

Newchurch Diary and Log Book Jan 1880.
Frontispiece entry estimated extent of school premises 985 square yards.

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1880 Newchurch School

Jan 19th 1880 This school was opened at 10 a.m. Twenty children present viz, eight boys and twelve girls, the majority of whom could neither read nor write.

Jan 26th Admitted twenty children viz thirteen boys and seven girls. Many of these had never been to school before.

February 2nd Admitted two girls.

Feb 4th Commenced simple addition with Standard I who had pReviously been learning to make figures.

Feb 9th Admitted 3 girls and one boy.

Feb 13th Children in upper classes made very fair progress this week.

Feb 16th Admitted two girls. Very small school this day on account of the wet weather.

Feb 23rd Admitted two boys.

Feb 27th Ordinary progress throughout school this week

March 1st Commencement of the school year. Admitted one boy (infant)

March 3rd Mr Hughes visited school in the afternoon

March 10th Children in upper classes began to write in exercise books

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March 12th Gave children a half holiday in afternoon

March 18th The children in Standard IV, III and II began to work Wykes's Arithmetic B Exercises.

Mar 22nd Commenced simple subtraction with Standard I. The children got on with the new rule better than I expected.

Mar 25th Gave a holiday this day it being Good Friday.

Mar 29th Better attendance this day.

April 5th Admitted one boy: received notice of withdrawal of three children on account of their parents changing their residence.

April 9th Children in Standard I appear to be making fair progress. The three children above mentioned left this school

April 16th Mr Pryce of Kington had arranged to come to the school for the purpose of taking a photograph of the children and school buildings but owing to the rain he did not come.

April 19th Admitted three children

April 23rd After school in the afternoon Mr Pryce took photographs of the children and school buildings.

April 30th Ordinary progress this week

May 4th Half holiday in the afternoon

May 10th Admitted two children

May 11th A very wet day and in consequence a very small attendance.

May 14th Three children left school this day John Lloyd, Eliza Worthing and Jane Gwillim

May 17th Whit Monday and May Fair Day at Hay and Kington Holiday this day.

May 18th Exceedingly small school this day. Only fifteen children present.

May 21st Very low average this week. Only 13.7. This was on account of the fair.
May 25th Examined the registers and found them correct – J Hughes (Chairman)
May 28th End of quarter. Average for this quarter was 40. Ordinary progress this week.
June 4th Average 39. Many children absent on account of the wet weather.
June 11th Ordinary progress this week. Fair attendance.
June 17th Small attendance may of the children being away at the Hay Agricultural Show.
June 24th Ordinary progress throughout the school.

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July 2nd 1880 Wet day and small attendance. This was partly caused by a meeting held at the Rhosgoch to which many of the children went.
July 9th Fair average this week. Ordinary progress through the school.
July 12th Mr Vaughan Rector of Newchurch visited the school in the afternoon.
July 16th Half holiday in the afternoon on account of Sunday School festival at Newchurch. Rather small attendance in morning.
July 23rd Small attendance many of the children being on the hills gathering whimberries. Mr Hughes visited the school in the afternoon.
July 30th Exceedingly small attendance at school this week, Average only 14.9. this is owing to the children being engaged in picking whimberries.
School broke up for the summer holidays.
Sept 13th School reopened.
Sept 15th Mr Hughes visited the school.
Sept 17th Small average this week on account of the unfavourable weather and the harvest not being got in.
Sept 20th Admitted one girl.
Sept 24 Rather better average. Many children still away in the harvest fields. Ordinary progress.
Sept 27th Admitted one girl.
Oct 1st Much better attendance this week
Oct 4th Admitted one boy.
Oct 5th Snow on ground this morning; rest of day very wet. Small school in consequence.
Oct 7th Very wet day. Only 19 in school.
Oct 11th Fair at Hay. Several children away.
Oct 15th ordinary progress this week. Average for week 31.1
Oct 21st Mr Hughes visited the school in the afternoon
Oct 26th Heavy snow storm in the afternoon
Oct 27th Snow thawing very rapidly. Half holiday in afternoon.
Nov 1st Admitted one boy.
Nov 5th Better average this week on account of the fine weather. Ordinary progress.

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Nov 12th 1880 Good school this week in comparison with other weeks. Average 41.6
Nov 19th Ordinary progress. Average 42.4
Nov 26 End of quarter. Average lower than that of preceding week.
Dec 2nd Examined the registers and found them correct – J Hughes (Chairman)
Dec 3rd Ordinary progress.
Dec 8th Whole holiday this day.

Dec 17th Smaller attendance this week on account of the great markets at Hay and Kington.

Dec 20th A bed of snow on the ground. Very few children in consequence.

Dec 24th Christmas holidays commenced at noon.

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Jan 3rd Admitted one boy.

Jan 10th Good attendance this day.

Jan 14th Weeks attendance began well but owing to a heavy fall of snow which occurred about the middle of the week it decreased very much. Average for week 36.4
Half holiday in the afternoon.

Jan 18th Heavy snow storm accompanied by a violent hurricane. Very few children present.

Jan 19th School closed on account of the deep snow which rendered it nearly impossible for any child to attend.

Jan 31st School again opened but few children attended.

Feb 4th Average 24.2

Feb 11th Ordinary progress. Average low.

Feb 18th Much better attendance this week. In the afternoon the Rev J. Hughes visited the school. Handed the master H.M. Inspectors Notice to inspect the school on the 2nd proxions(?) and examined registers.

Feb 25th Attendance fair this week.

Feb 28th Holiday this day on account of school board meeting. Meeting postponed until March 1st. A heavy snow fell on the 27th and no thaw had taken place at this date. Average attendance for year 35.9. School open 422 hours during the year.
Highest weekly attendance 45.3

April 2nd This day received from the Education Department the report of H.M.I. E.E. Colt Williams Esq. who visited the school 2nd March 1881.

It is as follows:

Mr Baxter has made an excellent start in this new school of which this is the first examination, as the children were in excellent discipline and did their work most creditably. Of course many of them were very old for their standards but several had been to no school previously to this one being opened a year ago. The Board will, I trust, take far more active steps to put compulsion in force. There ought to be many more children especially young ones on the books and the children should attend far more regularly than they do now. Something should be done to prevent the rain coming in at the west end of the school. A monitor will be needed when the average increases. Signed Richard Chaloner

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Newchurch Board School

Staff 1881

Arthur T. Baxter. Certificated teacher. First Probationary Year.

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board

Transcript of Examination Schedule

Newchurch Board School

County of Radnor

List of Scholars on whose account a grant is claimed for the year ended 28/2/81(last day of month. AM 13)

No	Name	No. of attendances in the year	Direct No 2 Exam schedule	Age last birthday	Date of admission to this school		In what class of school First means highest	Under what standard A Last exam	B Now to be examined
					Year	Month			
1	Dansey Goodwin	270		7	80	1	2 nd		I
2	Powell Tuck	351		7	80	1	“		“
3	George Watkins	352		10	80	1	“		“
4	Price Havard	294		10	80	1	“		“
5	Samuel Gore	262		9	80	1	“		“
6	Evan Griffiths	284		9	80	2	“		“
7	Arthur Webb	334		9	80	2	“		“
8	Arthur Lloyd	347		12	80	1	“		“
9	Richard Lewis	320		8	80	1	“		“
10	John Davies	334		10	80	1	“		“
11	Charles Jones	290		10	80	1	2 nd		I
12	John A. Morgan	362		11	80	1	2		I
13	Edward Morgan	354		9	80	1	2 nd		I
14	Florence Goodwin	342		8	80	1	“		“
15	Elizabeth Lloyd	284		8	80	1	“		“
16	Mary A Joseph	337		10	80	1	“		“
17	Mary Watkins	312		14	80	1	“		“
18	John Gittus	352		8	80	2	“		II
19	Evan Evans	300		9	80	1	“		“

20	John Owens	360		11	80	“	“		“
21	Jane Griffiths	254		14	80	1	“		“
22	Catherine Jones	303		13	80	1	“		“
23	Mary A Jones	254		13	80	1	“	I	“
24	William Webb	287		12	80	4	1 st	II	III
25	James Davies	313		12	80	1	“	“	“
26	Arthur Morgan	304		14	80	1	“	II	“
27	Edith Goodwin	355		11	80	1	“	II	“
28	Annie Goodwin	310		13	80	1	“	III	IV
29	Matilda Evans	320		12	80	I	“	III	V
30	Margarita Goodwin	262		15	80	1	“	IV	V
31	Thomas Davies	289		11	80	5	“	V	VI
32									
33	Arthur Evans	268		6	80	1	3 rd		
34									

School Songs for 1880

1. The Old black cat
2. Little Nell
3. The Cooper
4. Ever To the Right
5. Some folks do
6. Farewell to shady
7. The Brooklet
8. God Save The Queen

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March 1st After afternoon school a board meeting was held in the school room. Form IX and Examination Schedules signed.

Mar 2nd School was examined by H M Inspector E W Colt Williams Esq. 31 children presented in Standards and one infant.

Examinations commended at 11a.m.

Half holiday in the afternoon.

11th Average for week fair. Children seem to be working fairly in new standards.

18th Average rather lower than that of preceding week. Fair progress.
21st Admitted two girls.
22nd Very small attendance on account of a fall of snow.
24th Half holiday in the afternoon
25th Began to work by the new timetable which I received on the 24th
28th In the afternoon the Rev D Vaughan visited the school
April 4 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the morning.
8th Average 38. Ordinary progress throughout school.

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April 15th Good Friday Holiday this day
18th Admitted one infant
25th Fair attendance
28th Very small attendance considering the state of the weather which was fine.
May 6th Average for week 35.1. ordinary progress throughout school
12th Half holiday in the afternoon
17th Hay Fair. Holiday this day.
20th Average exceedingly poor this week. This was caused by the fairs at Hay and the showery weather
27th Much better attendance this week. Average 43.3 ordinary progress.
June 3rd Highest average since opening of the school 47
6th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the afternoon
10th Average low again. 39 (about). Fair progress shown by the children.
17th Boys appear to be getting on very well in Grammar.
24th Men engaged in colouring the walls of the schoolroom in early morning. Owing to

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This morning school did not commence until 9.40 a.m.
July 1st Ordinary progress throughout the school. Irregular attendance interferes a great deal with geography in the Upper Standards.
8th Smaller attendances owing to the Sunday School Festival at Rhosgoch.
15th Weather very hot. Average 39.2
18th Holiday this day
22nd Visited this school and examined registers – only 13 children in attendance – it was decided upon by the Board that the school be this day broken for the Midsummer Holidays – J Hughes
Sep 5th School reopened
7th The Rev J Hughes visited the school in the afternoon
12.13th Holiday these days.
19th Admitted one girl. Many children away owing to harvest operations, nut gathering
23rd Ordinary progress throughout school
30th Rather better attendances this week but still much lower than it should be.

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Oct 7th Ordinary progress
14th Harvest Thanksgivings at Newchurch. Holiday in consequence.

21st Children appear to be making fair progress but Arithmetic in Standard IV rather weak.
24th Readmitted one girl
28th Good attendance this week average 44.1
Nov 1st Very few children in attendance on account of snowy weather.
7th Admitted one boy.
11th Good attendances this week. Average 45.1
16th The Sewing Mistress (Miss Price) was married this day. No needlework for girls in the afternoon in consequence.
22nd Holiday in afternoon
29th Very good attendance this day. 51 children being present.
Dec 2 Average this week 47.8
9th Fair progress throughout the school
13th Many children away this being Kington Great Market Day

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19th weather very rough. Only 25 children present.
22nd broke up school for Xmas Holidays

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Jan 9th re opened school. Admitted one infant.
17th Rev J Hughes visited the school in the afternoon.
20th ordinary progress shown throughout school.
27th two children left school this day on account of parent's removal from the neighbourhood.
Feb 3rd Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the afternoon.
7th Visited the school and examined the registers – J Hughes
13th Rev T. Thomas Vicar of Glascombe visited the school in the afternoon.
15th Weather very rough; several snow storms this day.
20th Admitted one girl.

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Feb 24th Average about 24. the children from Upper Lloyney left the school on account of parents being about to remove from the neighbourhood.
28th End of school year. Average for the year 37.04. School opened 422 times during the year. Highest weekly attendance 47.8
March 3rd Attendance not very good – only 36.1#8 School examined by H.M. Inspector E.W. Colt Williams Esq. 35 children were presented in Standards and 2 infants. One boy in Standard II absent from illness. Half holiday in afternoon.
9th Placed the children in their new standard.
10th 3 children left the school – one in St. VI and two in St. IV
17th Average attendance very poor
22nd Only 20 children present owing to snow.
27th Admitted two boys and a girl.
31st Catherine Greenway left school on account of going to reside at Cusop.

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April 1st This day received form the Education Department the report of Her Majesty's Inspector E.W. Colt Williams Esq. who visited the school 8th March 1882. It is as follows:

Notwithstanding the serious drawback of very irregular attendances Mr Baxter has again produced excellent results in Elementary and extra subjects while the tone and discipline of the schools are most satisfactory. Sewing needs to be taught more systematically and the girls staged according to age. I hope to find the attendance much improved by another year. Sundry repairs are needed to doors and windows and the road in front of the school needs a culvert under it. Mr Baxter will shortly receive his certificate.

Newchurch board School

Staff 1882

Arthur Thomas Baxter Certificated teacher

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board

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Transcript of Examination Schedule

Lost of scholars on whose account a Grant is claimed for the year ended 28th February 1882 (last day of month? 13)

Newchurch Board School

No	Name	No. of attendances in the year	See direction no 2 in school	Age last birthday	Date of admission to school Year	Month	In what class of school; 1 is highest. Begin with lowest	Under what standard last examined	Now to be examined
1	Arthur Evans	353		7	80	1	3 rd		I
2	James Griffiths	331		8	80	4	3 rd		I
3	William Gittus	368		7	80	5	3 rd		I
4	William Gore	349		8	80	6	3 rd		I
5	Mary Jane Gittus	352		7	80	5	3 rd		I
6	Mary Edith Lloyd	331		9	81	3	3 rd		I
7	Charlotte Jones	374		9	80	2	3 rd		I
8	Annie Watkins	324		13	81	3	3 rd		I
9	Arthur Joseph	326		10	80	10	2 nd		II

10	Danzev Goodwin	339		8	80	1	2 nd	I	II
11	Jeffrey Tuck	269		12	80	7	2 nd		II
12	George Watkins	359		11	80	1	2 nd	I	II
13	Price Havard	292		11	80	1	2 nd	I	II
14	Samuel Gore	314		10	80	1	2 nd	I	II
15	Evan Griffiths	363		10	80	2	2 nd	I	II
16	Arthur Webb	363		10	80	2	2 nd	I	II
17	Arthur Lloyd	345		13	80	1	2 nd	I	II
18	Richard E Lewis	359		9	80	1	2 nd	I	II
19	John Davies	295		11	80	1	2 nd	I	II
20	Chas Jones	295		11	80	1	2 nd	I	II
21	John A Morgan	375		13	80	!	2 nd	I	II
22	Edward Morgan	344		10	80	1	2 nd	I	II
23	Florence Goodwin	371		9	80	1	2 nd	I	II
24	Elizabeth Lloyd	280		9	80	1	2 nd	I	II
25	Elizabeth Griffiths	333		13	80	4	2 nd		II
26	Mary Ann Joseph	341		11	80	1	2 nd	I	II
27	John Gittus	379		9	80	2	2 nd	II	III
28	Evan Evans	262		10	80	1	2 nd	II	III
29	John Owens	386		12	80	1	2 nd	II	III
30	Catherine Jones	269		14	80	1	2 nd	II	III
31	William Webb	340		13	80	4	1 st	III	IV
32	Edith Goodwin	371		12	80	1	1 st	III	IV
33	Annie Owens	367		14	80	9	1 st	III	IV

34	Annie Goodwin	243	A	14	80	1	1 st	IV	V
35	Matilda Evans	276		13	80	1	1 st	V	VI
36	Margretta Goodwin	203	A	16	80	1	1 st	V	VI
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37									
38	Arthur Jones	398		6	80	5	3 rd		
39	John Birch	310		6	81	4	3 rd		

School Songs for 1881

1. The Skaters
2. Farewell to Shady
3. March of Men of Harlech
4. The Brooklet
5. Be Kind to the Loved Ones
6. Hast thou still a Father?
7. Get Up Early
8. God Save The Queen

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April 7th Holiday this day being Good Friday.

14th Standard III getting on very well with Arithmetic

19th Mr Banks visited the school in the afternoon

21st Fair progress throughout school. Average for week = 32.8

28th Two boys left school on account of their parents leaving the neighbourhood

May 1 Rev J. Hughes visited the school in the afternoon.

2nd Half holiday in the afternoon

5th Very poor attendance this week. Many children suffering from heavy colds.

Average = 17.4

12th Average still poor from the same cause as last week.

16th Only 10 in school. School closed in consequence until May 22nd

26th Fair progress made by those children who have been in regular attendance. Many children still away owing to whooping cough

30th Readmitted one boy.

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June 2nd Four children left school on account of their parents leaving this neighbourhood

Average not good this week. Fair progress

8th Holiday this day

16th Attendance rather better this week. Standard II getting on fairly with Simple Division

19th Re admitted one infant girl

23rd Several children still absent from school on account of whooping cough.

Ordinary progress throughout school. One boy left school to go to work having passed the Fourth Standard.

July 1st Examined School registers and found the average attendance very low in consequence of whooping cough having been prevalent for the last six weeks throughout the school district – J Hughes
7th Better attendance this week. One girl left. Ordinary progress throughout school
10th Admitted one infant.
Mr H Jones (School Board Member) visited the school in the afternoon.

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July 13th Confirmation at Gladestry. Small school in consequence of this and the rain.
21st The Wimberry gathering season having commenced it has been decided to break up the school this day for the Summer Holidays.
Sep 4th School commenced after Summer Holidays
11th Admitted two infants – boys
15th Children working very well throughout school. Standard V however rather weak in Arithmetic
22nd Examined school registers – J Hughes
29th Attendance better this week. Several children absent owing to sickness.
Oct 6th Ordinary progress throughout the school
9th Admitted three children
10th Attendances bad on account of the fair at Hay
11th Very rough weather
16th Better attendance this day.
20th Very fair progress throughout the week. Workmen engaged in sundry repairs to school buildings this week.
24th Holiday this day.
27th Much better attendance this week. Average 32

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Several children in the Third Standard rather weak in Arithmetic; the rest of school seem to be progressing fairly.
10th Attendance for this week. Average 31
13th Very poor attendance owing to the Huntington Fair
16th Owing to a deep snow only a few boys present.
20th No school this day in consequence of the schoolroom being used for the School Board Election.
24th Ordinary progress throughout the school.
Dec 1st Attendance fair this week. Weekly average for past quarter = 26
4th Re admitted two children
8th Deep snow. No school in consequence.
11 + 12th Very scanty attendance on account of the snow.
13th School closed on account of the very deep snow; it being impossible for the children to attend.
22nd School broken up for the Xmas holidays. Attendance better this week. Average 26.2

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Jan 2nd 1883 Re-opened school
5th Very fair progress this week. Average 24.5
6th Examined School registers – J Hughes
12th Better attendances this week. Progress fair.

19th Progress throughout the school fair but several irregular children weak in extra Subjects.
26th Attendance scanty this day. No Needlework in afternoon.
29th An exceedingly wet and rough morning. Very small attendance in consequence.
Feb 2nd Weather very stormy and very small school. Average for week 20.2
3rd Tested School Registers J Hughes
6th Re admitted two boys
9th Better attendance this week. One boy left school this day (See entry for 12th Inst.)
12th The boy mentioned on the 9th inst. As having left the school returned this morning saying that it was a mistake.
16th Ordinary progress throughout the school.
23rd Received notice of Inspection from H.M. Inspector.
26th Tested School Registers – J Hughes
27th Re-admitted one boy.

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Feb 28th End of school year. School, open 424 times. Weekly average 26.4 highest weekly attendance during the year 38
March 2nd One boy left school this day.
9th Weather severe. A heavy fall of snow.
16th Attendance fair this week considering the weather.
19th Received notice from the Clerk of the School of the postponement of the Examination
22nd Very poor attendance this week owing to the inclement weather
26th Received notice that the School will be inspected on April 13th.
30th Average attendance not good 29.4
April 3rd The school examined by H.M. Inspector E.W. Colt Williams Esq. 25 children were presented in Standards and 1 infant.
Half holiday in the afternoon
9th Admitted two children
16th Admitted one girl
23rd Admitted two children. Commenced working to new timetable.
30th Admitted one child.
May 5th Tested School Registers – J Hughes

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Ordinary progress Attendance for week 30.7
21st School recommenced after Whitsun holiday. Admitted one girl.
28th Beginning of 2nd quarter. Average attendance for last quarter = 30
31st Poor attendance. Not one child present in the first class.
June 2nd The sewing mistress being called upon to resign her duties in consequence of H.M. Inspector being dissatisfied with her work. Mrs Baxter was unanimously appointed Sewing Mistress to succeed her at the same salary.
June 2nd This day received the report of Her Majesty's Inspector E.W. Colt Williams Esq., who visited the school 3rd April 1883. It is as follows:-
Notwithstanding exceptionally bad attendance Mr Baxter has produced very good results in Elementary and Extra Subjects while discipline is excellent. Needlework should be very much better than it is. At present it is neither systematically nor efficiently taught...

And a great improvement will be required next year.

Newchurch Board School

Staff 1883

Arthur Thomas Baxter Certificated teacher

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board

Transcript of Examination Schedule

Newchurch Board School

County of Radnor

List of Scholars on whose account a Grant is claimed for the year ended 28th February 1883.

No	Name	Attendances	Direction 2	Age	Date of admission	Class	Standard now	Standard to be examined
1	Arthur Jones	383		7	5/80	3 rd		I
2	John Birch	352		7	4/81	3 rd		I
3	Elizabeth Lewis	296		8	9/81	3 rd		I
4	Alice Evans	291		10	1/80	3 rd		I
5	Arthur Evans	329		8	1/80	2 nd	I	II
6	James Griffiths	344		9	4/80	2 nd	I	II
7	William Gore	363		9	6/80	2 nd	I	II
8	Edith Lloyd	308		10	3/81	2 nd	I	II
9	Charlotte Jones	297		10	2/80	2 nd	I	II
10	Arthur Joseph	294		11	10/80	2 nd	II	III
11	Danzey Goodwin	286		9	1/80	2 nd	II	III
12	George Watkins	303		12	1/80	2 nd	II	III
13	Samuel Gore	328		11	1/80	2 nd	II	III
14	Charles Jones	278		12	1/80	2 nd	II	III
15	Evan Griffiths	294		11	2/80	2	II	III
16	Florence Goodwin	321		10	1/80	2	II	III

17	Elizabeth Griffiths	337		14	4/80	2	II	III
18	Mary Ann Joseph	275		12	1/80	2	II	III
19	Price Havard	321		12	1/80	1 st	II	IV
20	Arthur Webb	342		11	2/80	1 st	II	IV
21	Richard Lewis	329		10	1/80	1 st	II	IV
22	Evan Evans	205	b	11	1/80	1 st	III	IV
23	John Owens	360		13	1/80	1 st	III	IV
24	Annie Goodwin	282		13	4/82	1 st	III	IV
25	Edith Goodwin	307		13	4/80	1 st	IV	V
26	Blank							
27	Bryan Webb	290		6	1/82	1	3rd	

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List of school songs for 1882

1. The Brooklet
2. The Lark
3. Drive the nail
4. Clap Clap Hurrah!
5. Lightly fell the snowflake
6. Farewell to study
7. Music everywhere
8. God Save The Queen

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June 8th Ordinary progress throughout the school

15th Attendance poor this week. Average 27.2

18th Admitted one infant

20th Owing to the very wet weather the number of children in the school was very small.

22nd Average for week low, the weather having been most unfavourable.

29th Ordinary progress throughout school

July 6th Average slightly improved this week. Fair progress.

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July 13th Ordinary progress. Several children rather weak in Arithmetic in Standard I. Standard V making good progress in their work.

18th Attendance very poor this day owing in some degree to Huntington Fair.

23rd Attendance again poor. Day very wet.

27th The Wimberry season having commenced and the attendance having, in consequence, become scanty the school was broken up for the summer holidays.

Sept 10th School re-commenced.

14th Very poor attendance this week.

21st ordinary progress. Attendances improved slightly.

24th Checked school registers – J Hughes

28th Attendance very much better this week.

Oct 5th Standard IV making very good progress

12th Attendance fair; ordinary progress.

19th Attendance not so good. This irregular attendance interferes greatly with general progress of school.

26th Fair progress shown by children who have been regular.

Nov 2nd First class attended very badly this week, Standard VI excepted.

Improvement in Arithmetic of this Standard

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Nov 3rd Checked registers – J Hughes

6th Very wet day which interfered greatly with attendance.

9th Attendance fair this week

16th Fair progress considering the attendance

23rd Standard IV making satisfactory progress in Arithmetic

27th Half holiday in afternoon

Dec 7th Attendance fair. Standard V making fair progress in Grammar but rather weak in Arithmetic.

13th A very rough wet day causing attendance to be poor.

21st School broke up for Christmas holidays. Average for week low.

31st Recommence school

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Jan 1st Holiday on account of children going about for New Year gifts.

5th Checked School Registers J.H.

11th Much better attendance this week. One girl left school this day.

18th Fair progress throughout most of school considering bad attendance.

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Jan 23rd A very rough day which caused many children to be absent from school.

28th Many children absent through the snowy weather. The irregular attendance interferes in a serious degree with the progress of the children – some of the Standard I especially. A larger proportion of the plaster on the wall at the west end of the schoolroom fell in the dinner hour. In consequence of this afternoon did not commence until 2 p.m.

Feb 1st Two boys left the school on account of their parents removing into another part of the country.

8th Attendance fair this week. Standard IV showing some improvement.
11th Holiday this day on account of the snow.
15th Attendance not so good this week. Standards I and II making fair progress.
21st Received from the Clerk of the Board H.M. Inspector notice of examination.
23rd Checked School Registers – J.H.
29th Last day of school year. Average attendance for the year = 29. School open 434 times.

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March 3rd very small school on account of the very wet weather.
4th No school on account of the rain which came down in torrents all day.
10th the Rev Vaughan visited the school
14th Much better attendance this week.
19th The school examined this day by H.M. Inspector E.W. Colt Williams Esq. 29 children presented in Standards and 3 infants. 3 children excused by H.M. Inspector. Half holiday in afternoon.
24th Admitted two children
31st Admitted one girl
April 4th Satisfactory progress throughout the school
10th One boy in Standard V left the school
11th Holiday being Good Friday
14th Re-admitted one boy.
18th Attendance very poor this week – only 27
21st Admitted three children
25th Fair progress throughout school
Attendance not good

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Much better attendance this week. Satisfactory progress throughout the school.
3rd this day received from the Education Department the report of H.M. Inspector E.W. Colt Williams ESQ., who visited the school on 19th March 1884.
It is as follows:-

Unless the Board compel the children to attend school at an earlier age than they do now the foundation of the work required in the children's school career will never be secure. It is useless to expect that children can pass the First Standard at seven years of age as they should always do; unless they have been at school regularly from the age of five or earlier.

Mr Baxter has taught his school thoroughly well notwithstanding this serious drawback, while the discipline is excellent. Intelligence was shown in the answers given viva voce but the First Standard should be more outspoken. Extra subjects excellent. Needlework improved and Button holes need more attention. Animal

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Pictures should be hung about the school.
Newchurch Board School
Staff 1884
Arthur Thomas Baxter certificated Teacher
Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board
Transcript of Exam Schedule
Newchurch Board School

County of Radnor

List of scholars on whose account a Grant is claimed for the year ended 29th February 1884.

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List of School Songs for 1883

1. The Brooklet
2. The Lark
3. Words of Kindness
4. Beauty Everywhere
5. Oh! The Boating!
6. Pleasant faces
7. The Crystal Spring
8. God Save The Queen

List of Object Lessons for Infants for the year ending Feb 28th 1885

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Nos 1 – 40 nothing listed

May 9th

Attendance falling off towards the end of week. Standard II improving in Arithmetic

12th Half holiday in afternoon

16th Attendance very poor this week

Checked registers and found them correct J. Hughes

23rd Exceedingly poor attendance this week.

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30th Fair progress this week. Standard II making good head with Arithmetic

June 6th Attendance not so good again especially boys.

9th The Reverend D. Vaughan paid a visit to the school in the afternoon.

12th + 13th Holidays

20th Ordinary progress throughout school

27th Attendance poor this week especially in the first class

July 2nd The Rev T Thomas called at the school in the afternoon.

4th Very heavy storms of rain which interfered seriously with the attendance.

11th Children making steady progress with their work. Many away on this day and on the 7th owing to Sunday School treats at Newchurch and Rhos-goch.

17th Having broken up for the Summer Holidays I resigned the charge of this school this day.

Arthur T Baxter.

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Board School – Newchurch

September 1st 1884

1st Sept

Enters upon duties in the above school with an attendance of 15.

The Rev J. Hughes with Master and Miss Hughes visited school

Mr Mainwaring Vice Chairman

4th Made some alteration to timetable with regard to the needlework

9th Examined V Standard Arithmetic and gave a lesson?

10th The Rev Vaughan visited

22nd Examined Registers and found them correct J.H.

Gave object lesson on?

29th Attendance better today.

2nd October Alteration of timetable approved by Colt Williams Esq., H.M. Inspector.

8th Writing of I Standard improving

14th Examined III Arithmetic with very fair results.

20th Admitted Elizabeth Leyton

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23rd Oct Composition of V Standard better than usual today.

29th Very poor attendance in the boys having gone to the Fair which took place at Mr. Goodwin's Llanoley

10th Nov Admitted two children

17th Knitting and needlework of Upper improving gradually. Admitted an infant – James Goodwin

19th Gave object lesson on 'Slate'

21st Holiday

26th Reading and dictation of III and IV Standards becoming more intelligent

3rd Dec Poor attendance this week – stormy all through from Monday to Friday.

9th Examined II, I Standards Arithmetic 9 passing.

12th Taught new song 'Home to Liberty'

16th Geography and drawing of maps progressing steadily.

19th Attendance low – dismissed children for Xmas Holidays

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29th Dec Commenced School – very few children present. A concert with New Years Day falling during the week – considered it better (with Rev J Hughes consent)

1885

Jan 5th Children reassembled after a fortnight's holiday – fair attendance.

Rev D. Vaughan visited.

12th Mr Casey – Surveyor of Ordnance visited school – express of pleasure at the appearance and discipline of the children

15th Examined IV and V Standards Grammar and Analysis with creditable results

23rd Rev J. Hughes visited and examined children in Reading. Inspected writing also

28th Holiday in consequence of Mistress having to attend audit in Kington.

30th Attendance lower today. Tea and concert at Rhosgoch.

Feb 4th Attendance better today.

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1885

Feb 7th Checked Registers and found them correct – Richard Chaloner. Clerk.

12th Attendance lower today
17th Examined I Standard in reading and Writing. Very fair results.
24th Visit of Rev J. Hughes with Miss Sophia. Inspected needlework.
3rd March Weather very wet- poor attendance
7th Checked registers and found them correct J. Hughes
10th Examined III Standard in Arithmetic and Dictation.
16th Attendance very good
20th Reading of V Standard very good today
25th Received notice of postponement of Examination to the 26th
26th Day of exam – number of children in Standard 38. Infants 5. Average attendance for the year 28.

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26th Mar List of School Songs
House and Liberty
Gone to the War
Listen
Land of Wales
A.B.C..
Brooklet
The Lark
Oh! The Boating
A Route with true Devotion
Buttercups and ?
?

27th March Visit of Mr and Mrs Mainwaring who kindly distributed oranges among the children. 41 being present for the occasion.
30th Re-arranged classes for the coming year.
3rd April Good Friday – Holiday
6th Admitted Sara Lewis

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13th April Admitted two children
16th Very wet indeed scarcely any children did not mark register
19th Attendance not so good this week. Many of the children very poorly.
27th Admitted Charles Gittus.
28th Received notice from Clerk of the Board that the Report of H.M. Inspector for the year 1884 had been received from Colt Williams Esq., of which the following is a copy.
Miss King has been here not quite seven months and has her school in good discipline. In consequence of the Boards slackness in enforcing attendance there are ? Children not at school and another reasonable distance and several in the first standard know next to nothing in consequence. The weather too for the past twelve months has been most favourable. If the attendance does not become larger and more regular the Board will have to look forward to

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Diminished grants and increased rates. Miss King should be careful that the Arithmetic does not deteriorate.
A Form and Colour Chart and Reading slates for the Infants are required. J.C.W.

Newchurch Board School
Staff 1884
Kate King C.M.
Richard Chaloner

May 4th Admitted Alice Leyton
11th Gave lessons in Arithmetic to IV and V Standards.
18th Holiday. Hay Fair.
25th Admitted five children.
27th Attendance very good today.
June 2nd Needlework and Knitting
8th Holiday
9th Admitted one child
16th Dictation and composition of Upper Standards progressing fairly.

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June 22nd Admitted two children
29th Rev D Vaughan visited school and advised the closing of it – in consequence of the measles having made its appearance among the children.
July 2nd Several of the children complained of headache and many presented symptoms of measles.
7th Greater part of the children absent this week – sick.
10th The Rev J. Hughes considered it advisable to close the school and as the summer vacation was at hand the children were dismissed giving seven weeks holiday.

August 31st Commenced school with only 17 children. The Harvest not got.

Sept 7th Admitted Elizabeth Havard
11th Taught a new song
17th Examined Arithmetic in I and II Standards with fair results.

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Sept 23rd Attendance improving
28th Admitted two children.
Oct 5th Admitted Lottie Meredith
12th Needlework and Knitting improving
16th Reading of Upper Standards becoming more intelligent
19th Mr Payter Solicitor from Kington visited the school to make arrangements as to the coming of C.C. papers to hold a Parliamentary meeting (Liberal)
20th Mr Mainwaring visited school with Mrs Mainwaring who distributed sweets to the children.
27th Arithmetic in III and IV Standards tested today
Nov 4th Drafted two alphabets into spelling class
7th checked registers and found them correct R. Chaloner

9th Began school earlier in the afternoon – that the children might leave at 3.15. The room having to be got ready for a Political Meeting. The Honourable Arthur Walsh with P.M. Banks. The chairman expected at 6 p.m.

11th Attendance very good today.

Nov 17th Tested Arithmetic of II and III standards with very fair results.

23rd Sent after absentees – sickness an example for absence.

27th Mrs Meredith of The Viall visited the school. Inspected Needlework and Knitting of children and distributed sweets and cake throughout the school

Dec 4th Taught Xmas Carol

8th Dictation of IV Composition of V (fair) written more accurately this morning.

15th Object lesson ‘Familiar Birds’ to Infants.

21st Arithmetic of I Standard tested today – results 12 passing

23rd Dismissal of children for Xmas Holidays giving them ‘til the 4th of January.

1886

Jan 4th Recommenced duties of school with a very good attendance.

6th Very heavy fall of snow. Rang school bell but not a child present.

11 Rang school bell with same result. Later on in day two of the boys turned up – sent them home.

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Jan 18th 1886 Very poor attendance – snow still heavy on the hills. Bad lookout for examinations

22nd Sent on after absentees

26th Heavy fall of snow – no children

Feb. 4th Attendance much better this week.

10th Needlework and knitting progressing. Dictation of II and III Standards written work more free from faults today.

24th Tested Arithmetic – with fair results.

26th Attendance very good this week. Taught a new song ‘Now Pray for Our Country’

March 1st Monday – first day of new school year – rang bell – not a child presented itself the roads and hills being drifted heavily with snow. School closed for the week.

9th Good attendance today – examined Arithmetic in all Standards.

19th Dictation of III + IV Standards tested.

Several children absent – sick.

24th Date fixed for Inspection by E.W. Colt Williams Esq. Children presented in Standards 36. Infants 9

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School Songs

Birdies Ball

Now Pray We for our Country

Down By the Babbling brook

Land of Wales

I Strike the Silver Strings

Christmas Carol

Softly the Echoes

Hark the Horn

Lazy Butterfly

Merrily Every Heart is Sounding
A.B.C. song
God Save The Queen

March 25th Re-organised Standards for the coming year.
31st Gave instructions to Standards II and III on their new rules of Arithmetic.
April 8th Dictation and writing of IV Standard progressing.
12th Admitted a child – Annie Evans

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April 12th Visit of Rev. D Vaughan to school bringing with him H. M. Inspector report for the Year '85 of which the following is a copy.

I lay the great deterioration of this school far more to the negligence of the Board than to the fault of the teacher. Had the Board looked after the attendance at all during the past 12 months they would probably have enabled the teacher to earn a Merit Grant for the School which its present state does not admit of my recommending.

The children attend so badly that that several of them in the first standard know next to nothing. Tables need to be better known and the easy problems in the third and fourth standards ought to have been worked. Spelling is very moderate.

Infant reading sheets and more historical readers should be purchased at once. The registers should be kept in a more tidy manner. All needlework shown at examination should be finished.

Unless a more satisfactory report is made next year the Grant will be liable to a deduction under Article 115 (I).

Richard Chaloner Correspondent

April 20th needlework and knitting of Upper Standards improving.

23rd Good Friday – Holiday

26th Attendance rather low this week owing to Sunday School Treat at Gladestry and Fairs in neighbourhood.

May 1st Checked registers D.Vaughan

3rd Admitted Ernest Thomas Cox

7th Attendance better this week. Tested the Arithmetic of II, III Standards in their new rules.

12th Very poor attendance today

13th, 14th, 17th School closed owing to? being out over the roads.

20th Reading of I Standard improving.

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May 26th Dictation and comprehension of Upper Standards better than usual today.

June 4th Fire not lit today for the first time this season

11th Holiday

16th Very poor attendance this week owing to tea parties at Bryngwyn.

25th Examined II Standards in Arithmetic with very fair results.

July 1st Better attendance this week.

6th Needlework and knitting progressing

12th Spelling and Arithmetic of I Standard tested today – result good.

15th reading of II and III Standards becoming more intelligent.

19th Commenced school with 8 children – infants with one exception two of whom said they were only coming for the day – the other children at home preparing for the Wimberry gathering – so had to close the school a week earlier than proposed.
Aug 7th registers checked to commencement of holiday D. Vaughan
Miss King resigned charge of this school 19th July '86

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I Phoebe Howard 2nd Class Certificated mistress began duties as mistress of this school today 28 children were present. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the afternoon.

8th Mr Chaloner called this afternoon to enquire what was required in stationery etc for present use.

10th A very wet morning only 16 present. Average for the week only 24.7. The late mistress made a very unfair entry July 6th in respect of the Girls needlework and knitting, there is none at all and judging from the tests given this week the work throughout is very indifferent.

14th The Rev D Vaughan called in the morning. John Gore and Evan Lloyd went on an errand in the dinner hour without permission they had not returned home by one o'clock so were marked absent.

16th Yesterday morning William Gittus

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was very sick during the Scripture lesson. I sent him home again not being present this morning I enquired how he was when his sister said 'he is gone to work'. I am not at all surprised the children know so little now I see how they attend.

17th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the morning and kindly stayed an hour to assist me. Average 29.4

22nd 36 children present this morning the best attendance I have had. The Rev D Vaughan visited in the morning and taught class half an hour.

24th Average for the week 33.9

27th A full school this morning. Admitted James Griffiths and Arthur Evans also Danzey Leyton aged nine obliged to class him with the Infants. Merrick Lloyd and Margretta Davies returned

aged 59

after a long absence – 41 present

Sept Checked the registers and found them correct – D Vaughan

28th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon and assisted with the classes.

Oct 1st A very wet morning many away in consequence. The Rev D Vaughan visited in the morning. Average for week 37.1

Oct 4th I readmitted Elizabeth Leyton this morning. She was examined in 1885 at Standard III but failed. She has not attended since May 1st 1885. The 22 weeks commences this morning so do not know if she would be allowed to be examined.

5th John Davis came to school yesterday for the first time since July 16th. His attendances this year are 137 out of possible 219 and those of his sister Margretta are 71 and he is away again this morning. They know nothing at all and I am quite sure

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they will never be fit in examination this time work as I will. There are ten children away this morning all because 'Mother wants them'.

7th Usual course Rector visited in the afternoon

8th Average for week 36.4

15th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning. Av 36.1

22nd Checked registers and found them correct D Vaughan

22nd Average for week 39; the best I have had here

25th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today

29th The Rector called this afternoon and stayed until 4 o'clock helping with the classes. The attendance is very much better than at first. I have no late children and they all seem to take more interest in their work which is very encouraging. Average for week 39.3

Nov 2nd The Rev D Vaughan called for a short time in the afternoon

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Attendance very good this morning there are now 49 names on register 45 + 44 of whom are present today.

5th The attendance this week has been on the whole very good. There are still several children irregular. Average for the week 40.9 being an increase of 16.2 in the nine weeks I have been in charge.

8th Caroline Lloyd and Ada Evans away very ill. The Rev D Vaughan called in the afternoon.

12th Average for week 34.8. The attendance has not been so good this week owing to the very wet weather and I have a report that got circulated that the two girls away had the fever.

I received in September new Arithmetic books and Test Cards. Historical readers were ordered at the same time to make up the number of those already in stock. They were not right so had to be

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returned. In October I received new 24 primers for infants and asked for slates which were ordered at last Board Meeting Nov 6th. I did not enter these I did not think it necessary as they were entered in the stock book but Mr Vaughan said that they had better be entered.

17th Attendance is a little better this week.

18th Hay Fair only 29 present.

19th Average for week 34.8

24th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the morning.

26th Average for week 37.3

29th Ada Evans has returned this morning. Caroline Lloyd still ill.

30th Caroline Lloyd present today.

Dec 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

3rd Yesterday and today snow and very cold. Attendance not so good

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Average for week 36.8 for quarter 35.4

Dec 6th Gilbert Griffiths came at 10.5 this morning so just lost his mark. Received 2.5 doz slates and Historical readers to make up the numbers of those already in stock.

10th The weather this week (especially yesterday and today) has been so stormy. The attendance has fallen off considerably in the Infants class.

Average for week 37.3

16th Checked Registers and found correct David Vaughan

17th the attendance this week has been very poor indeed owing to the severe weather.

Average for the week 25.5

21st I went to Kington today. My husband took charge of the school

23rd The Xmas markets and very severe weather have interfered very much with the attendance this week. Average only 19.4

School closed until Jan 3rd.

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Jan 3rd I commenced school this morning after Xmas holidays. The weather is very severe but by 9.45 I had 36 present.

5th There has been a heavy fall of snow during the night at 10.15 there were only 15 present. I marked the register then and continued school until 12.20. The children who are present have all (except two) come two miles or over, as a rule those who live nearest come the worst. The attendance lately has been very bad indeed. I called the attention of the Board to it last Saturday.

6th At 10 o'clock only 3 children were here. 2 more came afterwards as they were cold and wet I allowed them to stay by the fire but did not mark registers.

7th At 10 o'clock this morning only five were here so obliged to close school.

Average for week 30.3

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The weather is till very severe only 17 present in the morning. Mr Meredith brought Samuel on the pony in time for afternoon school, but said that it was impossible for his two girls to come.

10th 21 present – morning. The roads are in a dreadful state owing to the thaw. 25 afternoon.

14th Average for week 23.3

19th The weather is much milder this week. There is a good school.

21st Average for week 36.4

24th Checked register D.V.

26th The Rev D Vaughan came this morning and examined from the II Standard upwards in Arithmetic and Writing. Expressed satisfaction with the work done.

28 Average for week 33.7

4th The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school three times this week. Average 37.8

9th The attendance is very much better than usual this week. The

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Rector called today

Feb 11th Average for week 40.8

18th The Rev D Vaughan has examined the children this week and thinks there is a great improvement. Average for week 36.9

23rd The attendance is very good this week. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

25th Average for week 41.2

28th The school year closes today. Average for the day 40.

March 1st Commenced new registers

2nd The attendance is the best I have had. 45 present out of 46

4th Checked registers and found correct. David Vaughan

Average for week 40.7

11th the Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning. Average 41

14th Only Maude Gore Absent this afternoon. Roland Givens came this morning along with the Rector too late for his mark. He was marked sick because his father said yesterday he had a rash on him. Mrs Vaughan saw him this morning and thought it was nothing to deter him coming to school. Annie and Rosa Meredith were away in the morning because of the snow.

15th Very heavy snow only 20 present.

17th The Rev D Vaughan visited yesterday and today.

18th All present this morning with exception of Maude Gore who is under medical treatment.

22nd Checked registers and found them correct D Vaughan

23rd Date fixed for examination by E.W.Colt Williams Esq. H.M.Inspector. Children on schedule 40. Infants 6. All were present although it was a wet cold morning.

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March 23rd

School Songs

The Xmas Pudding

Eight hundred years Ago Sirs

God Bless the Prince of Wales

The Brave Comrade

Tramp Tramp Tramp

The King and the Miller

Holiday Song

God Save the Queen

Infants

Time to get up

The Snowball

Mary and the Lamb

I saw a ship asailing

March 23rd The school examined today by E.W.Colt Williams Esq. H.M.Inspector and Mrs Seer.

There were 40 present in Standards and 6 Infants. The Inspector was pleased so many were present and expressed a hope that the Board would take steps to ensure regular

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Attendance this year. A half holiday

24th A very rough cold morning very few present

25th More present this morning. Classified the children all are gone up a Standard except Danzey Leyton. Average 33.1

28th I have admitted Thomas J Probert aged 6 years 11 months has been before, very irregular to Huntington School and cannot say his letters. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school

April 1st A very poor school today. Average 33.4

4th I have admitted this morning Sarah Elizabeth Breeze who will be nine in September and Mary Annabelle Breeze who will be seven this month. The eldest knows her letters but cannot write them the youngest knows nothing at all.

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Received the report of her Majesty's Inspector E.W.Colt Williams Esq. who with Mr Seer visited the school March 23rd 1887

The following is a copy.

Mrs Howard came in September last and I am glad to report material improvement in several points on last year's examination. Attendance has been better and considering the past winter some children have come creditably to school. This is no doubt a good deal to do with increased efficiency. The children in the first Standard and upwards write a good hand and spell very fairly well. Infants of six years of age lack style in this respect and should be more forward in arithmetic. Arithmetic has much improved but the children in the first and second Standards are not yet perfect in tables. The chief defect which makes me hesitate in recommending a Merit Grant of Good is that on reading the children speak in so low a tone and are very slow to answer questions. Needlework needs attention. Discipline is excellent. The Index of the Admission register should be posted up regularly and the year's statistics should be put up in the summer.

The registers should be kept in accordance with the instructions given in the circular and registration (see page 21 of the Several Instructions to H. M. Inspections).

Staff 1887

Phoebe Howard 2nd Class Mistress

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April 7th Closed school for Easter. Average for week 29.

18th Re-opened school this morning. Admitted George W Pritchard who will be eight years old in August. Knows his letters but cannot write either letters or figures.

19th Admitted Amy Pritchard sister of the above aged 6. Quite as far advanced as her brother. The Rev D Vaughan visited yesterday.

21st Danzey Leyton came to school alone this morning and as all three had been absent yesterday I asked where the others were. He said they were busy and his father wanted Alice and Edmund but in the dinner hour he told me that his sister was ill with scarlet fever. I sent him home at once.

22nd The attendance has been very bad indeed since the examination. Average for week 29

23rd Examined Registers and found them correct D Vaughan

25th I have admitted Eliza Watkins who was seven years old last Friday and

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Evan Lloyd who was six in February. Neither knows even the alphabet. PRevious illness and distance from school the reason given for not coming earlier

26th We had a very heavy fall of snow this morning between 7 and 9 only 16 pupils in consequence.

27th the Rev D Vaughan called I the afternoon and heard the 1st class read.

29th Attendance still very poor. Average for the week only 29.1

May 6th Average for the week 32.8

11th Kington fair day only 30 present.

12th Only 24 present this morning. 24 marked absent and 1 sick.

13th 36 children present this morning only 35 marked present. George Pritchard came in just at 10 o'clock too late to be marked.

Average for week 32.9

16th It is quite impossible to teach with advantages with the poor attendance there has been since the examination. Several who say

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May 16th they have not left school have attended very little or not at all. There are 18 absent this morning of the 31 present 13 are infants and Standard I

When Mr Breeze brought his two children to school April 4th he told me he had two other children old enough to come to school and he would send them in May. I enquired why they had not come and she says they are not to come for another year. There are also several other either six or over who have sent the same message. Since the examination I have admitted seven children who know nothing but who will be expected to pass Standard I.

18th A holiday today. Hay Pleasure Fair.

20th The average this week is the lowest I have had this year 23.7. This is owing entirely to the May Fairs.

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23rd Attendance much better this morning. 39 present.

24th Admitted Albert Hobby aged seven.

27th George and Amy Pritchard after walking over three miles were just too late to be marked present this morning. Average for week 34.2 Final Quarter 33.1

30th All the children who passed in Standard IV and over and those who are thirteen have left school except Caroline Williams. The Rev D Vaughan visited in the afternoon 42 present.

31st The Rev J Hughes Rector of Bryngwyn visited the school in the afternoon and expressed himself highly pleased with all the work he saw in each class, also with the attendance.

June 3rd Poor attendance today owing to the rain. Average for week 33.3

June 6th Readmitted Edmund Griffiths who left school in July 1884. Also John Davies after an absence of six weeks and Merrick Lloyd after an absence of 9 weeks.

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June 7th Admitted Susanna Breeze aged 6

10th Average for week 40.1

13th Only 26 present this morning owing to Hay Fair. School Pence received 4th. The Reverend D Vaughan visited the school in the morning and invited all the children in the Bushes of Newchurch Bryngwyn and Colva between the ages of 5 and 13 to tea in the Schoolroom June 21st.

17th Average for week 36.4

20th Admitted John Bishop aged 8 and Sarah Ann Bishop 7 obliged to place both with the infants.

Examined registers and found them correct D H

21st Jubilee Day. No school.

22nd Danzey Leyton was too late for his mark this morning and George and Amy Pritchard did not get to school until after eleven o'clock.

24th Attendance very poor this week owing to the Jubilee Festivities in the neighbourhood. Average for the week 31.3

24th Received word that today that Sara Eliz Breeze is very ill indeed and under medical treatment.

July 1st We have had splendid weather this week. The average is the highest I have had 44.7 as against 32.4 corresponding week last year.

8th Average for week 44.2

15th Average for week 42

22^{ns} The average this week is very small only 27.5 owing to commencement of the Wimberry season. I have been too ill the last fortnight to take school my husband has taken my place visited by the Rev Vaughan. Closed for Harvest holidays. Registers tested by the Rev D Vaughan Correct.

August 22nd Last summer the children had seven weeks holiday greatly to the disadvantage of the school at the end of the month as this beautiful weather the children could all come and we

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shall be able to afford a holiday in the winter if the weather should be very severe. I have a poor school today but I think after experiencing the comfort of a holiday in the winter (if required) the parents will not oppose the next short summer one.

26th The average this week is very small 14. But although we have only closed for a month it is only one less than in 1885 after having seven weeks holidays. It is a habit in some of the parents always to take a week before and a week after those allowed.

29th There are 35 children present this morning and all were here at 9 except George Pritchard. I have admitted Annie Eliza Lloyd aged six bringing the number on the register to 49.

Sept 2nd Average for week 37.3

5th Admitted James Leyton aged five years

7th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

9th The attendance yesterday was very poor owing to an Agricultural Show at Hay.

The Rev D Vaughan called yesterday. Average 35.1

16th Average for week 42

19th Attendance not so good today only 37 present owing to the show at Huntington.

23rd Average for week 44.2

29th A very poor attendance today owing to Hay market

30th Average for week 42.6

Oct 5th usual course nothing of importance worth recording.

7th Gave an examination today in Standard II and upwards. The work done was very satisfactory. The papers of some children were very good indeed. Average 41.4

10th A sharp snow storm this morning not many present.

11th 45 present today. I made up a good fire to encourage them to come in

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Cold wet days

14th 47 present today. Good progress shown in the work this week. No visitors to the school since Sept 8th. Average for week 40

16th There are 45 children present this morning. I received 1/9 school fees. Mrs Breeze still refuses to pay more than 6d for three children.

27th All the children have been in attendance this week except Sarah Bishop. The school pence ought to have been 9s 8d of this I have received 4s 10d. One boy was told on Monday to bring his money for 8 weeks but was kept away Tuesday. He was told again yesterday and is kept away today. I have told the children if they do not bring the fees more regularly I shall send them home again to make up the fees book. In last quarter I marked several paid in lead pencil in

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the registers and have not yet received it. Average for week 41

26th Commenced school half an hour earlier in the afternoon so that we could close at 3.30. Many of the children live so far from the school.

28th Average for week 42.1

Nov 4th Has been a very cold and wet week. On Tuesday only two came in the morning and five others in the afternoon. I made up a good fire and kept them but did not mark the register or have regular lessons. If the few are sent back on wet days the parents are apt to say 'it is no use to go today you will be sent back. The attendance for the rest of the week has been good considering weather and distance. Average for week 38

11th Nothing of importance worth recording. Average for week 44

18th The attendance still continues very fair considering the hard weather we are having. Av 40.1

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Nov 25th We commenced this week with a heavy fall of snow. It has been very cold all the week but all the children have been in attendance except two. Average for week 41

Dec 2nd Average for week 41.3

9th A very cold and wet week. Attendance not so good. Average 36

12th Susanna Breeze is 16 weeks in arrears; ACTION on instructions from the Board I refused her admittance this morning.

16th Mrs Breeze has kept all three children away the rest of the week. Average 35.9

21st The attendance this week is very bad indeed owing to the Xmas markets.

22nd Average for week 17.3. So many of the children have been absent this week I have only given one week holiday.

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Jan 2nd Commenced school this morning. Not a very good attendance. The three Breezes still absent.

3rd Received notice from the Clerk to the Board of reduction of School pence in the case of those who have been paying 3d per week. I have also received 1 doz new Bibles. Sent a note to Mrs Breeze and others saying that the fees next week will be 2d instead of 3d as before.

Examined Registers and found them correct D Vaughan

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Jan 6th Average for week 30

9th Sara Breeze and her two sisters returned this morning. Two have been present 12 times and the other 10 times out of 40 during the past month.
Commenced to take the fees under the new scale this morning; each child to pay 2d no free children
13th The number of children present at all this week is 44, but some of these have attended so very badly that the average is only 37
20th Attendance still not good; it has been very cold all week but here has been no fall to keep the children away. Emily Lloyd has only been present 26 times out of the 58 the school has been open during the last seven weeks. Average 37.8
24th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

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Jan 27 Average for week 35

Feb 1st Only 21 present this morning. There was a severe snow storm last night and it is very cold indeed which perhaps accounts for some of those at a distance.
3rd The attendance has been very bad indeed this week, Average only 28.6. Ada and Annie Evans have been absent since Jan 18th owing to illness and death of Mrs Evans.
6th Margaretta Watkins returned to school this morning. She has been under medical treatment since Xmas. In giving the Clerk the approximate numbers on Saturday I did not count Annie Evans in Standard II as I had received a message to say that she was not coming to school again as an aunt was going to adopt her. She has returned this morning so there are 5 girls in Standard II.
8th All four of the Leytons are at home owing to sickness in the house.
9th There are 17 children absent this morning.
10th The attendance has been a little better this week average 36.5
17th We have been unable to open school this week owing to a very severe snowstorm. The drifts are very dangerous indeed and only five of the children in attendance come wholly by road.
20th I received notice on Saturday that the date of the examination is fixed for March 7th. I did all I could to send word so as to reach all the children by today but unfortunately another storm commenced yesterday and has continued all night. In consequence not a child present this morning.
2nd Two girls and one boy came this morning arriving after 10 o'clock. I allowed them to sit by the fire and knit. I received word by them

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that several of the children are very ill Dr. Hincks attending the Evans and the Hobbys and the The Rector had been called to the Gores on Saturday. It is a great disappointment to me I have done my utmost to carry out the suggestions of E.W. Colt Williams Esq. at his last visit to the school one being that the school should be open at least 430 times up to the 10th. The openings were 423 with 26 possible more. It is a great drawback too to the 1st Standard many of them new scholars.
24th No school this week owing to deep snow. The Rev D Vaughan called on me this morning and told me that the Leytons I had been marking absent were really very ill and that both parents had been in bed a fortnight.

27th At 10 o'clock this morning only Samuel Meredith and Edmund Griffiths who have come to school by road present; at 10.30 12 children had

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arrived so I marked the registers and continued school, until 12.30

29th The last day of school year. Average for the three days 16. Average for the quarter 31.8 being 10 less than last quarter. Average for the year 35.7. School open 429 times. Best attendance T Watkins 379 who comes two miles.

March 1st Commenced new registers.

2nd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the morning. 19 present. Average for the two days 20.

4th The weather is more favourable this morning a good attendance. I am almost sorry to see some of the children here they look more fitted for bed.

9th The attendance has been much better this week. Average 41.7 12th I received notice on Saturday from Mr Chaloner that the Examination is postponed until March 29th at 10.30. Last evening during the storm glass was blown from two windows. Caroline Lloyd has returned to school

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this morning after a very severe illness which has left her quite deaf. Received a message that Mary Ann Gore is better but is obliged to stay at home to nurse the baby and attend to her mother who is confined to her room with rheumatic fever.

14th There has been a heavy fall of snow during the night. Only 21 present this morning; six of these are; 2 infants who have come nearly two miles and 4 1st Standard, 2 of these are over three miles; one 2 miles and one 1 and a half miles so I think there is no excuse for those who are absent.

16th The Rev D Vaughan called this morning. Average 33.1 being either less than last week. Severe weather the last three days.

22nd The Rev D Vaughan called this afternoon to say that he had visited the Cwm yesterday and that he found Catherine Lloyd very ill indeed.

23rd Average for week 38.3

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Mar 26th A deep snow. A length of spouting has fallen down.

Mar 26th Examined Registers and found them correct. David Vaughan.

28th Yesterday was a very fine day so I had all children present except one infant. This morning there is a very deep snow only 23 present in consequence.

School Songs

1. The King and the miller
2. Robin Redbreast
3. Welcome to spring
4. Casablanca
5. 5 Canadian Boat Song
6. The better land
7. God Bless the Prince of Wales
8. God save the Queen

Infants

1. Hop along pretty sparrows
2. The daisy
3. Time to get up
4. Little Willie (action song)

29th School examined by H.M. Inspector

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Mar 29th E.E. Colt Williams Esq., and his assistant Mr Seer. 47 children present 40 of whom were examined. The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Chas. Goodwin were present throughout the examination. A half day holiday was given.

30th Good Friday. Average 33.2

April 2nd We have made a very poor beginning this morning only twenty two are present although it is a very fine morning. I have admitted Elizabeth Goodwin of Llanoley.

3rd Three of the Leytons came to school at 10.20 so lost their mark.

6th A very poor school this week. Av 22.

9th Admitted William E Watkins Saffron Hill.

12th A poor attendance today owing to special service (confirmation) in the village. My husband had charge of the school for 1 hour in the morning.

14th Average for week 32.4

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16th Mr Breeze called at my house on Saturday evening to say his children knew more than others who had been allowed to pass into Standard II and he would not allow them to remain in Standard I another year but would keep them at home. The grievance seemed to be not so much that his children had failed but that the Pritchard's who were admitted a fortnight afterwards passed.

Mrs Watkins brought Willis to school this morning and said that she lived 3.5 miles from this school and 4 from Clyro so no one had power to make her send Margaretta anywhere and as she had not passed she would keep her away. She afterwards changed her mind about Willie. When the boy knew he had to go home again he began to cry and said he would not go with his mother but she dragged him out of school and up the lane crying bitterly to come back. I told her the children who had attended school

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regularly passed and she had only herself to thank.

I have admitted Evan Herbert Davies and Thomas George this morning.

17th Thomas Probert was too late for his mark again this morning.

19th Only 6 girls this morning and 3 of these are infants; there are also 15 boys and 1 infant boy present. 22 There are some children who have not been to school at all since the Inspection. It is most miserable work giving Blackboard lessons every day to the different standards knowing full well I shall have the same thing to go over for all fresh comers.

20th The three Watkins too late for mark this morning. The attendance of the girls has been very bad indeed this week; their average is only 8.7 while that of the boys is 18.2
Infants 4.8 Total 32

24th I was obliged to use the cane during the dinner hour today to Samuel Meredith, James Goodwin, John Watkins, Albert Hobby and Thos. Probert,

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for breaking the rules by playing in school – a roller was torn from one of the pictures and the Time Table torn in two places by the throwing of their caps.

27th Average for week only 27.5

30th I have admitted William Davies 5 years 10 months today.

May 4th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning. Av 33.7

May 7th Received the report of Her Majesty's Inspector E.W.Colt Williams who with Mr Seer visited the school March 29th 1888.

The following is a copy

Unless the Board compel the children to attend school at an earlier age than they do now Mrs Howard however hard she may work cannot do justice to her school especially the bottom part of it. This is shown by the fact that the four children who fail so badly in the 1st Standard were

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Only admitted for the first time during the past year – a very fine one. The results of the Examination are what may be expected when not a child out of 47 on the books has made 400 times at school although the school has been opened 429 times. Handwriting is good on paper, moderate on slates. The second Standard did not know their tables. Discipline very good.
Richard Chaloner Clerk.

Staff 1888

Phoebe Howard 2nd Class Cert Mistress

May 7th I placed a list of 13 children before the Board on the 5th whose attendance varies from 4 to 66 out of a possible 90 since March 1st.

I have re-admitted Caroline Williams this morning and admitted Margaret Owens 5yrs 11 months and John Havard 7 in April last. Number now on register 50, 35 of whom are present this morning.

8th I enquired yesterday why only one boy came to school when there were

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more from Danralt and received exactly the same message this morning that I did from the last family who lived there viz, 'They cannot come over the brook'. Amy Pritchard and George too late for mark this morning.

17th Only 25 present today. Average 32.1

17th Last evening Herbert Davis came back to me with his cheek cut and bleeding very much; this morning I received a complaint from his parents that Edmund Griffiths had thrown stones at him after leaving school.

18th Average poor this week 24.9

25th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school twice during the week. Average for week 30 for quarter 31.3

28th Mary Ann has returned to school this morning having been absent since February 10th. Re-admitted the three Havards. Admitted George Evans 6yrs 11mths. Since the examination the school

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May 28th has been open 80 times. Annie Meredith has been present 16 times only and Rosa 34, Annie is present this morning and Rosa kept away I cannot keep them up with the rest of the class with this alternate weekly or fortnightly attendance.

30th I have admitted Laura F. Meredith this afternoon – infant.

June 1st The attendance has improved very improved very much this week. Mr Meredith has sent her children better; the average is 15 more than last weeks viz 40.

4th The Rev Vaughan visited the school today.

8th Rosa and Florence Meredith present this morning but too late for register. average 34.5

13th The attendance of the girls is no better than in the winter some of them have done scarcely anything towards the next examinations. Rosa and Florence Meredith and Amy and George Pritchard did not get to school this

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morning until 10-30. marked absent.

11th Amy Pritchard and George too late again this morning only two of the Merediths present this morning. One of the absent ones came at 12 o'clock to fetch the others home to see the sheep washed.

15th Average for week 36.7

22nd Average for week 41.4

29th Average for week 37.9

July 2nd Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

July 6th I have had a sick headache yesterday and today. My husband has assisted in the school. I closed morning school at 11-30 and had a very short dinnertime on Monday and again today. Closing at 3 p.m. each day so that the children could attend Sunday School Festivals held on those days. The Rev D Vaughan called today.

Average 32.1

July 9th It is my painful duty this morning to record the death of Alice Leyton St. IV which occurred yesterday quite suddenly. She was a very willing, well behaved girl and will be much missed in school.

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July 9th I have admitted Alice M. Gittoes this morning.

12th Arranged the hours today so as I close at 3 p.m. to attend the funeral of our late scholar Alice Leyton.

13th Told Emily Lloyd who owes a months fees and the Havard who owe a fortnights that I should not mark them present again without fee. Average for the week 37.4

17th Mr Breeze has sent his three girls this morning after a quarters continuous absence. I have admitted David Ed. George this morning. Thomas George has also returned having been absent since April. There are now 52 children on the registers of whom 47 are present this morning.

20th Examined Registers and found them correct. D.Vaughan

20th Average for week 37. 8 The Rev D Vaughan examined 2nd

23rd Mr Davies of the Pant brought his three children to school this morning. He said they had nearly if not quite 4 miles to come but they should be as regular as possible.

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24th Only 18 are present this morning out of 55 and I think although it is a wet morning. There are children here who have come three miles and over there is no excuse for those who do not live more than one or two miles away. Mary Gore and Maud were too late to be marked this morning. Three others also present this afternoon total 23.

26th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning during the scripture lesson.

27th Average for week 37.2

August 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited school this morning. Closed for the Harvest Holidays five weeks Average for week 36.2 for quarter 37.6 an increase of 6 on last quarter.

Sept 10th School commenced this morning with only 16 children out of 55

13th As only 9 children are here this morning I think it advisable to close for the rest of the week. Average for 3 days 16.

17th A poor school this morning. 22 still absent.

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Sept 20th The attendance is as bad as it can possibly be only 28 are present and six of these are infants; as there is no sickness amongst the children those absent are all at work; nursing, picking whimberries, leading horse etc.

21st Average for week 33.1

26th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning

28th Average for week 45.5

Oct 2nd This has been a most unfortunate year so far for the school. The Harvest was late to begin and has been prolonged through bad weather causing the attendance to be in many cases (especially Standard III) very bad; last week there was a great improvement and yesterday 41 were present. There has been a fall of snow in the night and although it is not much 25 are absent his morning.

Oct 5th It has been a very cold wet week.

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Quite cold enough for fires. The little ones have not attended as well as last week.

Average for week 40.6

October 8th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon. I have been obliged to darn a hole in Amy Prichards examination stocking caused by a mouse.

9th Danzey and James Leyton were ten minutes to late for mark this morning.

12th Average for week 38.9

15th Florence Meredith present this afternoon for the first time since July 27th.

19th Average for week 40.4

26th Average for week 38.7

29th A poor attendance this morning

Nov 1st Susanna Breeze was present Monday and Tuesday. Yesterday Annette was present and Susanna absent. Today Annette is again absent as they have brought only 4d I asked or the 2d for Annette when Sara said her father said Annette had a bad lip and

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She only came yesterday in place of Susanna. I have sent for the 2d to be brought tomorrow.

Nov 2nd Average for week 41.6

5th As Mr Breeze refuses to pay for Annette last week I have sent her home for the fee.

9th This has been a very wet cold week and the attendance has suffered much in consequence. Average for week 34.5

12th Commenced with fires this morning. 42 children present. Thomas and David George have left the neighbourhood. Ernest Cox has gone to Tewkesbury.

16th The attendance this week has been worse than any previous week since Sept 14th. Many children have been kept away to nurse. Average for week 32.8

19th Annie Meredith has only attended 43 times out of 97 since Sept 7th. Florence Meredith has been present 16 times during the same period. They are kept away to nurse and go errands. Word was brought to me

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last Monday that Ernest Cox was gone to live with his mother at Tewkesbury. He refused to stay and so is present again this morning.

20th The half of a pane of glass as blown from the passage window during the storm this afternoon. Rosa and Florence Meredith were absent this morning and were 45 minutes too late for mark in the afternoon.

21st The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

22nd Average for week 42.5

28th Rosa and Florence Meredith too late for mark this morning.

29th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today.

30th Although this has been a very cold week 51 have been present at all. Average for week 42 and for quarter 38.

Dec 3rd The three Watkins were ten minutes too late this morning marked absent

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Dec 4th Examined Registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan

4th Annie Meredith returned today after a months continuous absence too late to be marked present as was also Florence. Have admitted Ernest Jones.

11th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school, this afternoon.

13th Eleanor and Evan Davies and Florence Meredith did not get to school until 10.15. this morning. Marked absent.

14th Average for week 44.5 Closed school for a week.

24th Received Arithmetic books and – deleted –

25th A holiday

28th The Rev D Vaughan called at the school this morning. Seven children from Colva who have been resent this week were unable to cross the water at Danrallt this morning and so were obliged to return home. Average 33.5

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Jan 1st A holiday today

4th The Colva children and Amy and George Pritchard are away from school today and the Rector of Glaschw having invited them to a school treat. Average for week 38.3 very small considering that there are 53 names on register it ought to be at least 10 more.

8th Received the 2nd load of coal today and 2 doz slates at the same time.

11th Four boys and four girls and all the infants with the exception of Alice Gittoes on Monday have been absent the whole of the week. I have made enquiries in each case and am told that they are all suffering from bad colds. John Hobby, Margaret Owens and Margareta Davies are under the care of Dr Hincks for bronchitis. Average for week 34.5

18th A poor attendance again this week. Many children have whooping cough. The parents have been told both by the Chairman of the Board

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Jan 18th And by myself to procure medical certification in those who are ill. Average for week 35.8

21st Mr Price a member of the Board called at the school this morning. He told me that George Pritchard and John Hobby are very ill indeed.

22nd Mr Meredith brought word to school that all his children have whooping cough. Only 38 present the 15 absent all sick.

24th The Rev D Vaughan called at the school this morning.

I have received new reading cards, registers, foolscap paper, blotting ditto, 1 box pens, 1 ditto pencils and bottle of ink.

25th Although 10 children are absent altogether sick the average attendance is the highest since Dec 14th so that the children present are much more regular. Av 39.2

28th There are 40 children present this morning from whom I have received school fees 1/10d, 4d of this being marked for last week.

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Feb 1st Average for week 39.5

4th The attendance this morning is again very bad only 31 present out of 53. It is quite impossible to make any progress with such irregularity.

5th Only 36 present again this morning. Eliz Havard returned yesterday after a months absence. Also Rosa Meredith after a fortnight in both cases word was sent to me Whooping cough was the cause of absence. It seems strange it should leave them so suddenly. They have neither either coughed or shown the least sign of illness. I shall mark no more sick without medical certificate.

6th Roland Owens bought a medical certificate this morning for Maggie dated Jan 1st - unsigned

8th Average for week 34.5

15th No school this week owing to deep snow.

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Feb 18th It was 9.35 before we could have prayers this morning as the room had not been arranged for school. Sarah Breeze returned to school this morning. Annette still absent.

19th George Pritchard has returned this morning after some six weeks sickness. He looks extremely ill yet.

21st Examined registers and found correct. David Vaughan

22nd Average for week 42

25th I am sorry to have to report as on Monday last the school has only been swept once since Feb 8th viz on Feb 20th. It is neither swept nor dusted for this morning. The Rev D Vaughan visited.

26th The room is today much cleaner.

27th The date of the examination is March 26th. The Rev D Vaughan, Mr Goodwin and Mr Lloyd Chairman and members of the Board visited the school this afternoon and tested the work especially that of Standard II on paper. Mr Breeze was also present.

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Feb 28th the school year closes today. Average for week 45.3 For quarter 39.1 For year 36.2. No of children on registers 53

March 1st Commenced new registers 46 present.

4th Received a load of coal.

5th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and sent messages to those who were absent to attend every day. He afterwards went to see the Merediths who have been absent so long. They have whooping cough in the house and have received a medical certificate to that effect.

6th Florence Meredith returned today having been absent 8 weeks she has forgotten her letters.

8th The very severe snow storms have greatly interfered with the attendance this week. I am able today to make up the fees book, the first time up to date since I took charge of the school. average for week 31.8

15th Average for week 43.5

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March 18th Roland Owens has brought a 2nd certificate for Maggie this morning and a message to say she is gone away for a change. The Rev D Vaughan visited then school this morning. I have admitted Margaretta Gore.

19th Florence Meredith too late to register both morning and afternoon.

22nd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today. Average for week 42

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List of songs

1. The Brooklet
2. The Snowball
3. Roses underneath the snow
4. The Better Land
5. Raindrops patter
6. There dwelt a miller
7. God Bless the Prince of Wales
8. God Save the Queen

Infants

1. Hop about pretty sparrows
2. Children go

3. The Daisy
4. I saw ship go sailing

26th The school was examined today by Mr Seer H. M. Assistant Inspector. No present 25 boys 23 girls = 48. Absent 3 boys. 3 girls. Two girls and one boy produced medical certificates. 1 boy 1 girl not qualified. I boy absent without excuse = 54

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March 27th

A poor school today. I have advanced every child in school a Standard. The Rev D Vaughan visited.

29th Average for week 36.2

April 1st I have admitted William Thos. Breeze this morning; he will be seven years old on the 13th of the present month.

3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today.

4th A very poor school 21 present in the morning 23 afternoon.

5th Average for week 34.6

8th No school today owing to heavy snow only three children came.

12th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning. A very poor school, indeed this week. Average 18.5

15th I have admitted James Hobby and Herbert Morris Pritchard this morning. School visited by the Rev D Vaughan. This afternoon I admitted Emily Meredith but she was too late to be marked present. Annie Meredith also returned to school.

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April 15th having been absent since Jan 3rd.

16th I have this afternoon received H. M. Inspectors Report. The following is a copy: The results of examination are very similar to those of last year when the lower part of the school was reported on in unfavourable terms. Slight improvement has taken place in the spelling of Standards above the first but there is a lack of read and intelligent answering in connection with the reading. The immediate want of the school is a regular attendance of children of infant age without which it is impossible for Mrs Howard to properly ground her pupils.

Discipline is well maintained. Both readers in the first standard and one in the second standard need replacing.

My Lords will look for a more satisfactory

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April 16th report another year (Article 115 (1))

Staff Mrs Howard 2nd Class

F.C. Mistress signed Rich Chaloner Correspondent

19th Only 28 children present this morning. I have closed school for Easter week.

April 29th Re-opened school after the Easter holidays. I have admitted Agnes Havard and Martha Watkins this morning. Only 39 present. The attendance of the upper

standards especially has been very bad since examination. The REV D Vaughan visited in the morning.

May 3rd Average for week 33.8

May 6th Sarah Breeze has only attended school two days since the examination she is being illegally

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May 6th Employed as nurse girl in either Franksbridge or Bettws. I have admitted Elizabeth Lloyd infant today

10th Average for week 39.3

June 1st Mrs Howard died 22nd May 1889

June 1st Mr Henry Bedwell Child appointed master temporarily this day signed Rich Chaloner

June 3rd I have this day taken charge of this school with wife to assist. Signed Henry Bedwell Child Cert Master

D.V. Note – school was closed from May 22nd to June 3rd – one week and 2 days through the death of Mrs Howard but the space will not appear in the registers.

6th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan

10th There seems to be a remarkably small number of 1st Standard children and Infants. I have a string suspicion that there are many children of that age who do not attend any school in the district. The late Mrs Howard it appears have entered the 1st standard and Infants names in one registers. This error I intend to rectify at the

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beginning of the next quarter. The error was repeated by myself before I had time to notice it.

14th The Rev D Vaughan again visited the school this afternoon. I explained to him that a great deal of attention is needed to reading throughout the school especially in the upper standards; it is most certainly miserably poor. Handwriting also needs reforming.

18th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school at 9.15 stayed until 11 and heard the IV and V Standards and endorsed any remarks made above. He gave me instructions to make out a list of all requirements before Saturday when the Board meets.

Thomas Probert has returned to school after a long absence. From enquiries I find that this boy has been in the habit of attending school just when he pleases. His attendance ended May 30th amounts to 42 out of a possible 97.

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Matilda Jones, Annie and George Evans are absent today. I mention this as it appears they have been very irregular in the past.

25th Standard III have today commenced writing in copybooks. They are all strongly tempted to drop the second finger like all in the upper standards: there is not a child in the school that has ever been taught to hold a pencil or pen properly and the result is shown in their ill formed letters. The reading throughout is all 'monotone'; not the slightest modulation being made at the different stops. A great deal will have to be done before the reading and writing will be anything like it should be: very little is understood in the rules of arithmetic.

July 3rd Some few children are absent on account of the hay harvest the weather being especially fine. The prospects this year are of an early harvest. I cannot help thinking that more children ought to be brought into the infant's class. Average for week 36.4

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July 8th The attendance has fallen off very much today – 26 + 25. Haymaking I have no doubt has much to do with it.

9th A wet day number present 20.

11th Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon at 1.45. Stayed sometime and took the 1st class reading

16 Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and checked the register.

18th Huntington Fair has very much interfered with the attendance this morning and whimberry picking has been taking several children from school this week. These two reasons so reduced the attendances that I felt it inadvisable to open school. The Rev D Vaughan called and concurred and gave e notice that the school should close tomorrow for 5 weeks holiday.

19th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon; gave strict instructions to the children to return to school immediately after the holidays which he told them I had power to reduce to 4 weeks if I thought it necessary.

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And in the event of my being reappointed master.

Aug 26th Reopened school after holidays (5 weeks) number present 31

29th A holiday will be given tomorrow

Sep 2nd Admitted William and Annie Watkins to the 1st Standard and Infants resp. They both know but very little having been only a short time to Painscastle School. William it appears was here in April '88 for only a week.

3rd I am very glad to say that the attendance has much improved this week: present 53

4th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school at 1.30

6th I am glad to say that the attendance has continued thoroughly good this week. All the children with the exception of Elizabeth Goodwin and Eleanor Davies who are away from home visiting relations.

Improvement has begun to show itself

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Sept 6th contd in the Standards above the 2nd. There are 3 boys – Thomas Probert, James A Davies and John Havard a wretched drag to this class especially the latter who really does not know all his letters. Many are excused at the last examination. It is a pity to keep them in this standard as they are a great hindrance to the advancement of the others.

9th Have begun to teach the IV Standard Reduction of ? My attention in arithmetic has been taking up in grounding them in multiplication, short and long division of money. The girls in Standard II are much in advance of the boys is all subjects. Standard I is very uneven.

11th Very good progress this week.

23rd Evan Lloyd, Elizabeth Lloyd, Evan Davies and Eleanor Davies are absent today. I do not know the reason but they were on their way and within a short distance to school shortly before 9 o'clock this morning.

24th A wet morning. I punished Evan Lloyd and Evan Davies for playing truant yesterday their excuse was that they returned home

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because they saw a bull in the field and were 'afraid'. But if they had chosen that could have taken another road; but these boys have been guilty of loitering on their way to school before.

30th Some of the children complain that food is stolen from their dinner bags during the dinnertime. I have endeavoured to find out the guilty party but have not succeeded. This kind of thing has happened before I believe.

Oct 4th Very fair progress this week. Average 46.7

9th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school at 3.30

11th Received today 1 doz Standard I + 1.25 doz Standard II Readers.

18th The attendance has slightly fallen off on account of wet weather. Average this week 43.6

21st A wet morning only 28 present.

23 Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan

24 A holiday will be given tomorrow.

25 I this day resigned charge of this school. Henry B. Child Certified Master

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October 28th I A. L. Hudson have taken charge of this school today. 37 scholars present. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and taught a class.

31st I find the children remarkable backward in Reading throughout the school and the writing I very poor.

Nov 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning. Average attendance for the week 33.3 School fees 6/10

4th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and gave a reading lesson to the II Standard

5th School closed today

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Nov 4th Gave a lesson about a florin to the infants. They knew nothing about money. Average attendance for the week 41.6

School fees 8/-

Nov 11th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

12th Gave the 4th and 5th Standards writing lessons composition on other? This afternoon.

14th gave a lesson on colour to the infants class.

19th Taught the infant's class addition sums. They have no idea whatsoever of adding up – neither can they distinguish their figures.

21st The writing throughout the school is done much better today.

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November 22nd Taught the words and tune of the song 'Excelsior'

The Rev D Vaughan visited the school in the afternoon and taught a class.
Average attendance for the week 44.3 School fees 8/6
25th The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Inskines(?) visited the school this morning.
26th When the Mistress entered the school at 9 this morning she found it in a most dirty state and the fire was not made.
29th Average attendance for the week 45.2 School fees 8/6
December 2nd Examined the 1st Standard's Reading. There is a little
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Improvement in the pronunciation and the spelling is much better.
The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and gave out the dictation to the 3rd, 4th and 5th Standards.
4th Taught the scholars to sing a round called 'The Boat Haste to the Ferry'
December 9th On counting over the slates this morning I find that the number does not agree with the number specified in the stock and? book – 45. There are only 16 whole ones and 18 broken or cracked ones.
10th Taught the 4th to work reduction in weights and measures.

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1889
Dec 11th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and heard the children sing their songs. He expressed himself as to being highly pleased with their singing. In the afternoon I examined the II Standard in reading. The reading is much better.
13th Taught the words and tune of the song 'A Fair Little Girl'
17th Taught the V Standard to work Compound Practice Sums.
19th The Rev Mr Vaughan visited the school this morning and heard the infant's class read.

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Dec 20th School closed for one week.
Dec 30th School reopened. Only 30 scholars present a number of them being sick. Examined Standards 4 and 5 in writing and arithmetic. They are remarkably backward. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.
Dec 31st Commenced teaching the infants class (both boys week two girls) knitting and Standard I likewise. They have not been taught knitting before therefore are extremely backward and dull.
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January 2nd Examined Standard II in writing and arithmetic. All failed in arithmetic, there were only two who had one sum worked

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1890 correctly all the rest were wrong. I am afraid that they will never be fit for examination this term work as I will.
January 2nd This afternoon my daughter taught 3rd and 4th Standards girls to make a canvas.
6th Admitted one new scholar named Aaron Bufton this morning. Taught the song 'God be with you tell me much again'.
8th Taught the Infant class to sing the song 'The Sparrow'
8th Kept Standard II in after closing time to work them up in sums this afternoon.

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9th Punished Maria Gore for leaving the school premises during playtime and going on an errand for Mrs Allnam's servant. She left school at 15 minutes to 11 and returned at 11.55. Shall keep her for one hour after dismissal to do her lessons and make up the time.

13th Gave a lesson on the 'Cow' to the infant's class. The questions given were quickly and readily answered.

14th The Rev D Vaughan visited this morning and heard the infant's class read.

15th Kept the 1st Standard in half an hour longer than the usual school hours to work them up in arithmetic.

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16th Taught the words and tune of the song 'We are all knitting'

17th Attendance very much improved this week.

Average attendance 41.1 School Fees 8/-

Satisfactory progress throughout the school

22nd Taught a new song. Kept Florence Meredith in after school for reading.

24th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

Number of scholars present at all 48. School fees 8/-

27th Examined the school registers and found them correct. David Vaughan

28th Attendance poor today owing to the snow also a number of scholars being sick.

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27th The Rev D Vaughan examined Standards III, IV and V in arithmetic and dictation.

30th Kept Standard II in for half an hour after the dismissal of school for dictation.

31st There are sixteen scholars at home from sickness today. The children have worked well during the whole of the week and are taking great interest in their work.

February 3rd the Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and overlooked the sums and dictation of the 2nd Standard and examined the register.

5th Kept Standards IV in after school to work sums

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7th Feb

Taught the Infant Class a new song.

I regret to record that Charles Gittus, Alice Gittus and James Williams have left Newchurch each of whom would I doubt not have done credit to this school at its examination.

10th Kept Standard I in after school for reading.

11th The Rev Mr Vaughan visited the school this morning and overlooked the dictation and arithmetic of Standard III and IV.

12th Only fourteen scholars present today the rest being detained at home for sickness. As the children appear to be suffering from an epidemic

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I think that it would be wise to close the school for a few days.

19th The Rev Mr Vaughan closed the school until Monday the 24th the Mistress being sick.

24th The Rev Mr Vaughan taught the school today.

25th School conducted by Rev Mr Vaughan again

26th I taught the children today. There was a very good attendance and the children behaved well.

March 5th the Rev D Vaughan visited the school today and overlooked the dictation of standards III, IV and V

4th Received a certificate from Mrs Owens stating that

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March Margaret Owens was recommended by the medical attendant to be absent from school for one month.

5th Examined the 2nd Standard in reading and dictation. Satisfactory improvements.

The Rev D Vaughan took Standards III, IV and V on dictation and arithmetic.

14th Satisfactory progress throughout the school.

19th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon and kindly assisted with the classes.

21st The Rev D Vaughan visited the school again this morning and taught the 4th Standard. Average attendance 40.6

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List of songs

1. A fair little girl
2. A boat haste to the ferry
3. Excelsior
4. We are all knitting
5. Cold the blast may blow
6. We will march as soldiers for
7. A little boy went out to shoot
8. God be with you till we meet again

March 28th School examined by F. Williams Esq., H. M. Inspector. The Rev Vaughan, Mr Goodwin and Mr Chaloner were present.

31st Revised the classes this morning

Average attendance for the last week 45.1 School Fees 7/5

April 1st Admitted Herbert Pritchard this morning.

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April 8th Very poor attendance today. Admitted Mary Jones and Elizabeth Birch this morning this morning.

9th Taught the IV Standard to work compound long multiplication sums this afternoon.

11th Examined registers and found them correct. David Vaughan

15th Admitted Mary E. Lloyd this afternoon.

18th Taught the 3rd Standard to work addition of money.

21st I taught the 2nd Standard during the Arithmetic Lesson and extended the same half an hour longer than stated in the time table. They are so extremely backward in this subject.

April 28th Forty two children present today.

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April 30th Received the Inspector's this afternoon. The following is a copy:
This school has suffered both from repeated change of teachers and from the prevailing epidemic.

It really is in excellent order and some of the children fairly satisfy the requirements for a pass in the elementary subjects but most of them are decidedly backward especially in Arithmetic.

Reading lacks in unusual degree audibility, clearness and expression and the intelligence of the scholars is undeveloped.

The instruction as to examination in needlework which are to be found in the Revised instructions to H. M. Inspector have not always been followed and it is with some hesitation that the grant for the subject is recommended.

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The urinal and other offices need repairs and the store between the two sides must be kept locked.

H. M. Inspector is unable to recommend the payment of any merit grant under Article 109 of the present measures.

With reference to the defects in instruction noted by H.M. Inspector and also his remark upon the offices the attention of the Managers is requested to article 115 (i)

Signed Richard Chaloner Clerk

Staff

Mrs Mason certificated teacher of the 2nd Class

May 2nd Forty three scholars present this week. School fees 7/2

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May 5th Taught the 5th Standard to work simple proportion signs this morning from the black board.

9th 44 scholars present this week. School fees 7/4

12th Admitted Sarah J. Jarigan and Thomas E. Evans this afternoon.

15th the day being so wet and the school so cold the fire was continued throughout the school hours.

20th I taught the 2nd Standard during the Arithmetic lesson. They are backward in this subject in the extreme.

3rd Attendance poor this week owing to the farmers parting with their servants some of the children

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1890 have had to work at home.

27th Admitted two new scholars this morning.

May 28th This afternoon the Rev D Vaughan examined the scholars who failed at the Annual Inspection.

John Hobby passed and is now placed in the 6th Standard and James Hobby passed onto the 2nd Standard. The rest failed again and are therefore placed in the classes with which they were presented for examination by H. M. Inspector.

June 2nd Agnes Meredith came to school too late to be marked this afternoon.

4th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon and examined the register and found them correct.

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June 6th There are ten children detained at home by sickness this morning viz. Sarah, Mary, Susanna and William Breeze, William Davies, Margaret Davies, Margaretta Davies, Eleanor and Evan Davies and George Pritchard.

10th Only 26 scholars present today. The irregularity of the attendance of the scholars at this school is most discouraging to the teacher and unless steps are taken to enforce regular attendance good results cannot be obtained. The average attendance last week was 43.8 Yesterday there were only 23 scholars present the rest gone to the fair field at Hay. Today they are gone to the market at Kington.

19th Forty five scholars present this week. Fees 7/6

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June 20th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

June 23rd Good school this morning 43 present. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

26th Twenty nine scholars present at all this week. Total fees 8/2

July 1st The girls are progressing satisfactorily in their needlework.

July 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

July 8th Punished William Davies for writing on the inside wall of the closet.

July 10th Examined Standard II in reading this morning. They read much more

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Audibly and clear but still lack expression.

July 14th Taught the 4th Standard to work reduction in Weights and Measures this morning. 46 scholars present this week. School fees 7/8 Average attendance 44.3

July 18th School closed for five weeks.

August 25th When I opened school this morning there were only three scholars present. I kept them until 10 o'clock when 7 more came so closed the school for today at 10.40 because I could not mark the registers.

26th Only two scholars came this morning. I kept them until 9.45 then closed the school for the remainder of the week.

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September 1st Opened the school this morning with twenty seven scholars.

2nd I have cast up the registers for the second quarter of the school year. There is not one child who has made full attendance.

Williams Watkins has only during six months made 14

Sarah Jarman – 51, James Goodwin 64. The highest number is 190 which has been made by George Probert. Albert Hobby has made 185, Mary Jane Davies 184. The other scholar's attendances range from 72 to 171. Unless efforts are put in place faster to secure regular attendance it can't be expected that the school shall have as good examination results next year.

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September 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

Average attendance for the week 28. School fees 5/2

September 8th Poor attendance again today.

September 15th Suzanna Breeze came to school this morning for the first time after an absence of two weeks. The cause of the absence – Wimberry picking and assisting about the farm. The children who are attending school are working well and progressing very satisfactorily.

September 18th I departed from the times tables this morning by giving II Standard a blackboard lesson in arithmetic while the other standards were taking copy book writing.

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October 20th Samuel Meredith has returned to school this morning after three weeks continuous absence. He has only made 8 attendances out of a possible 70 and yet he will be expected to pass Standard VI this coming exam (if spared). I have taught them simple interest this morning.

September 21st Annie Meredith has returned to school for the first time since the 17th of July this morning. She has only made 104 attendances during the eight months of the school year. I have taught her exercises in the Greatest common measures to day.

September 23rd Holiday today

Average attendance for the week 40.7

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October 27th Examined register and found them correct David Vaughan

October 29th Examined Standard I and Infants in Tables which the others were writing in the answers were ready and correct.

October 31st Number present at all 49. School fees 8/2

November 5th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and kindly assisted in taking the boys for reading lesson.

November 8th Examined Standard II in reading, Writing and Arithmetic. All passed in reading, two failed in Dictation viz, Thomas Probert and Margaretta Gore. All passed in Arithmetic. There is great improvement upon last month's examination.

Number of scholars passed in all 50. School fees 8/4

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November 10th Examined Standard III in reading Writing and Arithmetic. There were only very few present but those who were passed in each subject.

November 12th Examined Standard IV and V. The papers were well done each child passing fully.

November 13th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school

November 21st The attendance has much improved this week. Average 43.2

November 24th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon and kindly assisted in teaching the classes.

December 2nd Taught a new song.

December 8th The Rev D. visited the school.

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December 12th I had to part from the lessons marked in the timetable this afternoon as Mrs Meredith one of the parents of the scholars came to school to hear the children sing; the Rev D Vaughan, the Chairman of the Board being present.

Punished Samuel Meredith for using obscene language to one of the girls.

December 16th I grouped Standards I and II together this morning and taught them in reading while the other classes were writing in copy books – satisfactory improvements.

December 19th

Deep snow. No school.

Average attendance for the week 42.1 School Fees 8/-

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December 22nd Deep snow

December 24th Christmas vacation.

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January 3rd Re-opened school this morning. Only 23 children present some of which were too late for the registers.

January 7th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

January 8th Had to close the school this morning on account of the room being filled with smoke.

January 9th No school today on account of the chimney being blocked up.

January 12th No school again.

January 14th The Rev D Vaughan examined the registers and found them correct.

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Jan 13th Taught the girls in Standard II to cast on and off their knitting.

January 17th Examined Standards 3 and 4 in dictation and arithmetic. All passed with the exception of two girls – Mary Ann Birch and Sarah Lewis the latter being deficient in intellect. Very few children attended owing to the roads being slippery.

January 26th Kept Standards I in for half an hour after school for arithmetic.

January 30th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

February 2nd Taught the 3rd, 4th and 5th Standard girls to fix the work for the junior girls to sew.

The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and kindly assisted with the classes.

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February 2nd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

Average attendance 39.4

School fees 7/4

February 6th Saturday Received form 8M this morning from Mr Chaloner the clerk to the board

February 9th Filled up Form 8M.

February 10th Re-admitted Charles and Alice Gittoes this morning.

February 11th Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan. School closed for two days for cleaning

February 16th Eleanor Davies returned to school this morning after a fortnight's continuous absence. Eight scholars absent. The attendance of the scholars in this school is really most

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Discouraging to the teacher.

February 17th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and kindly assisted with the school.

February 18th I grouped Standards I, II in reading, Writing and Arithmetic. There is definite improvement in the three subjects.

February 20th The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school every day this week.

Average attendance 43.3

School Fees 8/-

Examined registers and found them correct.

February 23rd Eleven scholars absent this afternoon. I really don't know whatever to do in order to secure a successful examination the children attend so very irregularly.

The same lessons have to be taught over and over again.

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24th February The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning and kindly assisted with the classes

March 3rd Examined the registers and found them correct

March 3rd Admitted Mary Ann and Annie Davies this morning.

March 4th Examined Standard I, II in arithmetic. Great improvements upon last week. Six scholars absent this week although I have been round to the parents of the children informing them of the date of the examination.

Very satisfactory progress throughout the school. average attendance for the week 43.3 Fees 8/2

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March 9th Admitted John Davies this morning.

March 10th No school this morning. I stayed until 10.30 a.m. and there was only one child come so I sent her home. Deep snow.

March 11th Fifteen scholars present this morning.

March 13th Owing to the snow drifts the attendance has fallen off very much – average for the week being only 25.5

March 15th Eight scholars absent, two of whom have now been absent from school for two weeks and they only made thirty-eight attendances each during the last quarter of the school year.

March 19th Annie Meredith absent again

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this afternoon out of a possible eight attendances she has made only three made during the last six months of the school year she has only made 127 attendances.

Last six most irregular attendances

Standard VI Samuel Meredith 209

Standard V Annie Meredith 276

Standard IV James Goodwin 222

Standard IV Mary A Birch 255

Standard IV Charles Gittoes 22

Standard II Margaret Owens 2212

Standard I Edith birch 213

Standard I Alice Gittoes 26
Infants Pryse Goodwin 177
Infants Margaret Davies 174
20th March Average attendances for the week 55.9
March 23rd Notwithstanding that as the annual examination on Wednesday

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And all of the children parents have been informed of the date there are eight children absent this morning among whom are Annie and Rosa Meredith the former having only made 276 attendances this year and William and Margaretta Davies who have not made one attendance during the last three weeks and only 38 during the last quarter.

List of Songs

Come brothers? the day
About haste to the ferry
Excalibur
Cold the blast may blow
Our homes on the earth
A little boy went to shoot
We will march as soldiers
We are knitting etc etc
Cock Sparrow

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Proposed Objects Lessons for 1891 – 1892
Familiar Trees
Oak
Ash
Holly Apple
Animals – the elephant
Lion
Tiger
Domestic Horse
Cow
Sheep
Minerals – Coal
Silver
Copper

Poetry for recitation for H. M. Inspector

Infant's Two little kittens
A fair little girl
Standard II Little gems
III, IV, V, VI John Gilpin

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Poetry for 1891 -2
Prof Micklejohns selection

March 26th Only twenty scholars present this afternoon. School fees 8/4
April 1st Only 15 scholars present out of 51. It is quite impossible to make any progress with such irregularity.

The Rev D Vaughan visited the school during the Scripture lesson.

April 2nd

Only six scholars present today therefore closed the school for tomorrow.

Average attendance 13

School fees 2/8

March 6th Revised the classes this morning

March 7th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

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March 8th I commenced teaching the 3rd Standard girls to darn on canvas.

I omitted noting today that on Monday morning when the school was opened it was found that there the water pipe in the boys yard was pulled down.

March 10th Four scholars came in too late to be marked this morning.

March 11th Average attendance 31

School fees 5/10

March 15th the III, IV and V Standards worked their sums on paper this morning.

March 17th Satisfactory progress throughout the school this week.

March 20th Admitted Arthur Davies and

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Elizabeth Birch this morning.

March 22nd Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan

March 22nd The Rev D Vaughan brought the Report of H. M. Inspector this morning of which the following is a copy.

The school is in very good order and the tone appears to be good. The handwriting of the IVth, Vth and Vth Standards is good with this exception. The elementary work is poor in accuracy, style, and intelligence. Allowance must be made for the difficulty and irregularity in a thinly populated district but it is disappointing to read that the regular attendees are no better advanced than the irregular. Needlework has again scored unsatisfactorily.

Exercise B in this first standard

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Must have a chain edge.

Exercise A in the second Standard must show a join in seam and? Exercise B and C in the third Standard were not correctly done. The work of the fourth Standard was a complete failure. Patching does not seem to be understood. Single thread canvas not? canvas must be used in teaching the darning and herringbone stitches. The general efficiency of the school is not what it should be and attention of the Board is requested to the provision of Article 86 of the new code.

1891 Staff Mrs Anson certificated teacher of the 2nd Class

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board

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April 23rd The Mistress begs to make reference to an item in Her Majesty's Inspectors report viz, 'It is disappointing to find that the regular attendants are no better

advanced than the irregular' she also desires to state as an explanation for the sewing discrepancy that the irregular attendees were frequently kept in for half an hour after the rest were dismissed in order to work them up. A.L.Hudson 23.4.91

April 28th Evan Davies was taken sick in school this morning. Evans and James A. Davies are sick.

May 5th I punished Herbert Pritchard and William Probert for behaving rudely.

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May 7th Girls progressing satisfactorily in needlework.

May 8th Average attendance for the week 25.7

May 11th Only sixteen children present this morning on account of the May Fair. I shall give them a half days holiday this afternoon.

May 15th School closed for the Whit week

May 25th The schoolroom being so cold this morning we had the fire lighted at 8.50

May 26th Thirty-one scholars present plus one from whose admission sheet is not yet filled up.

May 29th Satisfactory progress.

June 1st Admitted Margaret J. Breese. Only twelve scholars present owing

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To the influenza epidemic.

June 2nd Williams and Margaret Breese came too late to be marked this morning.

June 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

June 9th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school and gave the children a holiday for Thursday the 11th to attend Confirmation Service to be held at Newchurch on that day.

June 12th Standard II are advancing in writing and arithmetic.

June 17th Edith and Elizabeth birch came too late to be marked this morning.

June 20th The Agricultural Show at Kington has greatly interfered with the

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School attendance.

Average for the week 19.0

School Fees 4/10

June 22nd Visit without notice. Number found 22. the children were out at play at 10.45 where according to the timetable this is down for 10.55 – 11.05. The clock however indicated 11.05 so that this irregularity is entirely due to the fact that the clock is at least 20 minutes fast. Care should be taken to keep the clock right as this may lead to great complications, the responsibility for the clock would fall upon the managers.

Signed Fred H Thompson

June 23rd Examined Standards II in arithmetic and dictation. All passed in dictation but Margaretta Gore and Albert Hobby failed in Arithmetic.

June 26th There will be a holiday tomorrow

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July 2nd Eliza and Martha Watkins came too late to be marked this morning.

July 3rd Average attendances for the week 25.9

School Fees 4/10

July 6th Admitted Elizabeth M. Davies

Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

July 8th Poor attendance this week. Very wet weather and there are a number of children sick.

July 10th Have sent round to the absentees requesting them to attend school. Several have replied saying that they will come after the midsummer vacation.

July 13th Thirty scholars present this morning.

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July 16th I sent the children out to play for a few minutes at 2.35 as several were looking very pale and had asked for water.

July 17th Number of scholars present at all 33

School fees 5/6

School for 5 weeks closed.

August 24th Re-opened school this morning. Only one scholar came gave her lessons until 10 and no more came therefore dismissed her.

August 31st Twenty scholars present this morning.

Sept 2nd Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan

Sept 8th Amy George and Herbert Pritchard came too late to be marked this morning.

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September 11th Number present at all during the week 30

School fees 5/-

Sept 14th Only five scholars came today. I could not mark them but fearing that if I sent them home they would not come again this week I kept them until 3 p.m. Lessons in the usual way. Very wet day cause of absence.

Sept 17th I returned the children's school fees for the last two weeks today.

Sept 21st Taught the Infant class the poetry for recitation 'The Boy and the Bird'.

Sept 25th Number present at all 33

Two girls have commenced their needlework for the examination.

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September 29th I sent Margaretta and Arthur Gore home this morning both having eruptions on their hands and other parts of their bodies. Several more scholars are absent from the same cause.

The Rev D Vaughan visited the school.

October 2nd Number present at all 30

Duties end today having completed my notice which I gave to the Board. A. L. Hudson

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I entered upon my duties today as Master of this school

John Lacey Varcoe 2nd Class (Parchment) Certificate

The school has been unavoidably closed during the last 4 weeks owing to change of teacher.

The Rev D Vaughan the Chairman of the Board visited the school this morning.

November 4th Could not keep school having to fetch my luggage.

Novem9th Miss Pritchard has been appointed sewing mistress by the Board. She commenced her duties today and will attend 3 times each week.

November 16th The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon. I took first Standard for reading and also inspected the sewing etc.

November 20th Average attendance for week 36.7

November 27th Children have made satisfactory progress during the week. Average attendance 35.2

December 4th Average for week 37.4

December 9th The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.

December 10th Only 9 children present his morning owing to the rough state of the weather. Registers marked school kept open for the full time.

December 11th School today as usual. 28 present in the morning, weather being somewhat better.

November 14th Only 25 present this morning weather very stormy and unsettled.

November 23rd Closed school this morning until Jan 4th for Christmas Holidays 1892

January 4th School re-opened this morning. 20 present.

January 7th Snow storm raging this morning. Children unable to attend.

January 8th Deep snow. Work suspended.

January 25th School duties resumed this morning. 39 present. Snow has melted away to some extent and roads are passable.

January 25th Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan.

February 1st Being very unwell this morning I was unable to open school

February 2nd School today as usual but owing to bad weather only a small attendance.

February 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited this morning and very kindly assisted.

February 12th Average for week 37.1 Fair progress.

February 19th Snow storm this morning. Children unable to come except just as few who live not far off.

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February 22 + 23 Roads in a very bad state owing to the deep snow and children unable to attend

February 24th School today as usual but attendance small.

February 26th Examined registers and found them correct. David Vaughan.

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Examination

Songs for inspection

1. God Bless the Prince of Wales
2. Little Nellie
3. Grandfathers Clock
4. High in the Belfry
5. Snow

Recitation the same as for the year 1891-2 Charles H. Cowling

March 10th and 11th Deep snow. No school.

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March 14th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan

March 15th No school today owing to the snow and the bad state of the roads.

March 18th Work as usual during the week but attendance small, average being only 23.
March 25th The attendance this week has been better the average being 30.2
March 28th No school today owing to snow.
March 29th School today as usual but several absent.
April 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited today.
April 7+8 No school teacher very unwell.
April 11th School today as usual. The Rev D Vaughan visited.
April 15th Good Friday. School closed.
April 18 Holiday. Easter Monday.
April 22 Small attendance this week this being Easter week and some are taking holidays.
April 29th Attendance this week has been better.
May 2nd The Rev D Vaughan visited today.
May 6th The Rev D Vaughan visited today and examined the sewing.
May 11th Only 19 present today. Fair at Kington.
May 17th + 18th Very small school owing to the fairs at Hay.
May 20th Average for the week only 18.5 through the fairs

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May 27th Very fair attendance during the week the average being 36.4
June 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today.
June 3rd Average for the week 39.6
June 10th Examined the registers and found them correct D Vaughan
June 13th the Rev D Vaughan visited and examined the sewing etc.
June 17th Average for the week 35.5
June 24th The Rev D Vaughan visited. Weekly average 32.6
June 29th The Rev D Vaughan visited.
July 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited. Average for week 28
July 8th Fair progress during the week and work as usual.
July 13th Only 18 present today morning being stormy and wet.
July 14th 37 present today, weather favourable.
July 15th Closed school for 4 weeks holiday
July 15th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan
August 15th School re-opened this morning. Only 21 present. The Rev D Vaughan visited.
August 22nd Many children still absent only 29 being in attendance today. The Rev D Vaughan visited.
August 24th The Rev D Vaughan visited today
August 29th Only 14 present today morning being very wet
August 30th Weather more favourable. 35 present.
September 5th The Rev D Vaughan visited and examined sewing.

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September 12 42 present today. The Rev D Vaughan visited
September 16th Fair attendance during the week and work as usual.
September 21st The Rev D Vaughan visited. 34 present.
September 26th The Rev D Vaughan visited. All the elder boys away at the harvest.
September 28th The Rev D Vaughan visited. 37 present.

September 29th Examined the registers and found them correct. D Vaughan.
Summary of H. M. Inspectors Report for the Examination on March 2nd for the
year ending February 29th 1892

The school is orderly but the reading, spelling and arithmetic are all very weak
and handwriting is below fair.

Needlework is fair showing some little improvements. The present teacher has
only been in charge for four months but the present state of the instruction is
distinctly inefficient.

H.M. Inspector reports the school to be inefficient under Article 86. My Lords
accordingly hereby give formal warning that the grant may be with held next year
under that Article if he at the next

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Annual inspection again reports the school to be inefficient.

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

My Lords note that drawing has not been taught and H. M. Inspector is unable to
certify that means for teaching it are not procurable.

The grant is allowed this year under Article 92 but in future unless the Board
claim that means for teaching drawing cannot readily be procured (in which case
they should submit that claim and satisfactory reasons for making it to the
department) Article 85(b) should be complied with and an application for an
examination in drawing should be addressed to the science and art department,
South Kensington, London S.W.

Staff John L. Varcoe. Certificated teacher

Richard Chaloner Clerk

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October 7th Very fair attendance during the week average being 37. The Rev D
Vaughan visited on Wednesday.

October 14th Only 19 present today morning being very wet. The average has
dropped this week to 24 owing mainly to the harvest. The Rev D Vaughan visited
on Tuesday and Wednesday.

October 17th The Rev D Vaughan visited. 37 present.

October 21st Work as usual during he week but the attendance has been irregular.
Average 26.

October 28th The Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday Wednesday and Friday. The
attendance had been somewhat better this week the average being 29. An infective
disorder in some of the children whom the Rev D Vaughan ordered to remain at
home until well has to some extent reduced the attendance during the past
fortnight some of the others being afraid to come through fear of catching it.

October 31st The Rev D Vaughan visited. 29 present.

November 4th Very wet morning and only 12 present which ha brought down the
average to 26.4

November 7th Examined the registers and found them correct. D.W.

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Miss Pritchard having been engaged by the Board to take charge of the infant
class and Standard I entered upon her duties this day.

November 15 + 17 the Rev D Vaughan visited.

November 24th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan.
November 25th Fair attendance during the week and good progress.
December 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited.
December 5th Only 19 in attendances today the roads being in a bad state owing to the snow storm yesterday. The Rev D Vaughan visited.
December 6th Only 10 present today the weather being as bad in the morning that the children could not cross the hills. The Rev D Vaughan visited.
December 9th Average for the week. Only 15.2 owing to the bead weather and the bad state of the roads.
December 15th Hay Fair. Several absent.
December 23rd School closed this evening until January 2nd for Xmas vacation. The Rev D Vaughan visited. The average for the week is only 20 mainly owing to the Christmas markets.
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January 2nd School re-opened today and 19 present.
The Rev D Vaughan visited.
January 6th Very small school owing to snow. 14 present 7 boys and 7 girls.

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January 9th Deep snow no school.
January 10th Deep snow and as only 5 came this morning the Rev D Vaughan ordered the school to be closed for the remainder of the week.
January 16th No school deep snow.
January 23rd School closed until today on account of snow. 34 in attendance today. Weather has considerably interfered and the roads are passable but still bad.
January 23rd Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan
February 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited.
February 2nd Small school morning being very wet and stormy. 18 present.
February 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited and took a class for dictation. 37 present today.
February 4th Informed Board today that drawing was commenced on Jan 6th.
February 10th Only 11 present today. Severe storm raging.
February 14th Small school owing to bad weather and 16 in attendance. The Rev D Vaughan visited today and also yesterday.
February 16th The Rev D Vaughan visited today and also Mr Lloyd.
February 21st Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan
February 22nd The Rev D Vaughan visited.

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March 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited today and also on Wednesday and Thursday.
March 10th Very fair attendance during the week and very good progress made.
March 17th Annual inspection today. All present.
March 24th Work as usual during the week and fair progress.
March 29th School closed until April 4th for holidays/
March 29th examined registers and found them correct. David Vaughan
April 5th The Rev D Vaughan visited.
April 14th very fair attendance this week. Work as usual.
April 21st Miss Pritchard has not attended this week being too unwell.
April 28th Sewing mistress still unfit to attend this week.

April 25th Examined registers and found them correct. D.Vaughan
April 28th Average for the week 38. Fair progress.
May 1st The Rev D Vaughan visited. Sewing mistress attended.

Summary of the Inspector's report for the year 1893

The school is orderly and though the Master seems to require a great deal of assistance in ordinary class movements the children behave well and their
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Average attendance appeared to be very fair. There are only 42 children on the books and none above the fifth Standard while for the Infants class more than half of whom are over seven years of age there has latterly been assistance. Nothing except recitation is attempted beyond the three elementary subjects. Under such conditions the elementary work should easily be good; as it is there is little that has any educational value. Reading and Recitation are both a mere gabble without style, articulation or intelligence. Handwriting is cramped and badly formed above the first Standard. Spelling is not good in the third and fourth Standards. Composition is poor in the fifth Standard. Arithmetic on slate and paper is generally passable but very few sums are attempted and no problems. Mental arithmetic is in need of much more attention. Singing by ear is bad in style. The infant's class read and write tolerably

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Their mental arithmetic is not strong and they have had no object lessons and no attempt at Varied Occupations. Needlework was fairly good throughout. The school cannot be considered efficient.

Having regard to the above report and to the report of last year My Lords feel obliged to withhold the annual grant under Article 86 of the Code.

The Board are aware of the right of appeal given to them by Clause 3 of that Article. If such appeal is not made or if made is decided against the Board My Lords will at once cause the school to be removed from the Annual grant list and from the date of such removal no further payments of fee grant can be made.

Signed Richard Chaloner – Clerk

Staff John L Varcoe Certificated Teacher.

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May 5th Work during the week as usual and fair progress.

May 11th Fair at Kington. Many absent

May 17th + 18th Pleasure Fair at Hay.

May 19th Average for the week only 23.3 owing to the fairs and markets.

May 26th Attendance during the week small average being only 26.4

June 2nd Better attendance this week. Average 35

June 6th The Rev D Vaughan visited.

June 12th Small school. fair at Hay.

June 16th Very bad attendance all the week average only 23.6

June 23rd Attendance just the same as during the previous week. All the elder girls away.

June 26th The Rev D Vaughan visited.

June 29th 15 present today.

June 30th Only 12 in attendance today. Average for the week only 16.5

July 7th Average for the week only 11.3

July 13th The Rev D Vaughan visited.
July 14th Very small school again this week. Average 12.2
July 18th Huntington Fair. 7 present. Closed school.

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at 2.30

July 28th Average attendance for the week 9.1

July 31st Only 4 present today. Registers not marked. Closed school for the holidays and gave up my charge this day.

Sept 4th I (Horace Bale) commenced my duties as Master of this school. the majority of the children came today as the school was reopened. The Rev D. Vaughan visited the school this morning.

Sept 5th The Rev D Vaughan visited.

Sept 8th The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Hobby vested the school this morning. The children were given a holiday this afternoon as Squire De Winton had invited them to a school feast at Painscastle.

Sept 11th Examined registers and found them correct. D Vaughan.

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Sept 15th The children have attended very well this week, the average being 44. singing by note was started last Monday afternoon and gave great pleasure to the children.

The managers have decided at one of their meetings that Geography should be taught in the school, sent for some geographical readers and I have this week started it as part of the curriculum of the school.

Sept 22nd The average attendance for the week is 40.8 The average was slightly affected by the Huntington Fair. The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school several times this week.

Sept 28th Alfred Evans came too late to be marked this morning.

Sept 29th The average for the week is 44. This is very good as there are only 49 children on the books.

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Oct 6th The average attendance for the week is 43.5 The children have attended very well this last few weeks and I am pleased to say slight improvement has been made in spelling which was very much below par when I came here.

Oct 13th The average attendance for the week is again good being 42.6 The children are improving in their arithmetic especially in the lower standards.

The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school several times this week.

Oct 20th Notwithstanding the fact that a fair amount of rain fell at the beginning of the week the average for the week is still good being 43.4 We have this week had a supply of new slates in for the lower standards which no doubt will be a great benefit as the old

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Ones were not properly limed.

Oct 27th The average for the week is 45.1 This is the highest average with the exception of one that the school has had for several years.

This week the Calligraphic Exercise Book has been introduced into the school and the children have received several writing lessons which were much needed as the writing was badly formed and in a good many cases too small. I have also received new maps of Australia and North America and a Mariners Compass. The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school twice this week.

Oct 30th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan.

Nov 3rd Last Monday was Radnor Fair. Several boys were absent from school on that account and missed the drawing lesson so I intend

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To give an extra drawing lesson to each class this afternoon.

The children continue to attend well. The average for the week being 45.2 Gradual improvement is taking place in all branches of work, the children seem interested in their lessons and exhibit more care. The Rev D Vaughan has called in and stayed a while several times this week.

Nov 10th The average for the week is 45.1 although the weather has been rather cold.

Miss Pritchard having been engaged by the Managers to teach the infants (during afternoon school) from Nov 7th till the examination commenced on Tuesday.

Nov 13th Today a good number of the boys are absent having stayed away to go to the Huntington Fair. There were so few boys at school that the drawing

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Lesson was a mere farce.

Nov 17th the average is slightly lower than it has been for several weeks being 43.8 I have received one doz Royal Infant readers and I am now pleased to say that we have got a proper supply of books for all standards.

Nov 24th the average for the week is 36.6 This is a very fair average when we take into consideration that the weather has been unsatisfactory all the week. We have had two falls of snow and although they were slight they made the ground unfit for little ones to come over the hills. The wind has been very boisterous every day and that helps to account for children staying away who live a long distance from school.

Nov 29th Miss Pritchard has not attended school the two afternoons since

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Monday owing to a severe cold.

Dec 1st the average for the week is 37. The weather during the week has been favourable for children to come to school with the exception of Friday when the ground was covered with snow. Several of the scholars have been unwell and therefore unable to attend.

Dec 2nd The average attendance for the quarter is 41.9 The weather is remarkably favourable for the children to come to school the last three months with the exception of a few days. The children are improving steadily in all their work but they still need a great deal of pains to get them to be more careful and to speak distinctly.

Dec 8th The average for the week is 37.6

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This morning was a very bad one for children to come to school. It was very damp under foot and the rain came down in torrents so there were only 17 children came out of 55.

Dec 12th Miss Pritchard did not attend this afternoon.

Dec 15th The average attendance for the week is 37.3 We had so much rain at the beginning of the week that the roads have scarcely been fit for the children to come along the last few days.

I have this week started the third Standard to do arithmetic on book.

Dec 21st The average attendance for the eight times the school has been open is only 22.7 This has been caused by extremely bad weather and by children staying away to help their parents get poultry ready for the Kington and Hay

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Markets. Today we closed for the Christmas Holidays.

Jan 2nd 1894 School was re opened today and there was a very good attendance.

Jan 5th Today the ground was not only covered with snow but it was snowing when the children should have been coming and as only four came it closed for the day. The average for the six times the school has been open is 36. The Rev D Vaughan who has recovered from his severe attack of influenza has visited twice this week.

Jan 12th Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

The weather though very unfavourable the first part of the week has been very good but for the last four days yet the average for the week is only 33.6 The children are steadily improving

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In arithmetic all through the school but the spelling is by no means what I should like it to be although it is a little better. The Rev D Vaughan visited today.

Jan 19th Every day this week the attendance has been excellent. The average is 51.3 which are the largest for a considerable number of years. I have started Standard four to work their arithmetic on paper and that did the sums very neatly even at the start. The drainage connected with the offices was in a very bad state but the Managers have had it thoroughly seen to and I am pleased to say it is now in good working order.

Jan 26th The average for the week is 44.2. This is very good for the time of year. I received news from the Clerk to the Board that the examination would take place on

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Jan 21st at 10.30 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Wednesday.

February 2nd The average for the week is 37.2 The children in the lower standards are improving in all branches of their work but it is an impossibility to eradicate the gross carelessness of the children in the upper standards which has grown on them until it has become part of their nature.

Feb 9th The average for the week is very high being 49.7 The children are getting on fairly well with their Tonic Sol Fa but I have only been able to divide the school into two parts or divisions for singing owing to the fact that everything was so far behind and therefore needed so much attention.

Feb 13th As the Drawing Examination is next week I intend to devote a little

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Extra time to it when it is convenient.

Feb 16th The weather has been extremely favourable this week for children to come to school and the average again is a high one being 49.8 All the classes have a very fair knowledge of their poetry yet a few children do not know it as they have not been on the books long.

Feb 21st The Drawing Examination took place this morning. Everything was ready and as all the children were present Colonel Butler soon commenced. He requested me to draw the figure on the board for the lower standards which I did and after all the drawings were finished he concluded by asking questions on lines and angles. The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Chas Goodwin were present.

Feb 23rd The average for the week is 51.5 The annual examination is to

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Take place on March 8th at 10.30 Charles Cowling Esq., H. M. I. A. will conduct the examination.

Feb 26th I intend to devote the time that should be spent on drawing to other subjects until after the examination on March 8th. I may also deviate from the timetable in order to examine the children occasionally.

March 2nd The average for the week is again very good being just over 50.

Standard II has improved considerably in writing this last few weeks. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Wednesday.

Songs for Inspection 1894

1. Beautiful Angel
2. Softly beaks the light
3. Over the snow
4. Hope will banish sorrow
5. Softly the shades

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Recitation for Examination 1895

Inf and Stand I The Bird's Appeal

Standards II and III Burial of Minnisink, The Arrow and the Song

Standards IV and V The Bell of Ahe.

Object Lessons

1. The Wolf
2. The Eagle
3. The Sheep
4. The Horse
5. The Cow
6. Rain
7. Wood
8. Water
9. Day and Night
10. Colour
11. ?
12. Salt

March 8th The Government inspection took place this morning when 57 children were present. Chas H. Cowling Esq., arrived just before 10.30 and finished soon after one o'clock. The Managers present were the Rev D. Vaughan and Mr Lloyd. A half day holiday was given this afternoon.

Mar 9th The average for the week is 48.3 Only just over twenty children were at school today owing to bad weather

Mar 15th Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

Mar 16th The weekly average is slightly lower being 44.8 I have this week admitted three and five have left so the number on the books is 56.

Mar 17th The Rev D Vaughan received the Duplicate Schedule from the clerk Mr Chaloner.

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Mar 22nd The average attendance for the eight times the school has been open is 46. we have closed today till Easter Tuesday.

Mar 29th Sewing will in future be taken for two hours on each Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Mar 30th The average for the week is 46.2 The children have all started their new work and Standard III has made rapid strides in long division.

April 6th The average for this week is not as good as last being only 42.9

April 7th The Clerk informed me today that we had obtained 'good' in the drawing examination held on February 21st

April 18th The average is a little better this week being 46.9 We have this day introduced the Guide series of Spelling books into the school and the Century Arithmetics as well as

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Evans Fot Frame. I also received a stock of drawing paper and slate pencils and two dozen set squares.

April 20th There were only 25 children present on Monday owing to heavy rain yet the average for the week is 48.1 the Rev D Vaughan visited us today.

April 24th This afternoon the Rev D Vaughan brought the report of Her Majesty's Inspector Chas Cowling Esq. It is as follows:

The present teacher has been in charge six months and during that time has rescued the school from its state of inefficiency and it now promises to become a satisfactory country school. some apparatus is wanted for the Object lessons. The needlework lessons are reported to be very fairly done on the whole: the knitting of the infant's class and of the second standard needs attention and attentions is also called

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To the Code regulations respecting exercise B and C of the first standard, exercises A and D of the third standard and exercise C of the fourth standard. The staff was not efficient enough to satisfy Article 105 of the Code until Mr Bale took charge of the school. no map was produced to H. M. Inspector in support of the Managers claim to grants under Articles 104 and 105. My Lords have paid the grants this year on the Inspectors recommendation but I am to point out that inasmuch as the claims are based on the smallness of the population within two miles of the school it is necessary that in future a 6 inch Ordnance map should be

produced and shown to the Inspector having the houses thereon numbered to correspond with the Census list presented by the managers.

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the board

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May 11th The bad weather that we have experienced this week and the several fairs that have taken place in the district have caused the average to be far below what it ought to be as it is only 37. we closed today for the Whitsuntide Vacation. School will be re-opened on May 21st.

May 25th The average attendance is still lower that it should be being only 41.5 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school today.

June 1st The average has gone up considerably this week as it is 51.3 Two girls were admitted this week so there are now 62 children on books. The Rev D Vaughan visited twice this week.

June 4th Early this morning we had a thunder storm. The rain came down in torrents till half past nine and pRevented the children coming to school. Three only came so there was nothing left for me to do but send them

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Back and close for the day.

June 5th Drawing and sewing will be taken today as they could not be taken yesterday afternoon.

June 8th The average attendance is only 42.7 Monday and Tuesday were very wet days; taking bad weather into account the average should be better than this. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school yesterday.

June 15th The average attendance for the week is still low being only 44.8 very few children came to school on Monday owing to heavy rain. The weather is very wet and very cold indeed for the time of year. The Rev D Vaughan visited on Wednesday.

June 22nd The average is still worse this week being only 42.6 I have received from the Managers this week some

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New slates new reading books drawing cards pictures illustrating geographical definitions a picture of a whale and another showing dogs useful to man.

June 29th The average attendance is a little better this week being 47. The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Lloyd have visited the school this week.

July 2nd Half holiday this afternoon because there was a 'Tea Meeting' in the village.

July 6th The average for the week is 47.6 The second Standard is making a fair amount of progress in arithmetic and the third Standard has made rapid strides in that branch of the curriculum.

July 13th The average for the week is 50.8 The school was closed this afternoon for the Midsummer Vacation.

August 13th School re-opened this morning. Number of children present 35.

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The average for the week is very low being only 38.9 This is no doubt partly due to the fact that people are busy harvesting as during the months holiday there was so much rain that scarcely anything could be done in the fields.

August 23rd Very heavy rain all day. There were only 32 children present out of 65 on the books.

August 24th Rain fell sharply again this morning and interfered with the attendance. The average for the week is 46.3

August 31st The average this week is only 41.9 This is owing not only to the hay harvest but also to a childrens tea which took place today at Rhosgoch.

Sept 3rd Miss Pritchard having been engaged as an additional teacher under Article 68 commenced her duties this morning.

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Sept 7th The average for the week is 48.6 Although better than last week it is certainly lower than it should be out of a total of 64 on the books.

Sept 10th There was not a single boy in school today above Standard II. The Rev D Vaughan visited today.

Sept 12th Only one was present above Standard II. The drawing has been a mere farce for several weeks owing to the 'boys' above the Second Standard being so irregular. William Breese had attended 99 times out of 222.

Sept 14th The average is lower than last week being 45.5 Word building has been commenced this week in the lower standards.

Sept 18th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

Sept 19th Kington Horse Show; only 37 came to school today.

Sept 21st The average for the week is 47.8

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The boys above the second Standard are still attending very irregularly only two out of seven having been present one half of the number of times the school has been open during the last six weeks.

Sept 24th I admitted Mary A. Greenway. She is eight and one third yrs old and has never been to school so does not even know the alphabet.

Sept 25th Very wet morning; 31 present.

Sept 28th Average about the same as last week; 47.5 The attendance ought to be still better that it is as today 17 children are away.

The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school several times this week.

Oct 5th The average for the week is a good one being 56.2 Standard III commenced arithmetic on book on Tuesday morning.

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Oct 12th The average for the week is 50.2 the boys have again been more irregular than the girls. The Rev D Vaughan has visited twice this week.

Oct 17th Mr E. Lloyd visited the school this morning.

Oct 19th The average for the week is 55.9 This is better than last week but it ought to be even better than this out of a total of 69 scholars. The Rev D Vaughan has visited nearly every day this week.

Sept 24th Very wet morning. Half holiday in the afternoon so that the children could have a 'tea' kindly given to them by Mr and Mrs Green.

Sept 26th Average for the week 56.1 The children in Standard I are gradually improving in reading and arithmetic.

Oct 31st No sewing this afternoon.

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Nov 2nd The average for the week is 47.7 This low average may be accounted for by the weather which has been bad all week. Miss Pritchard has been absent since Tuesday owing to her mothers illness.

Nov 9th The average for the week is 56.4 Mr Hobby visited this afternoon. Extra sewing lesson.

Nov 13th Examined registers and found them correct. David Vaughan

Nov 14th The Arrow has overflown its banks and the roads are covered with water consequently there were 27 children present this morning.

Nov 16th The average for the week is 44 Special lesson on needlework this afternoon for the upper standards. Rev D Vaughan visited on Thursday.

Nov 22nd Although the day was fine 31 children were absent many of whom could not offer the slightest reason.

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Nov 23rd The average for the week is 49.7

Nov 30th The average is better this week being 53.8 The Rev D Vaughan visited on Wednesday.

December 7th The average for the week is 53.7 Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon visited this afternoon.

12th Dec 1894 Visit W.U.

Registers correctly marked: the school is orderly and work is progressing according to the time table.

The door between the two yards is unlocked but the Master reports that it is so this morning in order that coal may be carried to his dwelling house. School yard might be tidier and one seat in the closet should be of suitable height for infants.

H. Williams S-Maj

Dec 12th Visit of H. M. Inspector in cart when Inspector came. It has to be carried through both yards to coal house belonging to house therefore doors

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Were unlocked for a time. Visit of Rev D Vaughan this afternoon.

Dec 14th Average for week 53.6 Sewing last lesson this afternoon. Mr. Goodwin visited today.

Dec 17th Mr Goodwin visited this afternoon. 61 present today.

Dec 18th Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan. Only 24 present this morning.

Dec 21st Average this week far lower than last being only 42 owing to bad weather and Christmas Markets. The Rev D Vaughan has visited this week. We closed this afternoon for Christmas holidays a fortnight.

Jan 7th 1895 School re-opened. Ground covered with snow so only 12 children came.

Jan 11th the average for the week is 22.1 Snow fell again on Tuesday night making the roads still more unfit for the children to come to school.

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Jan 14th This morning the ground was so thickly covered with snow that not a single child came to school.

Jan 18th School closed all the week owing to deep snow and roads being impassable. This afternoon I received notice that the Drawing Examination will take place on Feb 22nd at 10 a.m.

Jan 25th No children came to school this week. The drifts were so deep in the lanes that the scholars could not come along them.

Jan 28th This morning 29 children came out of a total of 67. the ground is still snow covered.

Jan 29th During the night several more inches of snow fell and as only six children came I did not open school.

February 1st Average for twice school has been open 25.5 The bad weather still continues.

Feb 5th This morning only 11 children were present but I marked the registers still I was afraid the attendance will be very small as the

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Weather does not improve in the slightest and the children cannot come over the hills.

Feb 8th School has been open eight times this week but the average is only 15.1 It is still very cold and the ground is still snow covered as well as the lanes being impassable. Mr Lloyd has visited several times this week.

Feb 15th This week has been an extremely cold one and the ground is still in the same state but the average for the week is 35.5 Children who have come back to school after being absent so long seem to have forgotten a great deal and to be thoroughly out of working order. Mr C. J. Goodwin visited today.

Feb 19th I intend to give several Examinations in drawing this week and may deviate from the specified time as well.

Feb 21st This afternoon the Rev D Vaughan told me that the Government Examination was fixed for March 25th

Feb 22nd The Drawing examination took place

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this afternoon. The Rev D Vaughan and Mr Lloyd were present. Average for week 54.3

Feb 25th Drawing will not be taken this week as I took several special lessons last week. Sewing is now always taken from 1.10 to 3.20 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The Rev D Vaughan visited today.

Mar 1st Average for week 50.2

March 4th As several branches of school work need extra time I propose leaving out drawing again this week.

March 5th Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

March 8th The children were given an Examination in Arithmetic this morning and in the lower standards did very creditably but standard 4 only did fairly and standard 5 was decidedly weak owing in great measure to lack of interest and to the fact that in early years they were sadly neglected. Average for week 54.9

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March 11th During the next fortnight I intend to deviate from the time table so as to give several examinations and also so as to give special lessons in poetry and singing which need attention owing to time lost during the late inclement weather.

March 15th Average for the week 51.8 The writing throughout the school has been fairly good this week and the reading as well but the spelling is not as good as I should like to see it. The Rev D Vaughan has visited twice this week.

March 22nd Average for the week 57.2

March 25th Songs for Inspection 1895

1. I muse and think
2. Roses red
3. God Save the Queen
4. Morning advances
5. How beautiful

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March 25th Recitation for Examination 1896

Infants and Standard I Twilight + II

Standard III Striving to alone

Standards IV and V Paul Revers Ride

The school was examined this morning by W. J. Eltringham Esq. The number present was 62. Half holiday in the afternoon. Managers present at the Examination were the Rev D Vaughan, Mr C. Goodwin and Mr E Lloyd.

March 27th Snowstorm this morning; 22 children present.

Match 29th Average for week only 38.8 The weather has been extremely bad since Tuesday.

April 3rd We received news from the clerk to day that the school had obtained 'Excellent'

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in drawing

April 5th The weather is still very cold and many children are away suffering from colds to influenza. Average for week only 39.3 This week admitted Henry Pritchard who is 7 years and 10 months but can neither read write nor do any arithmetic.

March 8th Only half of the children present today.

March 11th The average for the week is only 32.2 This is easily accounted for because so many have been unable to come owing to influenza. We closed today owing till Easter Tuesday. The Rev D Vaughan has visited twice this week.

March 19th Average a little better this week being 45.2 The Rev D Vaughan has twice visited within the last few days.

March 22nd Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan

March 25th Only 9 present owing to heavy rain. School closed for the day.

March 26th Rain fell again today but for all that the average for the week is 49.7.
The

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Rev D Vaughan visited this morning.

April 27th Copy of the report of H. M.I. who visited the school March 25th 1895: the school work has distinctly improved under Mr Bale and bids fair to become thoroughly efficient. The arithmetic of the upper standards is still weak and map drawing requires attention. The children should be encouraged to speak out both in reciting and answering. The registers must be tested on behalf of the Board at least once a quarter at irregular intervals as required by paragraph 6 of Appendix II of instructions to Inspectors. Attention is directed to Article 85 (d) of the Code. K Pritchard is recognised under Article 68

Staff 1895
Horace Bale cert teacher
Kate Pritchard Art 68

Richard Chaloner Clerk to the Board

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May 3rd Average for the week 49.4 Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.
May 10th The average for the week is 46.9 The new arithmetic is being fairly well grasped by all the standards I have received some new reading and arithmetic books a pair of B.B. compasses and some new drawing copies.
May 16th The average is 46.5 The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.
May 17th Hay Fair today. No school.
May 24th Seven children marked absent today being too late to be reckoned present.
May 24th Average for week 47.1
May 25th The average for the first quarter of the school year is 46.9 and although this is two more than the corresponding period last year there is still plenty of room for improvement as one fifth of the children has been absent one attendance out of every three.
May 31st Average is a good one this week being 50.8 The Rev D Vaughan has visited once

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this week
June 3rd Whit Monday. No school
June 5th Mr C. J. Goodwin visited today.
June 7th Average for week 45.6
June 10th Registers examined and found correct David Vaughan
June 14th We had such a small attendance on Monday owing to Hay Fair that although the children attended well the latter part of the week the average is only 45.7. The Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday.
June 21st Small school today owing to a Tea meeting at Rhosgoch. The average for the week is 45.6
June 28th Registers examined and found to be correct David Vaughan
The average for the week is 47.9 The children are making fairly good progress especially in arithmetic and reading. The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.
July 5th Average a little lower than last week being 44.7
July 8th Small school this morning. Half holiday.

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This afternoon owing to a tea Meeting in the village.
July 12th Average for the week small being only 38. The Rev D Vaughan visited in the afternoon. School closed for the Summer Holidays.
July 27th At the Board Meeting today Amy Mary Bale was appointed an additional teacher under Article 68 and Sewing Mistress instead of Miss Pritchard. Duties to commence August 12th.
August 12th School re-opened 40 present.
August 13th Very wet morning only 19 present.

August 16th Sewing for the Infants last lesson. The average for the week is only 37.3 This low average was caused in great measure by very heavy rain on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

August 22nd This morning I admitted Mary and Thomas Meredith both of whom are very backward. Thomas is seven and a half years old and cannot write and

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Neither he nor his sister know anything about arithmetic. I also admitted Edith and Bridget Lloyd who are both very weak in spelling and so do not know the way to hold a pen. They are indeed more backward than they ought to be taking age into account.

August 23rd The average for the week is 47.6 the Rev D Vaughan visited on Thursday afternoon.

August 28th The children had a 'tea' given them so there was a half holiday this afternoon.

August 30th The average is still better this week being 54.3 I have this week received a box of beads for the infants and also two bags of cubes. The Rev D Vaughan has called on three times this week.

Sept 5th Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

Sept 6th The average has gone up a little being 55.5 Bead threading will be taken once every week in future.

Sept 9th This morning I admitted John Harley who will be eight years old in three

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Weeks yet he cannot write or do any sums and can only just say his letters.

Sept 13th Average for week 51.6

Sept 19th Kington Horse Show 32 present out of 65.

Sept 20th the average for the week is 53.5 Knitting was taken last lesson by the Infants.

Sept 27th The average for the week is 57.4

Oct 4th Although the weather has been unfavourable nearly all the week still the average is 50.1 The school work is improving but the children are not careful enough. There is great difficulty in getting them to look over their work so as to ensure accuracy.

Sept 11th Average for week 56

Sept 18th Some Infants knitting last lesson. Average for week 52.4 Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday.

Sept 25th We have had several slight falls of snow this week and the average has

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fallen to 43.8

Nov 1st I gave an examination today and found the reading and writing fairly good, although there are several weak readers in Standard I and here are several too who do not speak distinctly. The arithmetic is well advanced in Standards II, III IV but two out of the four children in Standard V are very backward owing in great measure to bad attendance.

Average for week 48.1

Nov 4th registers examined and found to be correct D Vaughan

Nov 8th Average for week 50.4

Nov 11th Heavy rain fell on Saturday and Sunday and by Monday morning the Arrow had overflowed its banks several bridges were carried away and the water from the hills was out over the road in several places. We had 30 children at school.

Nov 12th Number present 36

Nov 15th Average for week 43.1 Subtraction improving in Standard I

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Nov 29th Average for week 53.8

Nov 29th Average for week 48.5

Nov 30th The average for the quarter ending today is 51.08

Dec 5th Very wet morning so only 28 were present.

Dec 6th Average for week 47.1 The weather was very rough again this morning.

Dec 13th The average for the week is 44.5 The ground was covered with snow this morning consequently not one half of the children were present.

Dec 17th Mr Powell visited today.

Dec 19th The ground has been snow covered the last two days and as there were only 25 children present today I closed for the Christmas Vacation. Average 87.5

The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon

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Jan 6th Re-opened school. there was a good attendance. The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.

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Jan 10th The average for the week is 52.7 Very fair progress has been made this first week after the holidays

Jan 17th Average for week 52

Jan 20th Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan

Jan 24th the average for the week is 51.9 I gave the third Standard an examination this morning. The dictation and arithmetic was done very neatly and the reading on the whole was distinct and fairly good. Spelling very fair,

Jan 31st The average for the week is very low being only 39.9 A considerable number of children have bad colds but in addition to these are several children attending disgracefully at the present time.

Feb 7th The average for the week is 52.1

The school has been visited by the Rev D Vaughan Mr Lloyd and Mr J. Owens

Feb 14th The average for the week is 48.8 I have this week received a few new books

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Some new slates and a supply of needlework materials. The west end of the school and the wall at the back of the premises have been repaired and look far tidier. The Rev David Vaughan visited today.

Feb 19th Today the Rev D Vaughan received notice that Charles H. Cowling Esq. will inspect the school on March 17th at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Feb 21st the average for the week is 50.7 The writing of Standard I in their books has improved considerably and is now good. Their arithmetic and reading on the whole have been fairly good but the spelling is weak although great pains has been taken with it. When children do not start to come to school till they are six

years of age it stands to sense that they must reach Standard I without having learnt even common easy words.

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Feb 25th Extra drawing lesson given today. New doors were put today between the boys and girls playground and as the others were very old a great improvement was made in the premises.

Feb 26th The drawing examination took place this afternoon. The number of boys examined was 22. two were absent owing to illness. Mr Lloyd was present.

Feb 28th A special lesson in cutting out was given this afternoon. The average for the week is 48.2

Feb 29th The average attendance for the year is 48.2 Two children have been absent more than 200 times six others over 150 and as many as twenty four have been absent more than 100 times during the year. It is needless to say there is a marked difference between the quality of work done by these irregular attendants and children who attend regularly all the year round.

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March 2nd I shall not take drawing again until the Government inspection is over then the children can be arranged in their new standards for all subjects.

March 7th There are several children at Dorthy who have the measles so it will be unsafe for John Lewis and Maggie Breese to come to the Government Inspection.

The average for the week is 47.9

Mar 13th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

The average for the week is 49.7

Mar 17th Songs for Inspection

1. We are forest children fair
2. Sitting by the waterside
3. the evening bells
4. Evening is falling asleep
5. Hope will banish sorrow.

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March 17th Recitation for Inspection 1897

Infants and Standard I Little Dick

Standards II and III the bridge

The Upper Standards Antony's Oration

Class subject

St. I II + III Object lessons

St. IV V + VI Europe

Charles H. Cowing March 17th 1896

There were 57 children present at the inspection which was conducted by Chas H. Cowling Esq. The Managers present were the Rev D Vaughan Mr C. J. Goodwin and Mr Lloyd. Half holiday this afternoon.

Mar 18th Sewing not taken today. Drawing will not be taken with the younger boys who are being transferred to standard I

Mar 19th This morning I reclassified the children so that the new work might be started at once.

Mar 20th Average for week 48.3

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Mar 23rd I admitted five children this morning four have been placed in the infant's class as they are too young to be placed anywhere else.

Mar 27th The average for the week is 53.9 There are now 65 children on the books.

Mar 28th The Clerk has received the drawing report from South Kensington. The school has obtained 'excellent'.

April 2nd The average for the eight times the school has been open is 54.7 This afternoon we closed till Easter Tuesday. My wife who has been suffering from overstrained muscles has been granted the remainder of the week to see if the rest will benefit her.

April 10th The average has gone down considerably this week being only 46.6 the weather was very fine but parents do not (in some instances) seem to understand that the new work must be started as soon as the examination is over and that irregular children soon get

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behind the others and at the end of the year are inferior in attainments to children who attend regularly.

April 15th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

April 17th This afternoon the Rev D Vaughan brought the report of Her Majesty's Inspector which is as follows: This school has passed a highly satisfactory examination and the grants recommended are well earned. The earnest attention of the Board is asked to the Revised Instructions 15:

I am to call the attention of the Board to the last paragraph of Article 101 (b) of the Code . A. M. Bale is recognised under Article 68

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Horace Bale Cert teacher

Amy M. Bale Art 68

Signed Richard Chaloner Clerk

With the report came form 10 A informing the Board of the omissions of the annual inspection due in March 1897

Average for the week 54.5

April 24th This week I have received a set of geographical readers on Europe new

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Arithmetic books some slates memory maps blotting paper and a thermometer for use in school. The Rev D Vaughan visited on Wednesday. The average for the week is 52.4

April 28th Commenced 1 o'clock this afternoon.

May 1st Average for week 51.8

May 8th The average for the week is 51.1 The Rev D Vaughan has visited once this week. The children have come to school this last few weeks with cleaner boots but there is still room for improvement.

May 11th Only 25 children came to school today. A good many children were at Kington Fair and a few were idling away their time at home.

May 15th I am deviating from time table. I examined the children today. The reading and arithmetic obtained the mark good. Spelling needs attention in Standards II and III. Copy books are clean and the writing is good.

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Throughout geography. Geography is backward. Average for week 49.8

May 18th Hay Fair. Number at school 27

May 19th There were only 45 children present today.

May 20th Have deviated from time table. This afternoon we tested the two months needlework. It was very satisfactory in all standards.

May 22nd The average for the week is only 43.9 There are seven children on the books who have not been at school one single attendance this week, four who have only been at school one day and nine more who have only been at school two days. Needless to say in most of these instances the very children who were away ought to have been at school more so than those present. If the school is to do well the Board will certainly have to consider the advisability of enforcing attendance. There are some who ought to be made send their children to school better.

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May 25th Whit Monday. No school

May 27th the Rev D Vaughan visited the school this morning.

May 29th Average for week 57

May 30th The average for the quarter is 50.8

There are 69 on the books so the average is by no means a good one as we have had splendid weather all through the quarter. Attendance per cent on 73.6

June 2nd Singing taken together so time table deviated from.

June 5th The average for the week is 54.9

June 8th Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan

June 12th Average for week 53.1

June 16th In their monthly examination which took place today the children read well except the first standard who however obtained very fair. Spelling was very creditable in the fourth standard but weak in the second and third. The arithmetic was fair in the second standard but good above that yet the mental work needs to be smarter.

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The children answered very fairly in their object lessons but still the geography is backward. Needlework good all through.

June 19th Average for week 54/6

June 23rd Whole school taken together in singing.

June 26th Average for week 56.4

July 1 Examined registers and found them correct. D. Vaughan

July 3rd The Rev D Vaughan has visited several times this week. Average for week 50.3

July 6th Only 28 present this morning. Half holiday this afternoon because of a 'Tea' in the village.

July 7th School taken altogether in singing.

July 10th Average for the week only 37.3 this afternoon we closed for the holidays.

Aug 10th We re-commenced school this morning. The number present was 45. the Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.

Aug 14th Time table deviated from. Average for week 47.2

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Aug 20th Mrs Bale not in school this afternoon due to a severe cold.

Aug 21st The monthly examination has again proved that the spelling is not satisfactory above the first standard. Neither can one expect it to be so long as a good number of children do not start school until they are six years of age and some even reach the age of seven or eight before they start. Children who start when that are so old and attend badly because they live a long distance away cannot be expected to do otherwise than badly.

The geography of the upper standards is backward and the songs are not far enough advanced.

Average for week 56.

Aug 24th Started at one o'clock this afternoon.

Aug 28th Average for week 57.9

Aug 29th The average for the quarter is 52.1 this is not so good as it ought to be taking into consideration that the weather has been remarkably fine all through the quarter.

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and that we have 71 on books. The Board has had the west wall repaired the damage seen to and also several little things put right that were out of order.

Sept 4th The average for the week 59.9 The Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday and Tuesday.

Sept 7th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

Sept 11th Commenced at 1 o'clock. Average for week 50.9 Rain has fallen every day with the exception of Thursday and has interfered with the attendance.

Sept 14th Monthly examination taken. Time table deviated from.

Sept 18th The arithmetic is good so is the reading all through the school. the spelling is fair in the second and fourth standards poor in the first standard and bad in the third standard. Copy books are creditable being neat and clean and the writing is good on the whole. Object lessons are very fair and geography is improving. Needlework is decidedly good but the

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Mental arithmetic is rather slow.

Average for the week 60.8

Sept 25th The average for the week is 55.4

Heavy rain has seriously interfered with school attendance this week. The Rev D Vaughan visited yesterday afternoon.

Oct 2nd Average for week 58.6

Oct 9th The average for the week is 56.8

Oct 13th Singing examined so classes taken together.

Oct 16th The reading is very fair in the first standard but good in all the others.

Spelling is bad in the first standard very fair in the second, third and fourth standard. Arithmetic is bad in the fifth standard and good in the first, second, third and fourth. Music is very fair in the second division and good in the thirds division although the words of the third song are not known. Object lessons are fair in the first standard very fair in the second and third standards and geography (which is a month behind the syllabus) is fair. Copy

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Books are neat and clean throughout while the needlework is very good. Mental arithmetic fair but the drill needs developing. Average for week 57.4
Oct 20th This morning I admitted Rosas Harley who was 10 years of age last June and has never been to school before. She lives un Glascwm above three miles from any school she knows her letters but cannot do any sums or write.
Oct 23rd The average this week is a poor one being only 50.8 Several children have attended very irregularly this last few weeks especially Charlotte Evans Albert Lewis Price Amy Williams and David and Eleanor Watkins.
Oct 29th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan
Oct 30th The average for the week is 54.4
Nov 6th Average for the week 56.4 Rev D Vaughan visited on Wednesday.
Nov 13th The average for the week is 54.1
Nov 16th Time Time deviated from
Nov 18th Mrs Bale is so unwell that I do

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not consider she is fit for school consequently she will not come for the remainder of the week.
Nov 19th The reading is good on the whole so is arithmetic but although spelling obtained the mark good in all standards except the first yet the children in the lower standards are rather variable in dictation. The singing and object lesson results are very similar to those of last month while drill is improving as well as geography. The book work is neat and clear.
Nov 20th The average for the week is 55.3 Four children are suffering from whooping cough and several others have very bad colds indeed. The Rev D Vaughan visited on Thursday.
Nov 25th Time table not followed.
Nov 26th Mrs Bale is managing school as best she can owing to the roof of my mouth being swollen

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Nov 27th Average for week only 46.7 A good number of children have been away from school this week with very bad coughs. No school today
Nov 30th Dr Pope of Kington having ordered me to remain in the house for at least three days Mrs Bale has again taken charge of school but of course the time table will have to be deviated from because she cannot take the singing, drawing and object lessons.
Dec 3rd I started work again today.
Dec 4th The average for the week is only 40.5 Coughs are still pRevalent in the district and thirteen children have not been present once while ten more have made less than five attendances. The Rev D Vaughan has visited three times this week.
Dec 11th The average is still very low being only 43.2 Coughs still account for the absence from school of a good many children. Sixteen children have not been present a single

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Half day. Several children are attending badly however whose parents cannot make a reasonable excuse.
Dec 15th Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan

Dec 18th The average for the week is 41 Some children are still suffering from whooping cough and the ground has been covered with snow for two days. We closed today for the Christmas holidays.

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January 8th The average for the week is 51.3

Every day this week has either been foggy or rainy.

January 14th Dictation not taken in the fourth standard.

January 15th The average for the week is 52.3 The infants are still attending very irregularly.

January 22nd The average for the week is only 48.9

January 26th Ground covered with snow. It is bitterly cold this morning and only

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26 are present.

Jan 29th The average for the week is only 31.6 Coughs are again very prevalent and the weather is very cold. Some people however do not send their children so regularly as they might reasonably be expected to.

Feb 1st No school because the ground was thickly covered with snow.

Feb 2nd Only 13 present.

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Visit of Inspection under Art 84 (b)

The master will procure a new copy of Sec 7 of El. Ed. Oct 1870 at once. Many children absent owing to sickness and to stress of weather. All going well.

J.H. Williams

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Feb 4th Visit of T. Williams Esq. There were only 21 children present owing to sickness and the inclemency of the weather.

Feb 5th School not opened because of heavy rain and as only 10 children came. Average for the six times school has been open 18.5

Feb 6th Obtained another copy of the School regulations and placed it on the wall to fill the place of a dilapidated one which had been taken down a fortnight ago.

Feb 9th Time table deviated from

Feb 10th Drawing examination this morning There were 58 children present. One boy was absent owing to illness and George and John Harley were away although no reason was sent. Mr Goodwin Mr Lloyd and Mr Owens were present.

Feb 12th The reading is very fair in the third standard and good in all the others. The arithmetic is good in the first

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And second standards but very fair above the second, spelling is bad in the first standard, moderate in the second, good in the third and fourth and composition is fair. Drawing and needlework are good while the mental arithmetic is fair throughout. Geography is very fairly known. Object lessons fair in the infants and first standard very fair in second and third standard. Average for the week 50.7

Feb 17th Examined registers and found them to be correct D Vaughan

Feb 19th Mrs Bale not in school today as she has a sore throat. Average for the week is 50.3 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school Wednesday morning.

Feb 22nd Time table will be deviated from this afternoon as Mrs Bale is too ill to take needlework today.

Feb 24th Needlework taken till 2.30

Feb 26th The average for the week is 54.6 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Wednesday afternoon. The following is a list of songs

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Taught the children for the year ending 28th February 1897

Smiling May

Here rest in peace

Morning

Heigh bells jingle

How the merry wind blows

March 3rd No school today owing to the wind and snow.

March 4th Sleet and rain so we only had 20 present.

March 5th The average for the week is 47.5 the Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday.

March 12th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

March 12th the average for the week is 55 The Revs D Vaughan and T Thomas visited the school on Monday afternoon.

March 17th Commenced at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

March 19th The average for the week is 52.3

March 26th The average is a little higher than last week being 53.6

March 27th The mark 'good' was obtained by the boys for drawing at the

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Examination held on February 10th

April 1st The ground was covered with snow this morning and only 32 children came to school.

April 2nd Average for week 50.2 I have received fifteen new historical readers for the third standard and seven royal readers as well. The Rev D Vaughan visited school this afternoon.

April 6th No school today because the ground was snow covered and snow still falling.

April 9th The average for the eight times school open has been 47.3

April 15th Average 48.3 for the eight attendances. School closed until Easter Tuesday.

April 23rd The school has been open eight times this week and the average which is 52.2 is a little better than last week. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Thursday afternoon.

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April 24th The following is a copy of Her Majesty's Inspector's report 'The school continues to be taught with very great care and its general condition is highly satisfactory. A little more style and finish are desirable in the handwriting.

A.M.Bale is continued under Article 68 of the Code

Report accompanied by Form 170A

Staff 1897

Horace Bale Cert Teacher

Amy M. Bale Article 68

Richard Chaloner signed Clerk to the Board

April 26th This morning I admitted Jane Lloyd who has never been to school before although she is over eight years of age. She knows her letters but cannot write or do an easy addition sum.

April 29th Mrs Bale absent this afternoon by leave of the Board

April 30th The average for the week is 45.6

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May 3rd The Rev D Vaughan visited this afternoon.

May 7th The average for the week is 54.4 Three boys admitted during the last few days.

May 11th Only 27 children present owing to the Kington fair.

May 14th Average for week is 42.9

May 16th Only 25 children present owing to Hay Fair

May 19th Time table to be deviated from today as I am too unwell to take some of the lessons in fact I am afraid I shall not be able to do anything.

May 20th Time table will be deviated from for the remainder of the week.

May 21st Average only 37.5

May 24th Examined registers and found them correct D Vaughan

May 26th No drawing this afternoon.

May 28th The average for the week is 50.9

June 1st Very wet day and only 37 children came to school.

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June 4th The average for the week is very low being 47.2

June 7th There was no school today being Whit Monday

June 9th Rain falling very quickly this morning. Number of children who came 29

June 11th The average for the week is only 38.8 There are a few cases of measles among the children.

June 18th The average for the week is 47.5

June 21st The ordinary lessons not taken but a short life of Queen Victoria.

June 21st School was closed until Thursday morning owing to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Tea was provided at the school for the children and their parents and after the tea the remainder of the evening was spent in sports.

June 25th Average for six times school has been open 44.5

June 29th Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan

July 2nd the average is considerably better this week being 54.6

July 5th There are only 31 children present this

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June 30th Examined registers and found them correct D. Vaughan

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July 5th Morning so the time table will be deviated from. The children were given a holiday this afternoon because of a tea in the village.

I notice that I have accidentally left two pages blank so I think it will be better to leave them blank rather than to mark out the few lines at the top of the page and turn back.

July 9th The average for the week is only 45.6

July 16th The average for the week is very low being only 37.5 Harvest operations are in full swing hence low average. This afternoon we closed for the usual 'Harvest Holiday' a month.

August 16th School re-opened this morning but only 24 came. Many of the children are still staying away picking whimberries

August 20th School closed today owing to rain. The average for the eight times school has been open is 29.7

August 27th The average is a little better this week being 46.8 Very little reduction of money taken owing to the bad

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Attendance of the fourth standard this quarter.

Sept 3rd The average for the week is 51.2 The Rev D Vaughan visited on Monday afternoon.

Sept 4th The average for the second quarter is 44.7 There are 12 children on the books who have not attended half time this quarter and most of them are backwards. This bad attendance would certainly be altered if parents only knew the value of education. In most cases we find it is the 'same' children who go on attending badly year after year – in fact all thorough their school career.

Sept 10th The average for the week is 47.9 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

Sept 14th Today there is a 'Horse Show' at Glascwm and we have only thirty six children at school.

Sept 17th The average for the week is only 40.6 The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school twice this week.

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Sept 20th Today was Kington horse Show and we had only 32 children at school

Sept 24th the average for the week is 43.9

Oct 1st The average for the week is 48.9

Oct 8th The children had their quarterly Examination at the end of last month and are gradually improving in most branches of their school work. The first standard is very weak in spelling but that is not to be wondered at when one comes to think that so many of the children do not start school till they are about 6 years and perhaps even then attend badly. The geography is still backwards in the fourth and fifth standards.

The average for the week is 48.4

Oct 15th The average for the week is 47.9

Oct 22nd The average is a little better this week being 51.0 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Oct 25th Examined the registers and found them correct D Vaughan

Oct 29th The average for the week is 53.6 two children have been readmitted this week.

Nov 1st William Meredith was marked absent

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This afternoon instead of present.

Nov 5th The attendance has improved this last four weeks and the average for this week is 54.6

Nov 6th Today a most lamentable and fatal accident occurred to one of my scholars Gertrude Alman. The poor child was playing with several other children and was killed by the waterwheel.

Nov 11th The time table will be deviated from this afternoon because I shall be at the funeral at Newchurch.

Nov 12th The average for the week is 49.6

Nov 19th Annie E Lloyd of Llanshiver died from diphtheria last Tuesday.

The average for the week is 45.4

Nov 25th 1897

Visit under Art 84 (b)

W.T.Etherington

The managers should provide a code each year for the teachers use.

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Nov 26th W.T.Etherington paid a visit yesterday afternoon under Article 84 (b)

We had 30 boys and 20 girls present. The average for the week is 48.8

Dec 3rd The average for the week is 47 the Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

Dec 10th The average for the week is 49.3

Dec 13th the results of the quarterly examination held at the beginning of this month are as follows: the reading, music drill recitation and needlework are good throughout the school. Arithmetic is good in the lower standards but fair in the fourth and fifth standards while the mental arithmetic is rather slow. Spelling is very fair and the composition of the fifth standard is fair, the object lessons are very fair in the first standards and good in the second and third standards but the geography of the upper standards is only fair. The copy books are clean and are marked good in the second and third standards while

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The other standards obtained a very fair mark.

Dec 16th We had no school today because it rained so heavily that too few children came for us to open.

Dec 17th The average for the eight times school has been open is 42. we closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

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Jan 6th Examined registers and found them correct David Vaughan

Jan 7th The average for the week is 45.6 twelve children have not been present at all this week although the weather has been favourable. The Rev D Vaughan visited the school on Thursday.

Jan 14th The average for the week is 5.5 The weather has again been exceptionally favourable.

Jan 21st The average for the week is 50

24 visit (Art 84 b)

Thos Williams

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Jan 24th Dr Williams paid a visit to the school. We had 50 children present 28 boys and 22 girls.

Jan 28th The average for the week is 44.8 More than a dozen children have either been absent from school altogether this week or have attended very badly.

Feb 4th The average for the week is 45.7 The Rev D Vaughan visited the school this afternoon.

Feb 8th The time table will be deviated from today to enable me to give a drawing lesson and to take the whole school together in singing.

Feb 9th This morning we had the drawing examination and 28 boys out of 30 present the other two being ill. Mr E Lloyd was present.

Feb 11th The average for the week is 43.8 The girls have not attended well this week and several were away owing to severe colds. The Rev D Vaughan has visited the school twice this week.

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Feb 16th I intend to deviate from the time table today as I am examining the lower standards.

Feb 18th This afternoon we commenced at 1 o'clock. The average has improved a little this week being 46.5

Feb 25th The average for the week is 46.5

Feb 28th This afternoon we commenced at 1 o'clock. The registers for the new year were not signed at the meeting of the board last Saturday owing to the absence of Mr R B Chaloner who was suffering from influenza.