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Mary Annie TAYLOR, Mistress of the Infant Department of the National School, High Littleton, commenced duty on the 27th April 1874.

- Jul 1st This Log Book was supplied to day, the commencement of the School Year. No. present 40. Only seven can read monosyllables correctly. None can put down letters or figures from dictation, in fact, much careful teaching will be required to make the children form them correctly from a copy.
- 6th Several children absent to day, in consequence of there being a Tea Meeting in the neighbourhood. No. present 32.
- 7th Usual work. Noticed a little improvement in the formation of letters in the 1st Class and gave extra attention to the reading and spelling in the 2nd - also admitted one child. Many of the girls are very backward with their needlework.
- 9th The order and discipline of the Infants is more perceptible [*perceptible*], and the children are fairly improving, but the reading throughout is very moderate. No. present 35.
- 13th Monday; usual work, admitted 5 children; one mother could not give the date of birth of either of her children. Maria was born in '67, as seen in vaccination paper. Present 38.
- 14th Infants, generally inattentive to day, owing chiefly to the sult(a)ry weather. Many children absent in the afternoon, in consequence of a children's Tea, at the Wesleyan Chapel; present P.M. 32.
- 15th Had to devote more time to the writing of the 1st class, as the copies were very imperfectly imitated; present 41.
- 16th Mrs STREETEN called this afternoon just as the children were being dismissed, promised a visit on Wednesday morning at 10.30.
- 17th Only 18 Infants in attendance, owing to a large gathering of Colliers at Cladown. Half holiday in the afternoon to enable the Master and Mistress to get into their new residence.
- 20th 43 children present to day. Noticed a little improvement in the notation & writing of class I. The girls are also improving in their needlework, & do not make it so dirty.
- 22nd Mrs STREETEN sent the Mistress a note stating that she was prevented from paying her promised visit. No. present 40.
- 23rd Captain & Mrs GREGORY visited the School, with their family, and gave 4/6 to three of the best girls. They asked the children to sing for them and appeared pleased.
- 27th 42 Children present. John TAYLOR returned to School, after being absent 2 weeks. Mrs STREETEN called in the Afternoon, to speak about the sweeping of Sch'l room.
- 28th Number steadily increasing, 45 present to day.
- 29th Made 2 doz. copy slips, & taught a new song.
- 30th Gave extra attention to the reading & writing of class I.
- 31st Usual work. 44 children present.
- Aug 3rd Several children absent to day in consequence of a Colliers' club being held at Timsbury.
- 4th Very dull in the morning, and wet in the afternoon; many absentees in consequence.
- 7th Taught a new song. Present 39.
- 10th 42 children in attendance; admitted two.
- 13th Very wet today. Many children absent in consequence.
- 14th Gave especial attention to the Arithmetic of I class & the formation of letters & figures in class II.
- 17th The usual work going on steadily.
- 19th The girls are making much improvement in their needle-work; several have finished their samplers [*samplers*] & three of the bigger girls, are doing their knitting in a more creditable manner.
- Sep 7th Reopened the School after a fortnight's holiday; admitted two children. No. present 38. Gave much attention to the reading throughout the School.
- 8th Very careful in the general discipline of the infants & in teaching them manual exercises, & counting.
- 9th Morning very wet, only 25 present in consequence.
- 11th Nothing unusual to day, the daily work going on steadily, & progressively.
- 14th 38 Children present; the number ought to be greater considering the population; those who attend regularly are getting on fairly.
- 15th The Mistress had leave of absence for half a day, & the school was carried on by Elizabeth CARTER & Florence HARRISON, the Master looking in occasionally.
- 16th Very wet to day, many Infants kept at home.
- 21st Very wet morning, only 21 children present.
- 23rd Gave much attention to the reading of Class I.

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- Sep 24th Usual work going on progressively.
 28th 42 children present. The Mistress is giving a course of Scripture lessons, from Old & New Testament which terminate at 9.50, at which time the Registers are marked & closed.
 29th Mrs STREETEN called this morning, to state that there would be a half holiday; The room being required for a Missionary Meeting in the evening.
 30 The girls are doing their needlework decidedly better and are making very fair progress with knitting & marking. Ellen JAMES, Alice WEEKS and Alice FORD have each done a samplar.
- Oct 2nd Taught the Infants a new song, and gave an object lesson on Mahogany.
 5th Gave especial attention to the manuscript alphabet throughout the School. Admitted one little girl for a month, who is visiting in the Village.
 6th Very wet. Many children, absent.
 7th Nothing of importance to note to day.
 9th James CORNWELL [CORNWALL], 2nd Class Infant, absented himself all day. His Mother [Mrs Caroline CORNWALL] sent the Mistress word to punish him. Average for the week 36.
 12th Gave much attention to the reading of Classes I & II. 38 children present.
 13th Usual work, several children absent.
 15 Masters Frederic & Henry STREETEN were present at a Scripture lesson & thought that the children answered very well indeed. The Mistress gave an object lesson on Rice in the afternoon.
 23rd The attendance this week has been very varied; when the weather was fine several children were kept at home, to pick up potatoes in the allotment gardens, & some to gather acorns on the road, and in the fields. Average for the week 31.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
 31st The usual work has been going on steadily & progressively. Many of the I class can now read monosyllables, & put down their sums from dictation; also an improvement in the reading of class II. Average for the week 34.4. The girls are making fair progress with their needlework, & knitting, and if they were not so frequently kept at home they would get on much better - three of the best sewers have recently left the School.
- Nov 6th Gave extra attention to the writing of the first class, & the reading of second; also noticed an improvement in the formation of strokes, & hooks, in the baby class, & many of them can point out the letters of the alphabet. The Mistress was not present on Friday morning owing to the illness of her baby. Mrs STREETEN very kindly came in, in the afternoon to superintend & conduct it during her absence.
 13th The school work done as usual, steadily & quietly; many of the infants are kept at home, because of the weather being cold.
 15th Mrs STREETEN called on Friday and inspected the needlework. She also for the week 33.3.
 20th Several Children are kept at home this week owing to the cold weather. The first class do their sums with greater accuracy, and also get on fairly with their reading. The second class are making good progress with their reading, and also with the formation of letters. Average for the week 33.2. The girls do their needlework more carefully, as well as the knitting and marking.
 27th The attendance this week has only averaged 29, owing to the increasing coldness of the weather. The usual work has been done, though there was manifestly a lack of energy throughout the School which I suppose may be attributed to the same cause, wh: has prevented so many of the children from attending this week.
- Dec 4th Many children still absent, others entirely left for the winter. The School work has been done as usual, special attention being paid to the reading, and formation of letters. On Wednesday, many of the children assembled for Divine Service in the morning & the School-room was required in the afternoon; consequently a half holiday was given. Average for the week 29.7. The bigger girls in the mixed department are getting on slowly, but steadily with their needlework.
 11th Numbers still deminishing [diminishing]. There was a very low attendance on Tuesday, owing to the return of J. SCOBELL Esq. with his Bride on wh: occasion the Inhabitants of High Littleton vied with each other in their desire to give them a cordial welcome [Barton Land John SCOBELL married Henrietta Valiant BLYTH on 17th November 1874]. The children are improving in their reading, and writing, and always appear interested in the object lessons given them. Average for the week 27.4.
 18th Nothing has transpired this week to hinder the usual quiet working of the School. Those in attendance were diligent & attentive. Gave greater care to the notation of Class II and also to the correct formation of letters, and figures, as well as to the reading, throughout the department. Gave an object lesson on the Cuckoo. Average for the week 25.1.

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Dec 24th There was an exceedingly low attendance this week owing to excessive cold, and the near approach of Xmas. The usual work was done by those in attendance, but a lack of energy was very perceptible amongst them. The Mistress gave a Lesson on the Nativity before 10 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, & Thursday. Average for the week only 14.1.

Thursday the 24th. The School Broke up for one week's Holiday. M.A. TAYLOR.

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Jan 4th Reopened the School with an attendance of 27, wh: numbers increased on Tuesday to 33. Admitted two children named DIX, who have recently come into this Parish, from S. Wales; one, a girl, of more than 10 years old, does not know her letters, having never been to School. She is otherwise very ignorant, and deplorably so in needlework. Gave especial attention to the Scripture lessons, and verbal texts, as also to the reading and arithmetic throughout the department. The monitors have maintained better order in their classes, & been more diligent than usual.

15th The attendance is improving, and several of the children who have been ill, are again in their classes, but seem more dull and careless in their work than formerly. I have given especial care to the Reading, and general discipline of the School, and have also had a junior class from the mixed department, trying to prepare them to pass in standard I, but it will be very uphill work. The neglect of parents in keeping their children at home, on the most trivial pretext greatly hinders the work of the teacher, as well, as the progress of the scholars. Average for the week 33.5. M.A. TAYLOR.

22nd The classes have been steadily at work, and great care has been bestowed on the collective lessons, & the children seem more bright & intelligent. The first class can now write from dictation, a sentence in monosyllables & the reading and spelling is improved. Had to punish S.A. ASHMAN for persisting in not speaking audibly. Taught a new song, with manual exercises. Average for the week 33.4. I am not yet satisfied with the girls' sewing; much of it has to be unpicked, which makes it very dirty. The knitting is done more carefully. M.A. TAYLOR.

29th Have given much attention to the collective Scripture lessons this week, and have drilled the children well in the songs, with manual exercises. The 1st class get on better with their sums, & the reading is improving. The second class are still backward in their sums with the exception of one, or two, who can reckon up 3 or 4 figures. Most of the babies can pick out the alphabet. Average for the week 35.6.

Feb 5th The usual School work has been going on, with appearantly [apparently] the same results. The junior class from the Master's room are doing their work with more intelligence than usual. Walter RAPPS (one of the babies) returned, after being absent all the quarter, his mother [Mrs Mary Ann RAPPS] thinking him too delicate to venture out in the cold. Average for the w'k 39.1.

12th The Average for this week is only 36.6 in consequence of there being a very low attendance on Ash Wednesday; The cold weather, and the snow preventing many of the infants from attending. I have given much attention to the oral lessons, this week, and in teaching the children to sing, taught a new song. The girls are steadily, but slowly making improvement in their needlework. M.A. TAYLOR.

19th Readmitted Georgina DANDO, after being absent 11 weeks; was in the 1st class, but is now only capable of doing the work of second. She ought according to age to be in the mixed department. The School work has been going on quietly & progressively. The junior class from the mixed room is very backward owing to the very irregular attendance. Average for w'k 39.9.

26th The attendance this week has greatly fallen off owing to the weather being so intensely cold & the slippery state of the roads being too dangerous for Infants to venture out, who have no brothers or sisters to bring them. Georgina DANDO again absent, her sister [Henrietta] says she is required at home to nurse. Admitted Geo. BLANNING, a Parish scholar, late of the Parish of Timsbury. Average for Week 25.8.

Mar 5th The average this week has surely been at its lowest 22.8. And either owing to the prevailing coldness of the weather, or many of the children having colds, they were very dreamy in their work, and so listless that I could with difficulty keep up their attention for a quarter of an hour together. The girls are slowly progressing with their needle-work. Leela [Amelia/Lilla] JAMES is working a samplar & Emily WEAVER and Francis [Frances] MILES are knitting stockings.

12th Georgina DANDO again in attendance after being home another fortnight. Admitted Jesse BRIMBLE, a boy 7 years of age and cannot read monosyllables. I have given special attention this week to the general working of the School & in maintaining better discipline. 3 Boys in class I have frequently to be kept in to do their sums, failing to do them in the specified time. The School was examined yesterday (the 11th) by the

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- Diocesan Inspector, in the presence of the Rev'd E.C. 1875
STREETEN, and he said that the Infants had done well - that they had answered his questions very nicely - the Vicar also seemed pleased. Average for the week 33.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Mar 19th This week two children have been admitted and two readmitted, one of the latter has been to a Dames' School, but the other has been at home since the 1st of October & is in consequence very backward. Four children are absent from Sickness and one with a bad eye. The usual work has been done with a little more energy. Average for the w'k 37.5.
- 26th The School work has been going on as usual. I have given special attention to the general discipline of the School, and in teaching notation and arithmetic in the 1st class. Also have helped forward the alphabet class. Being Good Friday, to day, has lessened the weekly average wh: is 37.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Apr 2nd Admitted 4 children on Monday; Two babies ages 3.11. Have had to keep in many children for being late, and also to punish several who are prone to play by the way. The second class are doing their sums with more intelligence and are also making good progress in reading. Average for the week 44.9.
- 9th Numbers improving, and as the Spring advances, the Mistress hopes to get many more children to attend. The great drawback in this department is, that parents do not send their children, as soon as they are of School age, and the consequence is, that many are too old to be presented as Infants, and unable to pass in Standard I. Average for the week 41.9. The girls do not get on so nicely with their needlework as is desirable.
- 16th Admitted four children on Monday; Two babies, & two only fit for 2nd class infants, but I have taken them into the 1st, in order that they may be more under my own immediate teaching. Many of the children are required at home this week, to drop in potatoes. Harry and Arthur TUCKER marked absent 7 half days, having gone home earlier than the time specified to gain a mark of attendance. School work done as usual, though I am by no means satisfied with the girls' needlework. Average for the week 44.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd Several children have been kept at home this week to assist in planting potatoes, and two have been absent from sickness. The School work has been going on as usual. I have given especial attention to the spelling, reading, and arithmetic of class I and also to the formation of letters and figures of the second. Average for the week 45. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 30th Admitted Kate CLEAVES a girl eight years old, and unable to read monosyllables, or to put down figures from dictation, neither can she form the letters of the Alphabet, although professedly she has attended a Dames' School. Charles WHITTOCK (an Infant) was also admitted. Several children have been kept at home this week putting in potatoes, so that the average for the week is below that of the previous one, being 43.8.
- May 7th Nothing unusual to record this week except that Sarah Ann ASHMAN & Louisa WYATT were sent home on Wednesday, The Mistress having discover'd that they had the ringworms. There were 2 admittances on Monday. Average for week 45.3.
- 14th There have been no less than 20 Infants absent this week; Two from ringworms & the rest, because parents are too busy (cleaning and washing bed-cloths) to get them ready for School. The ordinary work has been pursued without any interruption. Average for the week 44.8.
Holiday from the 17, to the 21st, being the feast of Whitsuntide.
- On Whitsunday May 16th 1875, The children attending these Schools have lost a valuable friend, in the early death of Miss [Catherine] STREETEN, a young Lady who (prior to the illness, which terminated fatally) took a lively, and most zealous interest, in the education, and well being of every child. She often came into the School & personally directed and assisted the children in their work, and her cheerful encouraging words found a ready entrance into their youthful hearts, which in due time will spring up and grow. M.A. TAYLOR.
- May 28th I admitted two children on Monday from Hallatrow. The club feasts held annually in the neighbourhood, have been the cause of many children absenting themselves this week, thereby lowering the weekly average, which is 47.5. The girls are steadily improving in their industrial work, & I hope, another year to be able to have a much larger sewing class. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jun 4th Admitted two children on Monday, and one on Wednesday. Three boys in the first class are very troublesome with their sums. The second class are (from the very irregular attendance) very backward, especially in reading. A little improvement is perceptible in the needlework. Average for the week 53.1.

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- Jun 11th The attendance is gradually improving, and the I and II class appear to understand their work better. Two were admitted into the baby class on Monday. Average for the week 57.9. The girls from the mixed department are doing their needlework a little more creditably, two have finished their samplers, and one a baby's [baby's] frock.
- Jun 18th I admitted 5 children on Monday, three under 4 years of age, and a girl nearly 8, who does not know the alphabet, having been brought up, in an isolated part of Wales, several miles from a School. Mrs STREETEN visited the school on Friday a.m. and was very pleased to see the ready manner in wh: the I class put down, and added up their sums, also with their dictation of simple sentences. Average for week 65.7. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 25th The numbers are steadily increasing, and the work going on as usual. I have given careful attention to the reading and arithmetic of the I and II class, & have practiced the whole school in their songs, and manual exercises. Had to punish Edwin CARTER on Monday, for absenting himself in the morning, when his mother [Mrs Selina CARTER] had sent him to School; only a week ago I had to reprove him for the same offence. Average for the week 65.7. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 30th This day, closes the School year, with an attendance of 69. The highest weekly average has been 65.7 and the lowest 25.1. Average for the year 38.4. The Master has drafted 38 children from this department who will be over age, at the time of the next Inspection.
- Jul 1st School year begins. No. present 30.
- 9th There are now only 42 Infants on the Registers & no admissions to record for this week. Mrs STREETEN came in on Wednesday to see how the needlework was progressing. Friday being very wet considerably lower'd the attendance. Average for the week 30.3.
- 16th On Monday the (12th) inst. The School was examined by H.B. BARRY Esq'r, H.M. Inspector. There were present (67) 30 boys & 37 girls. 25 Infants were presented for the grant, being under the age of seven, & having made the number of attendances necessary. Eight were qualified by attendances, but were over the age of 7. Have now on the Registers 42. The weekly average has never been so low as the present week, owing to the very heavy rains of Wed. Thur. and Friday. Average 18.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd Three children admitted into the baby class on Monday, so that there are now 45 on the Registers. Have given special attention to the formation of letters, & figures, in Class II, and to the reading in the 1st class. On Friday, a large gathering of Colliers took place at Clan-down, in consequence of wh: the numbers here so reduced that I thought it best not to Register them. Average for the week 30.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 29th The Report and Government Grant, was received this morning by the Rev'd C.E. [E.C.] STREETEN, £58. 6. 8.
- 30th Usual school work only to report this week, with an average of 30.9.
- Aug 6th Many children absent this week, one only, through sickness. The usual work has been going on steadily. Average 29.2. A Colliers' club feast at Timsbury & a Foresters' club feast at Midsomer Norton may account for so many absentees this week.
- 13th Many Children still absent, one has hoop-ing cough & another a bad eye. A boy named Thomas WEEKS was admitted on Monday. On Tuesday he told his Mother [probably Mrs Kezia WEEKS] that the Mistress was going to Town (wh: was not true) & that there would be no School. On Wed. he asked to go home at 1/2 p't 11 o'clock & because the Mistress refused to allow him, he ran off home when the children went out to play, and has not put in an appearance since. Average 26.7.
- 20th On Monday the 16th I admitted Sarah Ann WEEKS aged 12. This girl has been greatly neglected, she cannot read monosyllables, or even form the letters of the alphabet. The 2nd class (lately taken from the baby class) are making fair progress with their reading, and the 1st class appear to understand their notation better. Several children have been absent this week who ought to be in attendance. Average for w'k 30.1. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 26th Bertie CLEAVES was admitted on Monday. The customary week has been done and great attention paid to the reading of class I; tomorrow Aug. 27th the school benches will be required at Kingwell Hall; there will, in consequence be a holiday. Average 36.5.
- Harvest Holiday; one month from Monday Aug the 30th to Friday, September the 24th.
- Sep 27th Reopened the Sch. this day with an attendance of 29, many children being absent. Readmitted Charles WHITTOCK and Edmond DIX. Two Infants have left the Village, Mary WEAVER & Lily TUCKER.
- Oct 1st The average for this week, which ends the 1st School quarter, has been 28.4. Began some needle-work from Kingwell Hall. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 4th Second School quarter commences.

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- Oct 8th During the past week many children have been absent, and various reasons given, such as, "no boots", "Gone from home", and "Beatrice DANDO, has hurt her arm". Great pains is being taken with the order, and discipline of the Sch. and the attention of the Mistress is almost entirely taken up with the girls' needle-work in the afternoons. Weekly average 34.1.
- Oct 15th Two Infants absent this week, through sickness, and several others, owing chiefly to the indifference of their Parents. School conducted in the usual way. Average 31.8.
- 22nd The weather throughout this week has been unusually wet and cold, which has induced many parents to keep their children at home. Average 27.8.
- 29th Attendance still low, the weather being too wet for the little ones to attend. John TAYLOR readmitted, but he is so very irregular in his attendance, that the Mistress fears she can do but little for him.
- Nov 5th School work as usual, with little, or no, variation; have worked up the infants, in collective lessons, and the 1st and second classes in their notation and reading, but the irregularity of attendance makes it very uphill work. Average for the week 29.7.
- 12th There has been a slight improvement in the attendance of the children this week, and the 1st class are improving in their reading except John Edward DIX, who has been sent back into the second class until he can read monosyllables without as much spelling. Average for the week 32.9.
- 19th I have devoted special attention this week to the reading throughout the School, and have given two object lessons on Glass, and India Rubber. Average 32.6. Have sent home some work, which has been made and marked by the girls, for Mrs Barton SCOBEL[L], of Kingwell Hall, consisting of 3 p'rs of sheets, 1 doz. pillow cases, 16 Kitchen cloths and $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. towels. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 26th School at work as usual, but the cold weather prevents many Infants from attending. The I class are getting on better with their sums, and a slight improvement is perceptible in their formation of letters. Average for the week 30.4.
- Dec 3rd There has been a very low attendance this week in consequence of the severity of the weather, and a heavy fall of snow. Average 21.7.
- 10th An unusually low attendance this week, the average being only 17.2. The class of children in Standard I, who come into this room in a morning are making better progress in their writing and spelling.
- 17th There is still a great falling off in the attendance, and a lack of energy is perceptible amongst those present which may be attributed to the weather wh: is very depressing. Average for the week 20.8.
- 24th Numbers still decreasing, many of the parents refusing to send their children out in the cold. Average for the week 15.7.

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- Jan 7th The attendance is still very unsatisfactory; numbers of children who are of School age, are kept at home until they are too old to pass (as Infants) and unable to do the work of Standard I. Four children are sick. Average for week 20.8.
- 14th Admitted Louisa BLANNING whose Mother [Mrs Mary Ann BLANNING] has gone to an Infirmary in Bath. Also Re-admitted Louisa TUCKER and Edwin TAYLOR, the former after an absence of six weeks, and the latter five weeks. There was a half holiday on Wednesday afternoon, the School-room being required for a meeting on behalf of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Average w'k 20.3.
- 21st The School work going on as usual. I have bestowed great care on the reading and formation of letters in the baby class; and notation and arithmetic of class one; also taught a new song. Average for week 22.3. The girls, from the Master's room, who are regular in their attendance are getting on fairly with their needle-work. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 28th Re-admitted Willie MILES after an absence of 6 months. Mrs STREETEN visited the School on Wednesday afternoon and examined the needle-work, and on Thursday she very kindly took charge of a class, for the Mistress, who had a cold. On Friday the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN brought a Clergyman to see the Schools. Average for week 27.6.
- Feb 4 Admitted one child, & readmitted four others, the usual work has been going on, as usual. I have bestowed extra pains in drilling the 1st and 2nd class in notation, & the reading of II class. Average 30. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 11th School work as usual. Readmitted James DIX, Edward COX, and Louisa CURTIS, the former after an absence of six months. Average for the week 29.6.
- 18th The Attendance this week has been very low owing to the wet weather; four children have been absent from sickness. The School work has been going on as usual. Given the first lesson on the map of England & an object lesson on Glass. Average 23.7.
- 25th The School work has been carried on in the usual way. Much attention has been given to the reading throughout the School, but owing to the prevailing coldness of the weather, many children have been kept at home, two of whom have Chicken pox. Average for week 28.1. M.A. TAYLOR

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- Mar 3rd The attendance is still very unsatisfactory owing to the unsettled state of the weather. There was a holiday on the 1st of March being Ash Wednesday. Had to reprove Henrietta DANDO on Tuesday, for misconduct & she has absented herself ever since. The girls are getting on fairly with their needlework. Mrs STREETEN looked in this afternoon. Average for week 24.6.
- 10th The average for the past week has been 27.1. I have given much attention to the reading and spelling throughout the School, & have given an object lesson on Sugar. To day there has been a very heavy fall of snow, & only 13 children in attendance. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 17th Attendance still very low; Henrietta DANDO came back to school, said she was sorry she misbehaved herself, and has conducted herself well all the week; the girls are making fair progress with their needle-work and knitting. I have carefully worked the children up in figures, and in Dictation of monosyllables. Average for the week 26.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 21st The Diocesan Inspection took place this day. There were 37 children present notwithstanding the intense coldness of the weather, & rather a heavy fall of snow. The children answered all the questions put to them, both in Old and New Testament history; also the repetition of texts of Holy Scripture, Hymns, Prayers and Church Catechism, were render'd correctly in every respect. The Inspector seemed pleased.
- 24th The Rev'd Mr STREETEN came in this morning, and brought with him, the Diocesan Inspector's report, wh: was a good one. There has been a better attendance this week, & I hope as the fine weather comes on, to have the numbers in this department, considerably augmented. Average for the week 25.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 31st A Better attendance throughout the week. Readmitted Luther CLEAVES, who has quite forgotten his alphabet. I have given especial attention this week to the arithmetic, & reading. Average for week 35.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Apr 7th Admitted two children on Wednesday. 3 have been absent all the week, owing to sickness. The school work has been going on, in it's usual quiet way. Mrs STREETEN came in on Thursday, and examined the girls' needle-work. Average 33.4.
- 13th Admitted 3 children in the baby class on Monday; had a very low attendance all the week owing to the frequent inclemency of the weather. Mrs STREETEN looked in this afternoon (Thursday) to tell the children to assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning, to have a Scripture lesson before they go into Church. Average for the week 20.6.
- 21st There has been a better attendance this week, though several of the children are kept at home to nurse, while their mothers are in the field gardens. 2 have been absent through sickness & 2 who were admitted on the 3rd, have not been present during the week. Average for the week 31.1.
- 28th Numbers steadily increasing. Admitted 2 in the baby class on Monday, and readmitted other two. I have given much attention to the reading, and formation of letters & in teaching the 1st class to put down numbers by dictation. Average 41. M.A.T.
- May 5th Nothing unusual to report, except that the Mother of John Edward DIX refuses to pay 2 pence instead of a penny, he being over age, has not been in attendance since Tuesday. Average for the week 37.3.
- 10th On Monday I admitted two children & readmitted other two. The attendance is steadily on the increase owing to the fine weather. Mrs [Maria] DIX steadily refuses to pay the extra 1d per week for her child who is over 7 years of age. Average for the week 44.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 17th The usual work (throughout the school). Have devoted special attention to the reading and arithmetic of the 1st class & to the general discipline of the three classes, and I think that Standard I from the Mixed-room is making fair progress. The girls are also improving with their needle-work. Average 41.8.
- 26th Many children kept at home this week in consequence of their Mothers' cleaning down for Whitsuntide, and requiring the aid of the elder girls at home. Edwin TUCKER, John WAYLAND & John CARTER have severe coughs. I have given careful attention to the reading, and arithmetic of the junior class from the Mix'd dep't & also the 1st class infants. Gave an object lesson on the Potatoe. Average for week 37.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jun 2nd School work done in the usual way; many Children are absent through colds & coughs; six children are at home with hooping-cough. The girls are getting on with their needlework & knitting. Average for the week 36.3.
- 12th Holiday one week at Whitsuntide from the 5th to the 9th.
- 16th The attendance has been extremely low partly in consequence of their [there] being several club feasts in the adjoining Villages, & also that nineteen children are at home, with Hooping-cough, & most of the children who have been present during the week are suffering from colds & coughs. Average for the week 23.5. M.A. TAYLOR.

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- Jun 23rd The School has been furnished with some new reading books, also a Box of Form and Colour. Many children still absent from Hooping-cough, & several who have returned are suffering from it's effects. Average for the week 37. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 30th To day is the end of the School year, & there were present 42 children. Admitted one child on Monday, and three who have been suffering from Hooping-cough (which is still very prevalent in the Parish) returned. Average for the week 40.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jul 7th The School year commenced on Monday the 3rd with an attendance of 47 infants, twelve of whom I have transfer'd to the Mixed Department, as being over the age of seven years - six girls, & six boys. I have now on the Registers 48 children, 25 girls and 23 boys. Hooping cough is very prevalent in the Village. Average for the week 32.2.
- 14th Hooping cough something better. Admitted one child in the baby class. School work as usual. Girls are getting on with their needlework and knitting; have given a Lesson on the Cow. Average for the week 30.6.
- 21st There are still many children absent, 8 from Hooping cough. Edwin TAYLOR kept at home, to nurse the baby, and Francis COLLING [COLLINS] is gone to Bath. George BLANNING came into the School late three consecutive mornings, each time giving a false reason; his brother brought him the 3rd morning & desired the Mistress to punish him. Gave an object lesson on Glass. Average for the week 32.5.
- 28th Admitted Maria LEWIS on Monday. There has been a better attendance, this week & the hooping cough is less severe. I have given special attention to the reading & sums of the 1st class, and counting, and formation of figures & letters in the 2nd. Average for the week 37.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Aug 3rd School work as usual. I have bestowed great care, on the general discipline of the School & the reading and writing of the 1st and 2nd Class. Average for the week 40.8. In the afternoon Barton SCOBELL Esq'r visited the School.
- 4th This day (Friday) The School was examined by H.M.I. E. WIX. Esq'r, who expressed himself, as being "very pleased" with the Infants, remarking that they were "Orderly and intelligent". 21 were qualified by the attendances, & all passed with the exception of Albert TAYLOR, whose mother refused to allow him to attend on the day of inspection, without assigning any reason. There were 24 girls, & 24 boys present. Total 48.
- 11th A Better attendance this week, although there are seven children still absent. Great care has been given to the reading and figures of the 1st class, and to the collective lessons on objects. Average 37.5.
- 18th Nothing of a special nature to record. The School has been quietly at work, and great care has been paid to the reading throughout the School, and the formation of letters in the baby class. Average for the week 37.
- 25th The attendance is steadily improving and the second class are beginning to form the letters of the alphabet more readily. The girls from the Master's room are making progress in needlework, and knitting. Average for w'k 39.6.
- Sep 1st The average attendance of the past week was 41.7. The children are nearly all better of the hooping cough, and are consequently more bright & intelligent. The Standard I from the mixed Department are making progress with both reading & transcribing.
- 8th I have given great attention to the reading and arithmetic of Standard I, & to the formation of letters and figures of the infant classes & to the general discipline of the School. The girls are making improvement in needlework. Mrs STREETEN came in on Thursday afternoon, & saw the School dismissed. Average for the week 38.8. We Break up to day, for three weeks. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Sept. 12. Copy of the Summary of the Inspector's Report on the Infant Department of the School.
- Infant School. "The infants are in excellent order and their work gave evidence of intelligent and conscientious teaching. One or two new reading cards are wanted: the entry of the Report on the Infants' Department should be made in the Infants' Log book." Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary.
- Oct 6th Reopened the School on Monday the 2nd, after a vacation of 3 weeks; admitted 3 boys and 2 girls. The usual course of instruction has been given. Average attendance for the week 39.4.
- 13th During the week, eight Infants have been absent from School, without any reason being given, by their parents. School work has been going on in the usual way; two children readmitted. Average attendance for the week 37.6.

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- Oct 20th There has been a better attendance this week, & one child admitted to the baby class. I have given great attention to the reading of the 1st & 2nd class, as well as, to the arithmetic. Have also given a lesson on Form & color [Colour]. Average for the week 41.4. Many of the bigger girls who come into my Department for instruction in needlework have been absent this week. Mary Annie TAYLOR.
- 27th School conducted in the usual way; several little ones absent, in consequence of their brothers or sisters (from the mixed room) being absent, either getting in Potatoes, or gathering Acorns. Admitted Mary & Emma YOUNG. Average for the week 37.7.
- Nov 3rd The average attendance this week has been 36.1. Charles WHITTOCK has left the School, owing to the removal of his Parents [John & Hannah WHITTOCK] to Clutton Hill the distance being too great. Many girls are absent from the needle-work class, gathering Acorns, & sorting potatoes.
- 10th The weather is intensely cold, and many children kept at home, in consequence. Sarah COX has the Hooping-cough, and John RAPPS has been absent three weeks, gathering Acorns. Average for the week 35.9.
- 17th A very fluctuating attendance this week, owing to the incessant rain. Henry WYATT, Ernest SAGE & Geo. YOUNG has been absent all the week, and Beatrice DANDO kept at home to rock the Cradle [of baby Gilbert]. Average for the week 36.5.
- 24th Attendance much improved, & I have given careful attention to the general working of the School, and to the reading and arithmetic of the 1st class. Average for the week 41.3. The girls are improving in needlework but are very backward in knitting. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Dec 1st Arthur & Bertie CLEEVES [CLEAVES], kept at home all the week, without any reason being assigned. Henry WYATT at home with a broken out face, and Alice EVANS, with a scalded foot. No School yesterday, The day being set apart, for General Intercession on behalf of Missions. Average for the week 41.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 8th The weather has been very wet all the week, & many infants kept at home in consequence. The girls are busy with needlework, & knitting & are making fair progress; average for the week 34.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 15th The Mistress Telegraph'd for, on Monday the 11th to see her father who was dangerously ill, at her Mother's in Derbyshire. School conducted by Monitors (under the Superintendance of the Master.) Eliz'th MAGGS, H. DANDO, & Henry Arthur TAYLOR. Average for the week 36.9.
- 22nd The Mistress still absent, she will return D.V. to day Friday after the funeral of her Father. The School has been taught, as per previous week. Average 35.

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- Jan 5 One week Holiday at Xmas.
- 5th Reopened the School, on Monday the 1st with 32 children. The children do not appear to have suffer'd during my temporary absence from H. Littleton. The week has been very wet, which has hindered several children from attending. Louisa BLANNING, taken to the Clutton Union, owing to her Mother [Mary Ann]'s reason, being somewhat deranged. Average for w'k 32.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 12th I have given careful attention to the reading of the class, & to the notation of the second. Four children have been absent this fortnight, their Mothers have sent word that they are unable to pay the fee of 1 penny per week, as their Husbands are out of work. Average for the week 37.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 19th Emma & Matilda CARTER, also Bertie CURTIS come back to School. The brothers of the former & father [Elijah] of the latter, being again at work. Lily TUCKER still absent, her father being out of work. Mr STREETEN looked in on Friday a.m. & Mrs STREETEN in the afternoon. Average 38.
- 26th The School has been open'd nine times during the week & the usual work has been done. I have taken standard I, from the mixed room to Instruct in the Inf't Dep't, as there is no child capable of teaching them. Five Infants have been absent from Sickness; the average has given 31.1. The Schoolroom was required on Wed. the 24 inst. for a Missionary Meeting, so a half holiday was given. Mary Annie TAYLOR.
- Feb 2nd Sarah Ann QUARMAN admitted & Edwin DIX readmitted. Great attention has been given to the Reading and Dictation of the 1st Class, whom the Mistress has taken with Standard I. Average for the week 32.7.
- 9th The attendance much improved this week although there are several children still at home. Patience CURTIS has a bad foot, & Wellington [Wallington] RAPPS is very ill. The School work has been going on in the accustomed way. Average for the week 44.7. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 16th School at work in the usual way. I have given much attention to the reading & spelling, throughout the school, & to the formation of Capital letters; also taught them to sing the pence table. Average for week 37.7.

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- Feb 16 The School has been assembled only for eight days during the week. Children had Holiday on Ash-Wednesday. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd Nothing has transpired to disturb the usual quiet working of the School. Wellington RAPPS is absent owing to severe illness. Admitted Oliver DIX. Several girls, who ought to have needlework, during the afternoon, have had to remain in the Mixed School, their Mothers failing to supply them with work. Average for the Week 48.3.
- Mar 2nd I have given careful attention to the reading and notation in the 1st & 2nd class, and have worked standard one well up in their sums & dictation. Mrs STREETEN called on Tuesday p.m., sent a little needlework on Wednesday. Had to punish Edger [Edgar] DIX to day, for throwing stones. Average 47.5.
- 7th Yesterday the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN came in with a notice of the Diocesan Inspector's visit. The School has made ordinary progress. I have drilled up standard I carefully in the three R's; the girls are getting on fairly with their needlework. Average for the week 46.6.
- 16th The numbers steadily increasing, and the 1st class are making good progress in notation. I have worked the 2nd class well up in reading and counting. Most of the babies, know the letters of the alphabet. Average for the week 47.4.
- 23rd Re-admitted 3 children on Monday. On Thursday 22nd the School was examined by the Diocesan Inspector Mr MITCHEL [MICHELL], who said, he "was very pleased with the Infants", they had answer'd him very nicely. Average for the week 49.8. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN was present at the time of Inspection, & Mrs STREETEN visited the School on Wednesday P.M.
- 29th Admitted Albert WEEKS. The School has been quietly at work, & I have given special attention to the writing and notation of Standard I, and to the reading of 1st & 2nd Infant class, & to the general discipline of the School. Average for the week 48.4. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, gave the children a half-holiday this afternoon (Thursday) at the request of Mr MITCHEL, the Diocesan Inspector. Tomorrow being "Good Friday" there will be a holiday.
- Apr 6th Jacob JAMES, and Ernest SAGE, absent all the week, with Chil-blain feet. Emma EVANS with a bad eye, and six others are absent from the effect of colds. Average for the week 42.7.
- 13th Eight Infants have been absent this week most of them suffering from colds. I have worked the classes well up in reading, and notation, and have given special attention to the needlework. Average for the week 47.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 20th 12 children have been absent during the week. The weather has been intensely cold, bringing north easterly winds, consequently colds & coughs are very prevalent. I have been at home two days suffering from a cold on the chest. Average for the week 41.9. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 27th I admitted three children on Monday. The Sch'l has been steadily at work & great attention has been taken with the reading and sums of the first class & with the formation of letters in the second. Mrs Barton SCOBELL sent some sheets to be made, and marked at the School, on Tuesday last. Average for the week 49.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- May 4th The children have attended better than any previous week, and the average has been 52.7. Barton SCOBELL Esq'r & some Relatives visited the School on Tuesday & were pleased with the needlework, & singing.
- 11th There has been a good attendance all the week & the children who have been absent seem to settle to their work, and appear interested in their lessons. Average for the week 52.5. The girls are making progress in their needlework.
- 18th The attendance has been very fluctuating this week owing to the rain, which has lower'd the weekly average, which has only reached 44.5. Winnie EVANS is ill of Scarletena. Whitsuntide, Holiday from the 20th to May the 26.
- Jun 1st Admitted 2 babies on Monday under the age of 3. Winnie EVANS, and Annie SLADE absent, suffering from Scarlet fever. The School has been steadily at work in the usual way. Average for the week 45.
- 8th Admitted Kate CURTIS and Elizabeth BEECHAM [BEACHAM], Also re-admitted Hannah YOUNG. Winnie EVANS and Alice HANNEY are not sufficiently recover'd to attend School, Having had scarlet fever. Average for w'k 57.
- 15th Several absentees on Tuesday, in consequence of the Wesleyan School children having their annual treat. Winnie CHIVERS kept at home to mind the Bees. Average for the week 54. The Girls from the Mixed Dep't are getting on fairly with their needle-work. Mrs STREETEN visited the Infants Sch'l yesterday & the Mixed School this morning. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 22nd Winnie EVANS returned after an absence of 5 weeks, and Alice HANNEY absent 1 month, both having had Scarlet fever. The attendance is steadily increasing. There were present 61 this morning, but owing to a heavy shower of rain, the attendance this afternoon is only 21. Average for week 55.2.

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- Jun 29th This day (Friday) closes the School year. There were 57 in attendance this morning, and 48 this afternoon. The usual School work has been done steadily and progressively. Average for the week 54.9. The girls are making and marking pillow-slips, and towels for Mrs SCOBELL of Kingwell Hall.
- Jul 6th On Monday the School year commenced. I re-arranged the classes, and have got the children into working order, for the ensuing quarter. There are 69 on the books. The baby class is a large one, numbering 28; it greatly needs a monitor over it especially in the afternoon, while I am engaged in needle-work. Average for week 53.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 13th The number still increasing. I admitted 4 on Monday, & 3 on Tuesday. Emma EVANS absent from a broken arm, Frank WEEKS with a bad foot, and Alice HANNEY too weak to re-attend School. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN came in at 12 o'clock to day to distribute some Buns, sent by Barton SCOBELL Esq'r. Average for week 62.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 18th The Infants were examined by H.M.I. H.B. BARRY Esq'r. There were 34 children who were qualified by age and attendance. Louisa CHIVERS, Albert BRIDGES, & John CARTER were absent suffering from measles. The Inspector remarked that "the 1st & 2nd class had done well", and "altogether the children had passed a very good examination". The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN was present. No. in Atten'ce 55. Mary Annie TAYLOR.
- 20th A very wet week. The attendance suffer'd in consequence. Average for the week 42.4.
- 27th Sarah SLADE left the School, after only one week's attendance, gone to live in Manchester. Lizzie CARNIVELL had to be spoken to, about irregularity of attendance. Average for w'k 57.9.
- Aug 3rd Four children absent suffering from measles, Bertie CURTIS kept at home for want of boots. The school work, has been done in the usual way. Tuesday P.M. the children had their annual treat at Kingwell Hall. Average for the week 52.5. M.A. TAYLOR.

1877 Aug't 8. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's report on the School and remarks to be made" so far as relates to the:

Infants' School. "The infants are taught with care and intelligence and are in very fair order. A gallery is much wanted and more reading sheets. A paid Monitor would be useful."

Mistress of the Infant School, Mrs Mary Anne TAYLOR, certificated teacher of the third class.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Aug 10th The average this week, has been greatly reduced owing to the prevalence of measles. No less than 37 children from this Department are suffering from it. On Wednesday the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, came in with the Carpenter to take the dimensions of a new Gallery. Average 29.7. Gov. Grant £56.3.
- 17th Very many children ill of measles, and some who have had them, seem hardly to have recover'd, being very dull, and inert. Average 24.6.
- 24th There has been a better attendance throughout the week; still there are many absentees, who have not yet recovered from measles. John ROWSEL[L] was sent home on Tuesday for his School money, was not sent again; this makes the second attempt to be placed on the School Registers, without the payment of the nominal fee, of one penny. Average 42.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 31st A slight improvement in the attendance, during the present week, but measles are still prevalent. I have given great attention to the reading & writing of the 1st class, & the notation of class 3. We break up to day, for three weeks holiday. Average for the week 46.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Sep 28th The School was reopened on Monday the 24th after the usual holiday of three weeks, during which time a new Gallery has been added to the Department. Average for week 53.4.
- Oct 5th Four children are at home with chicken pox. The present week I have transfer'd twelve children to the Mixed Department, some who are over age, & others who will be so before the next examination. Average for the week 53.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 12th Readmitted Geo. & Harriet BROOKS, and George JAMES; have given careful attention to the reading throughout the School, and to the writing and notation of the 1st class. Average for the week 49.9.
- 19th There has been a good attendance all the week, but several little ones are suffering from chicken pox; have given great attention to the reading throughout the Sch'l & have had to put Emma EVANS, back into the second class. Average for the week 53. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN brought over some new Reading book & lesson sheets, this morning.
- 26th Re-admitted Bertie CURTIS and admitted John ROWSEL[L], but his mother [Mrs Jane ROWSELL] has failed to send his age. The girls are improving in needlework, and ten have begun to knit stockings. Average 53.9.

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- Nov 2nd The average for the week now ended is below that of the previous one. Monday being an unusually wet day, only 16 children were Register'd. Admitted Harry HARES. Average 47.1.
- 9th Increased attendance. I have paid great attention to the Reading in the 3 classes & to the notation & formation of words in the 1st Class. 58 Articles of needlework were sent from Kingwell Hall, on the 6th & the following(ly) have been sent to the Vicarage to day. 3 sheets, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. dusters, half doz. Glass cloths. Average for the week 57.1. John ROWSEL brought no School fee this week. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 16th Nothing has transpired to disturb the usual quiet working of the School. The weekly Average is slightly below that of the previous week, viz. 55.7. The girls from the Master's rooms have made & marked the following things for Mrs SCOBELL, during the week, 8 sheets, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Glass Cloths, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. dusters; all have been duly sent to the Vicarage. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd The School has been quietly at work, in the usual way, but three very wet days have brought down the average - which is only 49.7. Seventeen Damask Fish & Pastry napkins sent to the Vicarage during the week for Mrs SCOBELL of Kingwell Hall. The girls are getting on Fairly.
- 30th Improved attendance this week. Sent home 7 Fish & pastry napkins, on Tuesday. Wednesday Mrs STREETEN brought 5 Animal pictures which had been order'd for this Dep't as well as a Gallery Lesson Book. I have given careful attention to the reading, and sums of 1st class, & to the notation of the second. Average 55.3.
- Dec 7th The Girls are much improved in knitting & are getting on well, with their sewing. The School has met nine times, during the week; the room was required on Wednesday afternoon for a meeting. Average brought down in consequence, 47. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN put up some pictures & Illuminated texts to day.
- 14th The usual work has been done throughout the School. Five children have been absent through sickness. Average 55.6.

1877 Dec 18. Visit W.N. Of 75 on the books 60 were present. The registers were correct and the school orderly. H.B. BARRY, H.M. Inspector.

- Dec 21st This day is the end of the second quarter, & we break up, for one week holiday (Xmas). The mild winter has enabled the children to attend more regularly than in any previous winter. Average for the week 54.3. I was absent this morning owing to a cold & sore throat. Mary Annie TAYLOR.

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- Jan 4th Reopened the School, on Monday the 31st December; the attendance was small, many children are suffering from severe colds, and have been at home in consequence - & two have got chilblains. Average for the week 46.2.
- 11th The School has been steadily at work, but several children are still at home, some from sickness, & others from chilblains. Average slightly improved 49.2. Mary Annie TAYLOR.
- 18th The School has met nine times during the week, the room being required on Wednesday afternoon for a meeting on behalf of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Nothing else of importance to state. Average 48.3.
- 25th Attendance rather inclined to fall off in consequence of the cold winds & rain which have prevailed during the week. A snow storm wh: set in this noon, has reduced the average greatly. Present P.M. 13. Average for week 43.8.
- Feb 1st The weather being so cold, many children have been kept at home. There is much sickness amongst the younger children; eight are very ill & eighteen others are suffering from colds. Average for week 31.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 8th The usual work has been done, and several of the sick children have returned, but look as if they were not sufficiently strong to be at School. I was obliged to send Emma EVANS home again. The girls are getting on nicely with their knitting. Average for week 44.7. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 15th Attendance steadily improving, though there are still several Absentees from Sickness. I have given special attention to the 1st class during the week, & they are making progress in their reading & sums. Average for the week 48.1. L. [Lilly] COX & G. CHIVERS have been monitors.
- 22nd The attendance is steadily on the increase. Kate ASHMAN is still very ill. The Children who are paid for by the Parish, received an attendance Certificate, to be made up each week by the Mistress, & produced weekly by the parent, & shewed to the Relieving Officer. Average for the week 51.5. Mary Annie TAYLOR. F. [Frances] MILES & Annie PARKER [monitors]
- Mar 1st Elizabeth & Ellen CORNWALL, are most irregular in their attendance, & seldom, or never, make up the 10 attendances per week. Bertha QUARMAN has been absent three weeks with a bad Head, & there are several absentees besides. Average for week 49 7. G. [Georgina] DANDO & B. [Bessie] JAMES [monitors].

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- Mar 8th Bertha QUARMAN readmitted, the School work has been going on in the usual way. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN came in, on Thursday a.m., with the notice from the Diocesan Inspector. Ash Wednesday was the usual holiday. Average 41.4.
- 15th A Conformation [*sic*] took place on Monday the 11th Instant by the Bishop of the Diocese. The School had holiday in consequence. Admitted Lydia YOUNG on Tuesday. Average for the week 50.2. 22nd This day (Friday) the School was Inspected by the Diocesan Inspector who said that the Infants had answer'd him "very nicely". The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN was present. There were 27 Boys, & 32 Girls. The average for the week was 56.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 29th This day (Friday) the Mixed School term closes. I have transfer'd five girls & two boys, to the Mixed Department who will be above the age of seven, on the day of Inspection. And have re-arranged the classes for the ensuing term. Owing to a heavy fall of snow during the night and the stormy weather this morning, I had only 4 Infants present, so I gave half holiday in the afternoon. Average 40.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Apr 5th Several children have been kept at home this week owing to the inclemency [*inclemency*] of the weather. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN received the Report from the Diocesan Inspector on Monday the 1st April, & the Infants earned V.G. for every subject wh: the Inspector said was "Very creditable". Average for w'k 41.4.
- 12th The average is slightly below that of the previous week. Many of the children are suffering from colds. Elizabeth PARKER is also ill. Average for the week 38.1.
- 18th Readmitted Thomas DIX. S. Jane TUCKER has returned to School, after an absence of 5 weeks; she has had a bad head, which is not yet well. I have worked the classes well up in the reading & formation of letters & figures. Average for the week 49.
- 26th Admitted two girls and one boy, and re-admitted two. I have carefully worked up the classes in reading & writing. Gave a Gallery lesson, on the Cocoa Nut tree, yesterday, & one today on the Cow. Average for the week 48.9.
- May 6th Last week, I was at home ill, with a very severe cold. The Infant School was conducted by Elizabeth MAGGS, Mary CARTER, and Kate CLEAVES, under the occasional Superintendance of the Master. No needle-work was done. Average 54.7. Mary Annie TAYLOR.
- 10th The School has been quietly at work all the week. I have given careful attention to the Reading & writing of the 1st Class. Admitted Lily & Bessie JOHNSON, but cannot get their age specified. Average for week 54.2.
- 17th Admitted (on Monday) Lily & Bessie JOHNSON who only made 3 attendances each during the week. Died on the 15th Mrs STREETEN, of the Vicarage. The Deceased Lady when in health, personally took much interest in the School, & in failing health always seemed interested in the progress of the Scholars, especially the girls' needlework, knitting & marking. The children who have been in the habit of attending the Sunday School, have lost a good, kind, Teacher, & real friend. M.A. TAYLOR. [*Elizabeth STREETEN was buried on 21st May 1878 aged 67.*]
- 24th Nothing of special importance to record this week, except it be that the monitors who come in for the reading lessons, do not maintain order in their classes. I have given careful attention to the general discipline of the School. Average for the week 50.5.
- 31st Five children have been absent this week, without any reason being given. The School has been quietly at work, and the 1st class are making progress in reading & sums. The girls are getting on with their needle-work, though it is by no means so clean, as I could wish. Average for the week 53.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jun 7th Five little ones have been kept at home, to nurse, while the mother cleans the House down, two others have been absent, through sickness. Admitted William MINAL[L], a boy nearly seven years old, who does not know the letters of the Alphabet. Average for week 52.4.
- 10th Holiday one week at Whitsuntide, during which time the School has been painted & color-washed.
- 21st Two Infants have been at home through sickness, 6 others have been absent without any reason being given; had to correct Alice CURTIS for making her work dirty. Average for the week 52.5.
- 28th This day is the end of the fourth quarter & closes the Sch'l yr. Average for the week 51.3. Of 68 on the Books the average per week was 49.8. The highest weekly average of past year was 62.3, & the lowest 29.7. Admitted during the year 43, 24 boys & 19 girls. Left 14 boys & 15 girls.

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- Jul 5th There has been a good attendance the first week of the School year. Admitted Elizabeth JOHNSON. Henry WYATT transfer'd to the Mixed School, being over 7 years old. Received from the Rev'd Edm'd C. STREETEN the examination Schedules to fill up for H.M.I. who is expected here on Monday the 8th inst. I have 44 duly qualified children to present, & two others are qualified by attendances, but who are under 4 y'rs of age. Average for the week 58.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jul 8th H.M.I. E.N. WIX. Esq'r Inspected the Infants this afternoon, and reported that the "Discipline & attainments are satisfactory & that the children seem interested in their work."
- 12th Oliver DIX was kept at home on the day of the Government examination, being a qualified scholar; no reason was given by the Parent[s] [George & Jemima DIX]. Average for the week 55.1.
- 19th The attendance has been more regular, throughout the week. Of 74 on the Registers only 5 were absent all the week. Clara FORD, sick, S.A. TUCKER with a sprained ancle [ankle]. Average for the week 56.
- 26th Attendance more regular. Admitted Ellen RAPPS, Martha and Mary CRICK twin sisters; also re-admitted Alice HANNEY, and Joseph CARTER. Of 76 on the Books, the average for week has been 60.7. M.A. TAYLOR.

1878 Aug 2nd. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and remarks to be made" so far as relate to the:
Infants' School. "The Infants are in good order, taught with care and intelligence, and continue to do nicely". Mistress of the Infants' School, Mrs Mary Annie TAYLOR, certificated teacher of the third class. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Aug 2nd Numbers steadily increasing. Of 76 on the Registers, eight have been absent all the week, two of whom are sick & other two have got the ring-worm. Received the Gov'nt Grant this morning, £66. 8. 0 & the Official Report, as enter'd by the Officiating Manager, The Rev'd Edm'd C. STREETEN. Average for w'k 62.1.
- 9th I have given careful attention to the Reading of each individual child in the School besides the Collective Lesson; the Monitor in charge, hears every child in her class, read separately while the rest are either writing from a copy, or forming letters & figures; by this means the inattentive ones are made to do their work, instead of being such a drag to their class. Have given an object lesson on the Silk-worm. Average 61.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 16th A very good attendance throughout the week; the baby class is a large one, numbering about 30, who need a better monitor than I can get from the mixed department, especially when I am engaged in teaching, cutting out, & fixing needle-work for the girls, in the afternoons. Average for the w'k 62.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd We have broken up this afternoon for a vacation [vacation] of three weeks. Rosa & Annie HISCOX have been absent since Monday, when they came to School without the fees, 1d for each child. The attendance keeps good, but today (Friday) has been very wet, consequently the average is below that of the previous week, 59.1. M. A..TAYLOR.
- 20th Holiday three weeks From Aug. 23rd to September 13th. Recommended duties on Monday, the 16th. Admitted Georgina TUCKER, and Winnie BRIMBLE. Eleven children have been absent all the week. Average 61.8.
- 27th This day, is the end of the 1st Sch'l quarter; the attendance has been larger than on any previous week, reaching the weekly average of 69.7. Needlework as usual.
- Oct 4th Monday, was the commencement of the second Sch'l q'r. There has been a very good attendance all the w'k. Admitted John ROWSEL[L]. Mrs [Hannah] COX objected to her daughter [Sarah] being put to sweep the room. Average 66.6.
- 11th The weekly average has fallen off greatly this week owing to the wet and stormy weather we have experienced; six have been absent all the week. Frank WEEKS with a bad cough & Owen EVANS, sent from School very sick. Average 58.7.
- 18th Numbers increasing, and I want a monitor badly, for the baby class, in the mornings, & to act as general monitor, in the afternoon, whilst Needlework is being taught. The discipline of my school is greatly interfered with, by my having the superintendance of the needlework, and no competent person to take charge of my Infants. Average this week 68.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 25th The School work in the usual way; none have been admitted, during the week. The average is below that of the preceeding week, owing to the weather being so wet & stormy, 61.9. On Tuesday the Vicar came in to speak to me, about Sarah COX, whose mother would not allow her to sweep the room. The Twin children [Martha & Mary] of William CRICK, are withdrawn from the School, during the Winter Months. Lily JOHNSON has been at home all the week, through sickness & Edmund DIX has been visiting an Aunt ever since the commencement of the present q'r. Average 58.3.

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- Nov 8th A Better attendance this w'k, chiefly owing to the fine weather. Admitted Eliz'th HALL, aged 6, who has seldom been to school before, & Albert BAKER, a lad of 7 years of age who cannot speak plain. Average 63.1.
- Nov 15th The weather has been intensely cold all the week, & Friday being a wet day, the attendance is greatly reduced. Average 58.
- 22nd A little better attendance this week. Average 60. The girls are doing their needlework better & cleaner, than usual.
- 29th Several Infants have been kept at home owing to the cold, & Eliz'th DIX cannot get her boot on having chilblains on her feet. M.A. BRIMBLE absent all the week. Average 58.2.
- Dec 6th Several little ones kept at home this week owing to the extreme cold, and M.A. BRIMBLE because of chilblains. There was a holiday on Thursday, the Sch'l room being required for a meeting in the evening & there was Divine Service in the Church in the morning. 57.5.
- 13th The attendance gradually decreasing owing to the severity of the weather, & several children are suffering from chilblains. The girls from the mixed room are getting on well, with their knitting, but St. I do their needle-work very badly. Average 45.5.
- 20th This day, ends the 2nd Sch'l q'r. Through the severity of the weather, the attendance has been lower, than that of any previous week. Of 70 on the Books, 24 have been absent all the week. The highest weekly average this term, has been 68.8. The lowest, that of the present week, 33.7. Weekly average for the whole q'r, 57.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Xmas week. Holiday from the 20th Dec'r to the 30th.
- 1879
- Jan 3rd Last Monday, the 3rd Sch'l q'r began. Owing to the snow being on the ground, and several children suffering from chilblains the attendance has been low; still, an improvement on the previous week. Gave an object lesson on the silk-worm. Average 40.8.
- 10th Considering the severity of the weather, there was a fair attendance on Monday & Tuesday but a heavy snow-storm prevented the little ones from coming on Wednesday, & the Inf't Sch'l was closed for the remainder of the week. Average 33.
- 17th Intense cold still prevails, although the snow has disappeared. Attendance very low in consequence, 28.3.
- 24th Attendance greatly improved, but many children are still absent owing to the extreme coldness of the weather, & some are suffering from chilblains. Aver'ge 48.3.
- 31st Of 72 on the Books, 9 have been absent all the week; still, the attendance is improving & the Average for the week 51.4. The girls are getting on, with their needle-work & knitting; 9 are doing the latter.
- Feb 7th A very fluctuating attendance all the week, owing to the stormy state of the weather & many children absent with coughs & colds. Have worked up the whole school in tables up to 6 times, & given attention to the writing also. 41.5.
- 14th A more regular attendance throughout the week. I have carefully worked up the 1st class in reading & numeration, & given strict attention to the discipline. Average for w'k 47.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 21st The attendance has suffer'd through the coldness of the weather during the present week, & owing to a heavy, & thick fall of snow, which took place in the night, there were only 5 Infants present in the morning, & 14 in the afternoon. Average 44.3.
- 28th 18 Infants have been absent all the week, through the severity of the weather, and 2 from sickness. Mary DIX's Mother did not pay her school fee, on Monday the 17, & sent the child on the following Monday with the single fee - viz. one penny; this is the second time this quarter, that her mother [Mrs Ann DIX] has done the same thing. Average 43.1.
- Mar 7th Admitted Emily BACON (on Monday). I have carefully worked up the 1st & 2nd Class, in reading & numeration. Mary DIX bought her school money for the week that was owing. Average 62.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 14th Attendance good, but many of the children seem poorly, with bad colds & coughs. The Mistress is giving special(1) attention to the Religious Instruction from half past 9. to 10 A.M. preparing for the Diocesan Inspection which is to take place on the 27th. Average for the Week 61.9. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 21st On Monday, I readmitted Isaac CURTIS. The Attendance is steadily increasing, & the children do their work with greater diligence. The Rev'd Mr Henry STREETEN visited the School this Friday A.M. & questioned the Infants in Religious Knowledge, & heard me give a lesson on Sacred Geography & expressed himself greatly pleased with their answers. Average for the week 64.3. M.A. TAYLOR.

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- Mar 28th This day Friday is the end of the 3rd School q'r. Of 76 children on the Books 10 have been absent all the week, two from sickness, & the rest owing to the severity of the weather. The Registers were not marked yesterday in the afternoon, because of the Diocesan Exam'n. The Inspector, The Rev'd - MITCHEL [MICHELL] expressed himself as being pleased with the result of the examination which was very satisfactory. Average 53.2.
- Apr 4th Monday was the commencement of the 4th School q'r. & I transfer'd 14 children to the Mixed School; some were seven years of age, & others would be seven before the date of the examination. Of 59 on the Registers the average for the Week has been 51.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 10th On Monday A.M. I admitted, Ody Geo. RICHARDS, & re-admitted Joseph CARTER & W'm TAVENER [TAVINER]. The School has been quietly at work. I have given special attention to the Reading & notation of the 1st class, & to the general discipline of the School. Average for the week 51.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 18th Many children absent, suffering from the Measles; the usual school work has been done, in the accustomed manner. Mrs LEWIS [Miss Eliza LEWIS, the vicar's confidential servant] brought Mas. and Miss PATTISON to School this afternoon. Average for w'k 41.1.
- 25th Of 67 on the Registers, 7 were absent all the week. The usual work has been done & the average for the w'k was 50.3. The Rev'd H. STREETEN, & Mr PATTISON visited the School this morning, accompanied by a Gentleman. M.A. TAYLOR.
- May 2nd School at work, in the usual way. Louisa MINAL[L] sent home on Monday A.M. for the School-fee; has not been, the rest of the week. Had to punish John CARTER to day, also Joe EVANS, & Owen EVANS for throwing stones & cutting Tom DIX, on the upper lip. Average for the week 53.7.
- 9th Admitted 3 children on Monday, & one on Wednesday. Louisa MINALL came to School on Monday & brought her sch'l fee. The attendance has been good but owing to the gloomy state of the weather, the children seemed very dull & inattentive. Average 59.8.
- 16th The girls are getting on fairly with their needlework, but still make it very dirty; standard I making improvement. The Infants have been thoroughly drilled, in marching & the average for the week 62.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 23rd Attendance very good; admitted Minnie CURTIS, & Edwin JAMES; have given careful attention to the reading and sums of the 1st class, and the second I have worked up in Notation, taught a new marching exercise. Average 62.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 30th There have been 12 children absent all the week, 5 were sick, the other 7 kept at home to nurse the baby, while their Mothers cleaned the house. Elizabeth, Ellen, & Charles CORNWALL, left the School, their Father [George James CORNWALL] having got a situation in the Isle of Wight. Average for the week 53.7.
- Sent to Barton SCOBELL Esq'r, of Kingwell Hall, a parcel of work done by the children, 2 Doz. glass clothes, 2 doz. chamber Towels, hem'd & marked 1 doz. Dusters. Sent the following day, 2 doz. more to be done. Holiday the 1st week in June being Whit-week.
- Jun 13th Attendance rather low, owing to several Club feasts, held in the neighbourhood. Sent to Kingwell Hall 2 doz. dusters, hem'd and number'd, by the standard I children. Average for the week 53.3.
- 20th An improved attendance, although the weather has been somewhat stormy, I have given special attention to the discipline of the School, and in the Reading & sums of the 1st class. Average 60.4.
- 20[27]th Attendance, more regular. The year's Registers are fully marked out, and shew an increased attendance, and a greater number of qualified children to present, than in any former year. Average 66.1.
- 30th This day, is the close of the School year. Attendance in the morning 69, in the afternoon 79. An official notice has been received by the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, "that the annual examination" will D.V. take place on Wednesday, the 30th of July.
- Jul 4th This week, is the commencement of the School year, for 1880. There are 79 children on the Books, 4 have been absent all the week; Ernest SAGE one of the 4 is ill. Average for the week 61.
- 11th A more regular attendance throughout the week, owing to the fine weather chiefly. Average 69.1. Barton SCOBELL Esq'r, of Kingwell Hall, visited the School yesterday afternoon & brought a Lady, and two Gentlemen.
- 18th Very regular attendance all the week. Maud BIGGS, Elsie SAGE, and Arthur YOUNG, have been absent through sickness, Isaac CURTIS with bad eyes, and Emily JAMES had no tidy boots to come in. Aver'e 99.9 [clearly a mistake].
- 25th Maud BIGGS better, and in attendance; all the other sick children will be able to come next week. The attendance has been good throughout the week. I have given careful attention to the reading, and writing, of the 1st class, and worked the second up, in their notation. Average 68.

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- Jul 30 School examined this day (by E.N. WIX Esq'r, H.M. Inspector) at 2.30.
- Aug 1st Attendance very good, throughout the week, and on Wednesday A.M. 72 children were in attendance. In the afternoon 56 were present. There were 47 children, qualified by attendance & age, to be presented. One, Agnes CHIVERS, was absent from sickness, & six others failed to attend in consequence of which, the Inspector crossed off their names, from the examination schedule: Frederick MILES, Annie SLADE, Geo. JAMES, Mary DIX, Alice HANNEY, Agness CHIVERS* (* absent from sickness), Frederick EAVINS [EVANS]. Average 66.
- 8th Attendance rather lower, than last week, owing to Timsbury feast. Nine have been absent all the week, and 4 are still sick. Average for the week 60.8.
- 15th On Monday A.M. Fanny & William WYATT, had to be sent home for their School fees. Did not come again, at all, during the week. I have a more regular attendance to report, than on the previous week, although, Agness CHIVERS, Martha & Mary CRICK, and Arthur YOUNG, are still absent, from sickness. Average 64.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 22nd Number of attendance increasing & three of the children, who were reported (as sick) have come back to School. The 1st class are improving in their needle-work, & eight are learning to knit(t). Average for the week 67.5.
- Aug't 26th. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made," so far as they relate to the Infants' School:
Infants' School. "The Infants are in nice order, carefully taught and making very fair progress. The younger ones did not do so well as last year, but the afternoon was very hot."
 "The Scholars numbered 9 and 28 on the Infants' School Examination Schedule having been returned last year as over six were disqualified by age for further presentation under Article 19(B) 1."
 Mistress, Mrs Mary Annie TAYLOR, certificated Teacher of the third Class.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.
- Aug 29th Attendance, very low this week, owing to the weather being so wet, & stormy. On Wednesday & Thursday, there was continuous rain, which prevented those children who live at a distance from coming to School. Average 55.1. This day (Friday) we break up, for three weeks holiday dating from the 1st September to the 19th.
- 26th This day (Friday) is the end of the 1st School quarter. 12 children have been absent all the week. Admitted Ernest ROSSITER & Sarah JAMES. Monitors S.A. EVANS and Edith CHIVERS. Average for the week 62.3. Gov't Grant this year £74. 4. 0.
- Oct 3rd Numbers increasing. Admitted William LANGRIDGE on Wednesday. The School has been quietly at work, in the usual way. There was half holiday on Tuesday the 30th inst., The School-room being required for a Missionary Meeting. Girls making satisfactory progress with their knitting. Average for week 65.6.
- 10th The children have attended, very regularly throughout the week, owing to the fine weather. The School is in nice working order, and the 1st class is making rapid improvement. Average for the week 65.6.
- 13th The new Sewing-Mistress, Miss NORTHAM, commenced duty to day (Monday) & Eliz'th MAGGS, the oldest Monitor, has left School to go to Service & it is only fair to add, that during the 5 years I have been Mistress, she always conducted herself properly & did her work well.
- 17th There has been a good attendance all the week, & the school work has been done in the usual way. 16 Infants are knitting this week, and 5 are sewing. Admitted Fenella TUCKER on Monday. Average 68.
- 24th A steady attendance, all the week. I have carefully examined the 1st & second classes this week and find them making fair progress & most of the babies can pick out their letters. Average for the week 64. The girls from the mixed-room are getting on nicely with knitting & needle-work.
- 31st Attendance, very regular throughout the week. I have examined the 1st and 2nd class & find the children are making good progress, in Reading, writing & sums. Elizabeth ROWSEL[L] has been absent six weeks & her brother (John) two, the latter having fallen down & hurt himself. Average for Week 67.
- Nov 7th The School has been quietly at work, according to "Time Table". I have examined the second class, & find the reading improved but the writing wants more attention to the manuscript card. The 1st class are making improvement in Writing, and Arithmetic. George JAMES has been absent all the week from sickness, and Edwin would not come to School without his brother. M.J. NORRIS has the Measles. Average 65.6. M.A. TAYLOR.

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- Nov 14th A regular attendance throughout the School. Mary Jane NORRIS has been absent one month, having had the Measles. The girls from the Mixed room are making progress with their needlework, & knitting. Miss NORTHAM is incapable of cutting out, fixing, and of keeping at work 36 girls, so that I have still to superintend them in my School. Average Infants 64.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Nov 21st The School has been quietly at work, according to Time Table. The weather setting in cold, has reduced the average below that of any week, since the 29th of August. It is snowing rather thickly now & there are only 43 present. Average 60.8.
- 28th Several Infants have been absent all the week, suffering from colds & coughs & the weekly average attendance is getting lower & lower, owing to the weather being so intensely cold. Average 57.4. The girls are fairly improving in needle-work and knitting.
- Dec 5th I have been at home ill, since Monday, suffering from a cold, and Boils. The School was conducted by Miss NORTHAM & Mary CARTER. Owing to the weather being so intensely cold the average is below that of any previous week, viz. 37.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 12th A great many children have been absent all the week owing to the weather being so cold. Those present were quietly at work, according to time table; had to punish Bertha QUARMAN, for giving silly answers in Arithmetic. Average 40.2. Had half holiday on Thursday - room wanted for a Missionary Meeting.
- 19th This day, is the close, of the second School Quarter. Of 82 on the Books, 26 have been absent all the week. Total number of attendance made by those present at all, 44.8. Average for the quarter 58.4. Miss NORTHAM's engagement as (Assistant Mistress) terminates to day (Friday) Dec the 19th. Holiday - One Week at Xmas, from the 19th Dec to the 29th.

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- Jan 2nd Reclassified the School, and drafted 12 children who were over age, to the Mixed School. Owing to the very wet weather of the past week, many Infants were kept at home & the weekly average brought down to 32. Miss HICKS the new Assistant commenced duty on the 30th of Dec.
- 9th School quietly at work in the usual way, & there has been a better attendance throughout the week, although nine children have been absent altogether, their Mothers, thinking the weather too cold, to send them. Average 51.4.
- 16th The attendance has been very fluctuating throughout the week owing to the snow storms which have been very prevalent. William BEECHAM [BEACHAM] at home ill of a cold. Average 33.8.
- 23rd Attendance somewhat improved, & the School has been quietly at work in the usual way; had to punish Elizabeth WARE, for stealing a half penny from Willie TAVENER [TAVINER], & S. [Sarah] COX for going with her to spend it (& to share the sweets) knowing it to have been stolen. Both girls told several falsehoods about it. Average Infants 49.3.
- 30th Eight children have been absent all the week but those in attendance have been a little more regular. Gave half a holiday on Tuesday afternoon, the School-room being required for a meeting on behalf of the C.P.A. Society. Average 49.4
- Feb 6th Re-admitted Sarah JAMES. Arthur YOUNG has been absent six week[s]. I have complained to his sisters who always say that the boy is ill. Mr STREETEN called on Thursday to caution me about Annie SLADE whose Mother is ill of Small Pox. Average 49.7.
- 13th Many children have been absent all the week. The weather has been wet, damp, and foggy. A fatal case of small Pox having occurred in the neighbourhood [Sarah Elizabeth SLADE of Mearns was buried on 12th February 1880 aged 28], many of the children have been revaccinated, & obliged to remain at home with their bad arms. Ash Wednesday - (A Holiday was given). Average 39.4.
- 23rd A poor School all the week, owing to the wet and stormy weather, & there is much sickness among children, as well as bad feet. Average 35.2.
- 27 Attendance slightly improved, but there are many children still absent; some have got chilblains, and five are sick. Average for the week 49.4. I have been absent since Tuesday, the 24th on which day, my son [John West TAYLOR jun.] was bought home very ill. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 27th The School closed for 5 weeks by order of the Medical Officer of health, during which time the Mixed School has been enlarged, & a new Lobby built.
- Mar 15th Wilfred TUCKER, died of Scarlet fever having made (288) attendances. [Wilfred TUCKER was buried on 18th March 1879 aged 5.]
- Apr 5th School reopened after being 5 weeks closed. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN came in on Monday, and spoke to the children about attending regularly. The classes have been re-arranged & the (5) girls, and (1) boy who will be over seven on the day of exam., have been transfer'd to the Mixed School. Average 48.1.

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- Apr 16th There has been a better attendance throughout the week. Admitted 4 little boys, and 2 girls. Sarah Ann TUCKER is ill, with Scarlet fever, & her brother Arthur, very bad with the same disease. Average 55.2.
- 23rd Attendance somewhat more regular. I have carefully worked up the 1st class, in reading, writing, and notation, and the second class in their reading. S.A. TUCKER still very ill & her brother Arthur died on Monday the 19 [Arthur TUCKER was buried on 20th April 1880 aged 10.]. Average this week 54.1. M.A. TAYLOR.
The Girls have done some of their work in a very slovenly & dirty manner, have had to keep them in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour.
- 27th Sarah Ann TUCKER, died of Scarlet fever, after 17 days' illness [Sarah Anne TUCKER was buried on 27th April 1880 aged 6.]. She had made (274) attendances.
- 30th Attendance good throughout the week. I have examined the 1st class in Reading, & find them making progress - also in Notation and Writing. Average 56.9. M.A. TAYLOR.
- May 7th Most of the children in attendance, during the week, have made the full number of times. John, and Elizabeth ROWSEL[L] have only attended the School 5 times since the reopening of the School, on April 5; three others, have been Absent all the week, one, from sickness; examined the school, and found the children making ordinary progress. Average 58.2.
- 14th The School has been quietly at work, according to the time table. The general discipline is improving, and the second class appear more interested in their collective reading lesson. The girls are getting on nicely with their specimens of needlework, & knitting. Average 53.1.
- 21st There has been a very low attendance all the week owing to it(s) being the Annual Club feast.
Whitsuntide has hitherto been a holiday, but as the Schools were closed for five weeks, The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, thought it desirable, to assemble the children, instead of having their usual holiday. Average 36.
- 28 Re-admitted Louisa MINALL a child who is seven years old, but very backward, owing to great irregularity of attendance, and who has only made 147 times, up to the present date of the School year. School steadily at work & Altogether making progress. Average 58.9
- Jun 4th Admitted William, and Edwin DYKE, on Monday. John TAYLOR has Scarlet fever, the whole family are absent in consequence. School has been quietly at work in the usual way, and according to the Time Table; drilled the children well, this a.m. in marching, and gave an object lesson on the Cow this afternoon. Average 59.9. M.A. TAYLOR.
Girls are making progress in Needlework & Knitting.
- 11th Elizabeth TAYLOR back at School, after an absence of three weeks, her brother John having had Scarlet fever. I have carefully worked up the second class in notation, have examined the 1st, and third, and find them making fair progress. I gave a gallery lesson on Soap to day, and taught a marching song. Average 58.8. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 15th The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN has received an official communication, that the Schools are D.V. to be examined on Thursday the 8th July.
- 18th Attendance very regular, all the week. Admitted Albert Edward COX. John TAYLOR (who has had the fever) is now at School. Emily JANES admitted on the 24th of May - has been absent since the 4th of June. 64.2.
- 23rd Wednesday afternoon, my 1st appearance at School this week, after being very ill, since Friday. Mary CARTER, & Lily CLEAVES managed the school, under the superintendance of the Master occasionally.
- 25th Mary Jane NORRIS returned to School, after being absent nearly 7 weeks, with a sore head. I have examined the 1st class in sums, today and worked the 1st and 2nd up, in their reading and formation of letters, in the afternoons of Thursday & Friday. Standards I & II come into this Dep't for needlework, marking & knitting. Average Infants 62.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 30th This day is the end of the School year. Of 73 on the Books 67 were present in the morning, and 68 in the afternoon. I have written the children's names in the new Registers & have rearranged the classes for the ensuing q'r. Ernest SAGE, and Kate CURTIS who were presented last year as being six years of age, were 5.11 so that according to age they will be entitled to have their names enter'd this year on the Infants' Schedule. Average for the week 64.5, for quarter 56.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Jul 3rd Received from the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, the Examination Schedules, as well as the Duplicates, to be prepared for H.M. Inspector.
- 9th Yesterday the School was examined by H.M. Inspector. There were 68 present, of whom 47 were qualified by attendances. The children passed a good exam'n. My parchment contained the following entry: "The children are under good contro(w)l, & taught with considerable skill." Average for week 69.1. Of Needlework, from this, and the Mixed School (of wh: I am sewing Mistress) there were 114 specimens; of knitting, 31 & of samplers, 19. Mary Anne TAYLOR.

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- Jul 16th There has been a good attendance throughout the week, & the children are beginning to feel accustomed to the re-arrangement of the classes. Harry CHIVERS, and his brother [Joseph] & sister [Agnes Louisa] are in the constant habit of coming to school late; they & the two JAMES's [Edwin & George] came in this afternoon too late to be register'd. Average 55.6.
- 23rd Attendance somewhat irregular, children kept at home to mind the baby, while Mothers go to the Hay-field. Total number of attendances, Average 53.7.
- 30th Very irregular attendance all the week owing to the stormy state of the weather. Of 74 on the Books, 13 have been absent all the week; number of attendances made by those present 48.2. This day (Friday) we break up for a month's holiday & D.V. re-open School on the 30th August.

Aug't 8th. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infants' School:
Infants' School. "The Infants are under good control, well drilled, and taught with intelligence and considerable skill. The first Class did well and are better on the whole than the younger children."

Mistress, Mrs Mary Anne TAYLOR, certificated Teacher of the Third Class.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Holiday one month, from July 30, to August 30.
- Sep 3rd Reopened School, after one month's vacasion [vacation] from 30th July, to 30th August. The attendance has been good all the week, but several children are absent, because their elder brothers, or sisters are at home assisting their Parents in Potatoe gathering. Grant earned £86. 4. 0. Average for w'k 60.2.
- 10th Nothing of an unusual kind to report. School quietly at work, but owing to the weather numbers not so great, as in previous week. Average 58.4.
- 16th Attendance rather fluctuating, owing to the stormy weather. There are no girls at present in School, who are old enough to act as monitors, in the place of Mary CARTER, and Sarah HANNEY. Kate CLEAVES is the only likely girl, but she is very irregular in her attendance. Average for week 58.
- 24th This day terminates the 1st School quarter; seven have been admitted & five have left the neighbourhood; five little ones have been absent all the week. Maud BLINMAN has been ill of sore-throat since Monday. Average 61.6.
- Oct 1st Second term commenced this week; there has been a steady attendance. Of 74 on the Books six have been absent all the week. Maud BLINMAN died of Dyptheria [Maud Mary BLINMAN was buried on 1st October 1880 aged 5.]. Harry CHIVERS still at home, through general weakness. Half holiday on Tuesday, the Sch'l room being wanted for the usual Missionary Meeting. Average for week 61.
- 8th School at work in the usual way, from the very irregular attendance of the bigger girls in the mixed room, there is a difficulty of getting a monitor who can teach a class of Infants, when they come off the Gallery. Owing to the stormy weather, throughout the week the average is lower than that of the previous week, although 4 new scholars have been admitted. Average 57.2.
- 15th A more regular attendance throughout the week. Albert HANNEY absent from illness, & six others have been absent from different causes; one has no boots. Harry CHIVERS came back to school, after a long illness. Miss HICKS has been taking entire charge of the Needlework, in the Mixed School, as most of the upper Standard girls have left, to go to service. Average 63.2.
- 22nd There has been a good attendance all the week. Albert HANNEY, and Sarah Joyce JAMES have been absent, owing to ill health & 5 others from different causes. Examined the 1st class in sums & find some of them greatly improved; gave a lesson on notation to the 3rd. Average 63.3.
- 29th A very wet, & stormy week, has reduced the weekly average, which is only 50. The usual work has been done, and the girls are improving, in Needlework, & Knitting.
- Nov 5th A very good attendance, owing to the fine weather, which has prevailed throughout the week. Albert HANNEY returned to school, and William WIL[L]COX re-admitted after an absence of two years. Average 63.6. I am greatly in want of a good Monitor. M.A.T.
- 12th School at work in the usual way. Arthur YOUNG, has been absent one month, having fever in the house. Sarah Ann BLACKER has been absent 3 weeks, having been asked for the School fee, of one penny, which she had not paid on Monday the 18th Oct. She, and her sister [Emily] were only admitted on the 8th of Oct. & the latter attends only irregularly. Attendance good throughout the week, but I have no suitable Monitor to assist with the children. Average 66.3. M.A. TAYLOR.

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1880

- Nov 19th Of 79 on the Registers, 10 have been Absent all the week, two from sickness, the rest were prevented, by weather, or from causes not made known to the teacher. Total number of attendances made by those present, at all, 438. Average per week 43.8.
- 26th Owing to the heavy rains, during the past week, 24 children have been absent all the week. Those in attendance, have made 357 Attendances, greatly reducing the average, which is below that of any previous week in the present q'r, 35.7.
- Dec 3rd I have to record a more regular attendance throughout the week. The school has been quietly at work, according to the prescribed table. I have carefully examined the classes, with the view of rearranging the children after Xmas, when those who are over age will be drafted into the Mixed Dep't. Aver. 59.1. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 10th School quietly at work, in the usual way. Miss Myra MELHUIISH visited the school on Thursday the 9th & Mrs [Sophia] MELHUIISH to day (Friday). There was a good attendance, and the children were orderly. Average for week 59.8.
- 17th This has been a wet and stormy week, and many of the little ones not able to attend; nothing specially to record. Average 49.5.
- 24th This day terminates the second school quarter. Of 78 children on the Books, 6 have left, during the q'r. The highest weekly average was 66.3 and the lowest 35.7. During the past week 16 have been absent. Total number of attendances made by those present at all 428, giving a daily average of 47. I have 12 children over 7 years of age who will be tranfer'd to Standard I after the Xmas Holiday of (one week). M.A. TAYLOR.

1881

- Jan 8th School reopened on Monday (the 3rd inst.) and 12 scholars who were over 7 years of age drafted into Standard I. Of 62 now on the Book, eight have been absent all the week. Daily average 47.7.
- 14th Attendance decreasing, owing to the severity of the weather & eleven children have been absent all the week, bringing down the weekly average to 31.
No attendances marked since January the 17th (The Roads being impassable for traf[f]ic of any kind) until Jan'ry the 31st.
- Feb 4th Children reassembled on Monday the 31st, but owing to the still severe weather 24 Infants have been absent all the week, thereby lowering the average which is only 29.4.
- 11th School quietly at work in the usual way. 20 children have been absent all the week, owing to the stormy state of the weather. Many who are present, have severe colds & coughs. I was so unwell on Tuesday, that I remained at home & Miss HICKS took my place; there were only 25 present on that day. There was a half holiday on Wednesday, the room being required for a meeting on behalf of the C.P.A. Society. Average for week 27. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 18th 19 children have been absent all the week & many of those in attendance, stay at home in the afternoon either from the rain, or the sloppy state of the roads. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited the School this morning. Average 35.5.
- 25th Attendance very low, owing to the intense coldness of the weather. 22 have been absent all the week, & the attendance of those present at all, was very fluctuating. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN looked in on Tuesday to give notice of the Diocesan Inspection, which is D.V. to take place on the 17th March. Average for w'k 35.1.
- Mar 4 School at work, as per time Table. Numbers still low, owing to the intense cold. The Vicar brought the notice of the Diocesan Inspection, on Monday. To day (Friday) very low attendance, afternoon very wet. Average 38.
- 11th Slightly improved attendance, although 11 have been absent all the week. Joe COX, has had a bad cold & his mother [Mrs Hannah COX] thought it better to keep him at home. I am working the children up for the Diocesan Inspection. Av. 45.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 18th Admitted Beatrice BIGGS. Albert and Ernest ROSSITER have left the Village, and gone to live at Bristol. Attendance slightly improved. Registers not marked on Thursday afternoon, the School being then examined by the Diocesan Inspector (The Vicar, also, being present) who was very pleased with the Children's knowledge of the Bible. Aver. 46.
- 25th Numbers slightly improved. James PERRY has only made 18 attendances during the quarter, & Emily BLACKER, who was admitted on the 4th of Oct. has only made 31 times since that date. Have given the attendance officer their names on several occasions. Aver. 48.3.
- Apr 1st This day terminates the 3rd School quarter. Of 70 children on the Registers, six have been absent all the week. Total number of attendance made by those present, at all, was 532, giving a daily Aver. of 53.2.

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- Apr 8th On Monday I re-arranged the classes for the ensuing quarter; sent 2 boys into the mixed Dep't who were over seven years of age, and otherwise qualified for Standard I. 7 little girls are qualified by age, but not sufficiently forward for Standard I. Of 68 on the Books, 11 have been absent all the week. Ellen FORD, and Tom DIX not well. Average 49.3. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Apr 14th School quietly at work, numbers increasing, but there are no girls in the Mixed School, capable of acting as Monitors; eight children have been Absent all the week. Total number of attendance made by those present at all, 430. Aver. att. 53. Good Friday there was no School.
- 22nd Weather exceedingly cold, and many children kept at home, in consequence; from Mumps. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN called this morning, with reference to material for needlework. Average 47.
- 29th A very low attendance all the week; several children have the mumps, others have colds and coughs; altogether 22 have been absent; had to punish Charles TAYLOR to day - for running away from School yesterday, when his Mother had sent him. Aver. 41.8.
- May 6th Attendance, improving; admitted Frank BLINMAN, and William EVANS. Several children who have had the Mumps, come back to school, & three others have them. Emily EVANS & Purmuthus WEEKS, have been monitors this week. The Vicar brought some colour'd cotton balls to School, on Monday. Av. 57.7.
- 13th No less than eleven children have been at home this week, suffering from the Mumps, & many of those in attendance have colds and coughs. School quietly at work according to Time Table. Average 49.1. Florence NORRIS & Sarah COX Monitors.
- 20th A more regular attendance throughout the School. I have given especial attention to the reading and spelling of the 1st & 2nd class, and to the general discipline of the School. Many children are still absent suffering with the mumps. Aver. 50.2.
- 27th Attendance less fluctuating, and 3 of the children who have had the Mumps, come back to school. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN looked in on Tuesday afternoon. Emily and Sarah Ann BLACKER have not attended school for 7 weeks. Aver. 57.8.
- Jun 3rd Pretty regular attendance, all the week, but the weather is very oppressive, and the children dull, and listless; many of them inclined to sleep, especially in the afternoon. Beatrice BIGGS has the Mumps. Polly DIX kept at home to mind the baby, and Edm'd PARKER has the tooth ache. Av. 56.6.
- 13th Whit-Monday, to Friday, The usual Holiday of one week, given from the 6th to 10th.
- 17th Very regular attendance, all the week, and School work going on as usual. Seven Children have been absent, some of them going to the different Club-feasts, held in the neighbourhood. Received on Monday A.M., a notice from the Vicar, that the School will D.V. be examined by H.M.I. on the 5th July. Average 57.7.
- 24th Friday. Numbers increasing, and a good Monitor is needed, especially when the children come off the Gallery, & are classified. There will be a half holiday this afternoon. Lord & Lady BROOKE, having invited the children of both Schools, No. (161) to tea, at Clutton, in hono[u]r of their Marriage. Av. 64.
- 30th School year terminates this day (Thursday). Of 72 on the Registers, three have been absent all the week. No. of attendances made by those present at all 497. Average per day $62\frac{1}{8}$.
- Jul 4th Received a note this afternoon, from Mr SALMON requesting that Sarah JAMES of Clutton be entered on the Registers, as a "Pauper child". An attendance Card will be sent. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 8th School examined on Tuesday the 5th by Mr WIX, H.M.I. in the presence of the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN. The former, made an entry in my Parchment that "The children are very orderly, and well taught." There were present 31 boys, & 21 girls. I gave a lesson on Slate, and The Horse, as well, as a lesson on Form. Average for the week 49.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 15th Numbers improving, and the classes rearranged for the ensuing quarter; only one child, Elizabeth ROWSELL, is over seven years of age. Av. 52.7.
- 22nd A very regular attendance, all the week, especially of the 1st Class. I have given much attention to the general discipline of the School, & to the Reading of the 1st & 2nd class; also began to give out dictation of words, of one syllable to the 1st Class. Av. 52.7. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Midsummer Holiday, three weeks From the 25th July, to August 12th.
- August 10. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infants' School:
Infants' School. "The Infants are under good discipline, taught with kindness and intelligence, and making creditable progress." Mrs Mary Anne TAYLOR, Mistress, certificated Teacher of the Third Class.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

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- Aug 15th Reopened the School, after the usual summer holiday, with an attendance of 57.
- 19th Admitted Annie DIX, Annie COX, and Gilbert BRIMBLE. Sarah Ann BLACKER, also returned to School after several weeks' absence. There has been a regular attendance all the week, & the average per day 52.3. Monitors Edith CHIVERS & Sarah COX
- 26th Attendance fluctuating, owing to the very wet days we have had. Frank BLINMAN is ill of chicken-pox, and Agness CHIVERS & Ellen ASHMAN are at home, with sore heads. Bertha NORRIS & Ellen BRICE have been Monitors; the latter has no method. Av. 54.8.
- Sep 2nd School quietly at work, according to Time Table. 10 children had been absent all the week; those in attendance, have been more regular. Monitors Sarah CURTIS and Mary JAMES. Miss WHYMAN called at the School this morning. Av. 51.6.
- 9th Children have attended well, all the week, and there are 33 in the 1st class, which is my special care, and I am much in need of two good Monitors, for the second, and baby class. Average 58.6. M.A. TAYLOR.
- 16th Joseph, Albert and Annie COX have left the School, their parents [*James & Hannah COX*] having gone to live at Southampton. School work, in the usual way. Matilda CARTER and Mary YOUNG, Monitors. Average 51.4. Girls from the Mixed Dep't have been in the Infant School, for needlework, wh: I find very backward, & done in a careless and slovenly way. Mary Anne TAYLOR.
- 23rd Several children kept at home this week to assist in picking up potatoes, from off the field gardens. Thomas JAMES has such a bad head, that he is obliged to remain at home. Bertha NORRIS & Nelly [*Ellen*] BRICE, Monitors. Average 56.7.
- 30th This day terminates the 1st School quarter. The attendance, throughout the week, has been pretty regular & there have been fewer late children than usual. Monitors Edith CHIVERS & Mary YOUNG. Av. 56.9.
- Oct 7th Second Sch'l quarter commenced on Monday, the 3rd, at which time, I drafted into the Mixed Department, all the children who will be 7 years old, before the next examination; 10 Boys & 12 girls, thereby greatly reducing my average, which was 39.1. during the past week. 42 on Registers. Mary Anne TAYLOR.
- 12th Sent this day to Mr PIKE, a list of 17 irregular attendants.
- 14th Attendance this week has been fairly good, considering the weather, and there has been a marked improvement in the former late comers. Monitors Mary YOUNG, & Bertha NORRIS. Average 34.4.
- 21st A fair School, & attendance regular. Amelia TUCKER has been absent three weeks, having gone on a visit to Bath. Sent the Parish Q'rs account, to Mr PIKE, as well as the non Paupers to the Sch'l Atten. Com. Average 37.9. Monitors Mary YOUNG, (who has a bad hand) and Ellen BRICE.
- Oct'r 27. Visit W.N. Present 39 out of 45 on books. Registers right. School working regularly & in good order. Ernest N. WIX, H.M.I.
- Oct 28th School quietly at work, and regular in attendance, throughout the week. I have taken the girls in needle-work, from the Mixed Dep't, also 20 girls who are knitting stockings, & 3 who are knitting cuffs. Average 37. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Nov 4th Attendance regular. Sarah JAMES has been at home ill, all the week; she has also burn't her hand. John NORRIS taken off the Books, Parents [*Jeremiah & Susan NORRIS*] left the Village. Monitor Emily EVANS. Average 36.
- 11th School quietly at work, according to Timetable; had Standard I in the Inf't Dep't, and Edith CHIVERS as Monitor, because the mixed room was overcrowded. Gave a lesson on Notation to the 1st Class infants & St'd I taken together. Av. 34.8.
- 18th Sarah Ann BAKER, and Beatrice BIGGS, at home ill all the week, & Sarah Ann BLACKER's Mother [*Mrs Emma BLACKER*] would not send her to School, because she had no suitable clothes. St'd I still in the Inf't Dep't. Average Infants 37.3. Monitors W. [*Winnie*] EVANS & B. [*Bertha*] NORRIS.
- 25th School at work in the usual way. William PERRY, and Sarah Anne BLACKER absent all the week. Their Mothers say that they have no suitable clothes for them to come in. Tom DIX, has been absent through illness. Matilda CARTER and Luther CLEAVES, Monitors. Av. 35.6.
- Dec 2nd Gilbert BRIMBLE returned to School, after an absence of eight weeks. Standard I still being taught in this Dep't. Minnie YOUNG, & Annie DIX absent all the week, because of the dirty state of the Roads, & Harry & Joe CARTER from Sickness. Average 36.9.
- 9th School doing their work, quietly. Attendance very regular. Annie DIX, & Arthur RAPPS, have been absent all the week, the latter through sickness. Monitors Mary YOUNG, & Ellen BRICE. I shall have the superintendance of the Girls in the mixed room, next week. The assistant Mistress (Miss HICKS) going to Fishponds to sit for Certificate. Av. 39.6. M.A. TAYLOR.

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 Dec 16th Admitted Elizabeth GARD, & Gilbert BRIMBLE returned to School after an absence of 7 weeks. Sent a list of new books, & other materials, required for School use, to the Vicar, on Monday. School in nice working order. Av 35.6.
 23rd This week, is the end of the second Sch'l quarter. Of 51 children on the books, 5 have been absent all the week. Total number of attendances made by boys & girls, together, during the quarter was 4,227, giving an average of 36.4. weekly. Average for the past week 32.
 Xmas Holiday from Dec 26th to 30.
- 1882
 Jan 2nd Reopened School, after the usual Holiday of one week. Of 47 now on Registers 11 have been absent all the week. I have carefully arranged the classes, for the ensuing term, retaining none in this department, who will be over age next exam. Av. this week 30.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
 13th Children fairly regular, throughout the week. Began the scripture lessons, for the Diocesan examination. Amelia TUCKER, Minnie YOUNG, & three little boys have been absent all the week. Av. 32.8.
 20th Admitted Florence SLADE, and Louisa JANES. There has been an improved attendance throughout the week. Amelia TUCKER back at school again, Sarah Ann BAKER was sent home on Monday, for Back School Moneys; has not been to Sch'l since. Av. 39.1.
 27th A steady attendance, all the week. S.A. BAKER still at home; sister says she has the tooth-ache. I remained at home this morning, in consequence of bad cold. Miss HICKS brought St'd I in this room & superintended the Infants, Having Louisa CHIVERS and Emily CURTIS, as Monitors. Av. 39.1. M.A. TAYLOR.
- Feb 3rd School at work, in the usual way; only 9 attendances can be register'd this week; The Schoolroom being required for a meeting on Wednesday evening, on behalf of the C.P.A.S. Av. 39.3.
 10th No less the 9 children have been absent this week owing to severe colds. Indeed most of the children now in School, have coughs and colds. Average 31.6.
 17th 13 children absent all the week, owing to severe colds; some have chilblains & cannot wear their boots; Harry CARTER has had Bronchitis. The attendance is thereby greatly reduced, only an average of 28.6.
 24th 10 children still absent, owing to severe colds, & chilblains. A Holiday was given on Ash-Wednesday & the Sunday School children, assembled in the morning, and were taken by their Teachers to the Church. Average for the week 32.⁵/₈.
- Mar 3rd None of the Absent ones returned, being still very unwell, and having colds about them. I have had Standard III girls in my room every afternoon, to do their needle-work, for the coming examination. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN came in on Monday, with the "Notice" of the Diocesan examination, which is D.V. to take place on the 15th of March. Average for the w'k 32.4. M.A. TAYLOR.
 [10] Admitted Emma SMALL, a child 5 y'rs old, only knows a few letters. Attendance more regular than last week. Joseph & Henry CARTER were sent home on Monday (6) for their School fee, & have not been since. Average 36.9.
- Mar 17th Admitted Marion, Amy, & Lucy CARNES [CARNE] who are boarding with their Aunt, but are come from London. Two have been to an Infant School, a short time, but the eldest cannot read monosyllables, without spelling. Nine attendances can only be register'd this week, owing to the Diocesan examination taking place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr ELLERSHAW expressed himself as being very pleased with the children's knowledge of Scripture & Catechism. Average 40.⁵/₉.
 The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN, brought word that the Assistant Mistress, Miss HICKS, has gained a "Second class certificate".
 24th A great number of Infants still absent, and although the winter has been a mild one, there have been very few children admitted. Av. 39.3.
 31st Lizzie GARD has been absent all the week, with sore throat. Martha ROWSEL[L] has been to Bath for a week. Sarah Anne BAKER has only made 36 times out of 130 possible attendances. This day (Friday) is the termination of the 3rd School q'r. Of 53 names on the Books, 4,465 attendances were made by Boys & Girls, together, giving a weekly average of 35.4.
- Apr 6th School quietly at work in the usual way. Martha ROWSELL has left the School, Parents [George & Jane ROWSELL] having removed to Paulton; she will be entitled to be present at the exam., having made 317 attendances. There will be no School tomorrow (Good Friday). Only 8 atten. can be Register'd. Average 38.⁷/₈.
 14th A very fluctuating attendance, owing to the stormy weather. Admitted George, and Kate MAIDMENT; have taken the girls, from the mixed room, in Needlework, Knitting & Marking. Average Infants 36.9.

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- Apr 21st Numbers slightly increased. Sarah Ann BAKER, has a bad foot, and is unable to put a boot on. Albert HANNEY has been at home all the week, having a swollen face, and Alice ASHMAN with a sore head. Total number of attendances made 426, daily av. 42.6.
- 28th Lower attendance, owing to stormy weather. Sarah Ann BAKER still at home. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN called to speak to Miss HICKS (this afternoon) who is leaving to day (Friday) after being assistant Mistress for 2 years and 4 months. Average Infants 38.6.
- May 2nd Matilda CARTER put on as Monitor in this department at 1/0 per week.
- 5th No assistant appointed in place of Miss HICKS, and I am obliged to have Standard I in the Infant School, with the only help of a girl of 13. There in the afternoons, I have all the girls, from the Mixed School, to take in Needlework, Knitting & Marking. Average Infants 41.3.
- 12th The average is slightly below that of last week, owing to the School Treat, taking place at the Wesleyan Chapel, on Wednesday afternoon, at which many of our children were present. Ellen & Alice ASHMAN have been absent from School 6 weeks, with a bad, or sore head. Average 38.7.
- 19th 5 children have been absent all the week, including Alice ASHMAN, who has been absent 6 weeks, with a bad head. Girls very backward in needlework & making it very dirty. The knitting, altogether shews improvement. Average Infants 41.1.
- 26th No children admitted this week. Standard I still in the Infant School, because there is no assistant appointed in the place of Miss HICKS, who left on the 29th April. 26 Girls from the Mixed Department also come into this room for instruction in needlework, knitting, and marking. Average Infants 39.6.
- Holiday During Whit-week.
- Jun 9th Attendance slightly improved; had to send Sarah Ann BAKER home for her School fee, on Wednesday, & she has not been to School for the rest of the week. Elizabeth MAGGS employ'd until the examination, in the place of Miss HICKS. Average Infants 43.5.
- 16th Admitted Arthur EVANS, and Louisa JAMES. The attendance has been very regular, and the 1st class are making good progress in their addition sums. Average for the week 47.5.
- 23rd Admitted Martha Louise DIX, on Thursday. Sarah Ann BAKER came to School on Monday a.m. bringing her penny. The vicar introduced the new assistant to the School, on Monday afternoon; she will D.V. commence duty on the 3rd of July. Gave Knitting drill to Infant girls this morning. Average 44.6.
- 30th This day is the last of the School year. Of 57 names of children on the Registers, 5 have been absent all the week. Total number of attendances made by boys & girls together 414, giving a daily average of 41.4.
- Jul 7th New School year, commenced on Monday the 3rd inst. There were present 48. Admitted Frank SALVIGE [SALVAGE]. New Registers, and Summary supplied. Ten doz. articles sent by Mrs SCOBELL to be made, and marked by the children. Iset RAPPS at home all the week, through an accident & Sarah FORD has whooping cough. Average 44.9.
- 14th Admitted Frank SALVIGE, and Mary WILLIAMS. 4 children have been absent all the week. The girls in the Mixed School have finished the Marking, done for Kingwell Hall, and it will be ready to be sent home, so soon as it has been looked over. Average Infants 48.
- On Tuesday D.V. Her Majesty's Inspector, is due at the Schools.
- 18th This day the Schools were examined by H.M.I. E.N. WIX Esq'r, who expressed himself as follows, "I see no falling away, but am very well pleased with the examination."
- 21st Attendance is slightly on the increase, although 3 children have been absent, all the week, through whooping cough. The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN & Captain SCOBELL, visited the school this morning, to reprimand Edgar DIX & Albert & Geo. WEEKS, for unlawfully breaking the School windows, and entering into & stealing therefrom, a quantity of steel-pens, the property of the Managers. Average Infants 46.1.
- 28th Ten children have been absent all the week; 3 have bad colds, 1 has got chicken-pox, and 6 have whooping-cough, thereby reducing the average which is only 39.9. Miss MELHUIISH visited the School yesterday in the afternoon.
- Aug 4th Admitted six little girls on Monday, into the baby class, and one little boy. Seven children are still at home with whooping cough and one with bad cold. Have had Standard I working in this Department, with those of the Infants who will be drafted into it, after the holidays. Miss TAYLOR taking them in the afternoon while I am superintending the needlework. Average 49.2. Also, on Monday, the 31st July, The Vicar, accompanied by Mr Alfred STREETEN, and a Missionary from India visited the Schools & heard the children sing. Mary Anne TAYLOR.
- 11th Sixteen children, eleven Girls, and five Boys have been absent all the week; several suffering from Chicken-Pox, & others have Whooping-cough. Bad colds seem very prevalent amongst those of the children, at present in attendance. Average 38.5.

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Aug 18th Only one of the sixteen children, who were absent (from sickness) returned to School last Monday; had to send Martha DIX home on Thursday, she, having symptoms of chicken-pox about her. School at work in the usual way. Average 42.4.
This Day (Friday) We break up School for one Month's holiday. From Aug. the 21st to September 15th.
22nd Gave the Vicar, the sum of £3. 2. 1¹/₂ realized by sale of needlework.

1882 Sept. 1st. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infants' School.
Infants' School. "The Infants are under firm but kindly Di[s]cipline, taught with care and skill, and making good progress in attainment. The writing of the younger ones requires attention, and all the Girls should learn to knit." Mrs Mary Anne TAYLOR, Mistress, Certificated Teacher of the Third Class.
Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

Sep 22 Reopened School, after one month's holiday (on Monday the 18th). No new children admitted, and 12 have been absent all the week, greatly lowering the average, which is only 44.7. Gov. Grant £77.16.
29th This day (Friday) terminates the 1st Sch'l q'r and I have sent into the Mixed School 11 Boys, and 7 girls who will be over age next exam., to be presented as Infants. There was a holiday given on Wednesday, The schools being required for a Missionary Meeting. The Vicar visited the School on Monday & Tuesday. Av. 38.2.
Oct 2nd This day, the Second Sch'l quarter commences, and I have sent into the mixed department, all the children who will be seven years old before the next examination. There are now 49 names on the Books, and 42 were present on Monday. Average for the week 40.3.
On Wednesday night Oct the 3rd, My dear Husband (The Master of the Mixed School) was taken ill, and died suddenly on Friday the 6th Inst. The Infant School was closed for the week, and the Mixed School a fortnight in consequence.

1882 Oct. 9th. Mrs TAYLOR being naturally so affected by the loss she has sustained in the sudden death of her husband Mr John West TAYLOR, the Master of the Mixed School, and her health having given way under her affliction, the Schools are necessarily closed for a short time till arrangements can be made for carrying them on efficiently.
Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

Oct 20 On the 17th, Miss TAYLOR (assistant Mistress) assembled the Infants, and conducted the School in the Absence of the Mistress who was ill. Average for the week 22.3.
27 Miss TAYLOR still in charge of the Infants, and whenever I have looked in, have found them orderly, and working by the time table. My sons Henry & Frederick, have assisted me in taking the work of the Mixed School. Av. Infants 32.5. M.A. TAYLOR.
Nov 3rd I am still working the Mixed School, & Miss TAYLOR the Infants, but a Temporary Master is appointed, who will take charge of the former on Monday the 6th of November, so that I shall D.V. be able to take full charge of my School. M.A. TAYLOR. Average Infants 40.7.
10th Four Infants have been absent all the week, and Beatrice BIGGS has only made one attendance. Amy and Lucy CARNE's name, have been taken off the Registers & Admission Book, and Agness TAVENER [*Agnes TAVINER*] has left for the Winter, distance too great [*Mearns*]. Average 39.6.
17th 12 children have been absent, all the week, and the attendance very irregular, chiefly owing to the weather, which has been intensely cold & rainy. Monitors Emma YOUNG, & occasionally, Eliz'th PARKER. Average 30.9.
24th William & Rhoda RANDLE, gone back to reside at Bristol. George ASHMAN admitted on the 6th, is at home with the measles. Monitors Louisa CHIVERS and Sarah QUARMAN. Average 33.
Dec 1st During the past week, I have only been present one day and a half, The Doctor forbidding my attendance. The School was conducted by Miss TAYLOR, who is steady and persevering. Average 31.2. M.A. TAYLOR.
8th There has been a very low attendance in this Department, during the week, owing to the weather being intensely cold, & much snow on Thursday, and to day only 9 children were present. Average 21.2.
8th My engagement here, as Infant & Sewing Mistress would terminate at Xmas, but owing to continued ill health, my Vicar (The Rev'd E.C. STREETEN) has kindly permitted me to leave, a fortnight earlier, having had charge, of the School, eight years, and eight months. Mary Anne TAYLOR.

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- 1882
 Dec 15 Friday. During the past week, as during the most of my time Miss TAYLOR has had charge of the Infants' School and has been very attentive. The average is low through inclement weather, 10.4.
 22 Work as usual this week. E.T. GREGORY.
- 1883
 Jan 8th Commenced duties as Infant and Sewing Mistress, Emma A. MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class. Visitor, The Rev'd E.C. STREETIN (sic), Vicar.
 15 Made enquiries after eight absentees; heard that two had been accidentally burned, one kept at home owing to her Mother's illness.
 18 Rev. The Vicar visited and filled up some official returns; also brought some sewing materials.
 19 Having noticed last week that several of the Infants came with dirty hands an faces, and unkempt, I have succeeded in effecting some improvement by examining twice each day, immediately after opening School. The attendance has increased this week.
 22 The attendance has been better to-day, some having returned who have been absent owing to the severe weather. Taught the Infants a new action song.
 26 The attendance has continued good throughout the week. Two fresh admissions.
 29 Visitor the Rev. E.C. STREETIN. The words "and Infants" inserted in the footnote of the Time Table, by permission of the Rev. E.C. STREETIN.
 30 Rev. E.C. STREETIN visited. Half Holiday, Meeting of Pastoral Aid Society in the Evening.
- Feb 1 Visitor Rev. E.C. STREETIN, Vicar.
 5 Attendance not so good to-day owing to severity of weather; girls making progress with Marking and boys with Knitting.
 7 Ash Wednesday. Half Holiday.
 14 Aft'n, Rev. E.C. STREETIN visited, and announced the Diocesan Inspection on the 28th inst.
 17 Several absentees this week in consequence of the wet weather.
 19 Made enquiries after absentees. Martha L. DIX ill.
 22 Gilbert ASHMAN and Florence SLADE too late to be registered.
 26th Usual Routine; enquired after absentees.
 28th Diocesan Examination; over in time to mark the registers at the usual time.
- Mar 5th One admission; made enquiries after absentees.
 7th Attendance Officer visited; spoke to him about S.A. BAKER, who has been absent some time, and whose previous irregular attendance has left her far behind her class. Afternoon, Rev. E.C. STREETIN visited, bringing Report of Diocesan Inspector. Several younger children away owing to the severe weather.
- March 8th. The following is a Copy of the Diocesan Inspector's Report on Examination on Feb. 28th last, as far as it relates to the Infants:
 "Kindly & efficiently instructed; the Repetition quiet & accurate. Discipline excellent. The answering confined rather too much to the older ones; but this is often the case at the beginning of the year, I know. W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector."
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager & Correspondent.
- Mar 9 Received a pleasant note from A. ROGERS, thanking me for the progress made by his child while under my tuition, and regretting, that as he intended to send a child of three with her, the distance (nearly three miles) compelled him to send them to a nearer school. Aft'n, note from Mrs JAMES, stating that her daughter's absence was caused by illness.
 13 Aft'n, Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited; brought some new form and colour cards.
 15 Aft'n, Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited.
 16 The Clutton Attendance Officer called to make a few enquiries respecting any absentees living in his district.
 19 Taught a new piece to the Infants. One admission.
 23 Holiday. Good Friday.
 26 Rev. Mr STREETEN visited; one admission, several children away owing to a heavy snow-storm in afternoon.
 30 End of 3rd quarter of School year. Many absentees owing to weather.

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List of collective lessons to be given by the Head Mistress during the quarter ending June 30./'83.

Object Lessons.	
Rice	Candles
Coffee	Pins
Tea	Shoes
Coal	Water
Iron	Cleanliness
Money	Cruelty to Animals

Natural Phenomena.	Natural History.
Frost	The Cow
Snow	The Duck
Ice	The Sheep
Hail	The Goose
Rain	The Cat
Dew	The Sparrow

Form and Colour.	Singing Lessons.

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Apr 2nd Before nine this morning re-arranged the classes which did not face the same way. By the new arrangement the children have more room for marching.

6 Frank BLINMAN received a blow in the forehead from a stone aimlessly flung by another infant during the playtime; rubbed a little butter on the place to prevent a rising, and cautioned the children against throwing stones.

12 Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. Taught some of the elder girls to turn the heel of a stocking; other girls engaged in working the exercises specified in the Needlework Schedule.

13 The attendance has much improved this week and the average (49) is the highest for several months.

20 An increased attendance this week. Enquired after absentees. Taught the children a recitation in the afternoon, which they learnt very quickly.

23 Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. A supply of Needlework materials.

30 Leave granted to Thomas EVANS.

May 4th The attendance has increased this week. The girls are improving in their Needlework.

11 The Attendance this week has been fluctuating owing to the weather. Several girls finished their knitting and needlework. The School closed for the Whitsun Holidays (A week).

May 21st. I have carefully examined the Register[s] during the Whitsun week and found them tolerably well kept, there being only a few mistakes in casting up - they were slight ones and occurred chiefly during the Second Quarter, when the late Mistress was in great distress of mind and suffering from bodily disease. The entries were carefully & conscientiously made.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager & Correspondent.

May 21st. The School has been reopened this day after the usual Week's Holidays at Whitsuntide, and has been visited by me. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager & Correspondent.

May 25th Resumed School duties this week, after the Whitsun Holidays, the attendance has been good throughout the week. Several girls finished the garments for the Examination.

30 Attendance Officer visited; gave him the names of a few absentees.

Jun 6th. I have this day been over to the School, tested the number of attendances entered on the Registers and found them correct.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager & Correspondent. Emma A. MEREDITH, Mistress.

Jun 11 Aft'n, Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited.

13 Attendance Officer called; from a list of names which he produced, found that several children in this parish were not attending these schools. Mr PIKE promised to look them up, and also Gilbert BRIMBLE, who attends very irregularly.

18 Desired E. [Ellen] FORD to remain at home until cured of ringworm. Admitted E. [Emma] WILCOX, about six, does not know a letter.

22 Most of the girls and infants finished the specimens of needlework for Inspection during the week. The attendance has been good.

26 Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. Gov't Inspection on July 24th.

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Jun 29. Examined the Registers for the day & found them correct.
Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager. Emma A. MEREDITH, Mistress.

Jun 29 Rev. E.C. STREETEN and Miss STREETEN examined the needlework, and saw the infants perform position and needle drill. End of School Year. Made enquiries after absentees before writing the names in the new registers.

List of Collective Lessons to be given by the Head Mistress during the Quarter ending Sep'r 30.

Object Lessons.	
Needles	An Oak Tree
Cotton	Uses of Water
Clothing	Neatness
Leather	How to use a knife & fork

Natural Phenomena.	Natural History.
Rain	The Horse
A Rainbow	The Dog
Dew	The Pheasant
The Seasons	The Hare

Form and Colour.	Singing Lessons.

Jul 2 Commencement of School Year. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. The Attendance during the past week has been good, but one or two still attend very irregularly. Heard that Beatrice JAMES was kept at home through illness.

13 The attendance throughout the week has been fair, notwithstanding the unsettled state of the weather. A very pleasing result of a Lesson given a few weeks ago, happened this week. Four little boys, who had been present when the Mistress gave a lesson on "cruelty to animals", found a kitten, and carefully brought it to her. The owner was afterwards found.

20 The attendance throughout the week has been good until to-day, when many of the children were kept at home owing to the unfavourable weather. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited in the afternoon.

23rd Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited in the Afternoon.

24th School examined in the Afternoon by H.M.I. E.N. WIX Esqr.

27th Half Holiday.

30th Gilbert and Ada ASHMAN absent in consequence of the sudden death of their mother. [*Elizabeth ASHMAN of Scumbrum, Farmborough was buried on the 2nd August 1883 aged 32.*]

Aug 3rd Taught the children a new piece.

6th The attendance was small owing to a Temperance Fete at Timsbury.

8th Many absent in the afternoon owing to the heavy rain.

10 Half Holiday. Treat given to Sunday Scholars.

17 The attendance has been very fair throughout the week. This morning the School was visited by the Rev. F. STREETEN and Mr C. STREETEN, who examined the writing, and heard the children read and sing.

24 School closed for the Holidays (three weeks).

List of Collective Lessons to be given by the Head Mistress during the year ending June 30. 1884.

Object Lessons.	Natural History
Needles	The Dog
Cotton	The Hare
Leather	The Pheasant
Clothing	The Cat
An Oak Tree	The Fox
Coal	The Cuckoo
Money	The Ass
Glass	The Bee
Tea	The Rook
Gloves	The Fly
A Coal Mine	The Herring

Natural Phenomena.	Form and Colour.
Rain	
A Rainbow	Singing Lessons.
Dew	
The Seasons	-----
Ice	
Hail	

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Miscellaneous Lessons	
Neatness	A Town
Uses of water	Temperance
How to use a knife and fork	A Ship
Balloons	How to tell the time
Honesty	Mountains
Food	Punctuality

1883 August 17. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School, And Remarks (if any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infants' School: Infants' School. "The Infants are in very fair Order, and making on the whole satisfactory progress, though greater proficiency in Reading and more general answering in the Object Lessons will be expected if a high Merit Grant is to be earned next year. Writing was good, Arithmetic and Spelling very fair, Reading fair; the Girls' sewing was creditable, that of the Boys was indifferent. It is desirable to classify the children in more than one group for Object Lessons."

Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Mistress, Certificated Teacher of the First Class.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

Sep 17th School duties resumed after the Harvest Holidays (Three weeks). There was a fair attendance.

18 Note from C. TAVERNER [*Charles TAVINER*]'s Mother [*Mrs Elizabeth TAVINER*] stating that he had a bad leg, and was unable to come to School.

21 This afternoon Helena DIX accidentally struck her forehead against the door during the playtime. Sent her down to my house to have a little fresh butter rubbed on the affected part.

28 The attendance has been good throughout the week except on Monday Morning, which was very wet. Leave granted to Alice BACON on Wednesday. Girls engaged in Knitting. End of 1st Quarter of the School Year.

Sep'r 29. The School appears to have been conducted satisfactorily since it was reopened after the Holidays on the 17th instant. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

Oct 1 & 2 Commencement of 2nd Quarter of the School Year. Desired A. BEECHAM [*BEACHAM*] to remain until cured (ringworm). Boys and girls transferred, who will be over seven at the next Examination.

12 The attendance has been very fair throughout the week. The elder girls have been engaged in the afternoons in Knitting, Marking, darning, and patching etc.

Oct'r 16. Visited the School today and found the Monitors diligent in teaching the classes. [*E.C.S.*]

Oct 19 This afternoon the infants were taught a new piece, which they learnt very quickly. The reading is improving, and the new Reading Sheets for the 2nd Class which have been used for the last month are well adapted to their understanding.

22 Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited in the Afternoon.

23 Holiday; Annual Missionary Meeting at seven o'clock.

24 Gave the names of several infants who had been absent or irregular, to the Attendance Officer.

30 Children principally employed during the dark afternoons in Knitting, as being less trying to the sight. Gave a lesson on "Honesty" on 29th.

31st A practical result of a Lesson on "Honesty" given on the 29th, was shown by one of the infant boys, who refused to accept some apples which had been stolen by some boys from the Rev. E.C. STREETEN'S garden, and who gave the names of the offenders.

Nov 9th Several children have been absent during the week owing to wet weather and colds. The infants are making progress in writing, which was so well done on Thursday and Friday that a few were permitted to take it home to shew their parents, who were much pleased. The slates were brought back in the Afternoon.

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- Nov 16 The attendance has diminished this week, owing to the severe weather; nine only have attended ten times; many are absent through colds. This morning Mrs [Honor] WARE called to complain of her daughter [Elizabeth], who had been very idle and disobedient at home. Spoke earnestly to the girl, who promised amendment.
- 23 The attendance has been very fair during the week, notwithstanding the stormy weather. On Tuesday the 3rd Standard commenced their samplers; the other Standards have been engaged in knitting, darning, and plain sewing.
- 28 Attendance Officer visited. Gave the names of several absentees. Last Monday sent a girl to each, and found some are suffering from colds.
- 30 Miss Rosa TAYLOR completed her engagement as Assistant Mistress.
- Dec 3rd Miss E. MAGGS commenced duty as temporary assistant.
- 7th The School was closed this Afternoon and for next week, in consequence of the death of the Mistress' Mother, and her burial at some distance.
- 17th School resumed with a fair Attendance. E. MAGGS completed her engagement. Christmas Holidays. Received for needlework and paid to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £2. 3. 1.

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- Jan 4th On Monday Miss J. PRICE commenced her duties as Assistant Mistress (Art. 84) and Winifred EVANS as Monitress in the Infant School. The School duties were resumed on Monday after a week's Holiday. Received for needlework and paid to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £2. 3. 1. [see also 17 Dec '83]
- 11th The attendance this week has been very fluctuating owing to the weather. On Thursday, with Rev. E.C. STREETEN's permission the School was conducted by Miss M.J. MEREDITH, C.M., in the absence of the Mistress.
- 18 Made enquiries during the week after absentees. Several are kept at home until finer weather. George ASHMAN removed from the neighbourhood. The elder girls commenced their samplers this week. Taught the 1st Class Inf'ts to write their names.
- 25 The attendance has been fair throughout the week except yesterday morning. The Infant Boys and girls began their specimen knitting for Examination. During this afternoon, a severe snow and hail storm passed over, accompanied with thunder and lightning.
- Feb 1st The wet and stormy weather have influenced the attendance very much throughout the week; on Monday & Thursday the infant girls of 3rd Class were all absent. The School has made steady progress, and several boys finished their knitting. A parcel of knitting cotton etc. from the Rev. E.C. STREETEN.
- 8 The attendance has improved with the weather, although many of (of) the younger children are still absent. Sent the Monitress to enquire after the Absentees. The elder girls have been attentive to their needlework, and the infants have improved in reading and writing.
- 15 The attendance this week has been better. On Tuesday Morning the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN announced a half-holiday, as the room was wanted for a meeting of the Pastoral Aid Society at 7 o'clock. Rev. E.C. STREETEN brought notice of the Diocesan Inspection (to take place on the 28th). On Wednesday Mr PIKE called to enquire about the Attendance. Gave him the names of a few absentees. Sent to request Mrs CURTIS to keep her little boy at home until his head was well.
- 22 Gave some absentee returns to Mr PIKE. The attendance has been very fluctuating during the week owing to the stormy weather. On Thursday morning the younger children were nearly all absent.
- 27th As the children attended Church this morning (Ash Wednesday) the attendances were not registered. 28 Diocesan Inspection; half holiday in Afternoon.
- Mar 7th The weather has been very wet and stormy this week, and the attendance has been very poor in consequence, especially on Monday & Tuesday. The infants in each class are improving in reading and writing. Taught a recitation, and a new song.
- 11 Margaret HALL sent home as she did not appear well.
- 14 There has been a great improvement in the attendance this week, and most of those have returned that had been visited by the monitress last week.

March 14. The following is a Copy of the General Report of the Schools made by the Diocesan Inspector (Assistant) after Inspection on the 28th of February 1884, as far as it relates to the Infants:

"The Infants are well and intelligently taught; their knowledge very thorough for their age.

J. ELLERSHAW, Ass't Diocesan Inspector." E.C.S.

Mar 18 Find from enquiries after absentees that some are ill, one had no boots. The reading of the 1st Class is improving, but that of the 2nd Class wants attention.

21 The attendance has been regular throughout.

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- Mar 28 The sudden change in the weather has somewhat influenced the attendance through the week especially with the very little ones. Enquired after Marg. HALL who is still ill.
- Apr 4th Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited; received from him some calico etc.
 10 Miss PRICE (Assistant) absent with leave.
 11 Good Friday. Holiday.
 14 Very few infants in attendance; many of the absentees having gone off with their parents for the day. Miss PRICE being still absent with leave, I was requested by the Master to examine the First & second Standards; results poor.
 15 Easter Tuesday. Holiday.
 25 The attendance this week has been much better; the 1st Class (infants) have been engaged in making straw frames.
- May 2nd Several of the children are suffering from chicken pox. Frank BLINMAN is ill with Mumps, and Margaret HILL who has been ill for some weeks, is still unable to attend. Ada CARTER's name withdrawn in the register. She was a visitor in the neighbourhood, and has now returned home.
 9th Visited Frank BLINMAN on Monday; found him quite unable to attend school. Made enquiries after absentees, and find that several are coming on Monday.
 16th The fine weather has increased the attendance; enquired after E. [Emily] BIGGS, a new scholar who has attended very badly. Cautioned the children against going into the road, or on the Church steps whilst the restoration of the Church is in progress.
 19th Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited; received some sewing materials, and eight new primers. Frank BLINMAN, although better, will not be well enough to attend School until after Whitsuntide. Enquired after S. BAKER; kept at home for want of shoes.
 23 The average for week (49.2) shows an increase. John CARTER has been absent for three weeks; hear that he is from home.
- May 26th. Visited the School this morning, examined the Log Book; Counted the Children present at 11 o'clock and found the number correct. E.C. STREETEN. Emma A. MEREDITH.
- May 30th There has been a fair attendance during the week, and the school has made fair progress. Several girls from the mixed school completed the sewing & knitting for the Examination. School closed for the Whitsuntide Holidays (A week).
- Jun 9 School re-opened. Readmitted Kate MAIDMENT.
 10th One admission; several of the elder girls finished the needlework intended for the forthcoming Inspection. As there was not sufficient space in the registers to complete the attendances of the current year, that usually allotted to the Whitsun Holidays has been taken.
 16 Several little ones have gone with their parents to a Chapel anniversary.
 20 Made enquiries after absentees, several of whom will be coming to school next week.
 24 Received the announcement of the Gov't Inspection to take place on July 22nd. Supply of needlework materials.
 27th Made enquiries after absentees; several are kept at home through illness; Frank BLINMAN with scarlet fever; his sister Milly gone from home.
 30th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, and tested the registers. [E.A.M.'s writing]
- [continued in E.C.S.'s writing]:
 Also the number of Scholars, Infants, present this day, and found them correct. Edm'd. C. STREETEN. Emma A. MEREDITH.
- Jul 1st Commencement of School Year. Find, on enquiry that Emma [Emily Ada] BIGGS has gone, with her Mother [Elizabeth BIGGS, unmarried] to the Union [Workhouse]. George ROBINS, who only attended one morning, has left in consequence of distance.
 4 Arrival of some new reading-books.
 10 Mrs TAVERNER [Elizabeth TAVINER] called to pay the School Money (1d).
 17 Mr TUCKER, who has two children in school, visited this morning, and was much interested.
 22nd Government Inspection by E.N. WIX, Esq. H.M.I.
 25th Holiday
- Aug 1st Several of the Infants have been away this week through sickness. Admitted two new scholars. Frank & Milly BLINMAN still absent owing to fevers.

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Aug 8 One admission. The attendance this week has fallen off, owing to the club Anniversaries in the neighbourhood, and the intensely hot weather. On Thursday Afternoon the School was visited by Mrs [Mary] COX's children [of Rosewell Farm] and the governess. The School was closed to-day for the Summer Holidays (Three weeks). Government Report received.

Aug 11. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infants' School.
Infant's School. "In many respects the Infants are carefully and efficiently taught. Singing, Recitation, Writing and Spelling are good. Sewing is very good, and Arithmetic very fair. I cannot, however, call the School Good again if the Reading continues so defective and if there are so many absentees on the day of Inspection."
 Mistress - Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

1884-5 Collective Lessons for the year ending June 1885.

<u>Natural History.</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Lessons.</u>
The Fly	Coffee
The Cow	Pins. An Oak Tree
The Spider	Rice
The bee	Iron
The hare	Truthfulness
The cuckoo	Against cruelty to animals
The horse	Good behaviour
<u>Natural Phenomena.</u>	
Snow	Rain
A rainbow	Hail
Thunder	Ice
<u>Time.</u>	<u>Form and Colour.</u>
Six lessons	Six Lessons
Singing Lessons	Recitations
Marching	Drill

 Group I 1st Class. Group II 2nd & 3rd Classes.

Sep 1st School Duties resumed after the Summer Vacation (Three weeks). Admitted three pupils.

2 Punished Florence SLADE for causing her little sister [Ella Bessie] to play truant with her, and for throwing away the school money; sent a girl to look for it, without success.

9 Made enquiries after the absentees; Eva WESTCOMBE's name cancelled as she has left the neighbourhood.

12 The attendance has been good throughout the week. Leave granted to F. BLINMAN.

19 On Wednesday a list of absentees was given to the Attendance Officer. M. BLINMAN returned to school this week, having been from home for some months.

26 The attendance this week has been very good and the children are making fair progress. Cancelled F. [Florence] GARD's name, her mother considers her too young to attend school for the week (3¹/₂ years). After transferring the numbers to the Summary, found that two leaves had accidentally been turned over.

Oct 3rd On Monday, the second quarter of the School Year commenced. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited in the Morning, also on Tuesday Morning, when he announced a half-holiday, the room being required for a Missionary Meeting.

10th On Monday, Kate MAIDMENT, who has been absent through illness for some weeks, returned to school. Rev. the Vicar visited on Thursday Afternoon. Alice YOUNG absent this (Friday) Afternoon, having fallen down on her way to school.

17th The attendance has been somewhat irregular through the week, owing to the unsettled weather; several of the children are picking potatoes. The elder girls have been employed in knitting and mending in the Afternoons, and the younger children in knitting.

24th Admitted Lilly SAGE on Tuesday. Leave granted to Winnie EVANS every alternate Wednesday Afternoon. Attendance good throughout the week.

31st On Wednesday a list of absentees was made up for the Attendance officer who did not call. Reproved two of the elder girls for rude and frivolous conduct, and was afterwards much abused by one of the mothers who did not consider that her daughter was to blame. On Thursday Morning, an infant accidentally fell, and hurt her forehead; rubbed a little fresh butter in the lump, which soon subsided.

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- Nov 7th The attendance has not been so good this week owing to the weather. The attendances were marked on the 7th by the master owing to the illness of the mistress.
- 14th The Infants have this week been engaged during a portion of the Afternoon in position drill etc. instead of sewing, owing to the darkness. Mary BAKER, who has only attended 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days in six weeks ending Nov'r 7th has been absent three times this week. The girl is necessarily very backward, and her name has several times been given. Has only made one full week since July 1st.
- 21st Spoke [to] the Attendance Officer on Monday respecting Mary BAKER, mentioned in last Friday's entry; promised to look after her. Lilly SAGE and Rhoda CARTER have been absent through illness for the past fortnight and (and) two of the infants have left for the winter. Taught the little ones a new piece.
- 28th On Tuesday there was a great falling off in attendance, owing to the inclement weather. Gave a lesson on Wednesday Afternoon on paper-folding. Several of the upper standard, (girls) have this week been engaged in knitting Muffatees, others in the preparation of specimens of work required in Schedule III. Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited this Afternoon and heard the children recite and sing. Answered satisfactorily some enquiries respecting Louisa CHIVERS' skill in needlework. She is seeking a place as servant.
- Dec 5th The attendance has been very fluctuating this week owing to the stormy weather; only 25 present on Tuesday Morning.
- 12th Cautioned the infants against going near a heuch made for drainage purposes. On Thursday the weather was very wet, and in the Afternoon only 18 were present. Rhoda CARTER and Kate MAIDMENT are absent through illness. Gave Winifred EVANS a list of the absentees to be enquired after on Saturday. The Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited this afternoon.

I have this day visited the School - counted the number of Children present and found them correct. I have also tested the Registers and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

- Dec 19 I have for several weeks given extra attention to the reading, which is improving. On Thursday Afternoon the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, also on Friday Morning during the Arithmetic Lessons. Blankets distributed at 12.30 by the Vicar and Churchwardens. School closed in the Afternoon for the Christmas Holidays (a fortnight). Winifred EVANS left; gone to service. Handed to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £2. 1. 0 for needlework sold.

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- Jan 5th Resumed duties after the Christmas Holidays. Miss PRICE's place supplied by Miss MEREDITH. Admitted four.
- 9 With the exception of yesterday Afternoon which was wet, the attendance has been fair. Taught the Infants a recitation.
- 16 Made enquiries after absentees; Amelia CARTER, Beatrice JAMES and Henrietta CLEAVES are ill, Alice WILLIAMS kept at home owing to the cold weather, and M. BAKER absent without excuse. The attendances for the 1st w'k of second quarter having been entered in the third quarter, by mistake through the accidental turning of two leaves instead of one of the Summary, it was necessary to take them out to make room for last week's attendances.
- 23rd Three Admissions. The attendance has been good throughout the week notwithstanding the severe weather. The First is making improvement in writing and (and) Arithmetic. Made enquiries after absentees; several absent through illness.
- 30th The attendance throughout the week has been very irregular, owing to the wet weather. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Thursday Afternoon. To day (Friday), there was a half-holiday to prepare the room for a meeting of the Pastoral Aid Society.
- Feb 6th A wet week has again influenced the attendance; the infants commenced the knitting specimens on Thursday. One admission. 4th Standard commenced their samplers on Thursday.
- 13th The attendance has been much better this week, and the school has worked well. As no regular mistress has been engaged since W. EVANS left at Christmas it is very difficult to teach three classes of infants. On Wednesday the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN brought the notice of the Diocesan Inspection, to take place on Wednesday Afternoon, March 4th.
- 20 The usual routine has been observed through the week; writing of 1st class and reading of 2nd better.
- 27th The usual routine has been observed throughout the week and the attendance has improved. Spoke to Mr PIKE, the attendance Officer, about Mary BAKER on Wednesday. A half holiday was given to-day.

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- Mar 6th The attendance has been good through the week until this afternoon, when, owing to the severe weather, there were only 33 in attendance. On Wednesday the annual Scripture Examination took place. The examiner was the Rev. W. MICHELL who was much pleased with the results. There were 48 infants present. Several of the elder girls completed their samplers this week.
- 13 Notwithstanding the severe weather the attendance has been good, and the school has made progress. Commenced a new reading book in the 1st Class. The elder girls have been engaged in the Afternoons in knitting, herringboning, and mending, and the infants in sewing and knitting.
- March 13. The following is a Copy of the "General Report of the School" made by the Diocesan Inspector, after examination, on the 4th instant, as far as it relates to the Infants:
 "The Infants are bright & quietly taught, saying their Repetition very well. A pleasant group of children. W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector." E.C.S.
- Mar 20 The attendance this week, has been good, and the children have worked well. Two re-admissions. Made the usual enquiries after absentees and find that some are suffering from measles.
- 23rd Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. The attendance has fallen off very considerably this week owing to the prevalence of Measles; over 30 of the infants are suffering, and several in the Mixed School. Parcel of needlework materials.
- Apr 2nd Two Admissions. Many of the Infants are suffering from Measles, and the attendance has been very small this week in consequence.
- 3rd Holiday - Good Friday.
- 6th School closed for a fortnight owing to the rapid spread of Measles, more than two thirds of the infants being ill. Received a clock Face with movable hands.
- 20th Re-opened School with a small attendance, several of the children being still unable to attend. Although the weather has been fine, have kept on fires for the comfort of those children who have returned to school, who still look delicate.
- 25 [24th] On Friday Morning the school was dismissed for the day, only seven having attended in consequence of the stormy weather and the sickness still prevailing.
- May 1st The attendance has improved this week; many who have been absent (sick) for some weeks have returned and there were some admissions. On enquiry hear that some who have recovered are kept at home until the weather becomes warmer.
- 8 The infants who have returned to school after their illness have been engaged in hemming handkerchiefs, making straw frames etc. in the Afternoons. The sickness which has been prevalent for so many weeks has influenced the school very materially and much of what has been taught has been forgotten, especially among the younger children. The elder girls from the mixed dep't are doing their work with care and are making progress.
- 15 The attendance has increased this week. Two of the parents visited the School this week and were much pleased. Received some Marking canvas from the Rev. E.C. STREETEN.
- 22 Nothing has occurred this week of importance. The school closed for the usual Whitsun Holidays (A week).
- June 1. I have this day visited the School, tested the number of Children present - looked into the Registers and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.
- Jun 1st Rev. The Vicar visited bringing with him the Official Returns. School Duties were resumed this morning after the Whitsun Holidays. Attendance good.
- 5 Several girls finished their Needlework this Afternoon.
- 12 The Attendance has been good and the children have made progress. The weather has been so hot that some of the babies became very sleepy in the afternoons, consequently shortened the collective lessons and allowed them to sing.
- 19 Most of the girls have finished their needlework and knitting; some however who have attended irregularly will not finish until next week. Have been without a Monitress since Christmas, and find it difficult to teach four classes without help. The Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Thursday Afternoon and brought some Needles etc. Taught the Infants a Kindergarten song and game. Admitted Bessy HOWE.
- 26th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Thursday Afternoon. Sent the Registers to the Vicarage for examination. The attendance has increased this week, but (but) has been very fluctuating owing to the unsettled weather. Admitted two infants.

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Jun 29th On Monday Lucy CARN[E]'s name was withdrawn as she has left the neighbourhood.

June 30th. I have this day visited the Infant School and tested the numbers and the Registers and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

Jun 30th End of School Year. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited and heard some of the pieces. Punished Sarah TUCKER in the afternoon for gross misconduct (bad language, disobedience, and impertinence). Afterwards placed the matter before the Rev. E.C. STREETEN, who severely reprimanded the girl, and insisted that she should make an apology to her Mistress, and promise better behaviour for the future, which she did in the presence of her Mother who had come up in a great rage, and with the evident intention of creating a disturbance.

Jul 1st Commencement of the School Year.

2nd Received some new Reading books, an Alphabet Card, and a Summary from the Rev. E.C. STREETEN.

3rd Sarah TUCKER (see Tuesday's entry) has been absent since Tuesday. Frank DAVIS absent through whooping cough for the past fortnight.

10 Nothing has occurred this week beyond the usual routine. Withdrew Gilbert GREGORY's name, as he has left the neighbourhood.

17th Cynthia HALLETT's name withdrawn; she was on a visit. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Wednesday. Find on enquiry, that several of the children have been and still are suffering from whooping cough. The Schools have suffered much through sickness during the last half.

24 Admitted Fred SMITH on Monday. Whooping cough still prevalent. Ernest DANDO absent owing to the accidental death of his father [Henry DANDO was buried on 26th July 1885 aged 45]. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Friday Afternoon.

27 Annual Inspection by H.M.I. Rev'd H.B. BARRY, and Mr CROUCH, Assistant Inspector.

28 Weather very hot; several absentees.

Aug 3 Being Bank Holiday several of the children are gone off with their parents.

4 Admitted Elizabeth JAMES, and sent for particulars.

7th Broke up for the Harvest Holidays. Three weeks.

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Natural History.

The Cat
The Dog
The Fox
The Sheep
The Pigeon
The Rook
The Wasp

Miscellaneous Lessons.

Tea
How to use a knife and fork
Leather
Shoes
Money
A Shop
Coal
Cleanliness
Order

Natural Phenomena.

Dew
Frost
Spring
Summer

Time.

Six lessons.
Singing Lessons
Marching

Form and Colour.

Six Lessons.
Recitations etc.
Drill

Group I, 1st Class. Group II, 2nd & 3rd Classes.

Accepted. H.B. BARRY, H.M Inspector. July 27, 1885.

1885 Aug 13. Copy of the Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made so far as they relate to the Infants' School:

Infants' School. "The Infants are orderly and sing very fairly. There is some improvement in Elementary work, but further improvement is needed to entitle the School to be classed as Good. The Needlework of the Girls was very fair, of the Boys moderate. The Recitation was good. A Monitor is much wanted."

Mistress - Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

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- Aug 31 Commenced School duties after the Harvest Holidays; admitted Charles HALL (in his 6th year) who cannot say the Alphabet. Enquired after the WILLIAMS's, and hear that they are about to remove from the neighbourhood.
- Sep 4th Sent after absentees, several of whom are coming on Monday.
- 11th Most of the children have returned to school. A half Holiday was given on Tuesday Aft'n, to prepare the room for a Missionary Meeting.
- 18th The attendance has been good throughout the week and the classes have made fair progress. The 1st Class can now read a few pages of their new books, and can write several of the capital letters. Reading is improving in the 2nd Class, but the progress of the children is much retarded for want of a monitress.
- 25 On Monday, Annie, Charlotte and Eli DIX came without their school fees. As they make a practice of doing so, and frequently bring only one week's money when three or four are owing, the eldest (Annie) was sent home for it and did not return. They have not attended school since.
- Oct 2nd Drew the Rev. E.C. STREETEN's attention on Monday to the irregularity of payment of School Fees by the DIXes mentioned above, and also by two children named BROOKS [*Frederick & Mary*]. Rosa JAMES lost her money on her way to school. The attendance has been much improved this week.
- 9th 2nd quarter of the school year commenced on Monday. Attendance good throughout except on Monday which was very wet. Fires commenced on Tuesday. Lambert DIX returned to school after an absence of three weeks through illness.
- 16 The attendance has improved this week in consequence of notices sent out by the Attendance Officer; the usual routine has been observed. As the weather has been cold and wet this week, the classes have been placed nearer to the fire; if the children get wet on their way to School their clothes are dried.
- 23rd On Thursday Afternoon Daisy BLINMAN was taken ill; sent her home by one of the elder girls, and cancelled her attendance. The girls from the Mixed Department have during the Afternoons been engaged in knitting, mending, and darning.
- 30th The attendance has been fair this week. Mary BAKER has been absent, and has only attended 19 times out of 40; have repeatedly drawn the attention of the Attendance Officer to this family. Annie ASHMAN absent through illness, and A. BEECHAM [*BEACHAM*] and Charles HALL through distance and bad weather. Sent after arrears of School Fees, and recovered ninepence.
- Nov 6th The attendance still keeps up owing to the fine weather. In the afternoon the 3rd Standard have been engaged in practising on canvas: stitching, herring-bone, and darning; the other standards have been employed in knitting stocking. On Thursday morning, noticed that S. TUCKER had a bad head, and desired her to stay at home until well.
- 13th The attendance still continues to keep up. Lily SAGE returned to school.
- 20th The school is making progress in reading and writing; the 1st Class can now write their names, text, capital and small letters, and several common words: the 2nd class have nearly completed the small alphabet from copy, and several of the babies can make "o" "a" & "e". A few are absent through sickness.
- 27th Except on Thursday, which was wet, the attendance has been good. A half holiday was given on Wednesday Afternoon. Admitted Amy CARTER. Cautioned the children against making a noise whilst passing the Lodge; Lizzie PARKER, a schoolfellow, being very ill.
- Dec 4th On Monday Afternoon a holiday was given, the room being required for a meeting. On Friday Afternoon there was a poor attendance owing probably, to the funeral of the poor girl mentioned in the entry Nov 27th. [*Elizabeth Ellen PARKER was buried on 4th December 1885 aged 13.*]
- 11th Owing to the severe weather a number of the children have been kept at home. Half holiday on Tuesday. Polling Day.
- Dec 15. I have this day visited the School, tested the Registers and found them correct. I have also heard some of the elder children in this Department read. They read nicely and correctly, but might have given better expression. Edm'd C. STREETEN.
- Dec 18th The attendance has been poor during the week owing to the damp weather and the near approach of Christmas. Several of the infants have been absent this week through illness.
- 23 The attendance has been exceedingly poor this week notwithstanding every effort to get them together. On Tuesday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. School closed for the Christmas Holidays.

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- Jan 4th Handed to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £1.11. 8¹/₂ work sold. Commenced school after the Holidays.
- 8 The attendance has been poor owing to the severity of the weather. Bertie LAMB returned to school after an illness of some weeks.
- 15 Owing to the continued severity of the weather, many little ones have not been able to attend. An excellent treat was given this afternoon to the Day Schools by Colonel [Barton] and Mrs SCOBELL. Useful presents were given to each scholar, and toys were distributed from a large Christmas Tree. The children behaved well, and after giving three hearty cheers for the donors, and the Rev. E.C. STREETEN etc. they were dismissed with oranges, biscuits, bonbons & sweets. Mr & Mrs SCOBELL were much pleased with the Singing and Recitation.
- 29th During the past fortnight the inclemency of the weather has operated most unfavo[u]rably upon the attendance which has been very low especially during the past week. The frost has been very severe, and there was a heavy fall of snow. Those who attended worked well, and are making ss. The 4th and 5th Standards from Mixed Dep't have been engaged in marking; the others in practising the specimen work.
- Feb 5th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited the School on Monday Morning for a short time. Sent a list of Needlework Materials required. The attendance has much improved owing to the favourable weather.
- 12 Many of the younger children have been absent this week owing to sickness etc. The usual routine has been observed.
- 19th On Tuesday a holiday was given. Rev. E. STREETEN visited with the usual Notice of the Diocesan Inspection to take place on March 4th.
- 26 The classes are making progress, although the work has been retarded throughout the year for want of a monitress, as recognised by H.M. Inspector. The Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited this morning. Some coloured cotton and a parcel of needlework received.
- Mar 4th The School was examined to-day by the Rev. Mr HAWKINS, Diocesan Inspector, who was pleased with the results. Rev. E.C. STREETEN was present.
- 5 Holiday.
- 12 The continued severity of the weather has again influenced the attendance. Three admissions. Ash Wednesday. Holiday. Some knitting cotton etc. received. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Monday and brought the Diocesan Inspector's Report.

March 12. The following is a Summary of the "Report of Religious Instruction" made by the Diocesan Inspector, as far as regards the Infants Department of these Schools, after examination held on the 4th inst:

"Knowledge of Old Testament, New Testament & Catechism"- Marked all, "v.g." -
 "Repetition of Scripture, Hymns, Collects, etc. and Catechism" - Marked all, "v.g."
 General Report of Infants School - "This is a very pleasant School. The infants looked bright and intelligent and answered very nicely the questions put to them."
 J.B.H. HAWKINS for W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Mar 19th As the Spring advances many little ones are returning who have been absent during the winter, and the attendance this week has improved. J. TUCKER and F. SMITH absent through colds.
- 26th Florence GARD's name removed from the Register, her parents [*father Francis GARD, policeman*] having gone to reside at Compton Martin. One Admission.
- Apr 2nd Find it extremely difficult to teach nearly 70 infants and superintend and teach the needlework to the girls from the Mixed Dep't without assistance; on Monday represented the matter to the Rev. E.C. STREETEN who promised to see E. MAGGS who has occasionally been engaged.
- 9 On Monday the 4th quarter of the School Year was commenced. S.A. EVANS, G. CARTER, H. DIX, F. SMITH and A. JAMES are on the sick list. Admitted Gilbert YOUNG. Enquired after absentees on Friday.
- 16 The attendance has been good this week, although several are still away. On Tuesday the Anniversary of the opening of the Church was celebrated. Taught the children a new piece on Wednesday.
- 22nd The usual routine has been observed.
- 23rd Holiday being Good Friday.
- 30th Several specimens of "varied occupations" were completed by the Infants during the week. On Thursday the Head Mistress was absent by permission of the Vicar, and the School was conducted by the Assistant Mistress.

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- May 7th The attendance has improved and there were several admissions. Have given special attention to tables this week. The card frames finished by the 1st Class.
- 10th The numbers this week have reached to 70, and as no monitress has been appointed I find it very difficult to keep the four classes going and to superintend the needlework of the upper standards.
- 13th Mrs [Mary Jane] HILLMAN requested that Daniel should not be pressed as he has an internal complaint.
- 14 The weather yesterday was wet and very cold and the attendance suffered. There was an improvement to-day.
- 21st During the week the usual routine has been observed and the attendance has been good. Find the plan of keeping the elder girls a few minutes after the others to fix their own work, a good one; it insures their attendance at school, and no time is lost next day.
- 28 The first class have made very fair progress during the past week, and most of them read fairly well. Desired the pauper children to bring their cards more regularly.
- Jun 4th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited the school on Monday. Taught a new Kindergarten song. On Thursday, received the Britannia Tables and some sewing materials etc. from Rev. E.C. STREETEN, who also visited the School.
- 11th Most of the needlework prepared for the forthcoming Examination has been completed during the week. On Friday the School was closed for the usual Whitsun Holidays (a week).
- 21 On Monday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. Admitted Minnie PETERS, a visitor.

June 21. I have this day Tested the Registers and found them correct in the number of Scholars present. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

- Jun 30th End of the School Year. On Monday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, examined the writing, and heard the children sing.
- Jul 1st Attendances marked in the new Registers.
- 2nd The attendance has been good throughout the week but a few are absent through the Mumps.
- 9th On Tuesday sent M. BROOKS home for her School Money; her mother came back with her and paid twopence; promised to pay the arrears shortly. On Wednesday a note was brought by an infant stating that his handkerchief had been taken from him by a girl named Georgina TUCKER who claimed it. Made enquiries and desired the girl to restore it. The handkerchief was returned.
- 16 Nothing of importance has occurred during the week. In the Afternoons the girls have been working from the Needlework Syllabus, and on two occasions needlework has been substituted for writing in the lowest class of the infants, in consequence of being still without a monitress.
- 23 Made enquiry on Friday Morning respecting a handkerchief which had been lost on the road, and found that it had been picked up by one of the infants. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, and examined the writing of the 1st Class (infants).
- 28th School Inspected by H.M. Inspectors, Messrs CURRIE [R.F. CURRY] and [S.] NORRIS.
- 29th Infants transferred to the Mixed School, others promoted.
- Aug 5 The usual routine has been observed throughout the week. School closed for the Harvest Holidays (For three weeks).

Aug't 12th. Copy of the Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made so far as they relate to the Infants' School:
Infants' School. "The Infants are orderly and have been taught with great care. They are fairly well advanced in the Elementary Subjects, and answered the questions on the Object Lessons very intelligently. Mrs MEREDITH requires assistance. Another Teacher under Article 84, who could occasionally assist in the Mixed School would be of very great help."

Mistress - Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN. Correspondent.

- Aug 30th Noticed on re-opening School after three weeks' vacation, that the seat of one of the school chairs had been damaged, probably by one of the Sunday Scholars. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. There were several admissions, none of whom know the Alphabet.

Aug 30th. I have this day visited the School, tested the numbers of the children present and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

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- Sep 3rd The attendance has been good and the children have been attentive to their lessons.
 10th Until to-day which is wet, there has been a full school. On Monday W. TORRANT [Willie TARRANT], an infant of three, lost his School Money, while coming to School; desired his elder sister [Martha] to bring it for the future.
 17th Some of the children have been absent this week picking potatoes; promoted five to the first Class. Girls from Mixed Dep't engaged in knitting.

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<u>Natural History.</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Lessons.</u>
The Lion	Pins
The Horse	Gloves
The Bee	A plum pudding
The Pigeon	Cotton
The Cow	A book
The Fly	Sugar
The Cuckoo	Honesty. Behaviour
The Salmon	Truthfulness. Order
<u>Natural Phenomena.</u>	
Hail	A Volcano
Snow	Rain. Steam
<u>Time.</u>	<u>Form & Colour.</u>
Seven Lessons	Seven Lessons
Singing Lessons	Marching
Recitations, etc.	Drill
Varied Occupations.	Sewing and Knitting

 Group I, 1st Class. Group II, 2nd & 3rd Classes.

- Sep 24th The school has been well attended during the week. A. FORD, A. CURTIS and G. [George] HOWE have been absent through illness.
- Oct 1st Removed Joseph CARTER's and Beatrice CHIVERS' names, they having left the neighbourhood. Commencement of 2nd quarter of School Year.
- 8th Owing to the continued fine weather there has been a good attendance. Henry JAMES and Fanny WYATT absent through colds. Mary BAKER absent all the week; this girl has only made 14 attendance out of 60. Have repeatedly drawn Mr PIKE's attention to this girl.
- 15 The attendance this week has been very fluctuating, and yesterday and to-day over two thirds have been absent owing to the stormy weather. Fires in School.
- 22 On enquiry find out the R. JAMES is absent owing to her mother's illness. Lilly YOUNG, Amelia CARTER, and S. ASHMAN are ill. The usual routine has been observed.
- 29th Most of the girls from the Mixed Dep't have been engaged in knitting in the Afternoon. The 4th, 5th & 6th Standards are now able to cast-on, and to knit their stockings, and I am consequently able to devote more time to the lower standards, and infants. The attendance was very poor in consequence of the weather.
- Nov 5th The attendance has been very variable this week owing to continuous stormy weather. On Tuesday a holiday was given, the room being required for a Missionary meeting. Wednesday was very stormy, but there were over 30 present; took off the outer garments of those who were wet and dried them. Pencils. On Friday Afternoon it rained heavily and only eight children (from the immediate neighbourhood), consequently no school was held.
- 12th During the afternoon the girls from the Mixed Department have been engaged in knitting and marking, and the 1st Class Infants in knitting. Paulton Hospital opened on Tuesday. Attendance for the week variable. Two new dusters.
- 19th The usual routine has been observed during the week, and the Classes have worked fairly, but their progress is much retarded for the want of the necessary help recommended by H.M. Inspector. The First Class completed the Capital Letters from Black Board, and have begun to copy from Manuscript Card. Fair attendance except on Wednesday Morning (wet). Taught a new Dialogue.
- 26 Received a Note on Tuesday from E. TORRANT [Mrs Elizabeth TARRANT] requesting that the children's School Fees should be allowed to stand over until next week. Sent E. DIX, C. DIX and W. PEARCE home for their money which was afterwards brought. Parcel of canvas and crewels received.
- Dec 3 The attendance has fallen off this week owing to the severe frost. The 4th, 5th & 6th Standards are making progress with their samplers, and will probably complete them by Xmas. Mended the Alphabet Card. 2nd Class (Infants) completed the small letters.

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Dec 10th Nothing of importance has occurred during the week. For the season the attendance has been good owing probably to the arrangement of the classes near the fire.
17th Cautioned the children against standing too near their fires at home. Rhoda CARTER absent owing to a severe scald. Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited on Wednesday and found the attendances right.

Dec'r 15th. I visited the Infant School this day, tested the numbers present, and found them correct.

[E.C.S.'s writing]

Dec 24th School closed for the Christmas Holidays. There has been a poor attendance through the week owing to the severity of the weather. Handed to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £1.13. 9¹/₂, for needlework sold.

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Jan 10th School duties resumed after a fortnight's holiday. A meagre attendance owing to the frost and snow. Several away through severe colds.

14th Attendance poor through the week.

21st Attendance improved, but many still absent. Have this week paid special attention to reading and writing. 1st & 2nd classes commenced writing words from black board. Several of the girls from the Mixed Dep't finished their samplers. Standard III worked exercises in darning. A few infants completed their knitting.

28th The usual routine has been observed but the attendance has been poor owing to the unsettled weather. Several girls finished their samplers.

Feb 4th Attendance improved. Amelia CARTER came without her school money last week; this week she brought a penny which she dropped between the gallery and the wall. Lambert DIX spent his school money in Marbles.

8th Rev. E.C. STREETEN tested the attendance which agreed with the Registers.

Feb 8th. Visited the Schools this day. Tested the numbers present and examined the children. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

Feb 18th The continued severity of the weather has influenced the attendance this and last week; several also are absent from colds. Ernest CURTIS was yesterday accused by E. [Elizabeth] HOWE and sister of stealing a pencil. Made enquiries, and found that they had lost it on their way to school; cleared the boy, and punished his accusers for falsehood.

21 Samuel ASHMAN re-admitted after an absence of several weeks. Two boxes of slate pencils received.

23 Holiday. Ash Wednesday.

25 Notice of Diocesan Inspection to take place on March 23rd.

Mar 4th Attendance much improved being an increase of nine in the weekly average. On Wednesday received a parcel of needlework materials from Rev. E.C. STREETEN.

11th The attendance continues to improve, and there is an improvement in the reading and writing. On Friday was unable to attend school owing to a severe cold; the School was conducted by Miss M.J. MEREDITH (Certificated, 2nd Class).

18 On Tuesday a very heavy snow storm rendered the roads impassable; no school was held for remainder of the week.

25 The very severe and prolonged winter has operated most unfavourably upon the School. A great number have been absent for weeks and some for the whole of the winter, and have only begun to return during the last three or four weeks; have consequently been unable to prepare them as fully as usual for the Scripture Examination March 23, at which however the children acquitted themselves fairly well.

Apr 1st Usual routine through the week; an improved attendance consequent on finer weather.

8th Infants this week mostly engaged in hemming handkerchiefs for Examination instead of the ordinary strips. Most of the girls from the Mixed Dep't have finished their Samplers, with which they have taken great pains. Good Friday. Holiday.

April 13. Diocesan Inspector's Report as far as it respects the Infants: Infants. "Cheerfully & quietly taught. Satisfactory answering from a good proportion." Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary & Manager.

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- Apr 15th The attendance has increased and the usual routine has been observed. On Thursday Mrs [Mary Jane] HILLMAN came to say that Joseph was absent owing to an accident; was taken to the Bath Infirmary on Friday.
- 19th Harry YOUNG picked his nose, which bled; put a water pad [on].
- 22 Have admitted several children during the last fortnight. Consented to take on trial two little ones of three years, but they cried almost incessantly until they were sent home. Owing to the number of admissions I have been compelled to form another class, and find it very difficult, without assistance to teach four classes and the needlework of the upper standards from the Mixed Dep't. Heard that Joseph HIL[L]MAN had been taken to Bath Hospital to undergo an operation owing to an accident one night last week.
- 25th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, and heard the Infants sing; he also tested the attendances and Registers, and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN. [E.A.M. wrote, E.C.S. signed]
- Sent Lambert DIX and Ernest BIRD home for their School money; cancelled their attendances as they did not return.
- 26 This afternoon only eleven children attended owing to the very heavy rains; dismissed them by Mr STREETEN's direction.
- May 2nd Many absent owing to the wet weather. Noticed that a little fellow named [George Henry] ASHMAN was crying; examined him, and found that his stocking was soaked with water, owing to a broken shoe; as fire had been discontinued, went to the Sch. house for a warm stocking and an old shoe, and desired his sister [Annie] to put them on.
- 7th The attendance has been better through the week and the classes are progressing. In the afternoon of Tuesday Joe CHIVERS had rubbed his dirty hands in his face & was told to wash in the usual bucket of water prepared for needlework in which the girls afterwards washed. The boy was in the Infant School where the girls sew, from three till 4.30 and did a writing and spelling lesson.
- 13th On Monday Morning, Charles CARTER from Mixed school was temporary Monitor; gave him some new long pencils to distribute, missed one and immediately enquired. CARTER was much confused, and pretended to search under the desk and benches; was told to feel in his pocket, produced a small pencil, and on being told that it must be found, finally produced the missing pencil. 10th, Took charge of Mixed Dep't owing to the unavoidable absence of the Master. Eli DIX absent through sickness. Holiday on the eleventh; Church Anniversary.
- 20 On Monday, desired Eli DIX to remain at home until cured, there being some suspicious looking sores on his wrist etc. Spoke seriously to W. HOWE and E. JAMES respecting some falsehoods which they confessed. Same morning, Tuesday Col. SCOBELL visited the Schools, heard the infants sing etc. and was much pleased.
- 27 Joseph HILLMAN returned to school after an illness of about six weeks, part of which time was spent in Bath Hospital. Mistress absent on Tuesday and Thursday with consent of managers; School taken by daughter (Certificated). Sarah YOUNG absent through illness (ringworm). School closed for Whitsun Holidays (a week).
- Jun 10th Two admissions this week. Rosina HIL[L]MAN absent through a broken leg, and Amy FORD through being bitten by a dog. The elder girls engaged in the afternoon, in finishing the garments prepared for the Examination.
- June 15th. I have this day visited the School, counted the numbers, compared them with the Registers and found them correct. I have also examined the work and heard them recite a dialogue or two. They seem to enter into the spirit of it. Edm'd C. STREETEN.
- Jun 17 The attendance has been fair this week, but the children have been restless and sleepy owing to the intense heat.
- 24th A holiday was given on the 21st being Jubilee Day. The children attended Church in the Morning, and afterwards adjourned to the Vicarage Lawn for some cake. The fetes held in the neighbouring parishes have interfered with the attendances. No school on 23rd owing to the Jubilee at Clutton.
- 30 Attendance Officer visited the adjoining department on Wednesday. End of School Year.
- Jul 1st New Registers commenced with the Sch. Year.
- 8th On Monday received a note from Mrs CARTER stating that her little girl was unable to attend owing to chicken pox. Lily EVANS absent from same cause. Several away through illness. Holiday on Tuesday. The weather has been intensely hot during week: found it impossible to keep two or three little ones awake. Lottie GREEN absent through whooping cough.

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- Jul 15th Rain fell heavily on Tuesday dinner time, several absent in afternoon in consequence. Sarah YOUNG still absent through ringworm. Chicken-pox very prevalent.
- 19 Annie FORD and Harry CARTER absent through chicken pox. Charles ASHLEY absent through illness. Willie TARRANT very poorly during the morning; absent in afternoon. During the afternoon Mrs TAVERNER [*Elizabeth TAVINER*] came to complain of Eliza CHIVERS, who had been ill using one of her children on the way to school; reprimanded the girl who was very troublesome.
- 20 School examined by H.M. Inspectors.
- 22 Usual routine. Sold some of the handkerchiefs.
- 29th The attendance has been fluctuating this week. Holiday on Tuesday. Celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee on Thursday. School closed for the Summer Holidays.

August 2nd. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and Remarks (if any) to be made so far as they relate to the Infants' School: Infants' Class. "The Infants have been taught with great care and have made good progress."

Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Mistress, Certificated Teacher of the First Class.
Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Aug 29th Re-opened School after the Holidays (A Month) with a fair Attendance. Enquired after absentees. Girls from Mixed Dep't engaged in knitting in the Afternoons
- Sep 8th Walter PEARCE came to School at five minutes to three.
- 16th Last winter, thought it desirable to caution the children about fire, and told them if their clothes should become ignited when alone to roll on the floor: last week a little boy of five was lighting himself to bed when his shirt took fire, and he immediately rolled on the floor and extinguished the flame; afterwards told his mother that his governess told him to do so.
- 23 A Holiday was given on Tuesday; the annual Missionary Meeting in the evening. Lambert DIX spent a portion of his school money in sweets; sent to acquaint his mother. Admitted George H. SMITH and Clara TAYLOR, (the latter being a visitor). Rev'd E.C. STREETEN visited on Monday Aft'n.
- 30 The usual routine has been observed through the week. The progress in each class has been fair considering that the work is new. End of 1st quarter.
- Oct 7th Florence TAYLOR lost her school money; sent home to inform her mother. The weather during the week has been very cold.
- 10 Fires commenced. Re-admitted R. HILLMAN who has been absent many months through a broken thigh.
- 14 The usual routine has been observed throughout the week, and a slow, but perceptible progress has been made, but the work is very uphill without help.
- 21 A number of the children have been absent this week picking potatoes; a few have been absent through illness.
- 28 School visited on Tuesday Morning by Rev. E.C. STREETEN and another gentleman. Ernest BIRD lost his school money; desired his father to send it for the future, by one of the elder children. Attendance better.

1887 Oct 31. I have this day visited the School counted the numbers of the Infants present, compared them with the Registers and found them correct. I also heard the infants examined, the younger ones in their knowledge of the letters of the Alphabet, the elder ones of birds, beasts & fishes. They answered very nicely. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

- Nov 1st No school was held this morning in consequence of (of) the violent gales and the heavy rains.
- 4th The attendance has been influenced by the weather all the week.
- 11th Several have been absent through colds this week, and two or three have left for the winter; the classes are improving in reading writing and sewing and nearly all the 1st Class can knit.
- 18th On Monday afternoon the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited. On Tuesday a holiday was given, a meting being held in the evening on Irish Missions. On Wednesday Samplers commenced. Infants engaged in sewing and knitting.

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<u>Natural History.</u>		<u>Miscellaneous Lessons.</u>
The Squirrel		Candles
The Shark		Soap
The Deer		Glass
The Bee		An Oak Tree
The Cow		Shoes
The Bear		A Chair
The Horse		Coal. Order
The Hen		Behaviour at Meals
The Whale		Uses of Mountains
Cruelty to animals		Helping Mother
	<u>Natural Phenomena.</u>	
Rain	Hail	Steam
Snow	Thunder	Ice
<u>Time.</u>	Six Lessons	
<u>Form & Colour.</u>	Six Lessons	
Singing Lessons.		Recitations.
Marching.		Drill.
Varied Occupations.		

- Nov 25th The usual routine has been observed throughout the week; admitted Ethel SAGE aged three years, from Bishop Sutton.
- Dec 2nd Lambert and Thomas DIX sent to school on Monday; spent their school money in sweets at Jane DANDO's; these children attend very irregularly, their mother [Mrs Emily DIX] who is a cripple having no control over them. Willie SALVIGE [SALVAGE] lost his school money on his way, sent to his mother [Mrs Elizabeth SALVAGE].
- 9 Re-admitted Elizabeth JAMES, who left last May to attend a Dame School; find on examination that she has forgotten what she knew. Sky light broken during the night's (Thursday) storms, by a piece of shute falling on it.
- 16 The severe weather and the approach of Christmas, seems to have influenced the attendance. Several of the Infants are reported sick.
- 22 Usual routine. Attendance small. School closed for the Christmas Holidays. Received for needlework and paid to Rev. E.C. STREETEN the sum of £2. 1. 3.
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- Jan 9th School re-opened after a fortnight's holiday, with a fair attendance. Classes arranged round the fire.
- 13 The cold weather during the week has made the attendance irregular. Several girls finished their samplers.
- 20 Elizabeth QUARMAN commenced duty as Monitress. Mistress unable to attend school on Tuesday owing to a violent cold. School conducted by Assistant & Monitress. Mistress able to resume work on Wednesday a.m.
- 27 Improved attendance. One admission. Infants improving in reading, writing and sewing.
- Feb 3rd The strike now pending has influenced the attendance; a few are away through colds. Sent a list of needlework materials on Monday. Infants practised knitting in Afternoons.
- 10th Taught the infants the chain stitch. Have confined the Arithmetic to the Britannia Tables, which are very good. Attendance diminished on Friday Aft'n in consequence of the rain.
- 27th The school has been closed during the past fortnight (except Monday 13th) in consequence of the heavy fall of snow, which rendered the roads impassable. The snow had a level of nearly three feet, and the drifts were in some cases over eight feet. Traffic was suspended for several days. The snow still lies deep, and the weather continues very inclement; re-opened school this morning with fourteen in attendance. Notice of Diocesan Inspection read out and nailed up. Parcel of needlework materials, and new manuscript alphabet card received.
- Feb'y 27th. I have this day visited the School, tested the numbers present, very few on account of the inclemency of the weather, and found them correct. I heard them read and examined their slate work in writing. The result was satisfactory. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.
- Mar 2nd The School has pursued the usual routine this week, and there was some improvement in the attendance although the weather is very severe.
- 9th No fire in the Class room on Monday; set a girl to light one, as the weather was too cold to be without one. Re-admitted Sidney CARTER, who has been absent for the winter months.
- 16th Diocesan Inspection of the school by the Rev. J.B. HAWKINS, on Monday. Registers not marked in consequence. The Inspector expressed himself much pleased. Many are still absent owing to the weather. Admitted Ernest BRIMBLE. Gave the elder girls some of the Infants' work to fix on this (Friday) Afternoon. Enquired for absentees.

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Mar 23 There has been no change in the routine this week, but the attendance has been poor owing to a snow storm and the cold weather. On Monday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited; received a box of coloured sewing cotton. Lambert and Tom DIX brought a portion of the School-Money. Mother [Mrs Emily DIX] sent a saucy note refusing to pay the remainder. Had allowed it to run on, believing the Father [Frederick DIX] to be out of work.

30th Good Friday. On Monday, Lambert DIX & brother [Tom] were sent home for the School-Money for the current week (see entry above). Absent all the week.

March 30th. The following is a Copy of the "General Report of the Schools" made by The [Rev.] J.B.H. HAWKINS, Assistant Diocesan Inspector, as far as it relates to the Infant [School], March 12th 1888:
 "The Infants answered the questions put them very nicely and the texts and hymns were repeated very accurately and reverently. They are well and carefully taught."
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary & Manager.
 The tabulated forms are all marked good. E.C.S.

Apr 7[6]th The attendance has improved this week with the weather; tested the 3rd Class on Wednesday Morning; most of them know all the letters, capital and small, and are begging to form small words with the loose letters. The other classes are making progress.

13th Several admissions and re-admissions; have in consequence been forced to divide the 3rd Class. Infant boys and girls commenced specimens of knitting.

20th A very good attendance and several fresh scholars. No School held on Tuesday afternoon, owing to a thunderstorm and heavy rain which prevented the children from attending.

27th The Attendance continues to improve, but a few attend very irregularly. Ethel SAGE made one attendance. Rosina HIL[L]MAN's mother called on Thursday morning to see whether she was in school; told her that she had not been since Monday Morning; Mother [Mrs Elizabeth HILLMAN] found her playing and brought her to school; too late for registration.

April 30th. I have this day visited the school, tested the numbers present and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

May 4th The attendance has improved with the weather. Each class is making fair progress.

11th Sent to enquire after absentees. Admitted two. Infants making progress with the scarves. Taught a new action song.

18th Noticed an infant with a suspicious skin eruption; desired him to remain at home until cured. Scarves finished by the First Class. School closed for the Whitsuntide Holidays (a week).

1888 May 28th. I have visited the School this day, tested the numbers present & found then correct, examined their writing on the slates, mostly good, heard them recite two dialogues, saw them go through their exercises and heard them sing. They are taught with spirit and show signs of it in their work.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

Jun 1st The attendance this week has much improved except on Monday Afternoon, when in consequence of the heavy thunder showers only three or four children from the immediate neighbourhood were able to attend, and after consulting the Managers, no school was held.

8th First Class engaged during the week in writing the name of each day as the writing lesson; can nearly write them from memory. Several of the elder girls completed their needlework. Find my work much increased by the number of admissions, who although they will not be examined, must receive the same attention. Taught a new dialogue.

15 The attendance this week has been good; examined the 3rd Class; all could point out the letters and some could spell small words. Girls from Juvenile Dep't have nearly all completed their needlework. Sent Lambert DIX home for his School Money; mother [Emily DIX] promised to pay next week.

Jun 21st. I have this day visited the Infant School, tested the numbers present, found them correct, examined the children in their writing v.g. and arithmetic, mostly good some v.g. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

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- Jun 22 Usual routine. Attendance much improved. Tested the Object Lessons given during the year, and found them well remembered.
 29th End of 4th quarter of school year. Rev. E.C. STREETEN made a short visit on Monday. Attendance good.
- Jul 6th Commenced the New Registers on Monday. Attendance good. Usual Routine. Enquired after absentees.
 13 Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Tuesday Aft'n. Heard that Thomas DIX had been taken to Bristol by his grandmother, owing to his mother [Mrs Emily DIX]'s illness.
 20 Sent after Lambert DIX and Ernest BIRD. Florence BICKHAM ill with sore throat. Again enquired after Tom DIX and find that his grandmother intends keeping him in Bristol until his mother is better. The Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited the School this (Friday) afternoon.
 26 School Inspection by H.M. Inspectors Messrs CURRY & NORRIS on Monday. Rev E.C. STREETEN present. Promoted 1st Class to the Mixed Dep't. School closed for the Summer Holidays, a month.

1888 August 10. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School, and remarks (if any) to be made "so far as they relate to the Infants' School:

Infants' School. "The Infants were in nice order, and, though the first and second classes seemed to be somewhat backward in Reading and Spelling, their general progress appeared to be satisfactory. They answered intelligently the questions on the object lesson, and said some dialogue and Recitations very nicely."

Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class, Mistress. QUARMAN, Monitor.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Aug 27th School duties resumed after a month's Holiday. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited in the morning. On Wednesday Afternoon no School was held owing to the heavy storm.
 31 There has been a fair attendance during the week. No dusters on Monday until sent for.
- Sep 7 Attendance increasing. Admitted James HOWE. Cancelled Tom DIX' name, having gone to Bristol, also A. HALLETT. Sent to acquaint Ethel SAGE's mother that she had spent her school money.
 14 Attendance good; one admission. No dusters on Monday Morning; woman washing them about eleven. During the week the girls from the Mixed Dep't have been engaged in Marking, Knitting and Darning.
 21 Made the usual enquiries after absentees. The girls from the mixed dep't have been practising the specimen stitches during the week. No dusters brought until Tuesday Afternoon.
 28th Attendance good. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited the School before nine on Thursday, and saw the dusty state of the room, which had not been dusted after the previous nights sweeping. End of First quarter of the School year.
- Oct 5th There is a slow but gradual progress in the classes in the elementary work, especially in writing; the attendance has been very good, and on one day every child was present. Schoolroom cleaner on Thursday Morning.
 12 Fires commenced on the 8th. Re-admitted Lambert DIX and Ernest and Elizabeth JAMES. The two latter have tried various schools during the last eighteen months, and were refused admission, I hear, owing to their irregular attendance at the last school.
 19 A holiday was given on the 16th, the annual Church Missionary Meeting taking place in the evening.
 26 The continued fine weather has had a favo[u]rable influence on the attendance during the past few weeks; the average being much better than in the corresponding weeks of last year. E. CHIVERS lost her School Money.

Oct'r 29. I have this day visited the School, tested the numbers and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

- Nov 2nd Attendance good throughout the week. On Monday drew Mr STREETEN's attention to the Class room mantel piece, which is out of repair.
 9th Ordinary routine, attendance good. Crewels received. Enquired after absentees.
 16 There was no school on Tuesday Morning, owing to the heavy storm. 13th, Heard of the death of Mr PIKE, Attendance Officer, which took place on the 10th.

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<u>Natural History.</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Lessons.</u>
The Lion	Cotton
The Fly	Wool
The Silkworm	Poisonous Hedge plants
The Cat	Pins
The Wasp	The Oak
The Duck	Glass
The Pigeon	Plum Pudding
The Cuckoo	How to use a knife and fork
The Whale	Honesty
<u>Natural Phenomena.</u>	
Spring	Summer
Steam	Clouds
Hail	Mountains
<u>Time.</u>	<u>Form and Colour.</u>
Six Lessons	Six Lessons

Singing, Recitations, Dialogues, Position Drills,
Varied Occupations.

- Nov 16th Samplers commenced on Wednesday. [see previous entry for same day]
23rd The attendance this week compares very favourably with the corresponding week of last year; the master and mistress have for several weeks been their own Attendance Officers with success. Fred EAGLE and Willie CARTER absent through illness.
30th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Tuesday Aft'n. A Holiday on Wednesday, being the day appointed for the re-opening of the Church. A Holiday was also given on Friday, and in the afternoon the Sunday Scholars, Quire and about 80 of the inhabitants partook of an excellent tea given by Mrs [Henrietta] SCOBELL, and Mrs [Mary] COX.
- Dec 7th An unusually good attendance all the week. On Wednesday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited to announce that he had found a purse. Cautioned the children against throwing stones and punished Lambert DIX for wilfully striking E. BIRD with one.
11 Leave granted to daughter [Miss M.J. MEREDITH] by Rev. F. STREETEN, in Rev. E. STREETEN's absence, to Assistant (sic), owing to her Grandma's severe illness.
14 The attendance has been good throughout the week; the girls from the Mixed Dep't are making progress with their samplers; the 3rd Standard have been engaged in mending and specimen darning, and the 1st div. (Infants) in knitting.
20th Blankets distributed; Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited morning and Afternoon.
- Dec'r 20th. I visited the Infants' School this morning, tested the numbers present and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.
- Dec 21 School closed for Christmas Holidays (a fortnight). Rec'd for needlework and paid to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £1.19. 1.
- 1889
Jan 9th School re opened after the holidays, with a very good attendance. Usual routine. Enquired after absentees.
14 Return of several absentees. Heard that George ROGERS had left the village. The attendance continued good. Enquired after absentees.
21 heard that measles were at Fred HARES' house, and desired him to stay at home until they had disappeared, and told him that his school money would be allowed him the week he returned.
25th Attendance good throughout the week.
- Feb 1st A wet afternoon, only 33 present. A visit by H.M. Assistant Inspector, Mr NORRIS, who examined the Admission and other Registers, and found them correct.
4th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited the School in the morning. Weather bitterly cold, snow falling occasionally; larger fire in consequence.
- Feb 4th. Visited. Tested number of Infants present and found then correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

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- Feb 8 Nothing of Importance occurred this week; the attendance has fallen off owing to the severe weather, and several are away through sickness.
- 15 No school was held this week in consequence of the heavy fall of snow.
- 19 Rev. E.C. STREETEN brought the Notice of the Diocesan Inspection, to take place on the 28th.
- 22 The intense cold this week has caused the absence of many, and some are away through sickness. The first class commenced writing from a card of printed matter.
- 28 Diocesan Inspection, which passed off satisfactorily, although the infants seemed to feel the severe weather very much. Children answered every question.
- Mar 1 No school owing to the snow and intense cold.
- 8 A very heavy fall of snow on Monday, which continued for twelve hours; only five from the immediate neighbourhood, and after consulting the Rev. E.C. STREETEN as usual, the school was not opened, and remained closed throughout the week, the snow being very deep.
- 15 There has been good attendance throughout the week, and many little ones who have been absent for some weeks have returned with the milder weather. The girls from the Mixed Dep't have been engaged in practising the specimen work and have finished their samplers. Withdrew George ROGERS' name from the Admission Book, he having returned to Bristol.
- 22nd The attendance has been good through the week, with the exception of Thursday when the school was not opened in the morning, and in the afternoon the number was small owing to a snow storm etc. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Monday Morning. Parcel of needlework materials received. Infants completed their knitting; a half Holiday this (Friday) Afternoon, the room being required for a Lecture (Pastoral Aid).

Infant School.

The following is a Copy of the "General Report of the School" made by the Rev. W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector, as far as it relates to the Infants. Feb. 28th 1889: "Infants. While some in the Infant class answered quickly & well, it would have been more satisfactory had more of them made effort to answer with the industrious ones. Repetition with this Class sufficient & good. (I think there has been the desire, not without success, to act upon the suggestion about amount of Repetition given last year.)

W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector." Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary & Manager.

Obs. The want of "effort" on the part of some "to answer with the industrious ones" would probably have arisen from there being many only recently admitted. E.C.S.

- Mar 29th The attendance has been good, and the work is progressing. Most of the Infants have finished their pictures.
- Apr 5th Commenced the 4th quarter on Monday. Girls from the Mixed Department engaged in knitting; infants in hemming their handkerchiefs.
- 11 Mistress absent for remainder of week on urgent business, with permission of Manager.
- 18 A pane of glass broken by Charles BODY; sent to acquaint his mother [Mrs Kezia BODY], who promised to pay for mending it. A. [Annie] LAMB lost her money 14th.
- 19 Good Friday. Holiday.
- 26 Re-admitted Beatrice HIL[L]MAN on Monday. Half holiday on Wednesday. A good attendance throughout the week.
- May 10 The attendance for the last fortnight has been good; several admissions. 1st Class are now able to copy a line of print. Fire discontinued on May 6th.
- 17 Attendance, good; paid attention to 3rd class specially in writing and in learning to spell small words. Needlework improving.
- 23 Scarves finished by 1st Class. Examined 2nd Class in reading. Taught the School a new song.
- 27 Usual routine. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited and heard the 1st Class read, also heard some dialogues.

May 27. Visited, tested numbers of Children present, found them correct and heard as entered above by the Mistress. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

May 31 A good attendance throughout the week. Good progress with the needlework, which is nearly completed.

Jun 8th Attendance good; some new slates and pencils etc. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Friday Afternoon. Maps, cards etc. taken down, dusted, and put away, to prepare the Schools for colouring & painting in the Whitsun Holidays. School Closed for Whitsun Holidays (a week).

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- Jun 21 School re opened on Monday with a good number. Most of the needlework finished the week before the Holidays, and the remainder on Tuesday. Girls from Mixed Dep't engaged in practising the specimen work.
- 28 End of School year; weather very hot; school very full. Colliers in this, and neighbouring districts struck yesterday for an advance.
- Jul 1st Rev. Mr HALLETT visited the school.
- 8th The attendance has not been materially affected as yet by the strike, except on Wednesday when a mass meeting, bands, banners caused the absence of many. School year commenced on Monday.
- 11th L. JAMES hurt her finger with the gate (Thursday) during playtime.
- 19th The attendance has been good this week; several infants came without their school fee, but did not send them for it, as the strike still continues.
- 26th Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Tuesday. On Wednesday the School was examined by H.M. Inspectors, who said that the children had done very nicely.
- Aug 1st School closed for the Summer Holidays (a month). On Friday a treat of Tea cake etc. was given to the Day Schools, and a distribution of Prizes took place afterwards. Over 180 were present.

Aug't 10. Copy of the "Summary of the Inspector's Report on the school, and remarks (in any) to be made" so far as they relate to the Infant School:

Infants' School. "The Infants are in good order. They have been carefully taught and have made good progress in the elementary subjects. The questions on the Object lesson were intelligently answered, and some pieces of Recitation were nicely said."

Mistress, Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH, Certificated [Teacher] of the First Class. QUARMAN Monitor.

Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent.

- Sep 2nd Resumed School duties with a good attendance.
- 6th The usual routine has been observed through the week. Made enquiries after absentees. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited on Tuesday.
- 13th On Wednesday, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the Church, Divine Service was held, and the children attended Church. In consequence of the death of the Master's Mother in the Afternoon after a prolonged illness, no school was held for the remainder of the week.
- 20th Message from Henry TAVERNER [TAVINER] demanding that his son [Harry] should be placed in the 1st Standard; at the same time refusing to pay the fee (2d) charged in the Mixed Dep't until he is seven. As the boy does not complete his seventh year until a few days before the end of the School Year, and is not equal to the others, have retained him in the Inf't Sch'.
- 27th The attendance has been good, and there has been no change in the routine. In the Afternoon the elder girls have been engaged in Marking and Darning, and the Infants in knitting and sewing. Sent for arrears of School Money to Mrs [Henrietta] EAGLE (1s/2) who brought 7d on Friday Aft'n and promised to send the rest shortly.

Sep'r 30th. Visited the School this morning, tested the number present and found them correct; heard the children read, say the alphabet as dodged on the card, and noticed their efforts in the first stages of writing - all done fairly. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary & Manager.

- Oct 4th End of 1st quarter of School year; on Tuesday Enoch CURTIS broke the fastening of the Infant School door, which had only recently been put on; as he is a very mischievous boy and causes much trouble, the mistress took him to the Rev'd Mr. STREETEN.
- 11th Holiday on Wednesday. Missionary Meeting in the evening. On Thursday the school was visited by the Rev's E.C. STREETEN, and G. WILLIAMSON, who heard the children sing and recite.
- 18 Nothing of importance has transpired this week; the attendance has been good, and the scholars are making progress. Fires began on Monday. Girls from Mixed Dep't working their samplers.
- 25th A Holiday was given on Wednesday; a Lecture being delivered in the evening by Mr J. BUTCHER. Sent after absentees.
- Nov 1st The attendance continues good, and the School is making progress. Baby class can point out many of the letters and are learning to count.
- 8th Infants are making progress in sewing and knitting. 1st Class are taking pains with their writing, and a few girls from Mixed Dep't have finished their samplers.
- 15th No fires in two rooms on the 11th. Attendance still good. No dusters on Friday.
- 22nd Rev. E. S. STREETEN on Monday brought six dusters for the Teachers' special use. Note from Mrs [Henrietta] EAGLE on 18th asking that the school money for her two children might be left till next week, as the father was out of work.

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- Nov 29th Weather very cold, causing a slight fall in attendance. Note from the Rev'd E.C. STREETEN requesting that a half holiday should be given, the room being required for a Meeting at four.
- Dec 6th The classes are progressing slowly in reading and writing and are improving in arithmetic. The first div. can sew and knit well.
- 13th Parcel of coloured crewels from Rev. E.C. STREETEN on Monday. Note from Mrs [Elizabeth] TARRANT; made enquiries and punished two boys who had pelted her daughter with stones.

Collective Lessons for year ending June 30/'90.

Natural History.	Miscellaneous Lessons.
The Squirrel	Candles
The Shark	Soap
The Cat	Glass
The Cow	An Oak Tree
The Bee	Shoes
The Reindeer	A Chair
The Horse	Coal
The Bear	Order
The Whale	Helping Mother
	Behaviour at Meals
Natural Phenomena.	
Rain	Rivers
Hail	Mountains
Steam	Snow
Time.	Form & Colour. [These 2 items reversed
Six Lessons	Six Lessons in Log Book, in error]
Singing Lessons.	Drills.
Marching.	Sewing & Knitting.
Varied Occupations, Kindergarten etc.	

- Dec 20th School closed this Afternoon for the Christmas Holidays (A fortnight). Received for needlework, and paid to the Rev. E.C. STREETEN £2. 1.10¹/₂.

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- Jan 6th School re-opened with a fair attendance. Made enquiries after absentees; several coming next week. Leave granted to Monitress.
- 8th Leave granted to Lily EVANS, and also to her brother in the mixed Dep't, the parents being ill (influenza).
- 10th In the Afternoons the girls from the Mixed Dep't have been practising button holes, patching, and knitting; the Infants are making progress in sewing and knitting.
- 17th Heard that Willie PEEK had removed to Clutton Hill; too great a distance for so young a child to walk. Attendance for the week fair, notwithstanding the wet and stormy weather. 2nd Class finished stitching the perforated pictures. Allowed the 5th Standard to take home a specimen of patching to show their parents, who were much pleased with their needlework.
- 23 Very poor attendance, much sickness. Assistant taken ill on Thursday.

Jan 31st. Visit W.N. On account of illness only 13 of 65 on the books were present. If children are kept in school the registers should be marked however small may be the attendance. A urinal is wanted for the infant boys. H.B. BARRY, H.M. Inspector.

On Monday (the 27th) the Rev E.C. STREETEN visited, tested the Registers and found them correct.

The preceding entry is correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN.

- Jan 31 On Tuesday, and two following days, the attendance was so small, that after consulting with the Rev. E.C. STREETEN, the school was not opened and the children were dismissed. Assistant Mistress able to be in school on Thursday, but still very weak. E. QUARMAN (monitress) also suffering from the epidemic (influenza) now raging, and unable to attend school all the week. Scarcely a house in the village has escaped the sickness now prevailing and many infants are suffering from whooping cough.

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- Feb 7th Mistress unable to attend School since Monday, owing to an attack of influenza and bronchitis, and subsequent prostration. School conducted by Assistant and Monitress. A very meagre attendance; average for the week only 26.3.
- 14 Mistress resumed her duties on Monday. Attendance still very poor.
- 21 A slight improvement in the attendance but nearly half the children are too ill to attend school. Whooping cough etc.
- 28th On Monday the Rev. E.C. STREETEN brought some needlework materials. Attendance still continues poor.
- Mar 7th Attendance improved; received a parcel of needlework materials from Rev. E.C. STREETEN. Half Holiday; Pastoral Aid Meeting in Evening.
- 14 Diocesan Inspection on Monday. Half Holiday. Conducted the Mixed School during the week, owing to the illness of the Master (brochitis)

March 14. The following is a Copy of the "General Report of the Schools" made [by] the Rev. J.B.H. HAWKINS, Assistant Diocesan Inspector, March 10th 1890, so far as it relates to the Infants:

Infants. "The children have answered satisfactorily but in consequence of influenza there were a great many absentees. J.B.H. HAWKINS pro W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector
Edm'd C. STREETEN, Secretary & Manager

In the Tabulated Form the Infants are all marked g. E.C.S.

- Mar 21 The attendance still continues poor, although a few have returned. Infants in first div. engaged in knitting, others in sewing etc. and the girls from Mixed Dep't in knitting & practising specimen work in the Afternoons.
- 28th Enquired after absentees; several away through sickness. Ordinary routine.
- Apr 4th Food Friday. Holiday. End of third quarter of School year.
- 11th Improved attendance. On Monday Mrs [Henrietta] EAGLE brought her two children [Fred & Ida] to School. As she acknowledged that they were still suffering from whooping cough, refused to take them in until cured.
- 17th The Infant School is making progress in reading and writing, although the recent prolonged sickness influenced them much; many of the children having attended only one or two weeks in the previous quarter. Aft'n Infants hemming handkerchiefs. Girls Exam'n work.
- 25 Most of the children have now returned but some of them still appear to be suffering from the weakness resulting from the late epidemic. The girls from Mixed Dep't and the Infant Sch. are progressing with their needlework.
- May 9th Enquiries made about a gold Albert chain which one of the infants (E. CHIVERS) had taken out of the house; could not trace it. 1st and 2nd classes improving in reading.
- 16 The average attendance has been good, and the school is working steadily. One admitted.
- 23rd Beatrice CARTER injured her fingers by the Chapel gate on Monday night; has been unable to attend School since. The School closed for the Whitsun Holiday on Friday Morning.

June 3rd. I have visited the Infants' School this day, noticed their work, counted the numbers present, found them correct, and the work satisfactory. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

- Jun 6th 1^{1/2} doz. framed slates for 2nd Class.
- 11th Owing to the heavy rain and a Tea Party at the Chapel, very few children assembled and after consulting with the Managers, no school was held.
- 16 Rev. Mr HALLETT visited, and heard the children recite.
- 19 Treat to the Choir at Portishead. Enquired after absentees.
- 20 Nearly all the needlework prepared for the coming Exam. is now completed & the children are engaged in working on the specimens.

June 24. I have visited the Infants' School this day, noticed the work carefully taught by the Mistress, tested the numbers present and found them correct. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

- 24 Attendance Officer visited; directed his attention to some absentees.
- 30 End of school year. Completed the returns for the School. Year ended today.
- Jul 1st Commenced the new Registers. Sent to enquire after Absentees, and requested them to attend the Gov't Examination on Thursday. George ASHMAN & Ernest BRIMBLE absent through illness.
- 2nd Owen TARRANT absent, having fallen from a ladder on Tuesday night. Attendance good (76).

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- Jul 3rd Schools examined by H.M. Inspector Mr MINES.
 7th Admitted three, two of whom, were said to be over three years; sent for their ages and found that they would not be three for some months, and had only been sent for the day; withdrawn their names.
 14th One admission. A smaller attendance owing to the unsettled weather. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited, spoke to him about one of the childrens school money.

July 24. Copy of Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School and remarks (if any) to be made, so far as they relate to the Infants' School:
Infants' School. "The infants have been taught with much care. They have made very fair progress in the elementary subjects, and by means of a variety of Manual Exercise they have been taught to observe and to imitate. The Needlework of both girls and boys is good. The Object Lessons have not been very successful, probably on account of the prevailing practice of simultaneous answering, which should be checked. In order to recommend a continuance of the payment of the "good" merit-grant this year, it has been necessary to make considerable allowance for the unusual amount of sickness which has interfered with the children's attendance during the last six months."
 Mistress - Mrs Emma A. MEREDITH, Certificated Teacher of the First Class. Monitress Eliz'th QUARMAN.
 Edm'd C. STREETEN, Correspondent and Manager.

- Aug 25th Commenced School after the Summer Holidays (a month). A very Good Attendance. Four Admissions. Rev. E.C. STREETEN visited to receive the monthly Club Money. On Tuesday morning the Rev. E.C. STREETEN came in to give directions respecting the School Treat and distribution of Prizes. Aft'n, Half Holiday. School Treat at four. After singing a few School Songs, the children were regaled with a bountiful supply of tea, cake, etc., and were afterwards given some nice books and toys by the Vicar. The children were unable to play the out-door games owing to the rain, but they seemed to enjoy themselves, [thanks] to the kind efforts of Capt. STREETEN & others.
 29 The Attendance has been good through the week; sent after one or two absentees. The girls from the Mixed Dep't have commenced the specimen needlework, and the infants their knitting which they seem to pick up well.
 Sep 4 The attendance still keeps up, and the classes are improving. Commenced knitting with the First Class.

Collective Lessons 1890-91.

Natural History.	Miscellaneous Lessons.
The Dog	Tea
The Fly	Sugar
The Spider	Coffee
The Bee	Needles
The Wasp	Pins
The Cow	Poisonous Plants
The Elephant	Honesty
The Reindeer	Punctuality
The Cuckoo	The Train
Natural Phenomena.	
Rain	Steam
Snow	Thunder
Ice	Volcano
Time.	Six Lessons. Drills.
Form & Colour.	Six Lessons. Marching.
Singing, Recitation, Dialogues.	
Varied Occupations.	
Knitting, Sewing, Kindergarten.	

- Sep 8th Attendance Officer visited 11th. The Girls from Mixed Dep't have been engaged in mending, in - 12th the Afternoons.
 19th The ordinary routine has been observed through the week. Several absent through sickness. Beatie CARTER seriously ill. Cancelled W. TAYLOR's name, he having returned to Midsomer Norton.

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Sep 26th Mary TUCKER returned, having been to Bristol for several weeks. Jessie LEWIS, a visitor, taken back to London by her father. Admitted George EAGLE. Elder girls engaged in mending in Afternoons.

Sep'r 29. I have visited the Infants' School this day, tested the numbers present and found them correct. I have also watched the teaching of the different Classes, and noticed that they were instructed with the usual care and intelligence of the Mistress. Edm'd C. STREETEN, Manager.

Oct 6th Commenced the second quarter of the School Year. The first and second classes are making progress in reading and writing; all the first class and many of the second can knit and sew.

13 Substituted an exercise in freehand drawing for the writing lesson.

14 Holiday. Missionary Meeting in the evening.

17th Noticed that the glazier who was repairing the windows a few days ago, had neglected some panes in the back windows, and spoke to Mr STREETEN about it on the 18th. Directed a girl to make a fire in the inf't sch., the weather being very cold; enquired after absentees.

24th Admitted L. [Laura] BABER on 21st. Parcel of sampler canvas and coloured wools received on Thursday. Sent E. BIRD home for his School Money, six weeks; absent all the week. A small fire throughout the w'k in Inf't Sch.

31st Weather very inclement; fires commenced. Gave special attention to writing in 3rd Class.

Nov 7th 3rd, Noticed that the glazier had repaired one window; one casement still broken. 5th, a gloom has been cast over the school by the death of Lily EVANS, who was in school last Friday. (Inflammation of the lungs etc.). Edith and Percy WILLIAMS removed to Twerton; cancelled their names.

14 On Tuesday the funeral of Lily EVANS took place; her schoolfellows brought some white flowers of which the Mistress made a wreath; this and a cross of white chrysanthemums were placed on her coffin [Agnes Louisa EVANS (Lily) was buried on 11th November 1890 aged 7]. Parcel of Kindergarten work on the 10th.

17th Sissy DIX too late to be registered in afternoon. 19, Notice from Attendance Officer that Joseph CARTER's children would be paid for by the Guardians, the father having become incurably blind.

21 Spoke to Jasper BIRD on Monday respecting the irregular attendance of his adopted son [Ernest]; also that he owed some school money; promised to send it. Heard that some of the children had gone to a small school which has lately been opened in the village by a young woman who professes to teach Latin & Greek, and all accomplishments, for sixpence a week. Willie CURTIS and Sissy DIX, also Amy YOUNG too late to be registered on the 19th.

28th Owing to the severe weather and the approach of Christmas the attendance has fallen off considerably. Several of the girls from Mixed Dep't have been engaged in knitting, others in mending; a few samplers finished. On Monday, showed the Rev. E.C. STREETEN that a large pane of glass had been blown out by the high wind.

Dec 5th Admitted May NASH on Monday, cannot say the Alphabet. Poor attendance owing to severe weather.

12th School closed for the Christmas Holidays. Received for needlework, and handed to Rev. E.C. STREETEN £2.17. 8.

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Jan 5th Re-opened school after the Christmas; very poor attendance owing to the deep snow and frost.

15 School closed in consequence of the death of the Rev. E.C. STREETEN, the respected chief manager, and Vicar, after a few days' illness.

19 Funeral of the above at three o'clock [Edmund Crane STREETEN was buried on 19th January 1891 aged 81].

20 A very poor attendance owing to the intense severity of the weather. The reading since the Christmas Holidays has been confined to a revision of the back work.

22 Enquired after absentees, some are ill, others absent through the severe weather, the roads being sheets of ice. The girls from the Mixed Dep't have finished their samplers, and were this afternoon engaged in knitting, sewing and stocking mending.

30th Attendance though somewhat improved with the weather, still continues poor. Aft'n, Assistant absent through a severe cold. Infants commenced their specimen knitting this week.

Feb 6th Made enquiries about absentees, several away through illness. 2nd, Notice of Diocesan Inspection received and fixed in Schoolroom. Two Admissions.

9th Two admissions. Holiday on the 11th, being Ash Wednesday.

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Feb 12. I visited the school this day and found the numbers as stated correct (35). Charles GOOD, Manager.

- 20th The attendance has much improved with the fine weather, but several are still absent through illness. Mistress unable to attend school on Tuesday Morning owing to severe neuralgic pains in the head.
- 27th 22nd, Noticed two ringworms on Ernest BIRD, and desired him to remain at home until cured. Scripture Examination on Thursday Afternoon, by Rev. W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector. Rev. F. STREETEN present. Registers not marked. Holiday on Friday.
- Mar 4th Assistant Mistress absent, with permission from the Managers owing to her brother's dangerous illness (inflammation of lung and pleurisy).
- 5 Rev. F. STREETEN, Capt. STREETEN & Rev. Mr & Mrs FOSTER visited the school and were much pleased with the Kindergarten and knitting specimens.
- 6th Enquired after absentees and find that several are still unable to attend through illness.

Copy of the General Report of the Diocesan Inspection of the Schools on Feb 26th 1891. "Some bright answering among the Infants, and so generally throughout the Schools. Standard I scarcely close enough in answering to Standard II. Repetition of the elders slightly hurried, otherwise this part of the work was very satisfactory. Private Prayers known by all, and reverently said. A full amount of Scripture etc. prepared for the examination." W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector. Tabulated Report Marked "g" & "vg".

- Mar 9th A fair attendance; admitted L. [Laura Alice] WOOD.
- 13th No school held since Monday in consequence of a heavy fall of snow which rendered the roads impassable, the drifts being from 10 to 12ft. high. Parcel of needlework materials from C. GOOD Esqr, Manager. The glass roofing broken and a rafter displaced by the heavy weight of the snow which for some days formed a frozen roof.
- 20 A fair attendance through the week; the Assistant in School. C. GOOD Esqr. visited on Thursday. Girls engaged in knitting.
- 27th Usual weekly routine; holiday, being Good Friday.
- Mar 30 - Apr 3 Easter Holidays (a week).
- Apr 10th Increased attendance; half holiday in Aft'n; Induction of new Vicar.
- 17 Mistress unable to attend school for a fortnight owing to serious illness, (inflammation of lung and pleurisy).
- 20 A good attendance; admitted four.
- 21 Mistress able to be in school. 24, Most of the girls have finished the required stocking for Examination and several have completed the pair.
- 29th Rev. Mr & Mrs FOSTER visited.
- 30 Holiday. Termination of engagement [of Mrs Emma Anne MEREDITH] as Head Mistress (Eight years and four months).
- May 4th Commenced duties here as Certificated Mistress of the Infants and Sewing Mistress of Girls. The Rev. Mr FOSTER was present at opening. Annie DEAKIN.
- 8th The children have attended very well; sent after two absentees. Rev. Mr & Mrs FOSTER visited School this morning. Gave the Scholars their first lesson in subtraction. The average attendance during the week has been 62.9.
- 13th Mrs FOSTER visited the school this Afternoon & examined the needlework with which she was very pleased.
- 22nd There has been no holiday this Whitsuntide, consequently a poor attendance.

May 27. I visited the School this day and found the number as stated correct 65. Charles GOOD, Act. Manager.

- Jun 19th Average attendance for the week 65.7. The monitress is at home ill.
- 22nd Monitress returned; very good attendance 69.
- 24th The children have taken to Singing by note (Tonic Sol fa) very quickly; they seem much interested in it & enjoy the lesson; they have learned their three songs by note & some half dozen exercises in the Doh Chord.
- 25th Mrs FOSTER visited the School this morning & requested that the School should close at 4 P.M. as a tea is being given to all the old people of the village by Capt. STREETEN.

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Jul 1st Very wet day, only 16 attended this Afternoon in consequence.
2nd Holiday on account of School Master attending an examination at Bristol.

Collective Lessons for 1892.

Bread	Ostrich	Policeman
Butter	Frog	Soldier
Milk	Robin	Post-man
Meat	House	The Hand
Potato	Butterfly	
	Tiger	

Coal, Gold, Penny, Sponge, Soap, A Glass Tumbler, Kite, A pair of Spectacles, A piece of flannel.

Form 3 Lessons Colour 3 Lessons

Approved H.R. MINES 6.7.91.

Jul 4th Saturday School opened to day in place of Thursday - a poor attendance.
13th 28 children have gone into the mixed department; only the 3rd Class is left.
25th The Head Master has taken the Monitress to help him in his dep't. Boys now taught Drawing not sewing.
27th The Rev. A.M. FOSTER brought in the Report of the Annual Inspection this morning. Copy:
Infants' School. "In the Infants' Department both discipline and attainments are fairly satisfactory. Some suitable desks should be provided." Annie DEAKIN, Mistress. A.M. FOSTER.

Jul 29th A wet afternoon, only 26 present.

July 30th. Register tested & found correct. A.M. FOSTER.

Jul 31st Average for the week 37.3. Closed School for the Harvest Holidays - Three weeks.

Aug 24th Commenced School, 40 present.

28th Mrs FOSTER visited the School & heard the children sing. Average attendance for the week 37. All the children were told not to bring the school money again. School fees account kept open for arrears.

31st Penny Bank was commenced this morning & a great number of the children brought their old school fee & lodged it in.

Sep 1st 47 were present this morning, 52 on the registers.

4th The average for the week up to this morning was 46. This Afternoon being wet has reduced it to 44.5. Charles GOOD Esq. brought in sewing materials.

7th 49 present; readmitted James BABER this afternoon.

9th Substituted for the Arithmetic this Afternoon a lesson on building various forms with the blocks.

10 Wrote out a number of notes this Afternoon to the mothers of those children still owing School money, requesting them to send it on Monday. Average for this week 45.8.

15th All the mothers responded to the notes sent them concerning the owing school money - the children bringing it with them & the account is finally closed. Miss MELHUIISH brought two visitors to see the schools - the children sang for them.

16th The children have commenced to learn "The Spider & The Fly" for their recitation & a short rhyme called "The Railway Train" which they imitated very nicely.

17th Enquired after the absentees. Fred DIX has a bad head. Ellen CURTIS's mother [Mrs Mary CURTIS] sent word she has the measles.

18th 28 children were drafted to the Mixed Department after the Gov. Examination & only three have been admitted into the school. Average attendance for the week 43. Broke up for the 4th week of the Harvest Holiday.

Oct 5th Reopened School. 50 present.

6th A very wet day - only 16 present.

9th Average for the week 44.1.

15th The children have learned to sing a new hymn "Let me learn of Jesus"; they have been working the picture cards for a short time every afternoon this week, they like it very much.

16th A very wet, cold & miserable week; the girls have been obliged to keep on their jackets. Children were requested to bring flowers & fruit for the decoration of the Church for the Harvest Festival.

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- Oct 19th Another wet day, only 25 present; paid special attention to the backward ones in writing at change of lessons. Scholars marched two or three times round the room to keep them warm.
- 23rd The weather still continues very wet & cold. Enquired after absentees; all without exception are ill. Average for the week 37.
- 25th Children were told that School would open at 1.30 instead of 2 in the Afternoon, during the Winter months & would close half an hour earlier. Still wet.
- 28th Ten boys and seven girls are away this week ill. Two of them Elsie FORD & Laura EVANS have Scarlet Fever. Adelaide DIX has boils, the others have colds & bad chests. Commenced fires.
- Nov 6th The regular routine for the week has been strictly observed. Every boy & girl in the 1st Class has plaited a mat.
- 13th The 1st & 2nd Classes have commenced their picture cards & several have already completed the picture. They have been furnished with new slates & the writing has improved considerably. Average for the week 39.1. Several of the sick children have returned but there are still 12 at home who are not sufficiently well to attend school. The children have learned a new rhyme called "Little Mischieff".

November 17. Registers tested & found correct. A.M. FOSTER.

- Nov 20 Schools are to be closed for a fortnight on account of the Epidemic that has visited the village; the children from seventeen homes are absent in this school.

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- Jan 4th School reopened after having been closed for 6 week on account of scarlet fever. There was only a poor attendance because the children have been ordered to stay away for about a fortnight after they have finished peeling & all their brothers & sisters are forbidden the school for the same period. Two of the little boys who were drafted into the other dep't last June have succumbed to the disease, James HOWE [*James HOWE was buried on 23rd December 1891 aged 6*] & Willie PURNELL.
- 15th School Attendance is still poor. There are 26 children in this Dep't still unable to come. Average 23.8.
- 22nd There is a new case of fever & the children of Joseph CARTER are now absent. The two little PERRY's [*Melbourne & Harry*] have also fallen ill this week. There are fifteen boys & 9 girls absent. Average for Week 24. There is a marked improvement however both in writing & reading of those who are attending.
- 29th Admitted Lilly ASHLEY, Ethel SAGE & Charles BLANNING from the private school in the village, Miss TOONE having given it up. Average for the week 28.9.

February 9th. Registers tested & found correct. A.M. FOSTER.

- Feb 12th The attendance is improving. All the boys & girls in 1st Class can do their knitting & nearly all in the 2nd can sew fairly well. Average for week 38.3.
- 18 The Rev. Mr FOSTER visited the School this morning & asked the children questions on Scripture. In consequence of the snow which fell last night only 20 were present. This afternoon the children had a lesson on drawing. They always seem particularly pleased when the ordinary lesson is substituted for drawing.
- 19th School closed to day on account of the snow.
- 22nd School examined in Scripture to day by Rev. J.B.H. HAWKINS, Diocesan Inspector. The Rev. A.M. FOSTER was present. Registers not marked. Holiday in the Afternoon.

Feb. 25th. Copy of the Infants' Report. "The infants have answered very fairly but the attendance has been and is very irregular owing to the prevailing epidemic."
J.B.H. HAWKINS for W. MICHELL, Diocesan Inspector.

- Mar 11th During the earlier part of the week there was a very good attendance but owing to the snow & severe cold it suddenly fell off. Average for week 33.4. The children are progressing considerably; the 1st Class have gone through one reading book & have commenced the 2nd this week. The 2nd Class have almost completed the sheets. Commenced easy books this week but with very little success. The 3rd Class is rather small as there have been so few admitted & the very little ones have been absent all through the winter but a fair proportion of them can tell the letters of the Alphabet & spell easy words.

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- Mar 15th Only 23 present this morning owing to the rain; was very stormy at school time this afternoon, only 15 present.
- 23 Attendance very much improved, average up to this Afternoon is 48. 51 were present yesterday morning. 2 admissions. All the Collective (except 3) lessons have been given twice successively but as the attendance has been so poor some of the children know very little about them; now that the children know their recitations they will be questioned on one of the lessons every Afternoon.
- The recitations they have learned:-
 "(1) The Spider & the Fly
 (2) The Great Scholar
 (3) The Singing Lesson
 (4) Little Mischief"
 Short rhymes
 "(1) The railway train
 (2) I had a little pony
 (3) The sick dolly
 (4) Santa Claus
 (5) Dolly you're a naughty girl"
- 25 Mrs FOSTER visited the school this morning & stayed during the Arithmetic lesson; average for week 47.7.
- Apr 8th The attendance is much better; admitted four; average 52.1.
- 14th School Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.
- 19th Only 45 present; noticed that the Form Board was broken.
- 25th 4 Admitted, 60 present.
- May 2nd Admitted two more little ones. The last nine Admissions are only three years old & it has made the 3rd Class considerably larger.
- 9th Admitted four little ones into the 3rd Class this morning. 59 present.
- 13th Attendance very good; average for the week 58. Sent the [Attendance] Officer after Adelaide DIX last week; she has not missed since. Nellie HOWE had a mark on her forehead very like a ring worm; sent her home; it proved to be one & she has remained at home since. Special attention has been devoted to the 2nd Class all through the week; it has most decidedly improved in reading, though there are still a few who have to spell the words before pronouncing them. Sent a note to Mrs [Eliza] BLANNING telling her it was an impossibility to get Charlie on if she persisted in keeping him at home.
- 20th Average for week 58. It would have been considerably over 60, but for the weather being so stormy, yesterday. Special attention has been paid to 3rd Class this week. The whole of the 1st Class have quite learned how to do addition sums of four lines & two figures in a line & subtraction sums without borrowing, save Bertie FORD & he seems particularly dull.
- 27th The Object Lessons this week have been on "Colour", "Form" & "The Face of the Clock". Many of the Children are now able to tell the time wherever the fingers are placed. Average for this week 57.
- Jun 1st A thunder storms at noon, only 29 present; only those who lived close to the school came & they were very wet; substituted the Object lesson for a lesson on writing & drawing.
- June 3rd. Registers tested & found correct. A.M. FOSTER.
- Jun 6th Holiday, Whitsuntide Monday.
- 7th Poor attendance this afternoon; the 3rd Class threaded their beads - first a white & then a coloured one - without a single mistake.
- 10th The attendance this week has been poor. The weather has been exceedingly hot; the children have had several lessons in a shady place of the school yard. The progress has been more perceptible this week than usual.
- 13th A very good attendance 67. Received the ages of those sent for last week, excepting five.
- 14th Mrs FOSTER visited the school accompanied by a lady visitor. 68 present this afternoon.
- 16th No sewing this afternoon as it is intended that lesson will be taken tomorrow morning when the girls from the mixed Dep't will come in, whilst the boys are examined in drawing; 70 present.
- 17th Drawing Examination. School closed in Afternoon. Broke up for a week on account of School Master attending an examination in Dublin.
- 27th Reopened school. 3 admissions; a good attendance, 70 present. The Vicar came in to say that the Annual Government Examination would take place on Monday Week.
- Jul 4th Holiday on account of the Choir having their annual trip.
- 5th Attendance not so good, a wet morning; 65 present.
- 8th Sent after absentees requesting them to come on Monday, average 63.5.

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School Songs

Exercise song "Hurrah!"
 "The Cooper"
 "A poor little frog".

Collective Lessons. '92-3.	Miscellaneous Lessons.
Natural History.	
The Pig	A Train
The Donkey	A Clock Face
The Goose	A Lamp
The Sheep	Haymaking
The Hen	A Butcher's shop
The Goat	A Baker's Shop
The Cow	A Watering Can
The Dog	A Book
The Reindeer	A Looking Glass
Natural Phenomena.	
Spring	Steam
Summer	A River
Rain	A Mountain

Time, Form, Colour, Recitations, Varied occupations, Marching, Drills,
 Drawing, Singing, Sewing, Knitting.

Jul 15th The average for this week is 65. There were only 68 present at the Annual Inspection; there are 91 on the books.
 18 The boys & girls of the 1st Class were sent into the mixed dep't.
 29th Reopened School after a months holiday. A wet day, only 36 present.

Copy of the Inspector's Report.

Infant School. "A large number of the children are absent without sufficient reason. The teacher & Managers should remember that all the scholars on the books should be present on the day of inspection except for reasonable excuse. Mrs DEAKIN teaches the children with kindness & diligence, but not with the success her efforts deserve. The order is precarious, the infants having no fixed habit of order, rapidly break away into restlessness & inattention and are too much given to copy from each other as might be expected under such circumstances; their knowledge is uncertain, partial & not duly intelligent. The reading is quite expressionless & no attempt is made at phrasing. The hand writing lacks regularity & the Drawing is so badly done that no grant can be recommended for it. The Object lessons and Occupations need much more thoughtful and methodical treatment to make them effective. It is only with hesitation that any grant under Article 98 (b) is recommended. Great improvement will be looked for next year, or it will become necessary to declare the infants' school inefficient. With reference to H.M. Inspector's report upon the Infants' department, My Lords will feel it necessary to give a formal warning to that department next year under Article 86, unless H.M. Inspector reports a substantial improvement."
 Annie DEAKIN, Mistress. Elizabeth QUARMAN, Monitress. Ambrose M. FOSTER, Manager.

Sep 9th Received three new sets of Reading books for the 1st & 2nd Classes & a new Wall Sheet. Average for the week 71.
 19 Sent Melbourne PERRY home with his little brother [Bertie] (their heads are covered with a rash & bald patches). Harry BEACHAM & Fred TARRANT are both marked absent.
 27th H.M.I, Mr MINES visited this School this Afternoon & found the registers correct & working according to the Time Table & made an entry in the Log Book of the mixed Dep't to that effect.

October 6th. Registers tested & found correct. A.M. FOSTER.

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- Oct 14th A wet morning, only 34 present. On Tuesday morning the Rev. A.M. FOSTER questioned the children on "The Life Of Christ". Average for week 64.6.
- 21st On Monday Mrs FOSTER visited the School & requested that the children should leave punctually as a tea was to be given to the Band of Hope children. A storm at noon lessened the attendance this afternoon. Av. 69.7.
- 28th During this week the 1st Class have finished their 1st reading book. All the girls in the 1st Class can knit. Yesterday it was very wet, only 28 children were present in the morning & 36 in the Afternoon. Average for week 60.2.
- Nov 1st Tom and Charles MAIDMENT were sent home, Tom being very ill.
- 11 Mrs DEAKIN has left the school this week, having been permitted by the Managers to close her engagement last week instead of at Christmas when her notice expires. Her place is being taken temporarily by two monitresses Amy KELLAWAY & Mary WILLIAMS.
- Dec 5 Commenced Duty as Mistress of the Infants' Department; very poor Attendance as the weather is very Cold. Louisa GARRETT. Elizabeth QUARMAN, Monitress.
- 9 Very poor Attendance all the week the weather being very wet & cold. Average for the week being 47.4. No. on Books 89. Learnt one new song; the First Class are reading their second new set of Books.
- 15 Mrs FOSTER visited the school this afternoon. Work going on according to Time Table.
- 16 Attendance better than last week. Average 50.9.
- 2w Breaking up for Christmas Holidays.

1893

- Jan 9 Both departments being now under one master, one Log Book is kept for the whole school.
William Henry MARTIN.

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