 7. The Horse 8. The Bear 9. The Elephant 10. Tree 11. Book 12. Window 13. Table 14. Ink 15. Feather 16. Shoe 17. Candle 18. The Sheep 19. An Orange 20. A Train 21. The Sun 22. The Swallow 23. Winter 24. Soap 25. Leather 26. The Monkey 27. The Bee 28. The Snake



29. Primrose

30. A Knife

Recitations:

1. The Cow
2. The Robin
3. The Cat
4. Tiny Tim

Varied Occupations:

1. Mat weaving.
2. Making Picture Frames.
3. Making Spills.
4. Picking.

Infants' Songs:

1. Winter Time
2. Try Again
3. Lightly Row.
4. The Apple Tree.

— **Songs for Older Scholars:**

1. Harvest Field Flowers
2. The stormy winds do blow.
3. Come lasses and lads.
4. The blue bells of Scotland
5. Never forget the Dear Ones.

— *A list of Object Lessons and the Pieces selected for Recitation for Feby 1889 have been entered in New Log book after being approved by E. M. Kenney Herbert Esqre H.M.I.*

BACK COVER

(Image col1866o263.jpg shows the outer back cover and binding of the log book with a measurement scale attached alongside.)