

09/04 1878 Fleet Fen Board School - Nr. Holbeach Drove opened - 52 admittances, a large no. of Infants. Scarcely any of the children having attended a Government aided school. Members of the Board - Messrs Wilkinson, Bothamly, Proctor & Hilliam. Schoolmaster - Mr. J.A.Lines (2nd Class - 1st div:)

10/04 1878 Examined children in Arith. and found of those above 7 years of age only 3 who could do an addition right the first time - the majority had no notion whatever of counting, several not knowing one figure from another when they saw it

11/04 1878 Examined children in Reading - slightly better condition than arithmetic. Board met - Mr. Bates appointed Member in place of Mr. Welch, Deceased.

12/04 1878 Examined children in Writing. Those who could write at all had no correct knowledge of the formation of a letter - commenced with whole school to make letters. Visit of Mr. Bates - Av. Att. this week 14.

15/04 1878 Admitted 12 children of whom 1 was in a better and the rest in a worse condition than those previously admitted

16/04 1878 Visit of Mr. Bates - Very elementary work with children rest of week

22/04 1878 Good Friday & Easter Monday - Holidays

23/04 1878 Ellen Ledbetter commenced duties as monitor - 2 admittances.

26/04 1878 during week commenced a few easy exercises for Home work.

29/04 1878 3 Admittances

03/05 1878 during this week got in several of the certificates of birth, general disinclination on the part of the parents to obtain them. have been obliged to form a large class in the upper room in which have to do Infant school work - ordinary Standard 1 work being thrown away upon them.

06/05 1878 4 Admittances. Visit of Mr. Bothamly - member of Board - Sewing commenced, Teacher - Mrs. Lines.

09/05 1878 Meeting of the Board, settlement with Ellen Ledbetter as monitor until Inspector's visit.

10/05 1878 Progress rather slow this week. Irregularity increasing.

13/05 1878 4 Admittances - No. of Admittances up to this 77 of which two have not yet attended, being under compulsory age.

16/05 1878 Visit of Messrs. Wilkinson, Proctor, Bothamly & Bates to inspect the school & house. Some necessary improvements as scrapers for the school & house ordered.

20/05 1878 No admittances

21/05 1878 1 Admittance

24/05 1878 Slight improvement in reading & writing. At this time 3 boys doing weights & measures sums. 1 money sums - 3 simple subtraction & the rest different stages of addition. The infants in arithmetic at present principally counting and making figures.

27/05 1878 2 Admittances.

31/05 1878 Wet weather this week made some difference to the attendance. There are now a class of 16 reading from the Royal Reader primer, all of whom are in the upper room. Improvement in arithmetic - greater amongst the more advanced than the

most backward.

03/06 1878 3 Admittances.

06/06 1878 Meeting of the Board - names of irregular & non-attending boys submitted to them.

10/06 1878 No admittances - Bank Holiday.

14/06 1878 Poor attendance the four days the school was opened this week owing to fairs.

17/06 1878 1 Admittance.

21/06 1878 Poor attendance again this week from similar cause only fair progress on that account.

24/06 1878 Visit of Mr. Bothamly, Member of Board.

25/06 1878 The contractor brought chairs and other articles ordered by the board at a recent meeting.

28/06 1878 Satisfactory progress in transcription in the 1st Stand, and general progress in Arith. Attendance better. Average 74.6

06/07 1878 Slight increase in average again. Favourable progress, especially in reading.

09/07 1878 2 Admittances, bringing no. so far up to 90. Five of these have been struck off, No. on Books 85.

09/07 1878 Visit under Art.12 V.Collins

12/07 1878 Meeting of Board. Books which had been detained by Mr. Castle ordered to be delivered up to the school.

20/07 1878 6 Admittances during this week.

27/07 1878 No admittances. Children passed moderately in an easy examination.

03/08 1878 Decided improvement in Arith. in Stand. 1. Broke up for 5 week's holidays.

09/09 1878 Reopened school. Very bad attendance.

14/09 1878 Election of School Board for Parish of Fleet. Mssrs. Bothamly, Hilliam, Wilkinson & Proctor re-elected & Mr. James elected in place of Mr. Bates who lost his seat.

20/09 1878 Attendance still very bad

27/09 1878 Attendance a little better and a slight retrograde movement noticeable in all the subjects in ??? of holidays.

04/10 1878 Bad attendance all through this month and little progress in consequence. Shiphay Stow School opened this week which made a difference of two or three scholars to this school.

01/11 1878 Improved attendance & marked progress in Arithmetic & subjects generally. 1 Admittance this week.

08/11 1878 No admittances and attendance about the same as last week.

15/11 1878 2 Admittances, Attendance better. Board met Thursday of this week and ordered ladder for schools, windows to be mended & some improvements in the house.

22/11 1878 Attendance improving and prospect of a forth standard greatly improved

25/11 1878 4 Admittances

29/11 1878 Received 6 maps Viz. Europe, North America, World w. Hemispheres, India, Australia & Scotland.

06/12 1878 Great difficulty experienced about this time in obtaining school fees - on account of the hard times.

13/12 1878 Several children away this week 'goose pulling'. The rearing of Geese being an extensive business in this part.

20/12 1878 Broke up for 16 days holiday

10/01 1879 Moderately good school. Some of the children formerly attending this school residing in the parish of Whaplode left this week for the Shiphay Stow school under the Whaplode School Board. Two or three cases of diphtheria in this neighbourhood to meet which warnings had to be given to the children.

17/01 1879 Attendance slightly affected by epidemic of Measles. Disinfectants used with view of stopping the spread.

24/01 1879 15 children away from illness and several others from inclemency of the weather. Passes at weekly examination about 80%

31/01 1879 Attendance a little better this week.

07/02 1879 Attendance still better. Holbeach Board talking of raising fees of children to 9d per week in some cases. Also some rumours of similar change in school fees at Fleet Fen Schools. This threatens to seriously affect the attendance at this school.

14/02 1879 Board ordered school walks to be gravelled - shrubs to be planted in front of house and quick to be planted round garden. 4 admittances from Holbeach St. John's where they had left through raising of fees - Passes at weekly Exam 83.3%

21/02 1879 No admittances - Blister Pock amongst the children to a considerable extent. One lad not qualified for half time attendance warned that he must attend full time. Passes 83.2%

28/02 1879 Great dissatisfaction amongst parents concerning the bye-laws (not passed) of the Board - these which require 350 attendances from any child before he/she may go to work. This they say is impracticable as it only allows a few weeks absence altogether which may be caused from bad weather, illness or the like unavoidable causes. Some children away at work warn that they are acting against the present regulations of the Board

07/03 1879 Increased irregularity. Progress in Stand. 1. very satisfactory. Writing bold and moderately accurate. Reading very fair. Arithmetic, with the exception of 4 boys good. Warnings sent to absentees.

14/03 1879 Waste pipes from Water pipes taken out of the wall into which they had previously discharged themselves and turned into the school. applied for Maps of England & Ireland for the at least, tenth time without result. Attendance more regular. Meeting of Board on Thursday 13th next postponed.

20/03 1879 Meeting of Board.

21/03 1879 Good all round improvement in 1st Standard which speaks well of Monitor E.Ledbetter. have not yet received maps of England & Ireland.

25/03 1879 Received notice to leave premises, charge of school etc. dated 25th March, as no reason of any kind was assigned I did not answer this same date.

04/04 1879 Several children absent this week Potato Setting, Board refuse to take any action with regard to absentees living in Holbeach Parish, although these parishes are amalgamated for rating purposes. Progress satisfactory, especially in the lower standards.

11/04 1879 Holidays during this (good) Friday & Easter Monday.

18/04 1879 Attendance very bad indeed, partly on account of Holidays & work (potato setting) and partly on account of weather which is unusually inclement for the time of year.

25/04 1879 Attendance a little better this week, but weather very wet. Commenced systems of arithmetic exams for 1st stand. entirely from dictation, results not very good but mistakes principally in putting down numbers.

02/05 1879 3 Admittances - weather very wet indeed making the attendance very poor

09/05 1879 Gave one week's holiday according to the regulations of the Board this being what is known as May week.

16/05 1879 Weather still very inclement, keeping attendance down very much - Notation improving in first stand.

23/05 1879 Many of the parents require their children at home, alleging that the season has been such as to make it imperative their children should earn a little now they have the chance, as many of them (the parents) have done next to nothing all winter. There is also very great difficulty in obtaining the school money from the same cause.

30/05 1879 2 Admittances, heavy drenching rains all this week, keeping many children at home. Very satisfactory improvement in 1st Stand. Several of the 2nd etc all at work, making progress in this division very difficult for the teacher.

03/06 1879 I am sorry to have to register a very (I believe) extraordinary state of affairs, many of the parents positively & stubbornly refuse to lend the material required for garments specified in the needlework schedule as required from the various stages - Some saying that they don't want so & so (such as a child's plain shift etc.) but they do want this other thing, as a handkerchief, in one case where I sent a little girl home for a certain class of material after she had persistently brought another thing generally accompanied by an insulting message, I was virulently abused while passing through the village by the father & threatened by assault. Warning is again given this afternoon that certain things are required & the code of instructions to HMIs gone through with the elder girls.

13/06 1879 Great improvement manifest in 1st standard arith & 2nd stand dictation. Difficulty still experienced in getting girls & infants to bring proper needlework.

20/06 1879 I was obliged to decide upon two children whom I had intended for the 2nd stand, being presented in the 1st on account of their irregularity & consequent non-progress, they not having been presented before. A case occurred this week of a party named Johnson who being man & wife differed as to the age of the child, the father informing me some months ago that the child was 7 and therefore ought to be in the boys school & the mother this week that he is only six & therefore ought to be in the infants - it was decided that the child was six, as per child's book.

23/06 1879 Visit under Art.12 V.Collins

25/06 1879 Mr. Lines gave up his appointment as Master of this School & was succeeded by Mr. W. Baddeley C M 'Dec 1878'. Formerly of St. George's Schools Kidderminster. There being a very poor attendance owing to a School Festival in the neighbourhood I have given the children a holiday. Mr. Bothamly visited the School this morning & gave orders for the holiday above-mentioned; for several broken windows to be repaired & for the house pump to be mended.

30/06 1879 Visit of Mr. Henry Bates as a delegate of the Board. School year ends today.

01/07 1879 Attendance very bad on account of the wet.

02/07 1879 Mr. R. Marshall, Assistant to the Fleet Board's Clerk visited the School.

04/07 1879 As the new Registers have not arrived I have used the old ones for the first four days of the School year, & shall transfer the marks to the new ones.

14/07 1879 Attendance this morning very poor owing to the inclement weather. I gave a half-holiday this afternoon, as there were only thirty children attended owing to a School Treat at Holbeach Drove.

15/07 1879 Annual Examination took place today at 1.30pm. There were 57 presented above 7 years of age, of which 45 passed in Reading, 43 in Writing, & 40 in Arithmetic which are equal to 75%. 19 infants were presented and passed. The children were not examined in Grammar or Geography as neither subject had been taught beyond the requirements of the 2nd Standard. The examination was conducted by two Inspectors, one of whom told me to give the children a half holiday tomorrow.

18/07 1879 I have re-arranged the children into Classes, & have begun to teach the Arithmetic for this year. Simple Multiplication I soon taught by showing that it was simply a shorter method of Addition.

25/07 1879 The attendances have been very poor this week owing to the inclemency of the weather on Monday & Tuesday, & haymaking the latter part of the week.

01/08 1879 The attendances a little better this week. Examined Stand's II, III, & IV in Arithmetic; they have made considerable improvement the last fortnight.

04/08 1879 Visit of Mr. Henry Bates as a delegate of the Board.

08/08 1879 I have drawn up a new Time Table, and have begun to work according to it today. Examined Stand's II, III, IV, progress satisfactory.

12/08 1879 Examined Standard I, it has improved; there are about half -a-dozen children however, who cannot write a letter or make a figure.

13/08 1879 Visit of Mr. Bothamly, member of the Board.

15/08 1879 One admission this week.

20/08 1879 As there were only 25 children presented themselves, this morning on account of the wet, I gave a half holiday.

22/08 1879 Summary of Inspector's 'Report & remarks made. ' There are at present many backward children in the first Standard. Reading & Writing are fair. Infants require attention particularly in Reading '. ' The scholars numbered 25, 49, 58, 72 & 76 on the Examination Schedule are disqualified by attendances (Article 19.b.) E.Baddeley is recognised as qualified under article 32 (c). 3. ' The Grant for the 15 months ending June 30th 1879 is as follows. On average attendance £23.12.6 Infants presented £8.10.0 In Standards £22.2.6 Total £54.5.0 One admission this week, Attendances very low.

25/08 1879 I intended to close School for the summer holidays on Friday next, the 29th inst. but as the weather has been very fine the last four days, harvest work has already begun & only 40 children presented themselves this morning (Monday). I therefore dismissed them & closed the School for six weeks.

06/10 1879 School should have been reopened today, but as the harvest work is not yet finished, only twenty one children presented themselves. I therefore closed the School for another fortnight according to instructions previously received from the Board.

20/10 1879 Reopened School today. 51 attendances. Very few in upper Standards. Miss E. Baddeley (who has previously been engaged as Sewing Mistress) commenced duties this morning under Art 32 (c) 3. of the Code; for which she will receive an additional salary of £10 per annum

24/10 1879 Average attendance this week 46. Children have gone considerably backward during the eight weeks holiday. I have paid particular attention to Arithmetical Tables. Four admissions this week.

27/10 1879 I commenced this afternoon to open School at 1.30 & to close at 3.45 & shall continue to do so, during the winter months.

31/10 1879 Average attendance 55. There are still many children away working in the fields. Two admissions this week.

03/11 1879 Visit of Mr. Rich'd P. Mossop, clerk to the Fleet School Board.

04/11 1879 The monitor, Ellen Ledbetter, left School early this afternoon because she was unwell.

07/11 1879 Average attendance this week 65. I commenced this week to sell home lesson books & copy books to the children, which previously had been supplied by the Board. Most of the children above the First Standard have bought them. Home lessons have been well attended to.

13/11 1879 The monitor, Ellen Ledbetter, asked for a half-holiday this afternoon. Marked two attendances on Registers. Her request was allowed.

14/11 1879 Average attendance this week 72.5. The monitor, Ellen Ledbetter, having sent in her resignation at the last meeting of the Board, left the School today. I should like to take this opportunity of saying that I am well satisfied with the manner in which Ellen Ledbetter has conducted herself since I have been here. She has been punctual in attendance, & painstaking in her work. Two admissions this week.

17/11 1879 Annie Ledbetter commenced duties this morning as monitor, at a salary of £5 per annum, having been appointed at a meeting of the Board on Thursday last.

18/11 1879 Examined Infants. Progress satisfactory: especially in Reading. Standard 1 having gone through a Primer commenced a more advanced Reading book today.

21/11 1879 Average attendance this week 70.6 : In Arithmetic Standard 1 is now doing examples in Addition & Subtraction of two figures. Standard 2 Subtraction of six figures, Multiplication by two figures. Standard 3 Compound Addition & Subtraction, & easy examples of Simple Long Division. Standard 4 Multiplication, Division & Reduction of money. Progress in other subjects very satisfactory, considering that there have been two months' holidays, & very bad attendances during the weeks the school has been opened since the last Examination. One admission this week.

28/11 1879 Average attendance this week 69.5 : Attendance of infants very poor, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Taught a new song this week 'The homes of

Old England'.

02/12 1879 Visit of Mr. H. Bates as a Delegate of the Board.

05/12 1879 Average attendance this week 64.5 : Many of the younger children away, owing to the severity of the weather.

10/12 1879 Having gone carefully through the Standard 2 Royal Reader I began to use Standard 2 of the 'Public School Series' today.

12/12 1879 Average this week 61.1. Attendance of infants & children of Standard 1 very low. I have worked very hard this week with the upper Standards, with good results. I have had a good deal of trouble lately to get the School pence. There is still a considerable sum owing for the last few weeks. Received six tons of coal for use in School & house, this week.

17/12 1879 Examined all the Standards today, in the work of the past six months as stated in an entry dated Nov 21st. 78 percent of passes were obtained Arithmetic of Standard 4 is weak. Standard 1 has progressed satisfactorily, yet there are a few very backward children who knew scarcely a letter or a figure at the commencement of the School year.

18/12 1879 Left School at 11.40am to take School Accounts to Holbeach to be audited. Miss Baddeley took charge during my absence.

19/12 1879 Average attendance this week 63.1

24/12 1879 Today being Xmas Eve I closed School until Monday next.

30/12 1879 Examined infants. Progress satisfactory.

02/01 1880 Average this week 57. Two admissions. Monitor, A Ledbetter, late by 15 minutes this morning.

09/01 1880 Average this week 72.8. I have during the mornings of this week, entered the children's attendances into their respective 'School Books'. I have also filled the 'Registers' for the last quarter. Average for the past six months 64.

13/01 1880 Wrote letters last night to seven of the parents, respecting the irregular attendance of their children during the past six months. I asked that they should be sent very regularly during the next half of the School year.

14/01 1880 Examined Standard 1. A number of children in this Standard are still very backward.

15/01 1880 Examined Infants. Progress satisfactory.

16/01 1880 Average for the week 71.4. Although I have done my utmost to get the School-pence the arrears continue steadily to increase. Labouring people are hard up; the severity of the weather prevents them from working. One admittance this week.

21/01 1880 Examined Standard 1. They have improved during the past week.

23/01 1880 Average attendance 74.1. One admittance. Better attendance of infants this week.

28/01 1880 Examined Standard 1 in the work of the past month Arithmetic, Addition & Subtraction of three figures. 72 p.c of passes were obtained. Visit of Mr. Bates as a delegate of the Board.

30/01 1880 Average attendance for the week 65.2. Many children away ill. I have sent the names and addresses of a number of parents whose children have attended

School irregularly to the Board Clerk, & have asked him to write to them concerning this matter.

02/02 1880 Examined Standards 2, 3, & 4 on the work of the past month. Results very satisfactory.

06/02 1880 Average attendance this week 76.5. One admission

10/02 1880 Examined Infants. Progress satisfactory.

13/02 1880 Average for the week 71.9

17/02 1880 Examined Stand 1 . Results satisfactory

20/02 1880 Average for the week 65.6

24/02 1880 Average for the week 75.5. General progress good

05/03 1880 Average attendance for this week 77. As Monday next is the day fixed for the Drawing Examination I have deviated from the Time Table a little to enable me to give a few extra lessons in that subject.

08/02 1880 Drawing Examination. Conducted by Messrs Wilkinson & Bothamley, members of the Board. 54 children worked First Grade Freehand papers. Gave a half-holiday this afternoon. Marked two attendances on Registers.

10/02 1880 Examined infants. Results good.

12/02 1880 Average attendance 68.3. A number of children away the whole week ill with measles.

15/02 1880 Monitor Annie Ledbetter asked for a half-holiday which was granted.

19/03 1880 Average attendance for the week 45.5. There are 17 families of children who attend this School, now ill with measles.

22/03 1880 Received orders from Dr. Spencer (Medical Officer) through Mr. Mossop to close School for three weeks as so many children are suffering with measles . Only eighteen scholars presented themselves this morning.

12/04 1880 Reopened School this morning. 41 children were present. Miss Baddeley has not attended School today owing to ill health.

16/04 1880 Very poor School this week. Two admissions.

21/04 1880 Examined Standard 1. Considerable improvement visible in Arithmetic & Reading.

22/04 1880 Left School this afternoon at 3.30 until Monday next, for which holiday I applied at the last meeting of the Board. Miss Baddeley to take charge of the School during my absence.

26/04 1880 Resumed duties this morning. Things went on smoothly during my absence.

30/04 1880 Average attendance this week 58.3. Many boys away working in the fields.

04/05 1880 Examined Infants & Standard 1. Results satisfactory.

07/05 1880 Examined Standards 2, 3, & 4. Average attendance for the week 60.8. Several children still away with measles.

10/05 1880 Visit of Mr. Mossop, Clerk to the Board. Three admissions.

11/05 1880 Examined Infants & Standard 1 . Progress visible.

14/05 1880 Average this week 62.2

19/05 1880 Examined Infants & Standard 1

21/05 1880 Visit of Mr. Bothamley, Member of the Board. Monitor Annie Leadbetter asked for a holiday today which was granted.

25/05 1880 Visit of Mr. Bates as a delegate of the Board.

28/05 1880 Average attendance this week 58.6. Although so near the Examination, many children in the upper Standard are away. Received results of Drawing Examination today. 18 children have passed 'Fair' & seven others have gained Certificates.

04/06 1880 Average attendance this week 62

08/06 1880 Examined Standard 1, Results good

11/06 1880 Average attendance this week 58.9. Several children away ill with whooping cough.

18/06 1880 Examined whole School. Results good. Average attendance for this week 56. Although so near the examination there are still many children staying away from School to work in the fields.

25/06 1880 Usual weekly examination. One admission. Average attendance this week 49.6

02/07 1880 Average attendance 61.4. Two admissions. Examined School. Results generally good.

05/07 1880 Miss Baddeley left this morning for Lincoln to attend the Queen's Scholarship Examination. She has received leave of absence for a week from Mr. Mossop, Clerk to the Board.

09/07 1880 Average attendance this week 59.6. Two admissions.

12/07 1880 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon on account of a Sunday-school Festival in the neighbourhood.

16/07 1880 Average attendance this week only 55. Examined the whole School today.

21/07 1880 Examined Infants

23/07 1880 Average attendance 59. Miss Baddeley did not attend School this afternoon owing to indisposition.

28/07 1880 School inspected: Children examined. George H. Gordon, H.M. Inspector. Percentage of passes 95 which is an increase of 20 per cent on last year.

30/07 1880 Average attendance this week 54.9

02/08 1880 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon

06/08 1880 Average attendance this week 60.3. One admission

13/08 1880 Harvest Holiday. Closed School this afternoon for six weeks

27/09 1880 Reopened School. Very small attendance.

29/09 1880 'Report. 'A very good year's work has been done in this School. The Reading is good. Paper-work neat and accurate, and Special Subjects well known. Miss Baddeley bestows great attention on the Needlework.' The Scholars numbered 7, 64, and 65 on the Examination Schedule are disqualified under Article 19 (b). School Staff Master. Walter Baddeley (Certificated teacher, 2nd Class). Sewing Mistress. Miss E. Baddeley (Art. 32 (c) 3) Temporary Monitor. Annie Leadbetter.

30/09 1880 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board

05/10 1880 Very wet day. Only 17 children presented themselves this morning. Gave a half-holiday this afternoon. Marked two attendances on Registers.

08/10 1880 Average attendance this week only 23.2

15/10 1880 Average attendance this week 35

18/10 1880 Sent 'List of Absentees' to Mr. Mossop.

22/10 1880 Average attendance this week only 35.7. One admission

29/10 1880 Average attendance this week 43.9

05/11 1880 Average attendance this week 52.3

12/11 1880 Average attendance this week 63.2. General progress good

19/11 1880 Average attendance this week 68.4. Commenced this week to open School at 1.30 in the afternoon & to close at 3.50 that children living at a distance may get home before dark. Progress this week good especially in upper Standards.

26/11 1880 Average attendance this week 68.6. Examined all the children who attended School today

02/12 1880 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board

03/12 1880 Average attendance this week 68.3

10/12 1880 Average attendance this week 67.8. General progress good

16/12 1880 Visit of Mr. H. Bates as a delegate of the Board.

17/12 1880 Average attendance this week 60.4. Examined the whole School today. Results good

23/12 1880 Average attendance this week 40. Christmas Holidays. Closed School this afternoon for a fortnight.

10/01 1881 Reopened School. Poor attendance.

11/01 1881 Visit of Mr. J. Bothamley, Member of the Board

14/01 1881 Average attendance this week 57.3

21/01 1881 Average attendance this week 42.2. Many children have been away all the week owing to the severity of the weather. Examined the upper Standards today.

28/01 1881 Average attendance this week 49.6. The severity of the weather has again prevented a number of children from attending School this week.

04/02 1881 Average attendance this week 57.3. Many children away ill. Examined School today. Results generally good. Standard 2 weak in dictation.

11/02 1881 Average 51.8. The attendance is very considerably reduced this winter as compared with last. This is owing to the fact that a number of people with large

families has left the district, some of the houses they vacated are still empty, from the others I have received as yet but, three fresh scholars. There were 101 children on the books at the commencement of the School year. There are now only 87, showing a decrease of 14.

18/02 1881 Average attendance 57.4

25/02 1881 Average attendance 53.5. Examined children today. General results satisfactory. Standard 2 has much improved.

04/03 1881 Average attendance 49.2

11/03 1881 Average attendance 60.9. Usual weekly examination today

18/03 1881 Average attendance 58.9. Usual examination today

25/03 1881 Average attendance 52.6. Upper classes very small. One admission. Usual weekly examination today.

01/04 1881 Average attendance 54. Five children have left the School this week, owing to their parents having left the district. One admission. Usual weekly examination today

08/04 1881 Average attendance 54.6

14/04 1881 Tomorrow being Good Friday I have closed the School until Monday next. Average attendance 55.9. Two admissions

18/04 1881 Today being Easter Monday I gave a half holiday this afternoon

22/04 1881 Average attendance 60.2. Usual weekly examination today

29/04 1881 Average attendance 55.1. Usual weekly examination today. Two admissions

05/05 1881 Visit of John Bothamley, Member of the Fleet School Board.

06/05 1881 Average attendance 59.7. Usual examination today. One admission.

13/05 1881 Average attendance this week 50.8. Upper Standards very small. Usual examination today

18/05 1881 Gave a half-holiday, Temperance Demonstration. Only 30 children at School this morning

20/05 1881 Average attendance this week 49

27/05 1881 Average attendance this week 58.4. Usual weekly examination

03/06 1881 Average attendance this week 54.3. Usual weekly examination

10/06 1881 Average attendance this week 51.6. Upper Standard very small. Usual weekly examination. No admissions

15/06 1881 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board

17/06 1881 Average attendance this week 54.9. Usual weekly examination

24/06 1881 Average attendance this week 52.8. Usual weekly examination

01/07 1881 Average attendance this week 56.7

08/07 1881 Average attendance this week 55.8

11/07 1881 Marked Registers at 9.05am. & closed school at 1.15pm as most of the children are going to a School-treat in Holbeach Drove this afternoon at 3. Gave each child present a mark for morning & afternoon attendances.

12/07 1881 School inspected & Children examined. George H. Gordon. H.M. Inspector. Percentage of passes 92

13/07 1881 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon

15/07 1881 Average attendance this week 41.2

22/07 1881 Average attendance this week 44.6. Upper Standard very small

29/07 1881 Average attendance this week 52.6. Two admissions

05/08 1881 Average attendance this week 48.3. Class 1 small

12/08 1881 Average attendance this week 27.5. One admission. Harvest Holidays. Closed school for six weeks.

26/09 1881 Reopened School. 25 children attended

30/09 1881 Average attendance this week 25.9. Five admissions

07/10 1881 Attendance but little better this week

14/10 1881 Average attendance this week 35. Three admissions

21/10 1881 Average attendance this week 35.7

28/10 1881 Average attendance this week 40.8. Nearly all the children in the 1st Class are still away working in the fields.

31/10 1881 'Report. 'Good results are again observable. Much of the Reading is good, and the papers show considerable accuracy and are for the most part neatly done. The Grammar and Needlework have been well done, but Geography requires more attention.' The scholar numbered 32 on the Examination Schedule is disqualified under Article 20 (a) 1. Mr. Baddeley will shortly receive his Certificate. Grant for the year ended June 30th 1881. On average attendance £16.4.0, On Infants presented £3.4.0, On Examination in Standards £21.3.0, On Examination in Classes £4.0.0. Total £44.11.0. School Staff --- Master Walter Baddeley (Certificated teacher 2nd Class). Sewing Mistress. Elizabeth Baddeley (Art 32 (c) 3. Temporary Monitor Annie Leadbetter.

04/11 1881 average attendance this week 35.2

07/11 1881 Visit of Mr. Marshall, Assistant to Board Clerk - who examined Registers & Log Book.

11/11 1881 average attendance this week 45.9. One admission

18/11 1881 average attendance this week 42.7

25/11 1881 Mr. Baddeley unable to undertake his duties on account of severe illness. average attendance this week 38.8

27/11 1881 A.R.W. Glaister, Ex P.I. took temporary charge of school owing to Mr. Baddeley's continued absence through illness.

30/11 1881 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board.

02/12 1881 average attendance this week 50.7

05/12 1881 Commenced teaching Geography through 'Reading lessons', Nelson's Royal Geographical Readers being used for that purpose.

08/12 1881 Meeting of the Board. Names of irregular and non-attending children submitted to them.

09/12 1881 average attendance this week 50.3

16/12 1881 Gave a 'test' Examination in drawing, with satisfactory results.

16/12 1881 average attendance this week 49.8

19/12 1881 Drawing Examination conducted by Messrs Wilkinson & Bothamley, Members of the Board. 40 children were presented in 1st Grade Freehand.

20/12 1881 Poor attendance owing to wet weather

23/12 1881 average attendance this week 46.2 Christmas Holidays. Closed school this afternoon for a fortnight

09/01 1882 School closed for another week, by order of the Board, owing to Epidemic of Scarlet Fever in neighbourhood.

16/01 1882 Reopened School today. Attendance very small, Mr. Baddeley not yet well enough to resume his duties.

20/01 1882 average attendance this week 36.5. One admission. School work has gone on smoothly this week.

27/01 1882 average attendance this week 52.7

31/01 1882 Visit of Mr. H. Bates as a delegate of the Board.

03/02 1882 average attendance this week 51.8. Four admissions

06/02 1882 Miss S.A. Foran commenced duties as Temporary Assistant, during Mr. Baddeley's continued absence through illness.

10/02 1882 average attendance this week 58.

17/02 1882 average attendance this week 52.2. One admission

24/02 1882 average attendance this week 57.7. School work is going on very satisfactorily.

03/03 1882 average attendance this week 58.1

10/03 1882 average attendance this week 49.4

17/03 1882 average attendance this week 54.7

22/03 1882 Visit of Mr. Bates as a delegate of the Board.

24/03 1882 average attendance this week 54.8

31/03 1882 average attendance this week 57.

03/04 1882 Visit of the Rev. George Clarke of Gedney Hill.

06/04 1882 average attendance this week 56.2 Visit of Mr. H. Bates as a delegate of the Board. Commenced using Test cards for Arithmetic this week, in the Upper Standards. Tomorrow being Good Friday, have closed School until Monday next. Have written notes to many of the parents, requesting them to allow their children to

come to School regularly, so as to make up their attendances for the Examination.

14/04 1882 average attendance this week 64.2. Five admissions this week. Two children (Mary Willcox, Eliza Smith) from Whaplode Drove National School, have applied this week for admission into this school. The Rev Robert Hollis, Manager of Whaplode Drove School, informed me that I had no right to admit them. I have referred the matter to Richard P. Mossop Esq (Clerk to the Fleet School Board).

19/04 1882 Received a note (Richard P. Mossop Esq.) concerning the above mentioned children directing me to admit them into this school. I have admitted them accordingly.

21/04 1882 average attendance this week 61.5

28/04 1882 average attendance this week 63.6. Many children absent today on account of wet weather.

01/05 1882 Visit of Mr. Marshall - Assistant to Board Clerk, who examined Registers and Log Book.

02/05 1882 Annie Leadbetter (Monitor) asked for a half holiday, that she might attend a funeral; it was granted.

05/05 1882 average attendance this week 57.9. Several children absent through sickness. One admission

12/05 1882 average attendance this week 63.2. One admission

15/05 1882 Visit of the Rev. George Clarke of Gedney Hill, who examined Registers and Log Book.

17/05 1882 Monitor (A Ledbetter) absent today; attending her sister's wedding.

18/05 1882 Temperance demonstration at Holbeach Drove; as there were only 6 children presented themselves this afternoon, I dismissed them.

19/05 1882 average attendance this week 60.

25/05 1882 Many children absent on account of wet weather.

26/05 1882 average attendance this week 63.6

29/05 1882 Many children absent this afternoon on account of School Festival in Holbeach Drove.

02/06 1882 average attendance this week 63.1. Two admissions

09/06 1882 average attendance this week 63.7

14/06 1882 Visit of Mr Bothamley, Member of the Fleet Fen School Board.

16/06 1882 average attendance this week 61.0

23/06 1882 average attendance this week 63.8

30/06 1882 average attendance this week 66.9

07/07 1882 average attendance this week 57.9

10/07 1882 Gave a half holiday this afternoon, on account of a School Festival in Holbeach Drove.

11/07 1882 School inspected & Children Examined. George Gordon H.M.I.

21/07 1882 Very poor attendance this week, many of the children at work in the fields.

26/07 1882 Miss Foran asked for a holiday, which was granted.

28/07 1882 Attendance a little better this week.

31/07 1882 Report. 'Considering the difficulties that have had to be contended with the School has passed a very highly creditable Examination. Miss Baddeley deserves the greatest possible credit for the way she has worked'. S.A. Foran is recognised as qualified to serve under Article 84, Code of 1882. E. Baddeley is continued under that Article. Grant for the year ended June 30th 1882. On Average Attendance £15.6.0. On Infants presented £5.4.0. On Examinations in Standards £20.11.0. On Examinations in Classes £7.8.0. Total £48.9.0 School Staff. Head Teacher. Walter Baddeley (Certificated 2nd Class) Elizabeth Baddeley Assistant (Art 84) Sarah A. Foran Assistant (Art 84) Annie Leadbetter Monitor

04/08 1882 Poor attendance this week, nearly all the children in the upper Standard away working in the fields.

09/08 1882 Annie Ledbetter (Monitor) asked for a holiday on account of her mother's illness, it was granted.

11/08 1882 Harvest Holidays; closed School for six weeks.

25/09 1882 As there were only 8 children presented themselves at school this morning, closed school for another week, instructed by Mr. Bothamley (Member of the Fleet School Board)

02/10 1882 Reopened school; 21 children present; One admission.

06/10 1882 average attendance this week 19.5. Most of the children at work in the fields

10/10 1882 Visit of Mr. H. Bates, as a delegate of the Board.

12/10 1882 Very wet afternoon; 19 children only, present

13/10 1882 average attendance this week 29.4. Two admissions. Monitor (A Ledbetter) absent all this week through illness

20/10 1882 average attendance this week 34.6. Monitor still absent

24/10 1882 Very wet weather, many children away.

27/10 1882 average attendance this week 40.9. Nearly all 1st Class children still absent working in the fields; Monitor still absent through illness.

03/11 1882 average attendance this week 46.0. Attendance much better in the upper Standards. Monitor still absent.

06/11 1882 Visit of Mr. Marshall - Assistant to Board Clerk, who examined Registers and Log Book

10/11 1882 average attendance this week 44.8. Monitor still absent.

17/11 1882 average attendance this week 46.2. Three admissions. Monitor still absent.

20/11 1882 Monitored recommenced work today

24/11 1882 average attendance this week 45.3

01/12 1882 average attendance this week 42.3

06/12 1882 Very rough weather, many children absent

08/12 1882 average attendance this week 45.5

11/12 1882 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley & Mr. Henry Bates

15/12 1882 average attendance this week 47.9

22/12 1882 average attendance this week 41.8. Christmas Holidays. Closed school this afternoon for a fortnight

08/01 1883 Reopened school this morning. 38 children present

12/01 1883 average attendance this week 49.1. One admission

19/01 1883 average attendance this week 53.5

24/01 1883 As there will be a Children's Entertainment in the School this evening, the children were not dismissed until 2 o'clock, the Registers are marked for the day.

26/01 1883 Many children absent today owing to bad weather. average attendance this week 55.0

02/02 1883 Very wet weather, many children absent. average attendance this week 48.5

05/02 1883 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Fleet School Board. At a meeting of the Fleet School Board, held January 11th, the following 'Scheme of Religious Instruction' was approved of, to be used in this School, during the present year. Division 1. Comprising Standards 1, 2 & 3. Old Testament. Biographies contained in the first 35 chapters of Genesis. New Testament. Chief events in the life of Christ. Four Parables & four Miracles; with lessons to be learned therefrom. Division 2. Comprising Standards 4, 5 & 6. Old Testament. Biographies contained in Genesis & Exodus. New Testament. Chief events in life of Christ. Eight Parables & eight Miracles, with lessons to be learned therefrom.

09/02 1883 average attendance this week 45.9

16/02 1883 average attendance this week 46.3 One admission

23/02 1883 average attendance this week 51.7

02/03 1883 average attendance this week 53.3

09/03 1883 average attendance this week 44.7. Most of the younger children absent through the severity of the weather. One admission.

16/03 1883 average attendance this week 49.7

22/03 1883 average attendance this week 50.1

27/03 1883 The school was closed, being Eastertide, on Friday last and Monday, by orders from the Board.

30/03 1883 average attendance this week 49.4

06/04 1883 average attendance this week 51.1. Two admissions

09/04 1883 I, Walter Baddeley, Head Teacher, - commenced to partially resume my duties today, having been absent through illness since Nov. 18th 1881

12/04 1883 Usual monthly meeting of the Fleet School Board held today. I have forwarded a list of Absentees.

13/04 1883 average attendance this week 49.8

17/04 1883 Having informed the Board at their last meeting of a number of children whose parents refuse to pay the School-fees, I have been requested to carry the following resolution rigidly into effect. 'Resolved that the Master refuse admission to the children named in his report for March, unless they bring the week's fees, and also give notice to the neighbouring Schools why they are refused admission'.

20/04 1883 average attendance this week 49.6

23/04 1883 Refused to admit several children this morning because they did not bring their week's School-fees.

27/04 1883 average attendance this week 48.8

04/05 1883 average attendance this week 50.0. Miss Baddeley unable to attend School today through indisposition.

07/05 1883 Mr. R. Marshall visited the school this morning on behalf of Mr. Richard P. Mossop, Clerk to the Board, and examined the Registers

07/05 1883 Visit of Mr. J. Bothamley, Member of the Board.

10/05 1883 Monthly meeting of the Board. Have sent list of names of Irregular Scholars.

11/05 1883 average attendance this week 50.2

18/05 1883 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon owing to a Juvenile Temperance Demonstration in the village. Attendance a little better this week.

25/05 1883 average attendance this week 57.2

01/06 1883 average attendance this week 57.3

04/06 1883 Very poor attendance, owing to a School Treat in the village

08/06 1883 average attendance this week 56.9

14/06 1883 Monthly meeting of the Board, have forwarded the usual monthly report.

15/06 1883 Very wet day. Poor attendance

22/06 1883 average attendance this week 51.8

29/06 1883 School year ends today. Average attendance this week 56.0

06/07 1883 average attendance this week 53.5

13/07 1883 Attendance this week very small, many children away hay-making.

20/07 1883 average attendance this week 53.1. Have received orders from the Board to refuse admission to all children owing more than one week's School-fees.

24/07 1883 School inspected & Examined George Gordon H.M.I. Percentage of passes 98

25/07 1883 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon

27/07 1883 average attendance this week 52.7

01/08 1883 Visit of Mr. J. Bothamley, Member of the Board. Examined Registers & found them correct.

03/08 1883 average attendance this week 37.9

09/08 1883 Usual monthly meeting of the Board. Have sent usual report.

10/08 1883 average attendance this week 33.5

16/08 1883 Harvest Holidays. Closed School for six weeks.

08/10 1883 Reopened School after having been closed Seven Weeks. Only 17 scholars present.

08/10 1883 Report. 'The Elementary Work has been extremely well done & the English has been well taught. I have given the mark 'Excellent' as the School has had exceptionally trying circumstances to contend with'. Government Grant. On Average Attendance £36.10.6. On Average Infants £ 5.19.0. Total £42.9.6. signed Rich.d P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board.

08/10 1883 School Staff. Master. Walter Baddeley (Certificated 2nd Division 2nd Class) Assistant (Art 84) Elizabeth Baddeley Monitor, Annie Leadbetter. signed Rich.d P. Mossop, Clerk to the Board. Miss Foran has not been engaged since the harvest holidays, there being no further need for her assistance.

12/10 1883 average attendance this week 23.4. Two admissions

19/10 1883 average attendance this week 38.1

26/10 1883 Attendance this week very poor

02/11 1883 average attendance this week 29.6. Very few children above Standard 2

05/11 1883 Examined School Registers this day Robt. Marshall, Clerk to Mr. Mossop

09/11 1883 Attendance a little better this week. Four admissions. Commenced this week to open School in the afternoons at 1.30 & to close at 3.45, & shall continue to do so during the winter months.

16/11 1883 Average attendance for the week 47.3. One admission. Several boys have not attended School since the holidays. Have sent their names to the Clerk of the Board.

23/11 1883 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board who examined Registers.

25/11 1883 Average attendance for the week 48.9. Monitor, A. Leadbetter, away today, owing to the death of her mother.

30/11 1883 Monitor, A Leadbetter has not attended School this week. She has also asked to be allowed to resign her appointment immediately; which has been granted. Average attendance for the week 52.1

03/12 1883 Visit of Mr. John Bothamley, Member of the Board

07/12 1883 Average attendance for the week 50.7

14/12 1883 Average attendance for the week 51.7

21/12 1883 Average attendance for the week 50.0 Christmas Holidays. Closed school today for a fortnight

07/01 1884 Reopened school. Poor attendance. Miss Mary Jolly commenced duties as Monitor.

11/01 1884 Average attendance for the week 50.7

18/01 1884 Average attendance for the week 55.4

22/01 1884 Visit of Mr. Henry Bates as a delegate of the Board

25/01 1884 Attendances this week very good. Children are making satisfactory progress

01/02 1884 Average attendance for the week 48.8. Unusually large number of children away through illness.

08/02 1884 Average attendance for the week 51.0

13/02 1884 Examined Registers and found them correct. signed John Bothamley, Member of the Board.

14/02 1884 Monitor unable to attend school today owing to a sprained ankle. As several parents have lately persistently refused to pay their children's weekly school fees according to the Scale of the Board, & as several other parents have lately taken their children from this school without giving any satisfactory reason for the same, the school was closed this afternoon to enable me to attend the meeting of the School Board at Holbeach. The Board decided to have bills posted in this neighbourhood to inform the parents that children will not be admitted to this school in future unless they bring their full weekly fees with them every Monday morning. The Board also informed me that no complaints whatever had been made to them by the parents who have caused their children to leave this school.

15/02 1884 Average attendance for the week 47.0

22/02 1884 Attendance this week very poor. A large number of children away through illness.

28/02 1884 Visit of Mr. H. Bates as a delegate of the Board

29/02 1884 Average attendance for the week 44.8. A large number still away through sickness

07/02 1884 Average attendance for the week 43.8

07/03 1884 Scripture Examination. The above examination was conducted by the Rev. D.S. Matthew, (Inspector for the Diocese of Lincoln) & the Rev. W.C. James, Vicar of Fleet this morning. Gave a half holiday.

14/03 1884 Average attendance for the week 48.0. Two admissions. Mr. Baddeley has been absent from school since Monday, owing to illness.

21/03 1884 Average attendance for the week 50.1. One admission

28/03 1884 Average attendance for the week 50.3

31/03 1884 Report of the Scripture Examination, by the Rev. D.S. Matthew, Inspector of Religious Knowledge for the Diocese of Lincoln. 'I examined this School on the morning of March 7th. I regret that, from a change in the train service, I arrived late at the School, & was not able to give as much time as I could have wished to the examination of the children I was however satisfied, from the answers in both Divisions that the Religious Instruction in the range of subjects approved by the Board had been given conscientiously & efficiently. The

children answered freely & showed good knowledge of their lessons. The Rev. W.H. James, who had questioned them at greater length before my arrival expressed his approbation of the answers he received'.

04/04 1884 Average attendance for the week 46.4

09/04 1884 Commenced to resume my duties after a month's illness today.
W.Baddeley.

10/04 1884 Tomorrow being Good Friday closed School today until Tuesday next.

15/04 1884 Reopened School today, attendance very small

18/04 1884 Average attendance for the week (Easter Week) only 35.0

25/04 1884 Average attendance for the week 55.6. Two admissions

02/05 1884 Average attendance for the week 58.3. Five admissions

02/05 1884 Scheme of Religious Knowledge for the year 1884. Division 1. Comprising Infants & Standards 1 & 2. Old Testament. Outline of the Book of Genesis with special life of Joseph. New Testament. Outline of the life of Christ, with four Parables & Miracles & lessons to be learned therefrom. Division 2. Comprising Standards 3, 4, 5 & 6. Outline of the Book of Exodus with special life of Moses. New Testament. St. Luke's Gospel.

05/05 1884 Examined School Registers this morning. Robt. Marshall

09/05 1884 Average attendance for the week 53.5

16/05 1884 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon owing to a Temperance Demonstration in the village.

23/05 1884 Average attendance for the week 56.4

30/05 1884 Average attendance for the week 56.6. One admission

03/06 1884 Examined Registers & found them correct. John Bothamley, Member of the Board.

06/06 1884 Very wet day: poor school

09/06 1884 Attendance today very bad owing to a Bazaar at Gedney Hill

13/06 1884 Attendance during the whole of this week very low, owing to a Fair, a School-Treat & a Bazaar in the neighbourhood.

20/06 1884 Average attendance for the week 53.4

23/06 1884 The Monitor, Miss Jolly is absent today by permission. Attendance today very bad owing to a fair at Whaplode Drove.

27/06 1884 Average attendance for the week 52.7

04/07 1884 Attendance this week small. An unusual number of children away ill

09/07 1884 Visit of Mr. J. Bothamley, Member of the Board

10/07 1884 Usual monthly meeting of the Board. Have sent Report of School, & recommended that the school walls be whitewashed; & the doors, window frames etc., repainted outside.

11/07 1884 Average attendance for the week 57.6

14/07 1884 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon, owing to a Sunday-school Treat in the village

15/07 1884 School inspected and children examined by R.M. Oliver Esq. H.M. Inspector

18/07 1884 Average attendance for the week 42.9

21/07 1884 Wet afternoon, 22 children present and 51 absent

25/07 1884 Average attendance for the week 35.9. Received Duplicate Examination Schedule from Mr. Mossop today. Percentage of passes 95.7

01/08 1884 Average attendance for the week 40.4

04/08 1884 As only 20 children presented themselves this morning, I dismissed them & closed the school for six weeks holiday.

15/09 1884 Only 12 children presented themselves this morning. Dismissed them for another week.

22/09 1884 Opened School this morning with 26 children

24/09 1884 Sent to Mr. Mossop a list of names of twenty-two Absentees, all of them being full-timers.

26/09 1884 Average attendance for the week 24.5

26/09 1884 School Staff. Master. Walter Baddeley (Certificated 2nd Division, 2nd Class) Assistant.. Elizabeth Baddeley (Art.84). Monitor. Mary Jolly. Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report. - ' The irregularity of attendance at this School is to be remarked, the average attendance of the 39 children examined being 282.6, 9 including less than 250, 15 others less than 300 attendances. The results under these circumstances do Mr. Baddeley much credit. The order is good. Standard work satisfactory throughout, but not of very high quality. English may be considered good, but Grammar is weak in the second, fourth and fifth Standards. Sewing is fair. Geography may be considered fair, but the first class is decidedly weak. Singing is fair. The Infants are backward in Number, but otherwise satisfactorily taught.' E. Baddeley is continued under Article 84. Grant earned £45.0.0

02/10 1884 Usual monthly meeting of the Board. Report of School & list of Absentees have been sent.

03/10 1884 Average attendance for the week 30.9. Many children away potato picking

10/10 1884 Average attendance for the week only 28.2. Only 14 children at school this afternoon owing to bad weather. Many children away all this week potato picking.

17/10 1884 Average attendance for the week 28.3. 35 children have been away during the whole of the week potato picking

22/10 1884 Have, at the request of Mr. Curtis, Attendance Officer to the Holbeach Board sent him a list of Absentees not at work.

24/10 1884 Average attendance for the week 29.0

31/10 1884 Average attendance for the week 34.9. There are still a number of children who have not attended school since harvest.

03/11 1884 Admitted two children this morning who are in a very backward condition. One of them, nine years old, cannot Head words of two letters, & has no notion whatever of writing. The other, ten years old, is but little better.

07/11 1884 Average attendance for the week 41.0

10/11 1884 Commence this week to open school in the afternoon at 1.30, & to close at 3.45. & shall continue to do so during the winter months.

13/11 1884 Meeting of the Board today. Have sent usual monthly Report, & list of Absentees.

14/11 1884 Attendance much better, average for week 50.1

21/11 1884 Attendance today very poor, owing to bad weather. Average attendance for the week 41.7

24/11 1884 Sent list of Absentees to Mr. Mossop

28/11 1884 Average attendance for the week 40.4. Eight children have been absent the whole of the week through illness. One little girl has been absent nearly a fortnight because she had not any boots to put on.

01/12 1884 Sent list of Absentees to Mr. Mossop. Did not send above-mentioned list of Absentees as the children whose names were entered on it, came to school this afternoon. Only 16 children present this morning and 19 this afternoon, owing to a heavy fall of snow

05/12 1884 Monitor has been absent the whole of this week owing to the illness of her mother. Average attendance 26.8. Many children have been absent the whole week because of the bad weather.

08/12 1884 Monitor resumed duties today.

11/12 1884 Meeting of the Board. Sent Monthly Report & List of Absentees.

12/12 1884 Average attendance for the week 47.1. Miss Baddeley unable to attend this morning & yesterday morning, owing to ill health.

19/12 1884 Xmas Holidays. Closed School for a week.

29/12 1884 Reopened School. Very small attendance

02/01 1885 Average attendance for the week 33.7

08/01 1885 Meeting of the Board. Sent Monthly Report & list of Absentees.

09/01 1885 Average attendance for the week 44.1. Work progressing satisfactorily.

16/01 1885 Very bad weather all this week. Average attendance for the week only 34.7

23/01 1885 Average attendance for the week 49.5. Two admissions

30/01 1885 Average attendance for the week 50.7

06/02 1885 Average attendance for the week 47.1. Work going on in a satisfactory manner

12/02 1885 Board meet today. Have sent usual monthly Report & list of Absentees

13/02 1885 Average attendance for the week 51.4

16/02 1885 Very wet afternoon. Only 30 children present

20/02 1885 Average attendance for the week 50.0. Monitor absent yesterday & today with bad foot.

27/02 1885 Average attendance for the week 51.5. Monitor still absent with bad foot. Her sister has been doing her work.

06/03 1885 Very wet afternoon. Only 35 children present. Average attendance for the week 46.0

12/03 1885 Board meet today. Have sent usual Report & list of Absentees

13/03 1885 Average attendance for the week 46.7

16/03 1885 Commenced to open school at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, instead of 1.30; the latter having been the time for opening during the winter months.

20/03 1885 Average attendance for the week 44.2

23/03 1885 Scripture Examination today conducted by the Rev. D.S. Matthew, Diocesan Inspector of Schools. 55 children present.

24/03 1885 Gave a half-holiday this afternoon

27/03 1885 Average attendance for the week 50.2

30/03 1885 I today visited the School on behalf of the School Board, called the Registers, and inspected the premises. I was much pleased with the general aspect of the School. Walter H. James. Chairman.

02/04 1885 Tomorrow being Good Friday, have closed School today until Tuesday next.

07/04 1885 Reopened School, only 17 children present.

09/04 1884 No school

10/04 1885 Average attendance for the week 17.5

17/04 1885 Average attendance for the week 43.8. One admission

24/04 1885 Average attendance for the week 51.7. One admission

27/04 1885 Report of the Scripture Examination by the Rev. D.S. Matthew, Diocesan Inspector of Schools. - The School was examined by me on March 23rd. Both Divisions passed a very good Examination in the subjects of Religious Instruction adapted by the Board. The answers of the children were given intelligently, & showed great interest in the lessons they had received. The results of the Examination were to me very satisfactory'.

01/05 1885 Average attendance for the week 52.9. One admission

08/05 1885 Average attendance for the week 50.0

14/05 1885 Meeting of the Board. Sent usual report of School.

15/05 1885 Average attendance for the week 49.8

19/05 1885 Examined the Registers and found them correctly marked. Robt. Marshall, Clerk to Mr. Mossop. Clerk to the F.S.B.

22/05 1885 Average attendance for the week 45.3

29/05 1885 Average attendance for the week 53.0

05/06 1885 Average attendance for the week 50.4

11/06 1885 Meeting of the Board. Have sent usual monthly Report.

12/06 1885 Average attendance for the week 48.0

19/06 1885 Average attendance for the week 51.2

26/06 1885 Average attendance for the week 51.6. General work of School going on in a satisfactory manner

01/07 1885 Examined Registers & found them correct. signed Samuel C. Wilkinson. Member of F.S. Board.

03/07 1885 Average attendance for the week 49.0

10/07 1885 Average attendance for the week 47.6

13/07 1885 Closed School, owing to a Sunday-school Anniversary in the village.

17/07 1885 Average attendance for the week 48.5

21/07 1885 School inspected & children examined by R.D.M. Oliver Esq, this morning. Gave a half-holiday this afternoon.

24/07 1885 Average attendance for the week 44.7

31/07 1885 Average attendance for the week 32.1

07/08 1885 Average attendance for the week 29.3

07/08 1885 School Staff - Master. Walter Baddeley (Certificated 2nd Division 2nd Class). Assistant. Elizabeth Baddeley (Art 84). Monitor. Mary Jolly. signed. Richard P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board. Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report. - 'The order is very fair. Standard work on the whole satisfactory. Except the Reading of the first Standard which is slow and inaccurate, none falls below fair. But Handwriting should be rounder and of better shape in the upper Standards. Arithmetic of the first and second Standards deserves special especial praise. English may be considered good on the whole. But Recitation of the first Standard & Grammar in the fourth Standard might be better. Sewing is good and Singing fair. The Infant Class is backward in Number but otherwise well instructed in the Elements. The Object Lessons and Occupations might improve. The Registers should be more frequently supervised & tested by Managers' E. Baddeley is continued under Art 84. signed. Richard P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board. Grant £39.1.2. Scheme of Religious Knowledge for the year 1885. Division 1. Comprising Infants & Standards 1 & 2. Old Testament. Outline of the Book of Genesis; with special life of Joseph. New Testament. Chief events in the life of Christ, with four Parables & Miracles & lessons to be learned therefrom. Division 2. Comprising Standards 3 & upwards. Old Testament. First Book of Samuel, with special life of Samuel. New Testament. Chief events in the life of Christ, with Parables & Miracles as recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel.

14/08 1885 Harvest Holidays. Closed School for six weeks.

28/09 1885 Reopened School today

02/10 1885 Average attendance for the week 20.1

09/10 1885 Average attendance for the week 29.8

12/10 1885 The Monitress Miss M. Jolly resumed her duties today, having been absent through illness since February 19th

15/10 1885 Monthly meeting of the Board, have sent usual report

16/10 1885 Average attendance this week 33.5. Many children still away potato picking

23/10 1885 Average attendance for the week 32.6

30/10 1885 Average attendance for the week 39.0

04/11 1885 Sent list of names of absentees to Mr. Mossop

06/11 1885 Average attendance this week 35.4

12/11 1885 Meeting of the Board, have sent usual monthly report

13/11 1885 Average attendance this week 40.6

16/11 1885 Commence this week to open school at 1.30 in the afternoons instead of 2.00 and shall continue to do so during the winter months. Shall close at 3.45 instead of 4.15

20/11 1885 Average attendance this week 46.4

24/11 1885 Received six tons of coal, that being the usual yearly supply.

27/11 1885 Average attendance this week 44.6

04/12 1885 Average attendance for the week 47.1

10/12 1885 Meeting of the Board, Sent usual monthly report & list of absentees.

11/11 1885 Average attendance for the week 47.3

18/11 1885 Average attendance for the week 41.8

21/12 1885 Mr. Baddeley is unable to attend School owing to illness. In the meantime the School will be in my charge. E. Baddeley

24/12 1885 Xmas holidays. School closed until Monday Jan 4th. Average attendance for the week 38.0

04/01 1886 Re-opened School. Small attendance.

08/01 1886 Average attendance for the week 34.2

11/01 1886 Attendance very small owing to severity of the weather, and wretched condition of the roads.

14/01 1886 Monthly meeting of the Board. The usual monthly Report, together with the quarterly Accounts have been forwarded. Mr. Baddeley has also tendered his resignation, owing to long continued ill-health, together with my own.

15/01 1886 Average attendance for the week 30.4

22/01 1886 Average attendance for the week 37.1

29/01 1886 Bad attendance this week on account of bad weather. Average attendance 29.5

05/02 1886 Average attendance for the week 37.9

11/02 1886 Usual meeting of the Board. Monthly report sent.

12/02 1886 Average attendance for the week 45.7

19/02 1886 Average attendance for the week 39.7

26/02 1886 Average attendance for the week 44.0

05/03 1886 Poor attendance this week on account of severe weather. Average 30.4

12/03 1886 Average attendance for the week 35.0

19/03 1886 Average attendance for the week 40.0

26/03 1886 Average attendance for the week 46.9

01/04 1886 Mr. Baddeley having resigned the Head-Mastership of this School, I have been appointed as C. Mistress in his place. Maria Trail, "2nd Class Certificated 3rd Division. Formerly of the National Higher Grade School, Swansea. S.Wales.

02/04 1886 I have this day examined the 4 upper Standards and find the Arithmetic of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Standards in a very backward state. During the nine months of the school year practice only has been taught in Standard 5, the children being quite ignorant of their other rules. Grammar, Composition, and Mental Arithmetic has not been taught this year. The writing throughout the school is unsatisfactory. Average attendance for the week 40.7

05/04 1886 I punished two boys this morning. Samuel Bingham threw a stone and cut a little girl above the eye, and George Plum threw a thick stick which hurt one of the girls on the top of the head.

09/04 1886 Average attendance for the week 50.0

16/04 1886 Average attendance for the week 54.4

22/04 1886 Tomorrow being Good Friday, have closed school today until Tuesday next.

30/04 1886 Average attendance for the week 52.1.

30/04 1886 On Monday Mr. Bates, Member of the Board, visited the School for the purpose of seeing what repairs were necessary in the School; also saw the condition of slates. I recommended that the Board would forward new ones, as soon as possible for Standard 1 and Infants.

03/05 1886 Miss Mary Jolly 15 minutes late. No reason given.

04/05 1886 Examined the Standard children and found a great improvement in the Arithmetic of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Standards.

05/05 1886 Miss Mary Jolly 10 minutes late. No reason given

06/05 1886 Miss Mary Jolly 15 minutes late. Again not any reason given.

07/05 1886 Examined registers and found them correct. Henry Bates.

07/05 1886 Average attendance for the week 52.8

13/05 1886 Usual monthly meeting of the Board today. Have sent monthly Report. Miss Mary Jolly asked for a holiday today to attend a wedding. It was granted her. Owing to the severity of the weather only 28 children this morning and 29 this afternoon.

14/05 1886 Average attendance for the week 47.7

18/05 1886 Marked registers at 8.50am and closed school at 1.45pm as most of the children are going to attend a tea in Holbeach Drove at 3pm this afternoon.

21/05 1885 Average attendance this week 54.8. Mr. Bates, Member of the Board visited the School. On account of the unsafe condition of the class-room ceiling, the above named gentleman recommended that the Infants are moved into the large room until the class-room is properly repaired. They are now in the large room.

26/05 1886 Mr. Bates and I have examined the premises with a view to rectifying what the Teacher reports a (amifo)??, and I have called the Registers & am satisfied with the way in which they are kept. Walter H. James, Chairman of the Board.

28/05 1886 The girls being very backward in their needlework, I have deviated from the time-table this morning to enable me to give them an extra lesson in that subject. Average attendance for the week 58.1

04/06 1886 Average attendance for the week 57.8

07/06 1886 Marked registers at 8.40am and closed school at 1.45pm as more than half of the children are going to attend a tea in one of the chapels at 3pm. Marked two attendances on the registers.

10/06 1886 Meeting of the Board. Have sent the usual monthly report and list of absentees.

11/06 1886 Received a letter from R. Mossop Esq., Clerk to the Board today informing me that the school was to be closed for a week in order that the ceiling might be repaired. I have accordingly closed school until June 21st. Average attendance for the week 58.5

21/06 1886 Re-opened school this morning. Very poor attendance.

25/06 1886 Average attendance for the week 52.3

01/07 1886 The new registers - which were ordered two months back - not having been sent, I have been compelled to mark this day's attendance on the registers which should have been closed June 30th 1886.

02/07 1886 Marked registers at 1.05pm and closed school at 3.10pm

02/07 1886 Examined registers and found them correct. Henry Bates

09/07 1886 Average attendance for the week 51.0

12/07 1886 A great number of children absent today owing to a tea-feast in Holbeach Drove. Only 25 children present this afternoon

16/07 1886 Average attendance for the week 55.7

21/07 1886 Received slates for Infants and Standard 1.

23/07 1886 School examined by R.D.M. Oliver Esq. this morning. Gave half holiday this afternoon. Average attendance for the week 63.3

30/07 1886 Average attendance for the week 52.8

06/08 1886 Sent list of absentees to Mr. Stuart who has been appointed by the Board as attendance officer for the Fleet Board Schools. Average attendance for the week 55.6

19/08 1886 Attendance much smaller this week, many of the children being kept home as harvest has begun.

20/08 1886 Registers examined and found correct. Robt. Marshall for the R.D. Mossop. As only 33 out of the 78 children on the Registers presented themselves

this afternoon I closed school for five weeks.

20/08 1886 School Staff - Mistress. Maria Trail (Certificated 2nd Class).
Monitor. Mary Jolly. signed Clerk to the Board.

20/08 1886 Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report. The order is remarkably good, and the general tone and appearance of the School pleasing and creditable to the new Mistress. But the general results in Standard subjects show a great falling off. There are a great many failures in Arithmetic and a majority of indifferent passes. No grant can be recommended this year, either for English or Needlework. Singing is fair. The Infants are fairly instructed in the Elements, but objects and occupations should improve. Some Object Cards and apparatus for Occupations are needed. A fair Merit Grant is recommended, but improvements in the quality of Standard work will be looked for next year. The attendance appears to be extremely irregular, and should engage the early and serious attention of the Board. Signed Rich.d P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board. Grant - £24.10.0.

27/09 1886 Re-opened school today. Only 30 children presented themselves. Most of the children in the Upper Standards are away potato picking.

29/09 1886 Have written notes to several parents requesting them to send their children to school this afternoon.

30/09 1886 As only 4 of the children - out of about 20 - who I sent for yesterday, attended school this morning, I sent the Monitor, Miss Jolly, to see the parents and inform them, that the children must attend not later than Monday Oct 4th. Many of the parents promised to send them then.

02/10 1886 Average attendance for the week 32.3

04/10 1886 A slight improvement in the attendance today. I have again sent notes requesting the parents to send their children to school.

05/10 1886 A great improvement in the attendance today, 57 children being present this morning.

11/10 1886 Miss Jolly asked for a half holiday this afternoon to attend a funeral

20/10 1886 Visit without Notice. 1. The Mistress must be at once provided with a Copy of the Code and Instrumentation for 1886. (Cf Art.6). 2. Unless the Object Cards and Apparatus for Occupations recommended in the Report - together with a proper supply of Calico, Knitting Needles, and other things necessary for instructing the Girls in Needlework are provided without delay. The Grant may be reduced under Art 115. R.D.M. Oliver

20/10 1886 Commenced opening school at 1.30pm and closing 3.45pm. I shall continue to do so during the winter months.

22/10 1886 Average attendance for the week 54.7

29/10 1886 Average attendance for the week 48.5

01/11 1886

05/11 1886

11/11 1886

12/11 1886

15/11 1886 A great number of children were late coming to school this morning. This no doubt is owing to the bell being broken - as they generally hear it rung for 20 minutes before school time.

18/11 1886 As more than 20 of the children wished to attend the funeral of Mr. Baddeley - the late Master - this afternoon I opened school at 8.30am, Marked registers at 8.50am and closed school at 1.45pm. Marked two attendances on Registers.

19/11 1886 Examined Registers and found them correct, the children clean and attentive. Henry Bates. Average attendance for the week 49.7

22/11 1886 A boy in Standard 1 named Jesse Castle who was admitted to this school in July 1886 is so dull that it is impossible for him to keep up with the other children. When he first came here he had not the slightest idea of forming a letter or figure. I find he makes but very little progress.

26/11 1886 Average attendance for the week 52.4. I have received all the apparatus suggested by R.D.M. Oliver Esq. H.M.I. of Schools.

01/12 1886

02/12 1886

02/12 1886

03/12 1886 I punished a boy named Walter Castle today for persisting in telling an untruth.

09/12 1886 Usual Monthly Meeting of the Board today. Have applied to the Board for a fortnights' holiday at Xmas, as I have so far to go to my home. It being a two day's journey.

10/12 1886 Received a letter from R.P.Mossop Esq, Clerk to the Board, informing me that the Board refuse to grant more than one week's holiday at Xmas; although the school has other years had as much as 9 weeks holidays during the year. If they had granted a fortnights holiday they would only have had 7 weeks holiday this year. Average attendance for the week 50.3

17/12 1886

23/12 1886

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28/01 1887

04/02 1887

09/02 1887

14/02 1887

18/02 1887 Sent a list of names to Mr. Curtis, Attendance Officer for Holbeach; also wrote to the Rev.d W. James to inquire if there was to be a Scripture Examination this year.

21/02 1887 Owing to indisposition I have had the Monitress - Mary Jolly - in the large room today to assist with Standards 1 & 2. A girl from Standard 6 taught the Infants.

22/02 1887 Monitress, Mary Jolly, with Standards 1 & 2 today as I have a severe cold and am unable to talk much.

23/02 1887

25/02 1887

02/03 1887 Received a letter from the Rev. W. James, Chairman of the Board, informing me that no date had as yet been fixed for the Scripture Examination.

03/03 1887 Sent a list of absentees to Mr. Curtis (Attendance Officer for Holbeach), of children residing in Holbeach Drove who attend this school.

04/03 1887

09/03 1887 Examined registers and found them correct. Children very clean and attentive. Henry Bates. Commenced to open school a 2 o'clock in the afternoons instead of 1.30 the latter having been the time for opening during the winter months.

11/03 1887

14/03 1887

18/03 1887

25/03 1887

01/04 1887

07/04 1887

12/04 1887

14/04 1887 Usual monthly meeting of the Board today. Have sent in report of attendance. Visit of H. Bates Esq., Member of the School Board this morning.

15/04 1887

16/04 1887

20/04 1887

22/04 1887 Usual monthly examination of Infants this morning. The monitress (Mary Jolly) has worked hard with her class of infants this last month and the result was most satisfactory. Great progress has been made with the Arithmetic. The Reading & Writing was good.

25/04 1887 The monitress (Mary Jolly) applied for a holiday today to attend a wedding. It was granted her.

29/04 1887

03/05 1887

06/05 1887

09/05 1887

11/05 1887 Examined registers and found them correct. School in very good order. Children clean and attentive. Henry Bates.

12/05 1887

17/05 1887 Closed school this afternoon owing to a Sunday-School Anniversary in the Village.

25/05 1887 Examined Registers and found same correct. Robt. Marshall. for Clerk to the Board.

27/05 1887

01/06 1887 Gave the Standard children their weekly examination. A boy in Standard 1 named Jesse Castle is so dull that it is impossible for him to work with the children in Standard 1. On Nov 22nd 1886 I made a note in the Log Book concerning him.

03/06 1887

10/06 1887

18/06 1887 Received letter from R.P.Mossop Esq. Clerk to the Board informing me that R.D.M.Oliver Esq. H.M.I. of Schools intends to visit this school on Wednesday July 6th 1887 at 9.30am.

20/06 1887 Visit without notice. All going on well. J.Lovett

20/06 1887 Marked registers at 8.30am and closed school at 2pm as most of the children are going to the Jubilee at Gedney Hill. Marked two attendances on registers.

21/06 1887

22/06 1887 Gave half holiday this afternoon as the Jubilee is to be held in Fleet Fen & Holbeach Drove. 50 of the children are going.

27/06 1887 Several children home ill with chicken-pox. One child home ill with measles. I have sent the brother of the child who is ill home, to prevent the disease from spreading.

27/06 1887 Have warned all children who come from the neighbourhood of Gedney Hill about visiting houses where there are cases of measles.

30/06 1887

04/07 1887 Have written to Mr. Bates, Member of the Board, with regard to three fresh cases of measles in three different families, the children of which families attend this school. I have sent the brothers and sisters of the children who are ill home.

05/07 1887 Visit of Mr. Bates this morning. He advised that the children in the above mentioned families who are able to attend should do so tomorrow July 6th. He told me to inform HMI of the fact that they had brothers or sisters ill with measles.

06/07 1887 School inspected and children examined by R.D.M.Oliver Esq. HMI of Schools. Gave half holiday this afternoon.

08/07 1887 There are 24 children absent today with measles in the family.

11/07 1887 Only 17 children present this morning. Most of those absent have measles. I have sent a note to Mr. Bates asking him to advise me what to do. Mr Bates being absent from home I have dismissed the children this morning until tomorrow morning.

12/07 1887 Mr. Bates advises to keep open for the present unless there are any fresh cases of measles.

13/07 1887 Am unable to attend school today through illness. I have left the Monitress (Mary Jolly) in charge.

19/07 1887 I am still unable to attend school through severe illness. There are 53 children absent this week with measles. Mr. Bates ordered me to close school until next Monday.

25/07 1887 Received notice from Dr. Jackson that this school was to be closed for three weeks owing to the prevalence of measles.

25/07 1887 Copy of H.M.Inspector's Report - 'The Order is excellent, and the tone and appearance of the School pleasing, but the general results in Standard Subjects are unsatisfactory. There are a great many failures in Arithmetic and the majority of the passes

25/07 1887 made in Standard Subjects are indifferent ones. No Grant can be recommended for English. Recitation is Fair (on the whole) but Grammar is quite a failure. Singing is good and Sewing Very Fair. The Infants are fairly taught. No Merit Grant can be

25/07 1887 recommended, on account of the unsatisfactory results in Standard Subjects. The Infants' Class should be placed in charge of an ex-Pupil Teacher or Assistant under Article 84, and the Monitress transferred to the Mixed School where help is needed.

25/07 1887 It is to be regretted that no member of the Board should be present on the day of Examination. My Lords will expect a more favourable Report on Arithmetic next year as a condition of an unreduced Grant. Grant £30.0.6

25/07 1887 School Staff - Mistress. Maria Trail, certificated 3rd Class. Monitress, Mary Jolly.

12/08 1887 Received notice from R.P.Mossop informing me that this school was to be re-opened on Sep 5th. It having been closed since July 19th for measles. It will give 3 weeks for harvest holiday and 4 weeks holiday on account of the prevalence of measles.

05/09 1887

14/09 1887 Closed school today by order of R.P.Mossop as the room was required for the triennial election of the Fleet School Board.

15/09 1887

23/09 1887

27/09 1887

05/10 1887 There are nine children absent this morning owing to a fresh outbreak of measles. I, with the permission of J.J.Drewery, Member of the Board, have left the school in charge of the Monitress (Mary Jolly) today as I have important

business to transact.

12/10 1887

12/10 1887 Visit of J.J.Drewery. Visit of Dr. Jackson and Mr. Marshall, Officer of Health. They inspected the offices and suggested that in future a good supply of disinfectants should be used; also that the offices in the Boy's play-ground should be better attended to. I reported to them an outbreak of scarlet fever and measles in families from which children attend this school.

13/10 1887 Had notice from one of the parents that Dr. Jackson had called on her and ordered that all her children should be kept away from school for a fortnight. The children had measles a fortnight ago, but had begun to attend school again.

14/10 1887 Received notice from one of the parents that her children - five in number - have been ordered by Dr. Jackson not to attend school for four weeks. They have been absent with scarlet fever for four weeks. The Board has appointed two Monitors - Edith Brown and Mary Darlow. This will prove a great help with the Standards. Mary Darlow takes Infants. Edith Brown Standard 1 and Miss Jolly, during the time she is here, Standard 2.

19/10 1887 Visit of Mr. Bayston, Mr. Drewery, and Mr. Crosby - Members of the Board - to see to the repairing of the pipes. The average has decreased this week, the parents refusing to send their children until a fire can be lighted in the school.

24/10 1887

25/10 1887

27/10 1887

31/10 1887

01/11 1887

08/11 1887

14/11 1887 Visited School this morning, found the attendance good. Rooms warm and everything very satisfactory. Registers correct. J.J.Drewery

14/11 1887

21/11 1887

30/11 1887

08/12 1887

15/12 1887

23/12 1887 Have closed school today until Jan 2nd 1888 by order of R.P.Mossop. The Monitress, Miss Jolly, has left today for good.

02/01 1888

03/01 1888 I, Maria Trail, have sent in my resignation to the Board. I wish to leave March 25th 1888.

11/01 1888 As most of the children wish to attend the funeral of Miss Cheriton I opened school at 12.45 and closed at 2.50pm

19/01 1888 Visited School and found the attendance fair, several of the children absent from illness, other matters satisfactory. J.J.Drewery.

19/01 1888

20/01 1888

26/01 1888 Examined Standards 1 & 2 this morning. Standard 2 has improved greatly this last fortnight in Arithmetic and Dictation and reflects great credit on their teacher M. Darlow. Standard 1 needs much attention both in Arithmetic and Dictation.

26/01 1888

27/01 1888 I, with the consent of Mr Drewery have left the school in charge of Miss Jolly, the late monitress, as I have business to attend to.

01/02 1888

06/02 1888 The monitress Mary Darlow is absent from school today through illness. The average continues to decrease. Since Xmas there have been several children ill. Ring-worm has broken out in the school this week, children who have it to stay at home.

14/02 1888

15/02 1888 The weather still very severe. Only 28 children present this morning. Monitress, Edith Brown, absent this morning but present this afternoon. Informed me that her mother would not allow her to attend as the roads were so bad.

20/02 1888 Edith Brown again absent this morning but present this afternoon for the same reason. I have informed her that if it happens again I shall have to bring it before the Board. Some of the scholars in her class have more than twice as far to come as she has.

29/02 1888

02/03 1888 Visited School and found the attendance small, several of the children ill, otherwise all matters satisfactory. Find Registers correct. J.J.Drewery.

05/03 1888 Miss Croot - the Mistress appointed by the Board to take charge of this school on the 26th inst - visited the school this morning.

13/03 1888 Better attendance this week. One child ill with scarlet fever.

19/03 1888

21/03 1888 Visited School and was pleased to find the attendance much improved, only one or two absent through illness. School beautifully warm and comfortable. Miss Trails leaving on Friday a serious loss to the school. J.J.Drewery.

23/03 1888

26/03 1888 I, Sarah Ellen Croot commenced my duties here as Mistress with a rather poor attendance owing to the severe weather. Mr. J.J.Drewery visited school this morning.

29/03 1888

03/04 1888

06/04 1888

09/04 1888

09/04 1888 Caned John F. Drewery and Matthew Stokes both Standard 6 for disobedience and impudence.

13/04 1888 During this week have given lessons to Standard 5 on Addition of Fractions, and Tuck running. Standard 4 Button-holes, Standard 3, Stitching. Jessie M. Bingham admitted. Average attendance for the week 50.7

20/04 1888 Mr. J.J.Drewery visited school this afternoon. Average attendance for the week 48.6

23/04 1888 Edward Whitwell admitted. Taught Standard 4 Reduction Avoirdupois Weight.

27/04 1888

04/05 1888

11/05 1888 Charlotte Phillips admitted on Monday. Closed school today till the 23rd May for the May Week & Whit Monday Holiday, by order of the Board. Average attendance for the week 47.9

23/05 1888 I have this afternoon been over the Premises, called the Registers, and find everything in the School in nice order. The children appear to be attentive and the discipline kind and effective. Walter H. James. Member of the School Board.

22/05 1888

24/05 1888

25/05 1888

29/05 1888

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08/06 1888

10/06 1888

12/06 1888

15/06 1888

19/06 1888

22/06 1888

27/06 1888

28/06 1888

02/07 1888

04/07 1888

04/07 1888

06/07 1888

09/07 1888 Gave half holiday this afternoon as there was a School Feast in Holbeach Drove, and only 26 children presented themselves this morning.

13/07 1888

19/07 1888

20/07 1888

27/07 1888

30/07 1888

03/08 1888

07/08 1888 Caned Arthur Plum for disobedience.

10/08 1888 Average attendance for the week 28.3. The attendance is still very low in consequence of a girl having had an infectious skin disease, although the girl was away from school as soon as found out and did not return until the Doctor gave her leave. Have sent a list of all those absent to Mr. Stuart the attendance Officer.

13/08 1888 Visit of Mr. Stuart, the Attendance Officer, who visited the parents of those absent.

17/08 1888

08/10 1888 Opened School this morning after seven weeks holiday, with a small attendance. Sarah Ellen Croot. Certificated Mistress 2nd Class 3rd Div. Edith Brown, Mary Darlow - Monitors.

08/10 1888

12/10 1888

16/10 1888 Visit without notice. The attendance is most irregular; and calls for the immediate attention of the Board. The appearance of the School is most pleasing. J. Lovett

18/10 1888

19/10 1888

26/10 1888

29/10 1888

02/11 1888

06/11 1888

09/11 1888

16/11 1888

22/11 1888

23/11 1888

30/11 1888

07/12 1888

14/12 1888

21/12 1888

31/12 1888

03/01 1889 Visit without Notice. The School has been placed at great disadvantage by the failure of the Board to supply the Books recommended in last years Report. To this neglect on the part of the Board, attention was called at a Visit Without Notice on 16th Oct: (p167). The School has now incurred a deduction of Grant (Art 115). R.D.M.Oliver

04/01 1889

11/01 1889

18/01 1889

19/01 1889 I, Sarah Ellen Croot, have today sent in my resignation to the Board. I wish to leave April 19th. I felt this to be my duty owing to the want of co-operation on the part of the Board, and for the lack of that, the difficulty of working this school to anything like satisfactory results.

25/01 1889

01/02 1889

08/02 1889

15/02 1889 Average attendance for the week 31.4. The small attendance is caused by the severe weather, and also a case of scarletina in the village which keeps three children away from school. Edith Brown was away on Friday morning owing to the illness of her mother

18/02 1889

22/02 1889

01/03 1889

08/03 1889 J.J.Drewery Esq., with Mr. Duce the newly appointed Master paid a visit to school this morning. Average attendance for the week 37.8

13/03 1889

15/03 1889

21/03 1889

22/03 1889

29/03 1889

02/04 1889 The Monitors Mary Darlow and Edith Brown were 20 minutes late. No reason given.

03/04 1889

05/04 1889

12/04 1889

19/04 1889

13/05 1889 Arthur C. Price. Certificated 2nd Class. took temporary charge of the Fleet Fen Board School. The School has been closed more than three weeks. The Master appointed after having viewed the school declined to accept office.

14/05 1889

16/05 1889

17/05 1889 Mr. English, new Master and Mr. Drewery visited the School. The children are now in good order.

23/05 1889

24/05 1889 The two teachers Edith Brown and Mary Darlow have efficiently discharged their duties during the past two weeks. My time has expired as temporary Master. A.C.Price

27/05 1889 I, William English, took charge of the Fleet Fen Board School today. Owing to inclement weather only 20 children were present; I therefore deferred an Examination. Mr. Drewery visited.

28/05 1889

30/05 1889 Mrs. English superintended the sewing this afternoon and found the girls in a most backward state and though the School year will soon expire, not one child seems prepared for the coming Examination.

03/06 1889 Opened school at 8.30 and dismissed at 1.30, ,marking two attendances to enable children to attend a school treat. Have given the two monitresses (Edith Brown & Mary Darlow) work for their evening lessons - the first they have received since June '88.

07/06 1889

10/06 1889

11/06 1889

14/06 1889

18/06 1889

21/06 1889

24/06 1889

28/06 1889

01/07 1889

03/07 1889

04/07 1889 Mrs. English reports an improvement in the quality of the needlework. Of 20 examined on paper 6 failed in Arithmetic and 9 in Writing. Though still poor it shows a further improvement.

05/07 1889

10/07 1889

12/07 1889 Annual Examination conducted by Mr. Lovett. Average attendance for the week 42.5

19/07 1889

26/07 1889

30/07 1889 Mrs. English did not take the sewing owing to indisposition.

31/07 1889

02/08 1889

05/08 1889

08/08 1889

30/09 1889

04/10 1889

07/10 1889

11/10 1889

18/10 1889 Mary Darlow's time expires today which leaves me alone in this room and only a monitor in the classroom. Received a letter today from the Board Clerk asking the lowest salary Mrs. English will accept as Ex P.T. but till the Board come to some conclusion the teaching of the children cannot be carried on at all satisfactorily.

25/10 1889

29/10 1889 Received orders for books etc. also that the Board are agreeable to engage Mrs. English at a salary of £20 per annum which we feel bound to refuse. I had previously written stating £30 to be lowest salary. This leaves the teaching unsettled for another month, with myself at seven Standards and only a Monitor in the Infant Room.

01/11 1889

05/11 1889 Mrs. Castle sent her child Nellie to school telling her that if Mrs. English refused to let her do the needlework sent, she was to go home. As the work is unfit for the child's standard, she was not allowed to do it, neither to go home. I have written to Mrs. Castle, explaining matters.

08/11 1889

15/11 1889

18/11 1889

22/11 1889

27/11 1889 Received notice from the Clerk that Mrs. English had been appointed as Assistant (Ex P.T.). She was to go to school when household matters were arranged. Having been so long without a fitting teacher for the Infants, Mrs. English commenced duties today.

27/11 1889

29/11 1889

06/12 1889

09/12 1889

13/12 1889

16/12 1889

20/11 1889

06/01 1890

10/01 1890

13/01 1890 Attendance today lower than any time last week, absence in nearly every case being through colds. Edith Brown away owing to severe cold - Mrs. English took Standards 1 & 2 in Class Room.

17/01 1890 Average attendance for the week 35., equivalent to 58%. The sickness does not appear to abate. Edith Brown remained away all the week

21/01 1890 Left the school today in charge of Mrs. English; obtained Mr. Drewery's permission for my enforced absence.

24/01 1890

27/01 1890

28/01 1890

31/01 1890

05/02 1890

07/02 1890

14/02 1890

21/02 1890

24/02 1890 Mrs. English absent this afternoon visiting one or two of the Infant Room who are ill.

28/02 1890

07/03 1890

10/03 1890

14/03 1890 Edith Brown informs me that she is desirous of leaving next Quarter Day but that she had not informed the Board of her wish. Her is that her parents have to leave their house and probably the neighbourhood. If the Board allow her to leave without the usual three months' notice it will make matters difficult in school especially as the annual examination will take place in about three months. Average attendance for the week 49.2. Three children are still away through illness.

20/03 1890

21/03 1890

28/03 1890

03/04 1890 Closed school this afternoon for Good Friday & Easter Monday. Average attendance for the week 51.4.

11/04 1890 Average attendance this week 52.7. Of 21 Infants, 18 made the full attendances. This is owing to Mrs. English giving a ticket to each child who has not been absent once. When a child can show 6 tickets he (or she) has some reward. Edith Brown returned this week. If the Board will increase her salary (at present 1/6 per week) her parents are willing she should stay on at the School and give up the idea of going out to service. Mr. Drewery is trying to make arrangements. I applied last Board Meeting (Mar 27th) for Exercise books, ink, and various other articles but have not yet heard from Mr. Mossop the Clerk. Only one child in Standard 3 has now a proper book for Dictation Exercises.

14/04 1890

18/04 1890

25/04 1890

28/04 1890 A family of five is away owing to one of them suffering from measles.

30/04 1890 Received notice from Mr. Mossop that Edith Brown may continue her services at double her former salary up to the Examination. Examined the children throughout the school. Results satisfactory except that the Reading of Standard 2 is still very poor.

02/05 1890

09/05 1890

12/05 1890

15/05 1890

16/05 1890

19/05 1890

22/05 1890

23/05 1890 Pointed out to Mr. Drewery when he visited yesterday that the girls' yard was again overgrown with grass and weeds, also that the pipe and trap of the drain of the Boys' Closet still wanted attention. Both matters he said should be attended to. I also drew his (Mr. Drewery's) attention to the dusty walls. His opinion was that Mrs. Willcox, who cleans the school, should be held responsible for the gathering of dust on wall etc., and that it would be her duty to remove it.

23/05 1890

28/05 1890 I had asked Mrs. Johnson whose boy is too ill to attend to produce a certificate from the doctor attending the child; but as the doctor required a shilling & Mrs. Johnson objected to paying it, I am still without proof of the boy's illness. Average attendance for the week 53.3

31/0 1890

02/06 1890

03/06 1890

06/06 1890

10/06 1890 A holiday was given today by Mr. Drewery's advice on account of festivities at Gedney Hill. Mr. Bayston, a member of the Board, stopped at the gate in his trap, but did not enter the school. Since my appointment over 12 months ago, Mr. Drewery is the only member of the Board who has visited.

13/06 1890

20/06 1890

26/06 1890 Florrie Johnson, last sewing lesson, brought needlework which was quite unfit for her to do, and Mrs. English therefore refused to let her do it; Mrs. English told the child to explain to her mother why she was not allowed to do it. especially when it was to be remembered how close we were to Examination. Today the same work came with a verbal message from Mrs. Johnson that if she was not allowed to do it, she was to go home. I have therefore written to Mrs. Johnson telling her such messages were far from right and had a great effect in undoing our endeavours to train children in obedience and respect to those placed over them. I also requested her to be good enough to desist from sending such verbal messages and in future if she had any cause of complaint to write or call at the school. Attendance lower today owing to the wet weather.

27/06 1890

30/06 1890

01/07 1890

02/07 1890

04/07 1890

09/07 1890

11/07 1890

14/07 1890

16/07 1890

18/07 1890 Many children have absented themselves now the examination is over. Average attendance for the week 49.7. Edith Brown left today.

21/07 1890 Admitted three. With Mr. Drewery's permission Emma Leadbetter started today as monitor in the place of Edith Brown.

24/06 1890

25/07 1890

28/07 1890 Admitted two. At present the new Standard 1 have remained with Mrs. English in the Class Room as their removal would leave her number low and the new monitor (Emma Leadbetter) cannot at present manage two Standards, not being sufficiently experienced, and my time is fully taken up in teaching Standards 3 to 7 their new work.

30/07 1890

01/08 1890

02/08 1890

04/08 1890 Monday Bank Holiday. A good many parents have gone to the Spalding Sports, taking their children with them, and making the attendance considerably lower today. Mrs. English was obliged to keep indoors today owing to indisposition.

08/08 1890

14/08 1890

29/09 1890

06/10 1890

07/10 1890

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17/10 1890

23/10 1890

24/10 1890

29/10 1890

31/10 1890 Mr. Mossop has forwarded orders for coke & wood in reply to my second application. He has also given Mr. Merry, Bookseller, order for the other goods required. Average attendance for the week 50.8

07/11 1890

10/11 1890

11/11 1890

14/11 1890

21/11 1890

24/11 1890

26/11 1890 Heavy fall of snow allowed but 7 of the Infants to attend this morning. Other children came up well. A supply of coke has arrived. The Monitress, Emma Leadbetter, came this afternoon for the first time. Cause of absence was illness. Note sent on Monday.

27/11 1890 A still heavier fall of snow. Number present 33 and 31, morning and afternoon respectively. Four infants present. Mrs. English obliged to stay in the house owing to indisposition. Emma Leadbetter away all day. She did not send word the reason.

28/11 1890

01/12 1890

08/12 1890

12/12 1890

18/12 1890

19/12 1890

29/12 1890

05/01 1891

09/01 1891

16/01 1891

20/01 1891

22/01 1891 I applied on Jan 15th (Board Meeting) for slates, chalk, and pens; as I have received no reply, and we are without a pen and reduced to the last crayon, I have today again written to Mr. Mossop.

29/01 1891

02/02 1891 Was compelled, through indisposition, to absent myself from school for two days. Mrs. English did her best while I was away.

03/02 1891

06/02 1891 Emma Leadbeater (Monitress) had permission to absent herself from school today, she wishing to attend the funeral of her Grandfather. Average attendance for the week 51.5. This means an average absence of about 20 children - a very large proportion.

10/02 1891 Mrs. English is compelled to remain in the house. Placed infants under monitress (Emma Leadbetter), managing all the Standard Children myself.

13/02 1891

20/02 1891 Monitress (Emma Leadbeater) has since the 10th inst. remained with the Infants. Have given especial attention to Arithmetic of Standard 1 which is their weakest point, Reading & Writing being very good. Average attendance for the week 55.1 or nearly 80%.

25/02 1891

27/02 1891

03/03 1891 Mrs. English resumed work today. Mr. Mossop sent word that he had written to the parents of absentees in Fleet Fen, and had sent the names of the Holbeach Drove & Whaplode Drove children to the Attendance Officers of the Holbeach & Whaplode School Boards. Mr. Mossop also enquired if there was any one at this school qualified (ie certificated) to teach drawing. I replied in the negative. Mr. Drewery is to see to the gravelling of school paths and house path. Notice of the Audit of school accounts by R.A.White Esq. was also sent to be posted on school door.

06/03 1891

12/03 1891

13/03 1891 Examined Registers and found them correct. signed. Charles Bayston. Average attendance for the week 56.4

26/03 1891

31/03 1891

03/04 1891

10/04 1891 Average attendance for the week 50.6 with 63 children on the books. Five children absent all the week through sickness. Mrs. English was compelled for part of the week to remain in-doors owing to sickness in the house.

17/04 1891

23/04 1891

24/04 1891

27/04 1891

01/05 1891

01/05 1891

08/05 1891

15/05 1891

22/05 1891

25/05 1891

29/05 1891 Concluded the usual monthly exam. Only 33 children in attendance; not a house in the neighbourhood seems to have escaped an attack of the 'Influenza'. Received Exam Schedules Etc.

01/06 1891 Only 12 children in attendance; the majority of the absentees suffering from 'Influenza' and as Emma Leadbetter and Mrs English are both confined to their beds through the same cause, Mr. Drewery advised me to close for a week.

08/06 1891 After the week's closing only 16 children were present this morning. Several large families during the past week have been down with the 'Influenza' and it is deemed advisable by the Doctor that those just recovered should not risk coming out. Emma Leadbetter is forbidden to attend school by the Doctor's order and it is equally unadvisable for Mrs. English to attend. Mr. Drewery has instructed me to close for another week. This will bring the attendance for the school year under the minimum 400

15/06 1891

16/06 1891 Emma Leadbetter away all day

17/06 1891 Called on Emma Leadbetter yesterday evening & find that she is unfit to come to school not being sufficiently recovered from the Influenza.

19/06 1891

22/06 1891 Emma Leadbetter resumed work today. During her week's absence I managed all the standard children myself. Standard 1 occasionally going in the class-room for a Reading Lesson with Mrs. English. I found during the week that Standard 1 were weaker in 'English' than the monthly examination had seemed to show.

26/06 1891

29/06 1891

30/06 1891

01/07 1891 Received certificate from Dr. Jackson, Medical Officer of Health, stating that the school was closed from June 1st to June 14th owing to an epidemic of Influenza.

01/07 1891

03/07 1891

07/07 1891

08/07 1891

13/07 1891

15/07 1891 Mr. Lovett examined children in singing by note this morning.

16/07 1891 Selected "Object Lessons" and "Poetry" (for approval) for the year ending June 30/92.

Animal Kingdom: Ox and Cow, Horse, Sheep, Bear, Reindeer, Camel.

Mineral Kingdom: Coal, Iron, Slate, Salt, Chalk, Gold.

Vegetable Kingdom: Cotton, Walnut, Birch, Chestnut, Potato, Cocoa-nut.

Miscellaneous: A looking glass, A Bed, A Straw-bonnet, Tails of Animals, A Lead Pencil, A candle.

Poetry: Standards 1, 2, 3. "Barbara Fritchie" (J.G. Whittier) 60 lines: Selection from Shakespeare's "King John" - 145 lines- (Standard 4 & upwards

20/07 1891 The attendance today (Monday) is very poor (32 and 26 in morning and afternoon respectively) owing to a school anniversary at the Black Chapel.

24/07 1891 Have, during the week, started on the new year's work: Average attendance for the week is only 42.0. Have admitted two.

27/07 1891 The attendance today is very poor. About a dozen have gone to the seaside for the day. The others are employed in the hayfields. I have sent messages to the parents of the latter. Received Duplicate Examination Schedule.

31/07 1891 Have sent notes to parents of children who have between them this week lost 86 attendances. xxx 45.2

07/08 1891 Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report "The general results in Elementary subjects are satisfactory. Writing and Arithmetic in the First Standard and Arithmetic in the Third Standard deserve special praise. But Writing in the Second and Third Standards should improve. Recitation is very fair. English is well prepared and Needlework and Singing by Note are very fair. Musical Drill deserves special praise. The Registers have not been properly supervised. One set of new books for the first standard and two for the first class are needed. The infants are in good order and very fairly taught, but Number should improve. The ventilation is defective and a Tobin's Tube should be placed in the class-room and two stands for the Ball Frame supplied". Mr. English will receive his Certificate in due course. Grant earned as follows:- Principal Grant 12/6, Discipline & Organisation 1/6, Singing by Note 1/-, English 2/-. Total 17/- on an average attendance of 49 = £41..13..0. Needlework 1/- on Average Attendance of 17 Girls = 17/- . Total Grant Earned £42..10..0. School Staff: - William English. (Certificated 2nd Class). Mrs. English. (Article 50). Emma Leadbetter (Monitress). signed Richd. P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board.

Have posted the School Accounts on the school door, according to Instructions; also a notice that the years Report is open to inspection. Have altered Time Table to enable the boys to take Drawing on Tuesday & Thursday afternoon when the girls are engaged at needlework. Forwarded the Drawing Form which accompanied the Report, properly filled, to Mr. Mossop.

11/08 1891 Boys took their first Drawing lesson this afternoon. I cannot properly enter into the work through the want of material which I cannot apply for till the Board meets on Aug 27th.

14/08 1891 xxx 46.8. As harvest seems likely to be rather later this year, it has been decided to keep open another week before closing for the Harvest Holidays.

21/08 1891 xxx 42.6. Closed today for the Harvest Holidays (6 weeks). I drew up a subscription list, which was well subscribed to, for giving the children a tea. This they had in the school room and games afterwards in a field, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. I drew their attention to the importance of all returning at the end of the six weeks. Since the examination a good start has been made in the new year's work. Each Standard has thoroughly entered on their Poetry. Standard 5,6,7 are going through an Arithmetic Exercise Book and have made very fair progress. Standard 4 have done Compound Multiplication by 2 figures and Long Division (Money) also by two figures. Standard 3 have conquered Money Addition. Standard 2 are multiplying by 2 figures. Standard 1 are working harder Addition sums than they had in the Infant Room. Reading, fair progress has also been made.

05/10 1891 An attempt was made to restart school but as only 18 children attended, another week's holiday was given, making the usual seven weeks. During the holidays I have made application for and have received the materials wanted for the year's work. I have also received my certificate and information that the Board has accepted the Government Fee Grant, also that this school will be examined in Drawing in the month of June next.

12/10 1891 Re-opened school with 33 children present. Have written to the parents of absentees and particularly reminded those parents whose children are not entitled to absent themselves. Admitted one.

15/10 1891 Visit Without Notice. The Registers have not been tested since 29 June. The number of Absentees is very large, as soon as Potato Picking is over stringent steps should be taken to secure regular attendance. R.D.M.Oliver

16/10 1891 xxx 34.6 with 60 children on the books.

20/10 1891 Admitted five children. Sent monthly Report to the Board. Drew their attention to the entry in Log Book respecting the negligence in properly supervising the Registers and the poorness of attendance. Applied for a supply of coke and wood. Informed them that the palings in girls' yard were laid to the ground by the wind, that the Builder had not fixed the ventilating tube & that the step leading into the classroom needed attention. Also asked their permission to present to children some of the discarded reading books as an encouragement to regularity.

23/10 1891 xxx 43.3. Having admitted 5 and lost two, the average attendance is about 6 better than last week. Bad weather has greatly reduced the attendance this week. Wrote notes to parents of absentees.

26/10 1891 The Clerk has informed me that the Board approve of my suggestion in giving books to children for regularity. Mr Drewery is to see to the supply of fuel and to repair of palings in Girl's Yard. Mr. Money (builder) to repair step leading to Infant Room.

27/10 1891 Admitted One.

30/10 1891 xxx 48.9. The attendance now, except that of the oldest children who are in the potato fields, is satisfactory. With 18 infants on the Register, the Average attendance this week is 16.8 despite a very wet morning on Monday last. Gave books for the first time for making 10 attendances. 16 children gained one each in the big room, and 11 children in the Infant Room.

06/11 1891 xxx 50.4 with 63 children on the books. (11 of the 63 are entitled to leave, and are at present still in the potato fields): The average attendance of Infants, with 18 on Register is 17.3. All of them are keenly trying to earn books for Regularity, 15 Infants doing so on Friday.

13/11 1891 xxx 48.6 - this is somewhat lower than last week owing to the weather being bad nearly every day of the week.

19/11 1891 I find the attendance not good but general order fair and registers correct. I am pleased to find Mr. English has reported those of the children who are marked as absent. J.J. Drewery. Member of Board.

20/11 1891 Board Meeting yesterday. Informed the Board that the Tobin's Tube had been fixed. Drew their attention to the seriously bad attendance of two children named Plum, Samuel Plum having made 12 attendances out of a possible 50, and his sister Mary Ellen 10 out of 60. xxx 51.4; of 18 Infants the average is 17.4.

23/11 1891 Received communication from the Board that the Plums had been reported to Mr. Squire, School Attendance Officer, Holbeach, also that in future that I communicate bad attendance direct to him. Admitted one.

27/11 1891 xxx 50.2. Considering that 9 children (out of 61 on books) have been (entirely in several cases) away during the week through sickness & others have attended with swollen faces & the weather has been somewhat severe, the attendance is satisfactory.

04/12 1891 xxx 52.9 - several cases of plant setting among the elder children slightly reducing the attendance. The sickness which was somewhat prevalent among children last week seems to have abated.

11/12 1891 xxx 49.0. Several children away thro' sickness again - hence the lowered attendance.

18/12 1891 Board Meeting yesterday. Drew attention to the continued absence of two Fleet Fen boys named Creasey & Russell. Applied for permission to use the school room for the practising of a Cantata to be given by the children.

21/12 1891 Received order from Mr. Mossop for goods applied for. Permission was granted for the Cantata. Mr. Mossop informed me that Creasey & Russell had warnings forwarded to them (These boys have been absent for 4 successive weeks).

24/12 1891 Closed today for Christmas Holiday, to re-open on Monday January 4th 1892. Attendance considerably lowered owing to severity of weather.

04/01 1892 Re-opened school with 41 children in attendance.

08/01 1892 xxx 47.4

15/01 1892 xxx 53.2. Examined children throughout school in the Year's Work. The results for the first attempt are very satisfactory.

22/01 1892 Average attendance for the week 53.7. Mrs. English was compelled to absent herself today owing to cold and the almost complete loss of her voice.

29/01 1892 Board Meeting yesterday. Reported to the Board that the carpenter had not yet put palings up to the girls' yard. Applied for a new blackboard (those in use being cracked and hardly fit for Drawing) Blackboard renovator, pens, chalk, exercise books, and T square for blackboard. Mrs. English away all week owing to complete loss of her voice. Emma Leadbetter took her place in the classroom, working myself in this room single handed. Average attendance 52.6. Of a possible 180 attendances in the Infant Room 177 were made.

05/02 1892 Mrs. English resumed duties this week, and have myself been obliged to absent myself most of the week owing to illness. Have received no reply to my application for material and we are almost at a standstill for writing owing to want of pens.

10/02 1892 This being the day of the concert a holiday was given to prepare the school.

11/02 1892 A further holiday was given to clear up after last night's concert, which was very successful, a nice sum being left in hand for a treat for the children in the summer.

15/02 1892 A very stormy day - only 32 present:

16/02 1892 I have this day examined registers and found all correct. J.J. Drewery. Member of Board.

16/02 1892 Received communication from Mr. Mossop in reply to my application for material on Jan 28 asking the quantities of the different goods required. We have now for some little time been unable to have copy book or dictation exercises owing to the want of pens.

19/02 1892 The highest number present this week has been 48, bad weather & sickness being the cause.

03/03 1892 Examined Registers and found all perfectly correct, the attendance very good, everything perfectly satisfactory. J.J. Drewery. Member of Board.

04/03 1892 Received the goods (applied for on Jan 28) excepting Blackboard: and double lined books: and Renovator.

11/03 1892 Received Blackboard and double lined exercise books. I have during the week taken the children's Arithmetic on paper to ensure neatness and accuracy. Fair progress has been made. The exceptionally wintry weather has lowered the attendance:

18/03 1892 Received from Mr. Mossop the Form, requiring the number of Pupil Teachers wishing to sit for their examination on April 9th. Filled the same up & returned it. xxx 56.9

24/03 1892 Board Meeting today. Sent in usual Quarterly Report; also informed the Board that Mr. Jones had still neglected to repair school yard palings.

25/03 1892 xxx 54.2. Some of the elder children have this week been absent, setting beans.

28/03 1892 Visit Without Notice. R.D.M.Oliver

01/04 1892 xxx 55.2. 19 infants made 188 attendances. Examined the school today: shall post results on school door on Monday.

04/04 1892 The result of the examination is:- Reading 8.7 (average marks) out of 10. Writing 17.7 out of 20. Arithmetic 12.9 out of 20. Grammar 15.3 out of 20. Poetry 13.6 out of 20. Mental Arithmetic 13.5 out of 20. Admitted four. Received & returned today Form E for Drawing.

08/04 1892 xxx 57.5

11/04 1892 A good deal of absence among the elder children - Reason, potato setting. The other children are in good attendance. Admitted 2.

14/04 1892 Closed today for Good Friday & Easter Monday. xxx 58.0, the number on books being 68. Most of the absentees are boys in the upper standards who are at work.

19/04 1892 Re-opened school with 47 children present.

20/04 1892 Sent monthly report for the Board Meeting tomorrow: Applied for the following material:- 1 doz lead pencils: ditto india rubbers: 2 doz Freehand (First Grade) Test Papers: ½ doz unruled slates: 3 doz Copy Books: 2 doz exercise books: 4 pkts envelopes. Also applied for a stove to be placed in the house kitchen.

22/04 1892 xxx 52.9: The attendance is lowered through colds among the little ones while the elder ones are engaged in the fields: Have written to the parents of irregular scholars.

29/04 1892 Emma Leadbetter away two days this week owing to a severe headache. Received goods as applied for last Board meeting with the exception of Freehand test papers & Copybooks. Examined children throughout school: lists out on Monday. Average attendance for the week 55.3; - bad weather several times during the week lowering the attendance.

02/05 1892 The results of the monthly (April) Exam: are:- Reading 8.8 out of 10. Writing 16.2 out of 20. Arithmetic 14.1 out of 20. Grammar 14.7 out of 20. Poetry 15.5 out of 20. Mental Arithmetic 13.9 out of 20. Standard 3 gave very poor results in Grammar and Mental Arithmetic.

03/05 1892 37 children, out of 68, absent this morning owing to the inclemency of the weather.

05/05 1892 Received Copy Books applied for last Board Meeting. Freehand Papers to follow.

06/05 1892 xxx only 48.7, bad weather being the cause.

10/05 1892 Received notice that the Drawing Examination will be held on the 13th of June at 1.30pm and that the attendance of a manager will be desirable. Returned notice to Mr. Mossop.

13/05 1892 xxx 53.5.

20/05 1892 Received Freehand Drawing Cards. Reported two children named Mary Ellen Plum & Henry Holmes to Mr. Squire, Attendance Officer. These children have made 38 and 39 attendances respectively out of a possible 66. Average attendance for the week 54.6

23/05 1892 Examined Registers and found them correct. signed Charles Bayston. Member of the Board.

27/05 1892 Average attendance for the week 57.4. Reported to Mr. Squire the case of Henry Holmes (same boy as last week) who this week has again been away 5 times. No notice was taken last week by Mr. Squire of my Report.

30/05 1892 Examined children throughout the school. Lists out tomorrow.

31/05 1892 Average marks for the whole school for May Examination are as: Reading 8.7. Writing 17.8. Arithmetic 13.5. Grammar 16.2. Poetry 14.4. Mental Arithmetic 13.2. Standard 4 showed weakness in Arithmetic, 3 failing & several others only just passing with two sums right. The errors were mostly however through carelessness & not for want of knowledge. Mental Arithmetic: Average marks were lowerd by Standard 1 who had to answer Standard 2 questions which proved too difficult. Standard 3 were the weakest in Reading.

01/06 1892 Seeing by the card that the Board would not meet again till June 30th. I wrote to Mr. Mossop for an order for material which would be wanted for the annual Government Exam, as June 30th would leave but little time to get what was required. Mr. Mossop wrote to say that he had ordered the goods of Mr. Merry.

03/06 1892 xxx 54.4

06/06 1892 Went to Holbeach last Saturday to Mr. Mossop's Office so he might examine the Registers in testing the Drawing Examination Schedules. Saw Mr. Marshall (Mr. Mossop's Clerk) who in the absence of Mr. Mossop examined Registers & Schedules saying he would forward the latter when signed by Mr. Mossop. Received Schedules for the Annual Government Exam. Returned Form 8M today. Gave half holiday this afternoon owing to a school treat in Holbeach Drove - Mr. Drewery advised.

10/06 1892 xxx 54.8.

13/06 1892 Drawing Examination conducted by Mr. Scorer this afternoon. Mr. Drewery was in attendance. Mr. Scorer expressed satisfaction with the slate work giving the mark 'Good'. The Registers were not marked as the girls and infants were not in attendance.

17/06 1892 Average attendance for the week 55.9. The worst attendance is with the Infant girls - there being several cases of whooping cough: During the week I have given two Examinations of proper examination papers with satisfactory results. The results of the various examinations are entered in a book.

24/06 1892 I have in visiting school today found things generally satisfactory. The attendance is unavoidably small through illness of several of the younger children but altogether am pleased with general results. J.J. Drewery. Member of

Board. Examined the children throughout the school - usual monthly examination results will be posted on room door on Monday. xxx 52.7 - During the week 61 children have been present out of 67 and the average attendance this week would certainly have been higher had not Thursday been a pouring wet day when only 37 children were present morning and afternoon. There are several cases of sickness among the infants.

27/06 1892 Average marks for the whole school - June Examination - Reading 9.3. Writing 17.1. Arithmetic 13.4. Grammar 15.6. Poetry 15.4. Mental Arithmetic 17.0.

30/06 1892 End of School Year - Board meeting - sent in Quarterly Accounts etc.

04/07 1892 Wrote this morning to the parents of 14 absent children.

05/07 1892 Received notice from Mr. Mossop that the Annual Government Examination would be held on Thursday July 14th - commencing at 9.15am.

11/07 1892 School closed today - being used as a Polling Station for the Parliamentary Candidate of the Spalding Division

13/07 1892 Mr. Lovett in passing the school called to inform me that the examination would be held at 10 o'clock instead of 9.15 owing to an alteration in the running of the trains.

14/07 1892 List of Object Lessons and Poetry for approval for the Year Ending June 30th 1893:-

Animal Kingdom: Elephant, Lion, Wolf, Cuckoo, Bees (with Hives).

Vegetable Kingdom: Flax, Tea, Rice, Mushroom, Sugar Cane.

Mineral Kingdom: Silver, Tin, Lead, Brass, Copper.

Miscellaneous: A china tea cup, Needles, Paper Making, Oins, The Common Pump.

Poetry: Standard 1, 2, 3: Lord Ullin's Daughter (Campbell). Prisoner of Chillon (Byron), for Standards 4 and above. Standards 1 and 2 to form one reading class (as recommended and adopted last year) taking one standard 1 and one standard 2 reading book.

18/07 1892 Received Forms Art 523 and Art 521, the former stating that we had been awarded "Good" for Drawing, Filled up the latter Form and returned to Mr. Mossop. The numbers were low today owing to a school treat at one of the Chapels. I have told the children the importance of coming regularly now we have started on the new year's work. Have written to several parents, who intend taking their children away if they have passed the examination in Standard 4, telling them the advantages of keeping the children at school another year if possible.

22/07 1892 The attendance this week has dropped off considerably - the examination being over. The poorer attendance is accountable also owing to several having left and the weather being bad most of the week. xxx 46.1

25/07 1892 The children have now been in their new classes a week, during which time the new year's work has been fairly entered into - Admitted one.

29/07 1892 Received information from Mr. Mossop that Mr. Drewery is to make arrangements for having the school limewashed during the Harvest Holidays. xxx still lower - 45.1

01/08 1892 Today being Bank Holiday a holiday at Mr. Drewery's advice was given.

02/08 1892 Admitted one.

05/08 1892 xxx 52.6

08/08 1892 Only 39 and 30 present this morning and afternoon, there being a "Band of Hope" excursion to the seaside.

12/08 1892 xxx 47.9.

Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report "The elementary work is fair on the whole. Handwriting and figures need more attention. English may be considered good with hesitation. Needlework is good. Singing by note very fair and Musical Drill very creditable. Song books, a pointer and one new set of books for the first and second standards and the first class should be supplied. The Board must endeavour to secure more regular attendance. The Infants are in good order and well instructed in the Elementary subjects, but Object Lessons, Occupations, and Singing by Note all need much attention. All caps etc. should be removed from the room, and one more desk, two sets of new Primers, suitable illustrations for all Object Lessons to be given during the year and material for some fresh Varied Occupations should be supplied". Grant earned as follows:-

Principal Grant 12/6, Discipline & Organization 1/6, Singing by note 1/-, English 2/-. Total 17/- on an Average Attendance of 51 = £43..7..0. Needlework 1/- on an Average Attendance of 16 girls = 16/-. Total Grant Earned £44..3..0.

School Staff:- William English (Certificated 2nd Class). Mrs. English (Art 50). Emma Leadbetter (Monitress). Signed Rich.d P. Mossop. Clerk to the Board.

Posted the Copy of Income & Expenditure of the school for the year ending June 30th 1892 to remain there till the 29th of August

19/08 1892 Closed school today for the Harvest Holidays (six weeks) acting on Mr. Drewery's advice. Every child took home a written circular stating the time school would re-assemble and urging parents to send their children back at that time (October 3rd).

25/08 1892 Board Meeting today. Sent in list of material required for the year's work. Received from Mr. Mossop Form 521/art which gives:- Scholars in Average Attendance 23 (Good @ 1/6) = £1..14..6. Deduct 3/12ths (Subject had been taken since Oct'91) 8/7d. Total Amount Claimed £1..5..11. Returned the above mentioned form.

26/08 1892 Received Order Forms for all the material I applied for. Mr. Drewery is to send in to Mr. Mossop specifications as to painting etc. of school & house when tenders will be invited - Sent the Order Forms above referred to, to Mr. Merry & Mr. Squire. Mr. Mossop's letter also stated that enquiry would be made if there were a spare desk at Wood Lane School which could be forwarded here.

29/08 1892 Sent in to Mr, Mossop on Mr. Drewery's direction a complete list of requirements as to the painting etc. of the school & house.

03/10 1892 No attempt was made to re-start today as the painting etc. was not completed.

10/10 1892 Opened school today with only 25 children present.

13/10 1892 Visit Without Notice. R.D.M.Oliver

14/10 1892 xxx 29.6. The small attendance is owing to the children being wanted for potato picking. Wrote to parents of absentees.

17/10 1892 Attendance slightly improved, there being 37 and 40 present this morning and afternoon respectively. Have again written to parents of absent children who have no legal right to be away. Received on Saturday by Carrier a second lot of goods from Mr. Squire who was supplied with the Order Form on August 26.

20/08 1892 Board Meeting today. Sent in usual monthly report and also asked permission of the Board to allow me Friday afternoon to attend the Art Class at Spalding.

21/10 1892 xxx 28.9

25/10 1892 Examined registers, found the same correct. J.J. Drewery. Member of Board.

26/10 1892 Not hearing from Mr. Mossop respecting my application for time to join the Art Class at Spalding, I wrote him asking for the Board's decision. His reply

was that a sufficient number of members did not attend to form a quorum and therefore leave had not been granted. Mr. Mossop also added that I had better not leave the school.

28/10 1892 xxx 36.5. Bad weather has considerably lowered the attendance.

04/11 1892 xxx 42.1. The attendance is good except on the first register where 12 children have not attended yet since the holiday but 9 of them are eligible to leave. Have admitted 3 during the week. As most of the potatoes are now dug I shall next week strictly report to the S.A.O. all cases of irregularity.

11/11 1892 xxx 47.3

15/11 1892 Wrote to Mr. Squire, Stationer of Holbeach who was favoured with an order to supply certain goods last Aug 26th that I was in particular want of the Drawing Cards which were a part of the order & which after nearly 3 months I am not in receipt of.

18/11 1892 xxx 48.5

25/11 1892 Have at length received the goods from Mr. Squire who was supplied, as entered in this Log Book on several different occasions, with the Order on Aug 26th. xxx 52.6

02/12 1892 xxx 50.4

09/12 1892 xxx 53.7. Today's attendance has lowered by a fall of snow.

16/12 1892 xxx 51.9

22/12 1892 xxx 45.9 & for the whole quarter 45.3 which is two lower than for the corresponding period of last year. Have closed today acting on Mr. Drewery's permission for the Christmas holiday - to restart work on Monday January 2nd 1893.

02/01 1893 Re-opened school with 27 children in attendance. Severe weather & a heavy fall of snow keeping the majority away.

06/01 1893 Received by Carrier today a bottle containing Blackboard Renovator from Mr. Squire. By referring to entries in this book I find that Mr. Squire would have been supplied with this order soon after Jan 28th 1892, or nearly 12 months ago. xxx 42.0.

13/01 1893 xxx 53.3

16/01 1893 Attendance low this morning owing to bad weather.

16/01 1893 Visit Without Notice. R.D.M.Oliver

20/01 1893 xxx 47.6 with 63 on the books. The low attendance is caused by bad weather nearly all the week & a prevalence of coughs & colds among the younger children.

27/01 1893 xxx 55.4

30/01 1893 Admitted one.

03/02 1893 xxx 50.9 with 65 on the Registers.

10/02 1893 xxx 58.1

17/02 1893 xxx 52.3

20/02 1893 As our youngest child is 'down' with the chicken-pox, I have thought it advisable to keep my other children in the house, as the disease is considered

infectious: this necessitates Mrs. English staying in the house as well.

23/02 1893 Usual monthly meeting of the Board. Sent in usual report.

24/2 1893 xxx 47.7. 62 children have been in attendance this week - the lowness of the average being caused by two very rough days when less than 40 children were present.

27/02 1893 Started monthly examination - year's work.

01/03 1893 An unusually rough morning - only 32 present.

10/03 1893 Average attendance for the week 50.1 with 67 on the registers. Nine have been absent all the week, of which 3 cases are thro' illness (two infants with chicken pox). These two cases I have reported to the Medical Officer of Health as requested.

17/03 1893 Average attendance for the week 53.2. I have this week placed Edwin Creasey in Standard 2 out of Standard 3. He has been absent 112 times since last examination & is consequently totally unfit to remain in Standard 3.

26/03 1893 Examined registers and found correct. J.J. Drewery. Member of Board.

24/03 1893 xxx 52.3 with 65 on the books. The cases of absence are generally through boys being wanted for potato planting.

30/03 1893 xxx 51.0. Closed today for Good Friday & Easter Monday.

04/04 1893 Re-opened with 43 children present

07/04 1893 xxx 45.5

14/04 1893 Average attendance for the week 58.5 with 71 on the registers. Have admitted 5 this week - two of them being readmissions - children who have, owing to distance, remained at home throughout the winter.

21/04 1893 xxx 59.1

28/04 1893 xxx 61.4. There are now on the books 28 Infants and 45 in Standards.

05/05 1893 xxx 65.4. During the five weeks of this quarter seven infants have been admitted who do not know their letters - they cause much extra work not only in the elementary work but they of course are quite ignorant of the games, singing, recitations etc.

12/05 1893 Received from Mr. Mossop a notice to the effect that the Education Department require specific information of the employment to which children (boys and girls) go immediately on leaving school. Such particulars to be entered in Admission Register. Have filed the said notice in Portfolio. xxx 61.1 - No. on books 72.

17/05 1893 Attendance but 49 this afternoon owing to a "Band of Hope" festivity in Holbeach Drove. Board Meeting tomorrow. Sent in Report. Drew attention to the number of infants being now 30 with desk accomodation for only 20. Gallery quite unfit to sit upon, children might as well sit on the floor. Explained that the want of desk accomodation has been caused by the admission during the last few weeks of a dozen infants. Previously the No. of infants present was always under 20.

19/05 1893 Mr. Mossop will forward a catalogue for me to select a desk from for the class room: as it is probable that prper kindergaten desks may be recommended next inspection, I shall on receipt of catalogue, select such a desk: xxx 60.4.

26/05 1893 xxx 59.8 - No. on books 72. Infants 30 with average attendance of 25.4. Children in Standards 42 with average attendance of 34.1.

02/06 1893 xxx 57.7. The poor attendance is among the Infant girls who average 5 away every opening & among those in Standard 4 & upwards, their average being but 10.7 with 17 on the register. The other part of the school is in good attendance, 19 Infant boys making 182 attendances.

05/06 1893 Owing to a School (Sunday) Treat at Holbeach Drove the children were given a half holiday today, Mr. Drewery gave permission.

09/06 1893 xxx 62.5. Several children have been absent all the week owing to sickness.

13/06 1893 Owing to Monday & today being Gedney Hill Fair & Church Festival days, the attendance has been very low, and a half day was given on Monday afternoon, with Mr. Drewery's permission.

15/06 1893 Mr. Scorer conducted the Drawing Examination this morning. Of 20 examined in Standards 1 & 2 he awarded 15 excellent and 5 good. The other papers (Standards 3 & 4) result unknown. Did not mark registers. Mr. Drewery called.

16/06 1893 Owing to a broken week caused by the Gedney Hill Festivities & Drawing Examination, both referred to above, the average attendance has dropped this week to 56.8.

19/06 1893 Admitted one.

23/06 1893 xxx 56.4 - No. on books 73.

26/06 1893 Received desk for classroom. Children had a half holiday owing to a Sunday School Feast in Holbeach Drove. Mr. Drewery gave permission.

29/06 1893 Asked if the Board would favour Geography being taken up next year.

30/06 1893 In reply to my enquiry respecting Geography the Board "wishes to be informed the estimated cost of maps etc." This leaves the matter undecided for at least a month. End of the School year.

06/07 1893 A half holiday was given today by order of the Board - the occasion being the marriage of the Duke of York.

07/07 1893 xxx 59.7 - No. on books 73 - the absentees are mostly from the upper part of the school.

11/07 1893 21 and 22 absent this morning and afternoon respectively - with the exception of two or three cases of illness there is no reason for such a large number of absentees.

12/07 1893 A half holiday was given this afternoon with Mr. Drewery's permission, on account of the Club Feast at Whaplode Drove - the occasion being looked upon as a general holiday. There were only 46 present this morning.

14/07 1893 xxx is but 52 and yet 67 out of 73 have actually been in attendance. This afternoon I wrote to the parents of 24 children.

17/07 1893 Only 43 present this afternoon owing to a School Feast at a neighbouring chapel.

19/07 1893 Another Sunday School feast has lowered the attendance this afternoon. Tomorrow there is a "Band of Hope" excursion to Spalding, a large number of children attending this school intending to go. They leave in waggons at 7am and are not expected to arrive home till past midnight & consequently I may expect a poor attendance on Friday as the children will doubtless be too tired to come. This

makes a very broken week indeed, in the face of the examination. In the several trial examinations which have been given lately I find the Dictation of Standard 4 & the poetry of the upper standards weak - the latter is caused entirely through bad attendance.

21/07 1893 xxx 57.1 - the whole of the 73 on books have been in attendance.

28/07 1893 Harvest operations having commenced the numbers present this afternoon is but 49.

31/07 1893 As only about a dozen children presented themselves school was closed for the usual harvest holiday with Mr. Drewery's advice.

02/08 1893 The children this afternoon had tea in the school room & games etc. in Mr. Drewery's field.

25/08 1893 Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report "The elementary work is very fair. Writing and Arithmetic of the first and second Standards deserve special praise. But Reading and Recitation lack expression and intelligence and Copy Books in the third Standard and upwards need attention. English is fair. Needlework and Singing by Note are good. Two sets of books for the first class and another closet for the use of girls and infants, and urinal for infant boys should be supplied. The ventilation should be improved, and the girl's playground should be gravelled during the harvest holidays. The Board should appoint an Attendance Officer for their Fleet Fen School District and enforce regular attendance. The infants are in good order and very fairly taught. Two sets of primers for the first class, six new Reading Cards, suitable illustrations for all Object Lessons and another Tobin's Tube to improve ventilation should be provided. The stove should be moved nearer the wall or a guard provided". An additional closet for the girls and infants and a urinal for the infants should be provided. The ventilation of the premises should be improved (Article 85(a) of the Code). Special attention is requested to the enclosed form 69.

Grant earned as follows:- Principal Grant 12/6, Discipline and Organisation 1/6, Singing 1/-, English 1/-, Total 16/- on an average attendance of 52 = £41..12..0. Needlework 18(average) at 1/- = 18/-. Total £42..10..0. Add Fee Grant £7..3..4. Total Sum Payable £49..13..4.

School Staff: William English (Certificated 2nd Class). Mrs. English (Article 50). Emma Leadbetter (Monitress). Signed Rich'd P. Mossop. Clerk to Fleet Fen School Board.

11/09 1893 Re-opened school after six weeks holiday - only 31 children present.

15/09 1893 xxx 33.6. There are 40 children who have not yet returned. Those children not entitled to leave and who have not returned by next Thursday (Board Meeting) I shall send their names to the Board.

18/09 1893 48 & 50 present this morning & afternoon respectively. Sent in Quarterly Report and accounts together with a list of children who have not returned to school yet. Applied for the books etc. recommended in last report also for other material required for the year's work. Also applied for coke & wood, so in case of delay in delivery, we may be prepared for cold weather. Emma Leadbetter sent in her resignation today.

22/09 1893 The Board yesterday accepted Emma Leadbetter's resignation and appointed in her place Ada Grayston, a girl just entered the Sixth Standard and 14 years old next March. She is to have one month's trial, commencing next Monday, when I am to report whether she is likely to be of any service to me. Mr. Mossop sent the list for all the goods I applied for to Mr. Drewery for the latter gentleman's approval. Mr. Mossop also enquired if any goods (needlework) had been sold after presentation on Examination day, if yes, the money to be paid forthwith to the treasurer. I received a communication from Mr. Mossop last December saying that the Board desired to know what was done with the garments etc. after HM Inspector had seen them. I replied that the stock & store book showed that for the year ended Sep 30 1892 the school had been supplied with 26 yds Calico, 12 yards

other stuff, & 3lbs wool. This was used in practice by 35 children which amounted to 1 yard per child and 1 1/4 ozs of wool per child, for 12 months work in practising patching, darning, buttonholing, gathering etc. the wool being used besides for ordinary knitting practice for Kindergarten purposes in the Infant Room. The Garments shown to HM Inspector were the children's own. In reply the Board said they accepted my statement but would still like some garments sold. It is impossible to make garments for sale unless more material is supplied & then again the parents seem that they would rather make their own garments. As there seems some little misunderstanding I propose that Mrs. English attends next Board Meeting & make explanations to the Board. Average attendance for the week is 56.3.

24/09 1893 Ada Grayston started as monitor today

28/09 1893 Mr. Drewery asked if books could be sent from Wood Lane School, not now in use there, & so spare ordering new books as it would save an expense of £3..6..0. The delay in ordering the goods applied for is caused by a disposition on the part of some members of the Board that the cost of the goods (viz. just under £9) for the year's work is too much.

29/09 1893 xxx 59.0 - Number on books 72. Four children not entitled to leave have not returned since the holiday.

06/10 1893 Received notice from Mr. Mossop that he had written to Mr. Donson of Wood Lane School asking him to send to this school 2 doz each of "The World at Home" and "Reading from Robinson Crusoe". I selected these two Readers from a parcel of sample books not now in use at Wood Lane School, being the most suitable of those sent. xxx 55.9 & for the quarter 53.7 being an increase of 4 on the corresponding period of last year. Number on books 75.

13/10 1893 xxx 55.7

19/10 1893 Mrs. English attended the Board Meeting to make explanation about the needlework material supplied - Applied for coke & wood.

20/10 1893 xxx 53.5

25/10 1893 Admitted two

27/10 1893 xxx 53.5. Number on books 72.

3/11 1893 xxx 55.6. Number on books 74

10/11 1893 xxx 54.9

16/11 1893 Sent in usual monthly report to Board Meeting. Again reported Edwin Creasey who has had since the Examination in July last only 24 attendances (possible 90).

17/11 1893 xxx 61.2 - Number on books 72

24/11 1893 xxx dropping to 57.2

01/12 1893 xxx 59.4. This would have been about 6 higher, had not the severe weather of today kept away 31 children morning and afternoon respectively.

08/12 1893 xxx 64.2. Number on books 74. This is equal to about 86%

15/12 1893 xxx 60.2.

20/12 1893 The numbers today have dropped to 40 & 39 owing to heavy rain.

22/12 1893 xxx 55.9 - the lowest for five weeks. Number on books being 74 and the average attendance for the quarter 57.4 as compared with 45.3 for corresponding

quarter last year. Closed for one week's holiday (Chritmas).

01/01 1894 Re-opened after one week's holiday with 45 and 47 children present - morning and afternoon respectively.

05/01 1894 xxx 54.0 - 80 children on registers.

12/01 1894 xxx 55.4.

09/01 1894 xxx 66.5.

26/01 1894 xxx 64.9.

02/02 1894 Average attendance for the week 67.6 - No. on books 79. Sent one boy home during the week whose head was badly marked with ring-worm.

09/02 1894 xxx 66.8. The number on books is 78, the whole number of whom have been in attendance except one boy who is suffering from ringworm. The highest number which has been present is 72 on Monday morning & the lowest 59 this Friday afternoon - why there are 13 less on Friday afternoon than on Monday morning I cannot explain.

14/02 1894

16/02 1894

21/02 1894 Mrs. English being compelled to give up school duties for a short period the infants are in the charge of the Monitress, Ada Grayston. The numbers of the infants have gradually lowered (owing to distressing coughs) till at time of writing only 14 children are present (No. on register 28). Mrs. English's forced absence is therefore not so severely felt.

23/02 1894

26/02 1894

27/02 1894

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12/03 1894

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16/03 1894

19/03 1894

20/03 1894

22/03 1894

30/03 1894

02/04 1894

06/04 1894

13/04 1894

20/04 1894

23/04 1894

25/04 1894 A very wet morning - only 45 children present. Have complained to the woman who sweeps of the quantity of water she puts on the floor - the boards not getting dry till sometimes late in the afternoon. This, considering the time of year & the prevalence of colds is, extremely undesirable.

27/04 1894 Received a copy of the New Code. After my complaint about the quantity of water used when sweeping, the woman has commenced the plan of sweeping in the evening - this is a far better plan. Average attendance for the week 63.4 - this would have been higher but for wet weather.

01/05 1894

04/05 1894

08/05 1894

11/05 1894

16/05 1894

18/05 1894

25/05 1894

29/05 1894

01/06 1894

04/06 1894 Only 42 children present this morning owing to the wet & it being the Feast Day of Holbeach Drove Chapel a half day was given in the afternoon with Mr. Drewery's permission. Received on Saturday the Examination Schedules etc. Filled up as correctly as I could Form 8M and returned to Mr. Mossop same day.

05/06 1894

06/06 1894

08/06 1894

11/06 1894 A half holiday was given today owing to Gedney Hill Fair and Sports - Mr. Drewery's consent was given. The Results of the May Examination are as follows: Reading 8.7 of 10. Dictation 18.1 of 20. Arithmetic 15.8 of 20. Grammar 16.6 of 20. Mental Arith 13.7 of 20. Poetry 16.9 of 20. Copybooks 8.3 of 10.

12/06 1894

15/06 1894

18/06 1894 Received Registers from Mr. Mossop. Attendance this afternoon only 54 - a number of children staying away for Whaplode Drove Fair.

20/06 1894

22/06 1894 Three children named Judge (two Infants and one Standard 1) have now been away five weeks owing to illness & two other infant children were sent home this week suffering from Mumps: Average attendance for the week 62.5.

25/06 1894

26/06 1894

27/06 1894

29/06 1894

02/07 1894

03/07 1894

05/07 1894

06/07 1894

11/07 1894 Gave a holiday today with Mr. Drewery's consent - the occasion being Whaplode Drove Club Feast which with Gedney Hill Fair is looked upon as quite an annual event.

13/07 1894

16/07 1894

17/07 1894

20/07 1894

23/07 1894

24/07 1894 Mr. Lovett examined the children in Singing by Note this morning.

25/07 1894

26/07 1894

27/07 1894

30/07 1894

03/08 1894

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10/08 1894

24/08 1894

20/09 1894

24/09 1894

25/09 1894

28/09 1894

05/10 1894

10/10 1894 Only 43 present being a very wet morning. Started fires today. Reported to Mr. Squire, Attendance Officer to the Holbeach School Board, Walter Plum of Holbeach Drove, who has been present 4 times out of 26. This family has always given trouble on this score - one boy failing twice to gain a labour certificate & only because of his irregularity.

12/10 1894

15/10 1894 Received a letter from Mr. Squire saying he had written to Mrs. Plum respecting Walter Plum's irregularity & that is Plum was not at school in a few days to again report.

16/10 1894 Sent in Monthly Report for the Board Meeting next Thursday. Reported the irregularity of Thomas Jackson, a Fleet Fen scholar to Mr. Mossop. This boy has made 13 attendances out of a possible 26, and is in Standard 2. Mrs. English applied that her salary be increased from £25 per annum to £30. Her contention is that teachers of a lower qualification than herself are receiving £40 per annum: that her present salary does not allow her to have sufficient help in the house & consequently her domestic work with school work are playing too much upon her health.

17/10 1894 Again reported the irregularity of Walter Plum to Mr. Squire as instructed. This boy now has made 4 attendances out of 36. Only 46 present this morning.

18/10 1894

19/10 1894

22/10 1894 Received a further notice from Mr. Squire, S.A.O. saying that he had given Plum a final notice. If the boy does not attend regularly now he will apply to his Board for power to summon. Received no reply to my report to the Board last Thursday. Neither has Mrs. English.

26/10 1894

29/10 1894 Received communication from Mr. Mossop on last Saturday in which he states that a warning letter has been sent to Jackson, a boy I reported as attending badly. Also that Mrs. English's application will be considered next Board Meeting, after notice, but he thought the application would be favourably received

02/11 1894

09/11 1894 Average attendance for the week 52.2. Number on books 67. In actual attendance 59. Reported to Mr. Squire, SAO, the case of irregularity of Rose & Lily Snelling - these children hardly ever coming 10 times per week. Last quarter school opened 75 times and Rose lost 29 and Lily 32 attendances. Received from Messrs. Colman, Mustard Manufacturers, after application, a splendid glass-fronted case, containing various specimens of mustard seed, rice, etc., in its different stages of preparation. Shall have the same used in giving object lessons. Have applied to other firms.

12/11 1894

14/11 1894 Heavy rain again - 44 and 37 children consequently only being present. Sent in usual monthly report for tomorrow's Board Meeting. Charlotte Phillips has been present Eleven times out of fifty. She is in the Fifth Standard and 11 years old last birthday. Being in the 5th Standard her parents I imagine, think they may keep her at home or send her to school at liberty. I explained that if children wished to leave they must be examined for and gain an exemption certificate. This I explained to children & parents before the examination. I have therefore asked the Board whether I shall be right in reporting the girl if in future she is irregular. Applied for pens & penholders, exercise and drawing books, red and black ink.

16/11 1894 Received order form for the goods applied for. The reply to Mrs. English's application for an increase of salary is: 'The Board wish to know more fully what her work is, and statistics as to number of children and ages.' Charlotte Phillips - case reported to the Holbeach Board. Average attendance for the week 48.8 - the weather being rough nearly the whole week will account for the lowness of the attendance.

20/11 1894 Received specimens of different kinds of maize from Brown & Polson of Paisley with the various stages as made into cornflower, starch, etc.

23/11 1894

28/11 1894 Received in a well arranged box from Messrs. Fry, Cocoa manufacturers, specimens of the cocoa bean in its raw & manufactured state etc. with a handsomely framed picture.

30/11 1894 Average attendance 57.6 with 69 on Books & 66 in actual attendance. Have sent one child home - suffering from ring-worm.

07/12 1894 Average attendance for the week 56 with 69 on books and 63 in actual attendance. Have sent notes to several parents of irregular children & have reported the case of Charlotte Phillips who has been present 33 times out of 90 to Mr. Squire, SAO of the Holbeach Board

14/12 1894

17/12 1894

18/12 1894 Left school in charge of Mrs. English today. Went to Holbeach with the Ballot-box having been appointed Presiding Officer at this election.

21/12 1894

31/12 1894

04/01 1895

11/01 1895

18/01 1895 Average attendance for the week 56.7. Have reported Thomas Jackson to Mr. Mossop for irregularity.

21/01 1895 Received notice from Mr. Mossop stating he had written a warning letter to Jackson and that if I wished proceedings to be taken to send in full particulars next Board Meeting.

23/01 1895 Board Meeting tomorrow. Sent in usual monthly report. Gave full particulars respecting Jackson & suggested that proceedings be taken next time he is reported. Applied for Leadpencils, India Rubbers, Copybooks, Drill Bells, Exercise Books.

25/01 1895

28/01 1895

31/01 1895

01/02 1895

06/02 1895

07/02 1895

08/02 1895

11/02 1895

15/02 1895 Average attendance for the week 60 with 69 in actual attendance and 72 on the books. This must be considered satisfactory as the weather continues extremely cold. Lost one scholar this week by death - John Redden in Standard 3.

20/02 1895

22/02 1895

01/03 1895

04/03 1895

07/03 1895

08/03 1895

14/03 1895

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22/03 1895

29/03 1895

01/04 1895

02/04 1895

05/04 1895

11/04 1895

16/04 1895

19/04 1895

22/04 1895

26/04 1895

29/04 1895

01/05 1895

03/05 1895 Average attendance for the week 64.8. Have conducted the Monthly (April) Examination this week with the following results: Reading 9.3 of 10. Writing (copybooks) 8.3 of 10. Arithmetic 14.1 of 20. Dictation or Composition 16.3 of 20. Grammar 17.3 of 20. Poetry 13.9 of 20. Mental Arithmetic 11.5 of 20. Drawing or Sewing 16.9 of 20. Mrs. English has been compelled to keep in the house the whole week owing to indisposition. The monitress (Ada Grayston) has been in the class-room in place of Mrs. English. The Examination shows Arithmetic to be weak in Standards 4, 5 & 6 - they had entirely new cards & rather difficult. Reading is poorest in Standards 1 & 2.

06/05 1895

07/05 1895

10/05 1895

14/05 1895

17/05 1895 The following is the reply of the Board to my application for goods:-
'Dear Sir, I placed your requisition list before the Board this morning and forward herewith order for what is thought necessary and to intimate to you that the Board consider the same to have been sent in very late, the school year being nearly ended. Yours truly, R.P.Mossop.' 'PS If there is anything more which is 'absolutely necessary please write and explain.' I have seen Mr. Drewery who has advised me to send in the list again to which he will subscribe his name. Of all the material I

applied for, only the registers, foolscap, & 2 kinds of Examination papers, were considered necessary by the Board. In my second application I have stated that the children are at a standstill for such articles as Copybooks, Exercise books, lead pencils, etc. and that all the goods I applied were absolutely necessary. Average attendance for the week 67.1 with 78 on registers and 77 in actual attendance.

20/05 1895 In reply to my letter to Mr. Mossop for goods he has sent me order for them all except Code.

24/05 1895

25/05 1895

31/05 1895

03/06 1895

06/06 1895

07/06 1895

10/06 1895

11/06 1895 Today is a continuation of the Fair & Gedney Hill Church Sunday School festival and only 51 were present in the morning. Another half day was given. These two days are looked forward to with great interest and always regarded as holidays.

12/06 1895

14/06 1895

21/06 1895

24/06 1895 Only 61 & 60 present today. Some are helping in the hayfields - others are away owing to its being Whaplode Drove Fair. Sent in Monthly report with particulars also of the yearly average attendance etc. (it being the last time the Board meets in the school year which ends on June 30th). There have, during the year been as many as 84 on the registers, and the numbers on books have been as low as 65, but the average No. on books has been 73 & of these 73 the average attendance, on which grant will be paid is 59. The percentage of attendance for the year works out at 80.

25/06 1895

26/06 1895

28/06 1895

05/07 1895

10/07 1895

12/07 1895

16/07 1895

19/07 1895

22/07 1895

24/07 1895

25/07 1895 School closed today being used as a Polling Station for the election of a Member of Parliament.

26/07 1895

29/07 1895

30/07 1895

31/07 1895

01/08 1895

02/08 1895

05/08 1895 Numbers present 43 and 41 - as doubtless the numbers are a bit lower owing to the Athletic Sports at Spalding and other neighbouring towns, an improvement will be expected tomorrow - if there is no improvement I shall see Mr. Drewery for advice as to closing. Have not heard from Mr. Mossop respecting special examination of children for Labour Certificate - I wrote to Mr. Mossop on Tuesday the 30th July.

07/08 1895 This evening the children requiring labour certificates were specially examined by Mr. Lovett. There were candidates here also from Gedney Hill & Shipway Stow Schools.

08/08 1895

30/08 1895

17/09 1895

23/09 1895

30/09 1895

04/10 1895

07/10 1895

08/10 1895 Reported to Mr. Mossop the irregularity of two Fleet Fen boys named Johnson.

09/10 1895

11/10 1895

17/10 1895

18/10 1895

22/10 1895

23/10 1895

25/10 1895

28/10 1895

29/10 1895

01/11 1895

08/11 1895 Average attendance for the week 70.1 with 78 on Register & 77 in actual attendance - This compares very favourably with corresponding week of last year when the average attendance was 52.5 with 67 on registers. Mrs. English has been compelled to remain in the house all day owing to a severe attack of face-ache.

11/11 1895 Numbers lower today owing to a funeral at Whaplode Drove of a teacher in Sunday School. The Choir etc attended & children of this school attending that school. (Eli Money, aged 27 years, was buried at St. John the Baptist, Whaplode Drove on this date.)

14/11 1895 Received a note from Mrs. Marshall saying that her child Flora was suffering from measles - I sent this child's sister home till sister's recovery.

15/11 1895

22/11 1895

29/11 1895

06/12 1895

09/12 1895 Members of our own family being very poorly has necessitated Mrs. English remaining in the house. As an epidemic has caused Gedney Hill School to be closed, I called in the Doctor to be sure that my own children are not suffering from anything infectious & feel satisfied that they are not. However I feel it to be wise to keep my own children quite out of school & have written to the Board to that effect. Have also written to Mr. Drewery to know if he has any disinfectant which could be used in school as the children come from far & near & I wish to take all precaution I can to prevent the epidemic from spreading from Gedney Hill to this school. Had my own children been at school today there would have been 71 present out of 80. Sent in Quarterly a/cs for Board Meeting next Thursday - also applied for Drawing Material.

13/12 1895

16/12 1895

17/12 1895

20/12 1895

30/12 1895

01/01 1896 Attendance better, 68 and 69 present. The Medical Officer of Health called and viewed the premises. He sent home a girl named Florence Jones who attends this school & who lives on the other side of Gedney Hill because sickness had been in the house. The girl stated that she did not know what her brother had been suffering from & that no Doctor had been called in. Gedney Hill School is still closed owing to scarlet fever. I have done my best to keep this school free & so far fortunately, only two children, mentioned on page 397 have suffered, and these are supposed to have taken the epidemic when at a service in Gedney Hill chapel. Again wrote to Mr. Mossop asking for the Drawing Material I applied for last Board Meeting which was held on Dec 12th . (see page 399). This makes third application (see page 400).

02/01 1896

03/01 1896

06/01 1896 William Hemmant of St. Edmunds came this morning. On inquiring cause of his absence, all last week he told me he had been ill & also during the Christmas week. From further questioning I ascertained that he had been suffering from scarlet fever but that 'he had got the better of it' since last Tuesday. I sent him home at once for at least another week. I might here mention how difficult it is to find out what families are or have been affected the general rule seeming to be to keep it as secret as possible. Take the instance of Florrie Jones - not till Dr. Jackson called did I know that that girl's brother had been ill. Fortunately with the exception of two children named Marshall, no children living out of Gedney Hill have been down with the fever

09/01 1896

10/01 1896 Average attendance for the week 72.3 with 83 on the books and 80 in actual attendance. This is the highest average I believe for the last ten years.

15/01 1896

17/01 1896

23/01 1896

24/01 1896

31/01 1896

03/02 1896

07/02 1896

14/02 1896

18/02 1896 Ada Grayston absent all day with permission. Mrs. English relieved me by taking Standard 1 in the Class Room.

19/02 1896

20/02 1896

21/02 1896

26/02 1896

27/02 1896

28/02 1896

02/03 1896 66 present this morning and afternoon respectively. Ada Grayston sends in her resignation today (week's notice) as her family are leaving the neighbourhood.

06/03 1896 Average attendance for the week 63.3 with 86 on books and 75 in actual attendance. The low attendance is mainly attributable to coughs, colds & a rough stormy week. Three boys (two Fowlers & one Jackson) I have today reported to Mr. Mossop for irregularity. One Fowler (Infant) has lost 16 attendances out of 30 & the other (Standard 1) 17 out of 30. Jackson, an old offender, never comes ten times in a week, but is generally away twice or three times per week, with more often the latter. Ada Grayston leaves today. Her place will be taken by Lizzie Money till next Board Meeting when it will be decided who shall continue as monitor. Ada Grayston will be missed as during her two & a half years' service she has gained considerable experience & particularly during the latter part of her time has been of great assistance to me.

09/03 1896

10/03 1896

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13/03 1896

18/03 1896

19/03 1896 Board Meeting today. Sent in usual monthly report with Quarterly a/cs etc. Lizzie Money also made formal application for the post of monitor.

20/03 1896 Mrs. English is today compelled to remain in the house. Have placed the Infants under two sixth Standard girls. Average attendance for the week 63.5 with 86 on books & 76 in actual attendance.

23/03 1896

24/03 1896

25/03 1896

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14/04 1896

16/04 1896

17/04 1896 Average attendance for the week 76.1 with 87 on registers & 85 in actual attendance. Have reported to Mr. Mossop the boy Thomas Jackson who has during the last four weeks made 12 attendances out of 36 and 222 out of 323. I have reported (without any improvement) this boy several times.

20/04 1896 Mrs. English resumed duties today. Not receiving order for the goods applied for have today written to Mr. Mossop for the same.

22/04 1896

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08/06 1896 69 only present. This is due to a school festival at the Wesleyan Chapel Holbeach Drove & also Gedney Hill Fair. Afternoon's holiday was given with Mr. Drewery's sanction.

09/06 1896 Attendance worse still - 60 being present. Today the Church festival (Gedney Hill) is celebrated together with a continuation of the Fair. Another half holiday was given.

12/06 1896

18/06 1896 Received a visit from Mrs. Fowler saying her son (Fred) is suffering from measles. I told Mrs. Fowler to keep Herbert from school as well.

19/06 1896 Received Code. Registers & Exam papers. Have examined the school using the papers. Average attendance for the week 69.7 This is the first time for 10 weeks that the average has fallen below 70. Several boys are away in the hayfields, & as stated respecting the Fowlers, several away ill. There are 85 on books & 79 have been in actual attendance.

22/06 1896

23/06 1896

26/06 1896

29/06 1896

30/06 1896 End of School Year -----

02/07 1896 Only 62 present this afternoon. This is owing to a party of Band of Hope children going over to Crowland to the United School Feast.

08/07 1896

09/07 1896

10/07 1896

13/07 1896

14/07 1896

15/07 1896 As a party of over 20 attending this school have gone on a trip to Skegness & as others are away owing to Whaplode Drove Club Feast, (when it has been the custom to give half holiday), a whole day's holiday was given.

16/07 1896

17/07 1896

20/07 1896

21/07 1896

22/07 1896 In response to my notes 74 were present this morning (no. on books 87). Quite unexpectedly to me this number dropped to 65 this afternoon. I learned afterwards that the cause was some festivities at Whaplode Drove in honour of Princess May's wedding - Mr. Lovett examined the children in Singing - result satisfactory.

24/07 1896

01/08 1896

14/08 1896

14/09 1896

16/09 1896 Gave half day's holiday with Mr. Drewery's permission: the occasion being Gedney Hill Flower Show.

17/09 1896

18/09 1896

25/09 1896

28/09 1896 School having now started on its third week, have sent to Mr. Speechley of Whaplode Drove who is S.A.O. under the Whaplode Board the names of three children of Whaplode Drove who have not yet returned, and who are under 13 & not in possession of Exemption Certificate: viz Jessie Patman, Alice Burdett & Harry Taylor. Also reported to Mr. Squire of Holbeach another case of Samuel Hargrave who like the others has not returned since the holidays.

29/09 1896

02/10 1896

05/10 1896 Samuel Hargrave whom I reported has returned but a brother of his has been kept away to work in his place - potato picking for Mr. Simon Farrow. None of the Whaplode Drove children have returned.

09/10 1896

12/10 1896

16/10 1896 Extremely wet & rough this morning and consequently the numbers are again low: 47 only being present. Attendance no better this afternoon - the weather being still most wretched. Despite the bad weather which has prevailed during the week the average attendance (60.8) is better than last week. This is owing to most of the potatoes being now picked. Of 80 on the books 78 have been in actual attendance. Reported to Mr. Speechley that of the three Whaplode Drove children reported to him, one only has returned to school.

19/10 1896

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04/12 1896

11/12 1896 Average attendance for the week 72.2 with 82 on registers. This must be considered very satisfactory as the weather has been very wet during the week. There will in all probability be a falling off next week as goose killing commences then. The worst attendants this week are the brothers Fowler. Fred absent 7 and Herbert 4 times.

18/12 1896

23/12 1896

04/01 1897

08/01 1897

15/01 1897

25/01 1897

29/01 1897

01/02 1897

02/02 1897

05/02 1897

12/02 1897

15/02 1897

16/02 1897 Have today sent Monthly Report to the Board for Thursday's meeting. Have reported Thomas Jackson who has attended school 22 times out of a possible 58. Have applied for 5 object lesson Cards to complete the list for Standards 1, 2, 3 also for 7 doz Copy books, 1/2 doz unruled slates, ditto compasses, & 1 pair for Blackboard. & envelopes.

19/02 1897

23/02 1897

24/02 1897

26/02 1897

02/03 1897

04/03 1897

05/03 1897

12/03 1897 Average attendance for the week 65.6. Lizzie Money the Monitor had the morning away. She informs me that her mother desires that she shall discontinue acting as Monitor owing to sickness at home and that she shall write by tonight's post to Mr. Mossop tendering the usual week's notice. This has come unexpectedly to me and leaves me with seven Standards to take single handed.

15/03 1897

16/03 1897 Sent in Monthly Report for the Board Meeting next Thursday. Applied for Arithmetic Cards, Exercise & Drawing Books, Wool for Kindergarten & Box of Slate Pencils. Referred to Lizzie Money's resignation and suggested that I really wanted more efficient assistance in this room than can be expected from a 13 year old monitor taken from the class. Reported Thomas Jackson of Fleet Fen for

irregularity. His attendance for the Quarter runs as follows 4. 4. 4. 3. 4. 3. 0.
0. 0. 6.

19/03 1897

23/03 1897

23/03 1897 Received the Order Form for the goods applied for last Board Meeting. Miss Darlow, a former scholar and monitress in this school, now 22 years of age, has started on today as an assistant in this room. She is on trial for one month and I trust will be of service to me as Standards 1 and 2 have had only a young girl teacher who of course could not do justice to them and my own time is so occupied that I find it very difficult to get down to them. Mr. Drewery informs me in visiting today that the Board had decided to have a summons served on the father of Thomas Jackson, the boy I have reported so frequently.

25/03 1897

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28/05 1897

31/05 1897 Mrs. English still away but hopes to resume duties in a few days. The Infants during the past fortnight have been in the charge of Mabel Mackman a Standard 7 girl who has done her best with repetition of Tables, Reading from books & cards etc. Only 60 and 54 present morning and afternoon respectively: this is partly owing to a school feast in connection with one of the neighbouring chapels.

01/06 1897

02/06 1897

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14/06 1897

15/06 1897

18/06 1897 Average attendance for the week 62.6. Next week is a holiday in Commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

28/06 1897

29/06 1897

30/06 1897

02/07 1897

09/07 1897

12/07 1897

13/07 1897

14/07 1897 Attendance this morning lower still only 55. This is partly attributable to its being Whaplode Drove Club Feast to which many Holbeach Drove people attend. As many others will be away this afternoon Mr. Drewery has advised me to give half a day's holiday. This has now been given for several years.

16/07 1897

19/07 1897 Attendance: 60 this morning but dropped to 48 this afternoon - cause, a school feast at the Black Chapel.

20/07 1897

23/07 1897

26/07 1897

28/07 1897

30/07 1897

31/07 1897

03/08 1897

06/08 1897

27/09 1897 Reopened school today. Fifty children present. This is lower than last year when 57 were present on opening but that was a fortnight later than this & consequently the potatoes were nearly all dug. At present there are a good many to dig. Mr. Cragg who has been appointed School Attendance Officer under the Fleet School Board called this afternoon and took the names of 9 children living in Fleet Fen & not present today.

01/10 1897 Average attendance for the week 54.8. Miss Darlow has been away all the week having been called away to Sheffield to the what is feared death bed of her brother. Sent in the attendance sheets to Messrs Squire & Cragg.

04/10 1897 Mr. Cragg called again today but found only two boys of Fleet Fen away. These he went to at once & asked me to drop a post card to him if they were not present tomorrow. Reported Herbert Perkins to Mr. Speechley of Whaplode Drove. Also two Gedney Hill boys to Mr. Marshall of Holbeach.

05/10 1897 The two absentees of Fleet Fen have today attended school.

08/10 1897 Average attendance for the week 56.1 with 70 on Registers. Miss Darlow has not yet returned.

12/10 1897 Miss Darlow resumed duties today.

15/10 1897

18/10 1897

19/10 1897

22/10 1897

22/10 1897 Miss Darlow owing to the death of her brother has been away from school since Tuesday evening. Average attendance for the week 58.3. Sent in a complete list of the children to the four Attendance Officers viz. Messrs Cragg, Squire, Marshall & Speechley.

25/10 1897 Miss Darlow returned today.

26/10 1897

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19/11 1897

25/11 1897

26/11 1897 Mrs. English is so poorly that she has been compelled to stay in the house all day. Average attendance for the week 75.8 with 85 on books. This is equal to 89 per cent.

29/11 1897 Mrs. English away all day still being poorly. The numbers today have been exceptionally low - only 44 present this morning and 46 this afternoon. Mostly boys present. This is owing to a gale of wind which has prevailed all day.

30/11 1897 The weather having improved, the number present is 64. Of the 21 absent 14 are reported as being poorly. Mrs. English still unable to be in school.

03/12 1897 The numbers today have dropped to 57. The attendance this week is only equal to 70 per cent. Miss Darlow was taken ill on Thursday & is now under medical treatment. Mrs. English too poorly to come in school so I am working single handed. If matters do not improve on Monday I shall report to Mr. Mossop.

06/12 1897

07/12 1897

03/01 1898

07/01 1898

11/01 1898

14/01 1898

21/01 1898 I was away from school all day yesterday as I attended the Board Meeting. This was in consequence of Mrs. Beagle, the School Cleaner, taking possession of the key of the front door & refusing to replace it at my request. She also wrote a long letter to the Board making complaints against me & also against Mr. Drewery the local member of the Board. The result of the meeting was that the Board unanimously agreed that 'Mrs. Beagle should immediately restore the key & if she could not work amicably with Mrs. English and myself she was to resign' . Average attendance for the week 76.9.

24/01 1898 Sent a boy home named Arthur Bingham as he is suffering from ringworm on face & hands.

28/01 1898

04/02 1898

11/02 1898

18/02 1898

25/02 1898

28/02 1898 30 children away this afternoon. This is owing to the funeral of Dr. Crowden of Gedney Hill. Many parents showing their respect of the deceased gentleman and taking their children with them. I was away from school in the afternoon for the same reason.

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30/06 1898 End of the School Year. This evening I am taking 8 boys & girls to be examined for labour certificates at Shiphay Stow School. One boy named Johnson applied to sit for a certificate but as he has been away illegally for a fortnight I have not placed his name on the schedule - the same boy failed last year.

08/07 1898

11/07 1898 Mr. Cragg called today & interviewed the man who has been illegally employing Johnson for the past month. As a result of this interview the employer discharged Johnson the same day. Johnson thereupon immediately sought work elsewhere & obtained it & is still away from school. I have written to Mr. Cragg giving him this information. I have also reported Fred Fowler who has made 7

attendances out of 23.

12/07 1898

15/07 1898

18/07 1898 Wilfred Johnson returned to school today. His mother has now kept a younger brother away.

21/07 1898 Board Meeting. Sent in a full report of the irregularity of the boys Johnson & Fowler. Also applied for goods required & recommended by HMI

22/07 1898 Have received information that the Board has instructed Mr. Cragg, the School Attendance Officer to summon the parents of the boys Johnson & Fowler before the magistrates. Also that the Board had decided to send down Mr. Hand, Architect, of Spalding, to make plans & specifications for the additional cloak room accommodation.

27/07 1898

29/07 1898

03/08 1898 School Staff: William English. Certificated; Mary English. Article 50; Mary E. Darlow. Article 68.

05/08 1898 Average attendance for the week 64.5 with 77 on Registers. The parents of the boys Fowler & Johnson having been summoned before the magistrates had to pay a fine of 2/- in each case for the irregularity of their children.

10/08 1898

11/08 1898

12/08 1898

17/10 1898

21/10 1898 Average attendance - despite a wet week is 66.3. Mr. Cragg called and noted that the only Fleet Fen children who had not returned to school were the Fowlers (Fred & Herbert). These boys also had a week previous to breaking up & the father has also been summoned before the magistrates and fined.

24/10 1898 66 present. Fred Fowler away.

28/10 1898

04/11 1898

11/11 1898

18/11 1898

25/11 1898

02/12 1898

09/12 1898

12/12 1898

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23/12 1898

02/01 1899

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06/01 1899

10/01 1899 Visit (Art. 24.b) The infants' teacher should devote the whole of her time to the instruction of the infants. J. Adlard.

10/01 1899 By the foregoing entry Mr. Adlard explained to me that he meant that Mrs. English's time should not be broken into to take charge of the sewing. With the present staff there are two alternatives, viz. (1) Miss Darlow (Art 68) to take the infants continuously & Mrs. English Standards 1 & 2 and the sewing. or (2) Miss Darlow to still take Standards 1 & 2 and the sewing. At present Miss Darlow is incapable of taking the sewing & has expressed herself as not capable of taking the Infants. Shall report the "entry" to the Board and allow things to go on as before till I receive further instructions.

13/01 1899

20/01 1899

23/01 1899

27/01 1899

03/02 1899

06/02 1899 Mrs. English compelled to remain in the house owing to illness - Miss Darlow is taking her place in the class room.

10/02 1899

17/02 1899

24/02 1899

01/03 1899 Mr. Gilder, School Attendance Officer, for the Holbeach School Board, called today. Mr. Cragg, having resigned, I have received instructions to forward the Attendance sheet to Mr. Mossop weekly, until a successor is appointed.

03/03 1899

06/03 1899 Mrs. English resumed her duties today after a month's enforced absence. During the month Miss Darlow has taken the Infants and I have managed the main room single handed.

10/03 1899 Average attendance for the week 70.4. The Attendance Sheet is now forwarded to Mr. Gregory.

17/03 1899

24/03 1899

27/03 1899

31/03 1899

07/04 1899

13/04 1899

14/04 1899

21/04 1899

27/04 1899 Left school today in charge of Mrs. English - had to go to Holbeach. Board Meeting held today. Complained in my report to the Board that the Carpenter had not yet completed his work in the Class Room. Applied for stationery etc.

28/04 1899

05/05 1899

09/05 1899 Received goods applied for last Board Meeting. Doctor Murphy called today to enquire if the school is in a healthy state. This is in consequence of Scarlet Fever being at Shepeau Stow & Measles at Gedney Hill. Able to report that nothing was wrong here.

12/05 1899

15/05 1899 This week was to be given as a holiday according to instructions from the Clerk but as 9 weeks were given at harvest time owing to the builders not having rooms in readiness, I wrote to Mr. Mossop telling him the holiday had better not be given as it would leave but a small margin above the necessary 400. Mr. Mossop concurred. Today is May Day & this with very wet morning and afternoon has reduced the attendance to 40 and 47 respectively. Miss Darlow away with permission.

16/05 1899

18/05 1899 Received a letter from Mrs. Seaton saying that Measles had broken out in her house. As one member of the family attends this school I have sent him home. Have procured some of Jeye's disinfectant and am using it about the rooms & premises. I consider this expedient as there are measles at Gedney Hill & Scarlet Fever at Shiphay Stow

19/05 1899

23/05 1899

25/05 1899

26/05 1899

29/05 1899 Have received a certificate from Dr. Rice of Gedney Hill saying that Lizzie Ogden attending this school is suffering from measles. This necessitates her brother and sister to remain away. Only 60 present this morning and 53 this afternoon:- about a dozen are away this afternoon attending Sunday School Treat at Gedney Hill ---Have examined the children this week.

02/06 1899

05/06 1899

06/06 1899 A member of our own family being attacked with measles, I have excluded all other members of the family from attending school. Dr. Rice has ordered Mrs. English to remain in the house and to keep the children isolated. Miss Darlow is taking Mrs. English's place pro.tem.

07/06 1899

09/06 1899

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21/06 1899

30/06 1899

10/07 1899 Started this morning with 44 present. There are a larger number of absentees thro' measles than I had anticipated. I myself am under the Dr's hands suffering from ulcerated tonsils. Mrs. English is taking my classes in school.

13/07 1899

14/07 1899

20/07 1899 Miss Darlow had the morning to attend Spalding to read and recite before H.M.I. in view of her examination for scholarship. Reported to Mr. C. Marshall the gross irregularity of John Seaton of Gedney Hill.

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03/11 1899

10/11 1899

17/11 1899

23/11 1899 Board Meeting today - sent in the usual monthly report. Miss Darlow applied for leave of absence to sit at the Queen's Scholarship Exam.

24/11 1899 Miss Darlow received necessary leave: The percentage of attendance for this week for the various parishes is as follows:- Children attending from Whaplode Drove 90%. Holbeach Drove 95%. Fleet Fen 88%. Gedney Hill 87%.

29/11 1899 Called the Registers (with four other Members of the Board). Everything correct & the Board much pleased with progress of the School. Walter H. James. Chairman

29/11 1899 The children drilled and sang before the Members of the Board, which gentlemen expressed their great pleasure. Half holiday was given to mark such an exceptional visit.

01/12 1899

08/12 1899

15/12 1899 Average attendance 57.1. The drop is almost entirely due to bad weather. Miss Darlow away this week attending the Scholarship Examination.

22/12 1899

01/01 1900 Opened school this morning 48 only being present; this may possibly be accounted for by the very foggy and cold morning and also that the schools on either side of us do not open till tomorrow. During the weeks holiday the Board have appointed me to the Headmastership of the Wood Lane School with Mrs. English as Deputy Mistress. My duties will expire here on Friday next. The board has engaged Mr. Campling to take charge of the school for a fortnight during which time they hope to be able to appoint a master and mistress in our place.

04/01 1900 Am leaving today, giving a holiday tomorrow, as we are so busy in shifting. We have worked most harmoniously with the Board since May 1889. W. English.

08/01 1900 Taken temporary charge of this School. Present 47. Geo. Campling.

12/01 1900 Average attendance 48.2. The small number is due to the fact that 6 of Mr. English's children were on the register, & also that some who formerly attended Gedney Hill School have returned to it.

15/01 1900 Owing to inclement weather, the attendance this morning was only 37. George Beasley, a former pupil was readmitted.

19/01 1900 The attendance this week has again been poor. Average 44.6. I received today a note from the Master of Gedney Hill School stating that 10 of the pupils formerly here, have commenced attending his school. Consequently the total on the register is now only 59.

22/01 1900

25/01 1900 Am giving up my duties today, since I am obliged to return to College tomorrow. Miss Darlow is marking the registers & keeping the school open for the day (Friday). Geo Campling.

21/02 1900

09/03 1900

26/03 1900 I commenced work in this school today - present 53 - admitted 3 of my children. William S. Foote. Certificated Teacher.

27/03 1900 Miss Darlow brought word that she had passed the late Queen's Scholarship Examination in the Third Class.

30/03 1900 Miss Darlow absent since Thursday noon - ill - I have felt extremely unwell this afternoon and have with difficulty instructed the school.

03/04 1900

06/04 1900 Miss Darlow absent all the week suffering from pleurisy. Held Examination with standard 3 - 7. Three children - Hargrave & Gertie Snelling left this week.

09/04 1900 Admitted my little daughter Mary.

12/04 1900 The children were dismissed this morning without assembling as the Master had met with a slight accident making it impossible for him to conduct the school.

17/04 1900 School re-opened after Easter Vacation, very few - 35 - present, perhaps due to the fact of Gedney Hill & Shepeau Stow schools being closed for the whole of the Easter Week. Miss Darlow is still unable to resume her work.

18/04 1900

23/04 1900 Re-opened school, I find the doctor recommends Miss Darlow not to recommence work yet. Admitted Annie Butcher & Florrie Fowler.

25/04 1900 Florrie Judge returned to school after a month's absence.

26/04 1900 Miss Darlow came to the school this afternoon and took the sewing.

30/04 1900 Received word from R.P. Mossop Esq. that Miss Darlow is appointed to teach Infants & Standard 1, and that Ethel Marshall & Edith Drewery will continue acting as Monitors on alternate days until the end of the school year.

03/05 1900 Miss Darlow came and took the girls in sewing this afternoon, and said that the doctor would most likely allow her to return to her regular routine of duty next week.

07/05 1900 Miss Darlow returned to school this morning and has commenced her new duty. viz: that of teaching Standard 1 with the Infants.

10/05 1900 Mr. Gregory, School Attendance Officer called this morning.

11/05 1900 Sent word to Mr. Money drawing his attention to the irregularity of the Whaplode Drove children.

22/05 1900

24/05 1900

25/05 1900 Sent to Mr. Money again concerning the Whaplode Drove children's irregular attendance.

01/06 1900 I have failed to receive an answer to my repeated request respecting Whaplode Drove children's' attendance.

02/06 1900 Mrs. Moxon called upon and promised to send Flossie to school - she has been absent a long time.

07/06 1900 Receiving no reply to my repeated request to Mr. Money, Whaplode Drove Attendance Officer, I have reported the matter to Mr. Drewery.

08/06 1900

11/06 1900

21/06 1900

25/06 1900

29/06 1900

02/07 1900 Commenced teaching the Arithmetic for the new year to all the standards. Reginald Johnson who has been absent for 13 weeks on account of a most virulent attack of ringworm returned to school today. Admitted Alfred Ashwell from the Whaplode Drove National School.

06/07 1900

09/07 1900 Admitted Ivy Johnson - a little girl.

13/07 1900

20/07 1900

30/07 1900 Admitted G.H. Ogden, a little boy of 4 years old. The attendance begins to fall due the Harvest operations having been commenced by some farmers.

06/08 1900 By suggestion of Mr. J.J. Drewery have closed today for the Harvest Holidays which are to last until Sept 24th

17/08 1900 Received this day, from R.P. Mossop Esq, the returned Proficiency Schedule; below are the results - Percy Johnson Age 12, pass in reading, failed in writing and arithmetic: Fred Lancaster Age 12 pass: Herbert Fisher Age 12 pass: Arthur Mackman Age 12 pass: Florence Beasby Age 12 pass: Florence Moxon Age 13 pass.

20/08 1900 Copy of H.M.I.'s Report. Having regard to the circumstances the Higher Grants are again leniently recommended. Considering the circumstances the first standard and infants are well taught. Higher Principal Grant 14/-. Higher Discipline Grant 1/6. Higher Geography Grant 2/-. Singing by Note Grant 1/-. Total Grant 18/6 per head average 57.6. 52 at 18/6 per head £48.2.0. 27 boys' drawing at 1/9 £2.7.3. 24 girls' sewing at 2/- £2.8.0 Total £52.17.3. Staff: William Solomon Foote. Mary E. Darlow (Art 50) Signed. Rich.d P. Mossop

01/10 1900 Re-commenced school after 8 weeks holidays an extra week having been granted by Mr. Drewery. 24 present in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. Henry Watson left the neighbourhood during the holidays and I hear that Flossie Seaton has left the school. Flora Marshall and Ethel Marshall returned to school. Grace Fisher is reported to have measles.

04/10 1900 Have heard this morning that Albert Lancaster has the measles and that Ernest and Elsie Fisher have commenced attending Shepeau Stow School. A number of children are potato picking or at other work in the fields.

09/10 1900 Have heard this morning that Grace Moxon has commenced attending Shepeau Stow School.

11/10 1900 Mr. Drewery sent word today that school is to be closed tomorrow - 12th inst. - as the school will be used for the purpose of Polling at the General Election.

12/10 1900

15/10 1900 Admitted Jabez Cartwright.

16/10 1900 Admitted George Wernan? Green.

18/10 1900 Admitted J.W. Waterfall formerly of this school. Mr. Gregory, Attendance Officer, called today.

23/10 1900 Admitted Lizzie Waterfall formerly of this school.

30/10 1900 Rev. W.H. James, Chairman of the School Board visited today to see the Master.

31/10 1900 Miss Darlow left school at 11 this morning and is absent this afternoon. The master understood from her that it was an exceptional occurrence that required her absence from school - Ethel Marshal took the Infants.

12/11 1900 The work of today has been with great difficulty gone through as there is no stove in this large room and the weather is extremely cold.

15/11 1900

30/11 1900 A stove having been put up on the previous evening a fire was today - the first time this season - in the large room, during the past 2 weeks it has been difficult to work without a fire.

07/12 1900 I have, this day, been confined to bed on account of neuralgia, Miss Darlow has kept the school open.

12/12 1900

19/12 1900

20/12 1900

28/12 1900 During the Holidays the 3rd Class Register was cut and mutilated by some person, so that the attendance for each child for the whole half year ending Dec 31st would have been lost, had not the total attendances been carried forward and entered into the Summary. C. Clarke

01/01 1901 Commenced duties in the School today. Very small attendance. Mr. J.J. Drewery visited in the afternoon. Charles S. Clarke. Certificated Teacher.

04/01 1901

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15/03 1901

22/03 1901 Owing to bad colds the attendance has not been so good during the past week. Admitted Ivy Phillips on Monday.

28/03 1901

29/03 1901

04/04 1901 Closed school this afternoon until Wednesday the 10th inst. for Easter. Miss Darlow asked for permission to go to Spalding on Tuesday afternoon. Permission was given her. Ethel May Marshall took the Infants. During the week the attendance of the Infants has been very bad, owing to inclemency of the weather and illness. Average of Infants only 9.6. Ditto of whole school only 38. Taught new song during the week.

10/04 1901

15/04 1901

19/04 1901 Average only 34 - Admitted John, Carrie & Hugh Seaton from Gedney Hill (Monday 15th inst.). Gave usual Monthly Exam this week.

22/04 1901 Miss Darlow absent from duty owing to illness. Infants taken by E. Marshall.

26/04 1901 The attendance has been a little better during the week Average 39.9. Miss Darlow has been absent all the week.

03/05 1901 Miss Darlow returned to duty on Monday after a week's absence. Several children away with Whooping Cough. Received notice that Harold Hemmant has Scarletina. Average 41.1.

06/05 1901 Dr. Murphy, M.O.H. for this district called today and examined the children with a view of finding if any were suffering from Scarletina. He stated that the whole school was remarkably free from disease. He also informed me that Jabez Cartwright was suffering from Scarletina.

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05/07 1901

12/07 1901 Rev. H. James, Chairman of the Board, visited School on Monday last the 8th inst. Several children away, Fruit picking.

19/07 1901

24/07 1901

26/07 1901

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24/08 1901

29/08 1901

30/08 1901

02/09 1901 Only 27 present today (5 out of 25 in First Class). Miss Darlow away from school all day with permission - Edith Drewery (Ex VII) took the Infants.

04/09 1901

28/10 1901

29/10 1901 Miss Darlow ended her duties as Assistant in this school today.

30/10 1901 Mrs. Clarke has entered on her duties as Assistant in succession to Miss Darlow - this day (Wednesday) admitted May Whiteman from Gedney Hill. Mr. J.J. Drewery called today.

01/11 1901

08/11 1901

15/11 1901

21/11 1901

22/11 1901 Mr. R.J. Marshall, Attendance Officer, called this morning to inquire about John Sexton, who has not attended once during the past month. Average 48.1 out of 56 on the books.

29/11 1901

02/12 1901

06/12 1901

13/12 1901

20/12 1901

06/01 1902

10/01 1902

14/01 1902

22/01 1902 Mr. W. Bennet, a Member of the Board, visited the School this morning, and expressed much satisfaction at the appearance of the School & premises.

24/01 1902

31/01 1902

07/02 1902 Received notice today, from Mr. Mossop, that Edith Drewery is appointed paid Monitress - her duties to commence on Monday next. Received two boxes of Pens and a gallon of Ink. Average 52.3.

14/02 1902 The school Harmonium has, this week, been put in thorough repair by Mr. Lamb of Holbeach. Edith Drewery commenced her duties as Monitress on Monday the 10th inst. The attendance has kept up well all the week considering the bad weather. Mr. J.J. Drewery called on Tuesday the 11th inst.

21/02 1902

28/02 1902 Board Meeting was yesterday. Have sent in the usual monthly report. The Sanitary Inspector called on Monday & Medical Officer of Health on Tuesday. Informed me that the Newtons (2) & Beagles (2) have Mumps.

03/03 1902

07/03 1902

14/03 1902

18/03 1902 Mr. R.H. Gregory, Attendance Officer for Fleet, called this afternoon.

20/03 1902 Miss Drewery called this afternoon, and at her request, the children did their Drills and Singing.

21/03 1902

25/03 1902

27/03 1902

02/04 1902

09/04 1902

10/04 1902

18/04 1902

26/04 1902 Edith Drewery (Monitress) absent all the week, due to sickness. Admitted Dora Benson on Monday & Edith Ward on Tuesday, both Infants. Board meeting was yesterday. Sent in the usual report. Applied for 1 doz Drawing Books, & 2 quires of "cutting out paper" Mr. W. Bennett, a member of the Board, called on Monday. Gave an Exam this week.

02/05 1902 Mr. Males, Attendance Officer for Whaplode Drove called today. The attendance is now good. Taught words and tune of a new song. Edith Drewery still absent - under medical treatment.

08/05 1902

09/01 1902 Received the goods referred to this morning, having been delayed at the railway station. Edith Drewery still absent from school. Average 53.5

16/05 1902 Edith Drewery has not returned to school, being still unwell. Wet afternoon, small attendance.

22/05 1902

23/05 1902 Edith Drewery still absent. The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday (Thursday 22nd) Mr. J. Drewery called on Thursday.

30/05 1902 Mr. R.H. Gregory, Attendance Officer for Fleet, called on Tuesday. Edith Drewery (Monitress) returned to school on Tuesday but absent today (Friday). Very wet morning.

06/06 1902 Edith Drewery absent all the week by Doctor's orders. Half holiday on Monday.

10/06 1902

13/06 1902

20/06 1902 The usual monthly Board Meeting was held yesterday. Applied for Pens & New Registers. Edith Drewery still away ill. Received notice from Mr. Mossop that school is to be closed from June 25th to July 2nd for the Coronation.

30/06 1902

02/07 1902

04/07 1902 Returned Form 9b etc. to Mr. Mossop. Admitted Lilian Ash on Wednesday. Average for the week 52.

11/07 1902 The attendance has been not so good this week, some of the children being away fruit picking. Edith Drewery has not returned to duty, being still under medical treatment.

18/07 1902

19/07 1902

26/07 1902

01/08 1902 Board meeting was held yesterday. Applied for materials for school use. Received H.M.I's Report today. Copy of H.M.I's Report. "The Instruction is very fair on the whole but elementary work should improve". Total Grant earned: Average 50 at 2/- £52.10.0. School Staff:- Chas S. Clarke. Certificated Master: Florence Clarke. Asst. Art 50. Edith Drewery. Monitress. Signed:- Rich.d P. Mossop. Clerk to the Fleet School Board.

04/08 1902

08/08 1902

12/08 1902 School met at 1.30pm today, and dismissed at 3.35 to allow the Master & Mistress to attend the funeral of Miss Edith Drewery, late Monitress in this School. (NOTE: Edith Emily Drewery died on 9th August at aged 15 and is buried in Holy Trinity, Gedney Hill churchyard. (E F04 DD))

15/08 1902

13/10 1902

17/10 1902

20/10 1902 Jessie Noble commenced duties as Monitress today. Very wet morning. Poor attendance. Received load of coke for school fires today.

24/10 1902 Today the scholars have their Tea and Prizes. Holiday all day in consequence. Average 44.

31/10 1902 The attendance has improved during the week. Average 46.8. The School Clock was cleaned on Wednesday last by Mr. Briggs of Spalding.

07/11 1902 Average 48.9

14/11 1902 Admitted Fred Sharp, (a visitor from Bourne) on Wednesday. Began School at 1.30 for the winter. The plaster of ceilings and walls has been repaired this week by Mr. T. Money. Jessie Noble left today.

21/11 1902 Board Meeting yesterday. Received 1 ton of Coke today. Admitted Bertie Darlow on Wednesday. Average 50.7.

24/11 1902 Grace Fisher has been appointed Monitress in succession to Jessie Noble, and began work today.

05/12 1902 Today the weather has been very cold, and it has been snowing most of the day.

The attendance has been low in consequence. Average 48.8

12/12 1902

19/12 1902

23/12 1902

24/12 1902

05/01 1903

09/01 1903

16/01 1903 The weather this week has been very severe, poor attendance of infants in consequence. Admitted Kate Henson (aged 6 years from Gedney Hill) on Wednesday.

19/01 1903 Admitted Alice Baker (a visitor).

23/01 1903

30/01 1903 The usual monthly Meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Nellie Beasley a scholar of this school died on the 22nd Jan. (NOTE: She was aged 13 and was buried in St. John the Baptist churchyard, Whaplode Drove).

06/02 1903

13/02 1903

20/02 1903

27/02 1903

28/02 1903

06/03 1903 Received 120 bundles of firewood from Holbeach. Admitted Wm. Chas. Canning (a visitor from Kroomstadt, South Africa), on Monday the 2nd. Average 50.6.

13/03 1903

20/03 1903

27/03 1903

03/04 1903

09/04 1903

16/04 1903 Re-opened school today, only 33 present. Admitted Arthur Newton aged 5 years. (NOTE: He was baptised at St. John the Baptist, Whaplode Drove on 31/07/1898 - son of William/Rebecca of Holbeach Drove).

17/04 1903

24/04 1903 Admitted Florence, Alfred & George Bell on Monday. Thursday was Board Day. Applied for some Ink. Average 51.2.

30/04 1903

01/05 1903

04/05 1903 Mr. Crabtree, Organising Secretary of South Holland C.C. paid a visit to the school this morning.

15/05 1903 Admitted Bertie Lancaster on Wednesday. Average 55.0 for the week.

22/05 1903

29/05 1903

04/06 1903

05/06 1903

12/06 1903

19/06 1903 The average has dropped to 56.5 several of the Infants away with colds. Admitted Mildred Hemmant, aged 7.

26/06 1903

30/06 1903

01/07 1903

10/07 1903

17/07 1903 Meeting of Managers held yesterday (16th). Applied for stationery etc. for the new year. Average 56.0 for the week. Nos. on Books 60. Admitted Hilda Ashwell & Beulah Ash this week.

24/07 1903

31/07 1903

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12/10 1903

16/10 1903

23/10 1903

30/10 1903

02/11 1903

03/11 1903

06/11 1903 Average 51.0. The Attendance Officer for Fleet called on Thursday and took Leonard Fowler's name for irregularity.

13/11 1903 Some children are still potato picking. The 'Ash' girls are the worst offenders. Average for the week 49.4.

20/11 1903 Admitted Fred Ward aged 13 1/2 years late a scholar at Tydd St. Giles. This boy is very backward, especially in writing. Average 50.9. Leonard Fowler is attending better.

27/11 1903

04/12 1903 Admitted Jane Parrott aged 12 1/2 years from Shiphay Stow School on Monday last. The attendance Officer for Whaplode called today and inquired after the above named girl. Average 51.0.

11/12 1903

14/12 1903

18/12 1903

24/12 1903

04/01 1904

08/01 1904

15/01 1904

22/01 1904

29/01 1904

05/02 1904

08/02 1904 Admitted Geo. F. Hemmant from Whaplode Drove.

09/02 1904 Admitted two little girls (Castle) visitors for a few weeks, from Bicester, Oxfordshire.

12/02 1904

19/02 1904

22/02 1904 This afternoon Mr. J.J. Drewery and Mr. N. Bennet (Managers) visited the School at 3pm and distributed Prizes in money to the children residing in Fleet Fen, for regular attendances, progress and good conduct. They were accompanied by Mr. Brothwell.

26/02 1904

03/03 1904

04/03 1904

08/03 1904

11/03 1904

15/03 1904 Received schedule notifying me that J. Parrott had passed the Examination for a Certificate of Proficiency in Standard 5. Average 55.7.

16/03 1904

18/03 1904 Admitted Grace and Mildred Moxen this week from Shiphay Stow School.

25/03 1904 Re-admitted Oliver Bratley from Shiphay Stow School. Average 56.6. A meeting of the Managers was held on Thursday. Applied for Blotting Paper and Pens. Mr. Marshall, Attendance Officer for Gedney Hill children called this morning.

28/03 1904

30/03 1904

06/04 1904

08/04 1904

15/04 1904

22/04 1904 Admitted Herbert Mattock aged 11 years and Ethel Churchman 5 years, on Monday. A Meeting of the Managers was held on Thursday.

29/04 1904

06/05 1904

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27/05 1904

03/06 1904

10/06 1904

17/06 1904

24/06 1904

30/06 1904

08/07 1904 A meeting of the Managers was held on Thursday. Sent in Requisition list for stationery etc. Admitted Mildred Hemmant & Gladys Ash on Monday. Average 52.0. No. on Books 55.

12/07 1904 Admitted Edward & Frank Churchman lately of Ardingley College, Sussex. Both are very backward.

15/07 1904

18/07 1904

20/07 1904 Mr. C. Judd, Attendance Officer for Holbeach visited this afternoon.

22/07 1904

29/07 1904

05/08 1904

12/08 1904

01/09 1904

03/10 1904

07/10 1904 Average only 42.8. Mr. Judd (SAO) called.

14/10 1904 Four children have left since the holidays. Admitted Clyde and Cyril Fisher on Tuesday. Several children still potato picking. Received two tons of Coke and 120 bundles of Firewood for School fires.

21/10 1904

28/10 1904 Admitted Percy Fisher from Shiphay Stow School on Tuesday. Average 47.0.

04/11 1904

11/11 1904

17/11 1904 Mr. Gregory, Attendance Officer for Fleet called.

18/11 1904 Mr. Males, Attendance Officer for Whaplode called this morning.

25/11 1904

02/12 1904

09/12 1904

16/12 1904

23/12 1904

29/12 1904

09/01 1905

11/01 1905 The newly appointed Attendance Officer, Mr. H. Jeffs, visited this morning and took a list of absentees.

13/01 1905 Owing to indisposition the Master was confined to the house today. Mrs. Clarke took charge of the School.

16/01 1905 Attendance Officer called this morning. Admitted Wm. Eason aged 10 years, from Shiphay Stow School.

20/01 1905

24/01 1905

27/01 1905 Grace Fisher (Monitress) absent from school yesterday and today - Ill in bed. There is a good deal of sickness about just now.

31/01 1905

03/02 1905

06/02 1905

10/02 1905 Attendance Officer called on Wednesday. Admitted Kate Eason on Monday.

17/02 1905

24/02 1905

03/03 1905

09/03 1905 Visit without notice. J. Wilson.

10/03 1905

17/03 1905

24/03 1905

31/03 1905

07/04 1905

14/04 1905

19/04 1905 Closed school today for Easter. To re-assemble on Wednesday the 26th. Mr. Walton (a Manager) called on Tuesday and Attendance Officer on Monday.

01/05 1905

03/05 1905 Mr. W.H. Walton one of the Managers visited school.

12/05 1905

17/05 1905

24/05 1905

02/06 1905 The attendance has been fairly good this week . Grace Fisher (Monitress) returned to school on Monday after being absent for six weeks, on account of Scarlet Fever being in her house.

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22/12 1905

08/01 1906

12/01 1906

17/01 1906 Today the school room was used as a Polling Station for the Parliamentary Election of the Spalding Division. In consequence a holiday was given all day.

19/01 1906

02/02 1906 Grace Fisher (Monitress) absent from school with abscess in the face. This afternoon Mr. W. Bennett and Mr. W.H. Walton, two of the Managers, distributed Prizes to all the Fleet Fen children. Afterwards the registers were called and checked by Mr. Bennett.

09/02 1906

16/02 1906

23/02 1906

02/03 1906

09/03 1906

16/03 1906

23/03 1906

30/03 1906

02/04 1906

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12/04 1906

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25/04 1906

27/04 1906 Taught new song "Lass of Richmond Hill". Admitted Beman Green on Monday.

04/05 1906

11/05 1906

18/05 1906

25/05 1906

01/06 1906

04/06 1906

08/06 1906

12/06 1906

13/06 1906 Mr. A. Finch H.M.I. inspected the scholars this afternoon. SAO called during the afternoon.

15/06 1906

22/06 1906 SAO called on Wednesday. An Examination for Labour Certificates is to be held at Gedney Hill on Saturday next 23rd at 9.30am. Clyde Fisher will be presented from this school.

28/06 1906 Received Proficiency Schedule, stating that the above boy (Clyde Fisher) has passed.

29/06 1906

02/07 1906

06/07 1906

13/07 1906

20/07 1906

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03/08 1906

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26/10 1906

02/11 1906

09/11 1906

16/11 1906 SAO called on Tuesday. Two boys (L. Fowler & C. Fisher) are employed illegally. Have reported the matter to the Attendance Committee. Wet day:- Attendance reduced. Taught Division of Decimals to Standard 6.

23/11 1906

30/11 1906

07/12 1906

14/12 1906

19/12 1906

20/12 1906

04/01 1907

11/01 1907 Grace Fisher (Monitress) resigns today. SAO called on Wednesday. Several children absent with colds etc. Ordered supply of Firewood today.

17/01 1907 The school has been carried on with very great difficulty all this week, as I am suffering from Influenza and hardly know how to keep at my duties. Mrs Clarke is confined to her bed with a severe attack of the same illness. The Monitress left last Friday, so that I am single-handed. Received Firewood ordered last week.

18/01 1907 About a dozen children are absent from school with Influenza, which seems quite an epidemic. (NOTE: This does not surprise me, they all caught it from him!!!).

24/01 1907

25/01 1907

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08/03 1907

15/03 1907

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22/03 1907

25/03 1907

28/03 1907

08/04 1907 Re-opened school today. 49 present. Admitted George, William, Mabel & Robert Carter from Holbeach Drove, also Nellie Barnes and Elsie Henson.

12/04 1907

19/04 1907 Mr. R. Merry, C.C. visited school this morning. SAO called on Tuesday. Average 54.7.

26/04 1907 Admitted Sydney Benson on Wednesday. SAO called on Wednesday.

03/05 1907 Admitted Alethea Beagles on Tuesday. SAO called on Thursday. Average 53.4. Taught Proportion to Standard 6.

10/05 1907

17/05 1907

20/05 1907

21/05 1907 Re-opened school today. 49 present. Caroline Seaton commenced duties as Monitress in this school today.

24/05 1907

31/05 1907

07/06 1907

14/06 1907

17/06 1907

18/06 1907

21/06 1907

27/06 1907

28/06 1907

30/06 1907

05/07 1907

12/07 1907

19/07 1907

26/07 1907 SAO called on Wednesday. Admitted two children this week. Monitress (Caroline Seaton) absent on Thursday by permission. Average 65.7.

02/08 1907

05/08 1907

09/08 1907

16/08 1907

07/10 1907

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16/10 1907

18/10 1907

25/10 1907

01/11 1907

08/11 1907

15/11 1907

22/11 1907

29/11 1907

06/12 1907

13/12 1907 SAO called on Tuesday. Taught Mensuration to Standard 6. Monitress (Caroline Seaton) absent today with a sore throat.

17/12 1907

19/12 1907 The Monitress (Caroline Seaton) returned to school today after a week's absence.

20/12 1907

01/01 1908

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24/01 1908

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28/02 1908

06/03 1908

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27/03 1908

03/04 1908

10/04 1908

16/04 1908

27/04 1908 Re-opened school with 49 present. Messrs Drewery & Walton, two of the Managers visited school today.

01/05 1908

08/05 1908

15/05 1908

22/05 1908

29/05 1908

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08/06 1908

12/06 1908

19/06 1908

26/06 1908

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01/07 1908

02/07 1908

04/07 1908

10/07 1908

15/07 1908 Medical Inspection by Dr. Evans, took place this afternoon, when eight children were presented.

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04/12 1908

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18/12 1908

22/12 1908 Medical Inspection by Dr. Evans took place this afternoon at 3 o/c pm

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05/02 1909

12/02 1909

17/02 1909

26/02 1909

05/03 1909

10/03 1909

11/03 1909 Mr. J. J. Drewery, Chairman of Managers died this morning.

19/03 1909

26/03 1909

02/04 1909

08/04 1909

19/04 1909 Re-opened today, 44 present. Admitted two infants named Fowler.

23/04 1909

30/04 1909

07/04 1909

14/05 1909

21/05 1909

27/05 1909

28/05 1909

04/06 1909

09/06 1909

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18/06 1909

25/06 1909

29/06 1909

30/06 1909 Visit of Inspection (2) from Mr. J. Lovett. Medical Inspection also took place (16 children being examined).

01/07 1909

09/07 1909 Mr. Walton (Manager) visited school. SAO called on Wednesday

16/07 1909

23/07 1909 SAO called on Tuesday. Mrs. Clarke has been absent from school since Monday, owing to illness, (acute gastritis). Miss Seaton is taking the Infants.

30/07 1909 Mrs. Clarke still confined to her room. SAO called on Thursday. This afternoon being the School Feast etc at Whaplode Drove, only 10 children presented themselves, these were therefore dismissed. Admitted Arthur Baker, 5 years of age, on Monday.

02/08 1909

06/08 1909

27/09 1909

29/09 1909 Registers checked by Mr. A. Thomas (Manager) who found the same correct.

04/10 1909

15/10 1909

18/10 1909 Outbreak of Measles in four families. This necessitates about 20 children being away from school, chiefly in Standards 1,2 & 3. Have informed the Local Authority.

19/10 1909

25/10 1909 Fresh cases of Measles, only 19 children present out of 57.

25/10 1909 Dr. Evans, MOH visited school this afternoon.

26/10 1909 Nineteen present, Two more cases of Measles. Received instructions this afternoon from Dr. Evans to close school for three weeks dating from the 25th inst. Average 19.2 Per Centage 33.7

15/11 1909 Started school today - only 40 present. Admitted an infant, Wm. Pentelow.

19/11 1909 SAO called on Tuesday. Two families still have Measles in the house, thus necessitating several children being absent. Average 45. On books 57

22/11 1909

26/11 1909 Medical Inspection of 14 children by Dr. A.A. Tuxford (SMO) 1.30 - 2.45pm. SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Florence Ward on Monday. Attendance improving.

03/12 1909 SAO called on Wednesday. Edith & Reggie Money returned to school on Monday, after six weeks absence, owing to Measles. Taught Simple Interest to Standard 6.

10/12 1909 SAO called on Wednesday. Some children still away with sores etc. Managers Meeting on Thursday. Sent for new Registers & Dictionaries.

13/12 1909

17/12 1909 SAO called on Tuesday. Admitted Geo. Benstead, a boy from Parson Drove, 13 years of age and not fit for Standard 2.

22/12 1909

03/01 1910

10/10 1910 Admitted Herbert Grummitt a boy from Little Postland. Received Firewood (7th).

14/01 1910 SAO called on Wednesday. Messrs Walton & Thomas visited school.

19/01 1910 School used as a Polling Station for General Election.

21/01 1910

28/01 1910

04/02 1910

11/02 1910

18/02 1910

25/02 1910

28/02 1910 Admitted Grace Seaton, a girl from Gedney Hill

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18/03 1910

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07/04 1910

08/04 1910

14/04 1910

15/04 1910

22/04 1910

29/04 1910

06/05 1910 Admitted a girl from Moulton Chapel - (a visitor). SAO called on Wednesday. Monitress (Caroline Seaton) absent on Thursday with permission.

13/05 1910 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Leonard Castle on Monday (aged 5 years). Average 56.1 (on Books 60).

16/05 1910 Whit Monday Bank Holiday: School closed all the week for Whitsuntide and King Edward's Funeral.

23/05 1910

27/05 1910

03/06 1910 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Irene Money aged 7 from Whaplode Drove. Average 55.5.

10/06 1910

13/06 1910

17/06 1910

17/06 1910

20/06 1910

24/06 1910

01/07 1910

08/06 1910

15/07 1910 School closed all day on account of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Show at Spalding. SAO called on Wednesday. Admitted Muriel Hankin (9 yrs) on Monday.

18/07 1910

22/07 1910

25/07 1910

29/07 1910

01/08 1910

02/08 1910

05/08 1910

19/09 1910

20/09 1910

23/09 1910 SAO called on Tuesday. Admitted Margery Farrow on Wednesday.

28/09 1910

30/09 1910

07/10 1910

10/09 1910

21/10 1910

28/10 1910

04/11 1910 Mr. Jeffs SAO called on Thursday. Mrs. Clarke has been absent from duties this week under the Doctor's orders. The Infants were taken by Miss Seaton. Admitted two boys this week.

11/11 1910

17/11 1910 School inspected by Mr. Oliver HMI. Mrs. Clarke is still absent.

25/11 1910

02/12 1910

05/12 1910 Harold C. Clarke has been appointed to this school, as a temporary uncertificated Teacher, during the illness of Mrs. Clarke. He commenced his duties as such today and is in charge of the 2nd & 3rd Standards.

08/12 1910 The Monitress, Miss Caroline Seaton, has not been in school since Friday, no reason being given for her absence by her parents, except that she went to London on Saturday, & has not returned.

09/12 1910 Today the school will be used as a Polling Station for the Spalding Division, (for Parliamentary Election of a Member).

09/12 1910 Average for the week 57.7. On the Books 61. Taught Standard 5 Addition & Subtraction of Fractions this week. SAO called on Wednesday. The Monitress (Caroline Seaton) is still absent.

08/12 1910

12/12 1910

16/12 1910

23/12 1910 The school closed this afternoon for the Xmas Holidays. (one week). Before being dismissed each child received an orange and some nuts from the Teachers. H. Clarke terminates his engagement on the 31st.

02/01 1911 Re-opened school today. Very snowy day. Attendance poor. Mrs. Clarke resumed her duties this morning. Nellie Money commenced duties as a Monitress in place of Caroline Seaton.

06/01 1911

13/01 1911

20/01 1911

25/01 1911

27/01 1911

03/02 1911

10/02 1911

17/02 1911 SAO called on Wednesday. Taught new song 'The Brave old Oak'. Average 53.8. Admitted I.H. Farrow on Monday.

24/02 1911

03/03 1911

10/03 1911

13/03 1911

17/03 1911

24/03 1911

28/03 1911

29/03 1911

30/03 1911

31/03 1911

07/04 1911

12/04 1911

13/04 1911

24/04 1911

28/04 1911 SAO called on Wednesday. Admitted Stanley Farrow on Tuesday.

05/05 1911 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Alfred Smith (a visitor from London) on Monday. Average 55.7.

08/05 1911 Admitted Daisy Judge (Infant).

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17/05 1911

26/05 1911

02/06 1911

05/06 1911

09/06 1911

12/06 1911

16/06 1911

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28/06 1911

30/06 1911

03/07 1911

04/07 1911

07/07 1911

14/07 1911

15/07 1911

21/07 1911 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Ruth Lynn on Wednesday. Average 57.8. on Books 67. Thermometer 83. Partial exemption was this day granted to Basil Fisher and Edith Money.

27/07 1911

18/07 1911

02/08 1911

03/08 1911

04/08 1911

18/09 1911

19/08 1911 Admitted Stanley Fisher aged 4yrs 3 months.

20/09 1911

22/09 1911

29/09 1911 Six of the elder scholars, having obtained their total exemption certificate for attendance, left school this week. viz. B. Lancaster: G. Turner: W. Hemmant: W. Mackman: G. Seaton & I. Newbery. Average 53.0 on Books 58.

03/10 1911

04/10 1911

05/10 1911

13/10 1911 SAO called on Monday. Admitted Beryl Newell on Monday. Received firewood.

16/10 1911 Admitted three children today viz:- Herbert, Ernest & Winifred Crofts, lately been attending Holbeach St. John's School.

19/10 1911

20/10 1911

25/10 1911

26/10 1911 Mr. Christy, the County Architect, paid a visit to the school today, and inspected the painting of the premises which was done in the Harvest Holidays.

31/10 1911 Mrs. Clarke is absent today, by permission of the Managers in order to see the dentist at Spalding.

01/11 1911 Admitted two 'van' children at present staying in the village.

02/11 1911

10/11 1911

13/11 1911 Re-admitted Nellie Barnes (visitor from London).

17/11 1911

24/11 1911

01/12 1911

08/12 1911

12/12 1911

15/12 1911

22/12 1911

02/01 1912 Re-opened today with 55. Admitted Elsie, Ernest, Lily & Cyril Ingrey also Archie Wallis.

05/01 1912

12/01 1912

18/01 1912

19/01 1912

26/01 1912

30/01 1912 Sidney Fisher, has this day been granted a 'Partial Exemption' Certificate for attendance. Mr. Jeffs called today.

01/02 1912

02/02 1912

06/02 1912

09/02 1912

16/02 1912

19/02 1912 Present today 60 out of 64.

20/02 1912

23/02 1912 Average 58.3. Stanley Farrow, an Infant, is away in a London Hospital, undergoing an operation.

01/03 1912

08/03 1912

12/03 1912

15/03 1912

22/03 1912

26/03 1912

29/03 1912

02/04 1912 Full attendance Certificates were granted to Basil Fisher & Harvey Beagles aged 13 years & 13 11/12 years respectively.

15/04 1912

17/04 1912

19/04 1912 The Infants Average reached 31.8 with 32 on the Books. Percentage 99.3. Average for the whole school 56.4 with 59 on Books. Stanley Farrow has returned to school this week after an absence of 9 weeks.

22/04 1912 Admitted Frances & Doris Depear from Shepeau Stow, Fanny & Doris Busley from Algarkirk, all working in Standard 1 and very backward.

26/04 1912 SAO called on Wednesday. On Tuesday afternoon every child was present. viz 63

26/04 1912 The Monitress - N. Money - terminated her engagement today.

03/05 1912

06/05 1912 I received a certificate today from Dr. Rice stating that Frances Depear was suffering from valvular disease of the heart and was quite unfit to attend any school. He told me in conversation that she was in a very bad state.

10/05 1912

17/05 1912

22/05 1912 A half holiday was given this afternoon by the Managers, to allow the Teachers to attend the Physical Exercises Demonstration held in Spalding.

24/05 1912

27/05 1912

28/05 1912 Mrs. Clarke is confined to the house with an attack of gastritis.

30/05 1912 Mrs. Clarke absent from school.

31/05 1912

03/06 1912 The newly appointed monitress - Doris M. Bridgefoot - commenced her duties today. Mrs. Clarke was taken to Peterborough Hospital on Saturday, to undergo an operation for Appendicitis - Miss Ethel May Marshall, an uncertificated Teacher, has been appointed to fill the vacancy - pro.tem.

04/06 1912 Miss E.M. Marshall commenced her duties today, and has charge of the Infants' class.

07/06 1912

10/06 1912

14/06 1912

21/06 1912 SAO called on Thursday. Wednesday was the anniversary of the Whaplode Drove School Feast. As no less than 60% of the children attending this school belong to that Sunday School, our attendance dropped to 48 in the morning and 35 in the afternoon.

22/06 1912 Labour Certificate Examination today at Gedney Hill. No candidates from this School.

25/06 1912

28/06 1912

03/07 1912

04/07 1912

05/07 1912 Average for the week 56.0. On Monday the 1st inst admitted Ruth Depear aged 8 6/12 years, just left Whaplode Drove National School (Infants).

12/07 1912

17/07 1912 By permission, the Assistant was absent this afternoon, attending the funeral of her Grandmother. In consequence, the girls did not take their usual sewing lesson.

22/07 1912

26/07 1912

31/07 1912

02/08 1912

05/08 1912

06/08 1912

08/08 1912 The Assistant was absent today, sick.

15/08 1912

30/09 1912 Started School today. Very stormy - attendance poor. Mrs. Clarke returned to duty. Admitted Annie Farrow & Harold Logins.

30/09 1912

03/10 1912 Admitted John Busley today

07/10 1912

08/10 1912

11/10 1912

14/10 1912 Admitted two boys - Brand.

18/10 1912 SAO called. Average 59.5. On Books 63. Gladys Ash, aged 13 3/12 years was this day granted a total exemption certificate for attendance. (clause 5b) of Bye Laws. Received 1 ton of Coke on the 17th inst.

21/10 1912 Every child present today - both morning and afternoon - viz 65.
Admitted two Infants, both under 5. Sent draft of Timetable to H.M. Inspector.

24/10 1912

25/10 1912

01/11 1912

06/11 1912

08/11 1912

15/11 1912

22/11 1912

29/11 1912

06/12 1912

13/12 1912

18/12 1912

20/12 1912

06/01 1913 Re-opened school this morning with 63 present. Thomas Alexander & Harold Henson were each granted a total exemption (Attendance) on the 1st inst.

07/01 1913 Admitted Percy Logins this afternoon.

10/01 1913

17/01 1913

24/01 1913

31/01 1913 Average 61.2. SAO called on Tuesday. Taught new song this week. The Monitress (Doris Bridgefoot) has been absent since Wednesday, owing to the death of her mother.

07/02 1913

14/02 1913

21/02 1913 Admitted Phyllis Seaton on Monday. SAO called on Thursday. Average 63.0. Taught new rule to Standards 5 & 6.

28/02 1913

07/03 1913

14/03 1913

19/03 1913

20/05 1913 Closed school for Easter week. Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Walton called. Average 54.8 for the week - Average 61.0 for the quarter.

31/03 1913 Re-opened school with 61 present. Percy Waterfall aged 12 2/12 years was today granted a partial exemption certificate.

01/04 1913 Admitted Arnold Ash aged 5 3/12 years

04/04 1913 The school will be closed today, to allow the Master to attend the funeral of his father, at Cambridge.

07/04 1913 The school used as a Polling Station. Holiday all day.

11/04 1913 SAO called on Thursday. Taught new song. Average 62.0. Two boys have removed to Thorney - William & Fred Brand.

18/04 1913 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Albert E. Butcher aged 7 years from Gedney Hill N. School on Monday. Average 59.0. Mabel Benson aged 12 5/12 was granted a partial exemption certificate on Monday the 14th inst.

25/04 1913 SAO called on Thursday. Admitted Percy Corney, (aged 5 1/2 years) on Monday last. Some cases of Mumps have been reported to me during the week. Have notified the same to the School Medical Officer.

02/05 1913

09/05 1913

12/05 1913

16/05 1905 Eight fresh cases of Mumps this week. Attendance poor in consequence.

21/05 1913

22/05 1913 Visit of Inspection from Mr. Haslam, H.M. Inspector of Schools.

23/05 1913 Several fresh cases of Mumps. Average only 53.6.

30/05 1913 More cases of Mumps. Attendance very poor.

06/06 1913 Whooping Cough has broken out now amongst the Infants. SAO called on Thursday. The Monitress (Doris M. Bridgefoot) terminates her engagement today.

09/06 1913

13/06 1913 A great many fresh cases of Whooping Cough and Mumps this week. Average of Infants has dropped from 35.1 to 19.7 in six weeks. Total average of whole school from 62.0 to 43.5. Registers checked today. Admitted two children visitors from South Africa.

16/06 1913 Received notice this day from Dr. Tuxford, School Medical Officer, that the school will be closed from June 16th to July 7th owing to an epidemic of Whooping Cough and Mumps. Have forwarded the notice to Mr. Mossop.

07/07 1913 Re-opened School today. 26 present out of 68.

09/07 1913 A partial exemption certificate was this day granted to Alice Stokes aged 12 years.

10/07 1913

11/07 1913 Whooping Cough is still very bad amongst the children. 26 are absent today on that account. Only 11 infants present out of 35. Average for the week 30.1 on Books 62. 48.5%. Two children have left for Canada.

14/07 1913 Received notice this morning, from Dr. Tuxford, SMO, to close all divisions of the school for a further period of two weeks, owing to the severe nature of the outbreak. Monitress (E. Ingrey) commenced.

28/07 1913 Re-opened school. 47 present out of 62. Still several cases of Whooping Cough.

01/08 1913 Two cases of ringworm reported in the Busley family. SAO called on Thursday. Average 48.4. on Books 62.

04/08 1913

08/08 1913 SAO called on Thursday. Most of the Whooping Cough 'cases' have returned this week.

15/08 1913

15/08 1913

29/09 1913 Re-opened school today with 59. Admitted Ernest Ward, Dorothy Barnes and Evelyn E. Farrow.

03/10 1913

08/10 1913 Every child was present this afternoon. SAO called.

13/10 1913 Admitted Ralph Parkinson, a visitor.

14/10 1913

15/10 1913

17/10 1913

21/10 1913

24/10 1913

31/10 1913 Admitted Arthur Wilson from Shepeau Stow on Monday the 27th. SAO called on Wednesday. Received 1 1/2 tons of Coke today. The 2nd and 3rd Standards (21 scholars) have made 100% this week.

07/11 1913 The attendance has not been so good this week. Average 60.0. on Books 67. Laura Fisher aged 12 2/12 years, was today granted a partial exemption certificate.

14/11 1913

21/11 1913 SAO called on Wednesday. All the children of one family - Farrow - absent from school, with a 'breaking out on the head and face'. Average 60.0.

28/11 1913 SAO called on Wednesday. The Farrow family are still sick. Average 60.0. Taught new song today.

01/12 1913 A partial exemption certificate was this day granted to Lily Mattock, aged 12 3/12 years.

05/12 1913

09/12 1913

12/12 1913 A Partial Exemption Certificate was granted on Monday the 8th inst to William H. Brand, aged 12 4/12 years. Received 1 1/2 tons of Coke on Wednesday. Average 59.7. on Books 65.

15/12 1913 Mrs. Clarke was absent from school today by permission of the local school managers. The Infants were taken by the Monitress under the Master's

supervision.

19/12 1913

24/12 1913

05/01 1914

09/01 1914 SAO called. Average 59.8. Admitted Violet Farrow on Monday.

16/01 1914 SAO called on Wednesday. Taught Simple Interest to Standard 6. A Partial Exemption Certificate was granted on Monday the 12th to Margory Fletcher aged 12 1/12 years. Average 60.8.

23/01 1914

28/01 1914

30/01 1914

06/02 1914

13/02 1914

20/02 1914

27/02 1914

06/03 1914

13/03 1914

20/03 1914

27/03 1914 SAO called on Thursday. Several cases of sickness amongst the younger children. The Monitress, Elsie Ingrey, terminates her engagement here today. Average 59.3. on Books 66. Gave an examination to the whole school on Wednesday.

30/03 1914 The newly appointed Monitress - Hilda Peters, commenced duties today (Monday).

03/04 1914

09/04 1914

20/04 1914

22/04 1914 SAO called on Wednesday. A partial exemption certificate was this day granted to Herbert Alexander aged 12 1/12 years. Average 56.6. on Books 62.

01/05 1914

07/05 1914

15/05 1914

22/05 1914

29/05 1914

01/06 1914

02/06 1914 School today - 53 present out of 62. The large number of "Half Timers" being the chief defaulters.

05/06 1914

08/06 1914

10/06 1914

12/06 1914

15/06 1914 Admitted Gertrude Hall aged 12 4/12 years, a visitor from Hull.

19/06 1914

26/06 1914

30/06 1914 End of School Year. Average for the year 59.0. on the books 63.

03/07 1914 SAO called on Thursday. Alice Stokes has claimed Total Exemption for attendance, she having reached 13 years of age - (Bye Laws clause 5(b)). Average 57.5. Returned Form 9E.

09/07 1914 Trips to Llandudno & Skegness today. 22 of the scholars absent in consequence.

10/07 1914

16/07 1914

17/07 1914

24/07 1914

31/07 1914

14/09 1914

18/09 1914

25/09 1914

30/09 1914

02/10 1914

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09/10 1914

12/10 1914

15/10 1914

16/10 1914

23/10 1914 SAO called today. Admitted Frank Fisher on Monday. Average 61.0.

27/10 1914

30/10 1914

06/11 1914

09/11 1914

13/11 1914 SAO called on Thursday. Taught new song this week. Admitted Ethel Hurling on Monday.

16/11 1914 Admitted Winifred and Mildred Seaton.

20/11 1914

27/11 1914 SAO called on Thursday. Taught new rule in Arithmetic to Standard 5. Attendance not so good this week. Admitted Constance Seaton on the 23rd inst.

04/12 1914

10/12 1914

11/12 1914

17/12 1914

18/12 1914

24/12 1914

04/01 1915 Re-opened school after Christmas. 63 present. Marjory Fletcher aged 13 obtained a Certificate of Exemption on Dec 28th.

08/01 1915 SAO called on Wednesday. Received 1 1/2 Tons of Coke today. Very wet on Thursday, attendance poor. Average 64.3 on books 67. H. Crofts was granted "half time" today.

15/01 1915

20/01 1915

22/01 1915

29/01 1915

05/02 1915

09/02 1915

12/02 1915

15/02 1915

19/02 1915

22/02 1915 Mrs. Clarke is absent from duty with Influenza and sore throat (Tonsillitis).

26/02 1915 SAO called on Thursday. Average 63.3. on books 68. Mrs. Clarke is still absent from school.

05/03 1915 Mrs. Clarke is still absent through illness. SAO called on Thursday. Several cases of sickness. (colds etc.).

11/03 1915

12/03 1915 Mrs. Clarke is still absent from duty. Average only 57.8 owing to sickness.

17/03 1915 Owing to the illness of the Master, the school was closed today.

18/03 1915

19/03 1915

22/03 1915 Mrs. Clarke resumed her duties today.

23/03 1915 Admitted Lawrence and Rene Money.

26/03 1915

01/04 1915

12/04 1915

16/04 1915

23/04 1915

30/04 1915

07/05 1915

14/05 1915 SAO called today. Still a great deal of sickness amongst the Infants. Ida Waterfall and Alethea Beagles are exempted by attendance, and age, from attending school. Average only 55.0

21/05 1915

24/05 1915

25/05 1915

28/05 1915

04/06 1915 SAO called on Thursday. Most of the children have returned to school now. Stanley Farrow was absent five weeks and Evelyn Ashwell six weeks. Average 60.2. Admitted Jessie Ashwell aged 4 11/12 years on Monday.

11/06 1915 SAO called on Thursday. The attendance has somewhat improved this week. Average 61.1.

18/06 1915

21/06 1915

25/06 1915

30/06 1915 School year ends today. Average for the year 60.3. on the books 65.

02/07 1915 Several of the elder children are fruit packing. Average only 56.7. Admitted Reginald Logins on Monday.

05/07 1915 Lily Ingrey, aged 12 8/12 years, was today granted a Partial Exemption Certificate.

06/07 1915

08/07 1915 This being the anniversary of the Sunday School at Whaplode Drove, about 20 children were absent this afternoon.

09/07 1915 Admitted three children on Monday and one on Tuesday, all from the National School. Average 59.0 on books 69.

16/07 1915 SAO called on Wednesday. Admitted two infants on Monday John Stokes, aged 12 years, was granted a partial exemption certificate on the 12th inst.

23/07 1915 SAO called on Thursday. Two children have left for Gedney Hill during the week. Average 63.6. on books 69.

30/07 1915 SAO called on Wednesday. Master absent from duty all day, suffering from a severe bilious attack. Mrs. Clarke took charge of the school.

02/08 1915

04/08 1915

06/08 1915

04/10 1915 Re-opened school this morning after a extension of the Holidays, owing to the work of renovation not being completed. Admitted Wm. Logins, Robt. Beagles, Geo. Stokes, and Jack Henson. Average 70.0 on books 74. This is the highest number for several years.

08/10 1915

11/10 1915

15/10 1915

22/10 1915

29/10 1915

02/11 1915

05/11 1915

12/11 1915 Very wet day. Attendance not so good. Admitted three children from Tydd on Monday.

19/11 1915

26/11 1915

03/12 1915 S.A.O. called on Tuesday. The Second & Third classes (21 children) made every attendance this week. Average 70.4

10/12 1915 Mr. W.H. Walton (Manager) called on Thursday. This morning the School Nurse visited. also the Attendance Officer. Average 71.6

17/12 1915

20/12 1915

23/12 1915 Mr. W.H. Walton, Manager, visited the School this afternoon and distributed Prizes to the Fleet Fen children. After each child had received an orange, School was dismissed for the usual Christmas Holidays. Average only 58.6