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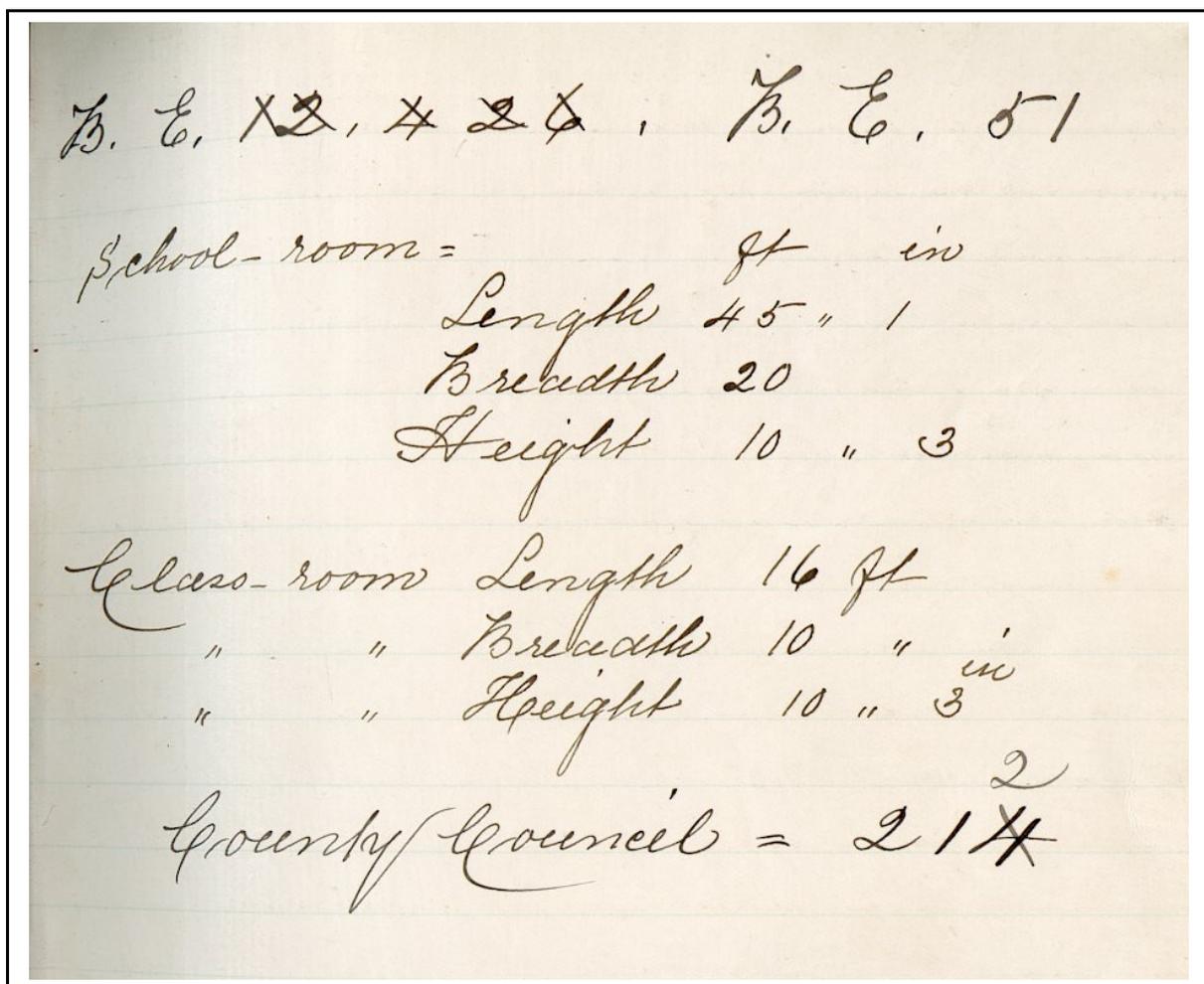
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I have tried to maintain the form of written notes – no attempt has been made to correct spelling or capitalisation. A query (?) indicates doubtful interpretation of a difficult hand.

This Log Book has no Frontpiece except that the blank page between page 'YZ' and page 1 carries the usual room dimensions beneath the number 12426 (again, presumably the school No.) which has been struck through:



No inserts to rest of 'lettered' pages. Log book entries proper begin on Page 1 : 7-11th.
August 1899 :

11 Aug 1899 School visited by Mr Thorold, who addressed the children at the close of the lessons on the importance of regular attendance.

23 Aug 1899 Kruger stiffens proposed terms; Chamberlain convinced war is imminent.

5 Sep 1899 War Office warns that troops in South Africa are too few to counter initial Boer attacks.

18-22 Sep 1899 A great improvement in the attendance. Admitted W. Johnston and J. Bennett.

29 Sep 1899 Government call up of army reservists.

9 Oct 1899 Transvaal declares war on Britain. First motor bus service in London.

12 Oct 1899 Boers in Orange Free State enter war as Transvaal ally.

18 Oct 1899 Head Pupil Teacher read and recite (*signed*) C.E. de More Thorold.

20 Oct 1899 Pupil Teacher attended at the Wesleyan School to read & recite to H.M. Inspector. ... Average for the week 70.7

20 Nov 1899 Kaiser Wilhelm II starts state visit to Britain (until 25th)

10 Dec 1899 Start of 'Black Week'; British defeats at Stormberg, Magersfontein & Colenso Bay.

25 Jan 1900 Boers repulse British force under General Sir Redvers Buller, inflicting heavy losses.

26 Jan 1900 ... Five children only in this Standard (*Standard I*) do their sums correctly on slates. ...

Report: 1900 "The order is good and the children are taught to do their work fairly well but the teaching does too little to quicken and develop the thought of the children. The organisation might be further simplified and so more steady, concentrated teaching done. The Infants are in very good order but trained in a very mechanical way."

H.E. Staniland is recognised under article 33 of the Code until the 10th November 1900.

Signed Fred W. Wells.

18 Feb 1900 General Conje (Boer) surrenders at Paardeberg.

28 Mar 1900 Admitted S & J. Goodman. Object lesson to the Infants on "The Sheep". II Lessons to the Standards on "The Hedgehog" II Lessons. Average for the week 62.8

26 Apr 1900 School visited by Mr Thorold also by the Attendance Officer. The Attendance has only been moderate – 74 are now on the Registers – some having left the village. Steady progress is impossible with the present irregular attendance. Children are kept at home, while their parents go to work. Stan. II do not make much progress in Arithmetic and Reading.

30th April 1900 Visit of Inspection. *Signed* Bruce Webster.

16 May 1900 Mafeking relieved by Colonel Robert Baden-Powell after 7 months of stubborn resistance.

22 May 1900 Mines Act bans employment of children in pits under the age of 13yrs.

24 May 1900 School closed for the day, it being the Queen's birthday, also in celebration of the Relief of Mafeking.

31 May 1900 British forces occupy Johannesburg.

10 Jun 1900 British forces leave Tientsin for Peking (Beijing) to assist suppression of Boxer Rising.

13 Jun 1900 Alfred Gant and George Sevindin attended the Exam. at St. Saviours Schools for Labour Certificates. The Attendance this week has been very good.

25-29 Jun 1900 ... A Gant Stan. VI received a Labour Certificate he having passed the Standard of Exemption.

27 Jun 1900 'Tuppenny Tube' central London Underground initiated between Shepherd's Bush and Bank.

29 Jun 1900 A. Gant left today.

9 Jul 1900 Queen Victoria signs Commonwealth of Australia Act, forming a federation of 6 Colonies (effective from 1 Jan 1901).

11 Jul 1900 ... Owing to the excessive heat the drills have been taken out of doors. ...

24 Jul 1900 A days holiday. The School being required for the Sunday School Treat. ... Owing to the excessive heat, all the drills were not taken. The Infants were drilled out of doors (!)

30 Jul 1900 Monday. A days holiday. The children had their annual trip to Cleethorpes.

14 Aug 1900 Taff Vale railway strike (South Wales) – until 24 Aug 1900.

12 Sep 1900 A.Eason returned to School after an absence of 13 weeks ill with a bad knee.

1 Oct 1900 Admitted E & W.Quale. Attendance not so good as previous week.

12 Oct 1900 M.E.Staniland attended at Retford Wes. Infant School to read recite to Her Majestys Inspector. Absent Friday afternoon. Fairly good progress has been made in Standards I, II & IV.

16 Oct 1900 'Khaki Election'; Conservatives (334); Liberal Unionists (68); Liberals (186); Irish Nationalists (82); Labour Representative committee (2). Winston Churchill enters Commons as MP for Oldham.

25 Oct 1900 Transvaal formerly annexed (ceremony in Pretoria).

29 Oct 1900 Betsy Stevenson began work as Monitress.

10 Jan 1901 Received new Reading books for Upper Standards.

16 Jan 1901 ... The board will apply for M.E.Staniland's Indentures to be extended for one year. ...

22 Jan 1901 Queen Victoria died; *no mention of this in the Log book!*

31 Jan 1901 School year completed.

2 Feb 1901 Queen Victoria's funeral.

11-15 Mar 1901 Attendance not so good. 8 absent on Wednesday afternoon it being Retford Races.

Report: 1901 "The order and instruction are fairly good. There is some improvement in the intelligence of the children, but this side of the work should receive continued attention. The Infant Class is fairly taught. The rooms have been greatly improved by fresh colouring and painting. The old desks should be gradually replaced by more suitable ones: a group for the second and third standards must be provided at once." B.A.Stevenson is recognised under Article 33 of the Code.

Signed Fred W.Wells.

28 Mar 1901 ... It was decided at the Board meeting to obtain new desks as soon as possible. Mr Thorold and the Revd. A.Rowley to procure them. ...

15-19 Apr 1901 Attendance moderate the whole week. Several children absent planting celery.

24 Apr 1901 Wednesday. Owing to the death of my sister at Cheltenham the school was closed this afternoon till Tuesday. Received notice of the Scripture Exam. May 10th. Average for the week 64.6

8 May 1901 School inspected this morning by J.Reeves Esq. H.M.I.

10 May 1901 School examined in Scripture by the Revd. J.W.Peck. Registers not marked this afternoon.

24 May 1901 24 children absent today through the measles. The Quarterly Exam. could not be completed owing to so many being absent. ... School closed on account of an outbreak of measles by the Sanitary Authorities from June 3rd to June 24th.

24 Jun 1901 A whole days holiday on account of Clarborough Feast.

25 Jun 1901 School reopened after being closed since May 24th. Attendance has been very moderate the whole week owing to the doctor prohibiting the attendance of 16 children who have had measles. ...

1-5 Jul 1901 A slight improvement in the Attendance. A.Jackson at work in the Strawberry fields. ... Owing to the excessive heat the drills have been taken in the open air. ...

8 Jul 1901 Admitted A.Rolfe M.Rolfe E.Rolfe and Ida Rolfe. Several children absent at work who should be at school. All those children have returned who have had measles.

22 Jul 1901 Law Lords rule that a Union may be sued corporately for the damage caused by its members during a strike (this followed Taff Vale strike of August, 1900).

30 Jul 1901 ... Owing to the excessive heat – all drills have been taken out of door. ...

2 Sep 1901 Betsy A. Stevenson is unable to continue as Monitress, her services being required at home. ...

2 Oct 1901 A days holiday it being Retford Fair.

16 Oct 1901 Numbers 53 and 51. Several absent having gone to a Circus at Retford. ...

23 Oct 1901 Heard Pupil Teacher's poetry. *Signed* C.E. de M.Thorold.

27 Nov 1901 ... All the weak points in the quarterly Exam. have been duly noted and are being attended to.

11 Dec 1901 Guglielmo Marconi sends wireless message from Cornwall to Newfoundland.

13 Dec 1901 Registers not marked. 24 only were present. 2 were sent home their feet being wet. 22 were retained and dismissed at 12 o'clock by order of the Rev. A.Rowley the weather being stormy and wet. Average for the week 43.3

8 Jan 1902 ... Received a new map of England from Mr Thorold for the use of the school. ...

16 Jan 1902 School visited by H.M. Inspector A.Finch Esq in the afternoon 1.35 to 3.55. Number present 58.

31 Jan 1902 School year ended. Registers closed for the year. The average Attendance is considerably lower than previous years, owing to sickness and bad weather. ...

10-14 Mar 1902 Received the syllabus of the years work from H.M.I. Mr Drale. Two applications for Labour Certificates were received to-day.

11 Mar 1902 M.E. Staniland left at 3.30 to-day to attend the Drawing Class at Retford. She received her lessons from 12.30 to 1.30. The attendance shows improvement. There are still several absent from sickness.

Report: 1902 "The children are very well behaved and are making fair progress. They still need, however, to be trained to take a more intelligent interest in their work. Improvement will be looked for in the teaching of Reading and Geography if the higher grant and the grant under Article 105 of the Code are to be continued. The new desks are a great improvement. The remainder of the old desks should be replaced this year."

The pupil Teacher should be more carefully instructed in the art of teaching."

Signed Fred.W.Wells Clerk to the Board.

Beneath which is scrawled: The staff should always be s(undecipherable) *Signed* ?? B

24 Mar 1902 A days holiday it being Retford Fair.

8 Apr 1902 Tuesday. M.E. Staniland left school at 3.30 to attend Drawing Class at Retford. Her lessons were given in the Dinner Hour.

17 Apr 1902 ... Admitted G & A. Swannack. Object lesson – Lower Standards "The Swallow". Upper Standards = "Silk and the Silkworm". Average for the week 55.3

21-25 Apr 1902 ... Several girls in the upper Standards absent planting celery. ...

5-9 May 1902 Fair attendance. Several girls at work planting celery.

31 May 1902 Treaty of Vereeniging ends South African War. Boers accept British sovereignty in return for aid and arms restocking.

20 Jun 1902 Receive notice from the Board to close the School on Tuesday night till the following Monday June 30th it being Coronation Week. Average for the week 59.6

21 Jun 1902 Received notice from the Board to close the School for a week instead of 3 days as previously arranged. It having been decided not to postpone the festivities which had been arranged previous to the King's illness.

14-18 Jul 1902 A great decrease in attendance particularly in the higher standards. Several children have been at work in the strawberry and hayfields.

1 Aug 1902 The Board decided to give a day's holiday Aug 8th it being Market day at Retford and also on Monday Aug 11th for the Coronation tea for the children. ...

9 Aug 1902 Coronation of Edward VII.

11 Aug 1902 A day' holiday, the Coronation Committee requiring the room to give the Children a tea.

18 Sep 1902 At a meeting of the Board Dora Hebden was appointed Monitress and the new desks were ordered to be procured. The Attendance in the Upper Standards has been very bad, many of the children are at work.

27 Sep 1902 [East African Crown Lands ordinance encourages white settlement on Kenyan uplands.](#)

3 Oct 1902 Received notice from the clerk that E.Wilkinson had failed to pass the Exam. for total Exemption. Object lesson. Upper Standards = "Beaks of Birds". Infant Class. The "Rabbit". Average for the week 61.3

2 Dec 1902 The new desks for the upper Standards were placed in position and used for the first time Dec 3rd. School visited by the Revd.A.Rowley.

8 Dec 1902 Readmitted E.Chambers after an absence of four months. ...

19 Dec 1902 School visited by Revd. L.D.Roworth. Rev.A.Stegall also by Miss roworth and Mrs Stegall. M.E.Staniland absent since Monday 15th sitting for King's Scholarship at Retford. ...

31 Dec 1902 M.E.Staniland completed her apprenticeship as pupil-teacher in this school. The Board have engaged her as Assistant till Jan 31st 1903. Ethel Quale was appointed by the Board as a Candidate for a Pupil-Teacher, to commence duties Jan 5th 1903. Her engagement to begin from Jan 1st 1903.

30 Jan 1903 M.E.Staniland left to-day. Her apprenticeship as pupil Teacher ended Dec. 31st 1902. ...

2 Feb 1903 Commenced new Registers. Frank Durham left. ... Placed the children in their proper Standards. Standard I and II have been taken in Reading by the Mistress the whole week. Arithmetic Lessons have been given to all the Standards by the Mistress and fair progress has been made.

18 Feb 1903 ... The Drills this week have been taken in the playground. ...

25 Feb 1903 School visited by the Attendance Officer.

Report: 1903 "The school only reaches a fair standard of efficiency and in some subjects, such as Reading, Geography and Physical Training, the instruction is very unsatisfactory. The work must be done much more thoroughly next year and the Infant Class must be better trained and taught if the higher Principle Grant and the grant under Article 105 of the Code are to be recommended again. With regard to the discipline, all copying should be carefully checked."

The staff must be strengthened if a Grant under Article 105 of the Code is to be again claimed next year. D.M.Hebden is recognised under Article 33.

Signed Fred W.Wells.

Staff: Frances Seals – Certificated.

Dora Hebden Article 33.

Ethel Quayle – Monitress

23 Mar 1903 A days holiday. Retford Fair. The Attendance has been very moderate the whole week, especially on Friday when only 44 & 52 were present – The weather was wet.

4 Apr 1903 Dora M.Hebden and Ethel J.Quayle attended the Candidates Exam at Retford. ...

8 Apr 1903 Dora Hebden and Ethel Quayle attended at Retford this morning to read and recite to H.M.Inspector. They returned in time for afternoon session. ...

24 Apr 1903 School visited by Mr Bristowe from the County Council Nottingham who inspected the School premises. Received notice of the Diocesan Inspector's visit. ...

30 Apr 1903 At a meeting of the board, it was decided to obtain the services of an Article 68 – for 3 months if one could be obtained. ...

1 May 1903 [Edward VII begins state visit to Paris helps improve British-French relations.](#)

16 Jun 1903 **Report:** Visit of inspection.

The cloakroom pegs are not properly arranged and they are insufficient in number. The room is much too small for the size of the school. Some of the spouting is broken. The playground needs a properly prepared surface.

A properly constructed urinal with suitable divisions for privacy & suitable drainage should be constructed. The pit behind the offices is in a bad state: there appears to be no drainage.

The present state of the school is very unsatisfactory as regards order and attainment: the next report will be a very unfavourable one unless there is great improvement in both points.

Signed W.H.Brown

18 Jun 1903 School visited by the Attendance Officer also by Mr Ogle – Last Meeting of the School Board at Retford.

24 Jun 1903 A days holiday, it being the Village Feast.

25 Jun 1903 School visited by Mrs Garland who heard the children sing and recite. ...

1 Jul 1903 Today the School passed to the County Council of Nottingham. ...

6 Jul 1903 [French visit to London starts *Entente Cordiale*.](#)

17 Jul 1903 Received notice from the Correspondent that Ethel Quayle had passed the Candidates Exam. Apr 4th 1903. and that Dora M.Hebden who was presented for a 4 year engagement had failed at the same time. ...

21 Jul 1903 [Irish Land Purchase Act increases financial backing to enable peasants purchase of land from big estates.](#)

7 Sep 1903 Reopened School after the Harvest Holidays. 10 children have not made a single attendance. They are not ill and should be at school. Their names have been forwarded to the Attendance Officer.

1 Oct 1903 Drill was taken this afternoon instead of Friday.

2 Oct 1903 Today being Retford Fair a day's holiday was given. ...

10 Oct 1903 [Mrs Emmeline Pankhurts founds Women's Social and Political Union at Manchester.](#)

12 Oct 1903 Admitted E and L.Walker. With the exception of Friday the Attendance has been good. Spelling requires attention in Stan.IV. Writing too should improve.

4 Nov 1903 School visited by Mr Thorold also by the Attendance Officer who brought a Duplicate Register to be filled in from School Registers by the Head Teacher. (*First use of this term for the 'Mistress'?*)

1 Jan 1904 [Licencing of motor cars and fitting of number plates introduced.](#)

4 Jan 1904 Reopened School after the Christmas Holidays. ... Admitted E.Gunn. ...

11 Jan 1904 W.Brocklesby is suffering from scarlet fever and has been prohibited from attending school for 6 weeks. M.Lees and M.Gurnhill absent the whole week sick. ...

21 Jan 1904 ... Owing to bad weather the Drill has been taken in the School. ...

Report: Visited. The points with regard to the premises noted in W.Brown's entry of Jan 16th still need attention – specifically the condition of the boys' urinal, which is very unsatisfactory. *Signed M.Dale. Jan 26th '04 (This 'hand' is very difficult)*

27 Jan 1904 Examined the registers & found them correct. *Signed C.E. de More Thorold*

29 Jan 1904 Owing to another outbreak of scarlet fever three more children are prohibited from attending school for 6 weeks. The attendance has been very moderate the whole week.

30 Jan 1904 At a meeting held at Retford of the Managers, it was decided to attend to the out-offices at once.

3 Feb 1904 E.J.Quayle attended the Classes at the Grammar School Retford.

D.Hebden is suffering from scarlet fever – she is not to resume duties for six weeks. The attendance has been wretched the whole week especially in Standards II & I and the Infants several of the latter are suffering from whooping cough. Children have been moved into their Standards. It is unfortunate that so many are absent at the beginning of the School Year. The Object Lessons have been revised.

4 Feb 1904 Russo-Japanese War begins.

8-12 Feb 1904 Attendance this week has been the worst recorded for years. 20 & 24 were present on Monday. Many children are absent through sickness and bad weather. The Infant Class with the exception of 4 children are all sick.

29 Feb – 4 Mar 1904 A slight improvement in the Attendance. 25 children absent the whole week.

11 Mar 1904 D.Hebden Monitress has been absent six weeks suffering from scarlet fever now wishes to resign. ...

14 Mar 1904 Received notice from the Managers to close the school for three weeks, they having been ordered to do so by the Rural Sanitary Authority. The school meanwhile to be thoroughly cleaned and whitewashed.

28 Mar 1904 Received notice from the Managers to keep the School closed for the Easter Holidays. Duties to be resumed April 11th.

8 Apr 1904 The School not being quite ready for reopening, it was decided not to reopen till Wednesday, April 13th. During the closure several children have left the School, their parents having left the village. D.Hebden has ceased to be on the staff.

13 Apr 1904 ...The school has been cleaned throughout, as well as the out offices. B.Stevenson has taught the Infants this week, she has applied for the post of Infant Teacher to the Council in place of D.Hebden resigned. ...

Report: 1904 "This school is not at present in a satisfactory state of efficiency. Reading and Needlework are very fair; but Arithmetic, History and Geography are very poor. The writing is careless and the exercise books have not been properly revised. In view of the warning given in last year's report and repeated by an entry in the Log Book on June 16th 1903 it is impossible to recommend again the higher grant or that under Article 105 of the Provisional Code. The condition of the urinal and offices is unsatisfactory as was pointed out in June." *Signed* Fred W.Wells

18 Apr 1904 Admitted 5 Infants. All the children have now returned with the exception of 5 who are not yet allowed to attend by the Medical Officer.

19 Apr 1904 Admitted one Infant under 5.

3 May 1904 It was decided by the Managers not to have the Diocesan Inspection this year owing to the irregular attendance through sickness. ...

20 May 1904 L.Durham attended the Exam. at North Leverton for Labour Certificate. ...

27 May 1904 School visited by Mr Hooley the County Surveyor with regard to the alterations to be made to the out offices. A new frame for the drain in the playground was ordered to be done at once. Received Schedule containing result of Labour Examination. Leonard Durham has passed in all subjects. ... Average for the week 57.7

2 Jun 1904 ... The Pupil Teacher now receives her lessons before School hours. ...

10 Jun 1904 Received notice from the Correspondent that B.Stevenson had been appointed Teacher of the Infant Class by the Notts County Council. ...

10 Jun 1904 E.Batty, A.Batty and H.Batty left School to-night, their parents are leaving the Village. Average for the week 54.7

20-24 Jun 1904 Attendance only moderate – 11 children still absent by the Doctor's orders.

27 Jun – 1 Jul 1904 Attendance very moderate the whole week – owing to an outbreak of measles. 9 still absent through scarlet fever. ...

4-8 Jul 1904 Attendance very poor owing to sickness. B.Stevenson absent on Monday and Tuesday owing to the death of her Father. ...

12 Jul 1904 Visit of Inspection by A.H.Dunn Esq. 9 o'clock to 12.45p.m.

14 Jul 1904 School visited by the Rev. A.J.Showell. The Infants have been brought out of the Class-room for drill every afternoon in the playground. ...

21 Jul 1904 B.Stevenson the Infant Class teacher absent the whole day having gone with the Choir Trip to Blackpool. Two children absent from the same cause.

20 Jul 1904 E.Quayle did not attend the Centre class today – there being a holiday in consequence of the Grammar School Sports. ...

The previous two entries appear in this order.

29 Jul 1904 B.Stevenson the newly appointed Infant Teacher resigned to-day giving a month's notice to the Managers. She is leaving on account of the death of her Father – her Mother requires her at home. ...

5 Aug 1904 Maud Towers was exempted from further attendance at school; She having made the required attendance for 5 years. Average for the week 51.9

10 Aug 1904 ... H.Pickard ceased to be Attendance Officer after this date. Mr G.Staniland has been appointed to succeed him. ...

12 Aug 1904 Miss B.Staniland left to-day – A successor has been advertised for. The School was closed for the Harvest Holidays. ... The Pupil Teacher has not attended the Classes since July 27th owing to the Grammar School holidays. ...

16 Sep 1904 Received notice from the Notts County Council for E.J.Quayle to attend the Centre Classes at Retford Grammar School Sep 17, 1904. No Teacher having been appointed in place of Miss Stevenson, all the Standards were taken by the Mistress, the Infants were taken by the Pupil-Teacher. N.Gunn E.Gunn and G.Gunn left the School owing to their parents leaving the place. Received the Syllabus for Scripture and the Hymn Book from the County Council. The Scripture lessons were taken from the Syllabus commencing on Monday Sep 12th. There are now only 59 children on the Registers. ...

21 Sep 1904 A day's holiday, the room being required for the Harvest Festival. Another Teacher has not yet been appointed, the Pupil-Teacher has taught the Infants. ...

21 Oct 1904 [Dogger Bank incident: Russian Baltic fleet, sailing to Far East, mistakes Hull trawlers for Japanese torpedo boats and opens fire. 1 Hull boat sunk with 2 fishermen killed. Britain threatens war but French mediate.](#)

28 Oct 1904 At a Meeting of the Managers Miss Ethel Freeborough was appointed Infant Teacher. She has not been in an Elementary School before – she is to teach for a month – temporarily.

7 Nov 1904 Miss Freeborough took charge of the Infant class today. ...

29 Nov 1904 Miss Freeborough sent in her resignation today. She is not strong enough.

6 Dec 1904 Miss Freeborough absent this afternoon owing to the death of her sister.

7-8 Dec 1904 Miss Freeborough absent on both dates having to attend the funeral of her sister at Gainsboro'. The Infant class was taken by Miss Stevenson on Wednesday afternoon, and by the Pupil Teacher and Mistress on Thursday.

7 Dec 1904 School visited by Mr Thorold and Mr Ogle – A new tank has been bought and placed in position to catch the rain-water. Drill have again been taken in School owing to the bad weather. ...

14 Dec 1904 15 children absent to-day. Miss Freeborough the Infant Teacher absent the whole week ill.

14 Dec 1904 E.Quayle did not attend the centre to-day The Grammar School being required for the Cambridge Local Exam.

2 Jan 1905 Reopened school after the Christmas Holidays. Miss Stevenson took charge of the Infant Class – Miss Freeborough's notice having expired Dec 31st 1904. Admitted Albert T.Sanderson. Four children absent the whole week sick.

9-10 Jan 1905 Miss Stevenson has been engaged as a temporary teacher for the Infant class. ... 1st Class infants have had their writing lessons in the large room.

10-12 Jan 1905 School visited by the Attendance Officer. School visited by the Rev. A.J.Showell. Reading in the Lower Standards has been taken by the Mistress. The Drills have been taken in the School this week. The Pupil Teacher did not attend the Centre this week – The classes have not yet commenced. Object Lessons. Upper Division "Cocoa". Lower Division "The Horse". Infants = "The Apple". Average for the week 56.6

25 Jan 1905 School inspected by A.H.Dunn Esq. 57 children present.

26 Jan 1905 School visited by the Revd. A.J.Showell who took the 1st Class in Scripture.

27 Jan 1905 School visited by the Rev. T.Morgan, who examined the children in Scripture by order of the County Council. Placed the Children in their proper Standards.

1 Feb 1905 Commenced new Registers. School visited by Mr Thorold and the Revd. A.J.Showell. Owing to the outbreak of scarlet fever during the year – the yearly average is the smallest for many years. Four children absent the whole week sick.

2 Feb 1905 School visited by the Revd. A.J.Showell who took the Scripture lessons in the 1st class. The children have been placed in their proper standards. With the exception of three children who remain in Stan.I, all the others have been placed in a higher standard. Object Lessons. Upper Standards “Beetroot”. Lower Standards “The Cat” Infant Class = “The Horse”. Average for the week 55.6

9 Feb 1905 School visited by the Rev. A.J.Showell. At a Meeting of the Managers, Miss Bee Art. 68 was appointed Infant Teacher. Duties to commence Mar 1st, her engagement at Beckingham School not terminating till Feb. 28th. Arithmetic lessons have been given to all Standards by the Mistress. Miss Stevenson will remain as Teacher of the infant Class, until Miss Bee begins work. Object Lessons – Upper Standards “Lettuce”. Lower Standards = “Tea”. The Infant Class “Winter”. Average for the week 57.3

14 Feb 1905 Received 36 Bibles from the County Council. Miss Bee’s appointment has been confirmed by the County Council.

8 Mar 1905 [Dungeon Club set up in Belfast, the germ of the Sinn Fein movement.](#)

15 Feb 1905 School visited by Mr Ogle. ...

1 Mar 1905 Miss Bee Art.68 commenced duties as Teacher of the Infant Class to-day.

10 Mar 1905 Received a Time Book from Nottingham. ...

13 Mar 1905 Commenced Teacher’s Time Book. Edgar Walke admitted Mar 6 – left he having been released from further attendance at school by the Guardians. ...

24 Mar 1905 ... M.Bingham left to-day. She having attained the age of 14 years, Mar 25th.

...

Report: 1905 “Mixed:- The Mistress has evidently worked hard but the results of the instruction are still disappointing. Reading and Writing are fairly well done, but the children in the highest class have very little idea of composition and arithmetic, and do not show any intelligent knowledge of Geography or history. The children do not appear to be naturally dull, but need more direct encouragement.

The Infants have suffered through the change of teachers during the year, and while they read fairly well, in other subjects they are backward. I am glad to learn that the defects in the premises pointed out in previous reports are to be remedied later in the year.”

Signed Fred W. Wells

3 Apr 1905 Admitted A.Needham and F.Hobson Infants. ...

12 Apr 1905 6 children absent on Wednesday afternoon owing to the Races. ...

1 May 1905 Reopened School after the Easter Holidays. Admitted T.Chambers and Elizth Gleaden. W.Brocklesby returned to school after an absence of 8 weeks.

2 May 1905 20 children late this morning for prayers.

8 May 1905 Admitted J.Briddon and J.Gleaden. ... Received notice that the Scripture Examination is on May 26th (Friday afternoon)

12 May 1905 J.Swinden left school today, he having received his certificate of exemption.

...

19 May 1905 ... The games in the Infant class have been taken out of doors, the class-room being too small.

24 May 1905 Empire Day. Lessons on the Empire were given in the morning by the Mistress, also an address on the same subject by the Rev.A.J.Showell. Half-holiday in the afternoon, when the children had tea.

5-9 Jun 1905 Attendance not so good as previous week. Five children are not allowed to attend school owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever.

26 Jun 1905 23 children absent to-day. They were taken to Cleethorpes by the Sunday School Teachers. No notice having been given to the Mistress, no holiday could be given. The numbers consequently were reduced to 44 both morning and afternoon. Five children absent the whole week by the Doctor’s orders. ...

29 Jun 1905 [Foundation of the Automobile Association \(AA\).](#)

14 Jul 1905 School visited by A.H.Dunn H.M.I. this afternoon. Number present 61 absent 10. ...

28 Aug 1905 Reopened School after the Harvest Holidays.

30 Aug 1905 School visited by Mr Thorold.

31 Aug 1905 School visited by the Rev. A.J.Showell also by the Attendance Officer. ...

5 Sep 1905 [Treaty of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, ends Russo-Japanese War.](#)

2 Oct 1905 Monday. School closed on account of Retford Fair.

28 Oct 1905 E.J.Quayle did not attend the centre today (Sat) on account of sitting for the Scripture Exam.

2 Nov 1905 Received parcels of stock from Nottingham. No slate cloth has been sent. Slates cannot be removed at present. All Arithmetic this week has been worked on paper.

...

10 Nov 1905 ... The backward children in Stan.I are to be taught by themselves. ...

12 Nov 1905 [Queen Alexandra launches Queen's Fund for the Unemployed.](#)

21 Nov 1905 School visited by F.H.Dale Esq. H.M.I. in the afternoon.

1 Dec 1905 E.J.Quayle received notice to attend the King's Scholarship Examination Dec 12 & 13. ... Time Table for the Infant class sent to F.H.Dale Esq.

22 Dec 1905 ... E.J.Quayle completes her apprenticeship Dec 31st 1905. The County council have consented to retain her services, and to allow her to be counted on the Staff until the result of the K.S. Exam. is known.

22 Dec 1905 G.Bee the Infant Teacher absent through illness. She came to school this morning but was too ill to remain.

8 Jan 1906 Reopened school after the Christmas Holidays. 59 and 60 were the numbers marked. ...

10 Jan 1906 [Daily Mail invents the term 'suffragette' for militant campaigners.](#)

12 Jan 1906 [General Election landslide to Liberals; Liberal \(377\); Conservatives \(157\); Irish Nationalists \(83\); Labour \(53\).](#)

19 Jan 1906 School closed – the room being required for a Polling Station. ...

1 Feb 1906 Commenced new registers. New school year commenced.

8 Feb 1906 Received notice of the Labour Exam. at Wheatley Feb. 16th 1906. ...

10 Feb 1906 [Launch of H.M.S. Dreadnought outdates all previous battleships.](#)

12 Feb 1906 Admitted May Perrin. [Parliamentary Labour Party formed; chairman Keir Hardy.](#)

16 Feb 1906 No children were sent to the Labour Exam. at Wheatley. ...

19 Feb 1906 Received notice that E.J.Quayle had failed to pass Part II of the King's Scholarship Exam.

28 Feb 1906 School visited by B.Webster Esq. H.M.I. who remained during the morning session. Numbers present 62.. Absent 7.

14 Mar 1906 Miss Bee and Miss Quayle received notice to attend the class for Physical Training commencing Mar 24th at Retford. ...

19 Mar 1906 Received notice from the Board of Education that the official number of the school will be from April 1st 1906 – 57 instead of 12.426.

22 Mar 1906 [First International Rugby Union match \(England 35 France 8\).](#)

24 Mar 1906 E.J.Quayle & G.Bee commenced to attend the Drill Class at Retford. ...

6 Apr 1906 G.Bee and E.Quayle received notice to attend the County Council Classes on modern Methods of Infant Teacher – at Retford – to commence April 7th ...

25 Apr 1906 ... The County Council have consented to retain the services of E.J.Quayle on the staff at an increase of salary for the present. She intends sitting for the Preliminary Certificate. ...

11 May 1906 A.Gant applied for a certificate of exemption. She is 13 on May 12th. ...

17 May 1906 Frances Chambers applied for a certificate of exemption. ...

24 May 1906 Empire Day. A.Garland Esq one of the Managers gave an address to children on Empire Day. Patriotic songs were sung, Drills were taken in the playground,

the Union Jack saluted and each child was presented with a bun, sweets and nuts, which were given by the Managers. The children had a holiday in the afternoon.

1 Jun 1906 Frances Chambers received her certificate of exemption.

15 Jun 1906 Received notice of the Scripture Examination Jun 25th this being the day on which the children are taken to the seaside, have asked for the Exam. to be altered. ...

25 Jun 1906 Scripture Examination conducted by the Rev. F.Rass. Every child present. Registers not marked. The children had a holiday in the afternoon, it being the village Feast.

27 Jun 1906 School visited by Dr.Beale, the Medical Officer of Health, there being an outbreak of Scarlatina at the house where E.J.Quayle lives, she is prohibited from attending school for six weeks. E.J.Quayle Supplementary Teacher sent in her notice to the Managers, notice to terminate July 31st. Her Classes have been taken alternately by the Mistress and Miss Bee. ...

27 Jul 1906 Closed the school for the Summer Holidays, one month. Duties to be resumed Aug 27th. The school is to be thoroughly cleaned, coloured and painted the playground and out-offices to be altered etc. – during the vacation.

27 Jul 1906 The alterations and cleaning of the school not being completed for reopening, another week' holiday was granted by the Managers. *Is entry correctly dated?*

3 Sep 1906 Reopened school after five weeks holiday....

15 Aug 1906 Edward VII and Kaiser Wilhelm II meet at Cronberg in an attempt to ease worsening Anglo-German relations.

12 Sep 1906 Received the Scripture Report, which was very favourable on the whole. The Play-ground not being quite finished the children were drilled in the orchard. ...

17-21 Sep 1906 Attendance good. The alterations to the School are not yet finished. The Asphalt has been completed this week.

18 Sep 1906 School visited by B.Webster Esq - H.M.I. There are now 74 names on the Registers. 72 children were present at the Inspection. Some new desks are required for the Infant Class.

27 Sep 1906 ... The Mistress has been assisted this week by a girl from Stan.VII. ...

1-5 Oct 1906 Attendance good. E.Durham received her certificate of Exemption today – her name has been removed from the Registers.

2 Oct 1906 A day's holiday, it being Retford Fair.

3 Oct 1906 A day's holiday, the room being required for the Harvest Festival. ...

19 Oct 1906 Received notice from the Correspondent that eight new desks had been ordered for the Infant Room. Also that Miss G.Skeet had been engaged for a month, as a Supplementary Teacher for the Lower Standards. She is to commence duties Oct 22nd. ...

22 Oct 1906 Miss Skeet did not commence duties today. She has accepted a situation at Sturton.

26 Oct 1906 The Drill was taken the last lesson this afternoon instead of writing in Copy Books. ...

8 Nov 1906 ... J.Bartle left school having received her certificate of exemption.

4 Dec 1906 Received 8 new desks for the Infant Room.

6 Dec 1906 Transvaal and Orange River Colony granted self-government.

12 Dec 1906 Trades Disputes Act legalises peaceful picketing. House of Lords rejects Education Bill that they perceive to be sympathetic to non-Anglicans.

20 Dec 1906 At a meeting of the Managers Miss F.Spaven was appointed Supplementary Teacher for the Lower Standards subject to the approval of the County Council.

21 Dec 1906 Mrs Oxley distributed oranges to the Children at noon, after which the school closed for the Christmas holidays. ...

7 Jan 1907 Reopened school after the Christmas Holidays. Admitted three children. ...

11 Jan 1907 ... Miss Spaven the newly appointed Supplementary Teacher, will commence duties Feb 1st 1906 (*an error?*) Her notice does not expire at Rampton School till Jan 31st. ...

30 Jan 1907 Inspection conducted by B.Webster Esq H.M.I. 64 children were present. ...

Report: 1907 "Mixed Division. The children are trained and taught in only a fairly satisfactory way, but during several recent months the Mistress had not had the help she needs: an additional Teacher however is about to commence duties and it is hoped there will be less collective and mechanical work, and much more quickening of individual interest and intelligence in all the subjects of instruction.

Infant Division. The children are very carefully taught.

The premises have been much improved."

Signed Fred W Wells Correspondent

9 Feb 1907 3,000 non-militant suffragettes in the 'Mud March', a peaceful demonstration in London in heavy rain.

1 Mar 1907 Received notice to close the school at once, there being more cases of measles – School was closed at noon by order of the Medical Officer of Health. The School was closed for three weeks but owing to more cases of measles it was decided not to reopen until April 2nd the school having been closed a month. ...

21 Apr 1907 Sinn Fein formally constituted in Ireland.

1 May 1907 Received new stock from Nottingham. "Chambers New Scheme English History Readers" have been dis-allowed. The Upper Standards show improvement in Composition.

3 Jun 1907 Government drops devolutionary Irish Council Bill because of nationalist opposition.

19 Jun 1907 The Infant class had Reading for ten minutes instead of Kindergarten.

26 Jun 1907 Miss Spaven received intimation that she had passed Part II of the Preliminary Certificate Examination. Commons pass resolution on need to limit power of the Lords to reject bills passed by the elected house.

4 Jul 1907 ... Voice Production has been given every morning by Miss Spaven for ten minutes after Scripture. ...

6 Jul 1907 Brooklands, near Weybridge (Surrey), opens as world's first motor-racing track.

11 Jul 1907 Received notice of the recognition of Miss Spaven as a Supplementary Teacher from the County Council. ...

15 Jul 1907 ... Voice production is now being taken every morning for ten minutes. L.Allison received her certificate of Exemption from Nottingham. The infant class (when possible) have had their lessons out of doors owing to the hot weather, the class room being so small. ...

25 Jul 1907 Baden-Powell forms Boy Scouts.

12 Aug 1907 Rioting in Falls Road district of Belfast; 4 Roman Catholics killed when troops open fire.

9 Sep 1907 Reopened school after the Summer Holidays. Several boys absent the whole week at work. ...

13 Sep 1907 ... The new work commenced on Monday taken from the Syllabus for the year. ...

25-26 Sep 1907 Miss Spaven absent on the two dates, owing to a death in the family.

27 Sep 1907 Miss Spaven has intimated to day that she will be compelled to resign, owing to the breaking up of her home. ... Dominion of New Zealand created.

2 Oct 1907 ... Miss Spaven sent in her resignation this week. Her notice will expire Oct.31st. ...

17 Oct 1907 A very wet morning, registers were not marked. Very few children came, and these being very wet having had to walk two miles, were dismissed at the suggestion of one of the Managers, the Rev. W.Langford. ...

31 Oct 1907 Miss Spaven's notice ended to-day, but owing to Miss Bee's illness, she continued at school till Nov. 1st. At a meeting of the Managers, Miss Staniland was appointed as a Supplementary Teacher, to commence duties as soon as possible.

1 Nov 1907 Miss Spaven left to-day. ...

11 Nov 1907 By order of the Managers, school was opened in the afternoon at 1.15 instead of 1.30 during the winter month; to enable the children who live a distance off to get home before dark. Dismissal 3.45.

18 Nov 1907 Miss Staniland commenced work as Supplementary Teacher for the Lower Standards.

11 Dec 1907 ... Received new stock from Nottingham also new black-board and easel. The Dictionaries ordered to be procured for the upper Standards have been dis-allowed so the History Readers for the same Standards.

20 Dec 1907 School visited by Mrs Oxley who distributed oranges to the Children at noon. Broke up for the Christmas Holidays noon. ...

6 Jan 1908 Reopened school after the Christmas Holidays. 57 & 62 were the numbers present.

8 Jan 1908 The Mistress was absent this afternoon, having to go to Sheffield to see a Doctor. The drills have been taken in the school owing to the cold weather. ...

26 Feb 1908 From this date the School will be in charge of Miss Staniland, Miss Bee and a Temporary Monitress. This arrangement has been approved by the Managers and the Director of Education owing to my temporary absence from illness, I having to go to Sheffield for an operation on my eye. Miss Staniland will take the Upper Standards, Miss Bee the Lower, and D.Briggs the Infants. D.Briggs attendances will not be marked during the time she is teaching.

2 Mar 1908 School visited by Mrs Garland who distributed oranges to the children at noon. Albert Briggs absent through having fallen in the yard and broken his thigh. He was immediately taken to hospital where he will have to remain several weeks.

13 Mar 1908 By order of the Managers school was opened this afternoon at 1.15 instead of 1.30, and closed at 3.30. The room being required for a Public Tea. ...

16 Mar 1908 Twelve boys lost their attendance marks this afternoon, they came in after the registers were closed. They had been after the hounds.

19-20 Mar 1908 Mrs Seals came into school every afternoon. ...

23-27 Mar 1908 ... Resumed usual school duties Mon. Mar 23rd.

30 Mar 1908 ... R.Baldwin one of the 1st Class boys died Mon 30th. ...

1 Apr 1908 [Territorial Army is officially constituted.](#)

27 Apr – 1 May 1908 Readmitted M.Gleaden, N.Gleaden, J.Bridlton and Ethel Gleaden.

4 May 1908 Admitted F.P.Egerton.

7 May 1908 [Asquith \(Prime Minister\) announces his government's intention to introduce old-age pensions.](#)

29 May 1908 Today was kept as Empire Day – Lessons were given on the Empire. Songs were sung, drills and saluting the flag were taken in the Play-ground. School visited by Mr Garland (who gave the children an address on the Empire) also by Mrs Garland and her two children, A half holiday was given in the afternoon. ...

3 Jun 1908 Visit of Inspection *signed* Bruce Webster

3 Jun 1908 Visit of Inspection by B.Webster Esq. Number present 63 – 65 on the books.

...

15-19 Jun 1908 Reopened school after the Whitsuntide Holidays. Admitted E.Foster Infant.

21 Jun 1908 [Womens' Sunday, London suffragette protest – estimated 200,000 participants.](#)

3 Jul 1908 ... At a meeting of the Managers it was decided to give a half holiday once a month if the percentage was obtained. Also that the Teachers should supervise the children in the playground. This has been done. ...

10 Jul 1908 A wet morning 44 present & 48. Many children have a long distance to come to school – on wet days they cannot attend.

14 Jul 1908 Sent three children home who were suffering from “Mumps”.

21-24 Jul 1908 School visited by the Attendance Officer. School visited by Mr Thorold. The Managers have decided to close the school on Monday July 27th twenty four children

are going to Cleethorpes on that day for their annual trip. The chairs which have been in the school-room for over thirty years have been removed into the Church by orders of the Vicar, to whom they belong. ...

29 Jul 1908 School visited by J.E.Hales Esq. H.M.I. also by the Attendance Officer.

Thirteen children are suffering from Mumps – owing to this – the Managers are closing the School July 31st for the Summer holidays. One month, - duties to resume Aug 31st. ...

12 Sep 1908 Examination in Religious Knowledge Received the following report. The Children knew their work well. I was most pleased with much of the answering. They have been thoroughly taught – and some answered searching questions very intelligently.

Signed July 9th 1908 F.J.Ross. Examiner.

Received the above report 12th Sep 1908.

18 Sep 1908 School visited by the Revd. W.Langford. ...

2 Oct 1908 A day's holiday, it being Retford Fair. ... Average for the week 62.5
Percentage = 97.6

Report: 1908. "Mixed Department. Early this year the Mistress was absent for a time after undergoing an operation, no temporary help was provided and so the work of the school suffered. At the visit on the 3rd June there was some little improvement, the collective answering complained of at the previous visit having been largely suppressed, but there was a lack of ready and intelligent response to the teaching and questioning on the part of many of the children and the standard of efficiency was low. The first class was inspected on 29th July. The children are becoming stolid and indifferent and, apart from some knowledge of their recitation they proved almost wholly ignorant of the work they were supposed to have done. The Infants are nicely managed in many ways, but they have a poor and ill ventilated room which is too small to admit of their being trained in a manner suitable to their age. During the Scripture lesson it is much overcrowded, there being then nearly twice as many children present as the room is recognised for."

Signed Fred W. Wells Correspondent

6 Oct 1908 Received notice of the Inspection by the Medical Officer which will take place Tuesday Oct 13th at 9.30. Twelve children have been returned as the number to be examined, one will not be able to be present, he is suffering from chicken-pox. His medical adviser has ordered him not to mix with the other children.

13 Oct 1908 Medical Inspection. Nine children examined. Five children were excluded by the Doctor's orders – to return to school on Oct.19th.

13 Oct 1908 The heads of all the children present were examined by the School Nurse.

16 Oct 1908 [Samuel Cody makes first aeroplane flight from British soil.](#)

16 Nov 1908 A day's holiday was given by the Managers on the occasion of the New Institute in the Village. Fergus Durham and Maud Gleaden left this week they having received their certificates of attendance.

30 Nov – 4 Dec 1908 ... The percentage for November was 97.1 the children are to have Friday afternoon Dec 11th as a half holiday.

16 Dec 1908 School visited by Mr & Mrs Garland who presented each child with a present of money for a Christmas present. ...

23 Dec 1908 Broke up for the Christmas Holidays. ... School visited by Mr Thorold, also by Mrs Oxley who gave each child an orange. ...

1 Jan 1909 [First payment of old-age pension; 5s per week for over 70s.](#)

11 Jan 1909 Reopened school after the Christmas Holidays. ...

25-29 Jan 1909 Attendance with a few exceptions good. Admitted B.Elsom, A.elsom and G.Elsom.

29 Jan 1909 The monthly percentage being 96.9 a half holiday will be given Feb 5th. ...

23 Feb 1909 Shrove Tuesday – A day's holiday.

22 Feb 1909 School visited by the Attendance Officer. An orange was given to each child by Mrs Garland.

Above two entries recorded in this order.

26 Feb 1909 No candidates for the Labour Examination held at Sturton. ...

15 Mar 1909 Selfridge's, the first American-style department store in England opens in London's Oxford Street.

19-23 Apr 1909 Admitted L.Underwood an infant under 5 years. ...

26 Apr 1909 Admitted F & G.Gregory.

30 Apr 1909 From this date I cease to take charge of this school – after over 30 years service. Nov.6th 1878 to April 30th 1909. *Signed* Frances Seals

3 May 1909 Entered upon my duties as Head Mistress of this school *Signed* M.E.Dodds
Admitted one child F.Fern. The Attendance Officer visited the school.

14 May 1909 The Attendance Officer visited the school. The work taken during the week with the Upper Classes has been chiefly oral. The average for the week is 55.6
Percentage 99.2

17 May 1909 Mr Garland visited the school and heard the First Class children recite. Owing to the weather the registers will be marked at 1.20pm this afternoon and the children dismissed at 3.50pm. The Attendance Officer visited the school.

20 May 1909 Mrs Oxley, Mrs Hutchinson and Miss Hutchinson visited the school. The Revd. W.Langford visited the school.

21 May 1909 The Average for the week is 55.9 Percentage 99.8

24 May 1909 Empire Day. The school was visited in the morning by C.E. de More Thorold Esq A.Garland Esq J.Hirst Esq The Revd.W.Langford Mrs Oxley Miss Garland and Mr Brown. Recitation & songs were given by the children. Afterwards an address was given by Mr Garland. Mr Hirst proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Garland and also addressed the children. The Head Teacher also thanked the ladies and gentlemen present on behalf of the children and cheers were given. The Revd. W.Langford also addressed the children, on the colours of the flag. The National Anthem was then sung. Mrs Oxley addressed a few words to the children, and the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Thorold and seconded by Mr Hirst who each spoke a few words of encouragement to the children. The proceedings closed with a prayer and the children were then dismissed and a half holiday was given in the afternoon. The registers were not marked in the morning. The Attendance Officer visited the school.

25 May 1909 Admitted one child. Gertrude Surgy. ...

7 Jun 1909 Reopened school after the Whitsuntide Holidays with an attendance of 57. One child John Chambers (under five) was admitted. The Attendance Officer visited the school. The Revd.W.Langford visited the school.

15 Jun 1909 The children will be taken in two divisions for drill in future. The second class have theirs from 10.10 – 10.40 as stated on the Time-Table- The first class take that time for The Singing, which it is stated on the Time Table – is taken from 10.55 – 11.10.

Thursday morning's singing lesson will be taken by the First Class. Drill will be taken by the Second. Friday afternoon's Drill lesson will be taken by the First class while the Second take singing. The new Time Table will provide for two divisions in both subjects.

23 Jun 1909 Admitted Herbert Bush aged 4.

24 Jun 1909 The registers will be marked at 1 pm this afternoon & the school dismissed at 3.15pm in order to celebrate Clarborough Feast.

30 Jun 1909 Holiday all day for the Band of Hope Excursion.

2 Jul 1909 One boy, William Worthington has been absent all the week – He had an accident and hurt his leg & is unable to attend school at present. ...

5 Jul 1909 Admitted Nellie Stevenson (under 5) ...

20 Jul 1909 Mrs Garland visited the school & brought a large basket of strawberries for distribution amongst the children.

25 Jul 1909 [Louis Blériot is first man to fly the English Channel.](#)

26 Jul 1909 On Friday afternoon (23rd inst) the school was visited by several ladies and gentlemen, including Mr C.E.de More Thorold the Chairman of the Managers, Mr J.A.H Hirst, Mr & Mrs S.Oxley, The Revd. & Mrs Langford and the Revd. & Mrs Rowley.

The children of all the divisions sang all the songs they have learnt since Whitsuntide & several children recited. At the close of the proceedings Mr Thorold spoke of the good work which had been accomplished during the last three months. He was very pleased

with the children and said they reflected great credit on the teachers. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Head Teacher which was seconded by Mr Hirst who also expressed great pleasure at the way in which the children were progressing. He said they all looked very happy & he was very pleased to see them so interested in their work. The Head Teacher in responding thanked the Chairman and the ladies and gentlemen present for their kind appreciation of her work. 'God Save the King' was then sung & the children were dismissed at 4.30pm. The exercise and drawing books were shown to the managers.

2 Aug 1909 ... This week the children will assemble at 1pm and be dismissed at 3.30pm this arrangement having been approved by B.Webster H.M.I.

The children were taken to a wedding this afternoon – no recreation was given, they were taken out of school at 2.25pm and returned at 2.55pm. The afternoon session was prolonged by half-an-hour.

6 Aug 1909 J.E.Hales Esq H.M.I. visited the school. He approved the scheme of work for the Standards for next year.

9 Aug 1909 Visit of Inspection *Signed* Bruce Webster

23 Aug 1909 [First counter-espionage unit set up, soon to be known as MI5.](#)

21 Sep 1909 Reopened school after the Midsummer Holidays. ...

26 Sep 1909 [Force-feeding of suffragettes on hunger strike begins at Winson Green Prison, Birmingham.](#)

30 Sep 1909 Miss Staniland resigns her position as assistant teacher today.

1 Oct 1909 The average for the week is 50.8 Percentage 92.4

4 Oct 1909 Miss Winifred Dodds commences work as a Supplementary Teacher today. The Revd.W.Langford visited the school.

14 Oct 1909 The First class were taken for a walk this afternoon to observe the Autumn Tints, etc. A.Jarvis obtained her Labour Certificate.

16 Nov 1909 Received a parcel of story books from Miss May Garland as a contribution to the School Library.

6 Dec 1909 Miss Bee did not arrive till 10.30 this morning as her train was late.

7 Dec 1909 [Union of South Africa, with dominion status, proclaimed in London.](#)

10 Dec 1909 Received a parcel of magazines from Mr Hirst as a contribution to the school library. The average for the week is 52.5 The percentage is 95.5

13 Dec 1909 ... Admitted Lorna Burkitt. She has been placed in St.I. ...

21 Dec 1909 [Law Lords 'Osborne Judgement' stating that Labour Party fund raising from trade unions was illegal.](#)

23 Dec 1909 Although the weather is still very bad, most of the children have been driven to school this morning. ... Closed school for the Christmas Holidays. ... Received a case of oranges from Mrs Oxley for distribution amongst the children. Mrs Oxley regretted being unable to be present herself but is away from home at present.

10 Jan 1910 Reopened school after the Xmas Holiday. ... [Juvenile Court opens in London.](#)

17 Jan 1910 Admitted Agnes Wilkinson. She has been placed in St.I. ...

20 Jan 1910 ... The School will be closed on Monday 24th as it is required as a Polling Station. The attendances will be counted as per Code.

28 Jan 1910 There are only 19 children present this morning. The weather is so bad the roads are quite impassable. ...

3 Feb 1910 Finished Form 9 and returned it to the office. The Revd. W.Langford visited the school.

11 Feb 1910 One lesson has been given on Kindness to Animals in Oral composition time. ...

14 Feb 1910 Admitted Doris Foster aged 5. ...

21 Feb 1910 [First 50 'job centres' open, authorised by Labour Exchanges Act of 1909.](#)

28 Feb 1910 Admitted Elsie Bingham aged 5. ... The Chambers leave the school today having removed from the village.

11 Mar 1910 Received Weighing Machine yesterday also notice regarding Medical Inspection from the Correspondent. ... Ida Robinson and Herbert Swannack have been promoted from St.II to St.III as their work in the former class was very good. The average for the week is 51.7 Percentage 94 The number of children on the books over five years of age is 55. Under 5 – one.

14 Mar 1910 Received from Nottingham

1. School Attendance return form
2. Quarterly Circular
3. Needlework Account Form
4. Notice of Nature Study Exhibition
5. Notice of Scholarships

A new Stock & Stores book is to be used and completed before April 22nd. ...

15 Mar 1910 Received copy of Birth Certificate from Mr John Bingham for Elsie May Bingham who was admitted on Feb 28th. Particulars have been noted. ...

17 Mar 1910 The children had their photographs taken this morning. Registers were marked at 9am and Secular Instruction commenced then. The time occupied altogether was half an hour 11.30am – 12am.

22 Mar 1910 Sent out notices to parents of Medical Inspection on April 6th.

4 Apr 1910 Reopened school after the Easter Holidays. Admitted five children:

Nellie Whitwood	aged	13
Winifred Lockwood		5
William Jackson		5
William Durham		5
Jessie Egerton		4

Notices regarding birth certificates have been sent to the parents of the four latter children.

There are 61 children on the books at present. [Parliament Bill abolishing veto of House of Lords receives first reading in House of Commons.](#)

6 Apr 1910 ... The Medical Examination of 14 children was conducted this afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

11 Apr 1910 Admitted four children:

Mary Cottam	aged	11
Thomas Cottam		8
Sarah Cottam		5
Jessie Allen		8

There are 62 children on the books this week. ...

11 Apr 1910 Received notice of the Annual Grant from the Correspondent:

Average attendance for the year 56.

Grant on 54 scholars over 5 at

21/4 per head	£57.12.0
“ “ 2 scholars under 5	
at 13/4	1.6.8

Additional Grant allowed under

Article 31 (a)(II) of the Code 3.15.0

Small Population Grant 10.0.0

Total 72.13.8

Fee Grant £28

22 Apr 1910 Dancing will be taken instead of organised Game this afternoon because the weather is not fit for the children to go out. ...

6 May 1910 [Edward VII dies at Buckingham Palace; Prince of Wales accedes as George V.](#)

13 May 1910 Received notice from Nottingham of the result of the essay competition held on February 15th. The First Prize has been awarded to Lucy Needham. The Second Prize

to Albert Briggs. Certificates of Merit have been awarded to Nellie Blagg, Martha Durham, Lucy Needham, John Stevenson. Average for the week 55.3 (over 5) Percentage 93.7

19 May 1910 Closed school for holiday tomorrow on account of the death of King Edward. ...

20 May 1910 The scholars attended the Memorial Service at the church in the morning. [Funeral of Edward VII.](#)

24 May 1910 Empire Day. The school was visited by C.E.de More Thorold Chairman, J.?.H.Hirst Esq, The Revd.W.Langford and Mrs Oxley. Mr Hirst addressed the children on the Empire, their duty as the future men and women, etc.

The Revd.W.Langford and Mrs Thorold also addressed the children. Patriotic songs were sung & cheers were proposed & given for the Managers & Teachers. The proceedings closed with the singing of 'God Save the King'. Half holiday was given in the afternoon.

9 Jun 1910 ... Agnes Stevenson has been taken into the Infirmary at Sheffield for an operation on her eyes. ...

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