

**Diary
Or
Log Book**

**Gladestry A. School
With Index
March 1877**

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(Extract from the revised Code of Regulations for 1875)

Art. 36: “The Principal Teacher must take at least once a week in the Log Book an entry which will specify ordinary progress, visits of managers, and other facts concerning the School or it’s Teachers, such as the dates of withdrawals, commencement of duty, cautions, illness, &c., which may require to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.

Art. 37. “No reflections or opinions of a general kind are to be entered in the Log Book”

Art. 38: “No entry once made in the Log Book may be removed or altered otherwise than by a subsequent entry.

Art. 39. “The summary of the Inspector’s report after his annual visit, or any visit made without notice, and any remarks made upon it by the department, when communicated to the Managers, must be immediately copied verbatim into the Log Book, with the names and standing (Certified Teacher of the Class, or Pupil Teacher of theyear, or Assistant Teacher) of all the teachers to be continued on, or added to, or withdrawn from, the School Staff, according to the decision of the Department upon the inspector’s report. The correspondent of the managers must sign this entry, which settles the School Staff for the year.”

Art. 40. “The inspector will call for the Log Book and Portfolio at every visit, and will report whether they appear to have been properly kept. He will specially refer to the entry made pursuant to Article 39, and he will require to see entries accounting for any subsequent change to the School Staff. He will also note in the Log Book every visit paid without notice (*Article 12), making an entry of such particulars as require the attention of the Managers.

“An Inspector may visit any Public Elementary School at any other time without notice” – Article 12, Revised Code.

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6 March 1877

Visited the school 6pm, pictures of animals of the world, European bible, slates & another set of reading books are required. Section 7 of the education act is not hung up.

E... Williams

James Porter was elected to the mastership of this new school at Gladestry on Feb 7 1877 and commenced work on Monday Feb 19th 1877. Mr Welson was present at the opening of the school, and Mr Thomas visited the school during the day. Mr Bromage visited on Tuesday. I had several visits during the week from Messr Welson, Bromage & Thomas.

Admitted 24 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon of Monday, 14 boys & 11 girls.

Average attendance for the week 24.5

8th March

Admitted 5 boys and 2 girls on Monday the 26th of February. The committee visited the school during the week, took timetable for approval on the day on which present entry is made

Page 2**8th March**

Admitted 4 girls and one boy on Monday 5th March. The weather has been rather severe this week and no doubt has kept the smaller children away as yet.

Average attendance this week 25

16th March

Have called the attention of the committee to the cupboards for books, slates etc and also to the notice of HM In.: also to the bad work at doorway entrance to girls closet, and a preliminary meeting has been held (15th) to talk over school matters, & among other things, the election of a sewing mistress. Admitted 5 boys and 1 girl on Monday 12th.

Average attendance 30.4

March 23rd

Admitted one girl on Monday 19th. Have been able in some measure to arrange the 44 children who have at present been admitted into their respective classes, find that scarcely any of the children are able to do a sum in addition or subtraction perfectly, many of them I see have been accustomed to add up

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Their sums, by means of strokes or by counting on their fingers. I gave the more advanced children some sums on paper today and only three or four out of 44 were able to take down a sum from dictation, only one boy (No girls) got less than 6 mistakes in a simple dictation exercise.

I have had a few children absent during the week to look after the lambs, otherwise the attendance so far has been good, 36

March 29th

There was no school on 30th, it being Good Friday.

Children a little more orderly, than they were the first week or so.

Admitted one little girl this week.

Have got slates according to HM Ins order.

April 6th

There has been a small attendance this week owing to the tea meeting in the neighbourhood.

Gave a holiday on Easter Monday. Average 21

April 13th

Mr Welson visited the school this week, admitted 4 children this week.

Work not yet very satisfactory. Average 37.9

Page 4**April 20th**

Admitted 2 children on Monday.

Gave an examination to the first and second classes on Friday and find the writing and spelling very backward.

The Rev Whateley, vicar of Kington accompanied by three other clergymen visited the school on Tuesday. Average 34.4

April 27th

Mr Welson & Mr Wishlade visited the school on Thursday. Nothing of importance in school matters worthy of note this week.

May 5th

There has been a very good attendance this week and the school work has been very satisfactory, I admitted two boys & one girl on Monday.

May 11th

The attendance has been low this week owing to the May fairs that are held in the neighbourhood. The work of the 2nd standard has been done pretty fairly this week.

May 15th

Called registers & closed at 9-30am and at 12-15am today. Closed school at 2.20pm

Page 5**May 25th**

Gave a holiday on Monday owing to May Fair at kington on that day. 2nd standard are making fair progress in arithmetic.

June 1st

The numbers have increased during this week and I have had an average of 40. Have told the committee of having a sewing mistress

June 4th

Went in school half an hour earlier today pm. Average 46 for the week. Admitted 3 fresh children on Monday.

June 16th

Work has been satisfactory this last week, I had to inflict a punishment this week upon a child, being my first case of punishment since school as opened.

June 21st

The school has been very well attended this last week, the average 57, being the greatest weekly average since the school has been opened. Admitted 5 during the last week. The children have now their own

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Reading books, and they appear to like them very much.

June 27th

Gave holiday on Friday 22nd & on Monday 25th & Tuesday morning.

July 6th

The attendance for the 1st weeks has not been quite so good as preceding weeks, partly I daresay, on account of a Tea meeting on Monday July 2nd on which day, the school was not opened.

July 13th

Attendance better this week, the 2nd class seem to be making fair progress in arithmetic, 3rd class not so good, have again spoke about sewing mistress.

P.S. I have called the attention of the committee to the bad state of the desks, the wood does not hold the screws well, so that the desks are very loose & shaky.

July 20th

The attendance was very low on Wednesday, owing to Huntington Fair, about one mile from here.

July 27th

Many of the children kept away this week haymaking, work very fair.

Aug 3rd

Owing to the very meagre attendance this week, I find it necessary to have

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Holidays before harvest commences. Nearly all the poorer children have gone up to the hills gathering whortleberries this week and as there is little or no gleaning in the harvest fields, it is evident that they will be of greater help to their parents now than a month later.

Sept 12th

The master had 5 weeks holiday & commenced school on Sep 10th with a small attendance. We have gone in earlier to day & called registers at 1-30pm, so that the farmer's children may get home earlier to help with the harvest. May continue to do so for the rest of the week as the attendance is small.

Sep 21st

Attendance small owing to the harvest.

Sep 28th

Mr Bromage received the govt schedules to day. Attendance of larger children a little better. Have had time this week to work well with standard 1 in arithmetic.

Page 8**Oct 5th**

The second standard has worked well this week in arithmetic.

The singing has improved a little this week.

Have received govt forms.

Oct 12th

Re-admitted several scholars today, and admitted one boy.

Average attendance 44.3

Oct 19th

Have received notice of examination this week, attendance increasing. Admitted one boy.

Oct 26th

Have corrected several children for being noisy this week, chiefly those ones who have just come back to school. Work of 2nd standard very fair this week.

Mrs Burton seems to be going on very well with the girls sewing.

Nov 2nd

Have given several examinations to those to be examined and find their work moderately well. The committee (subject to inspectors approval) have given leave to sewing mistress as on timetable for sewing on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Singing pretty good.

School year ended on Wednesday 31st Oct, average attendance for the year being 34.

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This is the 1st week of a new school year, but as the examination was held on Thursday 8th Novr most of the time was spent in preparing for the examination.

On page 10 will be found a list of all the children qualified for examination. The school was examined by E.H. Colt Williams Esq & Mrs Leer: Messrs Welson, Bromage & Thomas being present.

Nov 16th

Principal work of the week has been the fixing of the children in their fresh classes & standards with a little elementary work.

Nov 23rd

New 3rd standard are making a fair start in long division. Have given very elementary grammar and geography lessons this week.

Nov 30th

Admitted one boy and one girl this week, 2nd standard getting on fairly with arithmetic, 1st standard rather slow in starting.

Dec 6th

Have introduced Wykes arithmetic this week. Most of the children have now their respective standard readers.

Attendance increasing rapidly. Average 54.4

	Name	Number of Attendances	Age last Birthday	Date of Admission		Class in School	Last Exe'd	Note to Be Exe'd
				Yr	Mth			
1	Arthr Maskell	237	7	77	3	3 rd		I
2	Rich'd Davies	210	7	77	4	3 rd		I
3	Aaron James	240	11	77	2	3 rd		I
4	Thos Maskell	197	9	77	3	3 rd		I
5	Lewis B Thornton	239	11	77	2	3 rd		I
6	Arthur Morgan	235	10	77	3	3 rd		I
7	Mary E Beavan	114	14	77	3	3 rd		I
8	Eliza Ann Davies	190	8	77	2	3 rd		I
9	Sarah F Drew	276	10	77	2	3 rd		I
10	Mary J Price	223	8	77	2	3 rd		I
11	Mary A Pritchard	228	9	77	2	3 rd		I
12	Ann Bounds	290	8	77	2	3 rd		I
13	Margretta Burton	286	8	77	2	3 rd		I
14	Amy Bounds	285	9	77	2	3 rd		I
15	Georg Burton	274	10	77	2	3 rd		I
16	Evan J Lewis	189	11	77	2	2 nd		II
17	Henry Bounds	188	12	77	4	2 nd		II
18	Rich'd Morgan	243	11	77	3	2 nd		II
19	James Davies	185	13	77	2	2 nd		II
20	Agnes Burton	200	13	77	2	2 nd		II
21	Marg't Pritchard	193	10	77	4	2 nd		II
22	Theophilus Miles	186	10	77	2	2 nd		III
23	Vincent Drew	226	12	77	2	2 nd		III
24	William Stephens	236	6	77	2			

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This day received from the education department the report of H.M.I. E.W. Colt Williams Esqr who visited the school 8th Nov 1877.

It is as follows:

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14th Dec.

Work has gone on satisfactorily this week. Had to punish a boy J.D. for disobedience.

1st Class boys making fair progress in grammar, girl's slow.

21s Dec

Broke up school today for 2 weeks holiday. The average attendance has been small this week owing to preparations for the live & dead Christmas market at Kington.

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11th Jan

Commenced school again after Xmas holidays on Jan 7th.

The morning was unfavourable because it was snowing, average fair for the week being 47.7

18th Jan

Rec'd from Ed. Department H.M. Inspectors report, work going on fairly.

25th Jan

Very sharp weather this week, so that all the smaller children are at home.

3rd Standard working pretty fairly in arithmetic.

Mr Welson & Mr Bromage visited the school this week.

1st Feb

I have sent in a return to the local board this week, of all children who have been in school during the year ending Xmas 1877.

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1878

18th Jan

Report. This day received from the education department the report of H. M. J. E. W. Colt-williams Esqr, who visited the school 8th Novr 1877.

It is as follows: I am very glad to report a good beginning at this, the first annual grant examination of this new school. The children are in good order and did their work well, although several of them are very old for their standards. It is very creditable to the farmers of this parish, that they have voluntarily built a very nice school and supplied it with capital equipment, and I am sorry of hear of the unnecessary delay in conveying the site to the parish. This should be done at once in order that the managers may be able to close their building account. When the parish has got bye laws.

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The attendance will I hope be better. Needlework must be much better new year.

No grant is made under article 19(d) as it appears from your letter of the 20th that the conditions are not satisfied, the population both of the school district and that within two miles by road of the school being over 300

But V. School

Staff 1877

James Porter, Certificated Teacher, 1st probation year.

Bromage, correspondent of the managers.

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8th February 1878

Two cases of scarlet fever have appeared in the parish this week, two children Sarah Drew and Ann Goodwin, who'll have attended regally art ill with it, admitted Arthur Vaughan on Tuesday.

February 16th

The school has this week lost a very promising school or in the death of Sarah Jane it drew standard II, calls are rising from colds and scarlet fever standard tree I making capital progress in arithmetic.

February 21st

The two per attendances for today it followed each other we have a rest of it 13 minutes between them.

26th February

Mrs Burton the sewing mistress has taken the Sewing class today instead of Wednesday that she has been unavoidably called away the next Wednesday.

March 1st

Work of the new school very fair except that of third class

March 8th

Several children are kept home this week from bad colds. Some are away as measles are in the family, so that the average attendance is low this week been 37.

Mrs Burton has asked for leave from sewing this

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Afternoon on condition that she attends an extra day, next in following week.

Mar 15th

School open today 9-11 - 11 to 1-00 o'clock. Very small attendance this week owing to colds and measles.

Mar 20th

Called register at 3-20pm this afternoon. I have found some of the children very backward in spelling, especially in the lower half of the 2nd standard.

Mar 27th

My average still very low owing to the great spread of measles through the parish, I suppose there is scarcely a house where there is a young family but what has been visited more or less.

Mar 29th

Now to throw my average still smaller we have a deep snow, many of the roads are impassable owing to the drift.

April 5th

Attendance still very low owing to the spread of measles, and the bad state of the roads. Average 21.6

Apr 12th

Nothing of note this week, average very low 19

Apr 18th

Broke up today for Easter holidays as the attendance is so low.

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May 3rd

Commenced school on Monday with a better attendance, as many of the children are getting well. I fear that many children are at home illegally employed, and as bye-laws are not yet in force they have no fear of the law.

May 10th

The work of the last week has been very fair in upper standards, but the smaller children have lost a good deal during this absence through measles. Admitted one boy on Monday.

May 17th

Average better this week, admitted one girl.

May 22nd

Mrs Burton was not able to attend to sewing today.

May 24th

Re-admitted one boy on Monday. I find many of those who are coming back after illness are very backward in their standard work, some few of those who have attended regularly are making good progress.

May 31st

Owing to the spread of measles through the parish (which were of a serious nature) the average for the first quarter in the school year is very low at 29. We may look for better attendance next quarter as the sickness is rapidly disappearing.

June 7th

I have had a full school this week, the average being the highest since the school has been open. Namely 60.4.

Perhaps her had run next quarter as a sickness is rapidly disappearing

7th June

I have had a full school this week the average being highest since school has been opened namely number 60.4

The bye laws for the parish of the Gladestry on now in force and I have reported every week to the relieving officer those children who are habitually absent.

Jim 14th

This has been that bad week for attendance owing to the fairs in the Whitsun week average attendance 38.

21st June

Gave a whole holiday on the 18th of account of poorer Festival.

Attendance this week has been exceptionally good.

28th June

This has been a very broken week owing to the County Agricultural Show being held at Kington on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Gave a holiday on Tuesday.

5th July

Work has been pretty good this week and the weather has been as little milder.

12th July

It sent in report to the local authority this week of all absentees during the month worthy of note.

I have also reported to the relieving officer at least once a fortnight from the commencement of the school year. Very little sees be doing in the matter. The attendance does not appear to be so poor as

before the commencement of the Act as there was then no rule which made which they may try to evade.

19th July

Broke up school today for harvest holidays. The haymaking has been as kept several at home, and now as the whortle berries are ripe, the children will be flocking to hills to gather them. It has therefore become expected to have Holidays before all the corn becomes ripe. Average for week 20. Harvest holidays 5 weeks from 19th July to almost 26 August.

26th August

Commences school today after 5 weeks holiday, small average this week 26 owing to the lateness of the harvest.

6th September

Children are still away completing the harvest, average loan 27.

13th September

Attendance much better this week I ever admitted 3 children since the holidays

20th September

The average has risen to 45 this last week the harvest is now fairly over. Many children who have been irregular are now coming in again.

25th September

Mrs Burton did not take sewing on Monday or Tuesday on account of little girls illness.

27th September

Mr Wells and the City to school today and asked for the worst cases of absence only to be reported as the Kington board could not do with all that were reported

In my last report a report, I reported some 20 children who have made only half the attendances in the month, and very little notice has been taken of the worst cases.

The attendance and visiting committee appears to be quite been inactive I have not heard that any visit has been made by them at all, Mr Welson being the only active man in school affairs. As the school was visited by measles at the commencement of the school year it will be impossible to present a fair number at examination and less the absentees are looked upon better by the officers.

30th September

The average for last week was good, viz 53 I have reported 2 children who are illegally employed, Naomi Edwards (who was also marked out by inspectors as illegally employed) and Mary J Price also a few others irregular, I have said in the report

The school has been open five weeks but I have only reported for three weeks or 30 openings, owing to the lateness of harvest. Those children who have been kept away for the purpose of harvest are now in school and only those are reported who are otherwise employed. The average throughout the school year has been low in the first quarter, a great many children were ill with measles, soon after came the hay harvest during which time as it was impossible to enforce the rule now there is no reason why attendance should not be good. Average last week 46 was a fair average for Gladestry.

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Oct 3rd Mrs Bufton did not take sewing on Wednesday and Thursday. Several of the girls away this afternoon owing to Baptist Thanksgiving service for harvest.

Oct 11th Same few boys away collecting ferns this week but the average is good being 50.9 We had no sewing on Monday last. I gave a test examination in Standards work today. I found 2nd 3rd and 4th pretty satisfactory. Many of the younger ones who are just turning seven years of age are not at all in a fair way to pass examination in Std 1

Oct 18th Fair attendance this last week. Potato picking is now over. Mrs Bufton took sewing on Thursday.

CT 23rd Nothing of note this last week work going on steadily.

Nov 1st We had a meeting in the schoolroom on Thursday evening 31st in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society all passed off well.

I find the draught comes in badly through the window (sash) fittings, the wood could not have been properly dried before use. The grate has been put in

Page 23 afresh and we have been able to have fires in the schoolroom. The doors and locks have also been attended to and a wire attached to the bell.

Nov 8th I gave an examination to Standards I, II, III, IV this morning. 1st St works a great deal better than they did a month ago 2nd St turned out some fair work. Dictation good in 3rd St but arithmetic did not please me.

On Monday last I sent in a monthly report to Kington of 12 children who have been absent during the month not one of these having made up half the number of attendances. Most of them were reported in the preceding month but I do not find that anything has been done by the attendance committee to obtain better attendance of those who have been reported. It is useless to send a report to Kington as no notice appears to be taken of it.

Page 24 Nov 12th We have had a heavy fall of snow last night some 3 or 4 inches which has been the cause of many children staying away today.

Nov 19th Re admitted James Drew yesterday

22nd This is the last day of the quarter the average for this week is 44. While the average for the quarter stands at 43.

Nov 29th As one of our little school fellows is buried today the registers have been marked earlier so as to allow the children to go as a remark of respect and take part in the service.

Dec 3rd I forwarded yesterday by Mr Welton a list of absentees to the Kington Union. I have also thought it expedient to call the registers at 1.30 so as to allow the children to go out half an hour earlier as many of them do not reach home until after dark altho' I find I can barely get back to school by that time having to walk so far to my meals. It was decidedly an oversight of the parish not to

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Build a house to the school as there is not a house in the village suitable for a young man to lodge in. since I came I have been married and could not find rooms nearer than Stonehouse. I find it nearly dark when I reach home.

Dec 6th Average attendance. 57 for this week.

Dec 13th A little falling off of smaller children owing to the severe weather. Average 48

Dec 20th Broke up school today for Christmas holidays; two weeks. Mr Evans the attendance officer called this week.

1879

Jan 6th Began School today after the Christmas vacation with rather a small number owing to the snow and cold weather. Many of the little children are very poorly, bad colds etc.

Jan 9th I have only 22 in school this morning as the roads are almost impassable in some places owing to the drifting of the snow which fell on Tuesday night.

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1879

A good deal of snow drifted in through the roof of the school last night and the ink was nearly all frozen.

Our grate is almost useless. The heat of the fire can hardly be felt at the distance of 2 feet away. There is no draught and what little heat the fire gives off goes up the chimney owing to the wide opening to it. So with 8 ventilators open (which by the way have no apparatus for closing) a roof which lets the air in between every chink in the planks and an almost useless grate we find the room almost unendurable.

Jan 16th The weather still continues very rough and the roads are in a bad state for travelling.

Jan 23rd Mr Bromage visited the school this week. The attendance is still very small. Several children are away that ought to be in school.

Jan 27th I have arranged for both attendances today to follow each others with 30 mins interval.

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1879

Feb 1st The last month has been disastrous to the average of the school, it has not been nearly as high as last year owing to the severe weather.

Feb 7th The third standard do their standard work very well but they do not appear so perfect in geography as the 2nd standard. Average gradually rising.

Feb 14th Mr Bromage recd notice of examination this day. I examined the children today and found the Standard work fairly done. Attendance increasing.

Feb 21st I have had 2 failures in 2nd Standard on Thursday, one in spelling and one in arithmetic. I find 2nd Standard much more satisfactory in extra subjects than the thirds.

Feb 28th The attendance today follows each other with an interval of 20 mins. This day ends the school year. The attendance throughout is not as good as it might have been owing to the inactivity of the local authority. The average for the year is 39. Measles and scarlet fever in the commencement of the year and the severity of the winter have acted as drawbacks in the attendance.

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1879

March 7th This is the first week of the new school year and the average has been 48. The work of the second standard has been very satisfactory this week and also the spelling of the 2nd standard. Mr Welson visited the school on Thursday.

May 14th The attendance this last week has been 48. I have given examinations in Stands work and find arithmetic pretty good. I admitted one boy on Monday.

Mar 21st Many of the younger children are coming in again. The average has been increased to 52. The grammar of 2nd Std promises well. Much more so than geography of Std III, 2nd Std do better than the 3rd. Mr Welson visited the school on Friday.

Mar 24th Mr Thomas visited the school today.

27th The school was examined on Wednesday 26th. 33 in Stds and 4 infants presented. Messrs Welson, Bromage and Thomas were present during the examinations.

Apr 4th A find a few children absent having been kept home to garden.

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Some few are away with bad colds. I have not been able to work well these last three days from the same cause.

April 10th The school will be closed tomorrow Good Friday. Average small this last week.

April 17th The attendance has been meagre throughout the week. Monday was a holiday.

Ap 22nd Mrs Bufton came in today instead of tomorrow (Wednesday.)

Ap 25th Average for the week 42. Many children are away with severe colds.

Ap 30th The attendance followed each other today with an interval of half an hour.

May 9th Mr Bromage received the report yesterday.

Mrs Bufton did not come in today Wednesday but will come in a couple of extra days again.

May 12th Only 20 in school this morning owing to Kington Fair. Shall close school at 12 o'clock for the day.

May 16th The attendance has been very low this week owing probably to the many fairs in the neighbourhood and to change of servants. My report for April has not brought any extra children to school.

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Schedule for the year

Name	Exam passed in R W A	No of attend in the year	Va	Age	Admission Yr	M	Classes	Standard	Last
S A Lewis		188	B	9	77	3	3 rd		I
Wm Stephens	O	366		8	77	2	"	"	
John Layton	O O	253		7	77	6	"	"	
Jno E Davies		252		7	77	6	3 rd		I
Wm E Morris		283		8	77	4	"		"
Wm Pritchard		295		9	77	4	"		"
Thos James		333		9	77	2	"		"
Arth Maskell		295		8	77	3	"	I	"
Ro Davies		295		8	77	4	"	"	"
Eleanor Bounds		331		7	77	4	"		"
Ann Goodwin		314		9	77	4	"		"
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John E Miles		247	B	10	77	5	2 nd	I	II
Elizth Davies		326		10	77	2	"	"	"
Mary A Pritchard		270		11	77	2	"	"	"
Margretta Burton		404		9	77	2	"	"	"

Amy Bounds		326		10	77	2	“	“	“
Arthur Vaughan		349		14	78	2	1 st	O	III
Evan J. Lewis		277		12	77	2	“	II	“
Henry Bounds		317		13	77	4	“	“	“
Margaret Pritchard		307		11	77	4	“	“	“
Agnes Burton		360		14	77	2	“	“	“
Vincent Drew		210	A2	13	77	2	“	III	IV
Infants									
Jno R Morris		256		6	77	2			
Jno Gittus		278		6	78	2			
Sarah Jones		335		6	77	6			
Elizth James		318		6	77	6			

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Report

May 8th This day received from the Education Department the report of H.M.I. E.E. Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school March 26th '79

It is as follows:

The month of examination has been changed from November to March. I am glad to say that the general results of the examination reflect great credit on Mr Porter more especially as the attendance is far from what it should be. The school promises to be highly efficient if the attendance were better. The site of the school has not yet been conveyed to the parish. The report of 1877 should be returned at once to the managers by the solicitor to Lord Ormanthwaite. A clock is needed and the plaster should be mended where required.

The managers should check the registers occasionally.

Mr Porter will shortly receive his certificate.

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Gladestry National School

Staff 1879

James Porter Certificated Teacher 2nd Div

Signed on behalf of the managers

K Bromage Correspondent

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May 23rd Work much as usual. Attendance moderate

May 30th Broke up school today for the Whitsun holidays.

Average for the quarter 42

June 13th The children have come back in good numbers after the holiday and work is progressing favourably.

June 20th Attendance very good, average 54.9

4th Standard are producing good results in arithmetic. Many little children are just coming into the infants and 1st Std classes.

26th Mrs Burton (Bufton?) has come in today for the sewing class instead of tomorrow Friday.

27th Average attendance 57.1

July 5th Mr Bromage visited the school today and checked the registers.

Mrs Burton is poorly today and in consequence there is no sewing.

July 15th Sewing today instead of 5th. Attendance very good.

July 18th Some of the children have been kept away today on account of a fair in the neighbourhood. Average 50

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July 25th Our harvest vacation begins tomorrow for 5 weeks as children will be more useful in haymaking and wimberry picking than in the corn harvest.

Vacation 5 weeks.

Sep 1st Commenced school today but as the weather for the last few weeks has been very adverse many of the farmers have not finished haymaking. I have therefore only about 20 in school.

Sep 5th The average for the week is 22 which brings down that for the half year considerably.

Children employed gathering wimberries.

Sep 12th Mrs Burton did not come in today. Average for the week very good. Admitted one boy.

Sep 15th Mrs Burton away today. Coming extra day in the next week.

Sep 19th Attendance good. Found 3rd standard girls deficient in arithmetic.

Sep 25th Mrs Burton came in today Thursday in place of 15th.

Sep 26th I have had little hope of working up those in 1st Standard who entered at the commencement of the year.

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Sep 30th Mrs Burton came in today Tuesday instead of yesterday.

Oct 3rd Average 54 which is very good nearly as high as may be expected from the parish. I found the 2nd Standard weak in arithmetic. Mrs Burton was not in today.

Oct 6th Registers called at 1.30 today to allow children to get home to the harvest fields a little earlier.

Oct 10th Small attendance this week owing to the harvest.

Oct 13th Mrs Burton was not in this afternoon.

Oct 16th Mrs Burton came in today in place of 13th

Oct 17th Attendance fair considering the harvest.

Oct 24th Admitted one girl this week.

Oct 27th Mrs Burton was not in today to take the sewing class. No notice or reason given for the irregularity.

Readmitted one boy today.

28th Mrs Burton was in this (Tuesday) afternoon.

31st Have worked the 1st Standard well in subtraction this week, I find a good many of the older ones can do their addition.

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Nov 3rd Mrs Burton not in to take the sewing class today have consequently had to change geography and grammar lessons.

Nov 6th Mrs Burton came today instead of 3rd

10th Sewing mistress unavoidably absent today. Mr Welson sent us 15cwt coal on Saturday last.

14th Mistress has asked for today with promise of an extra afternoon. The 4th Standard did badly in arithmetic today.

17th There was a half holiday today to prepare the room for a concert in aid of the school

21st Nothing of importance this week.

28th Today ends the quarter. Average for the quarter is 46

Dec 5th This week has been excessively cold and many little children are home suffering from bad colds. I have been unable to speak in the mornings from hoarseness.

10th Mr Welson visited the school this morning.

12th The master was unable to keep school today owing to severe bilious attack.

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Dec 19th

Many children are away with bad colds and have been away more or less for the last three weeks while the master has been unwell himself for the last three weeks. Average only 36.6 This week closes the year 1879

Jan 5th Commenced today after a fortnights holiday

9th The average for this week is 52.5 an increase on the weeks before Xmas.

16th I have great difficulty in the work of Standard 1 especially in arithmetic. The spelling of Std 2 has been bad this week.

22nd I have taken both attendances together today calling the registers at commencement of school time.

23rd The attendance this week has been good.

27th Mr Bromage visited the school today and brought the Govt papers.

29th The sewing class taken today instead of Wednesday by my arrangement.

Feb 5th I called the registers at one o'clock today.

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Feb 6th Mr Bromage called today. Average 53

Feb 13th Work of school much as usual this week. Average attendance 50

17th Mr Bromage called today with notice of date of examination. He also verified the register.

19th I had only half an hour between the two attendances today.

20th Nothing of importance to note this week.

27th Today ends the school year. I have sent in returns of absentees at the end of each month and sometimes oftener but the average attendance appears still to be low compared with the number of children. Several children have been away for a few weeks during the winter with severe colds otherwise no severe illness has arisen to affect the general average of the school.

Owing to the bad weather during summer and autumn many children were kept at home to assist in the harvest. The average has increased by 8 on last years average 39 – 47

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March 5th The average for this week commencing the new year is very good viz 53. Mr Welson visited the school on Thursday.

11th I have marked the registers at 9.05 this morn. The harriers meet here today and the children are anxious to see them.

12th The work of the children has been carefully done this week by them especially their arithmetic: A few were away on Thursday making the average lower than last week.

16th We went in early today to allow for a little cleaning after school

17th The school was examined today G E W Colt Williams Esq., and D W Seers. There were also present Rev Dickinson, Old Radnor Mr Welson, Mr Bromage and J W Wislade attendance officer.

19th The average this week is the highest since the commencement of the school viz 58

25th Easter Holidays commenced today. Average for the week 45 The attendance has been very good during this last month and very few children have been reported. Average for the month is 52

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Apr 8th This day received from the Ed department the report of H M I J E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school March 17th '80.

It is as follows:

The average has I am glad to find increased during the year but it ought to be a good deal higher still. The children were most attentive to their work, wrote an excellent hand spelled well and were very strong in arithmetic. They might read rather louder and explain meanings of words better. Extra subjects weak. The sewing might be better and the managers should provide material when wanted. The clock should be got as soon as possible.

Gladestry National School

Staff 1880

James Porter Certificated teacher 2nd Division

Signed on behalf of the managers Bromage Correspondent

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Schedule for the year

Name	R W A	Att	Va	Age	Admiss Years	Month	Class	Standard last	Now
S W Smith	O O O	288		8	79	5	3 rd		I
Geo Sayers		345		8	78	8	"		"
Jon Price		309		7	78	5	"		"
Geo Lloyd		258		9	77	5	"		"
Jno R Morris		352		7	77	2	"		"
Wm Lloyd		265		8	78	12	"		"
Isaiah Layton		328		8	77	6	"	I	"
Elizth Thornton	Absent	268		9	77	6	"		"
Arth Powell		260		10	77	5	"		"
Eliz James		351		7	77	6	"		"
M A Pritchard	O O	282		7	79	2	"		"
Sarah Jones		379		7	77	6	"		"
Clara Davies		263		8	77	6	"		"
Elizth Jones		267		11	77	6	"		"
Ad. A. Lloyd		285		9	78	9	"		"
Martha Lloyd		305		7	78	9	"		"
Wm Stephens	Absent	267		9	77	2	2 nd	I	II
Wm E Morris		267		9	77	2	"		"
Wm Pritchard		266		10	77	4	"	"	"
Tho James		346		10	77	2	"	"	"
Arth Maskell		357		9	77	3	"	"	"

Richd Davies		328		9	77	4	“	“	“
Sarah Davies		338		10	77	6	“	O	“
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Ellen Bounds		416		8	77	5	2 nd	I	II
Ann Goodwin		384		19	77	3	“	“	“
M A James		368		12	77	5	“	“	“
Aa James		315		13	77	2	1 st	II	III
Jno George		325		10	77	5	“	“	“
Wm Knight		371		11	77	11	“	“	“
Wm Prichard		324		10	77	4	“	“	“
A J Davies		253		10	77	4	“	“	“
Thos Maskell		371		12	77	3	“	“	“
L B Thornton		303		14	77	2	“	“	“
Aa Davies		270		13	77	2	“	“	“
Geo Pritchard		256		13	77	2	“	“	“
Elizth Davies		314		11	77	2	“	“	“
M A Pritchard		261		12	77	2	“	“	“
Ann Bounds		373		10	77	2	“	“	“
Margta Burton		346		10	77	2	“	“	“
Marg Pritchard		357		12	77	4	“	III	IV
John Miles		300		11	77	5	“	II	“
Theo Miles	O	255		13	77	2	“	III	“
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Jas Sayers		319		5	78	9			
Charles Jones		279		4	79	5			
Alice Smith		270		5	79	5			
Mat Goodwin		251		5	78	9			

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April 6th Commenced yesterday after Easter holidays. The school was held as a polling station today so that I had to give a holiday.

9th The attendance has been very small this week so that the average comes down a good deal.

14th Today is quite a red letter day for Gladestry. All the children have been invited to sports, prizes and tea on account of Col. Walsh's eldest son Lieut. Walsh coming of age.

21st Mr Bromage visited the school today.

23rd Average this week 47

30th usual work this week nothing of note.

May 6th This day terminate my work in Gladestry School after a period of 3 years 2 mo. I have endeavoured in the few weeks I have had since the examination on March 17th to give the new standards a little insight into their present years work. St 2 have gone through simple practice and started in compound practice. St 4 have many of them done multiplication and division of money and a few have started on reduction. St 3 have done addition of money and began subtraction

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While Sty 2 have been working extended addition and subtraction. The children have learned one new song 'Catch the sunshine'. Messrs Wilson and Bromage visited the school on Wednesday afternoon and Mr Bromage stayed the whole of the afternoon.

The average has not been quite so good since Easter as before owing no doubt to the favourable weather for planting potatoes etc. I have sent in a list of absentees for month of April to Mr Wislade.

In bidding goodbye to the managers and children I must say that the managers parishioners and myself have always tried to work and have worked well together for the good of the school – and the children have been persevering and quick at their work often showing ability above the average of school children with whom I have come in contact and I am sure do credit to their new master.

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June 2nd I commence my duties this morning as master of Gladestry Nat Sch in place of Mr Porter but owing to bad weather and being the middle of the week very few present. Mr Bromage and Mr Welson came in this morning to let me know a few particulars with reference to the school duties etc. signed Joseph Lupton Cert Teacher.

7th Attendance not what it should be. Only 42 present this morning.

9 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

10 Mrs Burton came this afternoon in place of yesterday.

George Sayce and Sam Taylor played truant this afternoon.

14 Mrs Burton absent this afternoon through the death of Mr Thomas of the village.

15 Polly Drew entered this school and was placed in infants.

17 Mrs Burton came this afternoon instead of Monday.

21 Admitted two fresh scholars Martha and Elizth Lewis.

24 The Revd Mogridge visited the school this afternoon. I taught the children a new song 'March Away'

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25 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon. The average this week is much better than the week previous; being 48.7

29 Taught the children a new song viz 'Some Folks'

Most of the children make progress in their new rules of arithmetic.

July 2nd Children had a days holiday. Room wanted for tea meeting.

7th Very few children present this morning being very wet.

12 A great many children absent this morning. I expect on the hills gathering whortleberries as they are mainly ripe.

16 There is a fete at Kington today consequently a great many away.

Mt Mogridge visited the school this morning. The average this week has gone down being only 31.8

21 I find it necessary to begin the midsummer holidays this week as the attendance has fallen off very much, the children are out on the hills gathering whortleberries or are in the fields hay making now that the

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Weather has become a little warmer.

July 23 We break up today for three weeks holiday only school being so long closed without a teacher.

August 16 Commenced school this morning after 3 weeks holiday. Attendance small.

18 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon will come on Thursday instead.

23 A clock is now in the school. It was a want sadly felt. We shall not I hope be punctual in and out of school there are a few children returned this week now that the wimberries are over.

24 I sent in a list of absentees to Mr Welson for the months of July and August.

26 Mr Mogridge visited the school this afternoon.

27 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

Sept 1 A fait held at Presteign consequently several away. I hope son to see some notice taken with those who are habitually absent.

7 Work going on as usual. Rather better attendance. Taught the children a new song 'Ring the bell watchman'

9 Mrs Burton came this afternoon instead of

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the 27th of last month.

10th Average a little better this week being 38.7

14 Very few infants present this morning owing to the excessive rain.

15 Children learnt a new song 'The Blue Bells of Scotland'

20 There is a cattle fair held at Kington today consequently a number of children away who ought to be in school. It is hard work to get the younger children on as so many are away and were in a very backward state from the first when I began duty here, the elder ones were much better.

22 Mr Mogridge came in for a moment and spoke about the attendance. A good many boys away in the fields helping with the harvest now it is fine again.

24 The average is low this week being only 33.3 owing to the harvest.

27 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

30 Mrs Burton came this afternoon instead of 27th. The attendance is still very thin.

Oct 4 Gave geography of Ireland to upper classes this afternoon.

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Oct 5

Nearly all infants absent this morning through the rain keeping on.

6 We came in today at a quarter past one to allow for room being got ready for Bible Society Meeting this evening.

8 The average for this week is a little better (being 42.0 for the week.)

11 Admitted a fresh scholar 'Price Jones' this morning.

12 Mr Mogridge visited the school this afternoon.

19 There is an improvement in the attendance. Work going on as usual.

22 Average still increasing this week being 48.4 We have been obliged to have a fire this week the weather having turned very cold.

25 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon. Several of the children away picking potatoes as the weather holds fine.

27 A great many children away today there having been a severe storm of snow so that the roads are almost impassable.

28 Mrs Burton present this afternoon to make up for the 25th.

29 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

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Nov 1st Mrs Burton not present this afternoon so reason given for absence.

3 Made out lists for School Attendance Officer for month October.

4 Mrs Burton present instead of 1st. Several of the children away; the average will be low. There has been nothing done for some time to make them attend better.

8 Admitted three scholars this morning. There is a funeral this afternoon and being something for which to stay away there is a great many absent who ought not to be.

10 Mrs Burton absent this afternoon through illness.

12 Mr Blakely SAO attended this morning to make inquiries and list of the absentees.

15 Admitted John Hughes this morning and

16 ? David Hughes both of Burnt House. Mr Welson came down this morning to see about the locks on the sch door as they are out of order.

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22 Several children again absent through from what cause I am unable to say.

24 Mr Wilson came in for a short time this morning to speak about firing etc.

Dec 2 Taught the children a new song ' Kiss me mother kiss your darling.'

7 Several absent this morning being market day,

13 Gave a trial exercise in dictation top the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Standards on paper this morning of which the session were worst in spelling.

10 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon says this she will make up the time after Christmas.

20 Very few present today owing to the inclement weather and being close to Xmas.

22 Mr Wilson and Mr Bromage visited the school to see about some wainscot for the walls.

23 Mr Mogridge called this afternoon and remarked on the small attendance.

24 We break up today for a weeks holiday cannot give more as the school was shut up as long in the first part of the year without a teacher.

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Jan 13 1881 We commenced school this morning but the numbers are very low.

Sent in lost to Sch Att Officer for last month.

5th Was obliged to give half a days holiday so few present owing to some shooting going on in the neighbourhood.

10th We start half an hour earlier in the afternoon for the rest of the week to enable the workmen to finish the wainscot for the wall.

12 Very few present this afternoon owing to a heavy fall of snow roads are in a very bad state,

14 Nearly all infants away this week through the weather being so bad

#17 It is almost impossible to work this morning. The cold is so intense. The ink is frozen into solid ice and much time is wasted to get it thawed and to allow the children to come to the fire to warm their hands and feet.

24 Very few small children present today the snow being too deep to allow of their

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Coming out.

31st A much better attendance this morning.

3rd Have been giving trial examinations to the whole school. The lowest classes are the weakest in most subjects.

7th The snow is drifting very much this morning so there is in consequence a small attendance many having to come a long distance they cannot get here without great discomfort.

14 Very fair attendance this morning.

15 Mr Burgoyne came in this morning at see about the plaster for the walls.

17 Mr Bromage came this morning with notice of examination.

Mrs Burton came in this afternoon to make up for the time she was absent last quarter.
18 The average for the week is greatly improved.
22 Mrs Burton came in this afternoon for absence last quarter.
25 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.
28 We begin a fresh year this morning but a good many away there having been a heavy fall of snow.
March 2 Mr Wilson came down this morning to see the work that has been done for the walls etc.

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March 3rd Rev G. Gray the new rector for Gladestry visited the school this morning.
9 Gave final examination to whole school today which on the whole was fairly done.
10 The school was examined today. Messrs Welson and Bromage present. Mr Gray came in with Inspector and stayed during examination.
17 Had to punish 3 children for playing truant this morning.
18 The average has again fallen off now that the examination is over.
25 Average a little better than last week but weather is very much against it.
29 Admitted Thomas Duggan this morning.
April 4 Attendance a little better if it would only keep so.

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March 30th Report

This day received from the Ed Department the report of H.M.I. E.W. Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school March 10th 1881.

It is as follows:

The attendance at this school is exceptionally irregular. Mr Lupton who has been in charge for the past eight months is teaching his school very well. The first standard is a weak standard and will require care in the future. Geography and needlework do not pass. Grammar weak. Far more attention must be paid to needlework and it should be taught more systematically and according to the code. Care must be taken not to allow copying in school. The chock has been got.

Gladestry Nat School

Staff 1881

Joseph Lupton Certificated Teacher

1st Probationary Year

Signed on behalf of the managers

Rob Bromage

Correspondent

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April 8 The average has fallen off a little this week owing to weather being fine for planting. Several elder children absent.

Mrs Burton now comes upon Wednesday Thursday and Friday instead of Monday Wednesday and Friday as formerly.

14 School is closed today for Easter holidays.

20 Wee commence again this morning after a short holiday that a longer one may be had in the summer.

25 Admitted four fresh children this morning. Very fair attendance this morning.

May 2 Taught the children a new song this afternoon. Made up a list of absentees for April.

4 Attendance this week and last rather better.

9 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.

13 Not so many at school this week owing to so many fairs in the neighbourhood.

17 Very few present owing to bad weather. Several children away ill with colds etc., the weather being very changeable.

19 Samuel Smith and E Watts away with measles.

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Name	R W A	Att	Va	Age	Admiss Year	Mo	Class	Stand last	Now
Sam Smith		410		9	79	5	3 rd	I	I
M A Pritchard		320		8	79	2	"	"	"
Annie Morris	O O O	256		7	78	8	"	O	"
Ellen Francis		328		8	79	6	"	"	"
Alice Goodwin	Absent	275		9	77	7	"	"	"
Sarah Davies	O	277		7	79	5	"	"	"
Clara Maskell	O O	346		8	79	9	"	"	"
Eliza Watt	O O	264		11	79	11	"	"	"
Sarah Layton		290		9	77	6	2 nd	I	II
William Lloyd		285		9	78	12	"	"	"
George Lloyd	O	252		10	77	5	"	"	"
John R Morris		377		8	77	2	"	"	"
John Price		355		8	79	3	"	"	"
George Sayers		372		9	78	8	"	"	"
William Stevens	O	365		10	77	2	"	"	"
Elizabeth James	O O	301		8	77	6	"	"	"
Martha Lloyd		338		8	78	9	"	"	"
Ad A Lloyd		275		10	78	9	"	"	"
Arthur Maskell		288		10	77	3	1 st	II	III
William Morris		319		10	77	2	"	"	"
Thomas James		335		11	77	2	"	"	"
Arth Powell		267		11	77	5	"	I	"
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Isaac Griffiths		253		13	79	3	1 st	O	III
Sarah Davies		299		11	77	6	"	II	"
Ellen Bounds		386		9	77	4	"	"	"
Ann Goodwin		337		11	77	3	"	"	"
M A James	O	336		13	77	5	"	"	"
Will Knight		298		12	77	11	"	III	IV
Willm Pritchard		305		11	77	4	"	"	"
Aa Jas Davies		250		12	77	4	"	"	"
Ann Bounds		351		11	77	2	"	"	"
Margtte Burton		365		11	77	2	"	"	"
Edith Marston	O	274		11	80	1	"	O	"
John Miles		314		12	77	5	"	IV	V
Theoph Miles		284		14	77	2	"	"	"
Marg Pritchard		346		13	77	4	"	"	"

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James Sayers		328		6	78	9		
Matilda Goodwin		340		6	78	9		
Alice Smith		412		6	79	5		
Sarah Maskell		324		6	79	10		

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May 20 Attendance this week rather low. The weekly average being 36.7 But weather and illness account in a great measure for the decrease in number.

24 Several children away afraid of taking measles. Consequently my average will again be low.

25 the Rev C F Gray came in this afternoon.

June 1st Sent a list of absentees to Sch Att Officer for last month.

6 Gave a holiday today being Whit-Monday.

7 Admitted four fresh scholars this morning.

10 Rev C F Gray visited the school this morning.

16 Gave a whole day holiday today as the choir went to Presteign for Choral Festival.

24 The average attendance for past week is 54.

27 I have a full school this morning nearly 70.

July m6th Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

11 I find that it will be detrimental to the school average to keep the school longer than this week as the wimberries are ripe and consequently nearly all the children away on the hill gathering them so must begin holidays as soon as possible.

15 Began holidays today.

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Aug 29 Recommenced school after six weeks holiday. Admitted a fresh scholar.

Sept 2 Average low this week being harvest time.

6 Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon.

8 Mrs Burton absent this afternoon says she will come on Monday next.

12 Miss Emily Burton present this afternoon (instead of her mother) for the sewing to make up for last Thursday.

16 Miss Burton present this week no reason was given why the proper mistress was absent.

21 Average rather low this week as the harvest is getting to an end and older children away helping.

I have to report the death of Mr Bromage (late correspondent of this school) which took place during midsummer holidays.

23 Mrs Burton present on Thursday only her daughter making up the other attendances this week.

Rev Gray came in this morning.

30 Sent in lost of absentees to Att Officer Kington.

Oct 7 Average low this week being 34.14

14 The average for this week is a little better being 42.2 but would have been more so if the weather has not been so rough.

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Oct 17 I find it necessary to begin a fire in the room as the weather has become much colder.

18 Mr Wilson sent 8 cwt of coal this afternoon so shall begin tomorrow morning having fires.

24 Attendance much better this day.

26 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.

27 A number of children away this afternoon a sale being held in the village accounts for it.

31 Sent in a list of absentees to the sch att officer for past month.

Nov 3 Being Thanksgiving for Harvest and having to play in church I gave half-holiday to the school.

Mr Lewis of the Hengoed is appointed in place of Mr Bromage (deceased) as a manager of the school.

10 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon as her daughter is not well so had to change usual lessons.

14 Small attendance this morning owing to a fair being held at Huntingdon.

Gave holiday this afternoon.

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18th Miss Burton present this afternoon instead of proper mistress.

24th Gave a trial examination to Standard 4, 5, 6 this morning which was done on the whole fairly.

28 Taught the children a new song 'O'er the rippling ocean.'

30 Miss Burton present this afternoon instead of her mother. No reason given for the alteration.

7 The Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon to enquire into the 'Needlework.'

14 Owing to a death in the village Mrs Burton is not present this afternoon so have had to alter the lessons. The attendance is lately much better.

20 Taught children a new song called 'Truthfulness'

21 Attendance not quite so good this week being near to Christmas.

22 Proper sewing mistress again absent this afternoon.

23 Gave one weeks holiday for Xmas.

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Jan 2 Began school again this morning after the holidays.

6 Had to give whole days holiday today on account of a tea being given by the Rector to the school children. Mr Dickinson rector of Old Radnor gave a magic lantern in evening.

10 Very fair attendance this morning.

January 18 I have examined the book this day and believe them to be correct. E P Welson

18 Mr Welson came down this afternoon to see about Mrs Burton and the sewing. A curtain was spoken of to separate the boys from the girls under her care. I think it would be a good idea as we have no classroom.

23 Admitted John Morris of the wood this morning. Attendance better today. Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon.

30 Mr Welson came to the school and brought papers for examination.

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February 1st Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon and looked into the sewing.

6 A bank started today for the benefit of the children attending this school.

9 Am obliged to give a whole holiday tomorrow on account of a concert being held in this room.

14 Have given examinations to the whole school which are on the average fairly done. Arithmetic rather weak.

17 The attendance is not quite so good this week.

22 Had to punish some of the elder boys for staying from school without leave.

24 Average is rather better this week.

March 1 Have altered the lessons in timetable for the week that we may work up weakest subjects for examination.

8 Have given final examination to the whole school today.

Mr Wilson sent 4 cwt of coal this evening.

9 The school was examined today. The Rev C F Gray and Messrs Welson and Lewis were present.

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15 The attendance has fallen this week owing to the examination being over.

I have lost some of my older scholars so that helps to ? the numbers.

20th Margaret Pritchard and John Mills have left the school having passed Standard 6

Mar 24th This day received form the Ed Department the report of H M I E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school on March 9th 1882. It is as follows:

The attendance at this school still continues most irregular and especially of children who live within a reasonable distance of the school. Mr Lupton should attend more to the bottom of his school than he does. The Infants are backward and the first standard weak. Spelling is weak also in the second and third standard and arithmetic in the fourth standard. Geography fails and needlework also.

Discipline good.

A ball frame and reading sheets for the infants are needed.

The drain in the playground needs thorough cleaning.

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Out as the water is now in the yard.

The scholar number 49 in the examination schedule having been returned last year as over six was disqualified by age for further presentation under article 19/13/1. The issue of a certificate to Mr Lupton is deferred for a more favourable report on the instruction.

Gladestry Nat School

Staff 1882

Joseph Lupton Certificated Teacher

Signed on behalf of the Managers

Charles F Gray Correspondent.

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Name	R W A	Va	Age	Admiss Year	Mon	Attend	Class	Stand ard Last	Now
Fred Wooland			8	81	4	334	3 rd		I
Jas Sayers			7	78	9	407	“		“
Sam Taylor	O O		7	80	4	356	“		“
Thos Francis	O O O		7	79	6	289	“		“
Eliza Walls			12	79	11	332	“	I	“
E Amy Lewis	O		11	81	5	290	“		“
Mary Drew	O O		7	80	6	351	“		“
Alice Smith			7	79	5	352	“		“
Matilda Goodwin	O		7	78	9	362	“		“
Annie Morris			8	78	8	251	“	I	“

Clara Maskell			9	79	9	402	“	I	“
Rich Hughes	O		11	80	11	264	2 nd		“
Sam Smith	O		10	79	5	391	“	I	“
Eliz James	O O		9	77	6	389	“	II	“
Alice Wooland			10	81	4	334	“	“	“
M A Pritchard			9	79	2	337	“	“	“
Jas Drew	O O		9	81	6	257	“	“	“
Wm Stevens	O O		11	77	2	383	“	II	III
John Price			9	79	3	282	“	“	“
Geo Lloyd	O		11	77	5	288	“	“	“
Geo Sayers			10	78	8	362	“	“	“
Isaiah Layton	O		10	77	6	355	“	“	“
J R Morris			9	77	2	338	“	“	“
M A Hughes			12	80	11	301	“	“	“
Wm Drew	O		11	81	6	264	1s	III	IV
Arth Powell	O		12	77	5	270	“	“	“
Thos James	O		12	77	2	308	“	“	“
Arth Maskell	O		11	77	3	297	“	“	“
Wm Morris	O O		11	77	2	275	“	“	“
Rich Davies		B	11	77	4	228	“	II	“
Sarah Davies	O		12	77	6	345	“	III	“
Louisa Wooland	O		13	81	4	283	“	“	“
Ellen Bounds			10	77	4	400	“	“	“
Wm Pritchard	O		12	77	4	298	“	IV	V
Ann Bounds			12	77	2	384	“	“	“
Margtt Burton			12	77	2	364	“	“	“
John Miles			13	77	5	286	“	V	VI
Margaret Pritchard			14	77	4	277	“	“	“
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Edwin Bounds			6	79	8	338			
Wm Wooland			5	81	4	300			
Herb Morris			5	80	7	310			
Arth Layton			6	79	6	332			
Sarah Maskell			6	79	10	390			

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March 31st Have reported twelve cases of bad attendance to Mr Temple for this month. The average is rather low this week.

April 5th Mrs Burton not present his afternoon as she is unwell.

12 Began school today after a short holiday but the numbers are very low.

17 Attendance a little better than last week.

19 Am obliged to give a whole holiday tomorrow (Thursday) on account of a concert to be held in the sch room. Mrs Burton absent this afternoon.

26 Attendance much thinner than it should be.

27 Came in at 1 today that some of the children might go the reopening of Radnor Ch.

May 1 Have reported twelve cases of bad attendance to Mr Temple (Clerk to the school attendance committee) for the month of April.

4 Mr C F Blakely came this afternoon to look up the attendance.

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11 Gave a half-holiday the numbers being so thin. Accounted for by a fair at Knighton.

12 Mrs Burton not able to be present sent her daughter but she had to leave as her mother was worse and required her aid.

19 Work going as usual. Mrs Burton not able to be present this week consequently her daughter has taken the sewing this week. Have now for a new ball frame and reading sheets for the infants.

23 Number rather low this week.

29 Gave a whole day holiday it being Whit-Monday.

May 2 The average is very low this week being fine weather for planting potatoes a number of children away from school.

6 Gave a whole day holiday today on account of choir going to Festival of Choral Union at Hereford.

11 Had to punish Charles Price for playing

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Truant.

13th Taught the children a new song 'When back I look.'

16th The average is not so good as it ought to be at this time of the year.

19 Two or three children away with whooping cough.

21 Mrs Burton presents herself this afternoon the last two weeks her daughter has attended to the sewing.

22 No sewing this afternoon

26 Admitted a fresh scholar today

30 Average low on account of illness in the village.

July 4 Sent in a list of absentees to Mr Temple for the month of June.

11 A fair at Kington today consequently not many present.

Taught the children a new song 'viz 'Come let's make our voices ring'.

12 Am obliged to give a whole holiday tomorrow (Thursday) on account of a tea to be held in the room for confirmation candidates.

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Their parents and the choir.

Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

18th A fair being held at Huntington today is the reason of several staying from school. I find it will be of no use to keep school longer than this week as the whimberries are about ripe and several children have commenced picking.

20 I find it necessary to commence holidays as very few at school. Broke up today for 6 weeks holiday.

Sept 4 Commenced school again this morning after six weeks holidays but with very small number.

8 Revd C F Gray visited the school this afternoon.

Average for the past week 34.2

15 Average still keeps very low.

21 I have examined the registers for the last two quarters and found them correct Charles F Gray

Mr Evans the receiving officer called this afternoon.
26 Taught the children fresh song viz 'The Bay of Biscay' this afternoon.

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Sept 29 Sent in a list of absentees for month of September to Mr Temple. Clerk to SAO
Oct 4 Very few present this afternoon.
5 A|M obliged to give a whole holiday tomorrow as a concert is to be held in the schoolroom.
8 Taught Standard 5 and 6 simple properties by method of unity as required in the code.
12 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon her daughter took her place.
13 Mr Blakely came about the attendance summons on those who have kept their children away after having received several notices.
20 The attendance this week has improved being 46.3 compared with 34.1 of the preceding week.
27 The grate has been 'doctored' it now wants a mason to finish it. A stove would have been a deal better as not much heat gets to the share of the children.

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Nov 3 No cases to report this time for the last month.
8 Mr Blakely visited the school this morning.
We began fires this morning.
9 Rev C F Gray visited the sch this morning and noticed work of the children.
16 Mrs Burton absent this afternoon, reason; not able to get her boot on.
17 Average has fallen this week owing to a heavy fall of snow and is only 40.5
24 We finish the 3rd quarter of the sch year today. Average for the past week 45.1
Dec 1 Gave trial examination to 1st and 2nd Standards in reading and arithmetic which on the average fairly done.
2 Made out list of absentees for previous month and sent it on to A Temple Esq.
7 Miss Emily Burton present this afternoon. No reason given to why the proper mistress is absent.
8 Was obliged to give half-holiday on account of snow being deep.

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13 School closed today on account of snowstorm.
14 Proper sewing mistress absent this afternoon.
15 Mrs Burton again absent not able to get boot on being the excuse given.
22 Broke up school this morning for Christmas holidays one week. The average these two last weeks has been lower owing to the bad weather.
Jan 2 Began school this morning with small numbers
3 Sent in list of absentees for the preceding month.
11th I have examined the registers this day and found them correct. In answer to my question why Mrs Burtons girl was not working like the rest she said ' I have got the headache and got her to help me' after that the child worked as usual.
Was obliged to give half-holiday yesterday on account of a tea given to the school children by Lady Ormanthwaite.

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12 A temporary curtain has been put up to enable the children to work at the sewing better by the Rev C F Gray. Average 44.2

17 Work going on as usual.
 19 Average for past week 38.9 It ought to be much higher than it is.
 26 Gave trial examination to lower standards which was done rather better. Arithmetic show improvement and writing. Spelling is now weakest subject.
 Feb 1 Sent in list of absentees for the last month.
 2 Average for past month 40.8
 7 Mrs Burton now ell consequently no sewing this afternoon.
 8 Miss Emily Burton has taken the sewing these last two days as her mother was not able to be present. Average for the last week 44.7 Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon.
 14 Mr Blakely SAO came in this afternoon to enquire about absentees. Miss Emily Burton present this afternoon.

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20 Work going on as usual.
 26 The drain in the playground was done today as the weather was fine.
 28 To day ends the school year. Attendance better.
 Mar 2 Sent in list of absentees (for the previous month) to A Temple Esq.
 8 Rev C F Gray visited the school this afternoon.
 9 The average has again fallen owing no doubt to a heavy fall of snow yesterday.
 14 Mr Blakely came this morning to look up absentees for previous month.
 21st A number of children away in consequence of very bad and rough weather.
 22 Gave holiday till the 28th being Easter week.
 28 Commenced with small number
 29 Rev C F Gray took the first standard in reading and spelling this morning.
 April 3rd Sent in list of absentees this morning for previous month. Rev C F Grey heard 4th, 5th and 6th Standards read this morning.

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4 The grate has been done up afresh this time I think a better job has been made of it as it is now bricked in. it will not fall to pieces.
 10 Rev C F Gray took the 2nd and 3rd standards in reading and dictation this morning.
 7th I examined the registers with Messrs Welson and Lewis and found them correct. Charles F Gray
 12 The annual examination took place today Rev C F Gray and Mr Welson were present.
 15 Several of the older scholars have now left the school having passed fifth and sixth grades.
 23 Rev C F Gray visited the school this morning.
 24 Taught the children a new song viz 'Work and Play'.
 May 2 Sent in list of absentees for previous month. Several children away with typhus fever.
 7th I have examined the registers today and found them correct. Charles F Gray.
 11 Half holiday on account of a fair at Kington.
 14 Gave whole holiday being Whit-Monday.

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Name	RWA	Att	Va	Age	Admis s Year	M	Class	Last ex	Now ex
John Griffiths	+++	304		12	80	6	3 rd		I

Thos Pritchard	+++	262		8	81	4	“		“
John Morris	+++	301		8	82	1	“	“	“
Arth Layton	++O	385		7	79	6	“	“	“
W Thos Gittus	O++	281		8	82	6	“	“	“
Edwin Bounds	+++	272		7	79	8	“	“	“
Thos Francis	Absent	311		8	79	6	“	“	“
Chas Price	+++	325		9	79	10	“	“	“
Martha Lewis	+++	258		13	80	6	“	“	“
Harriet Thornton	++O	371		7	79	3	“	“	“
Eliz Thornton	Absent	269		12	77	6	“	“	“
Sarah Maskell	OOO	307		7	79	10	“	“	“
Fanny Walls	+++	334		9	80	1	“		“
M J Gittus	+++	269		8	82	6	“		“
M W Drew	+++	340		8	80	6	“		“
Martha Watts	+++	319		10	80	6		O	
Fredk Wooland	+O+	384		9	81	4	2 nd	I	II
Alb Lewis	+++	354		11	81	7	“	“	“
Eliza Watts	+++	347		13	79	11	“	“	“
Mat Goodwin	+++	370		8	78	9	“	“	“
Alice Goodwin	+++	298		11	77	7	“	“	“
Sarah Davies	+O+	332		9	79	5	“	“	“
Eliz James	++O	340		10	77	6	“	II	“
Alice Smith	+++	317		8	79	5	“	I	“
Ellen Francis	+++	344		10	79	6	“	II	“
Jas Drew	++O	387		10	81	6	“	III	III
Wm Stephens	++O	365		12	77	2	“	“	“
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Sam Smith	+OO	389		11	79	5	2 nd	II	III
Rich Hughes	+++	266		12	80	11	“	“	“
Lewis Davies	+++	303		(81	12	“	“	“
Alice Wooland	+++	367		11	81	4	“	“	“
M A Pritchard	+++	317		10	79	2	“	“	“
John Price	+++	297		10	79	3	1 st	III	IV
Geo Lloyd	+++	277		12	77	5	“	“	“
Is Layton	+++	321		11	77	6	“	“	“
John Gittus	+++	253		10	82	6	“	“	“
Will Drew	++O	333		12	81	6	“	IV	V
Arth Powell	+++	158	B	13	77	5	“	“	“
Jas Davies	+++	257		13	77	6	“	“	“
Ellen Bounds	+++	347		11	77	4	“	“	“
Wm Pritchard	+++	258		13	77	4	“	V	VI
Marg Burton	+++	283		13	77	2	“	“	“
Annie Bounds	++O	306		13	77	2	“	“	“
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Willm Wooland		371		6	81	4			
Geo Drew		337		6	81	6			
Rosa Goodwin		329		6	80	7			

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This day received from the Ed Department the report of the H M I E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school April 12 1883. It is as follows:

Report

This school I am glad to say has materially improved since last year.

Handwriting very good and spelling is on the whole good.

Arithmetic very fair. The children should answer questions more freely than they do and the infants need to be further advances.

Discipline excellent.

No bills paid after the end of the sch year should be included in the past years accounts.

Sewing improved but all stitches required should be shewn (sic). Each standard should have at least two sets of books. The attendance continues to be very irregular.

The registers should be kept under proper supervision on the part of the managers.

Mr Lupton will shortly receive his certificate.

Gladestry Nat School

Staff 1883

Joseph Lupton Teacher 2nd Division

Signed on behalf of the Managers Charles F Gray.

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May 16 Have half-holiday today.

18 Average has been low this week owing no doubt to the fairs held in the neighbourhood and being Whitsun week.

21 Admitted two fresh children from the Gwithla Farm Llanvihangel parish.

27 Work going on as usual.

31 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon reason not well. Consequently my lessons have to be a little changed. Sent in list of absentees for the previous month viz May.

June 6th Visited school this day and examined the registers which I found to be perfectly correct
Charles F Gray.

6 Admitted fresh scholar this morning viz Price Jones of Wernwilla also one last Monday June 4th
viz E Millar

13 Several children form school who ought not to be away.

15 Mr Blakely visited the school this afternoon to look up absentees.

18 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning. Taught a new song viz 'Spring time'.

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22 Average for the last week is 39.1 Gave a whole holiday yesterday being the Festival of Herefordshire Choral Union and most of the choir children here were scholars so closed for that day.

25 Admitted two fresh scholars this morning.

29 Average is a little better this week being 45.6

July 3 Made a list of absentees for previous month.

9 Taught the children a new song this afternoon viz 'Robin Redbreast'.

13 Gave half-holiday as very few present
16 The children are beginning to fall off as the wimberries are nearly ripe.
18 Very few children present this morning owing to Huntington fair being held today.
19 Owing to so few children being at school we break up today for six weeks holidays.
Sept 3 Commenced school this morning after holidays but numbers are very low.
10 Numbers a little better but still a great many away.
17 Things going on as usual.
18 Taught a new song viz 'Summer Morning'.

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19 A fair at Kington consequently a number absent.
21 Average for the pat week 41.8
24 There are still several children away who should be in sch. I shall report them in my next list.
28 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon will come next week in place of it.
Oct 1 Rev C F Gray visited school this morning very thin numbers. Made out list for previous month.
3 Attendance very small owing to a few fine harvest days this week.
8th Examined the registers and found them quite correct. Charles F Gray.
14th Mr C F Blakely attended this morning to look after absentees.
22 Half holiday on account of Harvest Thanksgiving.
23 Admitted a fresh scholar Edith Drew.
24 Several children away getting up potatoes as the weather is a little better.
29 Admitted a fresh scholar W Morris and

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Readmitted A Stubbs this morning.
Mr Blakely visited school this morning to look after absentees.
30th Sent in list of children who have not been to school yet but are now qualified by age to do so.
Nov 5th Began fires in school today as weather has turned rather cold.
12 Work going on as usual.
16 Ten cwt of coal came this morning hauled by Mr Davies Llanhowell.
23 Average for past week 44.1
The average for the past 2 quarters is 42/0 a little improvement on last years third quarter that being 39.20
26 W Pritchard after a long absence has again attended school.
30 Attendance a little better. Average for past week 47.1
Dec 4 Gave trial examination to 2nd and 3rd standards. Dictation rather weak at present.
6 A few of the children away beating for the shooting party.
13 Rev C F Gray visited school this morning.

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17 Several children away this week owing to the poultry market on Thursday 27th.
21 Gave one weeks holiday for Christmas.
31 recommenced sch sent in monthly return to Mr Temple.
Mr Duggan hauled us 1 ton of coal this morning.
Jan 4 Gave trial examination to school and find spelling to be a weak subject.
10 Work going on as usual.

11 Have kept several children back at noon to work weak subjects.
 18 Mr C F Blakely came this morning and looked over list.
 The average is rather better this week.
 21 Admitted two fresh scholars this morning viz A Moss and H Walls both under seven.
 23 Very wet this morning consequently number rather low.
 30 We have examined the registers with Mr Goodwin and found them correct
 E Welson J Goodwin
 29 E Burton present instead of her mother.

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Who is very ill in bed and attended by Dr Harding
 Feb 1 Average not quite so good this week, weather being so unsettled.
 4 Sent in list of absentees for the previous month.
 7 Rev C F Gray and Mr Wilson visited the school this afternoon.
 12 School going on as usual. Nothing of any note to report.
 15 Mr C F Blakely visited school this afternoon and looked over registers.
 18 Gave half holiday that the children might have a tea given by Rev C F Gray Rector. Received notice of examinations this morning.
 22 Emily Burton still going on with sewing as her mother is not yet able to attend.
 27 Locks have now been put to all the cupboards.
 29 Today ends the sch year with a weekly average of 52.0
 29th I have carefully examined all the registers since the first of March and have not found a single mistake Charles F Gray.

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29 A new scraper is now fixed for the children kindly given by Mr Wilson.
 March 3 Annual examination took place today. Messrs Wilson and Goodwin and the Rev C F Gray present.
 10 The attendance is now as good as a short time before examination. Admitted fresh scholar.
 13 Gave half-holiday today.
 14 Mr Blakely came this morning to look up absentees.
 17 Admitted three fresh scholars this morning being 4 for the present year.
 24 Rev C F Gray visited school this afternoon.
 25 Received report this morning (see over)
 31 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning viz Sophia Price from Wernwilla.
 Mr G Wilson hauled us 11 cwt of coal free being the first for the fresh year.
 Apr 4 Average not quite so good this week. Made out list of absentees for previous month.
 10 Mr C F Blakely visited the school this morning and went over a number of cases of bad attendance.

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Name	R W A	Age last birthday	No of attendances	What Stand now
Stubbs Arthur	OOO	7		I
Francis Thomas	+++	9		“
Hughes John	+++	8		“

Wooland Willm	+++	7		“
Dew John	O+O	9		“
Dew George	OOO	7		“
Lloyd Price	E	8		“
Milward Elizb	E	8		“
Maskell Sarah	+++	8		“
Goodwin Rosa	+++	7		“
Pritchard Eliza	+++	7		“
Moss Martha	++O	8		“
Lewis Jane	OOO	9		“
Griffiths Mary J	+++	11		“
Griffiths Eliza A	+++	11		“
Griffiths John	+++	13		II
Price Charles	+++	10		“
Morris John	+++	9		“
Pritchard Thos P	+++	9		“
Layton Arthur	++O	8		“
Bounds Edwin	+++	8		“
Gittens Willm	+O+	9		“
Gittens Mary	+++	9		“
Drew Mary W	+++	9		“
Walls Martha	+++	11		“
Walls Fanny	+++	10		“
Thornton Harriet J	+OO	8		“
Smith Samuel	+++	12		III
Lewis Albert	+++	12		“
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Wooland Fredk	+O+	10		III
Francis Ellen	+++	11		“
Smith Alice	+++	9		“
Goodwin Alice	+++	12		“
Goodwin Mat	+++	9		“
Harries Elizab	++O	11		“
Davies Sarah J	+O+	10		“
Davies Lewis	O++	10		IV
Hughes Richard	+OO	13		£
Stevens Willm	O+O	13		“
Dew James	++O	11		“
Wynne Arthur	++O	13		“
Pritchard Mary A	+++	11		“
Wooland Alice	O++	12		“
Gittus John	++O	11		V
Layton Isaiah	+++	12		“
Price John	++O	11		“
Lloyd George	+O+	13		“
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Gittus Eleanor		6		
Hughes Sophia		6		

Milward Arth P		6		
Buften Elizabeth	E	6		

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March 23 This day received from the Ed Department the report of H M I E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school |April 12th 1884

Report

Until the children attend this school younger and more regularly than they do now it will be impossible for Mr Lupton to bring them up to the usual standard. In the first standard the children are for these reasons backward and throughout the school there us a lack of animation and intelligence such as is rare in Radnorshire schools. In many cases the children write well in some more care us needed. Arithmetic the fourth and fifth standards should be better.

Discipline is good.

Sewing is indifferently taught that I cannot recommend the grant for it. A good paid monitor should be employed and means should be taken to increase the number of infants on the books.

Gladestry Nat Sch

Staff 1884

Joseph Lupton Certificated Teacher 2nd Division

Signed on behalf of the managers.

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Apr 10 Mr Evans Returning Officer called this morning about the sch pence allowed to the children of this sch by the Board of Guardians.

The sch broke up this evening for a short holiday being Easter.

16 Began school again this morning.

21 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning viz Jas Frances.

22 Admitted Fanny Davies this morning.

23 Several boys away as the weather is fine for planting potatoes.

25 Average a little better this week being 50.6

30 Sent in list absentees for the month of April.

May 5 Gave half-holiday as several away planting etc.

9 No needlework this afternoon. The proper sewing mistress has not attended now for quite four months.

12 Had to give a whole holiday being the Hiring and Pleasure fair at Kington as only a very few came this morning.

16 Average very low this week owing to the fairs in the neighbourhood.

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21 Mrs Burton attended this evening being the first time since her illness.

22 Gave half-holiday being Ascension Day.

23 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

28 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon

29 Gave a short holiday it being Whitsuntide.
30 Today ends 1st quarter of sch year.
June 4 Started sch again this morning rather low numbers.
10 June I have examined the registers and found them perfectly correct. E. P Welson.
16 Admitted a fresh scholar this afternoon.
18 Had to give a whole holiday as room was lent to the Wesleyans for a tea meeting.
19 Mr C F Blakely visited the school this afternoon.
26 Gave holiday today on account of Choral Festival.
July 3 Average rather better. Weather being very fine.
7 Work going on as usual nothing of importance to note.

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July 9 I have examined the registers and found them perfectly correct E P Welson
8 Had to punish John Hughes for insolence this evening.
9 Mr Welson of Llanafelin came down and looked over registers and counted numbers. He stayed to hear the reading.
Mr Blakely came in the evening.
11 Broke up for summer holidays.
Sept 1 Began sch this morning but with low numbers.
5 Numbers very low this week being the first week back after holidays.
12 Average for the past week.
19 A horse show at Kington very few elder ones present.
22 Work going on as usual. Nothing of importance to report.
29 Mr Blakely visited this morning.
Oct 6 Several older children away at the potatoes as weather is fine.
13th We have examined the registers and believe them correct.
George Wilson James Goodwin

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Dec 1 Today begin the last quarter of sch year.
5 Average very low this week. Several away on the sick list.
8 Mr Blakely called in this morning and took several names. Messrs Duggan and Goodwin have been fined for not sending children to school. Average this week a little better being 42.6
12 Work going on as usual nothing to report of any consequence. Average 46
19 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.
24 Gave holiday for Xmas this morning as room was wanted for tea meeting on Christmas Day.
31 Intended starting school this morning but found few present was obliged to dismiss them.
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Jan 5 Made a better beginning this morning with regard to numbers.
7 Sent in list of absentees for previous week.
9 Average for past week a little better.
14 Visited the school and checked the registers B R Griffiths.
14 The Rev B R Griffiths visited sch this morning checked the registers and heard the 4th standard read.

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16 Rev B P Griffiths visited school and took 2nd and 3rd standards in dictation.

Average for the past week 52 one of the highest weekly averages for the year 1884-5
19 Rev B P Griffiths visited this afternoon.
30 Average gone down this week being 46.3
Feb 5 Gave examination to third standard found spelling rather weak. Rev B P Griffiths took 1st standard in arithmetic.
6 Average for past week 50.4
11 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning. Mrs Wilson came in the afternoon and gave assistance with sewing.
13 Lady Ormanthwaite kindly gave a tea to all children of parish so was obliged to give half holiday for the occasion.
20 Average keeps very fair 53 for past week.
23 Rev B P Griffiths visited this morning.
27 Visited the school and checked the registers B P Griffiths.
Today ends school year. Mr Wilson hauled 15 cwt of coal for the school free.

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13 Mr Wilson and Mr Goodwin visited school this morning and looked over register.
17 Attendance rather low. Something should be done with those who are habitually absent.
22 Mr Blakely came in at 9 o'clock this morning and looked at the books.
Chas Price has at length returned after an absence of eight weeks. He being at work during that time and not having passed 3rd standard.
29 Several absent today owing to Radnor Fair.
31 Sent in list of absentees for October.
Nov 7 Mr Blakely hauled for the Board free one ton of coal this morning.
14 Average not quite so good as last week owing to fairs in neighbourhood being 50.7
19 Very few boys present owing to the yearly shooting party. Boys gone to beat.
21 Average rather low this week. Charles Price and John Price have both gone to Huntington School.

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28 Average still keeps low. Scarlet fever is rather prevalent. Some children are bound on this account to stay away from school.
I have omitted two pages by an oversight so for Dec etc see page 96-7
March 3 Gave examination to infants and 1st standard. Find infants dull at answering questions.
5 Rev B P Griffiths visited this afternoon.
9 The annual examination took place today. Messrs Welson, Goodwin and the Rev B P Griffiths present.
11 Mrs Burton not present his afternoon other work to finish being the reason.
14 Schedule returned today. 4th standard have done badly I find in spelling and arithmetic (see over.)
17 Several children have left the school since the examination having left the parish. Closed school this afternoon on account of family bereavement.
20 Have admitted two fresh scholars this week. S Goodwin and Mary Lloyd both under 7 years of age.
Came in at one today that we may leave soon having to go to Radnor.

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Name	R WA	Age	Attend	Standard
Lloyd John	+++	10	370	I
Dew John	+++	10	380	“
Dew George	+++	8	390	“
Lloyd Price	OO+	9	334	“
Stubbs Arthur	+++	8	328	“
Griffiths Thomas	+++	8	356	“
Milward Arthur	E	8	256	“
Morris William	E	7	351	“
Hughes Sophia	+++	7	350	“
Gittus Eleanor	+++	7	402	“
Lewis Jane	+++	10	295	“
Milward Elizab	+OO	9	308	“
Buften Elizabeth	+++	7	339	“
Price Ann	+++	7	249	“
Lewis Sarah	E	7	150	“
Griffiths Alice	E	7	268	“
Francis Thomas	+++	10	374	II
Hughes John	+++	9	298	“
Wooland William	+O+	8	373	“
Thornton Harriet	+++	9	381	“
Goodwin Rosa	+++	8	359	“
Pritchard Eliz	+++	8	336	“
Griffiths M J	+++	12	292	“
Griffiths E A	+++	12	299	“
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Moss Martha	+OO	9	331	II
Maskell Sarah	+OO	9	400	“
Morris John	+++	10	399	III
Pritchard Thomas	+++	10	281	“
Gittus William	+++	10	392	“
Layton Arthur	+++	9	400	“
Drew Mary W	+++	10	381	“
Gittus Mary J	+++	10	375	“
Watts Martha	O+O	12	190	“
Walls Fanny	++O	11	032	“
Stephen William	+OO	14	390	IV
Smith Samuel	+OO	13	343	“
Lewis Albert	+OO	13	348	“
Wooland Frederick	+OO	11	374	!
Frances Ellen	++O	12	357	“
Smith Alice	+++	13	198	“
Goodwin Alice	+++	13	198	“
Goodwin Matilda	++O	10	279	“
James Elizabeth	++O	12	355	“
Davies Sarah	+O+	11	350	“

Davies Fanny	+OO	12	221	“
Davies Lewis	+++	11	341	V
Dew James	+++	12	361	“
Pritchard Mary A	+++	12	341	“
Wooland Alice	+++	13	309	“
Gittus John	++O	12	107	VI
Powell Arthur	++O	15	258	“
Layton Isaiah	+OO	13	355	
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Mar 25 Mrs Burton not present his afternoon.

27 I have to report the death of Mr E P Welson Llanafelin, treasurer of this school since Feb 19 1877. Received report this morning (see next page) Was obliged to give half holiday as room was wanted for a concert given by the members of Baptist Chapel.

Apr 1 Came in earlier this afternoon in order to go out sooner as a last mark of respect to Mr Welson who is to be buried today.

8 Low numbers this week being a holiday week.

13 Admitted two fresh children today.

20 Numbers improved but not as many present as should be.

27 Nothing to report this week work going on as usual.

May 1 Proper sewing mistress not been at all this week,

4 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.

5 Rev B P Griffiths visited this afternoon

6 Proper sewing mistress absent this afternoon.

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Report

March 27 This day received from the Ed Department the report of H M I E W Colt Williams Esq, who visited the school March 9 1885

It is as follows:

I am glad to report improvement in the condition of this school particularly in intelligence and needlework.

Discipline is very good and handwriting has been carefully attended to the point needing careful attention is that the children in the first and second standards should know the required amount of tables (particularly pence), tables in the second standard thoroughly and should work their sums mentally. The fourth standard is a very weak one in arithmetic. Several of the passes in spelling are made with the maximum number of mistakes allowed. A form and colour chart is required.

Gladestry Nat School

Staff Jo Lupton Certificated Teacher Second Class

Signed on behalf of Managers B P Griffiths Correspondent.

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May 8 Mrs Burton not present once this week.

11 Gave a whole holiday as there was a fair (hiring) at Kington and it is no good to open with small number.

15 proper sewing mistress not present once this week so many busy being the reason.

20 Visited the school and checked the registers. B R Griffiths

27 Work going on as usual.

June 1st Ellen Bounds has been appointed monitor and commenced work this morning.

2 Gave holiday in place of Whit-Monday as numbers were low.

3 Sent in list of absentees for May.

8/9 John Price who left in Nov last has again returned.

17 Rev B P Griffiths took 4, 5, 6 Standards in Reading and Grammar.

18th Visited the school and checked the registers. B Griffiths.

18 C F Blakely visited this afternoon

25 Am obliged to give a whole days holiday as room is wanted for Wesleyan Tea Meeting

July 1 Had to punish J Layton for writing obscene language.

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7 Sent in a list of absentees for month of June

13 The children at the Cottage have been forbidden to attend school. Scarlet fever being in the house.

17 Broke up today for six weeks holiday. Sent in list of absentees for July to Kington.

August 31 Reopened school this morning after six weeks but with low numbers. Mr Blakely visited this morning.

Sept 4 Average for past week. Children had half-holiday on account of room being wanted for a tea given to children of Sunday School and Choir.

Average for week.

11 Mr Blakely came in this morning. Gave up school a little sooner as we started earlier. Room wanted for political meeting.

18 Nothing of importance to note. Going on as usual.

21 Rev B P Griffiths gave exam in reading to Upper Classes.

22 Rev B P Griffiths gave writing exam to upper standard.

23 Rev B P Griffiths gave Arithmetic to Upper Standards.

Oct 2 Was obliged to give half-holiday on account of the Harvest Thanksgiving at the church.

7 Mr Blakely called this morning.

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14 Numbers very low owing to weather being fine and potatoes being got in.

20 Rev B P Griffiths tried first standard this morning in arithmetic. Learned a new song 'Go forth brave heart'

26 Rev B P Griffiths took 2nd and 3rd standards in dictation.

Nov 2 Mr Blakely visited this morning and made out list for preceding month.

6 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.

13 Attendance rather low being Hungtinton fair and several boys away. No sewing today.

12 Mrs Burton not present today.

17 Mr Wilson hauled coal for school this morning.

20 Visited the school and checked the registers B P Griffiths
19 Several away having gone with the shooting party.
26 Proper sewing mistress absent this week.
30 We start our last quarter today. Numbers a little better.
Dec 4 Gave a whole holiday as room was wanted as polling place.
9 Rev B P Griffiths took 4, 5, 6 Standards in Grammar.

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11 Work going on as usual
12 A new chain has been put to the bell as the wire got out of repair.
18 Average low today. Many of children helping at home for (dead poultry) market on Monday.
24 Broke up school for Christmas holidays. 1 week.
Jan 4th '86 Resumed school work this morning.
6 Was obliged to close school for this and two following days on account of deep snowstorm.
11 Amelia Moss is seriously ill with rheumatic fever.
18 This and following day rather low numbers as the annual shooting party are in the neighbourhood and several boys have gone to beat.
25 Average still keeps low no doubt owing to a great measure to severe weather and bad colds.
26 Have had to close school this and three following days on account of severe snowstorm.
Feb 2 Average still keeps low nothing seems to be done about absentees.
8 The Honourable A Walsh MP visited school with Mr G Wilson this afternoon.
12 Mr Blakely came in this morning.
Feb 3 Attendance still very fair but would be better if finer weather.

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Feb 15 Visited the school and checked the registers B P Griffiths.
17/18 Mrs Burton present these afternoons.
23 Mr G Wilson hauled coal for the school this evening.
26 Today ends the school year.
Mar 2 Diocesan Inspection today by Rev Adamson. Rev B P Griffiths present.
4 Children at Wainwen (Goodwins) not able to be present owing to measles.
10 Average low this week owing to the severe weather.
15 Mr Blakely visited this afternoon and took several names.
J Walls of Waichbox has been fined five shillings for not sending his children to school.
19 Amelia Moss who has been absent since Christmas died this morning.
26 Attendance today a little better than usual. Rev B P Griffiths took the upper standards in reading this morning.
29 Mr Blakely attended this morning.
Annual examination took place today.
Managers present Rev B P Griffiths and Messrs

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Goodwin and Marston.
Apr 5 Attendance still very low owing to measles.
12 Admitted two fresh scholars this morning from the Castle.
14 Report came today (see page 112)
20 Attendance still keeps low. Work going on as usual.

22 Gave a weeks holiday for Easter.
 30 Mr C F Blakely came this morning took list of absentees for previous month.
 May 3 Admitted two fresh scholars this morning. Attendance much better.
 10 Measles still continues but cases getting much fewer.
 11 Hiring fair at Kington so am bound to give holiday.
 12 So few present I find it necessary to close.
 14 Have had no school since Monday owing to the meagre attendance. Cause bad weather.
 17 Number better. Admitted four fresh scholars.
 24 Attendance better than for a long time past.
 26 C F Blakely attends this morning and looked over the registers for absentees of this month.
 28 Today ends 1st quarter with rather low average owing to sickness and bad weather.

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Name	RWA	Age	Att	Standard
Lloyd Price	1 0 X	10		I
Morris William	E	8		
Milward Arthur	E	9		
Jones John	E	9		
Milward Elizabeth	E	10		
Griffiths Alice	XIX	8		
Edwards Clara	XII	7		
Dew Edith	XXX	7		
Lewis Sarah	E	8		
Walls Harriet OOO	7			
Price Sophia E				II
Lloyd John	XII	11		“
Dew John	XXX	11		“
Dew George	XXI	9		“
Griffiths Thomas	XIX	9		“
Stubbs Arth	IX)	9		“
Maskell Sarah	IXX	10		“
Moss Martha	E	10		“
Hughes Sophia	XXX	8		“
Lewis Jane E	11			
Buften E	8			
Frances Thomas	XXX	11		III
Hughes John	IIO	10		III
Wooland William	III	9		“
Thornton Harriet	XIO	10		“
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Pritchard Eliza	XXI	9		III
Goodwin Rosa IXI	9			
Griffiths Mary	XXX	13		
Griffiths Eliza	IXI	13		
Wooland Fredk	XOX	12		IV
Morris John	XIX	11		

Pritchard Thos	XXX	11		
Layton Arth	IIO	10		
Drew Mary XXO	11			
Walls Fanny	IOO	12		
Smith Samuel	IOO	14		V
Francis Ellen	XXI	13		
Smith Alice	XXI	11		
Goodwin Matilda	XXI	11		
Davies Sarah	IOO	12		
James Elizabeth	IIO	13		
Pritchard Mary	XXO	13		VI
Davies Lewis	XXX	12		
Price John	XXO	13		
Layton Isaiah	IIO	14		
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Frances James		6		
Goodwin Samuel		6		
Buften John		5		
Moss James		6		
Lloyd Marg		6		

Apr 14 Report

This day received from the Education Department the report of HMI E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the sch March 29 1886

It is as follows:

An epidemic of measles has unfortunately just broken out which kept away eight qualified children today. The children were in excellent discipline, wrote an excellent hand, spelt fairly well and read well but might have explained more freely. The weakest point is the arithmetic in the fifth and sixth standards and of three out of six children of the fourth standards and this is so much as to make me hesitate in recommending a merit grant of good. The girls fail in needlework and will continue to do so unless the mistress teaches them to do their work more neatly than they do now. If they bring work from home it should be suitable to their standards. No grants can be paid for the needlework. This subject requires great attention.

Improvements will be looked for over the year in the arithmetic (Art 115 (B) Gladestry Nat Sch.

Staff Jos. Lupton Cert Teacher 2nd Class

Signed on behalf of Managers B P Griffiths.

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Examined the registers and found them correct B P Griffiths

10 Attendance still very fair.

11 Gave holiday till over Monday being Whit week

14 School passed in the 2nd div of 1st class in Diocesan Examination last March and which was the 1st examination in this subject ever held in the school.

21 Work going on as usual standards getting on with their work.

28 Admitted a fresh scholar Edith M Duggan

July 1 School wanted for Wesleyan tea meeting am obliged to give half-holiday.

8 School required for Polling Station consequently closed for today.
9 Half holiday given in honour of Hon A Walsh's return
15 Visited the school and checked the registers B P Griffiths
19/20 Made an attempt to open school for another week but without success for only twelve children attended. Therefore broke up for summer holidays for 6 weeks.
Aug 30 Started school this morning with a fair number after the holidays.

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Sept 6 Numbers do not increase as they should but wet weather may account for this.
10 Work going on as usual nothing of importance to report.
14 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning and took names of absentees.
21 Average not as high as should be. It is fine weather in harvesting and this keeps some of the older boys away.
22 MR C F Blakely attended this morning.
29 Several of children away with little excuse for their absence.
Oct 5 I find the 4th Standard very weak in most subjects. Children young.
11 Weather very bad almost impossible for some small children to attend.
18 Harvest Thanksgiving. Gave a half-holiday.
22 Tried the reading throughout school find 1st Standard weak.
29 Radnor Fair consequently few present.
Nov 5 Concert to be given in this school therefore a whole holiday.
11 Mrs Burton not able to come this afternoon.

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12 Mr Wilson had a ton of coal fetched for the school this evening. Mr Griffiths gave his farewell visit this afternoon.
15 John Price has again re-entered school after having left for nearly a year.
19 Attendance rather better.
24 Mr Blakely visited this morning and the Rev C F Grey this afternoon.
Dec 1 Work going on as usual. Nothing to note of any importance.
8 Rev C F Grey visited this afternoon.
16 Weather very severe small number.
22 Gave a whole holiday number being very few.
24 Broke up for Christmas holidays. 1 week.
Jan 3 1887 Recommenced school after a weeks holiday
5 Am forced to close school for best part of this week on account of severe snowstorm scarcely any children present.
12 The school closed today. Christmas tree and gifts to Sunday scholars.
17 Many of the children away. Severe weather and roads in a bad state.
22 Mr C F Blakely called this morning and took a few names.
26 A new coal box supplied to school.

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Jan 27 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon not very well. Her daughter attended instead.
28 Had to punish Arthur Stubbs for playing truant.
Feb 3 Examined the registers and found them correct Samuel Goodwin.
4 Average attendance rather improved having fine weather. Received notice of Diocesan inspection.

7 Rev C F Grey took 1st class in Scripture this morning.
14 Examined the registrar and found them correct Evan Jones
10 Received notice of annual inspection.
14 Mr Jones checked registers this morning.
21 Average much improved.
25 Rev C F Grey took 1st class and scripture and supplied school with prayer books.
28 Today ends the sch year with an average of 43.91. This would have been much better if the severe and bad weather had not prevented the children from attending regularly.

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Mar 3 This school examined in Religious Knowledge by Rev A G Adamson
4 School examined today by E W Colt Williams Esq HMI
11 Average not quite so good now examination is over.
15 A great many away owing to a severe snowstorm.
16 Report came today. See page 118
17 Diocesan report came today. Very satisfactory.
24 Average rather low bad weather.
25 Eleanor Bounds has left; has gone to another parish to reside.
Apr 1 Rev C F Grey visited this morning asked from children tables and also gave notice that payments made by scholars whether in or out of parish should be equal.
4 Admitted two fresh scholars this morning.
7 Gave short holiday being Easter.
13 Reassembled but with rather low numbers.
20 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
27 Rev C F Grey visited the afternoon and asked some tables.

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Report

This day received from the Education Depart the report of HMI E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school March 4 1887. It is as follows:

There is great want of intelligence in this school as is shown by the lack of answers on the meaning of what the children read and in working the easy problems in Arithmetic but Mr Lupton's health does not appear to be good. Tables are very faulty in the first and second standards and without a thorough knowledge of them children cannot do arithmetic properly. Discipline is good and handwriting is very well formed throughout.

Needlework is a little better but is still much below the average. The infants are backward in arithmetic. English fails.

Gladestry Nat Sch

Staff J Lupton Cert Teacher 2nd Div

Signed on behalf of the managers

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April 27th Examined the register and found them quite correct Charles F Grey
May 3 Numbers rather low being wet and market day at Kington. Hon C Walsh visited this afternoon.
11 Gave whole holiday as numbers are very few. Hiring fait at Kington.
18 Numbers a trifle better today.
19 This being Ascension Day a whole holiday was given to the school.

20 Weather very rough consequently a falling off in number.
27 Work going on as usual.
30 Kept school today Whit-Monday (nothing of import going on) that another day may be given.
June 6 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning.
13 Average a little better.
15 Rev C F Grey came in this afternoon.
17 Gave weeks holiday being the week of the Queen's Jubilee. As various sports and amusements are taking place near there is likely to be but few present so that managers think it advisable for the school to be closed this week.

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27 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
July 4 The attendance is better this week.
11 Work going on as usual. Nothing to report.
18 Attendance this week has been very poor. Children are on the hills gathering wimberries as they are about ripe.
22 We break up school today for our summer holidays. Two weeks.
August 8 Made an attempt to open school this morning but so few present gave it up as useless for another week.
15 Opened this morning but with low numbers. Rev C F Grey present.
22 Average a little improved this morning.
26 Today ends the second quarter of our school year. Several children still absent helping with harvest.
29 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning attendance better.
Sept 6 Work going on as usual. Nothing to report.
13 Sent list of absentees. Also of those who should be at school and have not attended at all.
19 Horse Show at Kington. Consequently very

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Few present today.
26 Tried reading in upper classes found it improved.
29 A whole holiday on account of Harvest Thanksgiving at the church.
Oct 6 Half holiday. Room wanted for Wesleyan Tea Meeting: Harvest Thanksgiving.
10 One ton of coal fetched for the school. Had to light a fire today there having been a fall of snow and consequently numbers were rather low.
17 Find spelling weak in 2nd Standard. Arithmetic and tables improved.
20 C F Blakely came in this morning.
27 Taught children a fresh song viz 'Pretty Little Breezes'.
Nov 4 Weather very severe. Little children find it hard to attend regularly most of them having a long distance to come and through very bad roads.
Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
11 Average a little better this week.
18 Find 4th St. improved in arithmetic.
25 The walls of the office have been made

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Tidy again as also steps leading to side door and the plaster of walls renovated in the room where it had broken away.

28 Rev C F Grey visited this morning.

30 C F Blakely visited this morning.

Dec 2 Began the winter holidays. Four weeks.

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Jan 2 Recommenced school but with low numbers.

Admitted a fresh scholar G J Duggan this morning.

6 Came in a little sooner this afternoon so that some the children might go home earlier to prepare for S Sch tea.

12 Several children absent, weather rather severe.

13 Sarah Jarman seriously ill cannot attend.

16 Tried reading throughout school.

23 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.

Feb 1st Examined the register and found them correct Charles F Grey

1 Coal fetched for the school today.

7 Examined the registers and found them correct. S Goodwin

7 Mr S Goodwin visited the school and checked the registers.

14 Low attendance this week owing to severe storm of snow.

20 Had to close school today on account of very heavy snowstorm. Almost impossible for children to get to school especially those

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Who come from a distance.

Feb 27th Examined the registers and found them correct G Wilson.

20 Today ends our school year. The average has fallen lately owing to the bad weather.

March 5 The Rev C F Grey took the upper standards in reading this morning.

9 The Rev C F Grey with the Rev Williams Vicar of Llanfihangel Nant Melan visited the school this morning and tried reading.

14 A heavy fall of snow has prevented several from being present this morning.

16 The annual examination took place today by E W Colt Williams and Mr Seer. There were present during the examination The Rev C F Grey, Rev W Liley, G A Wilson Esq., and Mr Goodwin.

22 Have arranged the children in their order for next year.

28 A deep snow consequently attendance too low to keep school.

Apr 2 Being Easter Monday a whole holiday

10 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.

16 Rev C F Grey gave notice that all who came without being absent once to the end of the sch year should

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Mar 31 This day received from the Ed Depart the report of HMI E W Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school Nov 16 1888. It is as follows:

The attendance at this school ought to be more regular than it is and Mr Lupton ought to have the aid of a paid monitor if he is to produce good results. The intelligence of the children has yet to be brought out and there is a good deal of carelessness in spelling and arithmetic throughout the school tables are not properly known in the second standard and the infants of six years should be much more forward than they are in arithmetic.

Discipline is very good as is much of the handwriting. Mote pictures are needed and steps should be taken to make the room less cold. Needlework poor.

Gladestry Nat Sch

Staff J Lupton

Cert teacher 2nd Class

Signed on behalf of the managers Charles F Grey.

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Received two shillings and their school fees paid for next year to start from this date.

18 Mr Blakely in attendance this morning.

23 Admitted several fresh scholars this morning. Mary Ann Pritchard has been appointed monitor at this school and started work this morning.

25 Mrs Burton absent this afternoon not being well. Her daughter took her place.

May 3 Mr C F Blakely came in this morning.

6 Fires discontinued from today in school.

10 Being Ascension day the Rev C F Grey gave orders for a whole holiday.

11m Only six children presented themselves this morning. A days holiday in consequence of Hiring and Pleasure Fair at Kington.

17 Mary A Pritchard took the sewing this afternoon. Mrs Burton very seriously ill and her daughter could not be present.

21 Half holiday being Whit-Monday.

25 Today ends the 1st quarter of sch work. Several fresh scholars have attended but there are others who should be in attendance and whom I have reported to the Att Officer.

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30 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.

June 4 Marg. Lloyd having met with an accident from a chaff-cutting machine cannot attend school.

Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.

11 Admitted two more scholars this morning both of whom are infants.

Examined the register and found it correct Evan Jones

18 Half holiday. Room wanted for Wesleyan Tea Meeting.

24 Nothing seems to be settled about May Pritchard who is habitually absent and lowers average.

July 2 I have examined the registers and found them correct Frederick Davies

2 Mr F Davis came in this morning and checked the registers.

6 Average much improved this week.

13 Nothing of importance to note school going on as usual.

18 A whole holiday number being unaffected for marking. Huntington Fair

20 I have tried some of the lower class but find them very deficient owing to

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Not having been at school earlier.

27 Started holidays for the summer. Two weeks as the wimberries are about ripe and the children are likely to stay away. The average has been good up to now.

Aug 13 Attempted to open school this morning but as only ten were present shut up again

14 Tried again this morning but only three present. Gave up until next week.

20 Opened again this morning but with a very low average this will spoil the good average that has gone before.

27 Today begins a fresh quarter of this sch year. A little better attendance but far from satisfactory.
Sept 3 Average does not improve.
6 Mrs Burton came into the room for a short time the 1st since her illness which began April 25. The sewing has been superintended by her daughter.
12 Numbers are strongly increasing.
19 The Horse Show at Kington so few people

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Was obliged to give half a day's holiday.
26 A much better attendance this week. Some few away helping with the harvest.
Oct 1 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
2 Numbers are lower this morning owing to a severe storm of snow last night.
5 Work going on as usual nothing to note.
11 Mrs Burton came to the sewing and stayed the whole time.
15 The average is rather better.
22 Began fire this morning. The weather having turned cold.
25 Mrs Burton present his afternoon alone.
26 Rev C F Gray came in this afternoon being choir practice.
Nov 1 Half holiday today a wedding in village. Mr C F Blakely called this afternoon and took the names of Ar Hubbs Alice Hubbs and Mary Pritchard who are continually absent.
3 Coal fetched for the school today.
7 Rev C F Grey took the reading lesson of Stds 4-7 this morning.

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13 Very low average today being Huntington Fair and consequently something for the children to stay away.
14 M A Pritchard absent this afternoon and following days having a bad cold.
20 M A Pritchard began work again this morning.
21 The average has lowered considerably this last fortnight being very wet and windy weather.
23 This is the last school day in the 3rd quarter of year. There is an improvement in the attendance of the whole sch for this quarter compared with the corresponding one of last year.
29/30 The drain in playground has again been cleared
Dec 7 Infants attend but poorly being dreadfully rough weather.
Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
Dec 14 Broke up for winter holidays

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Jan 7 Reassembled after three weeks holiday with a fair attendance.
8 Mr C F Blakely came in this afternoon.
15 Average still keeps fairly good.

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16 Second standard I find rather weak in spelling and arithmetic.
16 Taught children a fresh song 'Gaily chime bells at morn.'
21 Average better than corresponding period last year as it has been very mild and but little snow.
25 Mary Ann Pritchard resigned her post as monitor in this school.

30 Work steadily progressing.
Feb 6.6 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
11 Failed to keep school today a very deep snow having fallen yesterday the roads being well nigh impassable.
15 Rev C F Grey came in this afternoon.
18 Received notice of annual examination
19 I have examined the registers and found them correct Samuel Goodwin.
20 I have examined the registers and found them correct John Marston.

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22 I have examined the registers and found them correct Frederick Davies
22 Three of the managers of this sch have been in this week to look at the registers.
28 Examined registers and found them correct Charles F Grey
Mr G Wilson came in this afternoon and looked over the register.
March 4 School closed that the children may go to Old Radnor on the occasion of the marriage of Sir Herbert Lewis.
5 A very deep fall of snow yesterday consequently children not enough in number to open school.
6 Mr C F Blakely attended.
8 Numbers very low this week roads in a dreadful state.
13 I have examined the registers and found them correct. Evan Jones

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20 Work progressing attendance better.
21 Fall of snow this morning consequently little ones absent some of them having to come a long distance.
26 Our annual examination took place today. Present Colvill Esq., Hill J, Managers Rev C F Grey and Mr S Goodwin.
28 Gave the children the reward promised them for regular attendance (see page 123 date Apr 16 1888.)
Apr 8 Awing to heavy fall of snow no school this morning. Only five present.
11 Received from Ed Department the report of HMI J C Colvill Esq., who visited the school March 26 1889. It is as follows:
The discipline wants pulling up. Much time and worry may be saved through the year by a good system of sch drill and much labour may be saved by 1st of all securing the whole attention of the scholars. As to distraction the infants and 1st St are decidedly backward in all their work. The 2nd St did better on paper than they did orally. The 3rd was very weak in spelling and the 6 + 7 standards

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Broke down absolutely in arithmetic.
With these exceptions the work on paper of the 3rd and higher standards was fairly good or good. Grammar was fair as to passing but very little analysis was attempted and this as in their general work the lower standards did less well than the upper. I should advise the discontinuance of the class subject; the devoting of more time to developing intelligence and a thorough grounding of the lower standards. The sewing mistress should carefully study the circular on needlework and be prepared for the usual test exercises on the day of the examination which should be worked strictly in accordance with the directions of the circular.
Gladestry Nat Sch

Staff J Lupton
Cert Teacher 2nd Class
Signed on behalf of the managers

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12 Opened this morning with a larger number but still only half of what should be present.
16 Average for the present week 28.1 the lowest I can remember for some time.
23 Today ends the second quarter of the year with an average of 44.2 Have admitted three children this quarter.
30 I find infants very hard to teach owing to them not knowing the alphabet before coming to school.
Sept 6 Numbers slightly increased.
10 Radnor Fair, consequently small attendance.
11 Sophia Price has returned to sch after a long absence.
18 Nothing of any note to report. School going on as usual.
19 Kington Horse Show. So few present closed school for afternoon.
25 Prizes came from Inspector of religious Knowledge to the following children viz;

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Sophia Hughes St V, Clara Edwards St III. Lewis Edwards and Harold Lupton Infants.
30 Entered two fresh scholars this morning.
Oct 4 Average attendance fair.
9 Harvest Thanksgiving at the church whole days holiday.
14 Several children away owing to sickness.
21 A lot of the scholars away suffering with mumps.
25 Have taken E Pritchards name off registers after seven week s continuous absence.
29 Began fires today.
Nov 5 Coal fetched for the school today.
17 Attendance slightly improved.
18 George Drew has left for the winter.
December 16th I have examined the registers and found them correct Samuel Goodwin.
25 Have removed Alice Stubbs name from the register.
2 M Smith away from sickness.
9 School work going on as usual.
16 Mr Goodwin came in this morning and signed the log book.
20 Broke up for winter holidays.

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Jan 13 Reassembled school after three weeks holiday. A very fair number present.
20 Most of the children have returned a few are constantly absent; little seems to be done by the sch att committee.
24 Mr Grey conducted an examination in sewing for the girls.
Feb 1 Sent list of absentees to sch att committee.
4 Attendance a little better
10 Mr Blakely came during the dinner hour to look up absentees.

12 Mrs Burton not present this afternoon.
18 Several away this week owing to sickness. Bad colds etc.
21 Sickness is much on the increase and will sadly lower the average already quite low enough.
25 Received notice of annual inspection.
28 Today ends our school year. The average for the same is less than that for last year.
Mar 3 Mr C F Blakely came in the morning.
Several children still away with

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Severe colds etc.
7 First standard are improving in their work.
12 Rev C F Grey visited this afternoon.
18 Tried Upper standards in reading this morning.
25 One or two children away today moving to other districts.
26 I have examined the registers and found the items correct. G Wilson.
26 Mr G Wilson came into the school this morning and examined the registers.
28 The annual examination took place today by Mr Thomas. Managers present were Rev C F Grey, Mr G Wilson, and Mr S Goodwin.
Apr 1 Numbers considerably lowered now the examination is over.
4 NO school today being Good Friday.
7 Whole holiday being Easter Monday.
School wanted for tea meeting.
8 Sent a list of seventeen absentees for the month of March to Kington.
Received notice of Diocesan Inspection.

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Which is to take place on the 29th of the present month.
14 Admitted three fresh scholars this morning. Fire discontinued from 3rd of the month.
18 Mr C F Blakely came in this morning to look over register.
21 A meeting held by Committee and Managers resolution passed that all children not bringing their sch pence by Tuesday should be sent back for it. Should they after being sent back stay away their names to be reported to sch att ctte at Kington.
25 Report received today (from Ed Dep!) of H M I J C Colvill Esq., who visited the sch March 28 1890.

It is as follows:

This school has made some progress since last year. The discipline has improved and the papers are neatly worked. The work however is far too mechanical, the intelligence of the children being in a very low state of development.

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Spelling is weak in all standards but especially in the third and fourth, the fifth standard failed to grasp the meaning of the story in the composition exercise. The arithmetic of the fourth standard and upwards is still unsatisfactory.

New books are required for several classes. Needlework has been marked below fair in every standard except the first. In the first standard exercise A must show a join and exercise B must have a chain edge. In the second standard exercises A and B in the third standard exercises A B and C were all more or less unsatisfactory. In the Fourth A C D and E need attention. In the fifth standard exercise E does not appear to be understood.

The attention of Managers is requested to the defects of instruction and the want of books noticed by H M Inspectors Article 115(I).

H M Inspector to recommend the payment of any grant for needlework in the

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Present occasion under Art 189 ©

29 Diocesan Inspection took place today. Inspection one hour late. Rev C F Gray present.

May 1 Sent a list of 16 absentees for previous month to A Temple Esq., Kington

5 Mr Blakely Jun called this morning going to look up absentees on my last list.

May 11 I have examined the register and found the items correct John Marston.

12 Tried to open school this morning but only seven children made an appearance gave it up as useless.

15 Rev C F Gray came in school and gave a whole holiday being Ascension Day.

19 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning to look up absentees.

Admitted two scholars from Llanhowell.

26 Gave half-holiday being Whit Monday.

30 Sent in list of 16 absentees for month of May to Mr Temple Kington.

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June 1 Attendance is improved.

13 Sam Goodwin away through illness (inflammation of ?)

16 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning to look up absentees. Also Mr Jones relieving officer to pay some sch fees.

23 James Francis ordered to stay from school on account of ill health.

30 Attendance and sch pence improved.

July 2 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning. I have made no regular report for month of June but Mr Blakely took down the few names that were to have been sent.

9 Margratta Burton attended this afternoon for the sewing in place of her mother.

15 M A Smith still absent through illness.

21 Received a prize for Scripture to the following children A Edward, H Lupton, H Powell and F Powell.

25 Started holiday for summer 1 month. Sent in list to Mr Temple for month of June (13 names.)

August 25 Started school this morning.

Mr C F Blakely attended.

27 Gave whole holiday.

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Mrs Burton not present this week. Her daughter (M) has been in charge.

Sep 1 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning (M Blake.)

5 The attendance has much improved this week.

Margretta Burton still in charge of sewing this week.

8 Holiday today owing to a tea given to the children by Lady Clementine Walsh.

15 Attendance again lowered owing to the fine harvest weather and several of the elder children being away in the fields.

19 Horse Show at Kington consequently low attendance.

Apr 26 I have examined the registers and found the items correct John Marston.

26 Attendance for the week improved being over 50. Mr Marston came in this morning and checked the registers.

Sept 29 I have examined the registers and found them correct. Samuel Goodwin.

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30 Sep Visit without notice.

In the registers of daily attendance, absence should always be marked with a 'A' In some instances it is marked with an 'H' which is hardly distinguishable from a long stroke indication presence.

No copy of Sec of the ES AST is exhibited on the walls. More hat pegs are needed.

Williams S Inspector.

30 Rev C F Gray took the lower group in scripture this morning.

Oct 1 Sent in list of twenty absentees for the month of September to Mr Temple Kington.

6 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning and went over list for September. 54 children present.

13 Attendance rather low this morning.

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This week the attendance has been very varied owing in a great measure to potato harvesting in the fields for first part of week and also to very wet and stormy weather for the latter part.

23 Had to give whole holiday being Harvest Thanksgiving at church. Coal fetched for the school today.

27 Fires started at school this morning as weather has turned cold.

Rather better attendance this week.

Nov 4 Sent in list of 13 absentees for the month of October to Mr Temple.

5 Mr C F Blakely attended this afternoon in answer to my list for October.

14 Work going on as usual.

21 Attendance fairly good.

28 Today ends our third quarter.

Dec 3 Mr Blakely called this morning.

4 Sent in a list of absentees for November to Mr Temple Kington.

11 Average not quite so good owing to a great deal of sickness about.

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18 Whole holiday as numbers were low that boys might so beating for the shooting party.

19 Very heavy fall of snow consequently only one boy came (W Turner from Hergest) so decided to begin the Christmas holidays.

Jan 5/90 Started school this morning but as the weather is still very severe and roads difficult to travel numbers were rather low.

12 Work going on as usual. Nothing of importance to note.

13 I have this day examined the registers and found them correct C F Gray.

19 The smaller children being away during this severe weather has materially affected the average.

26 Mr C F Blakely attended.

28 A whole holiday. Concert to be given in the room in aid of the church tower.

30 Mr Jones relieving officer called this afternoon to pay sch fees for Mr Meredith.

Room measured for stove.

Feb 7 A stove placed in the school today. It is one of Portway's Pakut Tortoise.

9th I have this day examined the registers and found them correct. George Wilson.

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February 12th I have examined the registers and found them correct Samuel Goodwin

14 Have had two of the Managers in (to check the registers and examine the new stove) this week.

20 Attendance has improved much since the weather has changed.

25 Received notice of the annual inspection.

27 Mr Blakely attended this morning.

Sent in a list of absentees for February. Stove guard and coke crushers for school bought today.

Mar 2 Average still very satisfactory.

10 No school today a deep snow preventing the children (most of whom come a long distance) from attending only 9 present.

17 Since weather has altered average has improved.

20 The clock in the school needs cleaning. It has stopped during the cold weather.

24 School examined today by Mr C H Cowley H M I of schools. Present Rev C F Gray.

27 No school today being Good Friday.

29 being Eater Monday no school today.

31 Average fallen off considerably since examination.

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List of songs for Examination 1891

1. Give me man with an earnest aim

2. The old black cat

3 Love at home

4 The Lark

5 The Stealy Glee

6 6 Cuckoo

Infants and 1 Standard

7 The pony

8 The mill wheel

9 Pretty little breeze

Poetry for 1891 – 2

St 1 The three little chicks

II British Birds Nests

III Bruce and the spider

IV, V, VI Scotts Lady if the Lake (The Chase) 80

Signed C H Cowling

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List of Object Lesson

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A steel pin

Morning
The Cow
The Horse,
A Slate
Water
The Cat
Blacksmith
A letter
Leather
The Lion
The Dog
Bells
Apples
Wool
Flowers
Signed CHC

J Holveill Esq., H M I in charge of this district recommends the giving of general object lessons to the whole school at least once a week on subjects of general interest the names and dates of such lessons to be recorded in the log book. Charles Cowling

March 31 5-cwt coal fetched today
Apr 1 Sent in list of absentees for month of March to Mr Temple Kington
6 Received notice of Diocesan Inspection
13 Average not nearly so good since examination several having left.
17/18 Rev C F Gray took lower division in scripture.

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22 A whole holiday today, room wanted for a concert in aid of school funds.
Report received today (from Ed Dep) of H M I J C Colvill Esq., and C H Cowling Esq., who visited the sch March 24 1891.

It is as follows:

The school is in good order. Reading and recitation are the weakest subjects being without style or intelligence. Handwriting and spellings are very satisfactory and arithmetic is creditable especially in the lower standards but for weakness in problem work and in mental exercises. Needlework is not more than fair in any standard. It shows some improvement but the directions printed in Appendix I to the Revised Instructions to? 1 must be literally followed. In the first standard exercise A must show a join in two colours; exercise B must show a chain edge. In the third standard exercises C and D were not completed. In the fourth standard

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Exercise C no knitting was done. In the sixth standard the darn must be coarse linen.
No grant can be paid under Article 105, as the staff of teachers is not sufficient to satisfy that article.

Staff J Lupton
Cert Teacher
2nd Class
Signed on behalf of Managers

24 Diocesan Examination took place this afternoon.
27 Admitted a new scholar (Eliz M Goodwin) this morning
30 Sent in a list of absentees for the month of April to Mr Temple.
May 1 The Rev C F Gray taken the lowest group in Scripture this week,
4 Mr C F Blakely called to look up absentees on last list.
10 May Fair at Kington. A days holiday.
11 15 Average very low this week.
22 Weather very much against good attendance consequently averages were poor.

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29 No school today only twelve came.
June 1 Have closed school for week owing to influenza being prevalent.
14 School closed for a fortnight owing to great sickness in the parish; most children ill with influenza.
15 Opened again today but with very low numbers
18 Agricultural show at Kington about a dozen present so closed for today.
22 Much better attendance today.
25 Half-holiday room wanted for Baptist tea meeting.
30 Work going on as usual nothing of any importance to note.
July 3 Average of 40.1 this week
10 Attendance very good at present.
17 Gave object lesson on Money to whole school this afternoon.
20 Taught children new song 'Come out tis now September.'
24 Rev C F Gray came in this afternoon.
31 Broke up today for summer holidays (4 wks) which would have been more

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Only school was closed for s fortnight previously owing to influenza.
August 31 Started school again this morning but with small attendance. Rev C F Gray came in and gave notice that the schooling would now be free to all the managers having accepted the fee grant offered by the Ed department.
4 Attendance small. Gave an object lesson on 'A Letter' to whole school this afternoon.
7 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning.
12 Attendance improved.
13 18 Gave object lesson on 'A Slate' to whole school.
14 21 I find it difficult to get some of the children to do drawing exercises.
15 28 Mr C F Blakely came in this afternoon advocated a holiday till next week so few present. Most of the children away in fields harvesting. Saw Mr Wilson in evening to give up for the week if no more came in the morning.
Oct 5 Commenced again but attendance not at all good.

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12 Very bad weather. Average still keeps low.
16 I think some of the children are improving in their drawing.
17 20 Mr C F Blakely came in at dinner time.
18 23 Average does not improve much. Whooping cough is rather prevalent.
19 22 Had to punish Th Powell for insolence this morning.
20 30 Numbers falling off owing to coughs and colds.

Nov 4 Harvest Thanksgiving at Church. Whole holiday given.
11 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning. Coal fetched today.
13 Huntington Fair. Room wanted for concert in aid of the Baptist Chapel.
16 Began fires this morning.
23 Stove at school works well.
27 I have examined the registers and found them correct. William Welson.
27 Attendance better this week. Mr W Welson came in this morning.

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And looked over the registers.
Dec 1st I have examined the registers this day and found the quite correct. Charles F Gray
2 Attendance slightly improved.
4 I have examined the registers today and found them correct. George Wilson.
7 We now start school earlier as the days are short and the children have to go a long distance.
Dec 9th I have examined the registers this day and found them correct Samuel Goodwin.
14 Taught children a new song.
21 Average falling owing to Christmas markets.
22 22 Dead poultry market gave half-holiday attendance being so small.
23 24 Gave a few days holiday for Christmas.
24 30 Opened school this morning but with small numbers.
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Jan 8/11 Very heavy fall of snow so few present could not keep school

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12 A small attendance owing to severe weather
18/19 Another very severe storm yesterday roads and lanes well nigh blocked almost impassable for children to attend. A few children present (seven) so we had to abandon all thought of school for today.
19 Only eleven children so am forced again to give up.
22 Bound to close school this week numbers so small.
Jan 28th I have examined the registers this day and found them quite correct. John Marston.
Feb 2 Mr C F Blakely visited the school this morning.
9 Attendance at school much better since the snowstorm.
11 Examination in drawing today. Col. Butler, Rev C F Grey and Mr Marston present.
Feb 17 I have examined he registers this day and found them quite correct. George Wilson.
20 Receibved notice of Diocesan Examination.

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Feb 23 I have examined the registers today and found them correct Charles F Gray
29 Today ends our school year. It has been a rather poor one with regard to attendance of the children owing to illness and bad weather.
March 4 No school today. Room wanted for polling station for election of county councillors.
7 Examination in Religious Knowledge this afternoon by Rev Davis Diocesan Inspector. Present Rev C F Grey.
Coal fetched for school today.
9 Severe snowstorm today numbers rather thin in consequence.

- 14 Room has been coloured new picture placed on wall. Windows and door painted which improve the look of the school.
- 24 Our annual inspection took place today by T Williams Esq. Managers present Rev C F Grey Rector.

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Poetry for 1892-3

St I Freddy and the cherries.
II and III After Blenheim
IV V VI Scotts Lady of the Lake (Chase)

Signed T Williams S Insp

- March 25 Attendance not at all good today.
28 Could not myself attend school today (through neuralgia)
29/30 School but only two children putting in an appearance decided to give up for the week. The children are really staying away through very violent coughs and colds.
April 6 Mr Blakely attended this morning.
11 Admitted two new scholars this morning.
12 Admitted one fresh scholar this morning.
19 Admitted two scholars today.

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- 25 Four children admitted this morning.
26 2 Received the Diocesan Inspectors report: Report received today (from Edn Department) of H M I Insp T Williams Esq., who visited the school March 24th 1892.
27 It is as follows:
The managers have done much to improve the appearance of the schoolroom since the last inspection and they propose to make some useful additions to the playground. The children are under good control and they are taught with great care. They write a good hand and work their papers with much neatness and with creditable accuracy on the whole. Reading and recitation are fluent but there is a marked lack of good intonation expression and general intelligence and problems in arithmetic are successfully attempted in one instance only.
Needlework is a little better but it never rises above a fair mark. The managers wish to secure the services of a resistant mistress or of an additional

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- Female teacher and it is hoped that the grants in respect to population, etc will enable them to do this.
Staff J Lupton Cert teacher 2nd class
Signed on behalf of the managers.
May 2nd Admitted a fresh scholar this morning. A great decrease in the attendance of older scholars since the examination.
9 Work going on as usual.
11 Today school was closed being the Hiring and Pleasure Fair at Kington.
15 Mr C F Blakely attended this afternoon. One fresh child admitted today.

16 23 My infant class has risen from six at the beginning of the quarter to twenty-one at the end of quarter. Help is much needed as many of them have only turned five years of age quite recently.

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30 Another infant admitted.

June 1 Sent in list of absentees for previous month to Mr Temple Kington.

8 Mr C F Blakely attended this afternoon went over my list for May.

15 Work going on as usual nothing to report.

22 Average rather lower than usual.

28 Mr C F Blakely called in this morning.

29 July 4 The infant class is now a large one but I have not yet got any assistance. Admitted a fresh scholar this morning (infant)/

8 Average better than it has been lately.

12 Whole holiday today. Room wanted for polling (G Election)

17 Huntington Fair. No school today numbers too few.

18 25 Numbers considerably fallen off. The whimberries being nearly ready and the hay harvest being got in.

19 28 Mr Blakely called in this morning. I find it useless to try and go on longer so break up today for summer holidays (one month.)

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August 29 Commenced school this morning after four week holiday but rather low numbers.

Sep 5 Work going on as usual nothing of note

12 Being such good harvest weather the older children are much away.

20 Half holiday being Kington Horse Show and numbers low.

26 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.

28 School closed today. Room wanted for concert and tea in aid of the Baptist Chapel.

Sept 30th Visit without notice. W. T. Eltringham H M I

30 Sent in list of absentees to Kington for the month of September (20 names) Had 'surprise visit' from W T Eltringham Esq., H M I.

Oct 7 Attendance very variable.

13 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.

17 I have examined the registers this day and found them quite correct George Wilson.

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18 Fires started this morning weather having turned very cold.

19 Poor attendance this morning Hereford Fair.

Harvest Thanksgiving at church so we have half-holiday.

25 Mr Maskell started fire lighting this morning.

31 Several children away at potatoes

Nov 2 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning.

4 Average low today – very wet weather.

7 Attendance better today.

11 Several children absent with sores on faces.

17 C F Blakely called in this evening.

26 Last day of third quarter attendance improved to corresponding period last year.

27 Mr Blakely visited today.

Dec 5 Very poor attendance this week owing to severe weather, bad colds, etc
12 Christmas markets at Kington a good many girls away.
14/15 Lord Ormanthwaite's annual shooting, boys away beating etc.
21 Average slightly improved.
22 Broke up for Christmas Holiday (1 week)

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Jan 2 Started sch low numbers.

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I have examined the registers this day (Jan 2 1893) and found them quite correct C F Grey.
3 Weather very severe and frosty. Smaller children mostly away.
9 A very deep fall of snow which prevented the children's attendance at school. Tried several mornings but only three presenting themselves had to give up for the week.
16/20 Since which attendance has been very meagre in the lowest class.
28 My weekly average has (since weather has improved) materially altered for the better being this week 50.9
Feb 3rd Examined registers and found them quite correct George Wilson.
Mr C F Blakely attended to look up absentees.
Having examined he register this day (Feb 6th) as usual I find them to be quite correct Charles F Grey.
7 Our drawing examination took place today a little after 11 a.m. By? Rev C F Grey present.

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10 Very rough weather this morning not enough to mark.
13 Very full school today and no assistance. Having examined the register this day (Feb 2nd) I find them quite correct. John Marston
18 Received notice of our annual examination for the 1st of March.
23 Mr Grey came in this afternoon and brought he drawing results.
Having has a very full school lately and find that it is almost impossible to get good results without extra teaching power.
27 George Wilson.
28 Today ends our school year. Very close work for examination tomorrow.
29 I have examined the registers this day and found them quite correct William Welson.

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March 1st Our annual examination took place today by W T Eltringham H M I Messrs Wilson, Welson, Marston and the Rev C F Grey present.
6 Our Diocesan examination took place today 2.30 by Rev C Davies present Rev C F Grey.
13 Several children now away as the examinations are over. Admitted fresh scholar Gertrude Price (?)
20/21 Admitted two infants both very young. Margaret Lloyd and Levia Matthews have now left being over 14 years of age.
24 This dau received report (from Ed Dep_ of H M I who visited the school March 1. It is as follows:

With the exception of arithmetic much of the work reached a creditable level. Problems demand attention as does the general style of the reading which is halting and spiritless but it is obvious that unless additional assistance is given to the master no great improvements can be looked for, the infants suffer

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From lack of special teaching and the general intelligence of the children remains undeveloped. The staff is neither efficient enough nor sufficient to qualify for a grant under article 105 of the code. The managers are reminded of the provisions of Art 86 as to the necessity for teaching at least one class subject in future.

Unless the infants are taught suitable to their age and so as not to interfere with the instruction of the older scholars (Art 98) My Lord may have to pay the grant on the average attendance of the older scholars only.

Additional assistance should be given to the master.

Staff J Lupton Cert Teacher

Signed on behalf of managers.

Charles F Grey

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31 Being Good Friday no school opened today.

Apr 3 Easter Monday. No school today. Room used for Tea Meeting.

7 The average has lowered this week being 39

10 Admitted two small children this morning. Diocesan Syllabus started this morning.

13 Meeting of Sch. Managers this evening also one for ratepayers to consider the repair of school and places connected therewith.

21 Discontinued fires from this date.

29 Have again started the grammar (discontinued for want of help) but find it a difficult matter, as it must be all started from the very beginning.

May 5 Nothing to note. Work going on steadily.

11 Whole holiday today Kington Fair.

17 Attendance rather low owing to very wet weather and fairs being held in the neighbourhood.

25 Today ends 1st quarter of sch year with average of 42.45

30 Miss Margretta Burton began today as an assistant in this school.

31 Mr C F Blakely visited this afternoon and took a list of absentees/

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June 9 Attendance not what it should be for the past week.

A new table for the use of the school got this week.

12 Three children admitted this morning from the Mill (Goodwin)

21 Tea Meeting.

29 Examined the register and found them correct George Wilson.

30 Children beginning to stay away the wimberries are nearly ripe and the children flock to the hills to gather them

July 5 Began summer holidays.

Aug 14 Began school after five weeks holiday.

16 Admitted a new scholar. Stella Davies (Infant)

17 Average rather now being first week after holidays and also a busy time with harvest.

18 Could not get sufficient to hold school today.
22 Attendance improved nearly fifty children being present this afternoon.
24 School closed by doctor's orders on account of sickness.
Sept 4 Re opened this morning, small attendance

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Sept 11 Attendance better this morning.
15 The proper sewing mistress not present this week. Average improved this week.
22 Attendance varies considerably from different causes.
29 Average fore the week 49 to the highest this year up to present time.
Oct 3 Admitted two fresh scholars (Maskells)
9 Admitted a fresh scholar (Blakemore)
12 Harvest Thanksgiving. Registers marked sooner to allow the children to attend service.
16 Examined the registers today and found them quite correct as usual Charles F Grey.
19 Mrs Grey visited the school this afternoon.
20 Average still keeps fairly good.
23 Taught children a new song 'Bells Ringing'
27 Highest average this week being 54.2
Nov 3 Fires started October 30th. Weather having turned cold.
10 Mr C F Blakely visited this morning in response to my list.
8 Children had half holiday for a tea held in the

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Schoolroom provided by Mrs Grey and the Rector.
11 Average not quite so good this week being 51.9
16 Came in earlier this afternoon. Room wanted for concert (Baptist)
17 Attendance decreased this week owing to Huntington Fair.
Playground walls have now been rebuilt and pointed where necessary.
22/23 Sewing mistress absent through illness. Coal fetched for school.
24 Examined registers this day and found them correct George Wilson.
28 Nov 93 Visit W H Few children in attendance – 31 out of 63 on the books – Asst teacher absent through sickness – Thos Williams S-Major
Clock about 20 minutes slow.
28 Attendance this morning worse than it has been for a considerable time. Sickness rather prevalent.
Dec 4 Assistant teacher resumed work.

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Dec 4 Examined register this day and found them correct. John Marston.
5 Taught children a new song 'The Cat and her Kitten'
6 Several away owing to bad weather.
13 Average very variable. Poultry Market at Kington keeping several away. Weather too very boisterous well nigh impossible for little ones to get to school.
15 Average low this week.
22 Broke up for Christmas Holidays (1 week)
1894 Jan 1 Re-assembled but not with large numbers. Several away new years gifting.
8 Average rather low.

12 The last three weeks of school have been lower in average than for some considerable time, owing to the dreadfully rough weather; sickness and distance some of the children live from school.
16 Teacher of infants and sewing absent through bad cold in throats.
22 Assistant teacher resumed work this afternoon.

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Jan 24 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
29 Examined registers today and found them correct George Wilson.
Feb 2 Average not so good this week. Weather rough. Have had no teacher since 26th of last month owing to family bereavement.
Received papers for annual inspection this afternoon.
Feb 5th Examined the register this day and found them correct. Charles Grey.
5 Assistant teacher resumed work this morning. Rev C F Grey visited school and checked the register.
12 Average keeps fairly good with exception of one and or instances.
Feb 19 Examined the registers and found them correct. Frederick Davies
21 Drawing examination under Colonel Butler L. Inspector Rev C F Grey present.
Feb 23rd Examined the registers today and found them correct. John Marston
28 Today ends our school year with an average of 44.18

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Mar 1st Very rough weather almost impossible for children to attend as many of them have very bad roads to travel.
9 Average for the week 46.3
13 School examined today by J C Colvill Esq H M I several away through sickness. Rev C F Grey present.
19 Received result of drawing examination this morning.
20 Tomorrow being Good Friday we close school for a short holiday.
27 Re-opened this morning low numbers.
30 Average for this week low owing to children being away with sickness which is very prevalent just at present.
2 Am forced to close this week sickness very much among children.
8 Started again this morning but numbers low.
11 Received report this morning. It is as follows: The ? of the school is not very satisfactory. Discipline is not well established. Classification does not appear to rest on any sound principle and the general level of attainment and of intelligence in the elementary work is hardly fair. A beginning

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has been made in grammar but the progress made is not very great. The infant's instruction is confused mainly to the three elementary subjects. Probably as the teacher gains experience and confidence this class may improve and its instruction may be more fully developed. Drawing and knitting need attention. The boy's playground needs draining. The one cloakroom is insufficient in its accommodation for the children in attendance a second should be provided at the other entrance for girls. The slates of each class should be uniformly ruled. No grant is payable under Art 105 of the Code since H M I is unable to report that the staff is efficient within the meaning of that Art. M Burton is recognised under Art 68.

The boy's playground should be drained and proper cloakroom accommodation be provided for the girls Art 85 Rule 6 of Schedule VII of the Code.
Staff J Lupton Cert Teacher 2nd Class
Margretta Burton Art 68
Signed on behalf of Managers Charles F Grey.

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April 16 Fires discontinued from the 11th of this month.
20 Average keeps low. Coughs very prevalent.
23 Rev C F Grey tried the Lower group this morning in the Scripture.
26 Diocesan examination this afternoon by Rev C H Davis. Present Rev C F Grey Rector.
May 1 Sent in list of absentees for last month. Very little notice seems to be taken with regard to absentees.
3 Half-holiday given by Rev C F Grey being Ascension Day.
7 Mr C F Blakely attended this afternoon in answer to my list for last month.
9 Diocesan Report to hand this afternoon.
14 Mr C F Blakely attended this morning.
21 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.
28 Attendance rather better.
June 1 Assistant teacher not been present this last week.
4/11 Assistant teacher resumed work after a fortnights absence through a cold. Admitted a fresh scholar this morning.
15 Average a trifle better but still low to what it should be this time of year.

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18 Admitted a new scholar this afternoon.
20 Room wanted this afternoon for Wesleyan Tea. Came in sooner called registers earlier.
27 Admitted a fresh scholar today (Inf)
29 My average keeps very low being only 41.2
July 2 Admitted one little girl this morning.
9 Assistant teacher absent today with a slight cold. Mr C F Blakely came in this afternoon to look up my list for June.
16 Average not so good as it should be. Several children have left school quite recently which has pulled it down. A Stubbs and her sister have been removed to Kington Union.
18 Huntington Fair only two children put in as appearance so closed for the day so closed for the day.
25 Average keeps about same. It is rather better for this time of the year. Wimberries are thin and the weather rough hence the cause.
27 Broke up this afternoon for five weeks holiday.
Sept 3 Re assembled this morning after five weeks holiday. Very fair numbers. Admitted two fresh scholars. (Infants)

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14 Average a trifle better. Elder boys away a great deal harvesting.
Sept 21 I examined the registers and found them correct William Welson.
26 Attendance a little better this week.
28 Rev C F Grey and Rev Thomas came in to see the school.

I have examined the registers this day and have found them as is always the case perfectly correct.

Charles F Grey Oct 3rd 1894

Oct 3 Rev C F Grey came in this afternoon and chequed (sic) the registers.

5 Average at present considerably less than last year.

12 Assistant teacher absent this week through headache.

19 Rev C F Grey visited this morning.

25 Harvest Thanksgiving at church. Half holiday according to custom.

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26 A very rough week ending with this date consequently my average has materially decreased.

31 Coal fetched today for the school.

Nov 1 Fires have begun in school from this date as weather is very wet and many of the children get wet coming from their homes.

6 Admitted a new scholar this morning.

12 Rev C F Grey visited this afternoon.

16 My girls average has fallen this week owing to exceeding heavy rain. Roads almost impassable. Assistant teacher again away all the last week with a cold. Mrs Burton came in Friday afternoon to take sewing.

23 Today ends our third quarter for the school year.

30 Attendance rather low. Weather very much against the children many having to come a long distance and across fields.

Dec 3 Rev C F Grey came in this morning.

10 Taught the children new song 'Is my sister sleeping?'

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14 Assistant teacher absent today (swelled face)

18 Girls average rather low this week.

Assistant teacher absent today.

24 Broke up for Christmas holidays (1 week)

31 Resumed school this morning.

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Jan 1 Rev C F Grey visited this afternoon and wished the children to have a half holiday being New Year's Day.

7 heavy snowstorm consequently few present.

Jan 7 I examined the registers and found them correct William Wilson.

14 No school this week owing to heavy snowstorm roads and lanes impassable for children.

21 Not sufficient numbers to open the school.

22 Began this morning numbers very low.

29 Another severe snowstorm. School closed again

Feb 4 Children mostly at home cannot attend.

11 The last few weeks will be disastrous to our average this year. It will also be difficult to pass the children, as they ought. Coal fetched for school.

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18 Children now coming back to school in usual numbers now that roads are more passable.

22 Examined the registers this day and found them perfectly correct Charles F Grey
22 Drawing Examination took place today by Colonel Butler. Present Rev C F Grey
26 Average improved
Examined the registers and found them correct William Welson
28 Today ends our sch. Year but owing to severe weather average is lower than it would have been.
March 4 Mr C F Blakely sch A Off attended this afternoon.
8 Average increased as weather is better.
11 Cloakroom started this morning.
March 11 I have this day examined the registers and found them quite correct. Charles F Grey

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12 Assistant teacher absent all day.
13 Mrs Burton came this afternoon.
15 My average is steadily increasing several have not returned till this week owing to great storm.
Drain in yard has been seen to and fresh pipes laid down.
20 Cloakroom in course of erection.
25 Have lost three qualified children owing to their leaving the parish.
28 Fall of snow consequently several children absent this morning.
29 Examination today by W T Eltringham Esq., present Rev C F Grey and Messrs Marston and Welson.
April 3 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning in infants division.
5 Average gone down this week now examination is over.
8 An old scholar returned to school (W Moss)
12 Holidays for Good Friday and Easter. Fires discontinued in sch from 12th and assistant teacher not attended since the 4th.
19 Have failed to open this week. Influenza very prevalent amongst children just at present.
23 Assistant teacher returned this afternoon.

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26 Average very low this week. Many of the children away on the sick list.
29 Entered a fresh scholar this morning on infants register.
May 1 Sent in list of absentees for month of April to A Temple Esq., Clerk to sch att cttee.
2 This day received report from (Ed Dept) H M I W T Eltringham who visited the sch March 29 1895. It is as follows:
Discipline and attainment both reach a fair level. The teaching appears to lack the energy necessary to give finish and thoroughness to the work. The children should be encouraged to speak out both in reading and recitation and answering. The playground has been drained and a new cloakroom for the girls is almost ready for use. A coat of whitewash would decidedly improve the appearance of the main room.
The registers must be tested by the managers at least once a quarter

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At irregular intervals as required buy paragraph 6 of Appendix II of Instruction Co and Inspectors.
Attention is requested to 85d of the Code.
M Burton is continued under Article 68 of the Code.
Staff Jos Lupton Cert teacher 2nd Class

Margretta Burton (Art 68)

Signed on behalf of Managers

Charles F Grey

May 6 Rev C Howis visited school this morning.

7 Admitted a new scholar for infants Div.

10 Assistant teacher not present this week during sewing. Mrs Burton came instead. No reason for the irregularity.

13 Admitted fresh scholar for Infants Div

14 Assistant teacher not present today.

20 Mr C F Blakely attended tis morning.

Rev C Howis came in this afternoon.

27 Assistant teacher not present. Opened cloakroom for girls this morning

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Managers notice next meeting.

16/17 Assistant teacher absent these two days.

19 Horse Show at Kington so few present was forced to close school for the day.

20 Assistant absent today.

23 Mr C F Blakely visited school today a considerable time having elapsed since his last visit.

25 Assistant away two and half days viz Monday Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Oct 2 Work going on as usual.

7 Mr C F Blakely visited school today.

11 Mrs Burton took sewing this afternoon.

17 Harvest Thanksgiving at church. Holiday according to custom.

18 Average lower this week owing to older ones being away picking potatoes.

21 Admitted three fresh scholars this morning.

24 Mrs Maskell started fires in school this morning as weather is very cold.

25 Assistant absent this morning and afternoon.

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Nov 1 Average for the week a trifle better. Assistant absent Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Burton took her place. No reason given for irregularity.

8 Work going on as usual.

14 Assistant absent today.

Nov 15 I have this day examined the registers and found them correct. William Welson

22 Average improved for this week.

26 Examined 2nd and 3rd standards and find them improved especially in writing.

28 Assistant absent today. Mrs Burton came in afternoon.

Dec 4 Assistant teacher absent today also absent on the 5th 6th and 9th.

9 Average for week lower being very rough weather.

11 Rev E A Downman and friends visited the school this afternoon.

17 Live poultry market today at Kington consequently low numbers.

20 No assistant today no reason given for absence. Average for past week

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Low owing to Christmas Markets.

Broke up school for a weeks holiday.
30 Began school this morning after a weeks holiday.
31 Assistant teacher away this afternoon a funeral in the village is I suppose the reason.
Jan 6 Drawing schedule came this morning.
8-9 Assistant away these two days.
14 My teacher returned this morning after four days absence.
21 Fine weather but children do not attend as they ought. Teacher absent this morning.
Jan 27 I have this day examined the registers and found them correct William Welson.
31 Teacher absent this morning 'staying at home to do some dressmaking is reason given.
Feb 3 I have lost three qualified children this week. They having left parish.
5 Assistant not present at home helping as her mother is not very well; came in afternoon.
10 Admitted two children this morning.

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13 Assistant teacher absent this morning.
14 Average for week a little better but several children away on sick list.
17 Assistant absent all day. Received notice of examination.
24 Mr C F Blakely attended this afternoon.
26 Drawing examination held this morning at 10.30 by Colonel Butler
List of Object Lessons
Infants and 1st Standard 1895 – 6
Cat, dog, cow, horse, sheep. Spring, Summer, Autumn, a bell, a tiger, wool, a goat, Blacksmith,
Carpenters shop, a letter, farmyard.

Repetition for 1895 – 6
Standard 1 The Burnt Child
II/III The Orphan's Tale
IV/V/VI/VII The Chase Scott 100 lines
List of sings for 1895 – 6
1. Jolly Little Children
1 Old Black Cat
3 Summer Rain

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4 Little Birds and Cruel Boys
5 Hardy Horsemen
6 Give me a man with earnest aim
Infants and 1st Standard
1 Little Birdie
2 Round it goes
3 Hop hop hop
28 Today is the last working day of year 1895 – 6. Average for the week 39.8
March 6 My average for the past week has suffered considerably owing to inclement weather being
only 34.7. Mr Blakely attended on the 5th to look up absentees.
12 Assistant teacher absent this morning.
13 Attendance good this week owing to the examination being near.
Recitation for 1897

St I and Inf The Sparrow on the tree
St II and III The wind in a Frolic
St IV V VI and VII The Prisoner of Chilton 100 lines
Object lessons for 1897
Two per week of 30 mins each for St I II and III
A new times table is wanted.
Charles Cowling
March 16th 1897

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16 Annual examination took place today by C H Cowling Esq., H M I Present during examination Messrs W Welson, Watson and Taylor. Sch Managers Half Hol
17 Have inadvertently placed attendances this morning in wrong column but have drawn a red ink line through it (Boys and Inf register)
20 My average has considerably lowered now the examination is over parents seem to think they can keep the children away.
Assistant teacher has terminated her engagement under Art 68 but keeps on still with sewing.
27 So many being absent in the different standards cannot make a good start. Average for the past week reaching 33.3
30 Fires discontinued from this date.
April 1 Sent in my monthly list of absentees for March 23 cases.
3 – 6 Holidays for Easter.
7 Drawing report to hand this morning 'Good'
9 Admitted a fresh scholar this morning. Sewing mistress ill with bronchitis not able to attend this week.
Rev C F Grey visited school this afternoon.

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First time since his accident.
One mistake in registers (Infant class). The playground requires draining at the end nearest the schoolroom wall. All the official papers should be kept in the portfolio. The copy of report in the logbook should be signed by the correspondent. 20' seems scarcely sufficient for a drawing lesson. J H Wylie 15.4.96
15 Visit by H M I J H Wylie Esq., this afternoon.
New timetable signed.
Mrs Burton present instead of her daughter who is now absent through sickness.
20 The Drews of Cefnhir came in very late unusually this morning seven minutes to ten.
Lucy Francis returned to school after a long period of absence.
22 Rev C F Grey visited school this afternoon.
24 Average very low. Sickness rather prevalent.
29 Sewing mistress returned today first time since illness.
30 Sent in list of absentees (for April) to Mr Temple Kington 25 cases.
30 Examined the registers today and found them correct Charles F Grey

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May 4 This day received report form (Ed Dept) H M S I (C H Cowling) who visited he school March 16 1896. It is as follows:

The school has passed a fair examination. The weakest points are the reading of the third standard, the handwriting of the first, the copybook writing generally, the mental arithmetic, problems and the grammar.

The discipline should be firmer.

No grant can be paid under Art 105 of the Code as H M Inspector is unable to report the staff were efficient within the meaning of that article.

I am to call the managers attention to the last paragraph of Art 85 (b)

Staff Jos. Lupton Cert Teacher

Marg Burton (Art 68)

Signed on behalf of Managers Charles F Grey

8 Average keeps very low owing to prevalence of coughs and colds.

Admitted one child this week Inf division.

11 May Fair at Kington. Holiday as per

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12 So few in attendance did not open school

14 Ascension day. Rev C F Grey gave half-holiday.

15 Rev C F Grey signed copy of report in logbook.

Mr C F Blakely attended in answer to my two last monthly lists of absentees.

19 Rev C F Grey came in this afternoon.

25 Half holiday Whit-Monday. Fete at Kington.

29 Attendance a little better this week.

June 2 Sent in list of absentees for month of May to Mr Temple Kington (23 names)

9 Taught children a new song this afternoon.

11 Mr C F Blakely attended in answer to my May list of absentees.

18 Children have very bad colds and many of them are away from school.

18 Two children marked absent through being late.

25 Average keeps low owing in a great measure to a distressing cough which many of the children are suffering with.

June 30 Sent in a list of 22 absentees for month of June to Mr Temple Kington.

July 7 I am forced to begin holidays was in hope of continuing school to end of

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The week, but only fifteen scholars appeared it would have been disastrous to the average to have done so. Gave a months holiday. Children all on the hills picking whortleberries.

August 3 Recommenced school after a vacation of four weeks. Numbers low.

11 Examined the register today and found them correct Charles F Grey

Rev C F Grey visited school and checked registers. Several children away yet who should be present.

13 Only 28 children present this morning.

19 Baptist Tea Meeting. Consequently very few present.

20 Admitted fresh scholars this afternoon.

25 Average keeps low.

28 Today ends our second quarter with an average of 33.04

Sept 4 Today is my last school at Gladestry. I must therefore say goodbye to managers parents and children. After sixteen and quarter years of work amongst them I feel this rather keenly but hope that I have not laboured in vain and I feel sure that I am going

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With the best wishes of all in the parish.

The children have always been very dutiful and tried to do their best. I trust that the new master will gain credit in many ways from them all.

School breaks up today until 28th Sept.

1898

Sept 28th to Oct 2nd Jethro S C Parkhouse takes charge as master. The Rev C F Grey was present at the opening of school. The work has carried on in accordance with the timetable during the week as far as possible but I find it will be necessary to revise it to suit the work. I purpose to make out a fresh timetable and submit it after trying it to H M I at the P T exam for his approval.

Weekly average 37.3

7th Examined the registers this day and found them correct Charles F Grey.

8th and 9th Holiday. The new teacher is hoping to place his furniture in the house and bring his wife and family from Kington where they are at present in lodgings.

Weekly average 38.3

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1896

Oct 12th to 16th 12 Admitted my two children Arthur and Ethel Parkhouse as new scholars to the school

14 Mrs Parkhouse took the girls at sewing.

15 Holiday Harvest Thanksgiving.

16 Mrs Parkhouse took the girls (elder and Infs) at sewing. Sewing will for the future be taken on Wednesday and Friday afts.

Weekly average 38.3

17 P T Exam at Hereford. My Eldest son Herbert who helps me regularly in schoolwork sat as a candidate for the P T

Oct 19th to 23rd Weather finer. Better attendance this week some children away potato picking.

22nd Holiday in afternoon – a concert in schoolroom this evening. Weekly average 41.6

26, 27, 28 Good attendance

29 Very low attendance. Radnor Fair. 8 boys in morning and 9 in afternoon out of 20 elder boys present. Tot attendance 29m 31 aft.

30 Very good attendance 46 m and 45 aft.

Weekly average 40.7

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Nov 2nd Afternoon school commenced at 1.30 p.m. and registers closed at 1.40 p.m. in accordance with timetable for winter.

Each session commences half an hour earlier and the afternoon session finishes with prayers and dismissal after 3.50 p.m.

6th Mr Millwood Deputy for Attendance Officer visited the school at 11.45 a.m. Weekly average 42.1

This is the highest since the inspection last March.

Nov 9th Have tries a new timetable during this week but have marked registers in accordance with present timetable which has been signed by H M I

13 Very poor attendance – Huntington Fair. Weekly average 38.2

Nov 16th New time has proved very satisfactory this week in working.

17 Market Day Poor attendance m 37 aft 34.1 Weekly average 40.2

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Nov 23rd Continued new timetable.

The Vicar as correspondent gave notice to SC and Art department of the change in drawing lesson viz on Wednesday and Friday afternoons by elder boys.

26 Held an examination of the work of standards. Very well pleased with arithmetic of Standard II.

Weekly average 40.5

Quarterly average 39

Dec 3rd Convert in evening in aid of Piano Fund. Holiday in afternoon.

Dec 4 Timetable signed by H M I on Dec 2 received back.

4 Very wet afternoon – att only 34

Weekly average 34.7

Dec 5th Treasurer gave leave to get books etc required for infants St I and the Standards generally – about £3

7th Poor attendance 39 m and aft.

8th – 11th Over 40 each attendance.

Standard I Analysis of numbers for subtraction.

Weekly average 41.8

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15th Attendance poor on account of Kington Live Poultry Market.

During this week have given special attention to subtraction in Standards I and II.

17th Received postcard saying goods had been sent off on Wed 16th. Went to Dolyhir but found goods had not arrived, again on Fri and Sat.

Weekly average 38.9

22nd Very poor attendance (29m 31aft) on account of Kington Dead Poultry Market. Books arrived at Dolyhir Station.

23rd Brought new books etc into school. Broke up in afternoon for Xmas holidays at end of afternoon. Reopen Jan 4th 1897

Weekly average 37

Jan 4th Reopened after Xmas holidays. 41 present in morning 42 aft.

5th and 6th Attendance poor 36, 37, 37, 37

7th Att 41m 41 aft Rev C F Grey and Mr Welson present.

8th Mr Blakely Att Off visited school at noon. 37 present 35 aft. Weekly average 38.4

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1897

Jan 11th Average low this week.

Garnet Goodwin Broken chillblains

Robert Meredith boils

John and Herbert Matthews al away all week.

Drawing exam fixed for Wednesday Feb 10th at 2.30 p.m.

Work progressing but irregular attendance of a few children causes great backwardness in their work especially Wm Price, Eliz Price, Amy Price. Weekly average 37.2

Jan 18th Average shows an improvement this week,. Garnet Goodwin, John and Herbert Matthews present. The two girls Price have made 5 atts out of a possible 20.

The children show considerable interest in the New Object readers and the Infants are working well at the Oriel primers. I have taken the first infants section myself at reading sometimes twice a day for 15 minutes. Weekly average 39.5

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1897

Jan 28th Examined the registers this day and found them correct Charles F Grey

The work of the school has been thrown back this week by the very poor attendance due to the snowy weather.

Attendance Mon m 31, aft 36, Tues m 18, aft 25, Wed m 31, aft 34, Thurs m 36 aft 36, Fri 35, aft 35

Three little children Infants class have left this week the whole family having removed to Kington. Weekly average 31.7

Feb 1st Attendance this week exceedingly low. Several children – six in all – away ill the whole week. Snow about during the whole week and Friday morning a heavy rain between 8 and 9 am.

Attendance Mon m 32 aft 32, Tues m 26 aft 29, Weds m 33 aft 34, Thurs m 28, aft 30 Fri 22, aft 23 Weekly average 28.9

Feb 9th Drawing test examination in preparation for Col Butlers Gov Draw examination tomorrow. The girls sewing with Mrs Parkhouse in

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The afternoon. Attendance better this week even on Tuesday market day at Kington – which is generally a poor attendance for elder children.

10th Col Butler H M I for drawing visited the school at 2.15 p.m. A very pleasant afternoon.

Children worked well and did good work.

11th Holiday all day.

12th Schoolwork as usual

Weekly average 36.6

Feb 15th Attendance better for the three days the school opened this week.

16th Rev C F Grey brought letter and notice of Diocesan Inspector proposing a Diocesan Scripture Examination on Mar 4th.

17th Mr Welson Treasurer sent notice of inspection received from H M I for Mar 24th at 10 o'clock.

Weekly average 39.8

Holiday 18th and 19th Concert and dance in aid of school funds.

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Feb 22nd Examined standards in arithmetic and dictation. Standard II good; and I Standard III small and good in arithmetic, writing in all three standards somewhat lacking. Standard II take dictation extra in morning for the present at arithmetic lessons as their writing on paper causes difficulty.

Standard IV Good all round

Standard V only one boy – he away six times out of ten possible this week,.

Standard VI very depressing: I have spent a very considerable time at the Rules: - fractions – vulgar and decimal – but they have little or no power of grasping problems as set in ordinary Standard VI cards.

Recitation in Standard II and III is in my opinion good, but in Standards IV and upwards they give considerable difficulty on account of their rooted mannerism such as pausing at the end of each line of the poetry – I have tried

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To avoid this fault or rather to show the right phrasing of the passage by analysing them as far as the children are able to grasp it.

Mental arithmetic shows some signs of improvement but the grasp of a problem requiring two rules is somewhat weak although the simple rule can be done well and quickly and mentally when only one rule is required.

Monday 22nd was rather poorly attended and Friday 26th Radnor Fair has affected the attendance.

Thursday 25th four children asked leave to attend a Wesleyan Missionary Tea at three o'clock.

Weekly average 36.6

Quarterly Average 37

Yearly average 35.9

Elder Boys average for year (Drawing) 15.8

The summer timetable comes into force on Monday Mar 1st 1897.

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1897

Mar 1st First day of new school year. 37 in morn 42 aft.

2nd 41m 30 aft

3rd Wed Snow rain and sleet 27 m and 26 aft

4th Diocesan Inspection registers not marked. Waited all morning in expectation of Diocesan Inspector. Dismissed children at noon to return at 1.30 Rev C F Grey came at 11.30 Diocesan Inspector new to the district had walked from Kington to Dolyhir thence to Gladestry and arrived here at 1.15.

I called the children in and the inspector began. Finished at 2.30. 42 children present.

5th 39 m 37 aft. Rosa Thornton has been absent since Monday delicate and dull.

Weekly average 36.1

9th 28 present in morning 31 in afternoon – Kington

Rosa Thornton has been present regularly this week I have given special attention to the lower part of the school this week. The children in infants class give me considerable anxiety. Garnet Thornton is certainly very intelligent. Charles Jones fairly intelligent. Harry Price varies, Charles Price is very young and not long admitted (6 months)

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John Lloyd (ii) (Inf) is very irregular and his mother thinks him delicate. Inf girls Gertrude Price absent ill all the week and when present seems half starved and lacking in intelligence. Elizabeth Price a bright girl if she came to school regularly both these children (sisters) have three miles to travel to reach school. Evelyn Bertha Edwards is small and young but shows intelligence. Ellen Drew is in lower section of infants.

Weekly average 37.5

Form 17a P received. Herbert Parkhouse passed

Mar 15th An excellent attendance from Upper girls this week. 148 out of a possible 150 atts made by them.

Some attention paid to finish with all the children. I feel a certain amount of disappointment after working hard for the past five months especially with the upper children in St VI and V and some of the boys in St IV.

19 Result of drawing examination received – Good Weekly average 39.1

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24th H M I Annual Visit

List of songs 1896 – 7

Upper Division

Men of Harlech

See Our Oars

The Harp That Once

Summer Joys

God Save The Queen

Lower Division

Sing ABC

Go Forth Brave Heart

Oh We Love The Sparkling Water

The Silly Trout

God Save The Queen

Recitations for 1897 – 8

Upper Division

Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel 100 lines

Lower Division

St II and IV Village Blacksmith 48 lines

St I Good Night and Good Morning 24 lines

Infants

Not less than 3 pieces from Oriel Primer.

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Schemes for small schools in each case will be taken for year 1897 – 8

Class Subjects Needlework for girls (Drawing for boys)

Lower Group Object lessons Arnolds Obj reader Bk II

Upper Group Geography England

Infants and St I Simple Object Lessons with teachers notes to show at examination 1898.

Mar 24th Messrs Wylie and Eltringham H M Inspector visited the school about ten a.m. and left about one PM/ Rev C F Grey present and Messrs Welson, Taylor and Watson on behalf of Managers.

Every child on register was present. H M Inspector J H Wylie Esq., noticed the want of proper easels and blackboards. Third Standard readers were also mentioned. Singing by note with the Staff Notation was attempted as well as grammar and upper standards

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25th and 26th Several children away some removing from the district.

Weekly average 37.5

29th Admitted two fresh children; transferred three boys from the infants class to Upper Boys register.

30 Poor attendance. Market Day 33m and aft.

Apr 1 Very poor attendance in morning 29. Fall of snow during the night.

Apr 2 The work has made a good start this week. Children interested in geography.

Weekly average 36/4

5th Re-admitted E Jane Lloyd who left during Mr Luptons mastership – left the village to go to an eye hospital.

6th Snow falling 22 present in morning 23 present in afternoon.

8th Only one child John Lloyd (y) absent (ill) Have taken Upper Standards in Geography of England since the examination in place of Grammar on Timetable.

Weekly average 35.9

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April 12th Examined the register this day and found them quite correct Charles F Grey

12th 42 present morning and afternoon. Admitted James Lloyd.

13th Kington Fair several children away but not so bad an attendance as sometimes. 31 present m and aft.

14th H M I Report to hand this day. 41 present morning 40 present afternoon.

15th Closed school at noon for Easter holidays. School reopens on Wed Apr 21st.

Weekly average 38

Copy of Letter Apr 17th 1897

To the Managers of the Gladestry National School

Gentlemen My share of the grants for the annual examinations and balance of free grants amounts to nine guineas. I beg to ask the managers in addition to grant me a bonus of £5 for the work of the past year. My reason for asking for the bonus is that I have been seriously inconvenienced by the state of the schoolhouse and out to considerable expense owing to living in lodgings for a time and that the average attendance the past year has been 4 less than advertised making a difference of over £5 on the grants paid by the Education Department.

I beg respectfully to point out that H M Inspector now considers the school efficient under Article 105 which means an extra £70 a years (cont. page 216)

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Gladestry National School (Radnor)

1897 Summary of the Inspectors report and Remarks (if any) to be made.

There has been a change of teachers and under Mr Parkhouse I am hopeful that the school will soon take a good position. Already there is a decided improvement in discipline and by the next year a steady advance may be fairly expected in all the work.

At present it will be wisest to give more attention to the elementary subjects both as regards accuracy and neatness and an effort should be made to break away form the monotonous style that prevails both in reading and recitation. Object lessons are now taken in the first second and third standards and a promising beginning has been made but systematic notes should be kept.

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Grammar is not a success in the upper standards. An attempt has been made to teach singing from note but neither of the divisions did well enough to warrant the recommendation of the full grant under Article 101 (d)(I) of the Code yet. Musical Drill is successfully taken up and the playground

has been considerably improved. The vouchers should be numbered in order to admit of ready verification.

The Special Grant under Article 105 is paid for the first five months which the school has been in charge of the present head teacher. H M Inspector is unable to report that the staff was efficient within the meaning of that Article during the remainder of the year.

Signed Charles F Grey Correspondent
Staff 1897 – 8 Jethro S C Parkhouse 1st Div Cert Master
Herbert Parkhouse 1st Year P T (Infants)
Mrs Parkhouse Sewing Mistress

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For the present school year I also ask for my fixed salary to be raised from £60 to £70. In doing so I trust you will take into consideration the fact that my wife is teaching two afternoons each week, my son as a probationary pupil teacher is teaching the full time he is allowed by the Government regulations; this will have a very appreciative effect on next years grant.

The Inspector has allowed the full amount for Discipline this year. The Government Grants not including Fee Grant and Drawing Grant amount to £42.16.4 for 36 children in average attendance for the year.

I wish to recall the attention of the Managers to the need of meeting regularly and keeping minutes of their proceedings as required by the Code to fulfil the conditions of a grant.

Trusting this letter and its contents will received your best attention and favourable consideration; I have the honour to be gentlemen

Your obedient servant
Jethro S C Parkhouse
Principal Teacher

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Apr 19th and 20th Holiday

19th Managers met at noon but did not see me. After the meeting Mr W Welson Treasurer paid me a cheque for £9.9s.

20th Rev C F Grey told me concerning yesterdays meeting that the Managers wishes me to wait until I had been here a year with regard to the £10 rise but that some thought I ought certainly to receive the £5 asked for as a bonus. I requested him to give me a written reply to my letter.

21st Admitted three fresh children who have just come into the district. 32 present in the morning 38 in aft.

22nd 39m 41 aft

23rd 43 present in morning 42 in aft.

Weekly average 39.1

26th The work of the school is progressing well and the attendance at present is better.

27th Received some new books and slates from Kington ordered by Mr W. Welson Treasurer.

30th The Parish Meeting meets tonight in the school at seven to consider whether an application should be made to form a school board.

Weekly average 41

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May 3rd Two boys Arthur and Garnet Goodwin removed to Newchurch. The work goes on steadily, the children are more regular in their attendance than last year at this season. Potato planting has kept several boys from school.

5th A committee appointed to consider the school deeds met on Wednesday evening in connection with last Fridays meeting.

The rest of the new books came on Wednesday morning as well as two BB stands but the B Boards are to follow:

Commenced the new object readers and started with Nelsons Wall Atlas and Chambers Geography for St III with Standards III – VII

7th The parish meeting last Friday was adjourned until tonight to consider the school board question. Weekly average 38.1

7th It was determined to take a poll of the parish on the proposition ‘That application be made to the education department for the formation of a school board for the parish or district of Gladestry.’

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10th Good attendance 39m and aft. Sch Att Off visit.

11th Kington Fair Holiday as usual morning and afternoon.

12th Very poor attendance in morning – 32 only, children tired after the fair and those at a distance absent. In the afternoon a tea party at Wesleyan Chapel – a very poor attendance at school – only 26 present.

14th The new Black Boards came today. The ordinary work of the school is progressing. The new object readers and storybooks and readable reader (III) have given considerable interest and the reading already shows improvement.

Weekly average 35.5

15th Notice issued that the poll in connection with Parish Meeting take place in the school on Friday May 21st 1897. Holiday accordingly will be given on that day.

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17th The Treasurer called at the end of the afternoon and paid me the bonus of £5 asked for on April 17th.

The attendance somewhat low still –

Amy Jones, Edith Lloyd and Martha Davies away during the whole week.

I have given special attention to second and third standard reading during the week.

Have found the new tonic sol-fa sheets a useful help in singing.

21st School closed for poll of parish.

Weekly average 36.6

Result of Poll

23 against 14 for Application for school board

Majority against 9

A considerable number did not vote.

24th Admitted Beatrice Thornton

26th Examination in Standard I work.

Dansy Watts a boy re-admitted this quarter after truanting for some time from another school – has done very poorly no sum right Herbert Matthews and Garnet Thornton three sums right; Jn Albert Davies, Henry J Price, James Drew, Arthur Parkhouse, Charles Jones, Wm Duggan and Rosa

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Thornton four sums right; viz: -

Add 3 7 2

Add 14 21 53

From 24 take 12
 From 79 take 23

In writing Very Good Garnet Thornton, Charles Jones, Herbert Matthews, James Drew
 Good Rosa Thornton, Jn A Davies, H J Price
 Very Fair William Duggan
 Fair Arthur Parkhouse, Dansy Watts
 27th Ascension Day Holiday
 Sixteen children met at school and went to service at church at 11 o'clock
 28th Examined Upper Standards
 St V Arith GCM of 126, 357
 LCM of 10, 18, 45
 Add $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5}$
 Subt $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{5}$
 Gertrude Watson four sums right Comp Summer V F
 Reading VG
 Thomas Lloyd three sums right comp spring vg read g
 John Jones three sums right comp spring g read vg
 John Matthews three sums right summer comp vg read g
 Next quarter St V will be taught practice and recapitulate the above work. John Jones has not missed a single attendance this quarter.

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28th (contd) exam
 St IV Sums set
 Multiply £24/2/6.5d by 5
 £219/13/4.75d by 67
 Divide £37/19/5.75 by 9 £783/15/3.5 by 85
 Results

	Sums right	Read	Dict - mistakes	Writ
Robert Meredith	3.5	VG 0	0	Very good
Arthur Watts	3	G	1	
John Lloyd	3	VG	0	
Ethel Parkhouse	2.5	G	4	
Eliz J Lloyd	2.5	VG	0	
Martha Davies	1.5	VG	1	

Standard III Sums Set

Divide 591 by 19
 47,371 by 431

Add
 £ s d
 7 1 1.25
 2 3 4
 5 6 7.5
 8 18 2.25

Add
 £ s d

29 19 4.75
 41 13 7.25
 89 0 11.5
 75 4 4

Results

	Sums Right	Read	Dict mistakes	Writ
Stella Davies	3.5	VG	1	Very Good
Maria Lloyd	2.5	VG	2	
Tom Drew	2	G	4	
Lucy Francis	1.5	E	1	
Edith Davies	1	E	1	
William Welson	0	G	12	

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28th (cont) Exam

Standard II Sums set

Add
 415
 371
 285
 15

From 375 take 109

Multiply 4356 by 7

Divide 9368 by 4

Results

	Sums Right	Read	Writ
Eliz Smith	4	VG	G
Stanley G Francis	3	VG	G
May Lloyd	2	G	VG
Matilda Lloyd	2	VG	F
Minnie Owens	2	VG	F
Sidney Williams	2	F	VG

Regularity of attendance

Garnet Thornton, Arthur Parkhouse and John Jones have each missed no single attendance during the past year.

Weekly average 37.2
Quarterly average 37.6

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May 31st Admitted Frank H Owens over six years of age just come into the parish – never before at school

June 1st Very heavy rain only 28 present morn, 29 present in afternoon.

June 4th Mrs Parkhouse went to meet her mother in afternoon – no sewing – girls tool reading before play and words of songs after.

Weekly average 35.8

7th Admitted Hugh Powell Welson. Good attendance.

8th Good attendance

9th, 10th, 11th Holiday – rummage sale on Thursday the 10th with an entertainment.

Weekly average 41.75

14th Attendance fairly good.

15th Radnor Fair – very slight effect on the average.

18th Dismissal after afternoon school for a weeks holiday to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Weekly average 40.7

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June 21st – June 25th Diamond Jubilee Holiday

June 22nd The inhabitants of Gladestry had a dinner at school between and three in the afternoon.

Children and inhabitants generally a tea between 3.30 and 5 pm.

After tea each child received a commemorative medal (gilt) in the playground.

All adjourned to the field, kindly lent free of charge by Mr Tayler and engaged in sports etc until dusk.

28th – 30th My son Herbert on a visit to London.

28th Admitted two infants

July 1st Work as usual Herbert P T at school.

July 2nd Gwynne Duggan away all the week.

John and Herbert Matthew away a great deal – attendance 2 and 4 respectively. Weekly average 38.9

July 5th – 9th Some elder boys away turnip hoeing and such like. The work of the school is progressing. The attendance fair. Weekly average 37.8

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July 12th to 16th Some children absent ‘whimbering’ and ‘haymaking’. Third standard revised long division. Fourth standard – miscellaneous exercise to go through and look again after holidays
Fifth Standard – compound practice last week and this.

Second standard revised multiplication.

16th Closed after afternoon school for midsummer holidays – five weeks.

School reopens on Monday August 23rd. Weekly average 34.1

Aug 23rd Reopened school after five weeks holiday. Admitted Rupert Parkhouse.

26th Examined the register this day and found them as usual quite correct. Charles F Grey

27th Attendance poor this week some away harvesting some ill.

Weekly average 33.6

Quarterly Average 37.1

Regular attendance No absences this quarter

Arthur Parkhouse, Garnet Thornton, Edith Davies, Stella Davies, Elizabeth Smith, Matilda Lloyd, Evelyn Edwards.

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30th Admitted two fresh scholars

Edith Davies at home measles.

Rev C F Grey visited school in afternoon and gave each of the seven children who had never been absent in 2nd quarter of school year a small money present.

Harvesting still keeps some boys from school attendance rather low.

Sept 2nd Holiday. Kington Flower Show. Weekly average 35.1

Sept 6th Harvesting is keeping several boys at home. Three girls away all week, one measles one ill, the other over 13 yrs old. Infant boys very irregular

I took First and Second Standards together in Rule of Subtraction and then went forward with harder subtraction with second standard alone Thursday and Friday.

10th Radnor Fair 28m 28 aft

Weekly average 33

13th Harvesting has made attendance of elder poor low. Infants average improved. Wm Welson and Hugh Welson at school but still weakly. Weekly average 36.4

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Sept 20th Holiday. Kington Horse Fair

Attendance this week still below the average owing chiefly to harvesting. Weekly average 34.6

27th Mr Blakely Sch Att Off visited the school in afternoon. 44 present morning and aft.

29th Baptist Harvest Thanksgiving only/

33 Present at school in afternoon.

Oct 1st Examined the standards.

Standard I considerable improvement both in arithmetic and writing.

Standard II Writing Good and some very good. Backward in short division especially Mary Lloyd and Matilda Lloyd.

Standard III William Welson very weak and nervous and consequently extremely slow. Stella Davies very good arithmetic and Lucy Francis in spelling.

Standard IV Arithmetic Boys good

Standard V The boys have been very irregular owing to harvesting and are forgetful. Thomas Lloyd did well however.

Weekly average 41.1

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Oct 4th The attendance has improved.

7th Holiday all day. Wesleyan Harvest Festival. Tea at school room in afternoon.

8th Examined St II upwards in reading especially improvement shown.

Weekly average 42.8

Highest weekly average since I came here

13th Commenced Fires

14th Holiday all day. Church Harvest festival.

15th Considerable improvement is shown by the results of examination in arithmetic.

Weekly average 40.8

16th P T examined Hereford. My son (1st year) Herbert absent from school Tues, Weds and Friday to make less strain on his energy. He will have to walk at least five miles in order to be present at Hereford by 9.30 am. There is no train from Dolyhir until 11.00 am.

18th Edith Davies returned to school after six weeks illness.

Some boys away potato digging this week.

22nd Work of school showing great improvement.

23rd Mr Blakely called at house about absentees

Weekly average 38.4

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Oct 27th I have examined the registers this day and found them quite correct Charles F Grey

25th The attendance has improved this week especially the girls/

29th Attendance of boys poor today several away on account of the Radnor Fair.

The children are making considerable progress in recitation, geography and writing.

Weekly average 40.7

Attendance of girls 20. Average highest since I have been here.

NB The Managers met on Monday evening October 25th to consider terms for letting the schoolroom one evening per week for a singing class; they decided to allow the use of room – two hours each week at one shilling; also blackboard etc.

I again requested the signature of P T agreement and the signatures were given.

My salary question also came under consideration. The managers have no money in hand and the treasurer says he will not advance

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More. Rev C F Grey says that arrangements will have to be made with the bank to pay as it falls due.

The question of an advance in salary was put off sometime since until I had been here a year it was again shelved – waiting to see what voluntary aid grant amounts to.

Nov 1st The attendance this week has been exceptionally good.

The work is showing great improvement, the children have more confidence in writing and speaking; the reading is giving me more pleasure.

Weekly average 44.7

Boys av 23.9

Girls 20.8

Nov 10th Rev C F Grey brought a circular not dated (copied on next page) from Rev C G Brown amount allotted £8/15/6 (from special aid grant)

12th Attendance lower this week but above the average

Weekly average 42.7

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‘Diocesan Association of Schools’

Dear Sir

The amount of special aid grant allotted to your school by the governing body of the Diocesan Association is £8/12/6

According to the rule laid down by the Education Department this sum must be expended as the governing body directs.

The objects of expenditure will be notified to you by the Education Department when that Department sends you the grant.

If more than one object of expenditure is named the first must be considered of more importance than the second and the second than the third; the grant being expended accordingly and at the discretion of the managers.

If the grant is sufficient for one object only managers must select the first object namely

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It is of importance for the Managers to remember –

First – that no portion of the special aid grant can be devoted to provide new buildings or to extend existing premises.

Next - that no portion can be applied to the reduction of any debt incurred by such extension.

It is also of the greatest importance to remember that Managers receiving anything from the Special Aid Grant Fund will have their school accounts specially audited by an officer appointed by the Education Department who will require vouchers showing that the grant has been expended in the manner directed by the governing body.

I am your faithfully

C G Brown Hon Sec

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15th Rosa Thornton at home ill – very delicate – formerly very irregular. John and Herbert Matthews absent all the week – they live just on the boundary of the parish at Cwminais. Arthur Watts absent all the week.

Rev C F Grey mentioned that managers are to meet on Tuesday 23rd inst at the bank at Kington re Sch Accts and necessity for a school board.

19th The work has gone on well this week. The children in Upper classes have now learnt something of the geography of England and Wales.

Weekly average 39.1

Nov 22nd Attendance poor this week.

Examined children throughout noticed some weaknesses but found improvement on last year at end of third quarter.

26th End of third quarter.

Weekly average 37.2

Av Att to present date 38

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Nov 29th Attendance better this week.

30th P T took a lesson with geography class on Mts and River Systems of England – he wrote full notes and gave the lesson well without using notes in class. Sketch map of England previously prepared on BB very good.

Dec 1 Mrs Parkhouse comes in on Thursday afternoons to take the infant girls at knitting, sewing and embroidery picture cards.

Weekly average 40.2

Dec 6th The raining weather this week has affected the attendance. The boys John and Herbert Matthews and Danzy Watts are extremely irregular.

8th W T Etherington Esq., H M S I visited the school during recess just after noon. Heard my son 1st yr P T recite, sing and giving a lesson to the children who happened to be staying to dinner. Subject of lesson – geography – basin of the Humber – a lesson he had previously given on Tues 7th and for which he had prepared notes.

Weekly average 28.9

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Dec 13th Attendance on Monday morn 32 aft 34

Some children away preparing for tomorrows market at Kington.

14th Kington Live Poultry Market. Attendance disheartening. M 27 aft 27

15th Attendance 34 m 38 aft Mathews, John and Herbert absent in morning came a quarter of an hour after the registers were closed in the afternoon.

16th Very heavy rain in morning.

Attendance m 25 aft 27

17th Attendance m 37 aft 35

Friday at end of afternoon school dismissed children for Xmas holidays. Two weeks. School reopens Monday Jan 3 '98

Weekly average 31.6

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Jan 3rd Forwarded a return of approximate number of children to be examined in drawing.

Form 17a VS dated Dec 30th 1897 St Davids Disc Association Gladestry N NO 3811

Grant £8/15/6 This grant is made for improvement of staff.

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Jan 3rd Admitted two new scholars

Attendance slightly better

6th Attendance m 46 aft 45

7th Attendance m 46 aft 46

Weekly average 41.5

14th Examined registers this day and found them correct Charles F Grey

10th Attendance especially good this week. Another new scholar admitted. Work of school shews (sic) much improvement.

12th Mr Welson brought some school material from Kington.

14th Rev C F Grey tested registers. The treasurer called at end of afternoon and gave me a cheque to complete payment of special aid grant for improvement of staff.

Weekly average 44

Notice of drawing exam on Feb 9th aft 2

17th Work progressing. P T shows improvement in notes of lessons on geography. Obj lesson notes practical. Weekly average 40.5

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24th Mr Blakely Sch Att Off visited the school said he should advise his committee to summons Dansy Watts who has been exceedingly irregular. He thought nothing could be done to Matthews as they lived so far from school.

26th Received some foolscap paper and new pens from treasurer.

28th Have given special attention to second standard this week, Wm Welson in standard III is exceedingly nervous, his spelling and reading is exceedingly weak.

Weekly average 40.6

31st P T 1st Dr 2nd Years Examination with Cusack's Exam Questions worked during the day 9.30 am --1 pm 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm.

Attendance this week extremely low. Several children absent through influenza.

Feb 3rd Rev C F Grey brought Form 9. The treasurer brought notice to send out re Managers Meeting on Friday 4th inst. School Attendance Officer visited school: he had summoned the uncle of Danzy Watts in the

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Wrong name for irregular attendance.

Weekly average 30.1

Feb 7th 27 present in morning 29 afternoon. A large amount of sickness still in the parish.

9th Col Butler visited the school in morning settled that P T should take his shaded cast drawing with Rev C F Grey as Superintendent during his (the Inspectors) absence. P T commended at 11.10 am and finished at 2.10 pm.

Col Butler returned in afternoon and examined the children (boys all present 20).

11th Attendance better at end of week.

Weekly average 36.2

14th Attendance slightly better this week on the whole but several of the boys and infants away ill.

18th Rev C F Grey brought Notice of Inspection – Dr Williams inspects the school on Monday Mar 7th 1898 at 10 am.

Weekly average 37.6

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21st Martha A Davies (4th Standard) a girl who has been very irregular at school called at the house last evening (Sunday) when I was out. My wife found he girl was suffering from itch. Her sister Elsie (1st Standard) who has been absent from school three weeks also had the same eruption she said.

My wife said the girl had better come this morning.

Elsie came this morning but as an eruption was still shown on both hands I sent word to her mother to keep her at home this week and to get some sulphur ointment.

The brother John is at school but has no rash.

25th Several children away ill this week.

Average slightly improved. Weekly average 38.9

28th Mrs Davies brought Elsie and Martha to my house this afternoon after school. She had evidently pursued a wrong treatment of poulticing with Martha but Elsie was better. She promised to bring them back to school on Monday Mar 7

Today ends the school year. Average Att to date 45

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Average Attendance last 2nd q sch yr. 38.3 (1897-8)
Yearly Average 38.1
(in Drawing) Elder boys Average 16

March 1st Attendance very good this week in spite of weather. Wk ave 44.3
Mar 7th H M I visits the school today.
Songs for 1897-8 Song of the grass
Fairy Song
Tell me what the Mill doth
Little White Lily
Song for Boys

Obj Lessons for 1898 -9
St I Infants together
Series of lessons in Arnolds Part I Ch Reader
St II and III Geog O L on Industries of British Isles especially Wales
Geography
St IV upwards - British Isles with special relation to Occupation and Industries

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Mar 7th Recitation for 1898-9
Standard I Childrens Hour
II and III The Shepherds Dog
IV upward Nest in a pocket
Reading 1898-0 Group I St I
Group II St II and III
Group III St IV upwards
Writing 1898-9 Group I St I Transcription
Group II St II and III Dictation
Group III St IV upwards Composition
Singing 1898-9 Group I Infants ST I and II
Group II St III upwards
Needlework as a class subject - Girls
Group I Infants and St I
Group II Standards II and III
Group III St IV upwards
Mar 7th School Inspection - Dr Williams arrived at the school at 9.25 a.m. Rev C F Grey and Messrs W Welson (treasurer) and Watson Chairman of Parish Meeting were also present during the greater part of the morning. Examination lasted until 12.45 noon.

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8th Attendance very low - m 25 aft 26 - a fair at Kington and cold weather.
Re-arranged children for their new standards and started the new work. Weekly average 34.7
Results of drawing examination good.
P T First Class Certificate for Light and Shade.
14th Work of new school well started but several children away this week, the annual change of residence of labourers etc has commenced some children still away ill weekly average 36.6
21st Average attendance much better this week in spite of the weather.

25th Danzy Watts a very irregular attendant has today removed from this district. Weekly average 39.2

28th Parish meeting in evening at school

29th Received reports from Rev C F Grey by post: school exempted from exam Mar 1899.

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Gladestry National School (Radnor)

Summary of the Inspectors report and remarks if any to be made.

The school has steadily improved since the present master took charge of it and its general condition is now satisfactory but the spelling of the third and fourth standards needs improvement. Arithmetic is good and singing by note deserves a pass. The higher grant can be recommended for object lessons and geography but objects and pictures are needed. The directress of needlework reports that the specimens sent to her for inspection are good but she recommends that the children should be taught to make larger stitches in their needlework. A thermometer is needed.

My Lords have sanctioned the omission of the annual inspection of your school due in March 1899.

Signed Charles F Grey

Correspondent

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Staff Jethro S C Parkhouse 1st Div Cert Master

Herbert Parkhouse 2nd Year P T

Mrs Parkhouse Sewing Mistress.

Extract from letter No A 11859/98 Dated 25/3/1898

Drawing Examination 1898

The results of the examination as marked by the examiners and confirmed by the revising examiner are as follows:

Standard I and II Good

Standard III Freehand Fair Ruler work good

Standard IV Freehand Good Drawing to Scale Excellent

Draw Grant £2/5/-

Schedule of Grants (Educ Dept)

Av Att Boys 20.8 Girls 17.2 Total 38.1

1 Principal Grant 12/6

2 Discipline and Organisation 1/6

4 Singing by note 1/-

5 Class Subjects 2/-

1st CL Obj Lessons

2nd cls Needlework girls 2/-

Grant on average attendance 32/6/- and 1/14/-

Art 102 £2 Art 104 £10 Art 105 £10

Fee Grant £19 Instalments to £13/10

Total sum payable £61/10/-

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April 1st A man came to attend to drains etc

Attendance slightly above the average

Work of the new school year is going forward very well. Children very proud and pleased with the result of the examination. Weekly average 39.6

4th I have examined the register this day and found them correct Charles F Grey.

4th P T 2nd Dr exam from Professor Cusack. Papers worked on Saturday and this morning and sent off at midday today.

5th Kington Fair m att 33 aft 37

7th Broke up at noon for Easter holidays

Examined all the children in arithmetic some in dictation and composition and Standard II also in reading.

School reopens Monday Apr 18th 1898

Weekly average 41

12th Received notice from Rev C F Grey that the Diocesan Inspection takes place on Wednesday April 27th at 10 am.

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18th Re-opened after Easter holidays. 41 present both morning and afternoon.

19th Admitted Ethel Edwards

Work of the school progressing

22nd Registers not marked today – notice sent to H M I last week. Childrens tea and games by kind permission of Mr Taylor the children enjoyed themselves on the hillside before and after tea.

Teacakes, buns, oranges and sweets were distributed and after it began to get chilly returned to school and enjoyed themselves and finished up by singing God Save the Queen

Weekly average 39.5

25th Attendance 40 m 41 aft Fifth Standard are just finishing the examples in fractions. We start practise next week. The other standards are going steadily forwards.

26 Managers Meeting in the evening

27 Diocesan Inspector visited the school was to have arrived at 10 am came about eleven.

29 Attendance rather low 36m 39aft.

Weekly average 39.1

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2nd Rev C F Grey wrote the notice to HMI of holiday on May 9th Wesleyan Tea Party Mon

May 11th May Fair Wed

May 19th Ascension Day Holy Thursday Rev C F Grey shewed me the new form and application for special aid grant.

6th Attendance rather low.

Weekly average 36.8

May 9th Holiday morning and afternoon

10th Attendance low m 35 aft 34

11th Kington Fair Holiday morning and afternoon.

12th Attendance low m 34 aft 36

Managers met this evening again postponed the consideration of my salary (for three weeks), as it was not on the agenda. Vol. Aid Form filled up.

13th The attendance very poor this week,

Weekly average 34.1

16th 43 present morning 45 aft

Agnes Price admitted.

17th Vicar came for Minute Bk
17th 38m 37 aft
18th 38m 40 aft
19th Ascension Day – holiday
20th 38m 43 aft Work progressing, new books are on order and will be at hand shortly.
Weekly average 40.2

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23rd Attendance better this week.
24th Received some new books in the evening from Kington. Others to follow next Tuesday.
27th Broke up at 4.15 pm for Whitsun holiday.
Weekly average 41.4
May 30th – June 3rd Holiday all week.
May 31st Received more pictures and illustration for object lessons from Kington this evening.
June 2nd Committee met and agreed that ‘the sum of sixty pounds’ as fixed salary in masters agreement should read as ‘seventy’
Master thanked the committee for the increase of salary which starts with the present month.
6th Reopened after holiday. Two new scholars. Attendance 44m 47 aft
7th Tuesday Fair at Kington att 40 m 41 aft. Better than is usual on Tuesday.
8th Mr Blakely Sch Att Officer visited school.
Weekly average 43.2

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Examined the registers this day and found them correct Charles F Grey
13th Admitted Doris Price
14th Received more of books and attendance certificate ordered at Kington but St II arithmetic sen in place of St I again. Returned them to bookseller and pointed out mistake.
15th Rev C F Grey tested registers
17th Rev C F Grey, the treasurer Mr W Welson and Mr W Watson Chairman of parish meeting attended school during last lesson of afternoon and gave the children 9 prizes and 26 certificates and offered a few words of congratulation and encouragement to all.
Weekly average 44.5
20th The attendance of the girls is this week the highest average for any week in the present summary.
John W Moss and James Lloyd have been absent all the week – sickness.
Thomas Lloyd in Standard VI has now been absent some time; I mentioned the matter the Sch Att Off on June 8th

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But he considered nothing could be done on account of his standard.
21st Gave P T a days holiday
24th The work of the whole school is progressing well, the children are busy and interested in their work.
Weekly average 44

June 27th Work progressing. Attendance higher than it has been sometimes but number on register also higher there is however hope for a better average this year.

Weekly average 43.8

2nd P T quarterly exam under Prof Cusack 3rd Qu

July 4th Attendance improved. This weeks average attendance is the highest I have recorded since I came. The work of the school is now going on smoothly. On Tuesday (5th) received the 1st Standard Arithmetic Guide series.

Weekly average 46.4

July 11th Attendance good considering hay harvest has commenced.

15th Broke up for holidays after afternoon school. School reopens on Monday Aug 29th.

Weekly average 42.3 2nd Quarter 44

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During the second quarter of the school year the following children were not absent once

Edith Mills, Jane Mills, Rupert Parkhouse, Elsie Davies, May Lily Barker, May Lloyd, Eliz.

Smith, Ethel Parkhouse, Stanley Francis, Arthur Parkhouse, John A Davies and Wm Hy Duggan.

Aug 29th School reopened. Two fresh girls and boys: one boy Robert Etchels only here temporarily on a visit.

Att 44 m 45 aft

30th m att 43 aft 45

31st m 48 aft 48

Quite a red-letter day This is a very high attendance.

Sept 1st Thursday 44 m 38 aft several children absent harvesting the weather being very sentable(?)

Friday 2nd 39 m 40 aft

2nd Rev C F Grey visited the school in the afternoon. Managers meeting in evening

Weekly average 43.5

Sept 5th Harvesting is keeping several of the older children from school; the attendance is however above the average of last year.

Weekly average 43.2

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Sept 12th Good attendance this week. Rev C F Grey called on Friday afternoon and told the children he was having the tea promised them on Friday aft next week. He wrote post card to HMI to notify the afternoon half-holiday.

The work of the school is progressing. I hope to examine children for end of 2nd Qu work the last week in September thus allowing for the short quarter and holidays.

Weekly average 45.4

Sept 21st Examined the registers this day and found them correct Charles F Grey

19th Kington Horse Show and Fair a poor attendance. It has been usual to give a holiday and it was thought best to forego it this year, as fever is present there.

23rd A good attendance the best of the week.

Half holiday Tuesday afternoon. Rector has kindly promised a tea to children, which that are looking forward to this afternoon. A splendid fine day. Weekly av 45.3

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Sept 26th Examined the whole school thoroughly this week for end of second quarter. Results on the whole good; less fear of examination than of old but the former dullards cannot quite realise it.

The attendance for the week the best since I have been here with 54 children on the register the average attendance has been 48.5. The weather was propitious.

Weekly average 48.5

Oct 3rd Attendance good but less than last week.

5th Sch Att Off Deputy visited the school and took note of irregulars and promised to take the boys Matthews in hand; one John Matthews between 12 and 13 years of age has not been at school once since Wed July 6th 1898 but has been helping on farm work: Herbert Matthews is also irregular.

6th Holiday in afternoon. Wesleyan Harvest Thanksgiving Tea in school.

No on books 54 Weekly average 46.8

Oct 10th The P T exam took place at Hereford on Saturday. P T excused from teaching this week.

John Matthews at school Tues and Fri. Absent Mon and Wed.

13th Holiday all day

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Baptist Harvest Thanksgiving with Luncheon in school on Thursday.

Weekly Average 45.4

Oct 17th and 18th Weather very wet and attendance exceedingly poor. 30; 33; 29; 33

19th Slightly better attendance 39; 40

Did not take sewing as Mrs Parkhouse poorly.

20th Holiday Church Harvest Thanksgiving

21st Attendance 40 m 47 aft Mrs Parkhouse still poorly.

Weekly average 35.7

Started fire at school on Monday Oct 7th

24th Received a letter from H M I re P T exam

'Mr Parkhouse Education Dept 22.10.98

Dear Sir

Herbert Parkhouse has done a very good paper in all respects attaining 663 marks out of a possible 760. I need not therefore trouble to send in the papers, as all the work is good.

Yours faithfully T S Aldis

28th We have received several paper toys for distribution to children from Sunlight Soap Co. I put the Punch and Judy show together and Rev C F Grey the treasurer showed them to children on Friday at 3.45 and promised similar ones to best children this quarter.

Weekly average 45.1

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Oct 31st Mr Welson visited school at dinnertime with Messrs Ball and Wanklin to settle how to make a proper draught to stove.

6th The average is lower this week chiefly due to bad weather.

Weekly average 43.1

6th The mason (Mr Ball) and the blacksmith (Mr Wanklin) put the stove right today.

Nov 7th A good week. No day with less than 40 children present. Some children are irregular and some absent but still it is some improvement in attendance.

Weekly attendance 46

14th Huntingdon Fair. Holiday all day. Gladestry village is thronged with horses and cattle - a holiday is necessary.

18th The work of the week has been good.

Weekly average 47.2

19th Form 17A (V8) 18th Nov 1898

St Davids Dioc Association. Gladestry N Sch

Grant £14/8/- This grant is for the purpose of providing equipment new desks. £12. And maintaining

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Increased salary of Head Teacher £2/8/-

23rd A fall of snow caused the attendance to be very low.

25th End of third quarter of the school year.

Weekly average 39.9

Quarterly average 44.3

Average up to date 42.3

28th Attendance somewhat low this week.

1st The Treasurer called with cheque for last months (Nov) money and share of grant: said the new desks would be best procured at Christmas.

Weekly average 42

Dec 5th Attendance low some sickness.

7th Mrs Parkhouse not able to take the sewing this afternoon; very much upset by a child's vein bursting

9th Doris Price has been absent from this school six weeks and John Matthews four entire weeks; Herbert Matthews is also very irregular. Weekly average 40.4

Dec 12th Examined the registers this day and found them quite correct. Charles F Grey.

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Dec 12th Jn Matthew and Doris Price still absent.

13th Rev C F Grey visited the school in the afternoon examined register and found it correct. Also filled in Post Card of Holiday to HMI.

14th The school attendance officer's deputy came to the village in the morning re Auction Sale. I saw him and he came to school and took particulars of both boys Matthews and Doris Price. I also mentioned to him the fact that Annie Price sister of Doris Price was I understood also attending no school.

14th Mrs Parkhouse quite unable to take the sewing, the baby very seriously ill with inflammation of lungs. Doctor Pope attending very day.

Weekly average 41.6

19th Attendance below the average

20th Kington Dead Poultry Market.

Att m 21 aft 21 exceedingly low.

21st Dismissed school at 3.45 for Xmas Holidays. Re open Wed Jan 4th 1899.

Weekly average 30.1

22nd Rev C F Grey called about ordering the new desks.

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Jan 4th Re opened after Xmas holidays.

Admitted one new scholar.

Attendance poor.

5th Rev C F Grey informed me that the ten new desks were already dispatched.

6th Mrs Parkhouse still unable to attend on account of little boy's illness.

Weekly average 36.8

7th New desks arrived at noon. The carpenter at work putting them together in afternoon.
Jan 9th Desks were used for first time: firm in use and a great improvement on the old desks which are still in the room but will shortly be taken away. Improvements in attendance today – curiosity to see the new desks! M 44 aft 45
10th Attendance 35 m 40 aft
13th Mts Parkhouse unable to attend on account of the little boys very serious illness. Instead of sewing the girls have worked at the boys subject.
Weekly average 42.9
John Matthews still at home working and Doris Price not attending. Sch Att Off has not attended the school since a month ago.

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Jan 16th The attendance slightly better. The old desks not yet removed from the schoolroom as the workman has rheumatic. The baby has not become strong enough or well enough for my wife to be able to leave the house yet. Received a note from Mr Temple Clerk to the School Attendance Committee saying an examination for Certificate of Proficiency would take place at Kington Boys Board School on Feb 4th at 9.50 am. I gave due notice to children and explained the necessity for these children to all who wished to leave school at 13 years of age.

Weekly average 43.3

21st I woke up this morning to find the schoolhouse flooded in the lower part owing to the want of drainage. Three separate times before Xmas the house had water coming to the inside. Now however it is as though several springs had started inside,. The house is below the level of the road and the surrounding property – the house cannot be healthy under these circumstances. I saw the treasurer and the rector during the day but cannot see how it can be righted.

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Jan 26th Wm Moss said he would like to sit for Lab Cert he was absent when I explained to the others; he told me in afternoon. I went to Kington in evening and posted to Dr Williams asking for necessary schedules.

27th The springs in the house have this day ceased running but one under the frontstep seems still running slightly. I hope some permanent improvement may be made – Rev C F Grey, Rector and Chairman of Committee, Mr W Welson Treasurer, Mr Mackintosh agent for owner and others have viewed house to see what ought to be done – I trust that something may be done .

Attendance slightly lower this week.

Weekly average 40.7

30th The old desks were removed from the school early this morning.

Feb 3rd The work of the school is now being reviewed. Cards are used for arithmetic and the children in second standard so their arithmetic extremely well – except Blanche Parton (who missed the 1st qu of the year) and Herbert Matthews (who is habitually irregular in attendance. Am giving extra attention to spelling in 2nd and 3rd standard.

Weekly average 42

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Feb 6th and 7th Snow fell on both days. Very poor attendance.

8th Attendance better but rainy weather.

10th Examined the various standards very carefully as fully as possible – some children absent.

Weekly average 30

13th Admitted two new scholars – one in fourth standard the other inn infants. Attendance normal during this week. I hope to revise the work by means of strict examinations in order that each child may be properly placed for his or her next years work. During the past year there has been very great irregularity in the upper standards this shews itself very markedly in the children's work. The regular children doing much better than the irregulars.

13th –17th At noon found the water again rising in my house; at four o'clock it was two inches deep. Sent note to treasurer. Nothing done to remove the water until Friday.

16th H M Inspector C S Aldis Esq., visited the school and school house; he was able to see the state of the house supplied by managers for the schoolmasters use.

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The Inspectors remained at the school all the morning; sent for Treasurer to see accounts but as he was busy thrashing corn could not attend' also sent word to Rev C F Grey Rector and Chairman who came about 10.40

Holiday in afternoon.

17th Workmen came and laid a drain in the road which soon carried off the water above the floor of the house when they had tapped the foundations.

18th Stream, running into drain from corner above the sitting room window all night. Drains covered in during day.

Weekly average 42.6

Feb 20th Attendance better this week.

24th Sch Att Officer's deputy visited the school again promised to see to the two boys Matthew and others.

Weekly attendance 46.7

27th Careful scrutiny of work to start the new years work on Mar 1st.

Weekly average for two days 42.7

28th Managers met in the evening to sign form 9 etc

Quarterly average 40.4

Yearly average 41.7

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Mar 1st Started new year. Read the notice of Diocesan Inspection to children yesterday and placed it upon wall today.

2nd Took registers, cash book, vouchers and forms to T G Sprague Esq., Bank Manager Kington to audit – he tested and signed the registers etc.

3rd Colds prevalent in school Frank Owens in bed with croup.

Weekly average (three days) 44.5

Proposed Work for Year 1899 – 1900

Older Scholars Standards II upwards

Arithmetic Scheme a

Reading (Similar to Schedule B) Stage 1st Nelsons Simple Stories of Eng Hist and Cassells readable Readers
 Stage 2nd Nelsons Simple History and Nelsons New Royal reads no V
 Writing Schedule S Stage 1st Dictation
 Stage 2nd Writing from memory the substance of a short story.
 Recitation (similar to Schedule S)
 Stage 1st After Blenheim 66 lines
 Stage 2nd Macaulay's Horatius 150 lines
 Singing Schedule S Stage 1st Divisions I and II App IV
 Stage 2nd Division III App IV
 Class Subjects Geography (1st Subject) Boys and Girls Stage 1st England and Wales with object lesson on industries.
 Needlework Girls 2nd July Schedule S
 2nd Subj Boys drawing Schedule III A 4
 Stage 1st St II and III
 Stage 2nd St IV and some geometry.

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Standard I and infants
 Arithmetic St I Scheme A
 Inf Number Easy addition and subtraction
 Reading St I Cassells readable Reader No 1
 Bells Tot and the Cat
 Infants reading sheets Nelson
 Oriel Primers I II and III
 Writing St I Transcription
 Infs Transcription – Letters, words, phrases and sentences.
 Recitation Daisies and Buttercups 24 lines
 Object lessons Geographical definitions illustrated by Bacons Picturesque Geog Charts.
 Lessons on common and familiar objects from Arnolds Obj Readers I with Murchs Charts and Specimens of actual objects where possible.
 Drawing St I on slates Schedule III A St I
 Infants Kindergarten drawing on squared slates.
 Singing Division I Appendix IV
 Songs Five (Tonic SO FA) the whole school together in unison.
 N.B. Alterations suggested and entered in syllabus returned by T S Aldis Esq., 'some freer composition is desirable from time to time' 'A second or third piece may be taken with advantage after the first is mastered that being dropped. ' III 99

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6th Forwarded two copies of the preceding work pp 264 to HMI J S by the afternoon post. Form 9 again taken to auditors and forwarded by evening post from Kington.
 Several children absent from school owing to colds or slight influenza.
 9th Syllabus of work returned by HMI see note (on preceding page) of suggestions.
 10th Rev V F Grey returned cash book and vouchers which he had received from HMI. Mr Welson
 The treasurer has sent out notices to managers to meet on Mond 13 inst at 7 o'clock. Business:

'To meet overdrawn money at the bank. How much money paid and promised to pay off debts. Also to wonder about it going to a Board school' 'Urgent'

Weekly average 34.5

Average to date 38.8 (38 13/16)

12th Rev C F Grey wrote to the Diocesan Inspector to say the school would not be examined this year in Religious Knowledge.

13th Attendance 37m 39 aft. Managers met in the evening. Principal business determined first; To meet Bank at Kington Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock

2nd That a resolution to form a school board should be

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Proposed at the annual parish meeting. Mr John Welson agreed to propose and Mr John Marston to second the resolution.

14th Kington Fair Poor attendance at school 35m 35aft

15th Received letter from Red C F Grey saying 'All the managers were present at the bank on Tuesday and school expenses would be advanced by bank until school transferred to a school board.'

Attendance Wed m 43 aft 40. Thurs m 43 aft 43, Fri m 43 aft 41

17th The work has advanced during the week we have paid considerable attention to spelling especially in Standards II and III

No on books 56 Weekly average 39.9 Average to date 39.6/26

Mar 20th The attendance this week has dropped considerably owing partly to snow falling but more on account of influenza, colds. No infant boy made any attendance during the whole week.

No on books 56 Weekly average 31 Average to date 36 34/36

24th The annual parish meeting considered it best to consult Lord Ormanthwaite as regards the site before the resolution to apply to education department to form a school board was prepared.

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Mar 27th Poor attendance 32m 31aft. Mrs Francis called at my residence in the evening to say she has taken her daughter Lucy to Hereford to the doctor about her weak eyes. Doctor gave her medicine and reminded her to keep her from school at present – she promised to get a certificate to that effect from doctor when she went again: in the meantime I pointed out to her the child must not get to work.

30th Dismissed children after afternoon school for Easter. School reopens on Weds Apr 5th

Weekly average 30.3

Average to date 35 33/44

Apr 3rd and 4th Holiday

3rd Baptist Annual Tea held in school.

5th Re-opened school 39m 39aft

6th 39m 35aft

7th 32m 31aft

A lot of children still absent on account of sickness chiefly. Had an examination on the last months work of school year but several children absent.

Weekly average 35.8

Average to date 35 38/50

10th Improved attendance 44m 45aft

14th Received HMI report

Weekly average 41.3
Average to date 36 41/60
13th P T examined in Sc subj I Elem Stage

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April 1899

Form 17A

No 3811 Gladestry National School (Radnor)

Form 170A Summary of the Inspectors Report and remarks if any to be made

'In spite of great difficulties very fair progress has been made. The children are in good order and are interested in their work.

My Lords have sanctioned the omission of the annual inspection of your school due in March 1900'

Signed Charles F Grey

Correspondent

Staff Jethro S Parkhouse 1st Div Cert Master

Herbert Parkhouse 3rd Yr P T

Mrs Parkhouse Sewing Mistress

Schedule of Grants

Av Att Boys 21.1 Girls 20.5 Total 41.7 Grant Payable on av 42

Inspection under Art 84(b) I Principal Grant 12/6 2, Disc and O 1/6; 4 Singing 1/-

5. Class Subj 1st Geog 2/- Grant on tot av 17/- 2nd Cl Girls Needlework 2/-

Drawing (boys) 1/9 Grant on average attendance £66/7/9

Fee Grant £21 Instalments £14/5/- Balance £66/7/9

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Apr 17th Number in attendance improving – some still absent on account of illness or infirmity viz: Eliz Lloyd, Lucy Francis, Fred Thornton and perhaps a few others.

20 Managers meeting at the school, present Rev C F Grey (chair) Messrs W Welson, T Drew and Jn Drew

21 The normal average of last year in weekly average 42 Average to date 37 31/70

22 P T Quarterly examination – Professors Cusacks tests.

24th Attendance of girls better this week.

27th Adjourned Parish meeting at school in evening. A fair attendance of parochial electors but results of meeting very indefinite. The resolution proposed by Mr John Welson seconded by Mr Jn Marston was not put to the meeting but an amendment was carried and an amendment proposed by Mr Jas Taylor and seconded was carried. Viz 'That the meeting should appoint a Committee to act with present managers to try to carry on the school as at present.'

Some names were submitted but the meeting

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was abandoned without anything more definite being accomplished.

Weekly average 42

Average to date 38 1/80

Apr 27 Examined the work for April in all the classes. Fires discontinued May 1st 1899
May 1st The attendance this week slightly lower than last week. The infants have attended a little better but the elder children especially the boys have been irregular – potato planting the general cause.

Weekly average 39.7

Average to date 38 18/90

May 8th Mr Blakely Sch Att Off himself visited the school 30 present out of 55 specially noted John and Herbert Matthews irregularity. 24 children present in afternoon. Wesleyan Tea Party

11th Holy Thursday Kington May Fair Holiday all day.

12th Only 15 children present to be marked this morning – a 16th child Wm Duggan came at 10.15 too late.

Attendance afternoon 28 Children back late last evening from Kington. Weekly average 30.7

Att Officers visit very fruitless.

Average to date 37 58/98

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May 15th Took the following names off the registers – John Matthews (over 14); Eliz Lloyd left her home for benefit of health; Luck Francis gone to the village of Newchurch as nurse girl; Robert Meredith going to Kington.

The attendance has been the highest total for any week this quarter and the average for the week highest for any full week. The work of the school has gone more satisfactorily with a fuller attendance – four children n were absent the whole week: Edith Davies (St. V) on account of sickness; Fred Thornton 4 yrs old who has had congestion or infl of lungs; Margaret Price living at Trewerne six years old at home nursing; Ethel Edwards 4 yrs old not yet under discipline at home. I hope the infants will now be more regular in order to keep at least an elder or upper and lower section.

Weekly average 42.6

Average to date 38 6/108

16th Parish Meeting School affairs only as regards minutes of last meeting.

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May 25th Examined the registers this day and found them perfectly correct as usual. Charles F Grey

May 22nd and 23rd Holiday Whit-Monday and Tuesday

24th Holiday – Queen Victoria's 80th birthday.

25th Reopened after Whitsun holidays hardly a satisfactory attendance – attendance 38m 39aft.

Rev C F Grey visited in afternoon.

26th Attendance 40m 39 aft

Weekly average 38

Quarterly average 38 10/112

Only one pupil Arthur Parkhouse with on absence during the past quarter.

29th Admitted three boys one fourth standard two infants class – very backward – three brothers – another a cripple same family is to come later on. Att m 46 aft 49

During this week took the opportunity of examining carefully each class, giving as much encouragement as possible to each child present. This week begins a fresh quarter of the school year and this quarter will be a short one but I hope freer from sickness than the 1st quarter and consequently more fruitful.

Weekly average 45.1 highest this year so far

Average to date 38 81/122

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June 5th Admitted three more boys to infants class. Fuller attendance on Monday than usual 51m. during the week weather very warm – consequently number on register is lower.

Weekly average 45

Average to date 39

June 12th Attendance better this week but considering the numbers on register lower than it should be. The work has gone on favourably but children affected by the heat.

Weekly average 45

Average to date 39

19th Managers meeting – financial position discussed. Major Ibbotson was present and gave the committee good advice as the result of his enquiries. Have agreed to canvass the ratepayers individually for voluntary subscription.

22nd Holiday all day. Children's tea and games in afternoon.

23rd Great improvement in attendance of late. Weeks averages very high.

Weekly average 46

Average to date 39

26th 54 present in morning. 51 afternoon.

30th The attendance this week has been extra ordinary.

Weekly average 50.8

Average to date 40 106/160

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July 7th Examined the registers and found them quite correct. Charles F Grey

July 3rd Attendance very good this week.

5th Received new books, maps, pens and pencils from Kington.

6th 54 present in afternoon.

7th Rev C F Grey Chairman of Managers and W Welson Esq., Treasurer of Managers attended during the latter part of the afternoon. Vicar with a few appropriate words gave 10 prizes to children who attended 370 times during the school year and certificates to all who had made 338 attendances and over 25 in all.

Weekly average 51.6

Average to date 41 51/170

10th Good attendance

12th Sch ATT Off Mr Blakely visited school in the morning. Left saying he would call about M E Owens who had been absent Mon m and aft, Tues m and aft and Wed m. Minnie Owens present in afternoon.

14th Examined children in their work of June and July this week.

Weekly average 50.8

Average to date 41 149/180

14th Broke up for summer holidays re open Monday Aug 26th 1899.

Quarterly average 48 nearly.

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July 17th Managers meeting in evening

Parish meeting to elect four school managers and to consider the school situation. The election was not proceeded with but Messrs Watson and Croose were elected to write to Education Department with a view to forming a school board or knowing what could be done.

Aug 28th Re-opened school after Harvest Holidays

Rev C F Grey present at school opening – only 41 present in morning. I pointed out the bad repairs of windows and the rector said they must be seen to. 40 present in afternoon. Heard this afternoon from Dr Harding that my daughter Ethel Parkhouse had been awarded a county scholarship as a result of the competition which took place at New Radnor on July 22nd – she obtained full marks for needlework and was 22nd out of fifty candidates.

30th Better attendances 48m 50aft Still we have some away – mostly away from home. The work has been well begun.

Weekly average 45.4

Average to date 42 4/190

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Sept 4th Good attendance m 53 aft 52

Managers meeting in the evening. Mr Croose also present. After considering the correspondence which Messrs Watson and Croose had had re school board with Educ Dept it was agreed that

- 1) The correspondent make application to the department for the formation of a school board
- 2) That Mr Watson (Chairman of Parish Meeting) call a parish meeting as soon as possible re sch./ board.

5th Attendance at school improved. Work progressing

Weekly average 51.3

Average to date 42 99/200

11th Admitted a new scholar. Reginald R Weston, very crippled, ten years of age, not able to tell his letters or write a stroke. There are now sixty children on the registers.

12th Parish meeting in the evening decided by sixteen votes to none that the parish should do their best in the event of the sch board taking the school to pay the existing debt estimated at £250.

14th Baptist Harvest Festival – holiday morning and afternoon.

15th Afternoon lessons replaced by those of Thursday afternoon.

Weekly average 49.7

Average to date 42 159/208

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Sept 18th Took my daughter Ethel's name off the register this morning she went to Llandrindod County Intermediate school where she has obtained a scholarship which allows her free tuition (except for music) and a bursary of £12 yearly towards her maintenance. The boarding costs ten shillings weekly. Washing and use of books are extras.

19th Kington Horse Show a very poor attendance.

37m 37aft This pulls the weeks average down.

22nd This morning post brought me the offer of another school which would be considerably advantageous to us. I visited the rector at dinnertime, the treasurer and other churchwardens after school in the evening to lay the matter before each. It was agreed to have a managers meeting on Monday evening about seven.

Weekly average 46.9

Average to date 42 208/218

25th Attendance 48m 49aft

At a meeting of the managers in the evening the following resolution was carried unanimously and signed by the chairman: - 'That Mr Jethro S C Parkhouse and family be allowed to terminate

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Their present agreements on November the thirtieth 1899.'

It was also agreed to pay £15 (fifteen) as share of annual grant (irrespective of fee and special aid grant) at the same time.

Managers present and voting: Rev C F Grey Rector (chairman), Messrs W Welson (Treasurer and church warden) Jas Taylor ((churchwarden) Wm Watson (Chairman of parish meeting) John Drew, Thomas Drew and John Marston.

26th I told the children I was leaving but that it would be some time yet and that I wanted them to come regularly and work well.

28th Church of England Harvest Festival. Holiday morning and afternoon.

29th 49 present in morning usual monthly exam. 44 present in afternoon.

Weekly average 48.1

Average to date 43 31/226

Oct 2nd Mr Blakely visited the school at dinnertime.

5th Holiday in afternoon. Wesleyan tea party held in school in connection with Wesleyan Harvest Festival.

6th Work has progressed this week.

Weekly average 48

Average to date 43 76/235

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Oct 9th My son Herbert has his P T 3rd year examination on Saturday next. He will have this week free from teaching duties in order to be free for revision of his work for P T exam.

Started fires this week.

11th 56m 56aft attendance remarkably good.

12th Received a notice of Proficiency Cert Exam at Kington and New Radnor. Rev C F Grey called about the same in morning but no one appeared to wish to go.

12th The boys Weston away today and yesterday afternoon on account of their fathers sad death yesterday morning.

Weekly average

50.6

Average to date 43 152/245

17th Five children from the village – four boys sons of the late Jn Weston and one girl L Smith returning to Cardiff with her father.

Managers meeting in evening re appointment of new teacher: decided to consult the committee suggested at Parish Meeting Sept 12th 1899

18th Revised timetable returned today signed by H M I

20th Work of school going on smoothly.

Weekly average 47.2

Average to date 43 194/255

21st Received continuation from HMI that P T had passed well.

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Oct 23rd Managers meeting in evening: Minutes of meeting of Monday Sept 25th 1899 revised and confirmed.

The parish committee afterwards met in consultation with managers re appointment of new teacher. 27th The removal of Mrs Weston and children from the parish has brought the weekly average lower but the average to date is 43 220/265 whilst the weeks average is 45.6

Weekly average 45.6

Average to day 43 220/265

30th Work progressing

31st Parish meeting at school in evening: the school business did not come under discussion but the minutes of last parish meeting appointing a committee of five were confirmed and then the levying the ordinary rate was passed to and agreed to. Only one school manager W Welson Chairman of parish meeting was present a few other ratepayers were present including Messrs James Price and F Davies.

Nov 1st usual monthly examination of standards.

3rd Very wet

Weekly average 46

Average to date 43 250/275

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Nov 10th Examined the registers this day and found them quite correct. Charles F Grey

6th Attendance m 43 aft 39 very low

8th The Managers met in evening also the school committee appointed by parish meeting with them.

9th My son Herbert Parkhouse received his two first class certificates for passing in model drawing and practical plane and solid geometry at Leominster in April. He received his first class direct from the Sc and A Department some time since.

10th Rev C F Grey visited the school and tested registers.

Weekly average 44.3

Average to date 43 263/285

11th Notice B from Educ Dept posted in village requiring 60 scholars to be provided for.

13th Attendance in morning very poor for boys and in afternoon – Huntingdon Fair.

16th Prize giving at Presteign Intermediate School – my son Cecil who gained a scholarship there last year came out first in the examination at end of school year. I went leaving my son Herbert and Mrs P. in charge of school.

16th Attendance good.

Weekly average 44.7

Average to date 43 280/295

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Nov 21st The school attendance officer's deputy visited the school in the afternoon: took Herbert Matthews attendance, viz. 200 out of 299 possible. Absent this week Mon m and aft and Tues m and aft.

22nd Parish meeting convened in school for seven this evening specially to consider the school question – a voluntary rate of 6d in the £ proposed and carried but all did not vote or promise to pay it. The meeting broke up without a definite settlement.

23rd Rector promised to write the inspector to close school on Wednesday Nov 29th at 4.25 pm.

24th End of third quarter of school year

Weekly average 46.4

Quarterly average 47.2

Average to date 44 9/305

Esther Lily Gittus, Charles Jones and Arthur Parkhouse have not been absent once during the past quarter; each received a small reward as usual from Master.

27th Examined the standards in reading, writing and arithmetic as usual for the month. Att m 48 aft 47

28th Managers meeting in evening gave me P T memorandum of agreement for my fresh correspondent to ask for transfer of P T to Evancoyd Nat School.

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Nov 29th Mifs Burton asked Mrs Parkhouse to allow her to come to school during the needlework today. She came saw the sewing and knitting etc. at quarter past four we, (myself, wife and son) took leave of the children.

30th Filled up summary and register to this date in order to give Mr William Welson the keys in accordance with the decision on managers on Tuesday.

Weekly average 43.1

Average to date 44 4/11

Jethro S C Parkhouse Principal teacher

Mrs Parkhouse Sewing Mistress

Herbert Parkhouse Pupil Teacher 3rd year

Terminate their agreements on this date Nov 30th 1899

Dec 4th I Elizabeth Bradshaw take temporary charge of the school.

Miss Burton Art 68 commenced duties.

8 Average for week 38.8

12 Snowstorm. Holiday

13 Very bad weather. Poor attendance m 20 a 21

14 Holiday for remainder of week on account of bad weather.

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Dec 19th 1899

Visit of Inspection Art 84 (b) C H Cowling

Notes

1) Full particulars of the aid grant should be entered in the logbook

2) Notes of the object lessons must be provided.

3) The school premises should be much more thoroughly dusted. The walls need plaster in places.

4) The clock must be kept in 'going' order.

Dec 20 Attendance very low all week on account of the bad weather. Average 17.3

Closed school for Xmas holidays.

22nd Miss Bradshaw left and stayed away without explanation C F G

Jan 8 1900 I Margretta Burton Art 68 unwillingly take charge of school to fill up gap made by head teacher having left and no one else engaged.

12th Have marked register this week and taught lessons throughout.

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School to the best of my ability with the assistance of Rev C F Grey who has been present part of every day except Wednesday.

Jan 17th Miss Bradshaw has since written that she declines to come back. C F G

Attendance low all week

Average 20.1

Jan 17th and 18th Alice Griffiths away through illness, Mr Blakely visited school this morning and took list of absentees.

19th Attendance still very low.

Average 24.5

22nd Alice Griffiths returned to school this morning. Also Charles Jones who has been absent a long time. I received a note today from his mothers saying he had been ill with influenza. Also his two sisters who are still unable to come.

24th I take on the duties of head master (pro tem) G H L Reynolds late Asst Master of Norton Canon Boys School Cannock.

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Jan 26th an exam of the schoolwork so far as the timetable for the days allowed shewed Geog object lessons, reading and sewing to be in a rather weak state for this time of the school year. 4 of the elder children and 5 of the infants – 9 in all absent the whole of the week.

Feb 2nd A fall of snow has prevented 14 children (compared with yesterdays attendance) from coming to school this morning.

5th Although very cold this morning 36 children attended: perhaps they have had intelligence of the Sch Att Off being set to work.

9th The average of this week has improved over that of last week since the weather has afforded better walking but the average of the school is (and has been since the fall of snow before Xmas) much affected by the non-attendance of the infants.

The work of this wk as also that of last wk has been recapitulatory. Reading all round is most unsatisfactory. The Music and Drill have been strengthened together with Arith, object lessons and Geog.

Freehand is the weakest part of drawing.

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Feb 12th A rather heavy fall of snow which fell last Saturday and still remains on the ground has affected the attendance very much this morning: 17 only of the standard children are present: no infants.

I omitted to state on Friday the 9th Form IX and other papers relating to inspection and particulars about the school were handed me by the Rev C F Grey on that date.

In addition to the notes of object lessons which have been taken away, the compasses used by the boys for geometry have likewise disappeared so that unless a new lot is obtained the boys must perforce forego the enjoyment of that subject.

Feb 14th An additional fall of snow last night with a wind blowing it into deep drifts has made the coming to school on this date almost impracticable for even the older children: 6 only present am so did not open school. The same number only assembled pm: no school.

15th Very heavy drifting snow with strong wind am which by midday changed to driving rain and kept on the remainder of the day did not prevent 4 children attending, but thoroughly drenched: no school.

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Feb 16th The heavy rain which prevailed through the whole of last night has caused a diminution in the depth of the snow but there is a deal of 'slosh' about from the melting and in places it is extremely slippery: few children attended: no instruction given: children remained to dry their feet morning and afternoon. School closed.

19th Form 17A (VS) dated 16th Feb 1900 and headed ST Davids Diocesan Association V N 3811 to hand. A grant of £10 is made £3 to go to the increase of salary of Hd teacher and £7 to the repairing of the school boundary walls.

The snow has almost entirely disappeared this morning: school opened: 27 present.

Examined the register this day and found them quite correct. Charles F Grey

21st Held an exam in R, W, and A am as there was a good attendance of children – 40 The rev C F Grey came in pm to look at the sewing.

23rd The attendance has improved this week as the weather has turned out mild. The sewing has improved a good deal of late under Miss Burton's management, I am glad to say.

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Feb 25th In consequence of 5 wks being taken up for the harvest holidays (instead of 5 wks being written over 4 wks columns) the attendances for the remaining 3 days of Feb 25, 27 and 28 have to be inserted in either the column of the 5th or 6th of this quarter in the registers where they can be most clearly seen. In the summary they are totalled and added just underneath those of last wk.

A heavy rain all last night and this morning has caused a meagre attendance this morning.

27th Upon calling out Drusilla Parton's name (no 19 in Standard Girls Register) I was informed that the Partons had left the village; but upon sending up a lad to find out the truth about it I find they do not go away until tomorrow so the 'left parish' is rather prematurely entered. Being rather better weather am 35 are present.

27th Visit of inspection Art 84 (b)

C H Cowling

28th Give up temporary charge this day pm.

Also Miss M Burton gives up her charge Art 68

G W L Reynolds CM

Page 291 March 1st M M Buller commenced charge of this school. Miss Burton has also resumed duties as assistant. Commenced new school year. 33 children present.

The Diocesan Inspection is fixed for March 21st

Average 33.5

Commenced the week with 29 children in attendance. The standards worked sums in their several rules. Taught the children a new song 'Catch the Sunshine'

Several children have been absent for the whole week. The attendance officer visited the school.

The clock has been cleaned. The Rev C F Grey visited the school several times during the week.

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March 12th Monday morning – 37 children in attendance. Several children whose names are on the books do not attend school.

The numbers are higher.

Several boys have been reprov'd for bad behaviour. The usual routine of duties. Taught the children anew song 'The Blue Bells of Scotland'.

The Rev C F Grey visited the school. Average for the week 34.9

This week in consequence of severe snowstorms we were not able to open school until Thursday afternoon – very few children being able to attend.

Wednesday March 21st The Diocesan Inspection took place when the registers were not marked for the day. 19 children were present on Thursday afternoon, 20 on Friday morning and 19 in the afternoon. Average for the week 19.3

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Received circular 435 concerning object lessons

April 9th Examined the registers this day and found them as usual quite correct Charles F Grey
12th Notice was sent one day last wk of the intention to close this school at midday today for the Easter Holiday – 12th – 17th of April to HMI

April 18th Re-opened: 30 present

20th Fairly good work has been done this week in the new subjects.

23rd Sent off for the Rev C F Grey a copy of Form IX (financial part) to Carmarthenshire Training College and also a copy of last Govt and Diocesan Reports to Xtian Knowledge Society

26th The Rev C F Grey handed the report of HMI on this school for the past year and form IX for correction. The report is entered upon the opposite page (295)

27th Several children are absent from a peculiar kind of cold which some in school suffer from in a mild form but is annoying while teaching is going on.

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Form 17A 17 (SA)

Form 17A no 2811 Gladestry N School, Radnor

Summary of the Inspectors report and remarks on school – year ending Feb 28th 1900

‘Constant changes must have interfered with progress, but on the whole tis school has been satisfactorily held together this year.’

A loan is not income: and the sum of £120 /5/11 should accordingly be removed from the school account and the account re-balanced and returned.

Immediate notice should be given to the Board of Education when the new Principal Teacher is appointed. Further instalments of fee grant are suspended until this is done.

M Burton is recognised under Article 68 of the Code subject to her furnishing a satisfactory

Medical Certificate on the enclosed form. Signed Charles F Grey

Staff Geo W L Reynolds CM

M Burton Art 68 Correspondent

Apr 26th 1900

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Actual av att Boys 20.2 Girls 20.12 = 40.7 or 41

Principal Grant 12/6 Discipline etc 1/6 Note singing 1/-

1st Class subject – Science and Geog 2/-

2nd Class subject Girls Needlework 20 @2/-

2nd Class Subject Boys drawing [20@1/9](#)

Grant claimable on as att a £34/17/-, 1/15/-, 2/0/0/

Grant under Art 102 £3/0/-

Grant under Art 104 £10/0/-

Grant under 105 £10/0/- Gross total £61/12/-

Final payments of fee grant 4/15/0 total £66/7/-

Deduct contributions of certifd teachers
Under Superannuation Act (Form 17 SA)
Reynolds G W L 2 mos 10/-
Parkhouse J S C 8 mos £2/0/0/ = £2/10/-
Total £63/17/-

The Board of Education still sanction the omission of the annual inspection of this school under Art 84 (b) of the Code.

April 30th Rather wet morning yet there are 33 present. Fred Thornton Infants who has been away from school for some considerable time through illness and on doctor's orders has again come to school.

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May 1st Held an exam in last months work: it is recorded in the syllabus form. The work was 'very fairly' done all round.

I ought to say that a meeting of managers was to have been held in the school last night. Several of the managers were present but the meeting was adjourned in the absence of the Rev C F Grey The Rev C F Grey called pm and wrote a letter in answer to the complaint made in the report remarks that he had not immediately apprised the Board of Education of the going and coming of the late series of Hd teachers and of the penalty he might otherwise incur if he do not do so.

May 3rd Small attendance: wet morning.

4th The meeting of managers mentioned above took place in the school last night. The records are down in the Minute Book appointed for the purpose. The master had an agreement signed that he should stay on at least up to July 31st accordingly he can frame a list of object lessons for the signature of HMI which it is hoped will be despatched this wk.

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May 7th A notice (pm) was despatched to T S Aldis Esq that this school would be closed on the 10th next at 12 for noon and also on the whole of the following day – the 11th – being Kington Fair Day when it seems to be a habit that every one that can get there should go without fail from this part.

9th Very wet morning: attendance affected: 21 present.

10th Form IX which the Board of Education returned for correction has been handed me corrected by Geo Davies Clerk to Kington School Board.

Further Miss M Burton has at length consented to undergo an examination by Dr Harding (who is expected this morning) to satisfy the requirements demanded of Art 68's now.

May 10th The school closed at 12 noon until Monday.

14th May Partly on account of Kington Fair tomorrow (11th) and partly to allow of my going home. Mr Blakely (SAO) for Kington called re attce. I could report no one: some are over age and the 2 Owens have gone to Huntington School.

May 14th Re-opened school: small attendance: -28 The rev C F Grey called and brought a form numbered 17649/00 for the Board of Education.

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May 14th The Rev C F Grey also handed him the form signed by Dr Harding concerning Miss Burton (see folio 295) for sending to London.

17th Notice is sent pm to HMI that this school will be closed on Thursday next the 24th inst being Holy Thursday.

22nd A list of object lessons for Standard I and infants was handed to the Rev C F Grey (who called am) for forwarding to HMI for signature and approval.

24th Holiday all day – Ascension Day

25 May 1900 Visit in pursuance of provision of Art 84 b of Code W S Williams

25th End of 1st Quarter of school year of Feb 1901. Dr Williams came in at 9.5 am on a visit of inspection and expressed himself favourably impressed with the quarters progress of the children.

He said that their behaviour was good.

This logbook is now closed

(See next logbook)