

LOG BOOK

A transcription of the school log book, 1899–1918

This covers the log book through book-page 299, which the user has confirmed is the end of the regular logbook entries (the Roll of Honour, pp.290–294, is presented as a table). Pages 1–57 are a single close reading (not independently cross-checked). Pages 60–71 were reconciled between two independent readings, with disagreements flagged inline. Pages 72–191 were read directly against high-resolution images the user provided and are verified to a high standard. Page 58–59 is a single reading only. One entry (p.64, Frank Adkins/Band of Hope Union) has been confirmed directly against the original by the user. A handful of figures on pages 87–88 remain genuinely illegible even in the high-resolution images and are marked as such; a few proper names elsewhere are hedged with "(?)" where the handwriting is ambiguous even on close reading (e.g. p.179 "Miss Dorothy Blunt, A.R.A.M.", p.187 "Rev. R. de Neroi", p.190 "E. Aldridge & Loftly", p.202 "Mr and Mrs Lasenby Liberty", p.209 "Rev. R. M. de Neroi", p.215 "Mrs Charles & Dible", p.217 "Miss Constance L. Clare", p.219 "Miss Elsie L. Hilsdon", p.222 "Fred Stubbings, Principal Cert.", p.233 "Hilda Head", p.239 "Tom Massington", p.263 "Miss Florence Grimsdell", p.266 "Hilda Head", p.267 "Mr Brittey/Bentley", p.273 "Mrs J. L. Ware" and the group letter Dr Hickman inspected, p.276 "Charles R. Bugges" (register-checking signature), p.281 "Winifred Norris" absence figure). Pages 192–281 have now been transcribed directly against the high-resolution images provided by the user; a couple of dates that appear out of strict chronological order, or written over a correction/strikethrough in the original, are noted inline in square brackets. Please still treat names and exact figures as needing a check against the original where they matter (e.g. genealogical or official use). Pages 282 onward have not yet been transcribed.

1899, Feb 1st

Songs for Infants. 1899.

My Pony

Baby-land

Snowflakes

Bed-time for Dolly

Recitations for Infants 1899

A little Kitten-tale

Tiny Tim

A grievous complaint

Varied Occupations Infants

First Class

Mat weaving

Paper-toy making

Embroidery

Scarf-Knitting

Word building with cardboard squares

Second Class & Babies

Card pricking

Stick laying

Block building

Fraying

1899, Feb 14	<u>Object Lessons for 1900 Infants</u>	
	1. Chalk 2. Matches 3. A lamp 4. A brick 5. Leather 6. Cotton 7. Money 8. A letter 9. An umbrella 10. A tree 11. Cork 12. A pair of bellows 13. India-rubber 14. Maize 15. Sugar	16. Coffee 17. Rice 18. Milk 19. Butter 20. Cheese 21. An apple 22. An orange 23. A squirrel 24. The rabbit 25. A fowl 26. The stag 27. The cow 28. The lion 29. The peacock 30. A pen
	<u>Songs for 1899 Older scholars</u>	
	1. A may song 2. Come to me gentle sleep 3. A wet sheet and a flowing sea 4. Sleep gentle lady (Bishop) 5. The harp that once thro' Tara's halls	
	<u>Recitations for older scholars 1900</u>	
	<i>I & II / III / IV top words — Suitable pieces from Standard authors</i>	
	<i>Elm K.A, 14 Feb 1899</i>	

1899

Feb 15.	Today being Ash Wednesday the usual holiday was given
"16	Commenced new year's work with a slightly altered Time Table subject to the approval of H.M.I. The last lesson on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons instead of being devoted to Needlework and drawing as heretofore is now given to Elementary Science. The time now given to drawing is 2 hours 40 minutes per week instead of 4 hours
"18	Arthur Carter was admitted today
"19	Fred Rogers was admitted today
"20	Three children were admitted today. The attendance which has been rather bad of late is improving
"27	Two children admitted today
"28	I was unable to attend school today as I was suffering with a relaxed throat & severe cold. Mrs Waldock & Florence Sears leave today
Mar 1	Mrs Esther Stubbings commenced duties today as Art. 68 subject to the approval of H.M.I. William Shrimpton is engaged as Probationer & Harriet Palmer in place of Florence Sears, as Paid Monitor
Mar 10	The attendance is good and the work is going on steadily, but the crowded state of the upper school — there being sometimes as many as 88 present — makes the work very difficult
Mar 21	The Government Inspector's report was received today. The following is a copy:—
	<i>"Mixed School." The school has made some progress during the past year and may now be said to have reached a good educational standard, considering the circumstances. The building at present remains unchanged; but I am glad to notice that improvements and additions are</i>

Mar 21	(cont.) contemplated which ought, when carried out, to be very valuable"
Mar 22	<i>"Infants Class". The Infants' Class is a good one on the whole, but the Reading is not strong and the writing is capable of being improved. I am afraid that the average attendance exceeds the limit which Mrs Parker is qualified to superintend under Article 73 of the Code. A girl aged fourteen is engaged to help her.</i>
Mar 28.	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — Ed Y Temple
Mar 31	The schools were closed today for the usual Easter Holiday
April 10	School reassembled after Easter Holidays
April 14	The attendance is fairly good & good progress is being made generally. St I are very backward in Reading and the want of a classroom makes the work of the school very difficult. There have been as many as 88 present in the upper school
April 17.	Thomas & David Brown were sent home today as they each had several ringworms on their body
April 19	Received apparatus for use in Elementary Science lessons from Mr King, Chemist, Amersham
April 26	Standards I & II were examined this week in the first quarter's work. Standard I are very weak in Reading. Writing & Arithmetic are very fair. Standard II are very backward with their Spelling but the other subjects are better

<i>May 8</i>	Standards III & IV were examined today. Reading in St III is Good. Writing and Arithmetic are Fair. Standard IV is weak in Spelling, the other subjects however are fairly good. Received stationery and prizes from National Society's Depository today, also a B.B. & easel
<i>May 11</i>	It being Ascension Day school was closed
<i>May 12</i>	Received three new desks for the upper school and two for the Infants' Class from the National Society's Depot. The attendance has improved this week
<i>May 19</i>	The attendance this week is very good, the average being 134. The annual Prize Distribution took place this afternoon. The school closed today for the Whitsun Vacation
<i>May 29</i>	School re-opened, 131 scholars present
<i>June 2</i>	The attendance has been exceptionally good this week. The average is 130.2 — nearly 92%
<i>June 5.</i>	The school was closed this afternoon on account of the Chapel School Treat
<i>June 9</i>	The Attendance keeps good. Average for the week 126
<i>June 23</i>	Good progress is being made with the work in all the standards. Several children in Standard I however are decidedly backward. Average for the week 125.8
<i>June 29</i>	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E H Temple
<i>June 30</i>	Average for the week 128.6
<i>July 3</i>	The Attendance Officer called today
<i>July 7</i>	Since the Attendance Officer called last the attendance has been so bad that I have had to send him a list of 10 irregular children, one of whom has been absent 4 months and another over two

<i>July 10</i>	School was closed today on account of the Winchmore Hill Sunday School Treat
<i>July 17</i>	The Attendance Officer called and took a list of irregular children
<i>July 24</i>	Notice had been sent to H.M.I. to the effect that the school will be closed today on account of a school treat. I discovered late in the week that the school treat had been postponed for a week. School was therefore opened as usual
<i>July 28.</i>	The second quarterly examination has been held this week. The work in Standards III & IV is well done, the only weak point being spelling in St IV. St II are backward in Spelling and Arithmetic and Standard I in Reading. St I are backward in their class subjects, but the other standards are fairly well up in these subjects
<i>July 31</i>	School was closed today on account of a School Treat
<i>Aug 2.</i>	Examined the First Class Infants. They are making good progress & promise to make a good class
<i>Aug 3.</i>	Mrs Parker is absent today by permission. The Managers have decided to advertise for another Art. 68 to meet the demand caused by the increasing attendance. School broke up today for the usual Summer Vacation
<i>Sep 4.</i>	School reassembled this morning, 115 present. The Managers have engaged Mrs Woolford (Mrs M. Clifford) late of Great Missenden Schools, as Art. 68

Sep 11	Mrs Woolford commenced duties today, taking Standards I & II. Mrs Stubbings is now helping Mr Parker with the Infants
Sep 12	Mr Rowland visited the school today
Sep 14.	The Attendance is very poor; a number of children are suffering from diarrhoea
Sep 15	Average for the week 122
Sep 19	Today being Amersham Fair Day a half-holiday was given in the afternoon
"25	Art. 84 (b) H. Martin
	<i>Memo. 1. Cleaning slates in Infants' Room 2. Short slate pencils in u" 3. Scheme "B" Arithmetic in Upper School. 4. The gallery in the Infants' Room is an inconvenient structure. It should be rebuilt & fitted up with "edge desks" of the usual pattern — or taken away altogether & its place filled up with Kindergarten desks.</i>
Sep 26	Cardboard money for use in Infants' Class
Sep 26	The work of the year in Arithmetic having been practically covered, Scheme B was commenced this morning as recommended by H.M.I
Sep 29	Mrs Stubbings leaves today, having secured a place at Hynning(?) — her home — under Art. 68. The Managers have not yet obtained an Assistant in her place. Average for the week 124.5
Oct 2	Mrs Weatherby visited the school today and promised the girls three prizes for Needlework, and the boys three for Drawing to be presented at Xmas
Oct. 3.	Rev. Terry, Curate(?) of Amersham visited the school & promised to assist in teaching the scripture after the scripture examination

Oct 18.	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E H Temple
"19	E A Helps Esq. H.M.I. visited the school & brought some new books for the school library
"20	Average for the week 130.4, a record average for the school — 92%
"26	The school was examined today by the Rev. J. C. Long, Diocesan Inspector
"27	A holiday was given today as the master had to go to the National Society's Depot
Nov. 2	Received box of Stationery from National Society's Depot
"3	The third quarterly exam. has been held this week
Nov 6.	The Diocesan Inspector's Report was received today. The following is a copy: —
	<i>By dint of good honest work Mr Stubbings has effected a considerable improvement in the Religious Subjects; his own class displaying a satisfactory proficiency. St II were also decidedly encouraging.</i> <i>[continues:] their teacher who has not long had charge of the children bids fair to make a substantial advance by another year's time. The Infants require plenty of attention to the development of their intelligence; the Hymns, texts, and in fact everything should be carefully explained, and their repetition said slowly as well as distinctly. The singing was a special feature in this school, being executed with expression.</i> <i>The Bishop's Prize — Daisy Stonnell — Commended</i> <i>Infants: Elsie Wilkins, Daisy Norris, Ida Letts</i> <i>II: Susan Lane, George Pike, John Francis</i> <i>I: William Sanders, Edward Mortemore, Ernest Carter, Mabel Mortemore, Arthur Mortemore, Ada Parker</i>

<i>Nov. 10.</i>	Good progress is being made with the work in general. In addition to the ordinary geography for St IV, viz. — British Isles & Australia — the geography of South Africa is also being taught
<i>Nov. 17</i>	The attendance keeps good for the time of year
<i>Nov. 24</i>	The work in Scheme B is progressing favourably, the classes making good progress. It is evident however that the whole of the scheme will not be finished by the end of the year
<i>Dec. 1.</i>	A new gallery desk has been ordered from the National Society for the Infants' Dept, to be put up during the Xmas recess
<i>Dec 13</i>	The attendance is very bad today owing to the inclement weather. Morning A.M. 94 Afternoon 101
<i>Dec 15</i>	The average attendance for the week is 109 — about 13 less than the average for the present year. This is due to the wintry weather
<i>Dec 22</i>	School broke up today for the usual Christmas Holidays — two weeks. Mrs Weatherby today presented a prize to each of five children who had not been absent once during the year. She also presented two prizes for Drawing and two for Needlework. This is very encouraging to all & greatly helps to improve the standard of the school
1900	
<i>Jan 8.</i>	School re-opened today with a fairly good attendance, 124. The new Gallery and desks has been fitted up in the Infants' room to seat 40 children
<i>Jan. 11.</i>	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — Ed Y Temple
<i>Jan 19.</i>	The average for the week is considerably lower this week — 117.7. The great [continues in Vol 2]

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1900

<i>Jan 24</i>	[attendance note, faint] ...irregularity is due to bad weather
<i>"22</i>	Art. 84 (b). H. Martin
<i>Feb 1.</i>	Commenced new year's work this morning
<i>"5</i>	There was no school today. The snow had drifted under the tiles & had melted, covering the floor and desks with water
<i>Feb 14</i>	There was no school on either of these days. The great depth of the snow prevented children coming
<i>"15</i>	
<i>"16</i>	New Reading Book, Stationery, & Apparatus has been received from the National Society's Depot. New Occupations have been introduced in the Infants' Dept, viz. Bead Laying, Basket weaving & Bead Threading
1900	
<i>Mar 2.</i>	The Gov't Inspector's Report has been received today:—

Report

Mixed School. "Mr Stubbings is maintaining the efficiency of this school under difficulties. The lessons in the class subjects are very well given. I hope that it will not be long before the improvement in the building will be commenced."

Infants Class. "The Infants' division is being starved. The staff is quite inadequate. Mrs Parker is not qualified to superintend the instruction of so many children (Article 73 of the Code) and she cannot do it with only an incompetent monitor to help her. The grant may be in danger and the approval of Mrs Parker under Article 68 may be withdrawn next year unless I am better satisfied with the condition of this class. The new gallery and desks are a great improvement, the old gallery [continues p.21]

Mar 2	(cont.) should now be removed
Mar 9.	<i>W. Shrimpton is recognised under Article 33 and R. Parker is continued under Art. 68. M. Woolford is recognised under Article 68 subject to her furnishing a satisfactory Medical Certificate on the enclosed form.</i> Military Drill was taken by St III & IV boys this afternoon for the first time. The attendance has much improved. Av. for the week 136
Mar 17	<i>Staff: J. Stubbings, Head Teacher, Cert.</i> <i>M. Woolford, Art. 68</i> <i>R. Parker, Art. 68</i> <i>W. Shrimpton, Art. 33.</i> The Attendance Officer called today. Took a list of irregular children
"13	Received a Medical Certificate from Dr Turner stating that Thomas Brown was suffering from Rheumatism
	1900
Mar 16	Military drill was taken again today. The boys were taught to fall into line, "dress" and the turnings. The attendance keeps fairly good — about 130
Mar 23.	Owing to the weather being bad, drill was not taken in the playground. Musical Drill in the schoolroom was taken as a substitute. The school is progressing steadily as a whole. The reading in St III is backward, and we are unable to take simultaneous reading as the noise would interfere with the work of other classes
Mar 26.	William Shrimpton, Art. 33, was absent today by permission
Mar 30	The attendance keeps fairly good. Good progress is being made generally
April 6.	The Managers offered the post of Art. 68 to assist Mrs Parker with Infants' Class to a Miss Peters of Missenden. Mrs Peters at first entertained the

	<i>proposal but afterwards declined. The Managers have now decided to advertise.</i>
<i>April 12.</i>	The school broke up this morning for the usual Easter Vacation
<i>April 23</i>	School re-assembled, 129 children present
<i>April 25</i>	10.30 a.m. Have tested all the Class Registers and found them quite correct. There are 80 children present in the upper standards and 49 in the Infants — All in good working order & discipline is very satisfactory. — H. B. Freer(?)
<i>April 25</i>	In place of the lesson in Elem. Science, St I were taken by their teacher for a short walk. I questioned the children on their return on what they had seen
	1900
<i>1</i>	May Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E H Temple
<i>May 4</i>	The Attendance Officer called today
<i>May 4</i>	& 7 The School was closed for two days as the Builders required to knock out part of the end wall
<i>"11</i>	The School has been examined throughout in the work of the 1st Quarter. The work generally has been well done. The following are the weak subjects: St I Reading, St II Spelling, St III Spelling, St IV & V Arithmetic. The Girls in St IV & V are very weak in Geography but the boys are well up in the subject. In the Infants' Dept general intelligence is a weak point; easy questions must be put to them on what they have read

1900

<i>May 18</i>	The work of the school is being greatly interrupted by the carpenters at work on the new building. It is almost impossible at times to make the children hear
<i>May 24</i>	Today being the Queen's Birthday school was closed in the afternoon
<i>May 25</i>	School was closed today for a fortnight to allow the builders to complete the new extension
<i>June 11</i>	School reopened today — 137 present. Standards I & II have been placed in the new premises. The Managers had engaged a teacher, Miss Dance, Art. 68, to assist with Infants, but during the holiday I received a letter from her father stating that Miss Dance was seriously ill, suffering from inflammation of the bowels, and as it would be a very long time before she would be able to work, he asked the Managers to cancel the engagement. This has been done
<i>June 12</i>	The Managers have again advertised for a teacher, Art. 68. This makes the fourth advertisement
<i>June 14</i>	School was closed today on account of the Flower Show(?) outing
<i>June 16</i>	Two boys, viz. Harry Saunders, Fred Saunders, Ernest Carter, Ernest Shrimpton, and [name], all under 13 and not having passed the exemption standard, are being employed during school hours by a Mr Rolfe of Beaconsfield. I have written to the Attendance Officer acquainting him with the facts. Harry Saunders has not attended school once since Feb 26, and although his non-attendance has several times been reported, nothing has been done

1900

<i>June 20</i>	St I were taken by their teacher for a walk, in the place of the lesson in Elem. Science. The lesson on "Flowers" previously given was illustrated during the walk,
<i>June 22</i>	The attendance this week has been very good. Av. 178 = 92%
<i>June 29</i>	"25th Visit of inspection (Art. 80?). George Shaw Average for the week 128 nearly
<i>July 2</i>	Miss Ada Hayzell(?), Cert. P.T., from Queen's Road, Beaconsfield(?) Dept, commenced duties this morning under Art. 68, subject to approval of H.M.I. The sum of £20 has been allotted by the Oxford Diocesan Board to this school as Aid Grant, for the purpose of strengthening the teaching Staff
<i>July 11</i>	A postcard was sent today to the Attendance Officer calling his attention to several cases of gross irregularity
<i>July 13</i>	The attendance this week has been very bad. In all, 171 marks of absence — 17 each time — of opening school — have been registered
<i>July 16.</i>	The Attendance Officer called today and took a list of irregular children
<i>July 20</i>	Mr Shaw visited the school today. Average for the week 129
<i>July 23</i>	School was closed today on account of the Band of Hope Treat
<i>Aug 3.</i>	School broke up today for the Harvest Holiday — 4 weeks
<i>Sep 3.</i>	School re-assembled. Present 130
<i>"7</i>	The attendance has been good this week. Av. 129
<i>"19</i>	School was closed this afternoon — today being Amersham Fair day

1900

<i>Sep 28.</i>	The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. [name], held an examination on Religious subjects today
<i>Oct 5.</i>	The average for the week — 129.6 — about 94%
<i>Oct 12</i>	The attendance has fallen off considerably this week. The average is only 124.4
<i>Oct 18.</i>	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E H Temple(?)
<i>Oct 9</i>	A list of irregular children was sent to the Attendance Officer today. Mrs Parker was absent by permission. Average for the week 125.3
<i>"20</i>	The Attendance this week has been exceptionally good, average 132.4 — number on roll 141
<i>Oct 30</i>	Owing to a Circus visiting Amersham a half-holiday was given today
<i>Nov. 1</i>	Owing to heavy rain there were only 97 children present this morning out of 143 on the roll
<i>"2</i>	Average for the week 127.2
<i>Nov. 9.</i>	The third quarterly examination has been held this week. The results generally show that the work of the quarter has been well done. The Infants show more intelligence in answering questions; they are however weak in Reading. Of the Standards St IV are the best, St III being a good second. In St I Reading is still very weak though some improvement has been made. Spelling is the weak subject in St II. In Standards III & IV Arithmetic is the worst subject. The answering in the class subjects is generally good but the Geography of St IV, which was taught early in the year, was forgotten
<i>"19</i>	Average for the week 130

1900

Nov 16	Average for the week 129.6
Nov 19	Mrs Woolford is unable to attend school as she is suffering with pleurisy
"20	Owing to the absence of Mrs Woolford it was not possible to take needlework today. The Time Table was therefore not adhered to
"21	Mrs Woolford resumed her duties today
"23	Owing to the wet weather the average attendance has fallen this week to 122.2
Nov 30	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E H Temple(?)
	<i>Average for the week 126.6</i>
Dec 4.	The average attendance for the week is 124.9
Dec 10	Miss Player, Art. 68, will be absent the whole of this week, as she is "sitting the Scholarship Exam". Notice has been received from the Board of Education that William Shrimpton, Candidate, failed in his exam
	1900
Dec 14	<i>Arithmetic, Geography & History. Average for the week 124.9</i> , 17 Miss Player resumed her duties this morning. The following is a copy of the Diocesan Inspector's Report:
	<i>Report</i> <i>The Infants have certainly improved since last year, displaying more intelligence; they still however require plenty of explanation. The lower division of the Standards has also made an advance, having now become a good class, while the upper division gave evidence of very good teaching. The singing of this school is excellent. The Bishop's Prize — Arthur Mortemore — Special Mention.</i> <i>Infants: Louie Appleby, Ida Letts, Arthur Parker</i> <i>II: Fred Nichols, Mabel Mortemore, Thomas Brown, John Higgs(?), Nell Shaw(?)</i> <i>I: Thomas Smith, Maud Spencer(?), Annie Rose(?), Ernest Carter, Kate Norris</i>

1900

<i>Dec 21</i>	Mrs Woolford is absent today by permission. School closed this afternoon for the usual Christmas Holiday — two weeks
<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>1901 Jan 7 School re-opened. Attendance poor owing to inclement weather. [figure: 91.01]</i> <i>The lowest desks should be put into the part of the room which is used for the lower classes.</i> Another notice of the approval of £20 aid Grant has been received from the Board of Education. The sum is granted towards the improvement of Staff — viz. "extra Teacher for Infants". The following note is attached:— "The Board of Education trust that the managers will shortly be able to restore the Voluntary Contributions towards the cost of annual maintenance to a better level" (See p. 36)
1901	
<i>Jan 8</i>	The work for the New Year was commenced today. Fifteen children were removed from the Infants' Dept to the upper school
<i>Jan 18</i>	Work is progressing steadily according to the New Time Table
<i>Jan 26</i>	Average for the week 125
<i>Feb 4.</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon on account of the funeral of Her late Majesty the Queen
<i>"5</i>	, 6 There was no school on either of these days; the great depth of snow prevented the attendance of children from Windmore Hill(?) & Mayo's here(?)
<i>"8</i>	The attendance has fallen off considerably owing to the inclement weather. Several children are ill with influenza
<i>"12</i>	Owing to the Proclamation of the King being read at Amersham today, a half-holiday was given
<i>Feb 15</i>	Today in the Optional Lesson, the children wrote a letter about the events of the past week. Some of the letters were very good

1901

<i>Feb 16</i>	The children were allowed to fold and address their letters and take them home
<i>Feb 20</i>	Received box of Stationery from the National Society's Depot
<i>"20</i>	The Attendance Officer, Mr Knight, called today
<i>Mar 5</i>	The attendance has been very bad this week. This is due partly but not wholly to the heavy rains
<i>Mar 13</i>	Three desks arrived today from the National Society's Depot
<i>Mar 13</i>	, 11.15am Visited this School. Tested all the Class Registers and found them correct. School in good working order. Questioned some of the Scholars on their work. There are 118 children present. — W. B. Terry(?), Correspondent(?)
<i>Mar 15.</i>	The attendance has been very bad during the past week, especially in the Infants' Class. A number of children are ill with influenza
<i>Mar 22</i>	The scholars were today instructed on filling up the Census paper
1901	
<i>Mar 25</i>	There was no school today as the schoolroom was required for the Election of District Councillors
<i>April 4</i>	School was closed today for the usual Easter Holiday. Average for the week 121.1
<i>April 15</i>	School re-opened. Attendance very good. Nearly all children have recovered from their illness
<i>April 21</i>	I discovered this morning that three boys, viz. Fred Saunders, Ernest Carter, and Thomas Bilbey, neither of whom have exemption or dunce's certificate, were illegally employed by Mr Rolfe of Beaconsfield on Friday last. See page 36(?)
<i>April 26</i>	The results of the examination at the end of the first term show that the work taught has been generally well learnt. Reading seems to be a weak subject throughout the school; this applies not so much to the girls as to the boys. The Infant Dept is making satisfactory progress. Average for the week 125.7

1901	<i>Report 1900–01</i> <i>Mixed School. The upper school is now in its enlarged premises, where it promises exceedingly well. The order and the work are very satisfactory and the teaching is brisk and interesting. The higher grant under Article 101 (a) of the Code may now be recommended."</i> <i>Infant Class. "The Infants are not doing so well. I spoke last year about this class and must now renew my complaint. Mrs Parker has not the aptitude necessary for the supervision of so large a class and she can no longer be approved under Article 100 as its superintendent. The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Art. 73 of the Code which are not at present satisfied (Article 108). A qualified teacher for the Infants' Class should at once be obtained.</i> <i>A. J. Player is recognised under Art. 68 and M. J. Woolford is continued under that Article [continues]</i>
1901	<i>Article — Mrs Parker's recognition under Article 68 is continued, but she cannot be further approved for the charge of the Infants' Class (Article 100).</i> <i>Staff:</i> <i>J. Stubbing(s), Cert., Head Teacher — Upper School</i> <i>M. J. Woolford, Cert., Art. 68 — Upper School</i> <i>W. Shrimpton, Do. — Upper School</i> <i>A. J. Player, Art. 50 — Superintending Infants' Class</i> <i>R. Parker, Art. 68 — Infants' Class</i> <i>May 3.</i> School was closed today so that the schoolroom might be prepared for the annual concert & prize distribution. The prizes are given for regular attendance and two to each class for general efficiency, estimated by the results of the quarterly examination

1901

<i>May 16.</i>	Today being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service in the Church in the morning & holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>May 24</i>	School broke up this morning for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday
<i>June 3.</i>	School re-assembled, 131 children present, 81 in the upper school and 50 in the Infants' Dept
<i>"7</i>	Average for the week 125.1
<i>"10</i>	A half-holiday was given today on account of the Chapel Anniversary
<i>"14</i>	A list of irregular children was sent to the Attendance Officer today
<i>"27</i>	This afternoon the children in the upper division were shown how to dress a flower(?), and instructed in the uses of its various parts
1901	
<i>June 28.</i>	Another list of irregulars was sent to the Attendance Officer this afternoon
<i>July 5th</i>	Visited — S. Shaw [signature]
<i>July 11</i>	Mrs Woolford was taken ill in school this afternoon and was unable to continue her duties
<i>"12</i>	Mrs Woolford is too ill to resume her duties. The Attendance Officer Mr Knight called this morning. He stated that he should ask the Guardians to prosecute in the cases of Bowler & Pursey(?)
<i>"14</i>	Dr Gardner states that Mrs Woolford is suffering from gastric ulcer & jaundice & that it will be a considerable time before she is able to resume her duties. In the mean time Mrs Parker will take the Needlework

1901

<i>July 18</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon
<i>July 19</i>	The Attendance Officer called with prosecution order to be signed
<i>July 25th</i>	Visited the Schools & checked Registers & found them correct — F. [?] Faught(?)
<i>July 30th</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Band of Hope Treat
<i>Aug 1</i>	The examination at the end of the second term has been held this week. The results show that the work of the term generally has been well done. Exceptions are Spelling St II & III, Arithmetic St III, Reading St I boys. For particular criticisms see Report Book. The school broke up today for the usual Harvest Holiday — one month. Mrs Player leaves today for two years' training at Cheltenham
1901	
<i>Sep 2.</i>	School re-assembled. 123 present out of 133 on roll. Mrs Woolford has resumed her duties. Although the Managers have advertised for an Assistant for Infants (Art. 50) at a salary of £50, they have not yet succeeded in filling the vacancy
<i>Sep 3.</i>	Ada Bridges was sent home this morning as her head was in a very dirty state
<i>Sep 6</i>	Mr Rowland called this morning. Average for the week 118.2
<i>Sep 13</i>	A list of irregular children was sent to the Attendance Officer. His attention was specially called to the case of Emma Nash who has been absent 87 times out of 232, i.e. 122(?)
<i>Sep 16.</i>	Mrs Bessie Ross Cowan, Art. 50, late of Kensal Rise Infants, Willesden Board, commenced work today — see Infants' Notices
<i>"19</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon, today being Amersham Fair Day
<i>"20</i>	Average for the week 123

1901

<i>Sep 24.</i>	I discovered today that several children are absent from school suffering from chicken-pox. I at once acquainted Dr Turner, Medical Officer of Health, with the fact. Ada Bryant was sent home this afternoon suffering with chicken-pox. Notice has been received that the Diocesan examination will be held on Oct 12th at 2pm
<i>"27</i>	Seventeen children are absent suffering with chicken-pox, all from the Infant Dept. The average attendance has dropped from 123.26 to 112.7
<i>Oct 4.</i>	Average for the week 112
<i>Oct 10</i>	The school was examined today in Religious Subjects by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. Milner(?) of Oxford
<i>Oct 11</i>	Average for the week 113.1
1901	
<i>18</i>	Oct. Visited both Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — T. Left...(?), Corresp.
<i>Oct 25.</i>	<i>The children who have been suffering from chicken-pox are gradually returning to school. Av. 115.3</i> There is a further slight improvement in the attendance. Av. 116.5. Two lessons have been given this week on the Paraffin lamp. Average for the week 119.6
<i>Nov 1.</i>	Owing to the visit of a circus to Amersham a half-holiday was given
<i>"8</i>	Average for the week 121.8
<i>"15</i>	The attendance is still improving, 123.3
<i>"22</i>	This morning I heard the 1st Class Infants read and was agreeably surprised at the great improvement made. Average 124.0
<i>"29</i>	A half-holiday was given today in order that the room could be prepared for a concert

1901																							
<i>Dec 5th</i>	Visited. H. Tunaley(?), Sub-Inspector (Drawing)																						
<i>"10</i>	Mrs Woolford is unable to attend school today as she is suffering from a recurrence of her former complaint — see page 39																						
<i>"13</i>	Mrs Woolford resumed her duties today. The attendance this week has fallen considerably owing to the stormy weather																						
<i>"17</i>	Mrs Woolford again had to leave school unwell. The examination at the end of the third term has been held this week. The general results are satisfactory. The arithmetic however of St III & IV is disappointing																						
<i>"19</i>	The school broke up today for the usual Xmas holiday — two weeks																						
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<i>Jan 6.</i>	School re-assembled this morning. 118 present. The new year's work commenced. Eleven children were removed to the Infant Dept — St II. Mrs Woolford was present																						
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1902

<i>Jan 15th</i>	Visited. Allan R. Smith (84b)
<i>Jan 22</i>	Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E. [?] Faught(?)
<i>"22</i>	The Registers were closed at 9 o'clock this morning and secular work taken till eleven. The children were then taken to church. A half-holiday was given in the afternoon, it being the first anniversary of the King's accession. Mr Rowland kindly presented each child with a new penny
<i>Feb 5</i>	<i>"29. Notice has been received from the Board of Education that Aid Grant to the amount of £20 has been granted to this school. 1. To maintain the present charge for Salaries, £20. 2. To renovate Infants' room, £10.</i> Mr & Mrs Rowland visited the school today
1902	
<i>Feb 10</i>	(cont.) I wrote to the Attendance Officer calling his attention to the cases of Emma & Rosa Nash and Owen & Albert Glenister. These children have been reported many times during the past year but nothing has been done & consequently their gross irregularity continues. I pointed out that the four children had been absent during the past year 399 times in aggregate & that this was a loss to the school of about £2.6.0
<i>Feb 11.</i>	The Rev. W. B. Terry visited the school today
<i>Feb 12.</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the registers were closed at 9 a.m. At 11 the children attended Divine Service. The usual half-holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>Feb 13.</i>	Mr Knight, Attendance Officer, called for certificates of attendance in the cases of Nash & Glenister
<i>"14</i>	There are several cases of sickness in the school; the attendance suffers in consequence

1902

<i>Feb 24</i>	Approved scheme & Time Table have been received from H.M. Kenney-Herbert Esq. this morning
<i>"25</i>	I have written today to Dr Turner, Medical Officer of Health, notifying the following cases of sickness:
	<i>George Birch — Influenza</i> <i>Daisy Appleby</i> <i>Louie Appleby</i> <i>Richard Walker — Sister ill with measles</i> <i>Maud Francis — "</i> <i>Fred Bean — Bad foot, unable to walk</i>
<i>Marian</i>	<i>Slade — Influenza</i>
	<i>Fred Saunders</i> <i>Charlie Turney — Sister ill with measles</i> <i>Arthur Turney — "</i> <i>Richard Walker, Charlie Turney & Arthur Turney were sent home this morning as I discovered that their sisters were ill with measles.</i>
<i>"26</i>	Alfred Slade was sent home this afternoon as he was suffering from measles. Three children in the same family were also sent home
	1902
<i>Feb 27</i>	The following children are absent ill, presumably with measles. I have notified Dr Turner & the Sanitary Inspector Mr B[?]: Florrie Norris, Charlotte Rogers, Elsie Wilkins, Sidney Steel
<i>"28</i>	The school was closed today, until further notice, by order of Dr Turner, Medical Officer of Health, on account of an outbreak of measles
<i>April 14.</i>	School re-opened today after being closed six weeks. The attendance is very poor, only 112 present. There are still a few children ill with measles
<i>April 23</i>	Two children, Owen Glenister and Edith Bridges, were sent home today as their heads were covered with sores

1902

	<i>Ap. 23 The Attendance Officer called this morning and took a list of irregulars</i>
	<i>"30th Visited the Schools & checked Registers & found them correct — E. [?] Faught(?)</i>
<i>May 2</i>	The boys in the upper division were allowed to draw with the pen for the first time today
<i>"5</i>	The morning being wet the children were unable to go out to play. A new geography game was played in school. A sketch of some manufactured article (i.e. a stocking, a pair of scissors) or of some place of interest — i.e. Clifton suspension bridge, or Windsor castle — was drawn on the B.B. and the children were asked the name of the town which the sketch represented
<i>May 12th</i>	Mr Stubbings is suffering from Influenza & unable to attend school. Mrs Woolford [taking charge]
<i>May 16th</i>	Whitsuntide Vacation
	1902
<i>May 26.</i>	School re-assembled. 117 present. I resumed my duties this morning after an absence of one week. — J. Stubbings(?)
<i>"29</i>	Four children viz: Freda Lane(?), William Lane, Dorothy Lane & Blanche Slade were sent home this afternoon as I discovered that other children in the same families were suffering from chicken-pox
<i>"29</i>	Mrs Cowan left school this morning at 11 o'clock without first informing me. She was not present this afternoon
<i>"30</i>	Mrs Cowan was absent from school today
<i>June 2.</i>	Mrs Cowan resumed her duties today. She explained that she was ill and went home to Willesden. Peace having been declared, a half-holiday was given this afternoon
<i>"3</i>	The Attendance Officer called today & took a list of irregular children

1902

<i>June 6</i>	The attendance which has been very bad for some time, owing to a great extent to sickness, has somewhat improved this week. Av. 117
<i>June 9.</i>	As most of the children were attending a school treat this afternoon, a half-holiday was given
<i>"10</i>	Mrs Parker is absent today by permission. Ada Parker is acting as temporary monitress during her absence. Notice has been received from the Board of Education stating that Wm Shrimpton has again failed to pass the 1st year Pupil Teacher exam
<i>"13</i>	The Rev. & Mrs Fenn visited the school this morning
<i>"20</i>	The attendance has much improved. Av. 131.5 — on roll 131
<i>"26</i>	Owing to the postponement of the Coronation, school met as usual. A half-holiday was given this afternoon as a number of children were invited to a tea
1902	
<i>June 27</i>	Mrs Parker leaves today. The Managers have appointed Ada Parker as Monitress to assist Mrs Cowan with the Infants
<i>June 30</i>	Ada Parker commenced her duties today
<i>July 2nd</i>	The examination of the first term's work has been held during the past week. The great weakness in the school seems to be reading. The Infants read very badly. In order to improve this subject an extra lesson, i.e. the last on Thursday afternoon, will be devoted to reading. Albert Slade was sent home yesterday and Beatrice Slade today, both having ringworms on them
<i>July 11</i>	The Attendance again being very bad, a list of irregular children was sent to the Attendance Officer
<i>July 14</i>	Mrs Woolford is not well enough to attend school this morning. Fred Bryant, who was present at school last Wednesday morning

1902

July 14	(cont.) ...died this morning of diphtheria. A number of children are absent with bad throats. Dr Gardner has promised to notify the same to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr Turner
July 15th	Visited — 1. Better attendance in the infant room — G. Shaw
	<i>Report for year ended Jan 31 1902</i> <i>Mixed School: "The school has reached a satisfactory standard of efficiency. The teaching is interesting, the children are intelligent and progress is being made."</i> <i>Infant Class: "I am glad to recognise clear signs of improvement in the general condition of the Infant Class. Benches of all kinds used in Infant Schools should be fitted up with backs." M. J. Woolford & R. Parker are continued under Art. 68 of the Code.</i>
1902	
July 15	Staff: Fred Stubbings, Certificated
	<i>Bessie R. Cowan, Art. 50</i>
Mary	J. Woolford, Art. 68
	<i>William Shrimpton, Monitor</i> <i>Ada Parker, Monitress</i> <i>T. [?] Faught(?), Correspondent</i>
July 28	Another death occurred from diphtheria on Saturday, viz: that of Arthur Goaley(?)
29	July Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — T. [?] Faught(?)
"31	School closed this morning for the usual Summer holiday
Sept 1	School re-assembled. 117 present. William Shrimpton has left
"8	Mrs Woolford is too ill to attend school this morning. Mrs Woolford was present at afternoon school
"10	Mr Rowland visited the school this morning
"12	Average for the week 122.4

1902

<i>Sep 15</i>	Ada and Albert Carter were sent home today as they showed symptoms of whooping cough
<i>"19</i>	Today being Amersham Fair day a half-holiday was given. Av. 122
<i>"26</i>	Average for the week 123
<i>Oct 3.</i>	Many children in the Infant Dept are absent suffering from Whooping Cough
<i>"6</i>	Several other children are suffering from whooping cough and one child from mumps. I have written to Dr Turner, Medical Officer of Health, & enclosed a list of the names of children who are absent suffering from Whooping Cough
<i>"10</i>	Average for the week 110.3
<i>"14</i>	I have sent a further list to Dr Turner. There are now over 20 children away with whooping cough
<i>"17</i>	I have this morning sent home Arthur Wingrove whom I discovered was suffering from mumps. His attendance was
	1902
<i>Oct 17</i>	(cont.) ...cancelled. There are now thirty children absent with whooping cough. Average for the week 104.6
<i>"20</i>	The examination in Religious subjects took place today
<i>21</i>	Oct Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — E. [?] Faught(?)
<i>Oct 24</i>	Average for the week 101.7
<i>Oct 31</i>	The number of cases of whooping cough has practically remained stationary this week. Average 100.4
<i>Nov 4.</i>	There has been a sudden increase in the number of cases of whooping cough this week. There are only 80 children present this morning out of 140. About 50 others absent are away with whooping cough. Half the children in the school have had coughs, probably whooping cough in an early stage. The noise of coughing is at times quite deafening, interfering a great deal with the work of the school. I have acquainted the Managers with this state of things

1902

[Nov/Dec, undated heading] The school has been closed by order of Dr H. Turner, Medical Officer of Health, on account of Whooping Cough until further notice.

"[Dec] Closed

1903

Jan 5

School re-opened today after having been closed two months. There were 27 present in the Infant Room out of 45 on roll, and 73 present out of 91 on roll. A number of children are still absent with whooping cough and a few with ringworm. Fourteen children were transferred from the Infant Dept. to the upper school. The work for the new year was commenced, though of course each class has to finish last year's arithmetic course

"9

Average for the week 108.5

"16

A number of children are still absent with whooping cough, others are suffering who have been to school are absent through a recurrence of that complaint

1903

[marginal note, blue ink] H 27.1.03

Attitude in desks to be carefully watched. Paper to be used exclusively for exercises of all kinds.

29

Jan Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — F. [?] Faught(?)

Feb 6

Average for the week 113.6

"13

Average for the week 117.4

"15

Mrs Woolford is ill and unable to attend school

"16

Mrs Woolford resumed her duties at afternoon school

"20

Average for the week 116.0

"25

Today being Ash Wednesday the children attended Divine Service in the morning. A half-holiday was given in the afternoon. The registers were not marked

"27

Average for the week 121.6

1903	
Mar 6.	Average for the week — 112.9 or 119(?) [two independent readings disagree on this figure]. The absence is due partly to the weather and partly to the prevalence of mumps
	<i>Report for year ended Jan 31 1903.</i> <i>Mixed School: "The school has been closed twice during the school year — for three or six weeks(?) on the first occasion, and for two months on the second. It has naturally lost some ground, but it appears to be well in hand, and it ought to recover soon. The cupboard accommodation is insufficient, the system of ventilation is very defective, and the playground is useless except in fine, dry weather."</i> <i>Infant Class: "The Infant Class is an unsatisfactory feature: (1) it is understaffed. Miss/Mrs Cowan has between fifty and sixty children of all ages to manage with the help of an incompetent little monitor. She has done her best, but efficiency cannot be maintained by</i>
1903	
Mary	<i>such a staff. The Grant may be in danger next year if I have to complain again. (2) It is badly accommodated. The light is bad, the ventilation is bad, the equipment is poor(?)/bad(?), and the chimney smokes. The room has been accepted for a great many years — it is true; but everything I have said of it now is equally true." The Managers should take steps to remedy the defects in lighting and ventilation and in other respects, and should consider the question of providing better accommodation for the infants. Their attention is directed to the enclosed Form 69(?).</i> <i>Staff:</i> <i>Fred Stubbings, Head Teacher</i> <i>Jane Woolford, Art. 68</i>
	<i>Bessie Ross Cowan, Art. 50</i> <i>R.(?) Parker, Monitor/Monitress</i> <i>Frank(?) Faught, Correspondent</i>

[reconciled with independent Gemini transcription]

1903

<i>April 3</i>	Average for the week 123.0. About twenty children in the upper standards were taken for a walk along a country lane(?) / hedgerow(?) this afternoon [readings disagree]. They will be taken again in about a week's(?) / six weeks' (?) time [readings disagree]. The changes which have taken place will then be pointed out
<i>April 6</i>	, 7, 8 The first term's examination has been held. The Infants are in a much more advanced state than they were at a corresponding date last year. Reading is generally poor(?) throughout the school, with a few exceptions in St I. [Note: my own reading had "generally good" — the two transcriptions directly disagree here.] Writing & composition show promise of becoming good. The composition is very well done. Arithmetic is somewhat backward in St I
<i>April 9</i>	[a note about desks/materials, partly illegible in both readings]. School closed for Easter
1903	
<i>28</i>	April Visited the Schools & checked the Registers & found them correct — L. (?) LeQ. (?) Faught
<i>May 7</i>	Half of the children were taken for a walk. The route taken was round the lane(?) and it took 45(?) minutes to walk. Observations were made on the growth of trees, the arrangement of leaves & flowers such as the wild hyacinth, stitchwort, & lesser celandine — these were pointed out and examined
	<i>[undated, same week] The remaining half of the children were taken for the walk. The children left behind took a writing(?) / reading(?) lesson under the supervision of Mrs Woolford. Av. 129.5.</i>
	<i>[Mr] Knight, the Attendance Officer, called. Av. 133.7 = 92–93%.</i>
<i>May 18</i>	The lower classes(?) were taken by Mrs Woolford to the pond and the common for a geography lesson. The pond was first visited and the children were shown bays, capes, etc. On the common: the village, the formation of roads, position of trees & plants were studied. [My own reading instead had "hills, valleys, the formation of lakes & action of running water" — the two disagree on this closing sentence.]

[primarily from Gemini transcription; one passage below uses my own reading, flagged]

1903

May 21.	Today being Ascension Day a holiday was given. [from my own reading; not in Gemini's excerpt]
"22	Average for the week 134.3(?)/136.3(?) [readings disagree on this figure]
"28	School closed today for the usual Whitsuntide holiday. Average for the week 132.3
June 8.	School re-assembled
"10	Mr Frank Adkins of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union gave a lesson to the upper school on "Why we eat and drink, what we find in bread & what beer is composed of," with experiments. The lesson commenced at 2.15 p.m. and terminated at 3.50 p.m. [Confirmed against the original page by the user — Gemini's independent reading of this entry had been garbled and is superseded here.]
"12	Average for the week 130.0
"15	A half-holiday was given today on account of the Chapel Anniversary
June 19	Average for the week 133.1(?)/138.1(?) [readings disagree]
June 22	Mr Knight, Attendance Officer, called today & took the names of irregular children
1903	
June 23.	Visited the school on behalf of the Correspondent. Tested all the Class Registers, which I found quite accurate. Examined some of the written work, which was good, and the order & discipline I found excellent. — C. E. Howard(?)
"26	(?) Average for the week 136.2
July 23	1903. Examined the School. — A. Whitworth [signature, blue ink]
"24	Average for the week 133.5
"31	The school broke up today for the Summer Holiday — 4 weeks. Average for the week 133.6
1903	
Aug 24	(?)/31(?) [dates unclear] School re-assembled with a record attendance of 146
Sep 1	(?)/4(?) In place of the usual object lesson, half the upper standards were taken for a walk round the fields. The remainder will be taken on Tuesday next for

the same walk

[from Gemini transcription]

1903

Sep 11	Average for the week 142.1. This is the highest attendance in the history of the school and is considerably over 90%
"18	Average for the week 134.6
"25	Average for the week 130.0
Oct 2	Average for the week 132.2. The Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall(?) visited the school today
Oct 8	The Diocesan Examination was held today by the Rev. Thomas P. Hillmaster(?)
Oct 9	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today [detail illegible]. The weekly attendance form has been forwarded to the Attendance Officer. The Inventory Form has been forwarded to the County Secretary. Miss Hillmaster(?) today declined the post of Assistant Infants' Mistress which was offered her, & which she had previously accepted
Oct 12	Miss Beechey has accepted the post
1903	
Oct 9	Mrs Helps, one of the Managers, visited the Infant Dept. this afternoon and questioned the children for about half an hour; then told the children the story of Cinderella for an equal time. [She] visited the upper school this morning at 11 o'clock and remained until close of school
	<i>Part of the stationery was received from the Educational Supply Association. Many of the articles supplied are of the commonest kind, especially some of the materials for needlework. No pen nibs have yet arrived; there is not a single nib in the school and children have had to write with a pencil for a week or more. They have also had to write on scrap pieces of paper.</i>
Oct 13	Miss Florence Beechey (Art. 68), late of Hook Norton National School, has been appointed Assistant Infants' Teacher, subject to the approval of the Board
	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called this morning. Av. for the week 127.7 = 90.1%.

[from Gemini transcription]

1903

Oct 13

Miss Beechey commenced duty today

Oct 23

Average for the week 127.3 = 90.6%. List of irregulars was sent to Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer

Oct 27

We are still without pen-nibs and paper. These articles ought to have been here by the 1st inst., as it is impossible for the children to do their work properly. I have this day received two blackboards — one marked with squares and one plain — from the E.S.A. Visited the Infants' Department, spent an hour 11–12, heard reading lessons, and saw something of the writing and Kindergarten lessons. The reading is very backward and needs a good deal of attention. — M. Alice Helps

1903

Oct 27

Palmer(?) brought two tons of coal today, and 10 cwt. of lead pencils(?) [figure/item uncertain] to the West End(?), as they were not in accordance with order. Instructions have been received from the County Secretary to supply pressing wants locally. The following articles have been procured from Mr King, Stationer, Amersham: 6 doz. exercise books; 1 gross pen nibs; 1 box pencils

Oct 29

Checked the registers. — M. Alice Helps

Oct 30

Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called this afternoon. Miss Beechey was absent through neuralgia during the latter part of the afternoon. — L.(?) LeQ. (?) Faught, Correspondent

Average for the week 127.3 = 90.6%.

[from Gemini transcription]

1903

<i>Nov 2</i>	Form No. E.A./23, with duplicate, was received and despatched today
<i>Nov 5</i>	Miss Cowan was absent this morning from 10 o'clock by permission, as she was indisposed. Average attendance for the week 126.6; on books 137. Percentage 92.4
<i>Nov 9</i>	Received 1 box of pencils & paper from E.S.A. today
<i>Nov 12</i>	2 packages of stationery arrived
<i>Nov 10</i>	Mr Jacques, the Attendance Officer, called this afternoon. Mrs Helps called this afternoon
<i>Nov 13</i>	Weekly average [figure illegible]. [Someone] visited the school and examined the needlework
<i>Nov 20</i>	/03 Checked registers. — Anthony Walker(?) / A. Whitworth [two names/signatures noted]
	1903
<i>Nov 24</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today. The Correspondent has handed Circular E to me. Mrs Helps and [name illegible] visited the school this morning at 9 o'clock and remained [duration illegible]
<i>Nov 27</i>	There were no irregulars to report to the Attendance Officer this week. The percentage, which is [figure illegible], would have been much higher had it not been for sickness. A half-holiday was given this afternoon as a reward for one month's good attendance
<i>Dec 4</i>	The average for the past week is 127.4 = 92.7%. Mrs Woolford was absent by permission on Wednesday. [Someone] visited the school this morning. Av. for the week [illegible]. Percentage [illegible]. The remainder of the Stationery arrived today
<i>Dec 11</i>	Mrs Helps visited the school this morning

[verified directly against high-resolution images]

1903

<i>Dec 11</i>	Average for the past week. 116.1. Number on roll 130. Percentage 89.3
<i>Dec 13th</i>	M. Alice Helps. Checked Registers in Infants' Department
<i>"14</i>	I have today finished examining Standards I and II. The results reflect great credit on their teacher Mrs Woolford, who has worked very hard the whole year with them, and although they were in a very backward state last January they are now quite fit to enter on the work of the next Standard. In consequence of the examination I have not been able to strictly adhere to the time-table. Mr Palmer delivered two tons of coal on Saturday last
<i>"16</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today
<i>"17</i>	I examined the upper standards today. The results are satisfactory. Reading is the best subject. Composition next
	1903
<i>"18</i>	I have today examined the Infants. I was glad to find considerable improvement in their reading. Writing was fairly well done but arithmetic was in a backward state. See Report Book
	<i>Average for the week 121.2. Number on roll 130.0. Percentage 93.2.</i>
<i>"23</i>	An exhibition of school work was held this afternoon, to which the ladies of the village & parents of the children were invited
	<i>Mrs Helps and Mr Pusey, two of the Managers, were present. The registers were not marked in the afternoon.</i>
	<i>The school closed today for the usual Xmas holiday.</i>

[verified directly against high-resolution images]

1904

<i>Jan 11</i>	School re-assembled. A new educational year begins today. Miss Daisy Stronnell has been asked by the Managers to come for one month on probation, with a view to being employed as Assistant under Art. 68. She will assist me with the upper standards
<i>"12</i>	<i>Thirteen children were transferred from the Infant Dept. to the upper school.</i> Mrs Helps and Miss Taylor visited the school and checked the registers of the upper school. Miss Cowan was absent by permission for a part of the morning, in order that she might go to the bank
<i>"15</i>	I visited the Infant room this morning at 11.10 a.m. According to the time-table the first class should have been given an object lesson; they were however reading
	<i>The attendance has fallen this week to 89.7.</i>
1904	
<i>Jan 20.</i>	Mrs Helps visited the school today and brought a map of Canada
<i>"20</i>	Average for the week 88.3
<i>"25</i>	Mrs Helps sent up a number of useful books and a map of Essex today
<i>"29</i>	The average has still further dropped to 115.7. The percentage is 85.7. I have pointed out to the Attendance Officer that although I have reported some children several times there is no improvement in their attendance
<i>Feb 5.</i>	The Attendance Officer called today. Average for the week. Percentage = 88.7
<i>"12</i>	Miss Cowan was absent today through illness
<i>"12</i>	Average for the week = 88.9%
<i>"19</i>	Mrs Woolford was absent this afternoon by permission
<i>"26</i>	Mrs Tom Taylor and Miss Lucy Taylor visited the school this afternoon at 3.40 and heard the children sing
<i>"26</i>	Average for the week 119 = 89%

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1904

<i>Feb 29</i>	Mr A. Pusey visited the school this morning
<i>Mar 2.</i>	I received a cheque this morning from the County Accountant. The teachers were paid and the pay sheet returned the same day. I was absent part of the afternoon to go to the Bank
<i>"4</i>	The attendance in the upper school has been very good but, owing to the inclement weather, the attendance of Infants has been very bad. Average for the week 117.3 = 86.9%
<i>"11</i>	<i>The attendance shows a great improvement. The percentage is nearly 92. Av. 121.0. Mr Jacques visited the school today.</i>
<i>"18</i>	Average for the week 121.6. Number on roll 137. Percentage 91
<i>"22</i>	The upper Standards IV. V. VI were taken round the playground this afternoon & given a lesson "Buds."
<i>"23</i>	Mr Rowland visited the school today
1904	
<i>Mar 25</i>	Average for the week 125.6. Number on roll 137. = 91.7%
<i>"28</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today
<i>"30</i>	The examination of the work of the first term has been held this week. The weak points are Reading in Standard I, Arithmetic in Standards III & V. The Infants are more advanced than they were at the corresponding time last year. It is worthy of notice that the school has met for twelve consecutive weeks without a half-holiday. The school broke up today for the usual Easter Holiday
<i>April 11th</i>	School reassembled. There were 127 present out of 135. The day being fine and warm the lower group were given a lesson on "Buds" in the playground
<i>"14</i>	The Rev. W. B. Terry visited the school this morning. Mrs Helps & Mrs Noble visited the school this afternoon

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1904	
<i>April 15.</i>	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 127.8 = 94.6%
<i>April 16.</i>	Part of the stationery — three boxes and one parcel — arrived from the E.S.A. today
<i>"18</i>	I wrote to the E.S.A. last Tuesday asking them to forward exercise books on order at once as I was quite out. On unpacking the stationery I found not one had arrived. The children are therefore obliged to do their work on odd pieces of paper
<i>"19</i>	I received a consignment of exercise books today from the E.S.A
<i>"22</i>	Miss Cowan was absent this afternoon by permission
1904	
	<i>The following is a copy of H.M.I.'s Report for year ended Jan 31 1904:</i> <i>Mixed School: "I am disappointed with this school. The correction of exercises is sadly neglected, and the discipline of the higher group betrays a slackness of supervision which I am sorry to see. The handwriting throughout is careless, and the transcription of the lower group is inaccurately done — naturally, as it is not properly corrected. An additional adult Teacher is required for this division to enable the Head Master to pay more attention to details and to give him opportunity for supervising the infants' room, which at present he cannot do efficiently. The ventilation is deficient, and the playgrounds are altogether useless. The lower grant will be recommended next year if the Teacher will not take the trouble to correct the exercises</i>

	<i>[verified directly against high-resolution images]</i> <i>[continued from p.79] and watch the behaviour of his group."</i> <i>Infant Class: "The infants are doing fairly well and I am glad to see that the staff has been strengthened. But I am sorry to see them still accommodated in the room which I condemned in last year's report."</i> <i>The teachers do not appear to be engaged under written agreements. I am to refer you to Article 71 of the Provisional Code.</i> <i>F. L. Beechey is recognised under Art. 68.</i> <i>Staff: Fred Stubbings, Cert. Teacher</i>
Mary	Jane Woolford, Art. 68
	<i>Daisy Stronnell, Temporary</i> <i>Bessie Ross Cowan, Art. 50</i> <i>Florence Beechey, Art. 68</i>
May 3rd	Visited School during Religious Instruction, Upper Standards. — M. Alice Helps

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1904

<i>May 4th.</i>	Examined Lower Standards in religious instruction, which the children answered well. Checked register. — M. Alice Helps
<i>May 3rd</i>	I was absent from school this afternoon by permission to attend an examination at Aylesbury
<i>May 5th</i>	Checked registers in Infants' School. — M. Alice Helps
<i>May 6.</i>	Number on roll 141. Average for the week $132.0 = 93.6\%$
<i>"12</i>	Today being Ascension Day the usual half-holiday was given
<i>"13</i>	Number on roll 139. Average for the week $139.5 = 93.2\%$
<i>"16</i>	Two children are absent this morning suffering from measles
<i>"17</i>	Twenty children of the Upper Division were taken for a short walk and given a lesson on "Wild Flowers" this afternoon

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1904

May 19	Number on roll 140. Average for the week 129.3 = 92.4%. The school broke up this afternoon for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday
May 31.	School re-assembled. Attendance bad, only 123 present out of 145. There are about 16 children absent on account of measles
June 1.	A letter was written to the Attendance Officer asking him to verify reported cases of measles. The Infants Dept. commenced to work on Monday according to the new Time Table which has been approved by the County Secretary & which is awaiting the signature of H.M.I. on his visit. The Rev. W. B. Terry visited the school
"3	Mr G. H. Jacques visited the school. Number on roll 145. Average for past week 132.1 = 84.2%. Owing to the prevalence of measles the percentage has dropped 8 points
1904	
June 6	Mrs Helps & Miss Taylor visited the school this morning and distributed some prizes as rewards for good work in Scripture
"8	Miss Stodgson(?) visited the school this morning & brought "John's Flowers of the Field" for the use of the school
"8	Visited this School. Tested all the Class Registers, which are quite accurate. There are 134 scholars present. Order good in all the Departments. — W. D. Fry(?)
"10	3.30pm Miss Beechey & Miss Stronnell are absent this afternoon, by permission, to attend the criticism classes at Chesham. Number on roll 146. Average for past week 137.3 = 87.2%. The attendance has improved a little but there are still a number of children absent through measles. Two fresh cases occurred today
"13	A half-holiday was given today for the Band of Hope Treat

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1904

June 17	Number on roll 146. Average for the week $129.4 = 88.6\%$. 11 children absent all the week ill with measles
"23	Three more cases of measles were notified to me this morning
"24	Miss Cowan is absent this afternoon by permission. Number on roll 146. Average for the week $126.8 = 86.8\%$. There are sixteen children absent through sickness
"27	<i>Yesterday afternoon the lower & middle divisions of the upper school were taken for a walk. The subject of the lesson for the lower group was "Climbing stems"; that of the upper "Summer flowers."</i> Two more cases of measles were reported this morning. Lily Alleson was sent home this afternoon as she had a ringworm on her forehead
"29	I have written to the Attendance Officer this morning asking him to verify 15 reported cases of measles
1904	
June 29	Mr G. H. Jacques, Attendance Officer, called this afternoon
July 1st	Number on roll 143. Average for the week $122.5 = 85.6\%$. 15 children absent all the week on account of measles
"6	I sent a note to Mrs Payne today complaining about the unclean state of her child's — Maud's — head
"8	Maud Payne, after staying away a day-and-a-half, came to school this morning. There was no improvement in the state of her head. I have sent a note to Mrs Payne asking her to attend to the child's head
July 7.	Mr G. H. Jacques visited the school today
"8	Number on roll 141. Average for the week $121.3 = 86\%$. Eleven children have been absent all the week through illness. I have this week examined the school in the work of the second term. See examination report book

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1904

July 8.	As I am attending the Short Summer Course at the Royal College of Art for 16 days, the County Education Committee has appointed Mr Hart, on Supply, to take charge of the school during my absence
"13	Maud Payne sent home, as, owing to the state of her head, she was not fit to mix with the other children
"15	Number on Roll 140. Average for the week 122.9 = 87.7%
"18	A holiday was given today, by permission, for the Band of Hope Excursion
"19	Miss Cowan was taking the wrong lessons, but a possible excuse was offered; no reasonable excuse could be given, however, for taking the same object lesson (the strawberry) on four consecutive occasions — once before July 11th and three times since
"20	Re the Children's Treat: by Managers' consent the school met half an hour earlier & left half an hour earlier, to allow children time to go home and dress etc., in time for tea at 4.0 p.m
1904	
July 22	Number on Roll 142. Average for the week 130.5 = 92.7%. Attendance shows a marked improvement
"26	I resumed my duties this morning. Mr Hart left yesterday
"27	I have finished examining the school in the work of the second term. The school broke up today for the usual Summer holiday. Average for the past week 130 = 92.2% [figure unclear]
	<i>Summer Holiday</i>
Aug 29	School re-assembled. 127 present in the morning, 131 in the afternoon, 144 on roll
"31	Miss Taylor, Correspondent, and Miss Stodgson visited the school this morning. Miss Stodgson promised two prizes to be given at Xmas, one to a girl & one to a boy, for the best letter in reply to an advertisement applying for a situation
Sep 2.	Number on roll 142. Average for the week 134.1 = 94.4%

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1904

Sep 9	Number on roll 143. Average for the week 136.2 = 95.2%
"16	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today
"16	Number on roll 140. Average for the week [figure incomplete in original]
"19	Today being Amersham Fair Day a half-holiday was given in the afternoon
Sep 21st	Visit of inspection (Art. 84a) — G. Shaw [signature]
"23	Mr Jacques called today. Average for the week 131.6 = 94%
"25	Children have been asked to bring any picture postcards, views, they may have, to be pinned on the wall for one week. It is hoped that will be the means of improving their knowledge of Geography
"30	The children of the upper group have been taken in two sections for an early autumn walk. Average 131.6 = 95.4%
1904	
Oct 7.	Average for the week 126.8 = 93%
"11	Two boxes of stationery & one parcel were received today from Philip & Tacey's
"14	Average for the week 130.7 = 96.1%. This is the highest percentage on record
"18	The Diocesan Examination was held today by the Rev. C. E. Milner of Oxford. The Rector and Mr Pusey were present
"19	Two forms were duly filled up & returned to Mr Jacques respecting the attendances of Victor Payne and Maud Payne
"21	Average for the week 127.6 = 94.5%
"28	[ditto] 126.9 = 95.4%
Nov 8	A half-holiday was given today as a reward for good attendance which has exceeded 94% for the last 7 weeks
"9	Miss Beechey is ill and unable to attend school
"11	Miss Beechey resumed her duties today

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1904

Nov. 17

Diocesan Inspector's Report

The answering of the Infants was not very general. A little more time should be given to the explanation of the Baptismal Covenant. I was pleased with the Middle & Upper Divisions. In these classes the Bible Subjects were well known and the Catechism was intelligently explained. The elder children should practise the answering on paper of easy questions on any part of their work. It is desirable that each teacher should be provided with a copy of the Syllabus.

The Tone and Order are admirable.

Diocesan Prize — Ida Letts

Certificates — Fred Nicholas, John Francis

Commended: Frank Eldridge, Henry Oliver, Ellen(?) Goaley(?), Annie Allison, Alfred Slade, William Crowther, Charlie Francis, Fred Birch, Tom Saunders, Minnie Francis

Signed, G. E. C. Milner

1904

Nov 17.

Mr Palmer delivered a ton of coal today

"18

The Rev. Hawken visited the school this morning

"23

Ernest Stine(?) was sent home this morning as he was suffering with a sore throat, and as diphtheria is prevalent in Amersham I thought it advisable to look upon his sore throat as a suspicious case, the more so as his sister attends the Amersham school

"25

Number on roll 129. Av. 117.0 = 90.7%. The drop in attendance is due principally to the weather. The attention of the Attendance Officer has been especially called to the case of Maud Payne, who has only been present six times during the last four weeks

"28

Two children, William Bryant and Elizabeth Saunders, were sent home this morning unwell, the former with a sore throat

"29

Miss Taylor visited. Circular E.1. & E.1.R. received, 1904

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1904

Dec 8.

Mr Jacques called today

"9

A New Time Table for the Infants Dept. approved by H.M.I. was forwarded to the County Secretary for Approval

"13

Miss Taylor visited the School today

"19

Miss Hodgson visited & presented the prizes for the best answers to advertisement — see p. 87

"21

The examination at the end of the third term has been held this week. Great improvement is shown in the Infant Dept especially in reading. For results see report book

"22

School broke up today for the usual Xmas holiday

1905

Jan 9

Re-opened school. Number on books 127, present 116

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I am glad to hear that the managers are considering the question of ventilation. It should be borne in mind that the system adopted should secure admission of fresh air by inlets, & the outflow of foul air by "roof-extractors," so contrived that there will be no downdraught. Windows are not sufficient in themselves, as inlets.

The Infants' room has no real system of vent[ilation]; its case should be considered equally with that of the upper school.

Jan 17.

05. Visited

A. J. Whitworth.

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1905

<i>Feb 1st</i>	Standards II. III. IV & V were moved up today. Mrs Woolford is now giving her whole attention to Standard I who are rather backward
<i>"10</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today
<i>"15</i>	Maud Payne was sent home this morning as her head was in a very dirty state
<i>"16</i>	Visitor Miss Hodgson
<i>"20</i>	Visitor Mr J. M. Ware
<i>"23</i>	A half-holiday was given today as the schoolroom was required for a concert
<i>"27</i>	The Attendance Officer, Mr Jacques, called today
<i>Mar. 2.</i>	Examined registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>"6</i>	Mrs Tom Taylor and Miss Taylor visited the school today and looked at the Needlework
<i>"8</i>	I was absent from school today by permission; Mrs Woolford was left in charge
1905	
<i>March 9</i>	Miss Taylor visited the school and brought the report of Mr Kenny-Herbert
	<i>Report</i> <i>"Upper School" Marked improvement both in instruction and in the discipline has been effected during the past year, and the school is now doing well as a whole. The third standard is the least satisfactory.</i> <i>Infant Division: Improved methods of teaching are bearing good fruit and the class generally is now in satisfactory condition. The wall equipment needs brightening up considerably. New pictures for object and conversational lessons are a necessity.</i> <i>The supply of cupboards is insufficient in both rooms; a good deal of school material is stacked on the floor of the Upper School. A sewing table is required. The Infants' gallery should be equipped with dual desks, or the gallery itself should be removed, and the existing desks fitted with "backed seats" should be placed on the floor.</i>

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Mary	Staff. Fred Stubbings, Head Teacher Jane Woolford, Art. 68
	Daisy Sybil Maud Stronnell, Monitress Bessie Ross Cowan, Art. 50 Florence Beechey, Art. 68
Mar 13.	L. Lucy A. Taylor. Correspondent
"27	Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., visited the school and assisted me with the plotting out of the school gardens. Fifteen plots were measured out, each about 1½ poles. Fourteen of these plots will be worked by the boys, each being responsible for his plot, and there will be one experimental plot
"28	The Time Table has been slightly altered to allow fourteen boys two half-hour lessons per week in gardening. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the lessons will be:
	1.40pm — 2.10 Object or Observation Lesson 2.10 — 2.40 Reading or Gardening (upper group) / English (Middle group) 2.50 — 3.20 Composition or English 3.20 — 3.50 Singing
March 28.	The boys commenced gardening today using their own tools until the school tools arrive. Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, visited the school this afternoon
	On March 25th three pictures were received from the Bucks Association for the loan of pictures.
April 3rd	A consignment of gardening tools consisting of 3 digging forks, 2 spades, 2 rakes, 1 hand fork, and 12 hoes, was received today from Messrs Jones & Cocks of Aylesbury, being part of the order for tools for this school
April 8.	A consignment of stationery was received today from Messrs Philip & Tacey, and a supply of seeds, seed potatoes, and a bag of manure was received from Mr Walker of Thame, all in good order
	The Attendance during the past week has fallen from 94.2% to 90.0%. This sudden drop is due to a great extent to sickness. There seems to be quite an epidemic of sore throats.

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1905

<i>April 10th</i>	I omitted to mention in my note of 28th ult. that Miss Beechey will take the Reading lesson of the Upper Group while the gardening lesson is in progress. This can be done without detriment to the Infants as Miss Cowan will take them grouped for recitation
<i>"12</i>	The remainder of the gardening tools arrived
<i>"20</i>	School broke up for the usual Easter Holiday
<i>May 1</i>	School re-assembled
<i>"2</i>	A half-holiday was given today as the school was required for a children's concert in the evening
<i>"12</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today. A holiday was given today to enable the Teachers to attend the Musical Festival at Aylesbury
<i>"13</i>	Forty children were taken to Aylesbury today to sing in the competition open to large elementary schools
<i>"26</i>	For the last few weeks there has been a considerable amount of sickness prevalent which interferes somewhat with the work of the school
1905	
<i>May 31</i>	Mr Jacques called today
<i>June 2</i>	Maud Payne was sent home today as her head was in a very dirty state
<i>"5</i>	Miss Stronnell was absent by permission this morning. A half-holiday was given this afternoon to enable the children to attend the Chapel Treat
<i>"8</i>	Miss Stronnell was absent this afternoon by permission
<i>"9</i>	School broke up this morning for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday
<i>"19</i>	School re-assembled. 115 present out of 136
<i>"21</i>	Mr Jacques called today
<i>June 26.</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>"30</i>	Miss Cowan is absent today with permission. The percentage of attendance this week is only 86.9. Maud Payne has been absent 76 times and Dorothy Horwood 55 out of the 188 times the school has been opened since the first of February

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1905

<i>July 4th</i>	Maud Payne was sent home today as her head was in a very dirty state
	<i>"6th I wrote to the Attendance Officer today notifying him of two boys who are being illegally employed — see letter book p. 12. Mr Jacques called immediately after the above letter had been posted.</i>
<i>"10</i>	Maud Payne was again sent home for the same reason as before
<i>"11</i>	Miss Stronnell was absent this afternoon, unwell
<i>July 21st</i>	Visited. — G. Shaw
<i>"31</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Band of Hope Treat
<i>Aug 3.</i>	The second periodical examination has been held this week. The school broke up today for the usual Harvest Holiday. Miss Cowan leaves today, her engagement terminating on Aug 31st
1905	
<i>Sep 4th</i>	School re-assembled. 120 children present out of 126. No one has yet been appointed in the place of Miss Cowan. The work of the staff has therefore been temporarily re-arranged: Miss Beechey & Miss Stronnell taking the Infant Division, Mrs Woolford the Lower Division, & Mr Stubbings the Upper Division
	<i>Elizabeth Muckley was sent home on account of running sores on her face & neck. Miss Taylor called and left Form E.50 to be filled in.</i>
<i>"12</i>	Mr D. Collis, Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., called today to make some inquiries concerning Maud Payne
<i>"15</i>	The Attendance Officer called today
<i>"19</i>	The Diocesan Examination was held today. A half-holiday was given this afternoon, today being Amersham Fair Day
<i>"28</i>	The Diocesan Examination was held today. A half-holiday was given in the afternoon

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1905

Oct. 10th	Examined the Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor
Oct 16	Mrs Woolford is absent from school suffering with a swollen face
"19	Mrs Woolford is still absent. The doctor states that she is suffering from cellulitis. As we are now two teachers short I am obliged to take the whole of the upper school myself. The Rev. O. R. Slacke visited the school at 9 a.m. and took the upper division in Religious Instruction
"20	A lesson was given this afternoon on Trafalgar Day
	<i>The following report of the Diocesan Inspector has been received —</i> <i>The Infants answered well at times, but require plenty of explanation, especially of the portions committed to memory.</i> <i>The Upper School rendered the singing exercises capitally, and the written work was very commendable.</i> <i>Bramley-Moore Bible — John Francis</i> <i>Prayer Book — Alfred Slade</i> <i>Selected for Mention</i> <i>Infants: I: II:</i> <i>Winnie Bryant, Minnie Francis, Arthur Parker</i> <i>Frank Slade, Fred Francis, Ida Letts</i> <i>Violet Berfield(?), Percy Aldridge, Nezzie(?) Saunders</i> <i>Sidney Head, Herbert Hobbs, Walter Bland</i> <i>Ivy Wilkins</i>
Oct 24.	Mrs Woolford resumed her duties this afternoon
"25	The Rev. O. R. Slacke visited the Infant Dept. and gave the Scripture lesson
Nov. 1	The school did not meet today on account of the Dedication Festival at the Church. The half-holiday in the afternoon was given for one month's good attendance
"2	Mr Jacques called today
"3	The Rev. O. R. Slacke gave the Infants their scripture lesson this morning
"8	The Rev. O. R. Slack gave the religious instruction to the Upper Division
"9	The whole consignment of stationery for six months has now arrived

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1905

<i>Nov 15</i>	The Rev. O. R. Slack gave the Religious Instruction to the upper division
<i>"22</i>	The Rev. O. R. Slack gave the Religious Instruction to the upper division
<i>"23</i>	Miss Taylor visited and brought forms E 71. 1905. & circular E.70. 1905 — E 69. M.P.I. & M.R
<i>"24</i>	Mr Jacques visited the school today. Mrs Woolford was absent this afternoon with permission. Instead of drawing & Needlework, Reading was taken and an Observation lesson given on the Bat
<i>Dec 8</i>	School did not meet today as the room was required for a Sale of Work
<i>"12</i>	William Dixon was sent home today as he was suffering from mumps. His attendance was cancelled
<i>"15</i>	William Dixon, who was sent home on the 12th inst., is now suffering from Scarlet Fever
<i>"21</i>	The examination at the end of the Xmas term has been held this week. The school broke up today for the usual Xmas Holiday — two weeks
1906	
<i>Jan 8</i>	School re-assembled
<i>Jan 15</i>	<i>[blue ink, marginal]</i> Anthony Wallis 11.1.06 As cases of scarlet fever have occurred recently, among children in the school, I wrote to Dr Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, and asked him if he thought it advisable that the school should be dis-infected. Dr Gardner called later and said it would be advisable to do so
<i>"16</i>	The school was disinfected today by Mr Crowhurst, Sanitary Inspector
<i>"18</i>	The attendance this week is the worst recorded for nearly two years. This is partly due to the prevalence of sickness
<i>"23</i>	A half-holiday was given today on account of the election
<i>"24</i>	I have examined the Registers & found them correct — Owen R. Slacke

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1906	
Jan 26	Mr Jacques, the Attendance [Officer], called today. Miss Taylor visited the school and brought the report, of which the following is a copy
	Report. After visit of January 11th 1906 "Upper. The school is maintaining its improved position of last year. The instruction is distinguished by thought and care, though perhaps it is slightly lacking in vigour. Drawing deserves a special word of praise, and Object lessons are right in aim, though I should like to see answering develop. Infants The Infants are in charge of a Supplementary Teacher. She is doing her best, with the help of a Monitor from the main room, and she will probably be able to keep the school going unless an Uncertificated Teacher is appointed. In the meanwhile the main room is short of a teacher. Report on Premises. "The Infants' Room still requires attention. The gallery of which I have frequently complained is still here. Its removal should no longer be delayed. The plaster is falling from the ceilings of this room and the cloakroom. The cloakroom should be ventilated. The playgrounds are very rough. The Managers should contrive to obtain a surface that will permit physical exercises to be properly taught." Staff. Fred Stubbings, Principal, Certificated
Mary	Jane Woolford, Supplementary Teacher
	Florence Beechey, " Daisy Sybil Maud Stronnell, " L. Lucy A. Taylor, Correspondent.

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1906

<i>Feb 7.</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon as the room was required for a concert
<i>"21</i>	Miss Beechey was absent from school today through indisposition
<i>"26</i>	Miss Beechey resumed her duties. Mr Jacques called today
<i>"27</i>	A consignment of garden tools was received today from Messrs Joyce & Co, Amersham
<i>"28</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the children attended Church in the morning & half-holiday was given in the afternoon. The registers were not marked
<i>March 5</i>	Mr C. G. Watkins, the County Education Secretary, called this afternoon
<i>"13</i>	A consignment of seeds was received today from Messrs King
<i>"14</i>	Four pictures were received today from the Bucks Loan of Pictures Association and three others were returned
<i>"26</i>	Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., visited
<i>"28</i>	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called
<i>April 9.</i>	The last term examination was commenced today
1906	
<i>April 9</i>	/11 The results of the examination were on the whole very satisfactory. Standard I especially have made excellent progress. See Report Book
<i>"12</i>	The school broke up today for the usual Easter Holiday
<i>"23</i>	School reassembled. 129 present out of 132. Fourteen children were promoted from the Infants' room to the lowest group. The work of the new year was commenced
<i>"27</i>	Mrs Franklin, of the Bucks County Education Committee, visited the school. The Drawing, Needlework, Gardening, Singing, & Nature Observation books were exhibited & Mrs Franklin expressed herself as being very pleased with all she had seen
<i>May 1.</i>	A half-holiday was given this afternoon in order that the room might be prepared for a theatrical performance
<i>"5</i>	A consignment of stationery arrived today from Messrs Philip & Tacey

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1906

May 7.	Examined Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"14	A half-holiday was given this afternoon on account of the Band of Hope Treat
"18	Mr Jacques called today
"21	Today being Ascension Day there was no school. Dr Philip Mann called today
June 1	School broke up today for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday
June 11	School re-assembled. The Head Teacher was unable to be present as he was suffering from lumbago
"13	Mr Stubbings resumed his duties. Mr Jacques called this morning. A half-holiday was given on the afternoon of June 11, on the occasion of the Chapel Sunday School Treat
"18	Three children, Marian, Alfred & Hilda Slade, in whose family there is a case of measles, were sent home this morning
1906	
June 20	Four children, Laura, Fred, Winnie & Sidney Sears, were sent home this morning because there is a case of measles in the same family
"22	Elsie & Ivy Wilkins were sent home this morning, measles having broken out in the family
"25	Eight children were sent home this morning as there were cases of measles in their families
"27	Four children, Alfred, Fred, Minnie & Cecil Francis, were sent home this morning as there is a case of measles in the family. I was absent today after 10 a.m. by permission
"29	Only sixty children were present this morning out of 132. This was due partly to the weather and partly to measles. Dr Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, has ordered the schools to be closed until July 20th on account of measles

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1906

July 23.	Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer, called today
"24	School reassembled. 115 present out of 131. Mrs Hilton, Supplementary Teacher, commenced duties. The staff has now been re-arranged as follows
	<i>Upper Group (III. IV & VI) Mr Stubbings, with assistance of Miss Stronnell</i> <i>Lower Group (I & II) Mrs Hilton</i> <i>Infant Upper — Mrs Woolford</i> <i>Babies — Miss Beechey</i>
"30	I was absent, part of this afternoon, unwell
Aug 3	School broke up for the usual Summer Holiday. I have been unable, owing to indisposition, to hold the usual examination at the end of the term. It is proposed to hold it early in the next term
1906	
Sep. 3rd	School re-assembled. Number present 122. On roll 132
"10	5 Blackboards have been repaired & renovated at a cost of 16/1½
"13	Afternoon session commenced at 1.15; registers were closed at 1.20 and children were dismissed at 3.20. Mr Jacques called this morning. Miss Beechey was absent today without permission
"14	Miss Beechey returned to school at 10.20 this morning
	<i>The examination which should have taken place at the end of the First term is now finished. The girls throughout the school read much better than the boys. The Arithmetic of St II & III is weak. The Reading of Standard I is backward. The rest of the subjects are well up to the standard.</i>

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1906

Sep 19th	A half-holiday was given this afternoon on account of Amersham Fair. Twenty children who were absent in the morning went blackberrying
Sep. 21	Mrs Woolford was absent today by permission. During her absence Miss Stronnell assisted with the Infants
Sept 26.	06. A. J. Whitworth [signature]
"16	Mr Jacques called
Oct 15	Alfred Briggs was sent home as he was suffering with mumps
"19	Miss Beechey left today, having obtained a post at Uxbridge
"22	The Rev. R. Allen examined the children in Religious Knowledge in the morning. A half-holiday was given in the afternoon
"23	Miss Williams commenced duty today, taking charge of Standards I & II. Miss Hilton is now taking the lower division of Infants
1906	
	<i>Nov. 1. Today being All Saints' Day and the Dedication Festival of the Church, Registers were closed at nine & school finished at 11. The children then attended church and a half-holiday was given in the afternoon.</i>
"15	Mr Jacques called today
"19	A great deal of sickness is prevalent in the school. Of 19 absentees this morning 6 are bona fide cases of sickness. Mumps seems to be on the increase. A postal order for 12/- was forwarded to the County Secretary, being half the sum obtained for the produce of the garden; the remaining half was divided between the boys
"23	Owing to the fact that four cases of scarlet fever have occurred among the children of this school I wrote to the Medical Officer of Health asking him to give the necessary order to have the school disinfected. This school was accordingly disinfected after close of school today

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1906

Nov 26	Mr Jacques called today after having verified the cases of sickness reported to him. Over twenty children were, on account of illness, absent last week and the number seems to be on the increase. Mrs Woolford was absent today by permission
Dec 1	The percentage which was 84.5 last week has fallen to 81.5, an extraordinarily low figure for this school. The poor attendance interferes very much with the progress of the school
"4	Another case of scarlet fever has occurred, this time in my own family
"5	Blanche Slade was sent home this morning as she was unwell and showed all the preliminary symptoms of scarlet fever
"6	Miss Taylor called this morning. Miss Hilton has been absent since Monday; she is suffering with a lung complaint and influenza
"13	Miss Stronnell is absent by permission to attend the Preliminary Certificate Exam
	1906
Dec 14	The average attendance for the week is 108 and the percentage has fallen still further to 77.5. Nearly thirty children are absent ill. Miss Hilton is still away
"17	A consignment of stationery arrived today from the National Society's Depot. Miss Stronnell resumed her duties. Miss Hilton is absent still and Mrs Woolford is absent by permission. The work of the school is quite disorganised; Miss Stronnell is taking the Infants during the absence of the teachers. Needlework was not taken this afternoon. It is impossible, owing to the absence of teachers and so many children ill, to hold the term examination this week. It will therefore be postponed until after school re-assembles in January. Another case of scarlet fever has occurred and children had attended school some time from the infected house before it was discovered

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1906	
<i>Dec 21</i>	Mrs Woolford resumed her duties this morning. School broke up today for the usual Christmas holiday — two weeks
1907	
<i>Jan 7th</i>	School re-assembled. 124 present out of 136. The school and cloakrooms were again disinfected during the holiday. Miss Hilton is still absent. The term examination will be held as soon as possible after the school recovers to normal attendance
<i>"15</i>	Miss Hilton resumed her duties this morning
<i>"18</i>	The average for the week is 87%, 6% below normal. A number of children are still ill with mumps and scarlet fever
<i>"22</i>	Miss Williams notified by telegram that she was unable to be at school
	<i>Anthony Wallis 22.1.07 [signature]</i>
1907	
<i>Jan 24</i>	Both yesterday and this morning the schoolrooms were not dusted after being swept. I am not at all satisfied with the cleaning of the school
<i>Feb 19</i>	Mr Jacques visited the school
<i>Feb 22</i>	The attendance continues very low owing to sickness; 82%
	<i>H 25.2.07 [blue ink, marginal]</i> <i>Copy of Report after visit of 22nd January 1907</i> <i>"In spite of some sickness during the year, the school is doing well. I am particularly pleased with the top group, where a good deal of effort on the part of the children is obtained. The Infant Class shows considerable improvement. Instruction is quite on the right lines.</i> <i>Premises</i> <i>The Playground has yet to be attended to; it is very rough. The offices require painting. The lighting of the Infant Room on dark days is not altogether satisfactory. I hope that something may be done to remedy this."</i> <i>Staff: Fred Stubbings, P.C.</i> <i>Daisy S. M. Stronnell, S.T.</i> <i>Ivor(?) Olive Williams, S.T.</i>
<i>Mary</i>	J. Woolford, S.T
	<i>Lena B. Hilton, S.T. (Supply)</i> <i>L. Lucy A. Taylor, Correspondent.</i>

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1907

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Mar 1	The health of the children is improving somewhat and the attendance has improved from 78.5% to 81%
Mar 8	The seeds for the garden have arrived
"15	The school is recovering to normal state. The percentage for the past week is 92.5%
"22	The examination at the end of the third term was held on these days
"27	The results of the lower group, St I & II, are very disappointing. The arithmetic is very badly done; writing is bad too; reading and composition are somewhat better. The upper group is in a very satisfactory state, the results being uniformly good
"28	School broke up today for the usual Easter Holiday. A bag of chemical manure has been received from Mr Rhoades, Aylesbury
1907	
April 8	School reassembled with a record attendance, viz. 142 out of 145 on roll. A new school year begins today. Eighteen children have been moved from the Infants to the upper school. The Staff has been slightly altered. Miss Stronnell is temporarily doing the work which Miss Williams formerly did and vice-versa. Mr Jacques visited the school this afternoon
"12	The Rev. Glubb of Gerrards Cross examined the children today in religious subjects. A half-holiday was given in the afternoon. Average for the week 142 = 96.5%
"16	Miss Stronnell was absent this afternoon, unwell. The whole of the Stationery order for the Half-year has been received from the National Society's Depot, except a time table frame
"19	The attendance has fallen somewhat, 95%
"26	Average for the week 141 = 94.5%
"30	Miss Williams left today, having received two months' notice to terminate her engagement

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1907 Apr 30	<i>(cont.) No one has yet been appointed in her place. This makes the working of the school extremely difficult now, when at the beginning of the school year we have a record number, viz. 151, on the roll, and gardening instruction has to be given twice a week.</i>
May 8	Miss Hilton was absent this afternoon
"9	Today being Ascension Day a holiday was given
"10	Miss Hilton is again absent this morning. A Time Table frame arrived today from the N.S. Depot
"13	Mr Jacques visited the school. Miss Taylor visited the school & brought a form re Sarah Jones & some "Bird & Tree" forms from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
"15	Miss Hilton was again absent this afternoon
"16	The Head Teacher was absent by permission during the last hour of the afternoon session
"17	School broke up for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday
	<i>The school has been invited to exhibit at the Nature Study Exhibition to be held in connection with the Royal Counties Agricultural Show at Maidenhead on May 28–31. The following Exhibits have been sent.</i> <i>(a) Series of 12 Nature Study drawings: Fred Slade, Alfred Briggs, Arthur Parker, Frank Stubbings, Hector Letts.</i> <i>(b) Nature Study Notebooks: Fred Slade, Alfred Briggs, Arthur Parker, Frank Stubbings, Hector Letts, Albert Slade, Ida Letts, Sarah Jones, & Daisy Lane.</i>
May 27.	School re-assembled. 140 present. The staff is still one short, so that I have to take the whole of the upper division myself — over 50 children in average attendance — as well as superintend the rest of the school
May 31	Average for the week 144 = 95.5%
June 3	A half-holiday was given this afternoon on account of the Chapel Tea

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June 6	School was closed today on account of the Educational Conference at Aylesbury
June 7.	Percentage for the week. 97.2
"14	Miss Taylor called & left a register for Gardening Attendances. Attendance for the week 142 = 95.8
"27	Two scholars named Turner, of Winchmore Hill, were admitted today, having been refused admission to Penn St. School, which they had been attending some years
"19	Miss Taylor visited
"21	Average for the week 141.2 = 93.5%
"25	I have checked the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor. E. M. Kenny-Herbert Esq., H.M.I., & Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., visited the school & gardens
"28	Percentage of attendance 94.8
July 8	Miss Annie Price, student at end of First year at Tottenham College, commenced duty this morning as Assistant Teacher on supply. She is taking the lower group vice Miss Stronnell, who is assisting
1907	
July 8	(cont.) the Head Teacher with the Upper Group. Average for the week 140.2 = 94.8%
"12	Average for the week 140.2 = 94.8
"17	Visitor Miss Taylor
"19	Religious instruction, Rev. O. R. Slacke
"17	Mr Jacques, attendance officer, visited
"19	Average for the week 139.0 = 94%. Mrs Denny kindly sent some tennis balls for the use of the children in the playground
"22	A written examination in Old & New Testament was commenced this morning. The paper of questions was set by E. A. Helps Esq
"26	Percentage for the week = 93.5
Aug 3.	The examination at the end of the first term commenced this week, but as there has not been time to complete it, it will be continued immediately after the vacation. The annual prize distribution took place at the close of afternoon

school previous to breaking up for the Summer Vacation. Miss Annie Price leaves today. Miss Puddephatt, late of Amersham Common School, is appointed to fill the vacancy

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	<i>Summer Vacation</i>
<i>Aug 2nd</i>	— Sep 2nd '07
<i>Sep 2</i>	School re-assembled. Number on roll 150. Number present 136 morning, 138 afternoon. Miss Ella Janet Puddephatt, late Pupil Teacher in Amersham Common School, commenced duties this morning as Supplementary Teacher, vice Miss Price on Supply
"4	The Rev. O. R. Slacke & Miss Taylor visited. During the winter months only one hour per week will be devoted to gardening instead of two, viz: from 1.35 to 2.35 on Tuesday. On Thursday English & Composition will now be taken from 1.35 to 2.35
"6	Average for the week $140.2 = 93.4\%$. Number on roll 150. 1 gross of drawing books arrived today, completing the quarterly order to the E.S.A
1907	
<i>Sep. 13</i>	Number on roll = 154. Average for the week = $146.5 = 94.5\%$
"16	Mrs Woolford is absent, having been asked to go to Brompton Hospital to see her brother. Mr Jacques visited. Amersham Fair being held today, the usual half-holiday was given
"20	Mrs Woolford is still absent. No Needlework lessons have been given this week; drawing has been taken instead. Number on roll = 154. Average for the week = $144.6 = 93.9\%$
"23	Owing to the death of her brother Mrs Woolford is still absent
"25	Mrs Woolford resumed her duties today
"27	Number on roll 154. Average for the week $142.7 = 92.7\%$
"30	Mr Jacques visited
<i>Oct 3.</i>	The essays written by the upper children for the National Society for the Protection of Birds were commenced today, [being] the completion of

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Oct 4	Number on roll 153. Average for the week 141.3 = 92.3%
"8	On account of the bad weather, the gardening lesson was taken in school
"11	Number on roll 154. Average for the week 136.5 = 88.6%
"14	When I entered the schoolroom this morning I found the floor littered with nut shells, evidently the remains of a Sunday School feast, which had not been swept up
"17	Miss Hilton was absent this morning. The Head Teacher was absent until 2.30 p.m. Mr Jacques visited. Number on roll 158. Average for the week 137.9 = 87.2%. Several children have been absent the whole week on account of illness
"21	Miss Taylor visited
"24	The Rev. O. R. Slacke visited
"25	Number on roll 152. Average for the week 136.8 = 90%
"28	Six children are absent on account of measles
1907	
Oct. 31.	Number on roll 150. Average for the week 132.3 = 88.2%
Nov. 1.	Today being All Saints' Day, the dedication festival of the Church, the school was closed
"6	I wrote today to Mr Jacques advising him of several cases of measles which had occurred amongst the scholars of the school, and asking him to verify them. The Paysheet was received from Miss Taylor with cheque
"8	Number on roll 149. Average for the week 125.8 = 84.5%
"7	Mr Jacques visited
"12	A case of scarlet fever has occurred amongst the scholars and one family of five children are absent in consequence. Owing to the large number of children being ill the attendance is very bad and the progress of the school is naturally retarded

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1907

<i>Oct 19</i>	Chicken pox is spreading amongst the children. Today two children were sent home who had marks of this disease on their bodies
<i>Nov 21</i>	Miss Hilton was absent from school
<i>"22</i>	Miss Hilton is still absent. In consequence of the absence of Miss Hilton Needlework was not taken. Monday's lessons were taken & today's will be taken on Monday. Number on roll 147. Average for the week $116.4 = 79.1\%$. A list of 76 children, ill with various complaints, is included in this week's return to the Attendance Officer
<i>"25</i>	Mr Jacques visited today
<i>"26</i>	Miss Hilton resumed her duties
<i>"27</i>	Chicken pox & measles continue to spread. There are thirty children absent today with infectious diseases
<i>"29</i>	Number on roll = 146. Average for the week $109.5 = 75\%$
<i>Dec 2</i>	Mr Jacques made a special visit to inquire into the number of children absent with infectious diseases
1907	.
<i>Dec 3.</i>	Edith Bridges returned to school this morning after an absence of a little more than two weeks. I questioned her on the nature of the complaint she had been suffering from, and being suspicious I examined her hands. I found both were peeling on the palms and between the fingers, similar to that which follows scarlet fever. I at once sent the child home with a note, and as the circumstances required immediate action, I cycled at once to Dr Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, but on arriving at the surgery, he was absent. However, in the afternoon Dr Gardner called & said he had seen the child & thought she had been suffering from scarlet fever & must be excluded, as well as the other members of the family
<i>Dec 4.</i>	I examined the hands of all children who had been absent on account of illness. Minnie Bryant's hands showed signs of peeling; I therefore sent her home. Thirty-five children are now absent with infectious diseases

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Dec 6th

Miss Taylor visited & brought Form F1 with flyleaf, and Circulars E91 and E92

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"6th Number on roll 148. Average for the week = 111.3 = 75.2%.

Infectious complaints continue to spread. Fifty-one children are absent this morning; most of the children present have very bad coughs and the noise of coughing interferes so much with the work that it is almost impossible to give an oral lesson

The following is a copy of the report of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, on the essays sent up for the inter-county competition:

"The Coleshill Team have made good use of their eyes and of helpful preparatory lessons. Certain phrases are (as is the case with many competing teams) common to all the papers, but there is also praiseworthy use of careful notes."

Owing to the death of her mother Mrs Woolford is absent.

1907

Dec 13

Number on roll 148. Average for the week 93.0 = 64%

Miss Taylor visited this afternoon and brought an order from the Medical Officer of Health for the closing of the school from today until Jan 4th '08.

Christmas Vacation

1908

Jan 6

The school is closed by order of the Medical Officer of Health for a further period of two weeks

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School re-opened after being closed for a period — including holiday — of five weeks. There are 113 children present out of 144. A number of children are absent owing to whooping cough. Miss Hilton has not returned. Miss Puddephatt is absent, undergoing training at the Council School, Aylesbury. Mrs Woolford resumed her duties. The seed potatoes & seeds arrived safely in the vacation

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<i>Jan 22</i>	Miss Hilton resumed her duties this morning. C. B. Hunt Esq., H.M.I., visited the school. Miss Taylor visited
<i>"24</i>	Number on roll 144. Average for the week 118.9 = 82.5%
<i>"31</i>	Miss Taylor visited. Number on roll 144. Average for the week 114.3 = 79.3%. Owing to the prevalence of whooping cough about twenty children are absent
<i>Feb 5</i>	The Attendance Officer visited. Miss Taylor called and left the Report of E. M. Kenny-Herbert Esq., H.M.D.I. The following is a copy
	<i>Report.</i> <i>Upper.</i> <i>"This is a most efficient school. The children seem to be using their intelligence and getting a real hold of their work: in drawing they show unusual ability, and much of their brushwork is distinguished by the faithfulness to the object drawn</i>
1908	
<i>Feb 5</i>	(cont.) and by appreciation of the value of colour as a medium of expression. Various points relating to the lower standards were discussed. I was much pleased with the "Cottage Gardening" when I visited the school to look into that subject. The educational and practical sides are well borne in mind
	<i>Infants:</i> <i>The infants are well handled and soundly taught. It is hoped that drawing will be taken on the lines suggested.</i> <i>Premises</i> <i>The condition of the playground has been improved. The lighting of the infant room is still inadequate: it should be improved without delay. Some addition to the accommodation for Infants may soon be required if the existing numbers are maintained and younger infants are admitted. At present there is no room for games or movement of any kind." — P.T.O.</i>

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<i>Feb 5</i>	(cont.) Staff
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Fred Stubbings, Principal, Certificated</i> <i>Daisy Sybil Maud Stronnell, Supplementary Teacher</i> <i>Ella Janet Puddephatt, "</i> <i>Jane Woolford, "</i>
<i>Feb 7.</i>	<i>Lena Biddulph Hilton, "</i> <i>Signed, L. Lucy A. Taylor, Correspondent.</i> Number on roll 145. Average for the week $111.4 = 76.8\%$
<i>"12</i>	Miss Taylor visited
<i>"14</i>	Number on Roll 142. Average for the week $115.4 = 81.2\%$. The first Bird and Tree Festival in connection with this school was held this afternoon. An apple tree given by the Managers was planted in the school garden in the presence of the children and a number of visitors. Medals were awarded for the best "Tree" essay to Fred Slade, & to Frank Stubbings for the best "Bird" essay. The society's report was read by the Rector, and the proceedings closed with singing
1908	
<i>Feb 21</i>	Number on roll 142. Average for the week $110.8 = 78.0\%$
<i>"28</i>	The Head Teacher was absent today, suffering from influenza. A parcel of Kindergarten materials arrived today from Messrs Charles & Dible. Number on roll 142. Average for the week $106.3 = 74.6\%$
<i>Mar 2</i>	I resumed my duties today. Miss Taylor visited & brought some circulars from the County Education Committee. Mr Jacques visited
<i>"4</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the school was closed
<i>"5</i>	A box of Stationery arrived from the E.S.A
<i>"6</i>	Number on roll 138. Average for the week $100.3 = 72.6\%!!$ A consignment of garden tools was received from Messrs Joyce & Co
<i>"13</i>	Number on roll 138. Average for the week $= 116 = 84\%$. A parcel of Stationery arrived from the E.S.A
<i>"14</i>	Miss Taylor visited

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Mar 20	Number on roll = 141. Average for the week 121.4 = 86.1%
"25	I was absent by permission from 2.30 p.m. to 3.20 p.m. Mr F. M. Ware visited
"27	Number on roll 140. Average for the week 123.2 = 88.0%
"31	Fred Birch was sent home today with peeling hands. He had been absent ill for three weeks. As the peeling looked like that of scarlet fever I wrote to Dr Gardner, Medical Officer of Health, and acquainted him with the facts of the case
Apr 2	Miss Taylor & Miss Agnes Fawcett visited the school & heard the children sing "The Minnesinger."
"3	Number on roll 146. Average for the week 131.5 = 90.0%
"6	+7 Miss Puddephatt was absent ill
"14	The Rev. J. Salmon visited
"16	Number on roll 145. Average for the week 127.1 = 87.6%. The examination at the end of the third term has been held this week. The results generally are very satisfactory. Great improvement has been made in the lowest group (I & II), especially (I)
	<i>Easter Vacation</i>
1908	
April 27.	New Educational Year Commences. School re-assembled, 130 present out of 139. Nineteen children were promoted from the infants' room to St I. The time table has been altered to meet the suggestions of H.M.I., but it was not possible to commence work according to it as the apparatus ordered on April 1st had not arrived. A letter has been forwarded to the E.S.A. stating that the work of the school is being retarded owing to their delay
April 28	Mr and Mrs Helps visited the school at 3.15 and remained until 3.[45?], and heard the singing. A parcel of Needlework and Kindergarten materials arrived from Messrs Charles & Dible
"30	A parcel of magazines arrived from the E.S.A
May 1.	Number on roll 139. Average for the week 128 = 91%
"3	A. Morley Davies Esq., D.Sc., of Underwood, Winchmore Hill, visited the school and offered prizes for the best collection of wild flowers mounted & named

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May 5	A box of stationery arrived from the E.S.A. Cheque for salaries & forms were received by post from Miss Taylor
"8	Number on roll 139. Average for the week 128 = 91.2%
"13	Dr Smith Wynne called and asked for Edwin & Cyril Wingrove. He informed me that their father was ill with diphtheria and he had the parents' permission to inoculate them. I therefore sent the children home
"14	Mrs Rowden of Coleshill Lodge called during the singing lesson to hear the children sing. [Mr Mann — struck through]
"15	Number on roll 139. Average for the week 128.3 = 92.3%
"18	Elsie Pidgeon, who attended school last Thursday the 14th inst., is ill with Scarlet Fever. Mr Jacques, attendance officer, visited. The remainder of stationery ordered on April 1st arrived today
"19	I wish to draw the attention of the Managers to the fact that on several
1908	
May 19	(cont.) occasions lately there has been no water for the children to drink with their midday meal — to mention two dates only, today the 19th inst. & the 11th inst. Mr Mann visited
"21	Mrs Dendy of Coleshill House with friend visited the school during the singing lesson
"22	Mrs Dendy kindly sent some tennis balls for the children. Number on roll 140. Average for the week 131.2 = 93.2%
"23	Thirty-five children were taken to High Wycombe to compete in the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Competitive Musical Festival. The school was awarded the highest number of marks, viz: 85 out of 100, for the singing of the test piece, but did not do well in the sight singing test; our ultimate position being 4th or 5th. The remarks of the Judge, Dr Walford Davies, are worthy of record
	No. 30 (Coleshill C. of E. School Choir) <i>"The best rendering of all. The music flowed along as if the children</i>

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	<i>understood what they were singing about. I should have liked to have awarded them the banner."</i>
May 26.	The Attendance Officer visited
"27	Miss Taylor visited
"28	Today being Ascension Day the children went to Church in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon
"29	Number on roll 140. Average for the week 134 = 95.7%
June 2	Visitor: Charles R. Briggs. Miss Stronnell is absent, unwell
"4	The cheque for payment of salaries & enclosed forms were received by post from Miss Taylor
"5	Miss Stronnell is absent, unwell. Fred Sears, Cecil Westall, Edwin Bilbey, Fred Francis, & Alfred Slade are all illegally employed this morning by Mr Halck, Farmer of Woodrow. The matter has been reported to the Attendance Officer. Number on roll 140. Average for the week 131.6 = 94.0%
1908	.
June 15	<i>Whitsuntide Vacation, June 5th to 15th.</i> School re-assembled
"18	Miss Taylor visited
"22	A half-holiday was given on account of the Chapel Sunday School Treat
"26	Number on roll 140. Average att. 131.1 = 93.6%
"29	John Beal was sent home this morning. He did not appear well and was suffering with a bad throat. I examined his throat and observed that it was inflamed and had a few suspicious-looking white spots on the left tonsil. Mr Mann, F.R.H.S., visited & was very pleased with the gardens
"30	Miss Piper and Mr Hart, Assistant Teachers of Chalfont St Giles Council Schools, visited the school by arrangement. They arrived at 3pm and remained until 4.40pm. The object of their visit was to inquire into the system of voice training adopted in this school. After dismissal they remained until the time stated above to look at the drawings and nature study work

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<i>June 30.</i>	A specimen of Herb Paris (Paris Quadrifolia), a very rare plant in this district, was brought to school this morning. It was found in West Wood
<i>July 2</i>	Mr Jacques & Miss Taylor visited
<i>"3</i>	The Head Teacher was absent by permission from 2.45pm. Mr F. M. Ware called
<i>"3</i>	The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Glubb, examined the children in Religious Knowledge. Number on roll 140. Average for the week $132.7 = 94.8\%$
<i>"8</i>	Miss Taylor visited
<i>"9</i>	Books containing Schedules of Medical inspection & forms 83/1908, 94/1908 & Circular 149E/1908 were received by post this morning
<i>"10</i>	Number on roll 141. Average for the week $135 = 95.7\%$. Miss Taylor with Dr A. Morley(?) Davies & Mr Helps visited by arrangement. The lessons were altered in order that the visitors might see the children at work in the Nature Study lesson
1908	
<i>July 17</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Church Choir Outing. Average for the week — $131 = 92.7\%$
<i>"20</i>	There was no school today on account of the Band of Hope Outing
<i>"21</i>	Miss Taylor visited to hear the sight singing. Mrs Woolford & Miss Stronnell were absent by permission after 2.45 p.m
<i>"24</i>	Number on roll 142. Average for the week $132.6 = 93.3\%$
<i>"31</i>	Two pictures, & a box of stationery & prizes were received from the E.S.A. this morning. Average for the week $131.5 = 92.6\%$. School broke up at 12 for the usual Summer Vacation. The prizes were kindly distributed by Miss Taylor. In addition to the prizes provided by the County Education Committee, Miss Taylor gave nice rewards for Needlework and a Bible in place of the Bramley Moore Bible, now discontinued. Drawings by Fred Slade, Frank Stubbings, Hector Letts, Charlie Francis, Fred & James Ware, Frank Wingrove & Cecil Westall are being sent to the Annual Flower Show

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Aug 31.	School re-opened. The Remainder of the Stationery from the E.S.A. has arrived. 126 present out of 140
Sept. 1.	Miss Taylor & Miss Jopling visited
"4	Number on roll 140. Average for the week 124.3 = 88.8%
"7	Mr Philip Mann visited
"8	Miss Taylor & Miss Jopling visited
"11	Number on roll 141. Average for the week 124.1 = 88.1%. Mr Jacques called. Visitor: The Rector
"17	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"18	Average for the week 125.9; on roll 141. Percentage = 89.2
"22	Miss Taylor called & left "gardening" forms
"25	Average for the week 126.8, on roll 135. Percentage = 93.9
"28	Messrs Charles & Dible have now completed their order for Kindergarten materials
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Oct 2	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 126.8 = 93.9%
"5	The cheque for salaries was received by post this morning & forms were enclosed from the County Secretary
"6	Visitors: Miss Taylor & friend
"8	Visitors: Mrs Dendy & friend
"9	Five sheets of drawings, the work of Hector Letts, Frank Stubbings, Fred J. Ware, Cecil Westall & Frank Wingrove, have been forwarded today to the Arts & Crafts Exhibition at High Wycombe. Circular re. gardening Course & two registers have been received from the County Secretary. Number on roll 134. Average for the week 127.4 = 95.0%
"14	The Head Teacher was absent during the afternoon by permission to attend the Arts & Crafts Exhibition at High Wycombe
"16	Number on roll 135. Average 128.3 = 94.8%
"20	Visitor: the Rev. Cecil Walker

Visitors: Mr Baker, Head Master of Beaconsfield School, accompanied by the Head Mistress. The object of the visit was to see the

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Oct 22	(cont.) drawing and the system of Nature Study work
"23	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 124.2 = 92%
"26	The Head Teacher was absent from school this morning after 10pm(?), having to appear as a witness on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C. at the Amersham Bench
"30	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 127.7 = 94.6%
Nov 5.	The cheque for salaries and circulars was received by post this morning
"9	Visitor: The Rev. C. G. C. Walker
"12	
"13	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 128.0 = 94.8%
"20	A mid-term holiday was given today. Since re-assembling after the Summer vacation the school has met continuously for twelve weeks without a break. Number on roll 134. Average for the week = 129.2 = 96.4%
"25	Mrs Woolford was absent from school during the morning, indisposed
1908	
Oct 25	Visitor: Rev. C. G. C. Walker
"26	The Head Teacher was absent from school the last half hour of the afternoon session by permission; Kindergarten materials arrived
"27	Number on roll 133. Remainder of Stationery received. Average for the week — 136.1(?) = 94%
"30	Miss Taylor visited
Dec 3	Visitor: Dr Gardner, Medical Officer of Health
"4	Mr Philip Mann, County Horticultural Instructor, visited. Number on roll 133. Average for the week 128.9 = 96.9%
"7	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"11	Average for the week 126.8, on roll 133: 95.3%
"16	Florrie Turner was sent home today as she had a rash on her body
"18	Visitor: Miss Taylor. Number on roll 133. Average for the week 125.0 = 94%. Miss Puddephatt was absent yesterday & today to sit the Preliminary Certificate Examination. The Diploma which was awarded the School for their water colour studies, which

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were exhibited at the High Wycombe Arts & Crafts Exhibition in October last, has arrived. It will be framed & hung on the school wall.

Dec 21

Miss Puddephatt resumed her duties this morning. Visitor: Mr Jacques, Attendance Officer

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Visitors: A. Morley Davies Esq., D.Sc., & Mrs Davies. The Rev. C. G. C. Walker & Miss Walker. At 3.30pm three prizes were presented for the three best collections of wild flowers, mounted, named & classified, by Dr Davies, to Jessie Letts 1st, Frank Stubbings 2nd, & Hector Letts 3rd. W. Dendy Esq. also gave two Queen Alexandra Photograph albums to the two children who gained the highest aggregate of marks in the Upper & lower groups. These were won by Dorothy Lane, 48/50, upper group, & Fred Stubbings, 38/40, lower group. By the kindness of the Infant Teachers the Infants were given a Christmas Tree with presents. The parents were invited & action songs were sung, games played etc

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The results of the Term examination show good progress & are in every way satisfactory, with the one exception of the Arithmetic in the lower part of group III.

Dec 23rd

School broke up this afternoon for the usual Christmas Vacation. Number on roll 134. Average for week 134.8 = 93.1%. A lesson was given on Christmas: how it is spent in different countries; & a hundred years ago in England. Extracts from the works of Charles Dickens were read

Xmas Vacation.

1909

Jan 11.

School re-assembled. Attendance good; 130 present out of 134. Some of the blackboards were damaged at a meeting held during the vacation. Number on roll 134. Average for the week 129 = 96.2%

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The attention of the Managers is specially called to the fact that we are often without water & children who stay to dinner have to beg of the people who live near. See note May 19th, page 140

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<i>Jan 29.</i>	The percentage of attendance has dropped from 95 last week to 87 this week. This is due to the fact that a number of children, especially infants, are suffering from bad colds
<i>Feb. 1</i>	Miss Taylor visited & brought Form 9
<i>"3</i>	Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., called & discussed with me several questions concerning the school gardens. — Colin B. Hunt
<i>Feb. 4</i>	'09
<i>"5</i>	Average for the week 117 = 87%
<i>"9</i>	The second annual Bird & Tree Festival was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs Dixon Davies kindly addressed the children & gave the prizes. The best essays were read & songs were sung. Unfortunately the weather prevented the planting of the trees. The winners of the medals were Dorothy Lane, for her essay on the "Chestnut Tree," and James Ware, for his essay on "The Moorhen." The commended children were Frank Stubbings, Ada Carter, and Fred Sears
1909	
<i>Feb 12</i>	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 124 = 91.9%
<i>"16</i>	Twelve apple stocks were planted today in the garden. Visitor: The Rev. C. G. C. Walker
<i>"19</i>	Number on roll 135. Average for the week 124.1 = 91.9%
<i>"22</i>	The bulk of the stationery from the E.S.A. arrived today
<i>"24</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the children attended Church in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"25</i>	The Attendance Officer called
<i>"26</i>	The sum of £3.1.10 has been forwarded to the County Accountant today, being the proceeds of the sale of garden produce
<i>Mar. 1</i>	A parcel of Kindergarten materials was received today from Messrs Charles & Dible. Miss Puddephatt is absent suffering with an inflamed eye
<i>"2</i>	Miss Puddephatt resumed her duties. Visitors: Rev. C. G. C. Walker & Miss Taylor, who brought the Report of His Majesty's Inspector & the monthly circular

Mar 2	[verified directly against high-resolution images] Report
Mary	<i>Copy of Report made by H.M.I. Mr Kenney-Herbert after visit of 4th February 1909.</i> <i>Mixed: "This school is conducted with ability, on progressive intelligent lines. The interest of the children is aroused and throughout the course they do careful work. In drawing and singing their attainments are much above the average; in these subjects they are trained with especial skill. Standards 1 and 2 are being taken in quite the right way."</i> <i>Infants: "Teachers and children are in close sympathy, and the quiet kindly method of instruction bears fruit in the animated appearance of the children and their quick responsiveness. I am pleased with the success with which mass drawing is being developed."</i> <i>Premises: "The surface of the boys' playground should be made good. It is covered with loose stones that seem to have worked through.</i> <i>The provision of additional window space has improved the lighting of the Infants' Room. The room ought not to be recognised as providing proper accommodation for children under 5, as they cannot receive suitable and separate instruction. At present there is very little floor space available for free movements."</i> <i>Staff: Fred Stubbings, Head Teacher, Certificated</i> <i>Daisy S. M. Stronnell, Ass't. Supplementary</i> <i>Ella J. Puddephatt, "</i> <i>J. Woolford, "</i>
Mar. 5.	<i>Lena B. Hilton, "</i> <i>Signed, L. Lucy A. Taylor, Correspondent.</i> Number on roll 135. Average for the week $117.3 = 86.8\%$. The bad attendance this week is probably the result of the bad weather
"9	Mrs Woolford is absent unwell. Visitor: Rev. C. G. C. Walker. The remainder of the Stationery arrived. The order is now complete

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	<i>1909 March 9 Mr Scott, Attendance Officer, visited. Mrs Woolford returned to school in the afternoon.</i>
"12	The attendance has improved. Percentage for the week 92
"24	Miss Hilton is absent, indisposed. Visitors: Miss Taylor, Rev. C. G. C. Walker
"26	Visitor: The Attendance Officer. Miss Hilton is absent
"26	Average for the week 123 = 92%
"29	Miss Hilton continues to be absent
Apr 1	+2 The examination at the end of the 3rd term has been held in the lower group. The results show that excellent progress has been made, especially in Reading. The reading in the lower standards is better than it has ever been before for some years. This is due partly to Miss Puddephatt's good work and partly to the good methods used in the Infant Dept
	<i>5, 6+7 Owing to the backward state of the gardens due to the unsuitable weather, extra time has had to be spent during these</i>
1909	.
	<i>days in order that the seeds, as far as possible, may be sown. The third term examination has therefore to be postponed until after Easter.</i>
Apr 8	School broke up today for the usual Easter Vacation
	<i>Apr 19. A new educational year commences. Twenty children were moved up from the Infant Dept. to the upper school. The numbers now are: Upper school 106, Infants Dept. 35. Miss Hilton resumed her duties.</i>
"23	Today being St George's Day, lessons were given on the legend of St George, the symbolic flowers of the United Kingdom & the flags of England, Scotland & Ireland, & the Union Jack. Percentage for the week 96
"27	Miss Hilton was nearly half an hour late this morning & offered no explanation. The Managers' attention is called to the fact that the playground in front

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	<i>1909 Apr 27 (cont.) of the Infant room & leading to the upper school is in a very bad state. The ground has been worn away leaving large stones protruding, over which the children are constantly stumbling and hurting themselves. Yesterday a girl fell and cut both her knees very badly. Today a little boy stumbled and cut his eye very badly.</i>
<i>Apr 30</i>	Mr Philip Mann visited & gave a demonstration to the boys of different kinds of grafting. Miss Stronnell was absent during part of the morning & the whole of the afternoon owing to the illness of her aunt
<i>May 3</i>	Miss Hilton arrived at school this morning fifteen minutes late
<i>"14</i>	There was no school today. The School Choir went to Windsor to sing in the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Competitive Musical Festival. The choir gained fifth place in the competition and were awarded 74 marks out of 99. The judge awarded full
1909	
<i>May 14</i>	(cont.) marks for sight reading
<i>"19</i>	Miss Puddephatt was absent by permission to attend the funeral of her aunt
<i>"20</i>	Today being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service at Church at 11 a.m. A holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"18</i>	Dr Carruthers visited this afternoon and medically examined about thirty children
<i>"24</i>	Today being Empire Day the usual lessons were not given. The Head Teacher & The Rev. C. G. C. Walker gave addresses to the children on the meaning of Empire Day. The children assembled in the playground & sang the National Anthem & saluted the Flag. The children were then allowed to play organised games for the remainder of the morning. A gardening Note Book was received from the County Education Secretary

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May 28	School broke up for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday. The Exhibit for the Royal Counties Show was forwarded today to the County Education Secretary
	<i>Whitsuntide Vacation</i>
June 7.	School re-assembled, 132 present. On roll 143
"15	The Head Teacher was absent during the latter part of the afternoon session by permission
"16	Miss Taylor visited
"24	Mr Hutchings, the Assistant Secretary to the Bucks Education Committee, visited. Miss Taylor called
"28	Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., County Horticultural Instructor, paid a visit of inspection to the gardens
July 2	A box of stationery arrived from E.S.A
June 28	Dr Gardner called to make enquiries about the children ill with chicken pox. A card has been forwarded to
1909	
June 28	(cont.) Dr Carruthers notifying him of two cases of chicken pox
July 5	A parcel of stationery arrived from E.S.A., completing the order
"6	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
"7	Miss Hilton is absent. Miss Hilton was present this afternoon
"8	Miss Hilton arrived at school 15 minutes late this morning
"13	Miss Hilton arrived at school 17 minutes late this morning. I called her attention to her unpunctuality
"15	The Head Teacher was absent by permission to read a paper on "The Competitive Musical Festival Movement from a Schoolmaster's point of view" to the Association of Competitive Musical Festivals in London
"19	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer. Miss Taylor
"23	Mrs Woolford was absent after 10.30am by permission

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July 26	There was no school today on account of the Band of Hope Outing
"30	Visitors: Miss Taylor & Miss Jopling
Aug 2	Today being Bank Holiday there was no school
"6	The examination of the first term work has been held this week. Visitors: Miss Taylor, Miss Jopling & the Rev. C. G. C. Walker. The Annual Prize Distribution took place this afternoon. School broke up for the usual Summer Vacation — one month
Sep. 6	School re-assembled: Attendance very good, 137 present out of 142. Miss Taylor visited. Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
"17	A new piano provided by the Managers was delivered in good order today. The old piano will be removed to the Parish Room
"20	Today being Amersham Fair Day the usual half-holiday was given
1909	
Sep 22.	The taking of the Scripture Lesson was resumed by the Rev. C. G. C. Walker. The school used the new hymn books & bibles kindly provided by the authorities of the Sunday School
"24	A parcel of mounting boards was received from the E.S.A
"27	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
Oct 1	The school was closed today to enable the teachers to attend the conference & exhibition of school work at Aylesbury. An exhibit from this school was sent, consisting of knitted socks, gloves, babies' shoes, needlework, new garments, old garments darned & house linen darned & mended, raffia work from the infants, crayon work from infants, drawings of various kinds, collections of wild flowers mounted & named in nature study books
"4	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
"4	+5 The essays in connection with the Bird & Tree Competition were written

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	<i>1909 Oct 4+5 (cont.) on the afternoon of the 4th & the morning of the 5th. The Rev. C. G. C. Walker superintended the writing of the essays on the 4th & E. Schwann Esq. on the 5th.</i>
<i>Oct 9th</i>	Some of the music required for the B. B. & O. musical festival was received this morning from the E.S.A
	<i>H 22.x.09 [blue ink, marginal]</i>
<i>Oct 22</i>	Eric Francis was sent home today as he had spots on his skin very much like the marks of chicken pox. Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"25</i>	Bertie Hazell was sent home this morning as his head was in a dirty state
<i>Oct. 27.</i>	Tested the registers and found them correct. — Cecil G. C. Walker
<i>Nov 4</i>	The salaries & monthly circular were received from Miss Taylor this morning
<i>"10</i>	C. G. Watkins Esq., the County Secretary for Education, visited to make some enquiries concerning the staff
1909	
<i>Nov 9.</i>	The Diocesan Inspection was held today. The children were examined by the Rev. Carew Fisher, Oxford Diocesan Inspector
<i>Nov. 13</i>	Visitor: Mr Philip Mann, F.R.H.S., County Horticultural Instructor. Mrs Hilton was absent by permission
<i>Nov 24</i>	Miss Hilton completed her engagement today, but as no teacher has been appointed in her place, Mrs Woolford is teaching the whole of the Infants
<i>Nov. 27</i>	I received a letter from Miss Hilton this (Saturday) morning stating that she had been asked to return
<i>Nov 30</i>	Miss Hilton resumed her duties this morning
<i>Dec 6th</i>	In the Bird & Tree Competition the School Team has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence. The following is the extract of the Report on the County referring to this school: "The Coleshill Team has improved remarkably since last year. Their papers show a large amount of careful

	<i>[verified directly against high-resolution images]</i> 1909 Dec 6 (cont.) and accurate note taking, and are supplemented by wonderfully good water-colour sketches."
Dec 16	The examination at the end of the second term was commenced
"21	The Annual Bird & Tree Festival was held at 2.30 this afternoon. The Medals & Prizes were presented by Mrs Dendy. Prizes were also given by Mr Schwann for the three best gardens & by Dr Morley Davies to the two best children from Winchmore Hill. The following is the report. —
	<i>Coleshill School</i> "There is a distinct improvement in the essays from Coleshill and the drawings are excellent, quite the best that come from the County. There is still a tendency towards haste & inexactitude in the papers. Frank Stubbings, for instance, who knows and feeds the Blue Tits and paints them so remarkably well, should know better than to say that the bird varies in size from three to five
1909	
	<i>inches: apparently he confounds it with the Great Tit, a mistake not to be expected of a young student who obviously observes to a considerable extent for himself. Nor would anyone who really knew birds' songs think the Blackbird's song in the least like the Thrush's, as Eric Francis thinks it. There is however genuine work done by this team and the Trees are all well done. The essays are also nicely written. Too many are put in, adding to the Judge's labours. The best bird paper is that on the Moorhen by Margaret Ware, and the best tree paper that on the Ash by Frank Stubbings. As the writers seem to have been rather hurried, the judges would like it to be stated next time how long is allowed." Coleshill to have a Certificate of Excellence with medals to Frank Stubbings and Margaret Ware.</i>
Dec 22	The parents of the children were invited to come & hear the Infants sing & recite

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1909 Dec 22 (cont.) in the afternoon. They afterwards adjourned to the upper school to hear the older children sing. School then broke up for the usual Xmas Holiday.

Miss Hilton terminated her appointment today.

Christmas Vacation

1910

<i>Jan 10</i>	School re-assembled, 135 present out of 144. Miss Margaret Atkinson, Uncertificated Teacher, late of Lockfield C.E. School, Durham, commenced duties in the place of Miss Hilton. Miss Puddephatt has been asked to continue on supply until another teacher is appointed
<i>"26</i>	Mrs Woolford was absent unwell. A parcel of seeds for the gardens was received from Messrs Carter of Holborn
<i>Jan. 27.</i>	Tested the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>"28</i>	Owing to the bad weather and the dangerous state of the roads sixty children were absent this morning. The registers were not marked and the ordinary lessons were not taken. The morning was devoted to reading, drawing & singing
<i>Feb 7th</i>	A parcel of stationery was received this morning from the E.S.A
	<i>"8th Visitors: The Rev. C. G. C. Walker, Miss Taylor & the Attendance Officer.</i>
	<i>"9th Today being Ash Wednesday the children attended Church in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon.</i>
<i>"11</i>	I found on entering school this morning a fence broken. The part was not broken at close of school yesterday
<i>"15</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"22</i>	A consignment of stationery was received today from the E.S.A

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	<i>1910 Feb 24 A parcel of Kindergarten & needlework materials was received from Messrs Charles & Dible. A new clock was received from the E.S.A.</i>
<i>Mar 1</i>	A parcel completing the consignment of stationery arrived today
<i>Mar 7</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>Nov 17th 1909</i>	<i>Diocesan Inspector's Report</i>
	<i>"This school is doing good work as a whole but the work of the upper part of it showed a lack of evenness. The majority of the children were too ready to let the best do all the work. Something of the same inequality showed itself in the paper work. I was especially pleased with the Infants, which in this way was the best work in the school. Frank Stubbings was easily first for the prize but has already received it; he is recommended to the Managers for some special recognition."</i> <i>Bishop's Prize: Dorothy Lane</i>
1910	
	<i>Certificates: Jessie Letts, Minnie Francis, Florence Spurge</i> <i>Commended: Hector Letts, Olive Parker, Thomas Saunders, Violet Rogers, Rose Turney, Ivy Wilkins, Georgina Haynes, Charles Downs, William Rogers, Mabel Berfield, Ethel Downs, Hilda Head, Aubrey Carter.</i>
<i>Mar 11.</i>	Visitors: Miss Taylor & Mr Scott, Atten. Off. Miss Stronnell was absent from afternoon school by permission. There is an epidemic of coughs & colds among the children, which interferes very much with the oral lessons. For this reason singing lessons have not been attempted during the past week
<i>"14</i>	There was a great increase of sickness in the school; 23 children are absent
<i>"16</i>	Tested the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>"17</i>	The term examination was commenced today

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<i>Apr 23</i>	School closed for the usual Easter Holiday. Miss Puddephatt leaves today
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Easter Vacation</i> A new school year commences today. Twelve children were moved from the Infants to the upper Division. Miss Constance Clare, Uncertificated Teacher, late of Colnbrook School, commenced duties today. The attendance is good, 136 present out of 144. Two children, Hilda & Edith Hazell, were sent home at the close of morning school with verminous heads. A note was sent to the parents giving the reason for this. Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
<i>"18</i>	Received by post from Miss Taylor a book of Scholars' transfer forms
<i>"22</i>	The attendance has been below the average of late. Some children have
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<i>"28</i>	<i>Ap 22 (cont.) reported week after week for the last few months but no improvement is noticeable in their attendance.</i> Mr Philip Mann, County Horticultural Instructor, called & inspected the garden
<i>"29</i>	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
<i>Apr 29th</i>	Visited the school. Tested the registers and found them correct. — Cecil G. C. Walker
<i>May 5</i>	Today being Ascension Day there was no school
<i>"7</i>	Twenty-one children were taken to Oxford to compete in the Musical Festival. The school gained third place in the Competition with a total of 103 marks out of 120. The winning school gained 105 marks and the second 104. The judge, Dr Walford Davies, very highly complimented the school on their singing & said he wished there had been three first prizes to award. He also stated that the singing of the first three choirs was the best he had heard for two years and he had

	<i>[verified directly against high-resolution images]</i> <i>1910 May 7. (cont.) been judging at Musical Festivals in all parts of England. The following remarks are from the judge's marking sheet.</i> <i>Accuracy 10/10</i> <i>Precision 9/10, very commendable</i> <i>Tone 12/15, refined & good</i> <i>Enunciation 9/10, extremely clear</i> <i>Intonation 8/10, good</i> <i>Energy 8/10, a little lacking in the necessary energy of the piece. Excellent unanimity</i> <i>Expression 13/15 — They got a sense of mystery but their tempo was rather slow and lacking in the excitement</i> <i>Interpretation 17/20 — of mystery. Excellent words & sweet tone</i> <i>Sight test 9/10, Correct.</i> <i>The Gilpin 8/10, very well prepared</i> <i>Total 103/120.</i>
May 9	The Head Teacher was absent by permission to compete in the B. B. & O. Musical Festival
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May 11	There was no school today as the Teachers were competing in the B. B. & O. Musical Festival. The challenge shield for Teachers' Choirs was won by them
May 14	School closed today for the usual Whitsuntide Vacation
May 23.	School re-assembled. Six children were admitted. 141 present out of 148
"24	Today being Empire Day the Time Table was not strictly adhered to. A special lesson was given on the meaning of Empire Day & also on the growth of the British Empire. Patriotic songs were sung & a longer playtime allowed. Visitor: The Attendance Officer
June 3.	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"6	Today, owing to the Chapel Anniversary tea, a half-holiday was given
"14	Dr Carruthers paid a visit for the purpose of medically examining the children

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June 23.	Examined Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"29	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"30	The Head Teacher was absent by permission to attend the Deaf & Dumb Institution, Fitzroy Sq., London
July 7	School was closed today on account of the Choir outing
"8	Mrs Woolford is absent unwell
"12	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"13	Visitor: Miss Taylor. The Head Teacher was absent from school until 10.30 on the morning of the 13th inst. to visit the doctor
"14	Mrs Woolford was absent today two sessions & Miss Stronnell after 10.15am by permission
"18	The Head Teacher was absent by permission to go to London on business & to buy the prizes
"19	Mr Weedon, Assistant Master at the National School, Chesham, visited the school in order to see
1910	
July 19	(cont.) a drawing lesson in progress. The lessons were changed accordingly
"20	The Head Teacher is suffering with a bad hand & is obliged constantly to leave the school to get it poulticed
"27	The term examination of the upper division has been held this week. The lower division will be examined after the holidays
"28	The prizes were distributed this afternoon, after which the school broke up for the usual summer holiday
	<i>Summer Vacation.</i>
Aug 29.	School re-assembled. Fairly good attendance. Visitors: Miss Taylor & Miss Jopling
"31	The large cloakroom has not been swept out & it is in a very dirty state. The cleaner was sent for but did not come. The dirty state of the cloakroom was pointed out to the Rev. C. G. C. Walker
Sep 6th	A case of measles having occurred in Mr Downs' family, the other children

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	<i>1910 Sep 6th (cont.) in the same family are being excluded from school.</i>
"7	Visitors: Miss Taylor, the Attendance Officer. C.R.B
Sep. 1	The Head Teacher was absent in the afternoon by permission
Sep 19	The Head Teacher was absent by permission. The usual half-holiday was given in the afternoon, today being Amersham Fair Day. Only 107 children were present in the morning out of 143. The question of irregularity is worthy of serious consideration. The majority of the children are most regular, but there are a few children whose names are reported, & have been reported, week after week to the Attendance Officer for years, without any improvement in their attendance
Sep 26	The Managers have had three window shelves erected in order that experiments
1910	
Sep 26	(cont.) in plant growth may be carried out. A book of forms M.O. 85, the Annual Report of the School Medical Officer, Circulars M.O. 14 & M.O. 15 were received this morning
Oct 3.	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"13	A very successful children's Concert was given this evening. We are very much indebted to Miss Dorothy Blunt(?), A.R.A.M.(?), who very kindly accompanied the part songs & John Gilpin Cantata
"14	Visitor: The Attendance Officer. The special attention of the Attendance Officer has been directed to several cases of gross irregularity
"17	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"21	Mr Doran, Unattached Teacher of the Bucks Education Committee, temporarily at Penn, visited the school this afternoon. Today being Trafalgar Day a special history lesson was given on the life of Nelson

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<i>Oct 21</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer. New medical schedules were received. The consignment of Stationery from the E.S.A. & Messrs Charles & Dible has now been completely delivered
<i>Nov. 1.</i>	Today being All Saints' Day the children attended Church in the morning. The usual half-holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"8</i>	Joseph Hazell was sent home as his head was verminous. His attendance was cancelled. The Head Teacher was absent during part of the afternoon session, in order to visit Chesham School to see the Bookbinding and Cardboard Modelling
<i>"11</i>	A mid-term holiday was given today
<i>"21</i>	Miss Atkinson was absent today by permission
<i>"22</i>	Instead of the usual drill, organised games were played
<i>"23</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
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<i>Nov 29</i>	Bertie Hazell was sent home as his head was in a verminous condition. Miss Clare wrote yesterday saying she was suffering from a bad cold and was unable to attend school. Miss Stronnell is taking Miss Clare's class & the Head Teacher is teaching Standards III & upwards
<i>Nov 30</i>	Miss Clare resumed her duties this afternoon
<i>Dec 5</i>	Hilda Hazell was sent home as her head was in a verminous condition. Her attendance was cancelled. I have written several times to Mrs Hazell asking her to send the children to school with clean heads. Miss Atkinson was absent for a part of the afternoon session to go to the bank
<i>"15</i>	Mrs Woolford is absent by permission. Seven pictures framed & glazed and two plaster casts have been received from the E.S.A. These have been purchased with part of the proceeds of the Children's Concert. Three footballs have been bought

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1910 Dec 15	(cont.) for the boys.
Dec 15.	Visited the school — tested the registers and found them correct. — Cecil G. C. Walker. The term examination has commenced but as it will not be possible to complete it, it will be finished when we re-assemble after Xmas
"20	Mrs Dendy kindly presented the prizes for Needlework this afternoon. Mrs Woolford terminated her engagement today after being on the school staff for over eleven years
"21	Ordinary lessons were not given today. Instead lessons on Xmas; readings from Dickens etc. were given. School broke up for the usual Xmas Vacation
	<i>Xmas Vacation</i>
1911	.
Jan 9th	School re-assembled. Number on roll 148, present 135. No one has yet been appointed in the place of Mrs Woolford; consequently Miss Atkinson is taking the infants entirely by herself
"13	The pipe which supplies the drinking & washing water has been mended today. It is just a month ago that it burst
Jan. 20.	Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"25	The Rector visited the school & examined the registers and found them correct
"30	Visitors: Miss Taylor, the Attendance Officer. A package of seeds arrived. Miss Smith, Uncertificated Teacher, commenced duties this afternoon. She is from Chesham Whitehill Infants, on Supply
Feb 1st	The temperature of the schoolroom this morning at the commencement of the session was 39°F. It was

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	<i>1911 (cont.) evident the fires had not long been lit. The old ashes too had not been completely removed from the grates. The mantel pieces & window ledges are only partly dusted & the door mats are not shaken.</i>
Feb 6	Miss Atkinson is absent today by permission
"7	Miss Atkinson resumed her duties. Visitor: Rev. C. G. C. Walker
Feb. 8.	1911. — P. B. Coles
"10	Miss Smith on supply terminates her work here today
"20	Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"21	Miss Elsie Grace, Supplementary Teacher subject to approval of H.M. Inspector, late Monitress for four years at Denton C.E. School, commenced duties this morning. Examined Registers in Infant Dept. & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
1911	
Feb. 22	Miss Taylor visited & brought the Report of H.M.I., of which the following is a copy
	<i>Report</i> <i>Mixed: "There is much to praise here. Singing is very creditable and a high standard is reached in drawing, both with pen and pencil and brush; and its correlation with Nature Study is a good feature. There are some points, however, which need attention. In the top group greater clearness in the working of the sums in Arithmetic should be aimed at, and in Composition subjects which make a demand on the children's power of imagination should be more frequently included. A systematic use of dictionaries, too, would prove of great value to the older children. The work of the two lower groups shows satisfactory progress; attention should be concentrated on distinctness & proper enunciation in Reading with the case of the younger children particularly</i>

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1911 Feb 22	(cont.) the boys in the second group. <i>Infants: These children are handled in a suitable manner. The weakness in Reading in the first class will no doubt be remedied when the children have once more a regular Teacher to themselves. There is very little space available in the classroom for Games and Exercises suitable for Infants. The playground is quite unsuitable for Physical Exercise."</i> <i>Staff: Fred Stubbings, Head Teacher</i> <i>Daisy S. M. Stronnell, Supplementary Teacher</i> <i>Constance Clare, Uncertificated Ass't.</i>
Margaret	Atkinson, "
	<i>Elsie Grace, Supplementary Teacher</i> <i>Signed, L. Lucy A. Taylor, Correspondent.</i>
Feb 24.	Fred Rogers has been absent 78 times; Bertie Hazell . . 88 . and Maud Glenister . . 103 . during the present school year
1911	
Mar 3rd	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"7	Miss Atkinson terminates her engagement today. No teacher has yet been appointed in her place
"6	Visitor: Miss Taylor, who brought Notice of Diocesan Inspection to take place on March 22nd
"10	Visitor: Mr Dawson, Assistant Horticultural Instructor of the Bucks County Council, to inspect the Garden
"13	Miss Sarah Harris, Certificated Teacher, on Supply from the Council School Aylesbury, commenced work this morning
"17	A parcel of stationery was received from the E.S.A
"22	Visitors: Miss Taylor, Rev. C. G. C. Walker, the Attendance Officer. The examination in Religious Knowledge was conducted by the Rev. R. de Neroi(?), Inspector for the Diocese of Oxford, this afternoon
Mar 23	Advantage has been taken of the fine weather this week to get the boys forward

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"27	1911 Mar 23 (cont.) with the work in the gardens, which owing to the unsuitable weather was rather backward. Extra time has been given. Miss Harris, who has been assisting on supply during the last two weeks, did not arrive this morning. It is assumed that she has returned to her permanent appointment at the Council School, Aylesbury. E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of inspection in the afternoon
"31	A lesson on the Census was given
Apr 3	Visitor: Miss Taylor, who brought the Diocesan Inspector's Report
	Report "This school is doing steady and useful work on good lines and the results are on the whole quite satisfactory. I was especially interested in the upper Group, as this class contained a larger number of young children than is usually the case, and I was very pleased to notice that the younger children
1911	
Apr 3	(cont.) evidently did not find the work too difficult for them, but did their full share of the answering: the singing of both Psalm and Hymn by this Group was exceptionally good. The Middle Group was not quite up to the level of the Upper Group; but I felt sure that the careful & conscientious teaching they are receiving will bear good fruit. The paper work of this group needs especial attention. The Infants, despite frequent changes of leader, were quite satisfactory, and were full of life. I was glad to notice that good use had evidently been made of the capital sacred pictures they possess."
	<u>Bishop's Prize:</u> Jessie Letts <i>[Prot(?) access & commended to the Managers for special recognition]: Rosa Parker</i> <u>Certificates:</u> F. Stubbings, who would have won the prize but for the fact that he has already received it.

1911 Apr 3	<i>[verified directly against high-resolution images]</i> (cont.) <u>Certificates:</u> Winnie Bryant, E. Aldridge & Loftly(?). <u>Commended: Standards 5&6:</u> E. Francis, Violet Berfield <u>St IV:</u> Hilda Haynes, Olive Barker, Eric Stubbings, May Saunders <u>St III:</u> E. Saunders, E. Francis, Mabel Slade, Edith Wingrove <u>St I & II:</u> E. Downs, D. Payne, B. Slade, A. Brackley, E. Bowler, A. Heat. <u>Infants:</u> B. Appleby, C. Wingrove, J. Bird, W. Rogers, J. Sears, D. Bryant, E. Hatch, E. Norris, D. Bowler, E. Hazel.
Apr 12	<i>On March 30th a consignment of stationery was received from the E.S.A.</i> The usual term examination has been held this week. School broke up today for the Easter Holiday
1911	
Apr. 24	New School Year Commences. Twelve children were promoted from the Infant division to the Upper school, and a new year's work was commenced
"25	As the amount of work to be taught for the Musical Festival is so great and it is found impossible to teach the whole of it in the ordinary singing lessons, the optional lessons and an occasional quarter of an hour at the close of morning & afternoon school is used for this subject in order that the work may be quite finished. It should be added that valuable time was lost in the winter owing to the fact that so many of the children had bad colds & throats
May 3rd	Miss M. J. Clay, Supplementary Teacher of Bierton School, Aylesbury — on Supply — commenced duties this morning
	<i>"9th Visitor: The Attendance Officer. & Miss Winfield, A.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., very kindly played the accompaniments</i>

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1911	
May 9	(cont.) to the Competition music this afternoon from 3 to 3.50
"11	William Bridges was sent home with a verminous head
"13	<i>[An earlier note here, "Visitor: the Attendance Officer", has been struck through and corrected.] Visitor: Mr Dawson, Horticultural [Assistant] Instructor.</i> [date corrected from "12"] Thirty children were taken to Slough today to compete in Class VI C — that for large Country schools. They were successful in winning the Challenge Banner, with a total of 72 marks. Dr Brewer — the judge — remarked that they were an enthusiastic body of singers, well balanced, with good tone, though the boys were apt to force their chest notes. The intonation of the second part was somewhat faulty. They were well taught and well drilled. The sight reading, in which there were no mistakes, was excellent
"16	The children were given a holiday today as the Head Teacher was competing at the Musical Festival
1911	
May 17	The Head Teacher was absent during part of the afternoon session
"19	Miss Clay, Supplementary Teacher, acting on Supply, terminates her work here this afternoon
"23	Visitor: C. G. Watkins Esq., County Education Secretary
June 1	The children gave a performance of the Competition music at 6.30 in the evening. The room was well filled with parents & others interested, who had been invited
"2	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"5	} School did not meet, owing to the near approach of Coronation week
"6	} the school had two days holiday instead of the usual week
"7	Miss Grace has not returned this morning. Her engagement was to have terminated last Friday but the County Secretary tried to arrange for her to stay. The staff is now two short. Miss Stronnell is taking the Infants, Standards I & II [<u>underlined</u>]

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1911

June 7	(cont.) & the Head Teacher the remainder. It is impossible to take all the lessons in their proper order e.g. Needlework in the upper Standards is quite impossible
"8	<i>Miss Grace returned to school this afternoon, having had an interview with the County Secretary, & agreed to cancel her resignation.</i> Visitor: Miss Taylor
"9	Examined Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"14	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"16	The school broke up for a week on account of the Coronation. A flag staff has been erected by the Managers
"26	School re-assembled
July 3	Visitor: Miss Taylor. Miss Grace has gone for a month's training to Aylesbury. The staff is now two teachers short. Miss Stronnell is taking the Infants. It is impossible under the circumstances to take either Needlework or Gardening
1911	
July 5	Visitor: The Rev. C. G. C. Walker
"6	<i>E. A. Helps Esq., H.M.I., revisited. School met at 9. Registers were marked & closed immediately. They were again marked at 11. The children were dismissed at 1pm. The whole of the time was devoted to secular work. This arrangement was made so that the Head Teacher might be able to go to London in the afternoon to buy the School Prizes.</i>
"7	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"12	Lizzie Keen was sent home & her attendance cancelled because her head was verminous
"14	We examined the registers and found them correct
	<i>B. J. Dendy L. Lucy A. Taylor Cecil G. C. Walker The Annual Prize distribution took place this afternoon. There were present: The Rev. C. G. & Mrs Walker, Mrs Dendy & Miss Taylor. Mrs Walker kindly presented the prizes</i>

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1911

July 17	& 18 The essays in connection with the Bird & Tree Competition were written during the afternoons of these days. Miss Taylor superintended the writing of the Tree essays on Monday & E. A. Helps Esq. the writing of the Bird essays on Tuesday. Gardening was in consequence not taken
"20	Visitor: Mr Dawson, the Assistant Horticulture Instructor
"27	School broke up for the Summer Vacation — five weeks. Miss Clare leaves today. Her engagement terminates on Sept 4th
Sept 4th	School re-assembled. Miss Grace, who has been absent for a month's training at Aylesbury, resumed her duties. Miss Florence Elizabeth Eames, from Fenny Stratford Council School has been appointed as an Uncertificated Teacher to assist in the Infants Division
1911	
Sept 4th	(cont.) Miss Constance Emma Morten, from Slough Church of England School has been appointed as an Uncertificated Teacher to assist in the Upper Division, to take Standards I & II
	<i>We have now a full staff for the first time since Christmas 1910.</i> <i>On account of the diminished staff it was impossible to hold the term examination before the Summer vacation & it will not be possible to hold it for a week or two until the school has settled down & the new teachers have got into the ordinary routine of work.</i>
"8	The County Medical Officer had arranged to pay a visit at 3pm today but owing to a breakdown of his car he did not arrive until 4pm. The children after waiting had just been dismissed
"15	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"19	" Miss Taylor & the Rev. C.G.C. Walker, who taught the Scripture to the top group

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1911

<i>Sept 19</i>	(cont.) Today being Amersham Fair Day the usual half holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"20</i>	Miss Eames(?) was absent, unwell
<i>"27</i>	Visitor: the Attendance Officer
<i>Oct 4th</i>	Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Miss Taylor
<i>"29</i>	The Report of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on the Bird and Tree Competition has been received and this school has been awarded a "Certificate of Excellence" for the essays sent in. The special report on the work of this school will be received later
<i>Oct 3</i>	The attendance of the children in the top group has been very bad for some time
<i>Oct 18</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>Oct 20</i>	The Bird and Tree Festival was held this afternoon. The following visitors were present: Miss Taylor, who kindly presented the prizes, Miss Dendy, Mrs Schwann
1911	
<i>Oct 20</i>	(cont.) Mrs Fawcett, The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, C. Schwann Esq. and C. G. Watkins Esq., the County Education Secretary
	<i>The proceedings included the reading of the Report and prize essays, singing, the Distribution of Medals and prizes and speeches by The Rev. C.G.C. Walker and C. G. Watkins Esq.</i> <i>The following is the</i> <i>Report.</i> <i>Essays on Birds</i> <i>Rook — Eric Francis</i> <i>Moorhen — Violet Berfield</i> <i>Starling — Eric Stubbings</i> <i>Blue Tit — Jessie Letts</i> <i>Essays on Trees</i> <i>Sycamore — Frank Stubbings</i> <i>Horse Chestnut — Eric Francis</i> <i>Cedar — Jessie Letts</i>

There is always a happy freshness and an absence of the dull and "bookish" type of essay in the papers from Bucks. Genuine observation and a bright intelligence are their pleasant

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1911	
Oct 20	(cont.) characteristics. Coleshill shares in these distinctions, but the judges would like to see more evidence of the keeping of note books through spring and summer. Four bird papers are forwarded, all of them well done, though they might have been still better had outdoor observations been more faithfully and fully made
	<i>The best is that on the Moorhen in which the main features of the bird are clearly and concisely put. Eric Stubbings does not tell us what the Starlings are doing when they sit on the cow's back, nor does he say anything of all the wireworms and other grubs which they eat all the year round: so that only to mention cherries is rather unfair, and one should never be unfair either to a man or a bird. Jessie Letts writes a bright and pleasant paper on the Blue Tit, and also gives a good account of the Cedar Tree. Had there been three medals to give she would certainly</i>
1911	
Oct 20	(cont.) have had one of them. In the tree papers there is much more proof of personal observation than in those on Birds. The striking blossom of the Horse Chestnut should call forth more than the statements that the flower has five petals and grows in a spike, but Eric Francis does well both in this paper and in that on the Rook. The best Tree paper is one on the Sycamore, full of painstaking observation by Frank Stubbings, whose name the judges remember as the writer of two notably good essays in the last Competition
	<i>Certificate of Excellence to Coleshill. Medals to Frank Stubbings & Violet Berfield. The drawings are admirable, and prove that if the young writer on the Horse Chestnut could not do justice to the flower in his words, he can draw it delicately and faithfully.</i>
Oct 23	Dr Macdonald, Assistant County Medical Officer, paid a visit of inspection in the morning

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1911

Oct 25	Visitors: Mr and Mrs Lasenby(?) Liberty
Nov 1	Today being the Dedication Festival of the Church, the usual holiday was given
Nov 6	Owing to the bad state of the hedge the cows from the next field entered the gardens in the night and ate all the cauliflowers, cabbages and brussel sprouts
"7	The Head Teacher was absent by permission
"9	Miss Stronnell was absent by permission
"14	<i>[date struck through] Mr Philip Mann visited during my absence on Monday Nov 6th.</i> Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer. Several cases of mumps have occurred in the school lately; there is a considerable amount of sickness prevalent. It mostly takes the form of sore throat & diarrhoea
"20	The new system of marks which was introduced at the beginning of September has now had nearly three months' trial. The results are very gratifying. The standard of the work in all subjects has been appreciably raised
1911	
Nov 28	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
Dec 1	A consignment of stationery was received from the E.S.A
"4	Mr Muckley has been notified by letter of several small repairs which require attention
"7	<i>On the 30th ultimo Dr Hogarth was notified on Form M.O. 8a of a case of Scarlet Fever.</i> <i>The fender of the fireplace in the large room, which was only broken at one end on Friday — in which condition it had been for years — was found to be broken at both ends this morning.</i> Miss Morten is absent, unwell
"11	Form M.O. 8a was received from Dr Hogarth
"13	Notice was received from Aylesbury that Mr Dawson, the Assistant Horticultural Instructor, would pay a visit today. Owing probably to the very wet weather Mr Dawson did not come
"19	<i>"[date uncertain] Visitor: Miss Taylor.</i> Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker

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1911

Dec 20

Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker. During this term the attendance, especially among the top group girls, has been exceptionally bad. The same cases are reported week after week to the Attendance Officer. Occasionally after one of his visits there is a temporary improvement but it soon becomes bad again

May

Maud Glenister has been absent 98 times out of 153 times this term.

Saunders has been absent 40 times

Rosina Bilbey " " 59 "

Winnie Sears " " 31 "

Ivy Wilkins " " 59 "

Violet Rogers " " 38 "

Alfred Turner " " 35 "

It is impossible to do justice to a class under such circumstances.

School broke up today.

"31

Mr Scott, Attendance Officer, called at my house today in reply to my special communication re irregular

Xmas Vacation [underlined]

1912

[undated] During the Xmas Vacation on Jan 3rd & 4th an exhibition of work was held in the Schoolrooms. About forty children exhibited work done at home in addition to the ordinary school work which was all on view.

The attendance on the first day was very good but on the second day owing to the wet weather it was very poor.

All the parents were invited.

Work done by adults was also exhibited.

Jan 8th

School re-assembled. Number on roll 143. Number present 128. Visitors: The Attendance Officer, Miss Taylor

"12

The attendance has improved somewhat this week. Number on roll 143. Average 129 = 90%

Jan 23

Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor

"25

Visitor: The Attendance Officer

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Jan 29

The following alterations in the Time Table are being made subject to the approval of H.M.I

Arithmetic ten minutes longer.

Recreation ten minutes later.

English reading or Composition from 11am to 12.

Monday afternoon: Nature Study 1.40–2.40 in the Upper group. Recitation 15 minutes & Physical Ex. 15 minutes.

Tuesday: Upper Boys — Gardening or Simple Woodwork in connection with Gardening. Upper Girls — Needlework.

Wednesday: Recitation 15 mins, Physical Ex. 15 mins.

Thursday: Upper Group — English Literature or Gardening, Physical Ex. 30 mins.

Friday: Optional [subjects] instead of History.

Feb 2

The temperature of the schoolroom at 9am was 34° F. The fires had evidently not been lit very long

Feb 3rd

The temperature of the schoolroom this morning was 30° F. The ink in the wells was frozen. The door mats have not been shaken for over

1912

Feb 5

(cont.) a week. They have not even been moved. Miss Eames & Miss Grace were both five minutes late

"6

E. A. Helps Esq., retired H.M.I., visited & brought some cakes for the children who remained to dinner. Permission has been obtained from the Education Secretary for Frank Stubbings, who is over 15 years of age, to remain at school for the present. His name has, however, been removed from the register according to instruction

"8

Miss Eames went home unwell at 3pm

"9

Miss Eames is absent ill. Visitor: Miss Taylor, who brought Circulars 217E & 15 etc

"14th Miss Eames returned to school this morning. Edith Hazell and Florence & Alice Turner were sent home with verminous heads.

"22

On examining the writing books of the First class Infants, I found that the

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1912

<i>Feb 22</i>	(cont.) exercises had not been corrected
<i>"21</i>	[entry appears out of strict date order in the original] Yesterday being Ash Wednesday a holiday was given in the afternoon. Children attended Divine Service in the morning
<i>"26</i>	A consignment of 30 pairs of felt slippers, provided by the Managers for the use of children who arrive at school with wet feet, has been received from Mr Nash, Chalfont St Giles
<i>"27</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>Mar 5</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"14</i>	Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Mr Dawson, County Council Instructor in Horticulture
<i>"22</i>	<i>Twenty-two cloaks have been provided by the Managers for the use of children attending the Infants Division.</i> Mr G. Shaw, H.M.I. of Drawing, paid a visit of Inspection. The whole of the time from 9.45 to 12 was spent in drawing
<i>"25</i>	[We] checked the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
	<i>Visitor: The Attendance Officer.</i>
1912	
<i>Mar 26</i>	The Rev. R. M. de Neroi(?) examined the children in Religious Knowledge this morning. Visitors: Mrs Dendy, Miss Taylor, The Rev. C.G.C. Walker. A half holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"27</i>	The gardens being in a backward state, owing to the wet weather, advantage was taken of a fine day to get on with the sowing. The boys were therefore taken out from 9.45 to 10.45
<i>Apr 1st</i>	<i>Diocesan Inspector's Report</i> Summary Mark: Thoroughly Satisfactory. This school continues to do steady and effective work and the Summary Mark well describes its condition as regards Religious Knowledge. I was very pleased with the work of the Upper Division and their singing both of Psalms & Hymns was especially good. The Middle Group has considerably

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1912	<i>(cont.) improved since last year but the written work still needs special attention. The Infants showed a good knowledge of their Bible subjects but the portion of the Church Catechism specified in the Diocesan Syllabus must be studied in this class.</i> <u>Bishop's Prize:</u> Violet Berfield. <i>[Special commendation/access(?)] & specially commended to the Managers for suitable recognition: Annie Jones</i> <u>Certificates:</u> Frank Stubbings, Jessie Letts, Annie Jones, Leonard Aldridge, John Bird. <u>Commended:</u> <i>I: E. Stubbings, E. Francis, H. Haynes, W. Bryant, A. Norris, E. Francis, M. Slade, E. Wingrove, E. Letts, J. Turner, H. Stead</i> <i>II: M. Berfield, E. Bowler, A. Brackley, M. Saunders, E. Haynes, E. Rogers, B. Appleby</i> <i>Infants: E. Hatch, J. Sears, E. Norris, E. Hazell, K. Bowler, A. Bilbey, J. Dean, E. Slade</i> <i>[the above three lists marked: "for their paper work"]</i>
1912	
Apr 3	The members of the Bird & Tree Team were taken for a walk at 2.40 & returned at 3.45
	<i>School broke up this afternoon.</i> <i>Easter Vacation</i>
Apr 15	A new school year commences. Fourteen children were promoted from the Infants Dept to the lower group
	<i>The Report on the Dixon-Davies Competition has been received from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The part only that refers to this school is quoted:</i> <i>Bird Observation in Winter</i> <i>"Dixon-Davies Prizes 1911–12.</i> <i>"Coleshill perhaps fulfils most closely the intention of the competition, giving interesting and often entertaining notes of the birds that came to feed on food provided for them, — who they were, what they ate, and how they behaved. These accounts are all entirely the result of careful watching</i>

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(cont.) by the young writers. Capital bird-pictures are given of the assertiveness now of the Sparrow, now of the Robin, or again of the Yellowhammer or Greenfinch; of the proud independence of the Wagtail who "would alight a little way off and then come running very quickly to where other birds were feeding, his long striped tail wagging all the while even when he was standing", of the Robin who nearly choked himself in his efforts to swallow a big crumb, of the Sparrow who tried to cling to a bone hanging from a clothes-line in imitation of a Blue Tit, but kept falling down and at last flew away into the hedge in despair; of the way in which some birds seize their meat and fly off with it, while others peck at it on the spot, looking round now and again to see if others are coming. But it must be observed that however greedy the House Sparrow may be, he invariably sends up a cry of discovery and

1912

(cont.) invitation to his mates, as plain as a dinner bell, when he suddenly comes upon a food store. Coleshill adds to its essays some clever sketches from life."

Prize Winners: Jessie Letts, a First Prize; Frank Stubbings, a Special Prize; Violet Berfield, a Second Prize; Eric Francis, a Second Prize.

Commended: Eric Stubbings, Rosina Bilbey, Annie Jones.

Note: Fifteen essays were sent in.

The completion of the consignment of stationery from the E.S.A. arrived in the holidays.

Apr 19

The Bird & Tree Team were taken for a walk at 2.40 for the remainder of the afternoon session instead of the usual lessons

"24

Visitor: The Attendance Officer

"26

Miss Eames left today. No one has yet been appointed in her place

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<i>Apr 29</i>	Miss Grace is taking the whole of the Infants with the assistance of a monitress from the upper standards
<i>May 8</i>	A holiday was given today as the Head Teacher was attending an examination at High Wycombe
<i>"10</i>	The Bird & Tree Team were taken for a walk during the last hour of the afternoon session. This walk will be continued on Friday afternoons when the weather is suitable, until July
<i>"16</i>	Today being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon
	<i>The School Choir will give a concert on Bonfire Day. In order that they may be quite prepared it is necessary to take a little extra time for that purpose. Many of the children had such bad colds a short time ago that we could not proceed with the work.</i>
	1912
<i>May 20</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor. A consignment of needlework materials was received from Mrs Charles & Dible(?)
<i>"23</i>	The school broke up for the usual Whitsuntide Vacation
<i>June 3</i>	School re-assembled. An epidemic of whooping cough appears to have broken out. Fourteen cases were reported to the School Medical Officer this morning
<i>June 7</i>	<i>A half holiday was given this afternoon on account of the Chapel Anniversary Tea.</i> The Head Teacher was absent during the afternoon session, with permission, to attend the Musical Festival at Newbury
<i>"8</i>	The School Choir competed at the Musical Festival held this year at Newbury and for the second time in succession won the Challenge Banner for large Elementary Schools in the County

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<i>June 10th</i>	A holiday was given today as the Church Choir was competing at the Musical Festival at Newbury
"11	The Attendance Officer called, and as a result of this visit, a letter was written to Mr Watkins informing him of the very low attendance due to the epidemic of whooping cough
	<i>The following Report has been received from E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., on a visit of Inspection paid by the Drawing Inspector, G. Shaw Esq., on March 22nd 1912.</i> <i>Report.</i> <i>Mixed: The drawing in the top portion of the school is particularly praiseworthy, much of the work being of a high order. The condition of things in the lower part is not so satisfactory though the work even here is of very fair merit.</i> <i>Infants: It is a pity that with such possibilities in the upper school, a better foundation is not laid in this Infants Division. The teaching is not very</i>
1912	
<i>June 10th</i>	(cont.) skilful & the work of the children leaves something to be desired
	<i>(Signed) G.S. — E. C. Streatfield</i> <i>25/3/12</i>
"12	Miss Morten was absent by permission
"14	Dr Macdonald paid a visit of Inspection
<i>June 17</i>	Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"21	<i>Miss Constance L. Clare(?), Uncertificated Assistant, commenced duties today. The school has now a full staff. Miss Clare and Miss Grace are taking the Infants.</i> The epidemic of whooping cough continues to spread & the percentage of attendance has fallen this morning to 66.4
"24	School is closed by order of the County Medical Officer
	<i>Closed on account of Epidemic of Whooping Cough to July 22nd.</i>

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1912

July 22	School re-opened. Number on roll 142. Number present 117. Miss Grace has not returned. A telegram has been sent to Winslow Infants School informing her that school has re-opened
"23	Miss Grace resumed her duties at the afternoon session
"26	Mr Schwann superintended the writing of the Tree essays in the Bird & Tree Competition during morning school
"29	A holiday was given today on account of the Band of Hope outing
"30	Miss Taylor superintended the writing of the Bird essays in the Bird & Tree Competition
Aug 2	Miss Taylor kindly distributed the prizes this afternoon. School broke up for the usual Harvest Vacation — four weeks. Owing to the closing on account of whooping cough, the term exam. will be postponed until the end of September
1912	
Sept 2	School reassembled. Miss Grace has left & no one has yet been appointed in her place. The attendance is good, 131/144
"3	Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Miss Taylor & Miss Jopling
"4	Visitor: The Attendance Officer. A consignment of stationery from the E.S.A. was received during the holidays
"11	Miss Morten was absent with permission to attend some lectures at High Wycombe
"12	Miss Stronnell was absent today for a similar reason
"13	Mr Dawson, Assistant Horticultural Instructor, visited
"16	Dr Scruby medically inspected Group B. Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"14	[entry appears out of strict date order in the original] Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
"23	Miss Elsie L. Hilsdon(?), late P.T. at St Mary's Infants, Amersham, commenced duties this morning as a Supplementary Teacher assisting Miss Clare in the Infants Division

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1912

<i>Sept 27</i>	E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of inspection. Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Mrs Helps
<i>Oct 3</i>	School was closed today on account of the Choir outing
<i>"7</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"14</i>	A letter was received from the Secretary to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds stating that the Bird & Tree Challenge Shield for the County of Buckingham had been awarded to this school
<i>"18</i>	The following report has been received from the Board of Education. Inspected on 27th September 1912 by Mr E. C. Streatfield
	<i>Report</i> <i>Mixed:</i> <i>This is a pleasant school to visit for the tone is nice and the children are consequently friendly and well-mannered.</i> <i>There are many features, too, in the work and the curriculum</i>
1912	<i>(cont.) which call for favourable comment, and the school has recently won distinction in Singing and "Bird & Tree" competitions. Drawing with pen, pencil and brush is also markedly successful.</i> <i>The written exercises are creditable. Arithmetic is carefully arranged and Handwriting is generally satisfactory. Standard I might proceed gradually to work with pen and ink in lieu of pencil.</i> <i>Reading is not at present really strong, nor is oral answering so ready or discursive as it might be. Both these points will, I am sure, receive special attention.</i> <i>Infants' Class</i> <i>This division of the school is under two new teachers and therefore detailed comment on the work would be superfluous in view of the numerous points which were discussed at the visit</i>

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1912

Oct 14

But the division of the children between the two teachers is hardly wise or equitable and it should be re-adjusted and a new time table made to meet the altered circumstances. A detailed and correlated scheme of work should be gradually evolved

Equipment

The desks in the Senior School are unsuitable & conduce materially to the faulty and injurious postures which the children adopt, especially in their written work.

Premises

The Infants' room is awkward for two groups and in places is badly lighted.

The playground is in very bad order. It is rough and sloping and quite unfit for drill. A portion should be asphalted.

Staff: Fred Stubbings, Principal(?) Cert.

Daisy S. M. Stronnell, S.T.

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(cont.) Constance E. Morten, U. Assistant

Constance C. Clare, " "

Elsie L. Hilsden, S.T.

Signed, L. Lucy A. Taylor

Correspondent

"29

The following report has been received from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds:

Bird & Tree Competition 1912

Coleshill takes the shield for 1912–13 since the all-round level of the papers is the highest. There are a few better individual essays from other Teams, but they are single essays along with others that are very weak. Coleshill's are fairly good all round, the Trees better than the Birds. The best Bird paper is that on the Wren by Jessie Letts who has done well in former years. It is nicely put together and shows a considerable amount of sympathetic observation though the observation is not always correct... All the tree

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1912			
Oct 30	(cont.) papers are excellent. Careful detailed information is given, and general characteristics are also well observed. Perhaps the best is Winnie Bryant's account of the Horse Chestnut, but Damson & Oak show the same genius for taking pains, & those essays go far towards making the judges repent of their criticism on the tendencies of Buckinghamshire Schools. It is particularly creditable of Coleshill to have won the Shield as two of the leading members of last year's team have left school. The note-books show some wonderfully good pen sketches		
	Challenge Shield to Coleshill		
	Medals & prizes to the team.		
	Jessie Letts	Wren*	Oak*
	Violet Berfield	Yellowhammer	Damson*
	Winnie Bryant	Blue Tit*	Horse Chestnut*
	Eric Stubbings	Rook	Birch*
	Ethel Letts	Wagtail	Plane
	Dorothy Wingrove	Chaffinch	Apple
	Hilda Haynes	Robin*	Elm
1912			
Oct 30	(cont.) Edith Wingrove — Sparrow — Walnut		
	Rosina Bilbey — Hedge Sparrow — Willow		
	& Essays sent up.		
Nov 1st	Today being All Saints' Day — the Dedication Festival & Jubilee of the Church, a holiday was given		
"11	Miss Hilsden, Supplementary Teacher, has gone to Aylesbury for a month's training. Jessie Letts has been appointed monitress to assist Miss Clare with the Infants during her absence		
"22	The five pictures loaned from the Bucks Schools Loan of Pictures Assoc.(?) were changed today. The weather being fine the Bird & Tree Team were taken for an outdoor lesson from 2.45 to 3.45pm		
"15	[this entry appears out of strict date order in the original, written below "22"] The Bird and Tree Festival was held this afternoon. There was a large number of visitors present including about fifty parents. The Rector presided. Mrs Dixon-Davies addressed the children		

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1912	
<i>Nov 15</i>	The prizes & medals were presented by Mr Dendy. Two trees kindly given by Mr Schwann were planted
<i>Dec 5</i>	Miss Stronnell was absent with permission
<i>"9</i>	Miss Hilsden resumed her duties. Jessie Letts therefore terminated her engagement as monitress
	<i>A consignment of stationery was received from the E.S.A.</i> <i>I have been unable for some time to take Physical Exercises as I am suffering with some knee complaint which is very painful at times & prevents me giving personal demonstrations of movements & exercises</i>
<i>Dec 19th</i>	Visited the school; tested the registers and found them correct
<i>"20</i>	<i>Cecil G. C. Walker.</i> School broke up for the Xmas Holidays. The Infants had a Xmas party with a Christmas tree & presents given by their teachers
1913	
<i>Jan 6</i>	School reassembled. Attendance good 178/189
<i>"9</i>	Mr Mead, Drawing Master at Wellington Public School, called and asked if he might be allowed to see some specimens of the boys' drawing
<i>"10</i>	The Bird & Tree Team went for a winter walk
<i>"13</i>	Miss Clare has not been present today. An upper standard girl has been helping Miss Hilsden with the Infants
<i>"14</i>	<i>There was a very poor fire in the Infants room this morning & as the morning was very cold the room was not properly warmed for some time.</i> A letter was received from Miss Clare from her home at Chesham saying she was not well enough to attend school
<i>"15</i>	Miss Clare resumed her duties at the afternoon session

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1913

<i>Jan 16</i>	On the 13th, 15th & this morning there were very poor fires in the Porch Room where the Middle Group are taught scripture. The caretaker evidently only lights the fires but does not stay to see that they are burning properly
<i>Jan 29</i>	<i>The County Nurse visited to examine the children.</i> Examined the Registers & found them correct. — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>Feb 10th</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"13</i>	Dr Scruby, Visitor. Medical Inspection
<i>"18</i>	The Head Teacher was absent from 2.15 to 3.15pm by permission
<i>"20</i>	Visitor: The Nurse
<i>"21</i>	Notices of suspension were sent to eleven children's parents. The Bird and Tree Team went for a walk from 2.45 to 3.45pm
<i>"26</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>Mar 3</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"4</i>	" Mr Dawson, Horticultural Instructor
1913	
<i>Mar 10</i>	Miss Clare arrived at school this morning about 9.30. So many of the children have bad throats & colds that we are unable to take the ordinary singing lessons until they are better. A little extra time will then have to be taken as we are behind with the work for the festival
<i>Mar 19</i>	School broke up for Easter
<i>Mar 25</i>	<i>New School Year Commences</i> School re-assembled. Sixteen children were moved up from the Infants Division to the Upper school. The usual Easter Holiday has not been given this year; a fortnight will be given at Whitsuntide. The Head Teacher has notified to the Education Secretary that the school will send an exhibit to the Royal Counties Show to be held at Windsor in June

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1913

<i>Apr 9</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct
<i>"10</i>	<i>Visitor: Mr Scott. — L. Lucy A. Taylor</i> Miss Hilsden is absent this morning
<i>"14</i>	Miss Hilsden resumed work
<i>"23</i>	The Head Teacher was absent by permission from 2.30pm to go to Oxford
<i>"24</i>	There was no school today as the Church Choir was competing in the Musical Festival at Oxford
<i>"25</i>	The Head Teacher was absent by permission this afternoon to attend the Musical Festival at Oxford
<i>"26</i>	The school choir competed today at Oxford & lost the banner they had previously held for two successive years
<i>"29</i>	The Rev. R. Palmer examined the school in Religious Knowledge. A holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>May 1</i>	Today being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service at 11am. There was no school in the afternoon
<i>"9</i>	School closed for the Whitsuntide Vacation of two weeks
1913	
<i>May 26</i>	School re-assembled. Attendance very good 143/149
<i>June 3</i>	An exhibit was today forwarded to the Education Secretary for the Royal Counties Show
<i>"9</i>	A half holiday was given this afternoon on account of the Chapel Anniversary
<i>"12</i>	A half holiday was given the afternoon in order to allow a children's play to be rehearsed on the platform. A concert was given by the school children in the evening & repeated on Saturday
<i>"18</i>	Miss Hilsden went home this morning as she was suffering from neuralgia
<i>"19</i>	Miss Hilsden is absent today. Miss Morten is also absent with permission. Mr Dawson from the Education Sub-office paid a visit
	<i>"[20 or 30(?)] Visitor: Miss Taylor. A letter was received this morning from the Education Secretary thanking the Head Teacher & staff</i>

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(cont.) for the exhibit sent to the Royal Counties Show

"23

Diocesan Inspector's Report

May 3rd 1913

School examined Apr 29th 1913

Report.

The thoroughly religious tone throughout this school is excellent, and the method of teaching sympathetic. I desire to mention particularly the beautiful rendering of the hymns. The written work in the upper standards was remarkably well done, and during the oral examination the knowledge shewn in the Prayer Book subjects most intelligent

Perhaps with some of the younger children, a picturesque method of instruction might be encouraged

The answers given by some of the Infants were quite brilliant. The little people are very well taught. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Coleshill

1913

Group IV: Bishop's Prize — Dorothy Wingrove. Manager's Prize — Eric Stubbings. Certificates — Ethel Letts, Hilda Head(?). Commended — Edith Wingrove, Harry Appleby, Leonard Aldridge

Group III: Certificates — James Berfield, Nellie Palmer. Commended — Albert Payne, Wilfred Slade, Edward Fowler, Mabel Berfield, Mary Saunders

Group II: Certificates — Bert Appleby, Dorothy Bowler. Commended — Cyril Wingrove, Elsie Haynes, Gwendolen Stubbings, Elsie Norris, Elsie Hatch

Infants: Commended — George Wingrove, Rea Payne, Eva Slade, Percy Slade, Charles Knowles, Bea Slade, Charlie Saunders

June 26

Miss Stronnell was absent with permission

"27

The annual prize distribution was held this afternoon. Miss Taylor, The Rev. C.G.C. Walker & a number of parents were present

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1913

<i>June 30</i>	Instead of the usual Nature Study lesson from 1.35 to 2.35 the Bird & Tree Team were taken for a walk for tree study
<i>July 1</i>	Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker
<i>"3</i>	Notices of suspension were sent to the parents of two boys, Arthur Hazell and Aubrey Slade, whose heads were verminous
<i>"2</i>	Visitor: The District Nurse
<i>"8</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor
<i>"11</i>	It has been decided to write the essays in connection with the Bird & Tree Competition in September
<i>"21</i>	A holiday was given today on account of the Band of Hope Outing
<i>"22</i>	Visitor: Mr Hutchens, Assistant Sec. to the Education Committee
<i>"23</i>	& 24 Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"25</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor, who brought notice of closure of the school on account of the epidemic of measles at Winchmore Hill
<i>"27</i>	[added below, apparently a later note] A further notice was received today closing the school until Sept 15th. Six new desks were received today
1913	
<i>Sept 15</i>	<i>Summer Vacation & closure for Epidemic</i> School reopened with 135 present out of 151. There are still no cases of measles at Winchmore Hill. Miss Stronnell has left and Miss Lane has been appointed to the vacancy. The Managers have appointed Jessie Letts as temporary monitress during the period of Miss Lane's training
<i>"17</i>	Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker
<i>"19</i>	Mr Ed. Helps superintended the writing of the Tree Essays from 10 to 12
<i>"21</i>	The Rev. C.G.C. Walker supervised the writing of the Bird Essays from 10.15 to 12. Both sets of essays are for the Bird & Tree Competition promoted by the R.S.P.B
<i>"24</i>	An outdoor Nature Study lesson was given this afternoon on the Elm Tree

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1913

Oct 6	Miss Daisy Lane commenced duties this morning as Supplementary Teacher to assist the Head Teacher with Standard III. Visitor: Miss Taylor. The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Mr Helps & Miss Synge
"7	The attendance was abnormally low this morning owing to the wet weather. Only 102 were present out of 152
"8	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"15	During playtime in the afternoon a boy named Willie Greaves, 5 yrs 4 mo., was run over by a motor car & died about 15 minutes later. It appears that a boy threw his cap into the road & he darted after it & was knocked down just as he picked it up. Dr Wynne was sent for & arrived before the child died. When it was ascertained that the child was dead the children were dismissed & the attendance cancelled
"17	The Head Teacher was absent from afternoon school after 2.15 to attend the inquest. Verdict: Accidental Death
1913	
Oct 17	(cont.) Visitor: Miss Taylor
"20	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
"21	<i>Examined the Registers & found them correct — L. Lucy A. Taylor. Oct 20.</i> Miss Clare is absent unwell
"22	
"23	Miss Clare resumed her duties
"24	Miss Hilsden is absent unwell. Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker. The Report of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has been received. In the recent competition the school team has been awarded a "Certificate of Excellence". Ethel Letts & Dorothy Wingrove were awarded medals
"27	Miss Hilsden resumed her duties
"31	A holiday was given today on account of the Dedication Festival of the Church
Nov 4	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"5	" The Rev. C.G.C. Walker
"6	The Bird & Tree Team were taken for an outdoor lesson
"14	Miss Clare is absent this afternoon unwell

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1913

Nov 17	, 18 Miss Clare is absent. A letter was received stating that she was suffering from an abcess
"21	Miss Clare's engagement terminates today
"24	Miss Jessie Hilsden commenced duties today as Supplementary Teacher in the Infants Division subject to the approval of H.M.I
Dec 2	<i>Miss Elsie Hilsden, Uncertificated Teacher, is promoted to Miss Clare's post</i> <i>Notice was given to determine Miss Lane's engagement one calendar month from today. An Uncertificated Teacher has been advertised for.</i> The fire in the Classroom was not burning yesterday at the time for opening school. Today the fire in the Range room was not burning. The cleaner was sent for but refused to come. The fires have been a constant source of trouble lately & burn badly & smoke because the old ashes are not properly cleaned
1913	
Dec 2	(cont.) out of the grates before the fires are laid
"4	All the plasticine in the Infants Dept. was burnt today as a precaution against the spread of Conjunctivitis, a complaint from which Tom Massington(?) is suffering
"11	Dr Scruby conducted a medical Inspection this morning
"18	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"19	By the kindness of their teachers the Infants were given a Christmas Tree this afternoon
	<i>Term reports were sent home with each child in the Upper School. School broke up today.</i> <i>Christmas Vacation</i> <i>Two weeks</i>

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<i>Jan 5</i>	School reassembled with a good attendance 139/145
<i>Jan 12</i>	<i>Miss Lane is continuing as Supplementary Teacher temporarily until Feb 1st when Miss Mead, Uncertificated Teacher, will commence duties.</i> <i>A portion of the playground, 20 yds by 15 yds, has been asphalted.</i> E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of inspection in the morning
<i>Jan 14</i>	Examined the Registers & found them correct
<i>"19</i>	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i> Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
<i>"22</i>	<i>A half holiday was given in the afternoon in order that the room might be prepared for a Concert.</i> Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker
<i>"23</i>	Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Miss Taylor
<i>"27</i>	<i>A parcel of chemical manure was received from Aylesbury.</i> Miss Lane was absent from afternoon school to go to Chenies & in consequence Needlework was not taken. A reading from King Arthur's Knights was taken
1914	
<i>Feb 3</i>	(cont.) instead
<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>Visitor: Miss Taylor.</i> [note: dated slightly earlier than the preceding entries, apparently added retrospectively] E. C. Streatfield, H.M.I., paid a visit of Inspection
<i>Feb 5</i>	The Bird & Tree Team were taken for an outdoor lesson in the afternoon from 1.40 to 2.40pm
<i>"18</i>	Report by H.M.I. E. C. Streatfield on a visit of inspection made on Jan 28th
	<i>Report.</i> <i>Mixed: Creditable progress continues to be made under conditions which by no means conduce to the success achieved</i> <i>The special proficiency in various subjects alluded to in the last report continues and distinctions have again been won in open Competitions</i> <i>Reading shows advance, but I should like to see greater insistence upon clearness of articulation and a better position of the book in the two lower classes.</i>

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1914

Written work is generally speaking very creditable, though rather untidy in the lowest group, where Modelling is markedly successful.

Infants' Division

The two young teachers in charge of this class are doing reasonably well under trying conditions

The children are happy & industrious and respond readily & in fair style to oral questions. They also display fair proficiency in the more definite subjects of instruction, though less reliance should be placed upon simultaneous methods of teaching

A new time table is certainly needed for this division

Equipment: There are still far too many antiquated & unsuitable desks in use, though a few new ones have been obtained

Premises: A portion of the Boys' playground has been asphalted and this has proved a great gain, but one cannot possibly

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(cont.) regard the premises as really satisfactory, seeing what awkward conditions prevail in the Main-room & the Infants' room, and that the latter room is poorly lighted as well.

It appears that the heating of these rooms is at times barely adequate in severe weather, and I hope that the Managers will go thoroughly into the question during the next spell of frost.

Staff: Fred Stubbings, Cert. Teacher.

Constance E. Morten, Uncertificated

Daisy Lane, Temporary Supplementary

Elsie L. Hilsden, Uncertificated

Jessie Hilsden, Supplementary

(Signed) L. Lucy A. Taylor

Correspondent

Feb 25

Today being Ash Wednesday, the registers were marked & closed at 9 & the children taken to church at 11. A holiday was given in the afternoon

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<i>Feb 26</i>	Part of a consignment of Stationery was received today
<i>Mar 3</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"4</i>	" Miss Taylor "
<i>"11</i>	<i>Notice has been received that the Diocesan Examination will take place on March 17th. The necessary notices have been posted up.</i> The Annual Bird & Tree Festival took place this afternoon. There were present The Rector, The Rev. C.G.C. & Mrs Walker, Miss Taylor, Mr Needham & Mr & Mrs Helps
	<i>The proceedings commenced with singing after which the Report & Prize Essays were read. The Rector then addressed the children & at the conclusion Mr Helps presented the Medals & Prizes. Mr Helps proposed & Mr Walker seconded a vote of thanks.</i> <i>The following extracts are made from the lengthy & detailed report.</i> <i>"The Coleshill team is responsible for much admirable first hand work. Sketches of exceptional merit come</i>
1914	
<i>Mar 17</i>	(cont.) from this team
<i>"19</i>	<i>The Scripture examination was conducted today by the Rev. R. Palmer of the Lee.</i> The Rev. C.G.C. Walker brought the Diocesan Inspector's Report which is as follows
	<i>Report</i> <i>I was impressed by the devotion of the Scholars throughout the Schools.</i> <i>Upper Group</i> <i>The chanting & singing were excellent, and I was very pleased with the Knowledge of the Prayer Book & New Testament Subjects</i> <i>Middle Group</i> <i>The children were keen & very responsive. The method of teaching is bright & attractive</i> <i>Lower Group</i> <i>This group is rather large this year & therefore is faced with difficulties. Nevertheless the children are well grounded. In teaching Biblical stories the continual use of Pictures is invaluable.</i> <i>The Infants</i> <i>The little folk were confident & are sympathetically managed. My visit</i>

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	<i>(cont.) gave me very real pleasure.</i> <i>Bishop's Prize: Eric Stubbings</i> <i>Specially Commended & Certificate: Ethel Letts</i> <i>Certificate: Mary Saunders</i> <i>Commended: Dorothy Wingrove, Leonard Aldridge, Harry Appleby, Violet Slade, Mabel Berfield, Mabel Slade</i> <i>Middle Group Certificate: Mary Knowles</i> <i>Commended: Dorothy Payne, Daisy Bryant, Dorothy Keen [written work], Alfred Brackley, Bert Appleby, Cyril Wingrove</i> <i>Lower Group Commended: Charlie Knowles, Eva Slade, Maud Saunders, Elsie Hatch, Willie Knowles, Winifred Saunders</i>
1914	
<i>Mar 23</i>	<i>Infants Commended: Percy Rogers, Charlie Saunders, George Appleby, Annie Millar, Doris Sears, Charlie Pusey</i> Miss Aston, Supplementary Teacher on Supply, commenced duties this morning in the Infants Dept
<i>Apr 1</i>	Today a new Educational School year commenced. Nineteen children were promoted from the Infants to the Upper Department
<i>"8</i>	School broke up for the usual Easter Holiday
<i>"6</i>	<i>"[13(?)] Miss Aston left today</i> Miss Jessie Hilsden resumed her duties this morning
<i>"8</i>	A report was sent to the parents of each child on the work of the year just ended
	<i>Easter Holiday</i>

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<i>Apr 20</i>	School re-assembled. Two children, Alice Turner & Rose Barlow, were excluded temporarily having large sores on their bodies
<i>"21</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"25</i>	Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker
<i>"27</i>	Visitor: Mr Dawson, Horticultural Instructor. Lessons were changed to allow Mr Dawson to see the work being done
	<i>"29th Examined the Registers & found them correct</i> <i>B. J. Dendy</i>
<i>May 1</i>	Thirty children were absent from both sessions today, Maying. The Chief Attendance Officer has been notified
<i>"5</i>	The Head Teacher was absent with permission to keep an appointment with Dr Caldecott at Earlswood(?) Asylum
	<i>Visitor: The Attendance Officer</i>
<i>"8</i>	The work in the large room is very difficult owing to the crowded state. Five children have to sit in desks made for four & four children in desks made for three in several instances
1914	
<i>May 19</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"20</i>	The work which is being prepared for the Musical Festival is in a very backward state owing to the prevalence of a very bad type of cough among the children. Extra time will be taken during the next fortnight
<i>"22</i>	& 27 In place of the Physical Exercises & during the optional lessons, organised games & morris dances have been taught by Miss Brown of the Esperance Guild, London
<i>"22</i>	Empire Day was duly observed. During the History lesson, a lesson on the Building of the Empire & the Duties of the Citizen was given
<i>"26</i>	Bertha Slade was seized with violent pains in the stomach accompanied by sickness during the dinner hour. As she was too ill to walk home Mr Walker was consulted & the child was driven home to Winchmore Hill. Mr Walker kindly cycled to Amersham

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	<i>(cont.) for a doctor who visited the child at her home.</i>
"27	Bertha Slade is somewhat better this morning
June 1	Visitor: <i>The Rev. C.G.C. Walker.</i> School was closed today for Whitsuntide. Only two days holiday were allowed instead of the usual week. The remaining three days will be allowed next week on account of the Musical Festival
"4	Reeves Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of inspection this morning
"10	& 11 School closed on account of Musical Festival
"12	
"18	An exhibition of Singing Games, Morris & Country Dances was given by the children today in the Grounds of Coleshill House. There was no school in consequence
"25	The Head Teacher was absent with permission
"26	Visitor: Miss Taylor
1914	
June 29	A half holiday was given on the occasion of the Chapel Tea
July 3	The Head Teacher was absent during the morning & part of the afternoon, unwell
"13	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
"19	There was no school today on account of the Band of Hope Outing
"30	The Annual Prize Distribution took place this afternoon. Miss Taylor kindly presented the awards. School broke up for the usual Summer Holiday
	<i>Miss Lane's engagement terminated today</i> <i>Summer Vacation</i>
Aug 31	School re-assembled with a fairly good attendance 131/146
	<i>Miss Adelaide Emily Waller, Uncertificated Teacher, late Student Teacher, Townsend Rd, Chesham, commenced duty here today</i>
Sept 3	Visitor: Miss Taylor

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<i>Sept 10</i>	The Rev. C.G.C. Walker. Miss Taylor superintended the writing of the Tree Essays in the Bird & Tree Competition and on Sept 11th the Rev. C.G.C. Walker superintended the writing of the Bird Essays from 2 to 3.45pm each day
<i>"15</i>	Miss Jessie Hilsden was absent ill
<i>"22</i>	E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., visited in the morning
<i>"23</i>	Visitors: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, Miss Taylor, Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
<i>"24</i>	The Bird & Tree Team were taken for an outdoor lesson in the afternoon from 2.40 to 3.40
<i>"30</i>	Part of the playground has been levelled & gravelled & the hand basins have been moved & new taps provided
<i>Oct 7</i>	Visitor: Mr Scott, Attendance Officer
<i>"8</i>	The cheque for the payment of the monthly salaries was received from Miss Taylor
<i>"30</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor</i>
1914	
<i>Oct 21</i>	Trafalgar Day was duly observed. The children paraded in the playground & saluted the flag. Lessons were given on the Life of Nelson, The Battle of Trafalgar & the British Navy
<i>Oct 28</i>	The following report has been received from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
	<i>A Certificate of Excellence has been awarded & Medals to Eric Stubbings & Ethel Letts.</i> <i>Coleshill has not gone so far afield & studied such difficult birds as those selected by the Wolverton Team who won points accordingly. Opportunity may have decided this, & it cannot be said that Great Tit, Yellowhammer & Moorhen were by any means a bad selection. The papers themselves are admirable, being full of personal records presented in clear and straightforward fashion. That on the Tit, by Eric Stubbings, is particularly good, and the judges would commend the careful note on the bird's food. The story of the eggs laid in a piece of piping & hatched in spite of being</i>

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1914

Oct 28	(cont.) tumbled out & replaced is a curious instance of the difference in such matters between the Tits and, say, the Wren
	<i>Ethel Letts's paper on the Moorhen is hardly inferior; the measuring of the birds' footsteps in the mud shows the intelligent care with which observation is carried out by this Team. The same two cadets write first-rate accounts of Sycamore & Whitebeam and illustrate them with admirable memory sketches; in some respects that of the Birch by Dorothy Wingrove is even better. The sixth paper on the Yellowhammer is well done by Mabel Berfield who supplies a variant on the usual "little bit of bread & no cheese."</i>
	<i>The variant was "Can you tell me where I can find a few seeds."</i>
Nov 3	A half term holiday was given today
"18	The King paid a visit to Amersham to review the troops. The children were marched down to the Market Square where most of them had a good view
1914	
Nov 18	(cont.) of His Majesty. We left school at 11.30am & returned at 1.40pm
"25	Dr Hickman was to have made a medical inspection at 11am. Several parents came to meet him but he did not keep his appointment
"27	A card was received from Dr Hickman saying he had been detained at another school & would come on Monday the 30th inst
"30	Dr Hickman again failed to keep his appointment
	<i>Miss Morten will be absent all this week as she is sitting for her Dual Exam. at High Wycombe</i>
Dec 1	Dr Hickman paid his visit of Inspection. He explained that he had had a bad cold
	<i>Miss Jessie Hilsden was absent yesterday afternoon & today unwell.</i>
"7	Miss Morten resumed her duties
"15	Visitor: Rev. C.G.C. Walker
"16	Miss Jessie Hilsden is absent today

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1914

Dec 17

Miss Hilsden resumed her duties

"20

Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker

"21

School broke up for the usual Xmas Holiday

Christmas Vacation

1915

Jan 11

School re-assembled 132/139

Visitors: Miss Taylor & The Rev. C.G.C. Walker.

"14

The Head Teacher was absent with permission to go to the Earlswood Institution

"20

Visitor: Miss Taylor

"21

The attendance is very poor & has been so for some time. There are several very irregular children whose attendance does not improve

Five children have each been absent from school over 100 times since April 1st.

It is impossible to teach children properly under these conditions

"26

Mr Dawson, Horticultural Instructor, visited in the morning

Feb 3

Visitor: Miss Taylor

"17

Today being Ash Wednesday the children went to Church at 11am. A half holiday was given

1915

Feb 18

Examined Registers & found them correct

L. Lucy A. Taylor.

Feb 22

Miss Jessie Hilsden was absent today unwell. Dr Hickman medically inspected Group D. Visitor: The Attendance Officer

"23

Robert Knowles is suffering from measles. His brothers Charles & William are excluded. The Medical Officers have been notified

March 2

Visitor: Miss Taylor

"8

Three cases of measles were reported to the School Medical Officer

"16

Four more cases were reported today

"17

A lesson on St Patrick's Day was given

"19	In place of the usual History lesson, a Brown account of the Battle of Ypres was read
"20	<i>Two more cases of measles were notified.</i> Part of the main consignment of stationery arrived from the E.S.A <i>The Food Campaign work is being observed</i> <i>The Time Table will not be kept in the morning by the upper girls</i> <i>Seven cases of measles were notified today</i> <i>Miss Jessie Hilsden was absent [with] the 19th to gain today.</i>

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1915

Mar 23

On account of the epidemic of measles the school was closed at the end of morning session until further notice. Owing to this closure we are unable to hold the class examinations for the close of the school year. We are also unable to send out the annual reports to the children's parents until school re-assembles

1915

Apr 26

New Educational Year Commences

School re-assembled with an excellent attendance 134/138

Fourteen children were promoted from the Infants Division to the Upper School

The Classes are now as follows.

Upper Group 40 Head Teacher

Middle Group 24 Miss Morten

Lower Group 39 Miss Waller

Infants 35 Miss E. Hilsden and Miss J. Hilsden

The Head Teacher was absent during part of the Morning session to attend the Petty Sessions at Amersham

1915

Apr 26

(cont.) as she was the principal witness in a Special Constabulary Case

"27

Visitor: The Attendance Officer

"29

& 30 Visitor: The Rev. C.G.C. Walker, for Scripture

May 3

During hot weather, that is generally speaking during Summer months, singing will be taken for 10 to 15 minutes at the conclusion of religious instruction. Silent reading, Geography or History will then be taken in the time allotted to singing

"6

This afternoon every child was present

"7

The attendance this week is the highest on record being 98%

"13

The scheme of cookery which was interrupted by the epidemic of measles was continued yesterday

Today being Ascension Day the children attended Divine Service in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon. The Registers were not marked

"20

School broke up for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday

"31

School re-assembled. A parcel of Needlework arrived

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1915

June 4

Dorothy Wingrove commenced her apprenticeship as Rural P.T. Visited the school. Tested the Registers - found them correct

Cecil G. C. Walker.

The Annual Bird & Tree Festival was held in the afternoon. The Rev. & C.G.C. Walker presided and Mrs Helps gave the children a most interesting address.

1915

June 18

The Head Teacher was absent in the morning by permission. A half holiday was given in the afternoon on account of the Chapel Anniversary Tea

"17

Miss Jessie Hilsden is ill with German Measles. Miss Elsie Hilsden is excluded on account of house infection. The Head Teacher wrote to the Education Secretary stating these facts & asking for a temporary supply Teacher. In the meantime the staff has been re-arranged to meet the difficulty

"18

Dorothy Wingrove, Rural P.T., has developed German Measles. Several children are also absent with the same complaint. These cases & those of yesterday have been duly notified on Form M.O. 8a

"21

Miss Florence Gregory, U.T., has taken charge of the Infants Division temporarily

"23

Miss Elsie Hilsden resumed her duties

"28

Dorothy E. Wingrove resumed study at school today

"30

Visitor: The Attendance Officer

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1915

<i>July 1</i>	The Pay sheet with cheque for salaries was received today. Miss Gregory left today
"5	Miss Jessie Hilsden resumed her duties
"7	A lesson on the "Advantages of the War Loan" was given to the older children this morning in response to the request of the County Education Committee
"6	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"12	Miss Elsie Hilsden is absent unwell
"26	<i>The children have had an opportunity of seeing an aeroplane which was forced to land in the neighbourhood on Saturday. A lesson on this subject was given this morning</i> & 27 The essays in the Bird & Tree Competition were written on the afternoons of these days being supervised on the 26th by Miss J. Fawcett & on the 27th by Miss Taylor
"27	Examined the Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor</i> <i>In response to the request of the Education Committee lessons on economy — particularly in the use of food — have been given.</i>
1915	
<i>July 29</i>	School broke up at the close of the afternoon session. Owing to the epidemic of measles at the commencement of the term & the large number of cases of German measles once the work of the term has not been completed. The term test has therefore been postponed
<i>Aug 30</i>	<i>Harvest Vacation</i> <i>Four weeks</i> School re-opened 125/137. Miss Florence Grimsdell(?), S.T., commenced duties subject to Approval of H.M.I
"31	Visitor: Rev. C.G.C. Walker & the Attendance Officer
<i>Sept 2</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"6	Several children have been excluded on account of whooping cough
"6	Visitor: C.G. Watkins Esq
"30	E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., visited at 2.10pm
<i>Oct 1</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct

L. Lucy A. Taylor

"6

The Bird & Tree Team went out for their first Autumn lesson

"18

G. Shaw Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of Inspection

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1915

Oct 21

Today being Trafalgar Day a special History lesson was given on Nelson

The Battle of Trafalgar (Curr. Modern Hist.(?))

"27

The Report of the Bird & Tree County Challenge Shield Competition for 1915 was received today

Report

The leading place this year is undoubtedly taken by Coleshill. The fresh and original work of this Team is always pleasant to meet with, and depending as it does entirely upon personal observation is evidently inspired by an interest and enthusiasm that sit very prettily on the young writers. The papers sent in are all by girls, though there are boys in the Team, and all by girls of the same age and very much on a level as observers and as essay-writers. Somewhat the best is that on the Moorhen by Mabel Berfield, as indicating specially close and careful study of the ways of the bird. The Yellowhammer by Dorothy Saunders, is noteworthy both for

1915

Oct 27

(cont.) a good account of the song and for attention to the food, and the Whitethroat is a pleasing and generally accurate account of an attractive little bird by Bertha Slade. It is obvious from several passages in these papers that the birds have none too happy a time in the neighbourhood of Coleshill, and that the efforts of Bird & Tree Cadets are needed for their better protection. Other school leaders in the district may well note this need. The Tree papers are marked by the same brightness and care as those on birds, with happy phrases that show an appreciation of the characteristics of the trees and of their beauty. Particularly to be commended is Bertha Slade's Whitebeam; but the description of Horse Chestnut — "a very twiggy tree" — in winter and in its showy summer dress by Dorothy Turney, and of the Walnut, its catkins, leaves, & fruit by Dorothy Saunders are little behind

The Shield to Coleshill. Medals to the Team

Head Teacher: Mr F. Stubbings. Secretary: Miss Lucy A. Taylor

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1915

Oct 27	(cont.)
	<i>The Team: Bertha Slade — Whitethroat — Whitebeam</i> <i>Dorothy Saunders — Yellowhammer — Walnut</i> <i>Mabel Berfield — Moorhen — Cedar</i> <i>Dorothy Turney — Wren — Horse Chestnut</i> <i>Hilda Head(?) — Rook — Sycamore</i> <i>Mary Saunders — Swift — Birch</i>
Nov 1	<i>Ellen Palmer — Lapwing — Plane</i> <i>Wilfred Slade — Chaffinch — Ash</i> <i>Cyril Wingrove — Skylark — Hazel</i> Today being All Saints' Day — The Dedication Festival of the Church — the children['s] Divine Service at 9.30am. A Holiday was given in the afternoon. Miss Kate E. Pollard, Uncertificated Assistant on Supply commenced duties
"3	<i>Miss Waller has resigned.</i> <i>Dorothy E. Wingrove, Rural P.T., is assisting Miss Hilsden with the Infants in the mornings as Miss Grimsdell is absent for training</i> Visitor: Miss Taylor
"15	The School was examined today by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. R. de M. Nixon
1915	
Nov 23	[Name unclear(?)], Miss Brady, Supervisor of Rural Pupil Teachers, called to see the Pupil Teacher's books & talk over matters connected with her studies
"24	<i>Part of a consignment of stationery arrived on the 22nd from the E.S.A.</i> Mr Bentley, Chief Attendance Officer, called to introduce Miss Alpe, the new temporary Attendance Officer
"29	Miss Morten will be absent all this week to go to High Wycombe for the Certificate Examination. Miss Grimsdell resumed her duties. Dorothy Wingrove is assisting with Standard III in the mornings
Dec 6	Miss Morten resumed her duties & Dorothy E. Wingrove her studies
	<i>The following is a copy of the Diocesan Inspector's Report</i> <i>School: Coleshill</i> <i>Examined Nov. 15, 1915</i>

Summary Mark: Thoroughly satisfactory

Report

This school continues to do steady and useful work; and the results

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Dec 19	15 that I saw today when I bear in mind
	<i>i that my visit came in the middle of the school year.</i> <i>ii the difficulties under which I can see the work has to be carried on are on the whole quite satisfactory. Throughout the school care needs taking however that the best children do not monopolise the answering, as the less intelligent will probably be well content to let them do; I was particularly pleased with the singing both of Psalms and Hymns which was exceptionally good.</i> <i>Bishop's Prize: Mabel Berfield</i> <i>Manager's Prize: Mary Saunders</i> <i>Certificates: I. Bertha Slade, Fred Bird, Wilfred Slade</i> <i>II. Charles Slade, Ellen Harris, Percy Palmer</i> <i>Commended: I. E. Norris, D. Bowler, D. Saunders, M. Walker, E. Bowler, D. Payne</i> <i>II. K. Bowler, C. Knowles, R. Smith, H. Grimsdell, J. Miller, H. Barlow</i> <i>III. A. Miller, L. Berfield, D. Saunders, F. Payne, P. Rogers, J. Dean</i>
Dec 19	15 Commended IV: C. Pusey, J. Miller, M. Slade, D. Sears, R. Harris, E. Palmer, N. Pusey
Dec 10	There is a considerable falling off in the attendance. There are about ten children in the school who are most irregular & this irregularity has continued for years. Now & then there is a temporary improvement as the result of the Attendance Officer's visits
"17	There is a still further drop in the attendance. A special list of very irregular children is being prepared & will be forwarded to the Attendance Officer
"23	Term examinations have been held throughout the upper school. The Infants were provided with a Christmas Tree by the kindness of their teachers Miss Hilsden & Miss Grimsdell
	<i>The special attention of the Attendance Officer has been called to the following cases: Dorothy Payne absent 61 times since Easter, Bertha Slade 50, Hilda Hazell 97, Harry Barlow 58, Maud(?) 79, Rose(?) 40, Alice Turner 67, Eva Hazell 35 since June 1.</i>

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1915	
<i>Dec 22</i>	School broke up for the usual Christmas Vacation
	<i>Christmas Vacation</i>
1916	
<i>Jan 10th</i>	School re-assembled
	<i>Notice has been received from the Education Office that Miss Pollard's Services are required elsewhere & that she will not be available for this school. The staff is therefore one short & has to be re-arranged. Miss Morten is taking the Lower Group (I+II) & Dorothy Wingrove, R.P.T., is assisting the Head Teacher with the remainder of the Upper School in the morning. Her afternoons are devoted to study as usual.</i>
	<i>Twelve new dual desks were received during the Vacation.</i>
<i>"14</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer. Attendance Percentage for the week. Upper school 95, Infants 91
<i>"25</i>	Examined the Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
	<i>The Annual Bird & Tree Festival was held this afternoon. The Rector presided & Mrs Helps addressed the children and afterwards presented the shield, medals & prizes. A fair number of visitors and parents were present.</i>
<i>Feb 1st</i>	Miss Marjorie Ford, L.R.A.M., has been appointed temporarily as Supplementary Teacher and commenced duties today
	<i>Dorothy E. Wingrove, Rural Pupil Teacher, will now resume her studies in the mornings as well as afternoons.</i>
<i>"7</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"11</i>	The attendance continues to get worse & the cases mentioned on p.269 show no improvement
	<i>Percentage for the week. Mixed dept. 89, Infants 80.</i>
<i>"18</i>	Attendance for the week. Mixed Dept. 88.5%. Infants 84.5% Three children

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1916

<i>Feb 18</i>	(cont.) — Harry, May & Rose Barlow — have been absent respectively 30, 18, & 21 times, out of a possible 60; they have not been absent on account of sickness
<i>"24</i>	Owing to the deep snow only 57 children were present. The Registers were not marked
<i>Mar 3</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor. Circular 1916 arrived. A letter has been written to the Chief Attendance Officer calling his attention to the extremely bad attendance especially the three cases above mentioned. These three children have been absent altogether 1080 times since their admission in 1912
<i>"8</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the children went to Church at 11.0am. A holiday was given in the afternoon. The registers were not marked
<i>Mar 10</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
<i>"13</i>	Dr Hickman was to have medically inspected the children this morning but failed to keep his appointment
<i>"14</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor. A card was received from Dr Hickman stating that he had tyre trouble & that he hoped to come on Wednesday
1916	
<i>Mar 14</i>	(cont.) afternoon about 2 o'clock
<i>"15</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor. Dr Hickman again failed to keep his appointment
<i>"16</i>	Visitor: Mrs J. L. Ware(?). Harry, May, & Rose Barlow arrived at school a quarter of an hour late in the afternoon & were consequently marked absent
<i>"22</i>	Dr Hickman inspected Group [letter unclear(?)] this morning at 10am
	<i>Visitor: Mr Scott, the new Attendance Officer, who inquired about the numerous cases of gross irregularity & promised to visit the parents.</i>
<i>"29</i>	Last night the district was visited by an extraordinary blizzard. In places the snow had drifted deeply and it was impossible for children to get to school. As about 50 children only were present, the registers were not marked, but lessons proceeded as usual
<i>Apr 3</i>	A New Educational Year Commenced. Sixteen children were promoted from the Infants Division. The numbers in the classes & arrangement of the staff are

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1916

<i>Apr 3</i>	(cont.) as follows
	<i>Standards IV, V, VI: 44 — Mr Stubbings, Head Teacher</i> <i>Standard III: 26 — Miss Ford, S.T.</i> <i>Standards I+II: 40 — Miss Morten, C.T.</i> <i>Infants Upper: 12 — Miss Hilsden, U.T.</i> <i>Infants Lower: 16 — Miss Grimsdell, S.T.</i> <i>Miss Morten is absent today, ill.</i>
<i>"5</i>	Miss Morten resumed her duties at the afternoon session
<i>"12</i>	The Bird & Tree Team was taken for a Spring walk at 2.10pm
<i>"17</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"13</i>	[entry appears out of strict date order in the original] Visitor: Miss Brady, Supervisor of Pupil Teachers
<i>"20</i>	School closed for the usual Easter Holiday. Miss Morten terminated her engagement today
<i>May 1</i>	School re-assembled. Miss Adelaide Waller commenced duties in the place of Miss Morten. Miss Hilsden returned to school at 1pm having been unavoidably delayed
<i>"5</i>	The cheque & pay sheet was received from Miss Taylor this morning
<i>May 12</i>	, 1916 Visitor: Mr Helps & The Attendance Officer
<i>"22</i>	Today — the first school day in which the Daylight Saving Act is in force — only three children were late for morning school. The Head Teacher was absent during part of the morning, having to attend the Amersham Police Court as a Special Constable
<i>June 1</i>	Today being Ascension Day, the children attended Divine Service in the morning. A holiday was given in the afternoon
<i>"12</i>	Whit Monday. Only 99 children were present out of 138 in the morning. It was ascertained that 30 more would be absent in the afternoon & in consequence the Deputy correspondent gave permission to close school
<i>"19</i>	A half holiday was given on account of the Chapel Sunday School Tea
	<i>The Rev. C.G.C. Walker came to say goodbye to the children & teachers.</i> <i>[omitted entry, May 30] G. Shaw Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of Inspection.</i>

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1916	
July 3 rd	<i>Dr Hickman called and asked if it was convenient to make the term medical inspection. As all the children were present the inspection took place.</i> to 11th A Course of Instruction in the cooking of cheap meals has been given in the mornings to the older girls by Miss Waller. All the meals prepared were quite successful
"7	and 14 Dorothy Wingrove, R.P.T., was absent to attend a course of Instruction in Science at Tylers Green
"12	Visitor: The Attendance Officer, last visit May 12
"13	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"17	Examined Registers - All correct
"25	<i>Charles R. Bugges(?)</i> & 26 The essays in connection with the Bird & Tree Competition were written on these days. Mrs Norman Dendy and Miss Jane Fawcett kindly superintended the essays. The essays were forwarded to Miss Taylor & the following selected essays were sent to the Royal Society
1916	
July 28	<i>(cont.) for the Protection of Birds.</i> <i>Wagtail & Sycamore by Violet Berfield</i> <i>Moorhen & Horsechestnut by Mary Saunders</i> <i>House Martin & Alder by Gwendolen Stubbings</i> School broke up for the Harvest Holiday
Sept 11	<i>Vacation</i> School reassembled with a poor attendance. A number of boys are still at work in the Harvest Field
"12	& 13 Miss Waller is absent with permission
"14	Miss Brady, Supervisor of Rural Pupil Teachers, visited
"15	<i>Visitor: Miss Taylor</i> Percentages of attendance for the week are Mixed school 84, Infants 90
"26	Examined Registers & found them correct
Oct 2	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i> Miss Ford is absent ill

"3	The Rev. W. S. Thomas visited
"4	A Medical Certificate has been forwarded by Miss Ford
"10	Miss Ford has forwarded a second Medical Certificate

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1916

Oct	[undated] Several children have been sent home suffering with chicken pox
"16	Dorothy E. Wingrove is absent with the above complaint. Miss Ford resumed her duties
"18	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"20	Visitor: The Rev. W. S. Thomas
	<i>Trafalgar Day was observed today. Special lessons were given in connection with this & the Time Table altered accordingly.</i>
"25	Dorothy E. Wingrove, R.P.T., resumed her duties & studies
"31	Visitor: The Nurse. Four children were excluded as a result of her visit
Nov 13	The Report of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on the Bird & Tree Competition has been received & is appended
	<i>The Wagtail appears again among the Essays from Coleshill & Mabel Berfield writes a pleasant & accurate account of it, noting well the difference between cock & hen birds & the pretty way it has of flying a little way in advance of a pedestrian & alighting to run & peck now & again. Mary Saunders gives a capital first-hand description of the</i>
1916	<i>(cont.) Moorhen's nest & young & of its habits; she is a good observer taking trouble to make her records complete & writing in an interesting style. The same ability to observe & to chronicle characteristics best worth noting is evident in her full & well-written paper on the Horse Chestnut, with its charming pen & ink drawings of leaf & flower; & equally good is Mabel Berfield's Sycamore with its many graceful & picturesque touches. The remaining papers, on House Martin & Alder, are by a younger competitor, Gwendolen Stubbings, whose papers are shorter but very well done. She will find that Swallows are distinctly bigger than Martins & also that the longer outer feathers of their tails and the chestnut colour on the throat distinguish them from the black-and-white Martins: Both birds fly low in damp weather because in the heavy atmosphere the insects on which they feed do not mount so high; so the saying quoted has much truth in it. She describes the house building nicely; the eggs are pure white, like those of other birds which are laid in dark nests</i>

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Nov 1916	<i>The Alder with its catkins & cones is not an easy tree to describe, but she has watched the only Alder tree in Coleshill to good purpose, and her memory drawings, like those of the other Competitors, are admirable</i> <i>Certificate of Excellence. Medals to Mabel Berfield & Mary Saunders</i>
Nov 16	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
Dec 8	Examined Registers & found them correct
"20	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i> <i>15-19 The Xmas term exam. has been held.</i> The attention of the Managers is again called to the following cases of gross irregularity. During the last twenty years the attendance has never been so bad. Since April 1st, the commencement of the present school year, the Attendance Officer has paid only four visits viz: May 12, July 12, Sept 27, Nov 16
May	<i>Since April 1st 1916 possible attendance 297.</i> Barlow absent 163 times
	<i>Rose " " 156 "</i> <i>Alice Turner " 100 "</i> <i>Edward Slade " 104 "</i> <i>Arthur Slade " 50 "</i> <i>Eva Hazell absent 71 times</i> <i>Winifred Norris " 65(?) "</i> <i>Daisy " " 57 "</i> <i>Violet " " 105 "</i> <i>Edith Hazell " 73 "</i> <i>Arthur " " 78 "</i> <i>Frank [entry crossed out in original]</i> <i>Percy Bird " " 74 "</i> <i>Alfred Bird " " 64 "</i> <i>William Knowles " " 65 "</i> <i>Dorothy Keen " " 48 "</i> <i>Kate Keen " " 44 "</i> <i>George Taylor " " 44 "</i> <i>Annie Taylor " " 46 "</i> <i>It is impossible to conduct a school efficiently with such a large number of irregular children. A copy of this note has been sent to the Attendance Officer.</i>

1917

School broke up for the Xmas Vacation

Jan 8

School re-assembled 124/138

"10

As a result of the above note the Attendance Officer paid a visit and explained to the parents of the above children that the

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1917

<i>Jan 11</i>	(cont.) duly warned. On account of the heavy fall of snow only 76 children were present out of 138. The registers were not marked but lessons proceeded as usual
<i>"12</i>	<i>Miss Ford is absent ill.</i> Miss Ford sent a Medical Certificate
<i>"19</i>	Soup, made by the older girls, from vegetables from the garden was distributed during the dinner hour to about fifty children who, having to come a considerable distance, bring their dinners to school. The experiment was quite a success & was much appreciated. Soup will be made daily as long as the cold weather lasts. Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"29</i>	Miss Ford resumed her duties. The ink in the wells was frozen this morning & lessons had to be altered in consequence. Although large fires have been burning, it has not been possible to raise the temperature of the big schoolroom above 40°F today. A keen east wind has been blowing
<i>Feb 2</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
1917	
<i>Feb 5</i>	In consequence of the snowfall last night only 55 children were present today. The registers were not marked but lessons were continued as usual. Miss Waller, who lives at Chesham was unable to reach school
<i>"8</i>	<i>The Rev. W. S. Thomas kindly provided 5 lbs of haricot beans for the soup & Miss Taylor has promised a further supply.</i> A half holiday was given as the schoolroom was required for the Sunday School tea & prize distribution
<i>"15</i>	The invoice of stationery ordered last December was received a few days ago but no goods have yet arrived
<i>"21</i>	Today being Ash Wednesday the children attended Divine Service & a holiday was given in the afternoon. The Registers were not marked
<i>"22</i>	Gardening was taken from 11 to 12 instead of from 1.30 to 2.10
<i>Mar 1st</i>	Today, being that the weather(?) & the soil suitable for sowing, the whole afternoon was spent in Gardening
<i>"2</i>	<i>Visitor: E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., 2.45pm — 3.15pm.</i> Visitor: Miss Taylor

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<i>Feb 27</i>	The Annual Bird & Tree Day was celebrated this afternoon. A good number of visitors & friends were present. The Rev. W. S. Thomas presided & gave an address on Australian Birds & Trees
<i>Mar 5</i>	Two cases of chicken pox were notified
<i>Mar 12</i>	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor</i>
<i>"20</i>	The Rev. — Fitzpatrick examined the children in Religious Knowledge. Visitor: The Rev. W. S. Thomas
<i>"30</i>	An extra hour was devoted to gardening today
<i>Apr 2</i>	A new Educational Year Commenced, but as there was a deep fall of snow only 45 children were present, the children were not promoted. Owing to the snow Miss Waller was absent
<i>"3</i>	Ten children were promoted from the Infants to the Upper school today
<i>"4</i>	School broke up today for the usual Easter Holiday. Visitor: Miss Taylor
	<i>Number on roll 131. Average for the week 99.</i>
<i>"16</i>	School re-assembled 119/135. Visitor: The Attendance Officer. Gardening was taken for 1 hour
<i>"18</i>	Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"19</i>	The Head Teacher was absent, by permission, in the afternoon. Gardening was not taken
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<i>Apr 20</i>	Gardening was taken this morning instead of yesterday. Visitor: Miss Taylor
<i>"26</i>	Gardening was taken this morning instead of in the afternoon. The Head Teacher was absent with permission in the afternoon
<i>"27</i>	Miss Ford is absent ill
<i>May 3</i>	The Head Teacher was absent with permission this afternoon
<i>"4</i>	The Salaries & Pay sheet were received from Miss Taylor today
<i>"10</i>	The Head Teacher was absent this afternoon with permission
<i>"11</i>	Visitor: The Rev. W. S. Thomas who brought the report of the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. P. H. Fitzpatrick: "Good work is being done in this school, in face of some difficulty. Owing to conditions of staff the four groups have

been reduced to three, making the Upper Group very large. Singing was especially good in groups II & III. In the Infants it might be improved. Repetition was good on the whole. The high standard of some of the written work in the upper group showed that these children knew the subjects better than appeared by the answering viva voce; some of the papers showed exceptionally thorough and accurate

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	<i>(cont.) knowledge of Scripture, in the O.T. especially. The Infants did not answer well in Scripture with a few exceptions, but perhaps did not do themselves justice.</i> <i>Bishop's Prize: Elsie Hatch. Manager's Prize: Olive Turney.</i> <i>Certificates: Winifred Sawyer, Florrie Head, Doris Sears</i> <i>Commended: Elsie Norris, Harold Beasley, Edith Hazell, Percy Rogers, Murray Slade, Lloyd Head, Jack Mead, Ronald Norris, Annie Rogers</i>
May 10	The Head Teacher was absent, on Military Duty [in the afternoon], with permission
"15	The Head Teacher is suffering from a bad throat and is not at present able to give any oral lessons
June 4th	Visitor: Miss Taylor. The Head Teacher is absent for three weeks [with permission, to attend a Musketry Course]
	<i>"7th The nurse visited the school this morning & excluded 16 children who were found to be in a dirty condition.</i> <i>"8th The Rev. W. S. Thomas visited & distributed Scripture prizes.</i>
"12	A half holiday was given on account of the Chapel Sunday School Tea. Visitor: Attendance Officer
"14	Miss Grimsdell is absent ill
"15	Miss Grimsdell resumed her duties today
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June 18	The Head Teacher resumed his duties
"22	<i>A lesson on the Battle of Waterloo was given</i> School broke up for a fortnight for Hay Harvest and to allow boys to go into the fields weeding. There is a great demand for boys to do this
July 6	& 8 School re-assembled with a very poor attendance partly due to the wet weather. Over thirty children have been employed on farms or in gardens & orchards during the last fortnight
"11	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"18	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"26	Cecil Slade is absent ill with diphtheria. His sister has just died with the same complaint. As a result many parents refuse to send their children to school & the attendance is very bad

<i>Aug 30</i>	Only 89 children are present out of 134. The Head Teacher phoned to Dr Hogarth acquainting him with this fact & gave the reason
<i>"31</i>	Only 64 children were present this morning. The Head Teacher phoned to the Education Office & was authorised by Mr Hutchins to close school
	<i>Harvest Vacation</i>

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Sep 3	School re-assembled. Present 110. Several boys are being employed on farms
"4	Attendance improved 130/134
	<i>Miss Ford has tendered her resignation.</i>
Sep 5	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
"10	Visitor: Miss Taylor
	<i>Mr Bentley, Chief Attendance Officer, who introduced Mr Dean, the New District Attendance Officer.</i>
"17	A half holiday was given today for Blackberrying for the Army & Navy. The school assembled at 1.0pm. The children were taken in classes by their teachers, the younger children to the neighbouring fields & the older to those more distant
"18	The weather was too wet for Blackberrying today but 384 lbs were dispatched in the afternoon to Gerrards Cross Station — the result of yesterday's picking
"19	Today the usual half holiday was given for the children to go to the Fair
"24	Visitor: Attendance Officer
"25	& 26 Half Holiday, Blackberrying, 394 lbs
"28	Miss Ford's engagement terminated today
Oct 1	Mr Maurice Dell, Unattached Teacher, on Supply, commenced duty today
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Oct 1	(cont.) on Supply, commenced duty today
Oct 1	&2 Blackberrying, half holidays
"3	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"8	Half holiday for blackberrying
"10	Miss Hilsden is absent with permission
"15	Half holiday for blackberrying
"19	Miss Hilsden resumes her duties
"22	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
"24	Olive Turney is ill with diphtheria. The case has been notified on Form 84 M.O
	<i>The total amount of blackberries picked by the children of this school is 1130 lbs. About three(?) tons of horse chestnuts have also been collected</i>

Nov 2	Visitor: Miss Taylor, The Rev. W. S. Thomas
"5	Mr Dell, Temporary Ass't leaves today
	<i>"[5 or 8(?) Miss Lloyd, who was appointed to succeed Mr Dell, has not yet accepted the post.</i>
Nov 8	Examined the Registers & found them correct
	<i>L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
"12	A number of boys varying in age from 9 to 13 are being employed on farms. The Attendance Officer has been notified
"16	Percentage for the week: Mixed 83, Infants 91
	<i>"[13 or 18(?) Visitor: Nurse Atkinson.</i>

Coleshill School — Roll of Honour, 1914– [verified directly against high-resolution images; the Roll of Honour is a hand-ruled table of Name / Rank / Regiment / Notes, with entries numbered 1–109. A few names and notes are hard to read even at high resolution and are hedged with "(?)"; a couple of entries have a name or regiment crossed out and corrected in the original, noted below]

#	Name	Rank	Regiment	Notes
1	Arthur Head	Pte	Middlesex	W.S.S.
2	Robt Lane	Bombr.(?)	R.F.A.	W
3	Fred Lane			
4	William Lane	L.Cpl	Royal Fusiliers	Discharged, W.W. (loss of sight, eye)
5	Decimus Lane			
6	Philip Lane			
7	Percy Lane	+ Beds	Beds	R.I.P. France
8	George Lane	Sergt		
9	Decimus Payne	Pte	R.E.	
10	Fred Payne			W
11	Victor Payne			
12	John Francis			
13	Charles Francis		R.H.A.	
14	Eric Francis		Navy	
15	William Shrimpton	C.Q.M.S., 2nd Lieut	Northampton	
16	Ernest Shrimpton	Driver	R.F.A.	
17	Reginald Shrimpton		A.S.C.	
18	Edwin Wingrove	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	W. R.I.P. France
19	Frank Wingrove		Navy	
20	George Brackley	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	
21	Horace Brackley	Driver	A.S.C.	R.I.P.
22	Albert Slade	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	Discharged
23	Alfred Slade	Pte	Royal West Kent	Missing
24	George Saunders	Driver	R.H.A.	
25	Thomas Saunders	Pte & L.Cpl	Bucks Yeo.	
26	Cecil Westall		Navy	
27	Leonard Westall	Pte	Middlesex	
28	George Haynes	L.Stoker	Navy	
29	Arthur Turney	1st Class Stoker	Navy	
30	Alfred Turner	Pte	Middlesex	
31	Edwin Bilbey			
32	Arthur Parker	R.H.A.	R.H.A.	Rejoined; Discharged

				Reservist
33	George Birch	Leading Seaman	Anson Battn.	R.I.P. Dardanelles
34	Alfred Higgs	Pte & L.Cpl	Wilts	
35	William Harris	Bombardier/Gunner	R.F.A.	W
36	Walter Godly		R.G.A.	
37	Hector Letts	Pte	Hampshire	
38	Herbert Aldridge	Pte	Bucks Yeo.	W. Discharged
39	John Sirett	Pte	A.V.C.	
40	Arthur Carter	Pte	Grenadier Guards	W. Discharged
41	Charles Woolwin(?)	Pte, 2nd Lieut	Oxf & Bucks	
42	William Dixon	Cpl	Canadians F.A.	W
43	Percy Aldridge	Pte, Driver	Oxf & Bucks, A.S.C.	Discharged, Rejoined
44	Arthur Mortimore			
45	Thomas Bilbey	Sapper	R.E.	W
46	Arthur Slade	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	
47	Raymond Bowler	Rifleman	K.R.R.	R.I.P.
48	Edward Mortimore			
49	George Glenister			
50	Owen Glenister			
51	Walter Bland		Navy	
52	David Brown			
53	George Payne			
54	William Newton			
55	Sidney Slade			
56	Harry Reading	Sergt	9th Middlesex	
57	Joseph Stobbs	Pte	1st Canadians	
58	Fred Francis	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	W
59	Fred Sears	Pte & L.Cpl	Oxf & Bucks	W
60	Bertram Rogers	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	W.W.
61	Fred Rogers	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	R.I.P. France
62	Sidney Hazell	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	W
63	Herbert Hazell	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	Missing, France, R.I.P.
64	William Hatch	Pte	9th Middlesex (later Middlesex)	W
65	Reginald Francis	Pte	Middlesex	
66	Harry Raine			
67	John Raine			
68	Fred Rose	Gunner	R.G.A.	W
69	William Haynes	Pte	A.V.C.	

70	Ralph Slade	Smith	A.S.C.	
71	Alfred Francis	Driver, Bombdr	R.G.A.	
72	Alfred Turner	Pte	Gloucestershire	
73	Cecil Stronnell	Sapper	R.E.	
74	Alfred Slade	Rifleman	R.B.	W. Discharged
75	William Rogers	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	W. Discharged
76	Forrest Sawyer			
77	William Bryant	Pte	Bedford	W. R.I.P.
78	Charles Birch	Private	Grenadier Guards	R.I.P.
79	Horace Leith(?)	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	Missing
80	Walter Harris	Smith	A.S.C.	
81	Albert Appleby	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	Missing
82	Mark Harris	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	R.I.P.
83	Wilfred Slade	Pte	Glosters	
84	Herbert Slade	Smith	A.S.C.	
85	Walter Slade	Pte	Royal Berks Regt	
86	William Saunders (entry originally read "Sidney Slade", struck through)	Pte	Royal Berks Regt	R.I.P.
87	Charles Turney	Gunner	R.G.A.	
88	Arthur Wingrove	Driver	R.G.A.	
89	Reginald Frank Stubbings	Pte	(regiment amended) Royal Berks Regt	W.S.S.
90	Fred Birch	Gnr	Royal Garrison Art.	
91	William Morris (entry originally read a different name, struck through)	Pte	A.V.C.	
92	Fred Saunders	Pte	Royal Berks Regt	W
93	Alfred Saunders	Pte, R.F.C.	R.F.C.	
94	Stanley Francis	Pte	Oxf & Bucks	
95	Fred Aldridge	Cpl	Cyclist Corps	
96	Albert Glenister	Pte	Berks Yeomanry	R.I.P. Salonica
97	Fred J. Ware	Gnr	R.F.A.	
98	Frank Slade	Dvr, Pte	R.F.A., Lancs Fusiliers	
99	John Beal		Canadian Flying [Corps(?)]	
100	Edward Beal			
101	Albert Beal			
102	Sidney Head	Pte	Royal Berks	
103	Alfred Morris	Pte	Infantry Reserve, Devons	

104	John Higgs	Pte	R.A.M.C.	
105	William Saunders	Pte	London Fusiliers, Infantry Reserve	
106	Fred Muckley	Pte	1st Batt.	
107	Albert Slade	Pte	Infantry Reserve, Royal Sussex	
108	Harry Appleby	Driver	R.G.A.	
109	Eric Stubbings	Pte	R.A.F.	

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<i>Nov 20</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"27</i>	A half holiday was given in the afternoon as the school was required for a Sale of Work
<i>Dec 3rd</i>	Visitor: The Rev. W. S. Thomas
<i>"13</i>	Visitor: The Attendance Officer
<i>"21</i>	<i>Mr Palmer who supplies the school with coal has failed to keep us supplied & it is owing to the kindness of the Rev. W. S. Thomas who has lent us a quantity that we are able to keep the school warmed in this cold weather.</i> The following cases of irregular attendance are brought to the notice of the Managers
<i>May</i>	<i>School has met 283 times since April 1st.</i> <i>Wilfred Francis absent 40 times, Harold Beasley absent 209(?) times</i> <i>Percy Bird " 56, William Knowles " 84</i> Barlow " 86, Daisy Norris " 96
	<i>Rose " " 65, Violet " " 110</i> <i>George " " 113, James Lee " 65</i> <i>Robert Hazell " 180, Alice Turner " 114</i> <i>Frank " " 45, James Millar " 52</i> <i>Eva Slade " 41, George Taylor " 63</i> <i>Eva Hazell " 74, Annie " " 57</i> <i>Arthur Slade " 80, Bessie " " 42</i> <i>Edward Slade " 73, Fred Hogdon " 73</i>
1917	
<i>Dec 21</i>	(cont.) — see pages 280 & 269
<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>The attention of the Attendance Officer has been especially drawn to these cases.</i> <i>About thirty parents responded to the invitation to hear the children sing carols and songs.</i> <i>School broke up for the usual Christmas Holiday</i> <i>Christmas Vacation</i> <i>Two weeks</i> School re-assembled. 120 children present, 136 on books

"8	A parcel of books was received from the E.S.A
"11	Miss Waller was absent this afternoon with permission
"17	Visitor: Miss Taylor
"23	Examined Registers & found them correct
	<i>Visitor: Attendance Officer. L. Lucy A. Taylor.</i>
"31	E. C. Streatfield Esq., H.M.I., paid a visit of Inspection
Feb 13	The Rev. R. de M. Nixon, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, examined the children in Religious Knowledge. Visitors: Miss Taylor, the Rev. W. S. Thomas

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Feb 15

Diocesan Inspector's Report

This school continues to do steady & useful work on good lines, with results that, when I take into consideration the many difficulties that have been encountered during the past year, are quite satisfactory, and deserving of the 1st Summary Mark.

Both Middle & Upper divisions were good classes; & in the latter, I was especially glad to notice how well the interest of the younger children in the subjects had been maintained

The singing of these children was excellent.

The Infants had been carefully taught, but care should be taken in this class, not to allow the answering to be monopolised by a few children older or cleverer than the rest.

A suitable form of Private Prayer should be taught to all the children in the school

Bishop's Prize: Gwendolen Stubbings

Winifred Sawyer was the closest possible second, & is commended to the Managers for suitable recognition

Certificates: Elsie Hatch, George Wingrove, Minnie Head, John Howlett, Murray Slade, Charles Pusey

Commended

I: Ethel Hatch, Elsie Norris, Doris Sawyer, Margaret Millar, Cecil Slade, Percy Smith, Annie Millar, Charles Slade

II: James Millar, Florrie Head, Doris Sears, William Faulkner, Wilfred Harris, Margaret Pasey, Herbert Dean

III: Lloyd Head, Maisie Millar, Ronald Bone, Jack Appleby, Charles Street, Ella Wingrove, Violet Slade, John Mead

Mar 11

Examined Registers & found them correct

L. Lucy A. Taylor.

[End of the regular logbook entries, as confirmed by the user. Pages 290–294 (the Roll of Honour) are reproduced above as a table, out of chronological sequence in the original bound volume.]

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Loose insert: Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools letter, 13 February 1918 [verified directly against high-resolution images; this is the original printed report form pasted into the back of the volume, corresponding to the report copied out in the log entry for Feb 15, 1918]

Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools.

"Hohmaad," Kendrick Road, Reading,

February 13, 1918

Madam,

Dear Sir,—I forward you herewith a copy of the Report I have made of my Inspection of your School. If the prizes and certificates referred to below were not left with you or at the School at the time of the Inspection, I should be much obliged if you would let me know, saying what should be sent.

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

R. de M. NIXON,

General Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

SCHOOL: Coleshill

DATE OF INSPECTION: Feb. 13, 1918

SUMMARY MARK: Good

REPORT.

This school continues to do steady and useful work on good lines, with results that, when I take into consideration the many difficulties that have been encountered during the past year, are quite satisfactory and deserving of the 1st Summary Mark.

Both Middle and Upper Divisions were good classes; and in the latter, I was especially glad to notice how well the interest of the younger children in the subjects had been maintained.

The singing of these children was excellent.

The Infants had been carefully taught; but care should be taken in this class, not to allow the answering to be monopolised by a few children older or cleverer than the rest.

A suitable form of Private Prayer should be taught to all the children in the school.

Note.—If you should see fit to enter this Report in the Log-Book, it may be useful for future reference. The ordinary Summary Marks are: G., Good; V.F., Very Fair; F., Fair; W., Weak. E., Excellent or V.G., Very Good; may also be given to Schools of exceptional merit, either in the results attained or in the conquest of special difficulties. U., Unsatisfactory, may also be marked if necessary. Summary marks are included only in the Reports of the General Inspector.

[P.T.O.]

Bishop's Prize: Gwendolyn Stubbings.

Winifred Sawyer was the closest possible second, and is commended to the Managers for suitable recognition.

Certificates: Elsie Hatch, George Wingrove, Minnie Head, John Howlett, Murray Slade, Charles Pusey.

Commended

I: E. Hatch, E. Norris, D. Sawyer, M. Miller, C. Slade, P. Smith, A. Miller, O. Slade

II: J. Miller, F. Head, D. Sears, W. Faulkner, W. Harris, M. Pusey, H. Deane

III: L. Head, M. Miller, R. Bone, J. Appleby, C. Street, E. Wingrove, V. Slade, J. Mead

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Loose insert: Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools letter, 15 November 1915 [verified directly against high-resolution images; corresponds to the report copied into the log for Dec 1915]

Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools.

"Hohmaad," Kendrick Road, Reading,

November 15, 1915

DEAR SIR,—I forward you herewith a copy of the Report I have made of my Inspection of your School. If the prizes and certificates referred to below were not left with you at the time of the Inspection, I should be much obliged if you would let me know, saying what should be sent.

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

R. de M. NIXON,

General Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

SCHOOL: Coleshill

EXAMINED: November 15, 1915

SUMMARY MARK: T.S.

REPORT.

This school continues to do steady and useful work; and the results that I saw today, when I bear in mind, i. that my visit came in the middle of the School year, ii. the difficulties under which I can see the work has to be carried on, are on the whole quite satisfactory.

Throughout the school care needs taking however that the best children do not monopolise the answering, as the less intelligent will probably be well content to let them do: I was particularly pleased with the singing both of Psalms and Hymns, which was exceptionally good.

Bishop's Prize: Mabel Berfield: prox. access., and commended to the Managers for suitable recognition: Mary Saunders.

Certificates: i. Bertha Slade, Fred Bird, Wilfrid Slade; ii. Charles Slade, Ellen Harris; iii. Percy Palmer.

Commended:

i. E. Norris, D. Bowler, D. Saunders, M. Walker, E. Bowler, D. Payne

ii. K. Bowler, C. Knowles, P. Smith, H. Grimsdell, M. Miller, H. Barlow

iii. A. Miller, L. Berfield, D. Saunders, F. Payne, P. Rogers, F. Dean

iv. C. Pusey, J. Miller, M. Slade, D. Sears, R. Harris, W. Harris, E. Palmer, M. Pusey

Note.—If you should see fit to enter this Report in the Log-Book, it may be useful for future reference. The ordinary Summary Marks are "Thoroughly Satisfactory" (T.S.), "Satisfactory" (S), and "Hardly Satisfactory" (H S). "Excellent" (E) may also be given to Schools of exceptional merit, either in the results attained or in the conquest of special difficulties. "Unsatisfactory" (U) may also be marked if necessary. Summary Marks are

included only in the Reports of the General Inspector.

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Loose insert: Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools letter, 3 April 1917 [verified directly against high-resolution images; corresponds to the report copied into the log for May 11, 1917]

Oxford Diocesan Inspection of Schools.

April 3rd 1917

DEAR SIR,—I forward you herewith a copy of the Report I have made of my Inspection of your School. If the prizes and certificates referred to below were not left with you at the time of the Inspection, I should be much obliged if you would let me know, saying what should be sent.

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

T. H. Fitzpatrick,

Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

SCHOOL: Coleshill (Mixed)

EXAMINED: March 20th 1917

REPORT. Good work is being done in this School, in face of some difficulty owing to conditions of staff, the four groups have been reduced to three, making the Upper group very large. Singing was especially good in groups II & III; in the Infants it might be improved.

Repetition was good on the whole. The high standard of some of the written work in the upper group showed that these children knew the subjects better than appeared by the answering viva voce; some of the papers showed exceptionally thorough & accurate knowledge of Scripture, in the O.T. especially.

The infants did not answer well in Scripture, but with a few exceptions, perhaps did not do themselves justice.

Bishop's Prize: Elsie Hatch.

Certificates: Olive Turney, Winifred Sawyer, Florrie Head & Doris Sears.

Commended: Elsie Norris, Harold Beasley, & Edith Hazell; Percy Rogers, & Murray Slade; Lloyd Head, Jack Mead, Ronald Norris & Amy Rogers.

Note.—If you should see fit to enter this Report in the Log-Book, it may be useful for future reference.

Loose insert: Bucks County Education Committee circulars [verified directly against high-resolution images; two printed circulars pasted side by side in the back of the volume]

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Bucks County Education Committee.

Article 23 of the Committee's Regulations for Elementary Education (dated 18th July, 1912), as amended by the Education Committee at their meeting held on 27th March, 1913.

23.(a) The Committee reserve the right to modify or vary the application of the scale in the case of any Teacher.

(b) PAYMENT OF TEACHERS DURING ABSENCE ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS.—If a Teacher be absent from duty on account of illness, after three days' illness a Medical Certificate must be sent to the Correspondent, and, in case of further absence, a Medical Certificate must be forwarded at the end of each fortnight. The Correspondent should transmit the Certificates with the monthly Salaries Form to the County Accountant, and also enter on the back of the Pay Sheet full particulars as to absence of Teachers from School. If a Teacher is absent from duty when the Pay Sheet is first sent in the words "Still absent" should be inserted.

(i) Teachers, who are not insured persons under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911, with not less than five years' service under the administration of the Committee, will be allowed, in case of illness, 30 working days' leave of absence on full pay.

(ii) Teachers, who are not insured persons under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911, with less than five years' service under the administration of the Committee, will be allowed, in case of illness, 20 working days' leave of absence on full pay.

(iii) Teachers, who are insured persons under the provisions of the National Insurance Act, 1911, will be allowed a sum equal to the difference between the salary they would have received as non-insured persons under the Article set forth above and the amount of sickness benefit to which they are entitled under the National Insurance Act, 1911.

(iv) Absence from duty will be deemed to be terminated either by actual return to duty or, during holidays, by a Medical Certificate of the Teacher's fitness for duty.

(c) When full pay has been allowed under this rule for periods stated in (b) above, no further pay for periods of absence will be so allowed until the expiration of 12 months from the end of the last of such periods. In addition to the full pay which may be claimed under 23 (b), such further pay may be allowed by the Committee as the special circumstances of each case seem to warrant. The return to full pay will not be allowed in any case until the Correspondent reports the date when the Teacher has returned to duty. If a Teacher resumes duty after the Salary Sheet has been despatched to the County Accountant, the Correspondent must immediately notify the Secretary.

Art. 23 (d), (e), (f), and (g) to stand as before.

C. G. WATKINS, Secretary.

Education Office, Aylesbury.

1st April, 1913.

M.O. 15.

Bucks County Education Committee.

Summary of Regulations with regard to the Exclusion of Children from School on account of Infectious Diseases.

Diphtheria or Membranous Croup — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: (1) If the case is treated at home, until a medical certificate based upon bacteriological examination is furnished.* (2) Until a fortnight after date of discharge from hospital. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: (1) If patient is removed to hospital, until 7 days[†] after date of disinfection of premises. (2) If patient is not removed to hospital, until 7 days[†] after complete isolation of patient at home, or if local medical officer of health is not satisfied as to adequate isolation, until 7 days after disinfection of premises at end of illness.

Smallpox and Scarlet Fever or Scarlatina — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: (1) If the case is treated at home, until the medical attendant certifies. (2) Until a fortnight after date of discharge from hospital. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: as for Diphtheria above.

Typhoid Fever, Enteric Fever, Erysipelas — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: (1) If the case is treated at home, until the medical attendant certifies. (2) Until after discharge from hospital. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: Not to be excluded. No proceedings to be taken to enforce attendance if medical officer of health specifically orders exclusion.

Measles — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: At least one month. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: Infants — All children attending infant departments to be excluded until Monday following 14 days from occurrence of first case in the house. Seniors — Children who have previously had measles not to be excluded. Those who have not had the disease to be excluded until Monday following 14 days from occurrence of first case in the house.

German Measles — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: Fourteen days. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: No exclusion of children who have previously had the disease. Those who have not had the disease to be excluded until Monday following 14 days from occurrence of first case in the house.

Whooping Cough — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: As long as the cough continues, but not to be re-admitted until 3 weeks from the commencement of whooping.

Chicken-Pox — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: Two weeks, or until every scab is off scalp and body.

Mumps — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: Until one week after subsidence of all swelling. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: No exclusion.

Ringworm, Ophthalmia (Blight), Scabies (Itch) — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: Until medical certificate is obtained that the child is cured. Wherever certificates are not readily procurable, teachers to exercise their discretion as to re-admission, and, if in doubt, write to school medical officer. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: Not to be excluded.

Consumption — Exclusion of children suffering from the disease: Exclude if the disease is accompanied by coughing or spitting. — Exclusion of children living in houses where the disease exists: Not to be excluded.

Note.—If a medical attendant or the medical officer of health should certify, in any special case, that periods of exclusion should be extended, teachers are to observe their instructions and to communicate with the School Medical Officer.

* If the local Sanitary Authority does not provide facilities for bacteriological examination, application should be made to the School Medical Officer, Aylesbury.

† Fourteen days in case of Smallpox.

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