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(Extract from the Revised Code of Regulations for 1872.)

“The Principal Teacher must make at least once a week in the Log Book an entry which will specify ordinary progress, and other facts concerning the School or its Teachers, such as the dates of withdrawals, commencements of duty, cautions, illness, etc. which may require to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.

“No reflections or opinions of a general character are to be entered in the Log Book.

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

“The summary of the Inspector’s Report, and any remarks made upon it by the Education Department (when communicated to the Managers), must be copied verbatim into the Log Book, with the names and standing (Certificated Teacher of the _____ Class, or Pupil Teacher of the ____ year, or Assistant Teacher) or all Teachers to be continued on, or added to, or withdrawn from, the School Staff, according to the decision of the Education Department upon the Inspector’s Report. The Correspondent of the Managers must sign this entry, which settles the School Staff for the Year.

“The Inspector will call for the Log Book at every visit, and will report whether it appears to have been properly kept. He will specially refer to the entry made pursuant to Article 39, and he will require to see entries accounting for any subsequent change in the School Staff. He will also note in the Log Book every visit of surprise (*Article 12), making an entry of such particulars as require the attention of the managers.”

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

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May 3rd – 7th Full School. Visit of the Rev.ds J. C. Carwithen & N. Gordon. Examination in several classes as carried out by the Rev.d E. P. Arnold

10th – 14th Full School. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen to Examine Sewing. General Examinations throughout school by Master. Visit of the Board

Mrs. Edgland absent yesterday afternoon to attend a funeral of relative.

17th – 21st Full School. Cleansing of School on Tuesday Evening interfered with the general routine. Annual Visit of

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the Rev.d E. P. Arnold & his assistant Mr. Michael to examine the school. 189 children present on the day of inspection of which 105 were eligible & passed as far as can be ascertained very creditably. The Rev.ds J. C. Carwithen & N. Gordon & Mrs. Carwithen visited the school on Wednesday. Routine the remainder of week as per time table.

24th – 28th Full School. Routine & progress as usual.

June 31st to 4th Excellent Attendance. Removed whole school one Standard higher the Master accordingly has the 5th & 6th Standard. E. Fanner the 4th, W. Harradon the 3rd. C. Shepherd the 2nd & R. Clements the 1st. N. Pengelly reserved for the Infants monitor.

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7th – 11th. Excellent Attendance. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to day who brought the Government Inspectors report of the School. The Vicar also requested that all entries made in the old Log Book since the 30th of April be copied into the New One provided by the Board & returned to him for the insertion of H. M. I. report. Work & progress as usual.

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“This school is now about to be transferred to the school Board. It has for many years under voluntary management been eminently successful, having had the fortune to have energetic and able teachers. It has been a central school for a wide neighbourhood

and the Rooms are now too crowded.
Other school will soon be built which
will take off the distant children and

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will make the organization and working
of this school easier. The Children are
in excellent order and have again passed
their examination under the code most
“creditably”. The report of the
Inspector is entered in full in
the Old Log Book. This extract
from the report is made
simply to show the efficiency of
the school when it was transferred
to the Stokenham School Board
May 1st 1875

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June 14th – 18th Attendance not so good this week
on account of the very wet weather.
Meeting of the Board on Monday
when the Master agreed to conduct the
School under the following terms viz.
½ Government Grant without deductions,
+ School Pence + 20£ per year – the
latter to be paid quarterly. The Board
also granted an order for the under-
mentioned Books etc.

One set of Books for 6th Stand.

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“	“	“	“	Infants

Pictures for gallery lessons.

2 Barnard Smiths Arithmetics

3 Coleuso's “

Sets of National “

Map of Europe

Cheap Histories & Geog.s

Pencil cases & pen holders

4 new dusters

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The New Time Table was also

inspected & approved of & ordered
to be forwarded to the Rev.d E. P.
Arnold for his approval & signature.

21st – 25th Full School. The Several classes
have learnt their tables & commenced
the new rules with which they seem
delighted. New routine followed.

28th – July 2nd. Excellent Attendance. Visit
of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

5th – 9th Full School. Usual work &
progress. Several visits & passing calls
of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs.
Carwithen.

12th – 16th Full School. Few absent from
wet on Wednesday. Hay harvest
commences. Visit of the Board who
paid Bill for Books. All of the
Books & apparatus forwarded with the
exception of cheap histories & Geogs.

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19th – 23rd Hay Harvest keeps several at
home & from this time to Corn Harvest
the attendance will as in former years
be meagre. Routine & progress as
usual. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

26th – 30th. School fairly attended. New books
in use. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen
Work as per "Time Table"

Augt. 2nd – 6th Fair Attendance. Work as usual.

9th – 13th. Attendance Small. Harvest (corn) com-
menced in earnest. Visit of the Rev.d J. C.
Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen & Mrs. Col. Bartlett.
Bessie Pengelley won the 2nd prize for
knitting at the Kingsbridge Sew.g & knit.g
association. Gave three weeks holiday to
day. Closed School rather earlier than all
books, maps etc. may be carefully stored
prior to the repairs to School.
Plans & Specifications arrived for New
School at Huckham.

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September 6th – 10th School re-opens after
3 weeks vacation. Thirty attended on

account of late harvest caused by the unceasing wet weather. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Miss Alford. Left School in charge of Mistress & Pupil Teachers on Thursday last to attend and assist at the Bazaar in aid of Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Church. Routine & progress as usual.

13th – 17th Good School, excepting Tuesday & Thursday – two wet days. Holiday to day Friday on account of Harvest Thanksgiving & public tea at School. Registers not taken on this account. Other work as usual.

20th – 24th Attendance Good. Wet week however kept a few at home. Progress as usual. Visit of the Rev.d J. C., Carwithen, Mrs. Carwithen & Miss Halford.

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27th to October 1st. Full School. Friday excepted. Visit of the Rev. J. C. Carwithen who inspected repairs done to School & defects. Routine as usual.

4th – 8th Full School. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen Work & progress as usual.

11th – 15th Full School but Wednesday wet & several absentees in consequence. Learnt New Song "Down in a green & shady bed". Work as usual.

18th – 22nd Wet week but good school. Apple picking calls many from School as well as potato digging. Work and progress as usual.

25th – 29th Good Attendance. Wet on Wednesday & many absent in consequence – work as usual.

Novb. 2nd – 6th Full School. Usual work & progress.

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9th – 13th Full School but housing mangold & apple picking still great plagues to the attendance – a few children also on the sick list. Visit of the Board

who gave a grant for several new things such as table, lamp etc. Edith Fanner also obtained permission to attend the Scholarship Examination at Xmas. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to day (Friday)

15th – 19th Wet weather through the week, many sick with colds and bad feet, and the Mangold saving also calls many from School. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen & the Rev.d N. Gordon

22nd – 26th Very Fair Attendance. Usual work & progress.

29th – Decbr. 3rd Very Fair Attendance for this part of the year with the exception of the last three days during which it has not ceased to rain in torrents. Work as usual

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6th – 10th Better Attendance with better weather. Work as usual. Edith Fanner left School to day to attend the Scholarship examination at Salisbury which commences next Tuesday. She has permission from the Board to be absent the whole of next week. Visit of the Rev.d N. Gordon.

13th – 17th Very Fair Attendance, but many at home through sickness. Received a letter from H. M. I. with new Time Table Signed – the Rev.d E. P. Arnold however kindly suggesting that sufficient time he considered was not given to the main subject Reading and too much to Arithmetic and Letter Writing. Visit of the Board on Monday. Usual routine not followed this week on account of the absence of E. Fanner at Salisbury. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

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20th – Thursday the 23rd. Christmas Week and only fair attendance. A weeks holiday in former years was given but shall not “break up” this year but only give tomorrow as a holiday. Edith Fanner returned to her duties and usual

routine & progress.

27th – 31st. School very fairly attended.
In answer to my letter the Rev.d E. P. Arnold gave permission to alter the Time Table and that such alteration should be noted in the Log Book. viz. the last lesson Mondays and Wednesday afternoons should be substituted by a Reading Lesson and that Spelling should appear for the 4th Standard Friday Afternoons instead of Letter Writing. I quite agree with the Inspector that the Reading will be an improvement and hereby thank him for his kindness in allowing the alteration.

Work as usual.

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January 3rd – 7th Very Fair School. Work and progress as usual. Visit of the Rev.d N. Gordon.

10th – 14th Wet week and sickness still reducing the Attendance. Allowed children to leave punctually at 4 to prepare for Singing Feast.

17th – 21st. Very Good Attendance. Visit of the Rev.d N. Gordon to arrange about Concert. Examined 1st and 2nd Stand.s Reading and Arithmetic and gave results to Teachers.

24th – 28th Attendance Good. Paper Exercises in Composition for 5th & 6th Classes begun. Examined 3rd Class Arith.c & find them little behind in their work. Edith Fanner heard from the Principal of the Training College Salisbury this morning that she had won a 1st Class Queens Scholarship and that she would be required to be in the

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College on Monday the 31st of Jan. next. She accordingly left school to day after being here 8 years.
Work with the exception of to day

as usual.

31st – February 4th Good School but horrible weather and much sickness, especially a disease in the eyes. General Exam. of School through the week. Frank Harradon also commenced as an occasional Monitor in lieu of Mrs. Browse who has left school at least for a time.

7th – 11th Good School. Work and progress as usual. Several visits from the Rev.d N. Gordon.

14th – 18th. Horribly wet week. School Board met and master application for assistance until the May Examination was over in the place of E. Fanner. The Board kindly granted that J. Higden

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who has for nearly two years acted as an Infant and sewing Mistress for her brother, formerly a Pupil Teacher of this school – should be procured by the Master for a sum not exceeding 6/- per week.

21st – 25th Good Attendance except on Monday the average at this Season of the year not being so good as it is generally at this time in previous years. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen. Work and progress as usual. Jane Higden came as an assistant in the School on Monday Morning and gave 2 or 3 singing lessons to the Infants during this week.

28th – 3rd of March. Very Good School considering the Weather and “bad eyes”. Examined lower Standards and two Extra Arith.c lessons to 3rd Standard – also extra singing lesson to Infants. William Pengeley again commenced duty as Monitor having for several

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months been engaged as Monitor in the Dartmouth Board School, where also he passed for 1st Year Pupil Teacher.

6th – 10th Very Fair Attendance but rough

weather. Potato Planting commenced.
Examined several classes & gave extra
lesson to the backward children in
N. Harradon's Class (3rd S.)

13th – 17th Early Part of the week very wet &
stormy and attendance thin in consequence.
Examined 2nd. Stand.s Dictation and
Arithmetic and gave results to Teacher –
C. Shepherd. 3rd Standard improved
in their Arithmetic & now bid fair to
pass a good Examination.

20th – 24th Miserably wet and cold week.
Many children on the sick list with
sore feet and inflammation in the eyes.
Learnt a New Song "I cannot sing
the old songs." Examination of several
classes.

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27 – 31st. Very fair attendance with the exception
of to day – a miserably wet one. Many
still at home in "bad eyes" and not
a few "potato setting." Agreeable visit
of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who has not
been able to attend occasionally as
usual on account of a severe attack
of Bronchitis etc.

April 3rd – 7th Very Fair attendance. Examinations
of Several classes and failure in
Arithmetic of the IV & V. Standards. the
result of inaccurate work. Extra Singing
lesson on Wednesday. Passing
call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

10th – 13th Good Attendance. General exam-
ination of school, especially Arith.c
in 1st and 2nd Standards. Gave
results to teachers. Extra singing
lesson. Gave children holiday
to morrow it being Good Friday.,

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17th – 21st Very Fair Attendance all the
week. Many ill, several at work
and on Tuesday some visited
Stokenham Fair. Punished Dimont
and Cocker for being absent at
the "Fair" so near the Examination; and
as they were backward in their work.
they made up the 2 ½ hrs. on

Wednesday dinner time & evening.
Examinations in higher Standards
showed greater proficiency in their
work.

24th – 28th

School year ends to day. Attendance
good all the week and the whole –
Teachers and children – working hard.
Examined several classes in their work
and especially worked at the Analysis
and parsing. Left School in charge
of Teachers yesterday afternoon to
attend the Confirmation by the Bishop
of Exeter at Stokenham Church.

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May 1st – 5th. Full School. Usual routine
not followed. Master conducting the
work best suited for Examination on
the 17th.

8th – 12th Full School. Work as last week.

Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen and
Mrs. Carwithen to distribute the money
earned by the following girls at the
Kingsbridge Knitting Association viz.
Caroline Higden 1st Prize
Annie Dimont 2nd “
Maggie Pethybridge 3 “
Annie Michelmore 3 “

15th – 17th (Wednesday) Examination week.

The Rev.d E. P. Arnold & Mr. Mulhall
held their annual inspection to day.
There were 189 children present. Of these
116 had made 250 or more attendances
- 110 were eligible for inspection in the
three “R.s”. One boy only was absent
viz. Ernest Newman of Kernborough
who has thus broken his promise to be in
attendance.

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The Rev.d J. C. Carwithen Chairman of
the “Board” was the only Visitor for
the day. H. M. Inspectors seemed
satisfied with the results of the Examin:
To Morrow & Friday are holidays
given by the consent of the Board as
we have had not special holidays since
last “Harvest.

22 – 26th Very Good School. Rearranged the Standards placing each one higher & a New 1st Standard from Infants created. Learning Tables all the week chief occupation during Arith.c lesson. Master went to Salcombe on Tuesday by consent of the Chairman of the Board. N. Higden Master of Tavistock School Romford & former P.T. of this School kept school in Masters absence – Routine as last week.

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29th to June 2nd. Full School. Potato planting the only drawback now. 2nd class began Reduction of weights & measures & 5th Standard Practice.

5th – 9th Good School but a miserably wet rough week. Work as usual.

12th – 16th. Good School. Wet on Thursday. Only two Members of the Board met on Monday through the illness of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Master reported that Ernest Newman was absent on the day of Exam: Further discussion was postponed until there was a full Board.

19 – 23 Good Attendance. Master ill on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday & unable to attend school. Work was consequently carried on by P. T.'s & Mistress & routine of course not followed. Report arrived on Friday which showed that out of 110 presented for examination 109 passed in reading 109 in

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writing and 89 in Arithmetic. Although Arithmetic is lower in Percentage than the other subjects and is so in nearly every school, yet it was considered both by myself & P.T.'s the best subject & the failures can only be accounted for as "careless" mistakes.

26th – 30th Very Fair Attendance & work & progress as usual.

July 3rd – 7th Good School. Two Teachers absent viz. William Harradon gone to Exeter Training Coll: to sit for a

Queens Scholarship” and Jane Higden the assistant. Routine not followed to meet the deficiency. Master taking the two upper classes.

10th – 14th Very Fair Attendance. Harradon W. returns to his work but J. Higden still absent. Monitor helps Mrs. Edgland in the Infant class – No Board met on Monday.

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17th – 21st. Very Fair Attendance. Several absent to attend Kinsbridge Fair. Gave C. Shepherd permission to leave school at 3 o'clock to day – other work & progress as usual.

24th – 28th Very Fair attendance. Torcross and Hallsands Sunday School treats called several from school work. Measles & chicken pox prevalent & thermometer shews 130° in the sun.

31st – 4th August. Very Fair Attendance but Corn Harvest commenced – this & measles cause many absentees. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen with Miss Longridge Harvest Holidays (3 weeks) commence to day. Dismissed school at 4 pm

Augt. 7th – 25th *Three Weeks Vacation*

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*The Rev.d E. P. Arnold's
report of the Stokenham
Board School for year ending
April 30th 1876.*

17a “This School still keeps up its
15 numbers and its efficiency under
Mr. Lavers. The attendance of the

children shows the interest that they take in their School. The reading of the Upper Classes though passable is rather rough and wants fluency and in the V & VI Standards the Arithmetic falls off. The gallery lessons also of the Infants have suffered by the departure of the female pupil Teacher. Specimens of Needlework and Knitting according to the approved scheme must in future be provided for the day of Inspection. But this is a most successful school, and has done great good over a wide district.

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I was much pleased with the answers of the first and second classes in English History.”

The sum of one pound overpaid last year on account of two passes in Reading, one in Writing and two in Arithmetic has been deducted from the Grant.

*A. Stones name has been struck off the Examination Schedule under Article 19(b)
W. A. Harradon and
E. E. Fanner have passed well,
and C. E. Shepherd and R. J.
Clements fairly under Article 19(e)
but E. E. Shepherd should attend*

to Arithmetic.

N. Pengelly Reading

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August 28th to September 1st

School reopens after Harvest Vacation with small attendance. This is owing to the heavy rains of last week which greatly retarded the saving of corn. Work as usual.

4th – 8th Attendance improving but gleaning still going on. Harvest Thanks giving took place yesterday when a Public tea was held in this room – consequently as forms, desks, etc. had to be removed & the children not present to receive the two hours of Secular instruction the Registers were not marked for the Afternoon. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. & Mrs. Carwithen. Routine & progress as usual with the exception of Wednesday when the Master left school in charge of Mistress and pupil Teachers the Vicar kindly undertaking to superintend. No case of insubordination was reported.

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11th – 15th School Full. Gleaning over – and fine weather. Work as per Time Table.

18th – 22nd Excellent Attendance. Visit of the Vicar & Mrs. Carwithen.

25th – 29th Full School. Usual work & progress.

October 2nd – 6th Attendance not quite so good on account of Monday & Tuesday being very wet days. Routine as per Time Table.

9th – 13th School Full. Work as usual.

16th – 20th Excellent Attendance. Routine strictly followed. Special meeting of "Board"

23rd – 27th Excellent Attendance thanks to the dry mild healthy weather. Examined 1st Standards Arithmetic & found them rather backward. Suggested improvements necessary to teacher.

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30th to November 3rd. Lovely Weather & Excellent Attendance, especially Infants & lower classes. Routine as usual – special meeting of Board yesterday.

6th – 9th Full School. Heard every child in attendance to day read – very few failures. Gave results to teachers – Visit of Mr. Young & Friend.

12th – 16th Last Monday a very wet day and consequently meagre attendance which has also been affected by the wreck of the Brigantine “Aide” at Slapton Sands. Examined 1st Standards Arith.c find the class very inaccurate in their work, as well as very slow. Dictation also of the same class with the exception of a few children, not so far advanced as it should be all the other classes very fairly forward in their work. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen to assist sewing.

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19th – 23rd Few wet days, but good attendance. Commenced at “Evening” School last Tuesday with an attendance of 22. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Routine as per Time Table.

26th – 30th Full School. Master absent on Tuesday Afternoon & the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen kindly superintended the work, and examined the Reading of the 1st Class. No one reported for insubordination or mis-conduct of any kind. Work for the remainder of the week as usual.

Decbr. 4th – 8th A Miserably wet week children drenched every day & deserve great credit for coming so far. Extra fires. Routine not strictly followed.

11th – 15th Very Fair attendance but weather against us. Work as usual.

18th – 22nd Improved attendance. Broke up to day for one week.

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January 1st to 5th 1877

School reopens after one weeks
Xmas Vacation with a very good
attendance. Wednesday was a rough
wet day but still the average keeps
up. Usual routine & progress

8th – 12th Wet still prevails & several children ill.
Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen
Examined 1st three classes in Arithmetic & find
them well forward in that subject.

15th – 19th Wet to day & smaller attendance in con-
sequence but still the average is good.
Extra singing lesson on Wednesday. Examined
Infants in Reading & Dictation and the
lower classes in Numeration. Other work
as usual. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen
& Mr. Helmer.

22nd – 26th Good Attendance. Usual work with
several general examinations.

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29th – Feb.ry 2nd. Wet week particularly so
on Tuesday when there was a small
school. Examined 1st Standards work
& find them improved. Visit of the
Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Paper exam: of
Arithmetic in 1st Class 6th Stand.d
seem rather slow in their work.
Other classes as per Time Table.

5th – 9th Excellent Attendance. Extra
singing lesson. Visit of the Rev.d J. C.
Carwithen.

12th – 16th V. Good School. Went to Church
on Ash Wednesday Morning when
prayers were read by the Rev.d J. C.
Carwithen and the children received an
excellent address from the Rev.d
Cornish who took for his text the words
of Our Lord to St. Matthew "Follow Me".
exhorting his hearers to be obedient,
honest in word and deed & to follow
in such a way here on earth that when

called they should be ever ready like the Apostles

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to "Follow Him." As the two hours of secular instruction were not given the Registers were not marked. Work & progress as usual.

19th – 23rd. Full School. Learnt New Song "The Stars that above us are shining." Began the "Test Cards" for Arithmetic which were now introduced for the first time.

26th to March 2nd. Excellent attendance with lovely weather. Began another New Song "The Poppies." Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Lamplough, the latter gentleman for the 1st time. Examined 2nd Standards Arithmetic & find them doing well. 1st Standard still backward & will require a great deal of hard work by the teacher Pengelly. New Sheets for Reading for Infants arrived and pictures of animals and plants for object lessons.

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5th – 9th Full School – the few away being home potato planting. Gave object lesson to Infants viz. "the owl." Examination of 2nd Standard & find them very fairly worked. Geography lessons however of this class too "dry." Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

12th – 16th School full. Harradon gave two object lessons to Infants. Routine as usual.

19th – 23rd Very good attendance. Examination of several classes & find them working well. Sent after absentees. Call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

26th – 30th Good attendance. No School to day being "Good Friday". Extra singing lessons during the week. Examined 1st Standard & find the reading rather weak.

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April 2nd to 6th Stokenham Fair and the wet weather has told on the attendance this week. Work & progress as usual.

9th – 13th Full School. Harradon gave object lessons to Infants. General examination of work through the whole school, with a failure of III Standard Arithmetic, rather through inaccuracy than inability. Gave results to Teachers & cautioned children. Heard the Infants sing several times this week.

16th – 20th Wet week & small attendance in consequence. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen. Usual routine & progress.

23rd – 27th Beautiful weather – full School. Regular work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen to give notice respecting the prizes obtained at the Kingsbridge Knitting & Sewing association.

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30th to May 4th Lovely weather and a full school. Received a letter from H. M. Inspector the Rev.d E. P. Arnold who wrote to express his sorrow at not being able to examine us this year as usual. Read part of the letter to the whole school who seem sadly disappointed and for the day lost nearly all interest in their work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. An extra singing lesson to practice the 8 songs chosen to be sung. Examined N. Pengelly's 1st Standard in Arithmetic and all passed – 3 sums out of 4 reckoning as a pass.

7th – 11th Excellent Attendance and all seem eager for the Examination on the 17th & 18th. Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Visit to day of the Vicar, Mr. Pitts & Mr. Bucknell to arrange apparatus for Huccombe New School. Routine as per time table.

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14th – 18th Thursday and to day the school

was visited by H. M. Inspectors N. Woodd Esqr. and Mr. Mulhall. Yesterday the extra subjects in the upper Stands. were taken and the children satisfied. Art C. This morning the 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes were examined in Arithmetic Reading & Dictation which completed the examination. With very few exceptions all seem to have done well & both inspectors expressed themselves as highly pleased with the efficiency of the school. A few of the children however on the second days inspection were a little "frolicsome" in their behaviour & considering the work very or too easy failed through carelessness in their Arithmetic. 193 children were present on the 1st day. During yesterday we were visited by the Rev.ds J. C. Carwithen & Lamplugh, the former having to leave early to meet the Archdeacon

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21st – 25th Full School. Congratulated the children for their success but at the same time cautioned them as to their conduct on future occasions. W. Harradon who has completed his apprenticeship left us last Friday & Charles Shepherd becomes Senior Pupil Teacher. All the children move a Standard higher & begin their new subjects. Charles Langmead commences duties as a Monitor. Instead of the regular Arithmetic in some of the classes tables were substituted.

28th – June 1st Good School with the exception of to day when the torrents of rain prevented many children attending. Most of the tables learnt & 1st Class began "Practice" & made rapid progress in their work.

4th – 8th Wednesday was again wet, causing to remain at home. Routine as usual.

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June
11th – 15th Attendance Good. Visit of the Rev.ds J. C. Carwithen & Lamplugh. Routine as per time Table.

18th – 22nd Hay harvest commenced & the absentees excuses are “Home to carry Fathers dinner.” To avoid children being absent a whole day for this purpose I have promised to let any child leave at any hour of the Morning (or afternoon for drinkings) if notice be given immediately school be opened.

25th – 29th Through some misunderstanding or mismanagement I was blessed on Monday with two Infant & Sewing Mistresses viz. Mrs. Edgland & Mrs Clements. The former it seems gave notice that she should resign but neither received notice from the proper quarter when to resign or when to commence duties. The result is Mrs. Edgland still continues her work as the Chairman of the “Board” is from home. Work as usual.

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July 2nd to 6th Full School. Hay Harvest making but little difference since the notice. Mrs. Edgland still at her usual work. Routine not altered.

9th – 13th Good Attendance. Huccombe School opened on Monday last with William Harradon our ex pupil Teacher as Master under a provisional certificate. Nelsons New Series of Reading books arrived on Saturday last and used for the 1st time. this week. Slates etc. also supplied by Mr. Pollard of Exeter. Mrs. Edgland having received notice to send in her bill to Midsummer leaves us I am sorry to say after 2 years of hard work. She was a good mistress and a strict disciplinarian. Mrs. Clements commences her duties as mistress. Mrs. Edgland kindly remaining this week to initiate her into the routine of work. Received to day the following excellent report of this school.

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*“The school is alike excellent
in its order and instruction of*

the children who seem to take a most uncommon and praiseworthy interest in their work. All the work was good and does credit both to teachers and scholars. Singing was good and spirited. Sewing also deserves praise. A very creditable pass was obtained in subjects under Article 19 (c). The paper work and especially the composition of the fifth and sixth standards, deserves separate praise. The infants are thoroughly well grounded, but want a few more books. The room and desks are crowded, but new schools

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under the Board will be opened at once. I think that all interested in the school must be satisfied with its present condition to which the good behaviour and regular attendances of the children have greatly contributed and well seconded the efforts of the teachers.”

I am to state that W. A. Harradon having been placed in the second class in the Midsummer examination for Queens's scholarships, is considered to have passed fairly the examination required by Article 70 (e) and is therefore qualified to bring a grant at the rate of 30s. under Article 19(e) to

*the school for the part of the year
during which he served there.*

*W. Pengelly has passed fairly.
R. J. Clements must improve
generally.*

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July

16th – 20th Monday Morning was a miserably
wet one and very few children put
in an appearance. Visit of our Vicar.

23rd – 27th Wet week more or less. Very Fair
attendance. Routine as per time table.

30th – Aug.t 3rd To day we have rather a
small school and yesterday being
Torcross Regatta was a holiday.

6th – 10th Horrible weather and wretched attendance.

13th – 17th Children this week have attended
very irregularly. They begin to feel
the want of their holidays & it's a
difficult task to keep them well
at their work. Since I have been in
charge of this School – 11 years – the
corn harvest has never been so late.
Left off work punctually at 4 pm
to "clean up" & "pack away" for
the three weeks vacation.

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August 20th to September 10th three weeks
harvest holidays.

10th – 14th School reopens after three weeks
Vacation with a very good number
of children for the first week and
considering the very late harvest –
a few still gleaning. Visit of
Dr. Clarke, who examined the first
Class dictation. Time Table
routine strictly followed.

17th – 21st. Numbers increased this week,
and all again at work in good
spirits thanks to the Harvest
holidays, and the fine weather.

Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & passing call of Dr. Clarke.
Examined 1st Standard Arithmetic
4th Standard Reading & 2nd Stand.d
Dictation. Find them all doing fairly well, but the Arithmetic the weakest.

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Sept.r

24th to Oct.r 1st Very Good attendance.
Usual routine. Visit of the Vicar

Oct.r 1st to 5th Good attendance a few however being at home helping about potatoes and apples. Visit of Mr. Helmer to complain of children running over his field and injuring the "Mangold." Cautioned the whole school on this matter and advised the Teachers and monitors to report any future offenders. Visit also of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen and Mr. Clarke.

8th – 12th Very good attendance – a few still at home apple picking and potato digging. Robert Clements gave notice he wishes to resign his pupil Teachership. Alice Clements' form returned to Government. Visit of the Vicar and also of Mr. Newman whose father some 40 years ago was rector of Stokenham
Routine as usual.

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15th – 19th Very Good attendance. Holiday on Tuesday which was "Harvest Thanksgiving day" & the "New Organ" in the Church opened. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke.
Work as usual.

22nd – 26th School full and all doing well.
Master left the children in charge of teachers last Wednesday afternoon by the consent of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.
Mrs. Clements, the mistress was ill yesterday & to day & unable to attend. She sent her sister as a deputy but the routine was not able to be followed – the girls instead of sewing taking Thursdays work.

29th – Novb.r 2nd Very Good School. The mistress

resumed work on Monday. Endeavoured to persuade R. Clements our 3rd yr. P. T. to continue with us until the next Government Examination was over as he intends leaving on the 9th Inst. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

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Novbr. 5th – 9th Rather a wet week and attendance consequently rather below the average. Wet however does not affect the attendance as much as the cold with its attendant colds and bad feet etc. Robert Clements left us this evening after giving the Board one months notice only. His only object for leaving seems to be his sudden desire to learn to be a chemist and druggist with Mr. Troake of Kingsbridge. Unfortunately for us the parents of the Pupil Teacher have been compelled to leave this neighbourhood and reside at Kingsbridge – hence the desire to follow some occupation near home. The Rev.d J. C. Carwithen intends to propose to the Board to prosecute R. Clements for not giving the notice required by his indenture. Clements was a good lad, and a very fair teacher & his class (the 3rd) will miss him much.

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12th – 16th With the exception of to day, the attendance has been steady during the week, but the routine has not been followed on account of deficiency of staff caused by R. Clements' absence. The Board deputed their chairman to secure the services of Mrs. Reeves – a former sewing Mistress of this school – if possible; until then Monitors must supply the want. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen, Mrs. Carwithen & Rev.d N. Lamplugh.

19th – 23rd Last Monday was a miserably wet day & told on the attendance. Visit of the Rev.d N. Lamplugh. Mrs. Reeves commenced her duties to day

as assistant mistress and has the charge of the 2nd Standard, Pengelly taking the 3rd Standard. Routine followed.

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Novb.r 26th to 30th Full School. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen & Mrs. Douglas who have kindly undertaken to see the girls are sewing or preparing their work according to the scheme in the New Code. The Vicar & Dr. Clarke also visited School.

Decb.r 3rd – 7th Good School. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen and Mrs. Douglas.

10th – 14th Attendance good. Visit of Mrs. Douglas. Commenced the Song Ripe Strawberries. Usual work.

17th – 21st Very Fair School and children looking forward to a few holidays. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen to acquaint the Sunday School of the date for "Xmas Tree" Commenced this afternoon at ½ past one & dismissed at 3.45 to prepare for Xmas Vacation.

Decbr.
24th – 28th One weeks Xmas Holidays.

Jan 31st 1877 to January 4th 1878

Very Fair School for opening and New Years week. Mrs. Reeves unable to attend Monday & Tuesday on account of illness. Enquired after Absentees, previous to notices being served on parents. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen & passing call of Dr. Clarke. Miss E. Fanner formerly a pupil Teacher in this school & now finished her two yrs. training at Salisbury also visited the school on Monday.

7th – 11th Very Good attendance. Twenty-six notices were served on the parents of children in the neighbourhood of Beesands. There were no "reasonable excuses" given but many promises that the children should attend either at

Huccombe or at Stokenham. Infants extra singing lesson. Mrs. Reeves absent Wednesday Morning.

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and Mrs. Clements the mistress received notice that her resignation was accepted for January 19th. Examined Reading in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Standards, and find them well able to pass their annual Exam. In testing the Arithmetic of the same classes Pengelly's 3rd Standard was found rather weak more the fault of Teacher than lack of ability of the children. Call of the Vicar and Mrs. Carwithen – the latter for a short time examining the needle work. The girls are now working busily at pieces for prize work at the Kingsbr. Sewing Association. Infants had an extra singing lesson, particularly with the songs, Home, Sweet Home and "Oh Where."

14th – 18th Lovely dry and warm weather and school full in consequence. Examined several classes in different subjects and find them working steadily.

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Began paper work in good earnest. Admitted many children from Beesands village – this in consequence of the notices served. Had these notices been served earlier the school would have been benefited by an average of 20 more than it now is. Nothing equals the compulsory powers – Mrs. Clements leaves us to day after being Mistress for 6 months & Mrs. Reeves – as so far arranged – will look after the needlework and H. Lowman becomes a monitor.

21st – 25th Full School every day with the exception of yesterday when the weather was too boisterous to allow children to leave home. Meeting of the Board on Monday when the members were quite unanimous that Mrs. Edgland, our former Mistress, should be requested

to take charge of the school until the next Examination was over. Routine followed & progress as usual.

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Jan 28th – February 1st. Full School but usual routine not followed on account of loss of Mistress. – the master making the best use of the staff at his disposal. The Vicar as requested by the Board engaged Mrs. Edgland as sewing mistress until the Annual Examination at a salary of 20£ per year. This arrangement will be of great benefit to the school as it provides us with a teacher who already knows the routine of the work.

4th – 8th Lovely weather and a full school in consequence. A few of the Infants on the sick list suffering from “Scarletina”. With this exception the regularity of the children is everything that a Master can desire. Mrs. Edgland commences her duties with the Infants and as sewing Mistress. Visit of the Vicar & also of Mr. Helmer. The 3rd Standard commenced working problems in Arithmetic.

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11th – 15th Excellent Attendance. Routine & progress as usual. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen to assist in the sewing & of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to inspect closets etc. and plan for improved flushing of said places and drainage. Left a little earlier than usual this evening to prepare for “penny readings.”

18th – 22nd Full School – the attendance was never so good as at the present during any part of former years; this is owing principally to the lovely weather and little sickness, & and in no small measure to the “compulsory powers”. Examined Arithmetic of 3rd Standard & find them rather backward in their work & the dictation requires more care Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen & Miss Adams. A copy of the Old Time Table was made and hung in the school in lieu of the “Old one” which

was torn and dirty & unfit to be used.

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25th February to March 1st. Yesterday and to days rough weather has lowered the weekly average – 170 having attended during the earlier part of the week. Routine strictly followed until to day.

4th – 8th Excellent Attendance – children all working hard for their Examination & scarcely miss a day. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on Ash-Wednesday morning to take the children to Church. Registers were not taken on Wednesday morning as the requisite two hours of secular instruction were not given. Examined the Lower Classes Arithmetic and find the 2nd Standard rather weak. Showed the results to Mrs. Reeves & suggested a remedy. Worked especially with the 3rd Standard which is unusually & inconveniently large for the teacher.

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11th – 15th Excellent Attendance the only absentees being those in the upper Standards who are kept home at this season of the year to assist their parents in getting in their potato crop. Lowman the Monitor was absent on Wednesday by consent of the Master Langmead was substituted for him. Call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen yesterday.

18th – 22nd Attendance not so good for the same reason as stated last week; a few suffering also from sickness. Left School in charge of teachers & mistress on Tuesday that I may give evidence at the County Court – the Stokenham School Board v. R. Clements. This was an action brought by the Board to recover the sum of 5£ from Clements a Pupil Teacher in this School who left without giving the required 6 months notice. The Judge gave a non-suit as the surety had not signed the indenture and "Infancy"

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was pleaded on behalf of the P. T. Heard from N. Davies Esq. the clerk of the Board that Chas Shepherd our 3rd Year P. T. intends leaving at Lady Day and has paid his fine of 5£ to enable him to do so. The plea for leaving is "that he is offered a better appointment." Shepherd did not attend his usual lessons on Wednesday and this morning and did not assign any reason for so doing. Visit of the Rev. J. C. Carwithen & excepting on Tuesday routine strictly followed.

26th Special Entry Charles Shepherd has left us to day and thus caused a "bad gap" in the Teaching staff. The Time Table routine from this date to the annual Examination in May will not be followed, but the Master will make one class of the 4th 5th & 6th Standards and work according to the routine of the First Class. This alteration applies only to the 1st Class.

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25th – 29th Potato Planting still in operation & a little sickness the only drawbacks to the Attendance which is still very good. The loss of Chas Shepherd throws a great burden on the Masters hands & prevents his co-operation with the teachers in the Lower Standards. Master to day for the 1st time in 12 years compelled through stress of weather to give a whole holiday. The wind is blowing a fearful hurricane, snow is falling thick and fast & consequently only 8 children put in an appearance at 10.30 A.M.

April 1st – 5th A wild and rough week especially Wednesday has rather lowered the average. Began the Analysis in the First Class & find it an easy subject to teach now that the children are well up in Parsing. Examined the 1st and 2nd Standards Arithmetic & find them improving fast. The only weak point in the school now is Dictation of the 3rd Standard. Visit of Dr. Clarke.

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April 8th – 12th A wet cold & stormy week and plenty of sickness. Routine as usual.

15th – 19th Attendance Good. To morrow being Good Friday, there will be a holiday. School re-opens on Monday morning as usual.

22st -26th Rather a wet week this with the usual Easter Fairs reduced the Average a little. One or two home also with coughs & colds. Heard on Saturday last that our Inspection would take place on the 8th & 9th when Mr. E. Burrows & Mr. N. Mulhall intend Examining the School. The Pupil Teachers Exam. takes place tomorrow at Kingsbridge at 10 A.M. in the Dod-broke School.

29th – May 2nd Full School. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen. The vicar took charge of this school on

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Wednesday afternoon for 1 ½ hrs whilst the master went to assist at Huckham School. Children all eager for the Examination.

May 9th Read & Approved
Edward Burrows H.M.I.

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May 6th to 10th School Full. The principal event of the week was the visits of H. M. Inspectors of schools. Mr. Burrows and his assistant Mr. Mulhall – the latter on Wednesday and both yesterday. Mr. Mulhall began at 10.30 A M with the Upper Standards paper work the remainder of the school being dismissed. Mr. Burrows began with the History and Grammar, and expressed himself as highly satisfied with the answers. The Upper Standards 4th, 5th & 6th and the 1st Standard seem to have done remarkably well, but the Arithmetic of the 2nd & 3rd Stand.d

was very poor and lowered the average of passes considerably. We had a half holiday on Wednesday afternoon when Huckham was examined and a whole holiday to day. Visit on the day of Examination of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mr. Helmer & Mrs. Douglas.

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13th – 17th Excellent Attendance. Placed each of the standards one class higher & cautioned the 2nd & 3rd Standards about their Arithmetic. Received the Duplicate Schedule from the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen and read the results to the whole school. Complimented the Upper Standards for their Excellent work. Master absent on Friday through illness, the school being under the care of W. A. Harradon our late Pupil Teacher who happens to be home from Exeter Diocesan Training College.

20th – 24th Attendance very good. Most of the tables learnt and began the new rules in Arithmetic. A few children absent through "Whooping Cough" and bad colds. Visit of Mrs. Douglas on Wednesday to assist in the sewing.

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May 27th to 31st Full School. Usual routine & progress.

June 3rd – 7th Very Good Attendance the early part of the week but Thursday & Friday from some unaccountable reason was rather meagre. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen early yesterday morning to see school opened and to hear Scripture Lessons given.

10th – 14th Very Good Attendance but several little ones home through "Whooping Cough" which now is a regular epidemic in the Parish. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke. Meeting of the "Board" and several necessities granted

17th – 21st Good Attendance. Holiday on Friday on account of a choir picnic. Visit of Dr. Clarke.

24th – 28th Hay Harvest commenced & consequently several kept at home to carry "fathers dinner etc." & others to help. Mrs. Reeves absent to day through illness & Lowman took Mrs. Edglands place to supply the deficiency in staff. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen

July 1st - 5th Lovely weather and every one busy at the Harvesting, the attendance suffering in consequence. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to day who informed the Sunday School children that he intended giving them a "tea treat" on the 20th of July. During the week the 3rd Standard children have been chiefly engaged in learning the Compound money tables, having completed their "Long Division."

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8th – 12th Lovely weather & children still at work in the Harvest Field. Third Standard began Reduction. Board met on Monday and granted many necessaries for this & Huckham School.

15th – 19th Very Fair School. Half holiday yesterday afternoon as the desks etc. were required for the Bazaar held on the Vicarage grounds. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen & Miss Bamfylde.

22^{nds} – 26th Good School but several absent last Tuesday Afternoon, especially amongst the "Sands" children who attended a "Sunday School tea" at Hallsands. A few absent during the latter part of the week through Kingsbridge Fair. Sent enquiries for absentees by Teachers & children.

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29th to August 2nd School thinned very much

through commencement of corn harvest.
School closed at 4 pm for purpose of
cleaning and packing away books etc.
previous to breaking up.

Augt. 5th – 23rd Three Weeks Vacation.

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The Rev. d E. Burrows Esqr.
report of the
Stokenham
Board School for year ending
April 30th 1878

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*This is a thoroughly efficient and well
taught school. The general tone is good, the
discipline firm and kindly, and the children
are brought up in habits of cleanliness and
obedience. The needlework deserves especial praise
and the Infants are well grounded. The
work of the standard children is accurate and
intelligent. The attainments of the fourth, fifth
and sixth standards form the strongest point
in the school and the Arithmetic of the
third standard the weakest, and much
below the mark. It would be a great benefit
to the School if an assistant under Article 79
or a transferred Pupil Teacher above the third
year could be obtained. The teaching staff has
been much weakened by the loss of the senior
Teachers, and Mr. Lavers stands in need of*

experienced assistance.”

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W. Pengelly has passed well and A. Clements fairly, but Clements should attend to Geography.

The names of R. Clements and C. Shepherd have been removed from the Register of Pupil-Teachers serving in this school.

J. Edgland is recognised as qualified under Article 32(c) 3.

E. Pengelly must take up Geography next year.

*J. C. Carwithen
Chairman of the
Stokenham School Board.*

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Augt. 25th School reopens after three weeks holiday, but with a very meagre attendance. This is owing to the prolongation of the harvest through a fortnights almost continuous rain so that on Monday a great portion of the corn remained unhoused and gleaning not half over. Mrs. Reeves came on Monday but sent on Tuesday morning to say she was unable to attend through illness. She did not attend school any day for the remainder of the week & Lowman was occasionally employed as monitor. Mrs. Edgland absented herself from school duties on Thursday by permission. Visit of Miss E. Fanner late P. T. of this school but now Mistress at Hinton Martel.

Sepbr. 2nd – 6th Attendance better but far below the Average. Fine weather

now & gleaning still continues
Mrs. Reeves attends school to day.

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Sepbr. 9th – 13th Attendance improving. Reported to the Board the names of Absentees and those liable to be prosecuted in order that proceedings may be taken at once under the Compulsory powers to secure better attendance. Mrs. Lowman called to say her son Harry who had been occasionally used as a monitor would be compelled to leave as his parents were leaving this neighbourhood for Plymouth.

16th – 20th Very Fair attendance, Wednesday being a miserably wet day.

23rd – 27th Very Fair School with the exception of Wednesday again, which lowered the average. I am exceedingly sorry to report that Mrs. Edgland our sewing and infant mistress leaves us to day after the proper notice. She is a great loss to the school especially with so young a staff for she was a thoroughly

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strict disciplinarian and a good infant teacher. No one I fear will fill her place.

Sept. 30 to Oct. 4th Very Fair School. Mrs. Reeves becomes Infant and sewing mistress and partly to supply deficiency in staff master employs a monitor and alters routine taking the burden of the work on himself.

7th – 11th Wednesday seems an unlucky day and kept many children at home. Gave half holiday to day on account of Harvest Thanksgiving services at the Church and Public Tea at the school room.

14th – 18th Good School. Board Meeting on Monday when the Master made an application for an increase of 20£ per year to his salary. All the members of the Board with the

exception of Mr. Helmer were

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present and the increase was granted unanimously. The new routine followed.

21st – 25th Good School with the exception of yesterday & progress as usual.

28th – Novb.r 1st. Good School. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

3rd – 8th Good attendance. Extra Singing lesson on Monday to prepare for the Bishop who held a confirmation service on Tuesday afternoon when the school attended and of course the registers were not taken. Pengelly had leave on Monday to give evidence as to the serving of notices on parents who were summoned before the Magistrates at Kingsbridge. The case was adjourned. Gave the Teachers leave to absent themselves from their regular lessons on Tuesday evening.

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Novb.r 11th – 15 The wet of Tuesday afternoon the only draw-back to the attendance. Work and progress as usual. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

18th – 22nd Good School. Routine strictly followed.

25th – 29th Very Good attendance with the exception of yesterday afternoon.

Decb.r 2nd – 6th Attendance very good. Gave permission on Wednesday to Mrs. Reeves to absent herself from her duties & placed a Monitor with the Infants in her stead. Visit of the Vicar.

9th – 13th Attendance thinned through the very rough weather. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen, the latter to superintend sewing. Examined 1st Standard and found their Arithmetic backward.

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16th – 20th Very Poor Attendance. Snow very thick on the ground the whole week and the frost so severe that it was impossible for children – and even dangerous – to attend. Dismissed children a little earlier to clean and pack up books etc. previous to breaking up for a week.

23rd – 27th One weeks Vacation for Xmas.

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Decbr. 30th 1878 – January 3rd 1879

School reopens after Christmas Holidays with very mild weather and a goodly number of children for New Years week. All seem to have enjoyed their rest thoroughly and at work again in earnest. Began at 1.30 pm yesterday and left at 3.45 to take the Sunday scholars to the "Xmas Tree" at the Vicarage. Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen

6th – 10th Bitter weather again set in, and consequently a diminished attendance especially during the latter part of the week when Sir Lydston Newman had his annual "Ley Shooting." Gave half holiday yesterday on this account. Pengeley reported that a few of the boys in the Upper Standards did not behave very creditably during my hours absence on Thursday Morning. Punished the offenders and cautioned the whole

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school as to their conduct in future. This is the first time for many years that any complaint were made of disorderly conduct during the masters absence. On Tuesday learnt the "Sea Song". A wet sheet and a flowing sea. On Monday last the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen sent to the school a large can of beautiful hot soup to be given away to those poor children who come from the outlying districts. It is the good intention of the Vicar to continue this for 1 month. Visit of

the Vicar & Mrs. Carwithen. William Harradon our late P.T. also called to see the children.

13th – 17th Very Good Attendance when the weather would permit, but twice this week it was too boisterous that it was impossible for children 3 or 4 miles off to attend. Elizabeth Pengelly 1st year Pupil Teacher did not arrive at school until 11 am yesterday on account of weather – so was

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the excuse. As however duty before pleasure and comfort must be sacrificed to duty cautioned the P. T. respecting her attendance at the proper hour on future occasions. Such attendance of P. Teachers I consider absolutely necessary be the weather what it may as it would be harbouring a bad impression among the children. Mrs. Reeves the Sewing Mistress was also absent in the morning thinking there would only be a very small school. We had a very fair attendance and so the above remarks apply in the same way to her. Shall report any such future cases to the "Board."

20th – 24th With the exception of a days rough weather the attendance has been very good. A bitterly cold easterly wind has been blowing continually for the last month, and I attribute the good attendance and small amount of sickness among the children to the privilege of every dinner hour being supplied

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with "good hot soup and rice". Without this kindness of our Vicar, it could not be reasonably expected that poor children could remain from 9 in the morning to nearly 6 at night without any thing hot. The Parish therefore has to thank him for the present average Allowed R. Pengelly to remain at home yesterday afternoon on account of serious illness of her father who is suffering from "Congestion of the Brain." Finished another song "Poor Shepherd Boy." James Thymes expressed a wish with his parents

to become a Pupil Teacher when a vacancy occurs. Employed him occasionally therefore this week as a Monitor among the Infants. Allowed Rhymes to take lessons with the teachers at night (Three times a week). Examined 2nd Standards Geog: & find the teaching too mechanical. Suggested a remedy to Alice Clements, who otherwise is working her class well.

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27th – 31st Excellent weeks attendance. Employed W. Pengelly more with the 3rd Standard – the most backward one in the school. Began song “The Dashing Young Sergeant.”

Febry. 3rd to 7th. School full all the week. Notices issued & served on the parents of irregular children. Adopted home Geography lessons for 3rd Standard. Other work as usual. Left School in charge of Pengelly for the last hour on Thursday to attend an inquest as juryman. No cases of misconduct reported by the P. Teacher.

10th – 14th Monday & Yesterdays wet only draw back to the attendance, several children attending drenched to the skin. Examined 1st Standards Arith.c & find they will have to work very hard to do well. Alice Clements gave extra singing lesson to Infants. Songs “Welcome Bright & Sunny spring” and oh the joyful news.

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17th – 21st Excellent Attendance every day of the week & a good weeks work done. Examined 2nd Standards Arith.c & Reading and find them doing well for the Exam. in May. Learnt a new Song “March Away all gaily singing.” Examined on Paper the 4th, 5th & 6th Standards Arith.c who prove to be in capital “Form.” The present weak class in the School is the 5th. Visit of the “Board” yesterday & the Vicar & Mrs. Carwithen to day, who inspected sewing.

24th – 28th Had it not been for yesterdays wet last weeks average would have been

obtained. That great bore – potato planting – is now commencing and will call many of the Upper Standards away. Examined 2nd Standards Arith.c and Reading again & find the former improved. Finished the History for the 2nd time. Poetry also well forward. Visit of Mrs. Cory on Ash-Wednesday

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March 3rd – 7th Excellent Attendance through the whole week. Visit of Mr. Jarvis a keeper of the Start Light House. He called with his son to require if there was a vacancy for a 1st Year Pupil Teacher as the lad with him was obliged to leave his school “Sutton on Plym.” through the “shifting” of his father to “Start.” Promised to see Mr. Carwithen & consult with him on the matter & to bring the case before the Board if necessary. Bessie Pengelly very late to school yesterday morning through illness.

Several Torcross children made up their minds that there would be a half holiday this afternoon & so did not bring their dinners. Kept them at work one hour longer during the dinner hour & dismissed them with a caution. Began work this Afternoon at 1.30 in order to leave a little earlier on account of a Singing Feast to be held at 7 this evening.

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10th – 14th That great pest to the Av. Attendance viz. Potato |Planting has kept a great many children at home assisting their parents, especially boys from the upper Standards. Bessie Pengelly was absent all day on Monday through illness, but was able to continue work on Tuesday. Mondays regular work therefore was not followed. Examined 2nd & 1st Standards Arith.c & 3rd Standards Reading & gave results to Teachers. The 3rd Standard still shows a want of intelligence and sharpness & as – as it always has been – the most backward class in the School. Many of the 1st Standard are “pulling up” in their work. N. Pengelly gave two

object lessons to Infants. Shall continue this until the Inspectors visit.

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17th – 21st Fine dry weather and potato setting employing many school hands. Gave a lesson in Analysis on Tuesday Morning & general examination of Upper Standards in paper work. 4th & 5th Stands. did not work their Arithmetic as well as might have been expected. Punished H. Stone for creating a disturbance in the school & for neglect of work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on Monday with his "new" curate the Rev.d J. George, who inspected work generally. Finished all the Songs required by Code. Routine as per time table.

24th – 28th Potato setting & "another winter" has brought down the Average. Children seem to feel the cold more than at Xmas. Examinations on paper in higher standards show a great improvement in accuracy of work. First Standard improving. Call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

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31st to April 4th. With the exception of Wednesday excellent attendance. Bessie Pengelly unable through illness to attend school yesterday and was absent from her own usual lessons this morning. She certainly looks ill, and I fear the school work is too much for her.

7th – 10th To day – Thursday – a miserably cold wet day and very few to school. The early part of the week there were several boys absent in the Upper Stand.s finishing the Potato setting. This with to morrow's holiday Good Friday has spoilt the weeks work. Bessie Pengelly away on Tuesday Morning through sickness but resumed work again in the Afternoon. Absent also from Study Tuesday & this morning. I left the school in charge of Pengelly this Afternoon who reports that everything went on well. Visit of Mrs. Douglas to select the prize work for the Kingsb. Sewing

Association.

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14th – 18th Full School with the exception of Monday & Tuesday which was very wet. Heard on Wednesday that E. Burrows Esq. & Mr. Mulhall would visit us on the 5th & 6th of May for the annual inspection. Bessie Pengelly absent from lessons on Wednesday morning. Visit of the Rev. d J. C. Carwithen yesterday morning.

21st – 25th Excellent attendance in every class and all working with right good will for the Examination. Bessie Pengelly still unwell and absent yesterday morning from lessons. Visit of the Rev. d J. C. Carwithen who presented Alice Clements with 7/6d – the “First Prize” from the Kingsbridge Sewing etc. Also expressing at the same time a hope that the children another year would send specimens & be as successful.

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28th – May 2nd. Excellent Attendance. General examination of school preparatory to Examination by H. I. of Schools. E. Burrows Esq. & Mr. Mulhall on Monday & Tuesday next.

May 6th
1879 Read & approved
Edward Burrows H.M.I.

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May 5th – 9th Excellent attendance on the days the school was opened. On Monday Afternoon & Tuesday Morning the children & teachers were inspected by the Examiners E. Burrows Esq. & Mr. Mulhall. The only weak point I could discover was the Geography of the III Standard which was far below what it ought to have been. The only member of the “Board” present was the Chairman – the Rev. d J. C. Carwithen. The Rev. d J. George Mrs. & Miss Carwithen were also present. On Tuesday Afternoon & Wednesday the

school was closed for a holiday. Bessie Pengelly who has been so frequently reported in this book for illness was requested by the Inspector to procure a medical certificate from F. H. Clarke Esq.r of Chillington. This gentleman states that the health of the pupil teacher is in a wretched state and renders her totally unfit for the profession of teacher. Bessie Pengelley therefore resigns her situation and Edward Jarvis becomes a candidate for the Vacancy.

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12th – 16th Excellent Attendance throughout the School. Changed each Standard to a higher class & commenced "Tables" etc. where necessary Edward Jarvis comes on the staff of Pupil Teachers now & will be engaged principally with the 1st & 2nd Stand.s His salary commenced from last Monday at 4/- per week. Received from the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen yesterday the "Duplicate Schedule" showing that the School has done very well and although the 3rd Standard has suffered more than any other, yet they have done better than I anticipated. This will prove a stimulus I hope for them to work harder & raise themselves to an equal Standard with the rest. Meeting of the "Board" yesterday who examined the Schedules for this school, Huckham & Sherford.

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19th – 23rd Excellent attendance in every class and all hard at work with their new rules etc.

26th – 30th With the exception of Wednesday which was a very wet day school full. Usual work & progress.

June 2nd – 6th. Many of the "Sands" children absent on account of Whitmonday & Tuesday & Beesand & Hallsand Fair. The early part of the week was also very wet and kept home many of the Infants. Worked from the New Time Table in order to test it previous

to its being sent to E. Burrows Esq. H.M.I.
for his signature.

9th – 13th Excellent Attendance every day of
the week in spite of the very wet
weather. Gave half holiday on Tuesday
afternoon by the consent of the Vicar.
1st Class very full on account of the Ex. VI
Standard still remaining at School.

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16th – 20th This weeks wet weather has
brought down our average attendance
considerably. Examined the 1st Class
on Friday in their Compound Rules
previous to commencing "Practice"
on Monday next. Call of Dr.
Clarke. "Board Day" yesterday
when a grant was given for new
books, apparatus etc. for this &
Huckham School.

23rd – 27th Yesterdays and to days wet has
told on the attendance especially in the
lower Standards. Engaged principally
on Wednesday among the lower Stands.
& gave the First Geography lesson to
2nd. Standard. Corrected errors of
the Monitor in the Reading lesson of
his class and gave a lesson to his
class. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen
and Dr. Clarke.

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30th June to July 4th Very fair school considering
the rough rainy days. Routine as usual

7th – 11th Winter weather & meagre attendance.
Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen &
Dr. Clarke.

14th – 18th Good attendance with the exception
of Wednesday – a miserably wet day.
Few of the upper Standards away
helping to house the hay. Board
day yesterday when the report was
read by the Chairman the Rev.d J.
C. Carwithen & signed by him.
Visit of the Vicar & Dr. Clarke.

21st – 25th School thinly attended especially
in the Upper Standards owing to
the improved state of the weather.

Children are kept home to carry their parents dinners & drinkings to the hay harvest field. Bessie Pengelly our 1st year pupil Teacher

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*The report of E. Burrows
Esq. on Stokenham Board
School for year ending
April 30th 1879*

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6460 *The school thoroughly maintains its high character for sound and skilful elementary instruction.*

The attainments are good and level throughout a strong proof of method and organization. Some of the classes show very considerable intelligence in Geography and History. Grammar is accurate and the character of Infant teaching very fair. The handwriting and the Geography of the III Standard are open to improvement and a more general power of answering questions audibly and distinctly should be displayed. Praiseworthy attention is paid to those most important points, good

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manners, cheerful obedience, and cleanliness. Needlework is on the whole fair.

The registers should be regularly supervised by the managers.

*Wm. Pengelly and E.
Pengelly have passed fairly –
My Lords regret that the state of
E. Pengelly's health renders it necessary
to remove her name from the register
of Pupil Teachers serving in this
school.*

*A. Clements (Grammar
 (Composition
 (Arithmetic*

*J. Reeves is recognised as qualified
under Article 32(c) III*

*J. Lavers J. Reeves
Present Staff – Master, Mistress under
Art 32cIII, Wm. Pengelly 4th year P.T.
A Clements 3rd Year P.T. and E
Jarvis 1st year P. T. & a monitor*

*J. C. Carwithen
Chairman*

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was obliged to resign through
severe illness – died last Tuesday
morning at 11.30 – two months
after leaving school. Visit of the
Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen
& Miss Carwithen. Dr. & Mrs. Clarke
also paid a passing call.
Excused W. Pengelly from morning
lessons this week.

July 28th to August 1st. Attendance rather
below the Average on some days on
account of the unsettled state of the
weather and the great amount of
field work to be done when the days
will admit of it. Last year on this
day we broke up for the Corn Har-
vest Holidays, to day one half of
the hay is not yet housed.

Visit of Dr. Clarke. Routine & progress as usual. Pengelly excused from morning lessons on Tuesday & Wednesday.

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- Augt. 4th – 8th Attendance good and regular throughout the week. Gave E. Jarvis a half holiday on Wednesday afternoon at the request of his father. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke. Chicken Pox broke out among the children & several present with marks not properly healed. Cautioned them respecting this, and advised them to remain at home until perfectly well.
- 11th – 15th Very Good Attendance. Usual work & progress.
- 18th – 22nd Wet day on Wednesday – Every other day well attended. Usual work & progress. Visit of the Rev.d C. Padley & Mr. Knox.
- 25th – 29th Wet week and consequently a low average. Mrs. Reeves absent yesterday morning.

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- Sept. 1st to Sept. 19th Three weeks Harvest Holidays.
- 22nd – 26th Considering that the Harvest is not yet completed and this is the first week of opening the attendance is very creditable. School Board yesterday & long discussions. 80 New Testaments ordered.
- 29th – October 3rd. Good attendance, a few in the upper standards assisting their parents in digging potatoes. Mr. Jarvis sent a message to say that his son was too ill to attend school:- this was confirmed by the doctor who called on Monday and said that Jarvis was suffering acutely from a bad case of "Mumps" and would be unfit

for work for some time. Usual routine not strictly followed on account of deficiency of staff. Extra monitor used in lieu of absent teacher.

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6th – 10th Octr. Attendance good, the only absentees being those engaged in taking up potatoes and those sick with mumps. Jarvis still reported by the doctor to be too ill to attend duties consequently the routine on a few occasions slightly altered.

13th – 17th Good attendance. Jarvis still absent.

20th – 24th Regular Attendance throughout the week – Potatoes & “Mumps” causing a few absentees. Jarvis resumed duties on Monday Afternoon but was unable to continue his work & so returned home on Tuesday morning. Routine not strictly followed on Jarvis’s account. Cautioned children about running over Mr. Coaker’s meadows and damming up the gutters.

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27th – 31st Excellent attendance. Mumps still prevalent & Jarvis absent.

Novbr. 3rd – 7th Attendance not so good this week on account of the spreading of the “Mumps” – several whole families in the school attacked. Pengelly had leave on Monday to attend the Magistrates meeting at Kingsbridge to give evidence respecting the serving of notices on those parents who were summoned by the Board for non attendance or irregularity. Jarvis began work again on Tuesday morning after being on the sick list five weeks. Routine the early part of the week altered to meet circumstances. Teachers began their lessons in the evening at school on Monday for the first time. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke.

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Novbr.

10th – 14th Better attendance especially in upper Standards but still much sickness in the school as reported before. On Tuesday Pengelly served the Magistrates order on Richard Chadder Blank, demanding the attendance of his child Anne Chadder Blank at this school. Fires lighted for the first time on Monday morning.

17th – 21st Full School & usual routine & progress. Pengelly served a Magistrates School attendance order last Monday on Charles Steer of Beesands demanding the attendance of his son Charles Steer at Huckham School.

24th – 28th Good attendance with the exception of Monday & Tuesday which were very wet and reduced the average among the lower standards.

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Decbr. 1st to 5th Miserable weather and a corresponding attendance especially on Tuesday when snow fell the whole day. Three fires in school this week & yet the children seem to suffer intensely from the cold. Routine not strictly followed in all the classes on account of the small numbers.

8th – 12th Many children at home with Mumps and bad feet. Began the Song "Ripe Strawberries."

15th – 19th Fair Attendance, but bad feet and Mumps still great hindrance to regularity. Children the last half hour of this afternoon cleaning school and packing away books slates, maps etc. previous to breaking up for the Christmas Vacation.

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22nd – January 2nd 1880

Two Weeks Holiday.

5th – 9th Very fair school for first week after the holidays. Usual work & progress.

12th – 16th The Annual Ley Shooting days & with it the prospect of procuring Coot or wild fowl. Kept many from school many times of this week, but with the infants the attendance was better than last week. I am exceedingly sorry to report the outbreak of Measles among the children and apparently from Dr. Clarke's report spreading rapidly. A very few as yet of our children are attacked, but Huckham seems to suffer severely. The Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen have again commenced to supply the poor children "staying to dinner" with good hot soup.

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19th – 23rd Those that attend, do so regularly, but the measles make havoc among the children. Bad feet also is a general excuse for absentees, and from the extreme cold weather this cannot be avoided. Regular routine & progress.

26th to 30th. Very Good Attendance owing partly to the warmer change of weather. Measles gradually creeping into the adjoining villages. Examined 2nd & 3rd Standards dictation & find them doing well. Gave a lesson in Numeration to 1st Standard 2nd Standards Numeration improving. Examined 3rd Standards Arithmetic but the result was not satisfactory although they are able to work their rules they do so slowly and unintelligently working more by the "sight" than by "reason". Alice Clements absent all day on Monday through illness.

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2nd – 6th Measles! Measles! Measles! is the cry of the absentees. Several more

cases, and some very serious ones from our own school. Examined 4th Standard Arithmetic & gave result to teacher. Found the Parsing weak in this Standard & suggested a remedy to Pengelly. Tested the Object Lessons given by teachers to Infants & find the latter improving in intelligence. Adopted a little more drill for Infants. Call of Dr. Clarke.

9th – 13th Actual Measles & imaginary ones tell a sad tale on the attendance. Deaths occurring nearly every day especially among the “Sands children” The epidemic spreading rapidly in Chillington & the suburbs. Routine as per Time Table Call of Dr. Clarke.

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March 15th – 19th

School reopens after one months closing on account of a fearful & fatal attack of measles through every Village & isolated house. On February 13th (Friday) there were in attendance in the Afternoon 125 children all looking healthy & strong, on the following Monday only 17 were in attendance and from enquiries made it was found that of the 125 quite 60 were in Measles. Consequently on communicating with the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen the school was ordered to be closed. There is scarcely any family in the school

*that have escaped, and almost
without exception every member
of each family took the infection.
Sad to say 7 dear little children
and scholars of this school died viz.*

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*Sydney Harold Lavers)
Alice Pethybridge) Infants
William Kellond)
 “ Grant
Bessie Hutchings
Alice Edgland
Gilbert Easterbrook – Infant*

*The above died of
pneumonia which set in directly
after measles. The epidemic
commenced as will be seen by former
entries with the “Sands” children
then crept into Stokenham (23 cases
in 3 days) Chillington & Torcross.
It has apparently done its deathly
mission in these places, & is now
advancing slowly but surely into
Frogmore, so that at the present no
children from this latter village are
allowed to attend. We commenced
on Monday with about 40 scholars
looking dreadfully “whitewashed”
& from all appearances the strongest*

of them will be unfit for any hard

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study for another 3 weeks.

22nd – 25th A few more scholars than last week but still the room looks sadly empty and the children dull and lifeless. Singing is altogether out of the question, the school is more like a “Kenel” with the incessant coughing. Call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke.

26th Holiday – Good Friday

29th – April 2nd School attendance gradually recovering itself, about 100 average. Routine more closely followed & singing commenced again with the Infants. Returned Form to E. Burrows Esq.r of the approximate number of children to be examined at the Annual Inspection.

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April 5th to 9th Attendance improving and the school looking once more itself again. Paid particular attention to the work of the lower Standards and showed Teachers the defects. Gave Mrs. Reeves a holiday on Monday. N. Pengelly also asked for a holiday on Wednesday to assist his parents who are removing from Torcross to Paignton. The request was granted but as Pengelly did not return again until Thursday at noon, cautioned him as to his future conduct on such an occasion. The teachers excuse was “There was no early train.” On account of the absence of Teachers the routine was altered to meet the staff Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who said prayers this evening and of Mrs. Carwithen & Mrs. Douglas

on Wednesday to assist sewing.
Also visit of Dr. Clarke.

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12th – 16th General Potato planting has
told on the attendance this week
and the cold raw easterly winds
increased the coughs. The “Whooping
cough” is now spreading itself in
the Parish, keeping several children
from school. Mrs. Reeves was absent
on Monday through “Neuralgia”
Heard Alice Clements give an
Object Lesson – the tiger – to Infants
Examined Subtraction of 1st Stand.d
& finding them rather weak set a
series of sums on Blackboard
for Teacher. Discovered that the
2nd Class were parsing too mechani-
cally & hinted a remedy to Pengelly.
First Class ran through their History
for the 3rd time & fairly forward
in all their work.
Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen
& Dr. Clarke.

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19th – 23rd Very Fair Attendance and still
plenty of sickness. Pengelly gave
an object lesson yesterday on
“Sick” to 1st & 2nd Classes. Visit
of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Board
met yesterday and granted several
necessaries for school.

26th – 30th School Year ends to day.
Excellent attendance the whole of the
week with lovely weather for the
sickly ones. Heard from E. Burrows Esq.
H. M. Inspector of schools that he intends
examining us on May 31st
and June 1st.

May 4th Examined the Registers & found them
correct. J. C. C.

May 3rd – 7th Very good attendance &
routine strictly followed. Visit of the
Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen to
give away the money for sewing prizes.

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10th – 14th Excellent attendance every day of the week. Examined the whole school & found them “pulling up” rapidly and in more spirit of hard work. Routine as per Time Table.

17th – 21st Yesterday and to day the attendance was very good, but the annual fairs held the earlier part of the week lowered the average. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen this afternoon to superintend sewing.

24th – 28th Excellent Attendance & all seem eager for the Examination on Monday & Tuesday next. Several paper Examinations in Upper Standards. Many children came to School wet this morning & fires had to be lighted to dry aprons etc.

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June 1st
1880 Read & approved
 Edward Burrows H. M. I.

May 31st to June 4th The Annual Exam. took place on Monday & Tuesday when the school was visited by 3 of H.M.I. viz. Mr. Burrows, Mr. Newton & Mr. Mulhall. Everything seemed to have passed off well with the exception of the History of the IV Standard, which was very bad. Gave holiday on Wednesday. The Rev.d J. C. Carwithen was the only member of the school board present on the examination days. Dr. Clarke gave a medical certificate stating the reason of the school being closed for 1 month.

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7th – 11th Very Fair attendance but several at home suffering from “Rash” which looks very much like Scarletina. Commenced the new rules in the several classes.

14th - 18th Good Attendance. Board met yesterday when the Clerk produced

the Duplicate Schedule which shows with the exception of the 4th Standard that we have done well. Shewed the results to Teachers. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen

21st – 25th Very Good Attendance. Usual work & progress.

28th - July 2nd Very Good Attendance. Routine as usual. Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Reeves, the Infant and sewing mistress, a special meeting of the Board was held yesterday and Miss Shepherd, once a scholar in this school, was appointed to the Vacancy.

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5th – 9th Very fair school but many away from the Upper Standards helping to save the hay. Routine not strictly followed on account of N. Pengelley's absence who is in Exeter attending the Examination for a Queens Scholarship. Visit of Dr. Clarke.

12th – 16th Good attendance. Usual routine. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

19th – 23rd Very Good Attendance. Left the school yesterday afternoon in charge of Mr. W. Harradon, late P.T. of this school in order to attend on Mr. Square clerk of the School Board, to get Government Returns signed by him as requested by the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen, Chairman of the Board. Visit of the Board to consider the question of providing the school with a proper supply of water. Visit of Dr. Clarke. Holiday on Tuesday, the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen treating all the children above

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seven years of age to a visit to Wombwells Menagerie, which they heartily enjoyed.

26th – 30th Full School. Centenary treat on Wednesday for the three parishes of Stokenham, Chivelstone & Sherford. There were nearly 500 children present in the Church who were addressed very appropriately by Archdeacon Earle.

An excellent tea was provided on the Vicarage grounds by the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. On Friday at the request of the Vicar, the Master left school to accompany the choir on their annual treat to Paignton. The Vicar kindly undertook to superintend the work in the Masters absence. No case of misconduct or insubordination reported. Mrs. Carwithen during the Afternoon superintended the sewing and approved of the work. Routine of school not strictly followed on Friday on account of deficiency of staff.

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Aug.t 2nd – 6th Very good school.
Routine & progress as usual.
Visit of Dr. Clarke.

9th – 12th The Harvest commenced and the school thinned in consequence, but the attendance through the week very even. The Rev.d J. C. Carwithen advised that the school be broken up to day (Thursday) for the Harvest Vacation. After thoroughly cleaning school, cleansing closets etc. the children left at 4.15 pm for a fortnights holiday.

16th – 27th Harvest Vacation.

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*Report of H. M. Inspector
E. Burrows Esqr. for the year
ending April 30th 1880*

*The school has suffered much
from sickness, and was closed for
some weeks. Special credit is due for
the maintenance of the high charac-
ter of the Instruction, and for evidence
of remarkable perseverance under*

difficulties. In some respects of course especially in part of the Arithmetic, in Geography and History, the children are at present below the usual high Standard of this school, and the fourth standard will need attention in Reading and Spelling. The paper-work of the second Standard is praise-worthy. Needle-work is taught well, and with sound method; the first stage is very good in this respect and the Specimens worked under Article 19 (c) are excellent; the third stage needs attention, and the hemming

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of the fifth Stage should improve

*W. Pengelly (Algebra
(History)*

E. J. Jarvis has passed an unsatisfactory Examination. Should he be required to complete the Staff, and fail to the same extent next year, the Grant will have to be reduced under Article 32 (c) 1

*A. Clements (Grammar
(Composition and
History)*

*J. Rhymes is disqualified for admission
by Article 70(b)*

*J. C. Carwithen
Chairman of
Stokenham School Board*

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Aug.t 30th – Sept.r 3rd School reopens after a fortnights Vacation, but with very few children in attendance. This is owing to the lateness of the Harvest. Some barley not being yet cut, and gleaning – which is particularly good this year – not half over. Visit of Dr. Clarke.

6th – 10th Attendance improved with the expectation of the 5th & 6th Standards who are still employed in the Harvest fields. Regular routine.

13th – 17th Very Good school the whole week. Sherford Thanksgiving making a slight difference this afternoon. School Board met & granted necessaries and ordered summonses to be taken out for three parents whose children irregularly attend. Good progress made in work this week.

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20th – 24th Full School. Visit of the Rev.d Joseph George & Captain Douglas who examined the working of the school. Also visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who set many questions in Scripture for the 1st Class. Call of Mrs. Carwithen.

27th – Oct.r 1st Excellent Attendance all the week. Half holiday yesterday on account of Harvest Thanksgiving when a public tea was held in the school. Visit of the Vicar and Mr. Pitts. W. Pengelly absent on Wednesday

Morning to give evidence at Kings bridge of the serving of notice on C. Michelmore, Chillington. An order was made on the child to attend.

4th – 8th Attendance excellent & usual routine & progress. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mr. L. Pitts. Closed school rather earlier this evening to attend Confirmation by the Bishop of Exeter.

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11th – 15th Lovely weather which accounts for the excellent regular attendance of all the children. Good hard weeks work done by all.

18th – 22nd Very good attendance on the "fine" days but to day & Wednesday were miserably rough ones and consequently few to school. James Rhymes the monitor unable to attend school on account of "Inflammation in the eyes." The Dr. reports that he will not be able to attend to his duties for some time. F. Hutchings was used as a substitute. Meeting of the Board yesterday.

25th – 29th Excellent Attendance when the weather permitted it. Jas Thymes still unable to attend through sickness & Fred Hutchings still a monitor in his place. Usual routine & progress and call of Dr. Clarke.

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Novbr. 1st – 5th Excellent Attendance. Jas Rhymes commenced work on Monday. Routine & progress as usual. Visit of Dr. Clarke. W. Pengelly served several notices on Friday to parents of the irregular children.

8th – 12th Full School. Usual routine & progress.

15th – 19th The attendance fell off towards the end of the week owing to the inclement weather. Adopted Home Lessons to make up for lost time. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Meeting of the Board & school apparatus granted.

22nd – 26th Rough weather & irregular attendance in consequence. Routine strictly followed.

29th – Decb.r 3rd Excellent Attendance every day of the week. This morning The Diocesan Inspector Rev. J. Hobkirk examined the children in Scripture & consequently the Registers were not marked.

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6th – 10th Very Good Attendance but many of the "Sands Children" absent on account of the large quantities of herrings caught. The monitor James Rhymes absent by permission of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who gave the lad an order for the hospital, where an operation has been performed on the eye. Used monitor only occasionally from the 1st Class and routine in consequence slightly altered. Master ill this morning and obliged to leave the school in charge of Pengelly and the other teachers. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Dr. Clarke.

13th – 17th Very Good attendance until yesterday & to day when there was a regular gale of wind & torrents of rain. Many children came to school wet through. Jas Rhymes still at the Hospital and monitor taken from 1st Class.

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20th to Thursday the 23rd. Weather prevented many children from attending – this with its being Xmas week lightened the work of the teachers. School Board yesterday who granted a weeks holiday from to day. Master ill & left school in charge of teachers, in order to consult a London Physician. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen, who read prayers & dismissed the children with hearty wishes for a "Merry Xmas."

Jan.ry 3rd to 7th 1881

School reopened with a good attendance after the Xmas holidays. Employed A. Hitchcock as an extra monitor in order to assist the Infant Mistress and allowed monitor to take lessons

with the Pupil Teachers. Routine and progress as usual.

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10th – 14th Monday & Tuesday were “Ley Days” when Sir Lydston Newman & party shoot the Coot & wild fowl, consequently the early part of the week saw but a very few children to school especially in the Upper Standards as every child has a chance of getting a “bird.” Wednesday’s and the last two days were better attended, but taking the week as a whole for any amount of good work being done, it was a failure. On Monday Pengelly & the other teachers carried on the school by themselves as the Master had permission to visit his Mother who was dangerously ill. No case of insubordination reported by P.T.’s Alice Clements absent from Tuesday until to day on account of illness. She looks ill while at her work and occasionally faints.

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17th – 18th Yesterday’s attendance was but a poor one as Sir Lydston Newman gave out that several hundred “Coots” killed on the Slapton Ley were to be given away. To day there is raging one of the most terrible snow-storms known for a great number of years and only 4 children from the nearest village put in an appearance. After consulting with the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen Chairman of the Board it was resolved to close the school for the week.

24th Snow and frost terribly deep and severe. Only 10 children present. The Chairman of the Board ordered the school to be again closed.

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31st January to Febry 4th 1881

Snow and frost disappearing fast, and

Mondays attendance a very fair one.
On Monday Afternoon sent W. Pengelly to look up absentees along the Sands. Chief excuses of parents "Bad feet" and "No boots." I called on several in the nearer villages and the answers were the same. From Tuesday to Friday there was a far better average, and good progress made. Alice Clements able to attend again.

7th – 11th Good Attendance when the "rains" would allow it. Coughs and colds very prevalent among the children, many of whom look very sickly. Everything in the school seems saturated with water, and extra fires kept burning.

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Feb.ry 14th – 18th With the exception of Monday – which was a very wet day – excellent attendance, and good progress made in the work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen "Board" met and granted school apparatus.

21st – 25th Excellent regular attendance, and good progress made. Learnt new song "The Strawberry Girl." Visit of Dr. Clarke.

March 1st – 5th Excellent attendance until to day
Routine & progress as usual.

7th – 11th Full School and all hard at work for their examination. Learnt words of song "Drive the nail aright boys". Visit of Dr. Clarke. Allowed W. Pengelly to leave at 3.30 pm yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of one of our school boys William Prout (Infant Class) Sent Kate Michelmore home for not

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bringing her school fees. The mother of this child has constantly made it a practice to pay the "Fee" when she liked, and as much as she liked. Cautioned others in the school on the same dishonest way of acting.

14th – 18th Attendance thin owing to the potato planting when the Upper Standard children especially are called to the fields to “Set” the potatoes. Infants and Lower Standards full. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen. Meeting of the “Board.”

21st – 25th The dry weather and tilling the gardens & fields takes many of the Upper Standard children away. Paid a visit to many of the absentees & the general excuse was “Helping Father.” Visit of Dr. Clarke yesterday who helped the children in their songs.

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March 28th – April 1st

Upper Standard children still absent helping in the gardens & potato fields – however Standards full. Examined 2nd & 3rd Standards & find them working well particularly 2nd Stand. Not one of this latter ought to fail in the Arithmetic. Sent the return of the approximate number of children to be examined to H. M. Inspector E. Burrows Esq.r

4th – 8th Good Attendance. Usual routine & progress.

11th to Thursday 14th As to morrow is Good Friday the School closes until Monday next. Usual routine through the week.

18th – 22nd Fairs and general holiday time have kept many children at home. “Board” met yesterday. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & the Misses Carwithen (2) who inspected work of school.

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25th – 29th Excellent Attendance the whole of the week. Received notice of P. T.’s examination tomorrow. Usual routine. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

May 2nd – 6th Full School and all doing well. Visit of the Vicar & friend, the former distributed the prize money won at the Sewing & Knitting Association. Visit of

Mrs. Carwithen.

9th – 13th Excellent Attendance. Usual routine & progress. Wm. Pengelly who has served his apprenticeship of 5 years in this school leaves to day on account of the postponement of the Annual Inspection until the Middle of June.

16 – 20th Very good & regular attendance the whole week. Employed Fred. K. Hutchings as a paid monitor in the place of W. Pengelly. Jas Jarvis 2nd P.T. takes the place of the latter and Hutchings works the 1st Standard. Visit of Mr. Coaker "Board Day" yesterday but no members appeared.

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May
23rd – 27th Fishing Season commenced & many children in the Upper Standards absent in consequence. Examined 1st, 2nd & 4th Standards Reading and find them working well for the Examination on the 15th and 16th of June. Visit of Mr. F. Helmer.

30th to June 3rd. Excellent Attendance. Examined lower standards generally & find them well up in their work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mr. Helmer. Call of Mr. Mulhall & Mr. Greer.

6th – 10th School full. Heard from the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen that the time for the annual examination by E. Burrows Esq.r was altered to Thursday the 23rd. Routine & progress as usual.

13th – 19th Excellent Attendance until to day when there was a falling off. Visit of Mr. Greer. H. M. Assistant Inspector of schools to examine the children yes-

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terday the 16th. Although a very wet and gloomy morning there were only 4 absent and they had to come several miles. The Reading in all the Standards was very satisfactory and the Arithmetic of the 1st Standard good. The Geography of the 2nd was a success, but as the other work was on paper, the Duplicate schedule is wanted to show the results. The children were much

disappointed that E. Burrows Esq.r did not examine them. Visit of the Rev.d J C. Carwithen to meet the Inspector

June 23rd

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20 – 23rd Excellent Attendance. Visit of the head inspector E. Burrows Esq.r to finish the examination began on the 16th. The History of the 1st Class was highly spoken of by the Inspector & the other work was very satisfactory. The children did not leave until 1.30 pm and at the request of the examiner a half holiday was given. The Master consulted with the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who also gave them a holiday for tomorrow.

27th – July 1st Hay Harvest commenced with its consequent absentees. Moved every class a Standard higher & read the results of the Duplicate to the whole school. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

4th – 8th Very fair attendance, the cause being the Hay Harvest. Many children being kept home to look after the "Baby" whilst mother is in the field. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

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11th – 15th Very Good Attendance. Usual routine & progress.

18th – 22nd Attendance very good. Routine as per Time Table.

25th – 29th Very Good School with the exception of Monday when Langars' circus at Kingsbridge was the great attraction. Routine as per Time Table.

Aug.t 1st – 5th Attendance Good & regular. Yesterday a holiday was given a Regatta being held at Torcross. On account of the Harvest & serious illness of my wife, by the advice of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen, the usual three weeks Vacation was granted to the children for the purpose of

gleaning in the Cornfields.

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5th – 9th School reopens after Harvest Vacation with a very small number of children. This is owing to the wet season which has kept the farmers from saving their corn, and consequently much more gleaning can be done. Sent after all absentees & the answers were principally "Coming next week." A months holiday was allowed instead of 3 weeks.

12th – 16th Better school but still many absentees. W. Harradon, late P. T. of this school acted as Master on Tuesday & Wednesday when I had leave from the Chairman of the Board, Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to absent myself from my usual work in order to consult a Plymouth Physician. No case of insubordination was reported during my absence, the behaviour being remarkably good.

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19th – 23rd Good attendance, and better regularity. I am sorry to report that on several occasions I have not been punctual to my work, owing entirely to the very dangerous illness of my wife.

26th – 30th Very good attendance. To day Friday is a holiday by the kind permission of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who advised the school to be closed on account of the sudden illness of the master & sewing mistress.

Oct.r 3rd – 7th A few absentees – digging potatoes was the answer of parents, and cleaning pilchards or looking after the baby. Left the school in charge of Teachers & Mistress the greater part of Wednesday Afternoon.

10th – 14th School very fairly attended. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Usual routine & progress.

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17th – 21st Potato digging and apple picking the chief hindrances to regular attendance. Routine & progress as usual. Meeting of the Board.

24th – 28th Apple picking and housing Mangold the present agricultural plagues to regular attendance. Left the school almost entirely in charge of Mistress & Teachers yesterday & today in consequence of the death of my wife. Routine altered to make the working of the school as Easy as possible in the absence of the master.

31st – Novbr 4th Very fair attendance. School closed by permission of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on Tuesday afternoon when the funeral of my wife took place. The last 3 days of the week have been very wet, consequently many of the Infants and those from the outlying districts were absent.

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7th – 11th. Very Fair attendance. Usual work & progress.

14th – 18th The Upper Standard children still very busy housing Mangold, the lower classes well attended. Sent after all absentees on Friday Evening and gave a caution to the parents of the irregular ones. Gave a Geography lesson to II Standard, and examined III Stand. reading.

21st – 25th Very good attendance although the week was noted for fearfully rough weather. Kept good fires in order to dry school and childrens clothes. Some of the children look very pale and unhealthy and many have been seized with dreadful sickness – including teacher & monitor. Sent after absentees by Teachers & scholars. Examined IV Standard History.

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*Report of H. M. Inspector
E. Burrows Esqr. for the
year ending April 30th 1882.*

Stokenham Board School, Devon

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6460 *Tone, Discipline and Instruction continue to be excellent. Special praise is deserved for accuracy and intelligence displayed in Geography and History. The Infants have made very fair progress. Needlework is somewhat below the average. Part of the Knitting is poor, and Darning unsatisfactory. The Scholar numbered 46 on the Examination Schedule is disqualified under Article 19(B); those numbered 55, 56, 57 59 and 85 under Article 20 (a) 1, and the one numbered 146*

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*under Article 19(B) 1.
W. Pengelly and A. Clements have passed fairly.
Pengelly should be informed that he is now qualified under Article*

*79 but not under Article 60.
C. T. Jarvis has again passed so
bad an Examination that My
Lords have been unable to consider
him as part of the School Staff for
the past year Article (32 (c) 1).
F. M. Shepherd is recognised as
qualified to serve under Article
32 (c) 3.*

*J. C. Carwithen
Chairman
Stokenham Board School.*

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28th to Decbr. 2nd Very Good & regular attendance. Examined III Standards Arithmetic and found them rather dull & slow in their work. Pointed the defect out to J. Rhymes and showed him how to remedy it. Meeting of the Board yesterday & several things granted for the school in the shape of Books. etc.

5th – 9th Excellent Attendance. Examined II Standards Arithmetic and gave result to the Teacher – Jarvis. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen - the latter to decide the several articles to be sent to the Sewing & Knitting Association of Kingsbridge. Several new books arrived for use in school.

12th – 16th A falling off in the Attendance yesterday & to day through the stormy weather. Routine & progress as usual.

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19th – 22nd The Christmas vacation commences to day – Thursday for one week by the consent of

the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

26th – 30th One weeks Christmas Holidays.

Jan.ry 2nd 1882 to Jan.ry 6th

Very fair school for the first week. James Jarvis having failed at the last pupil teachers examination left at Christmas after giving 6 months notice. The master now takes the 4th, 5th & 6th the latter being unusually small in number and Alice Clements will work the 2nd Standard principally. Examined 2nd Standard and found them doing fairly well – the most backward subject being Dictation. Examined also 4th Standard Grammar. The class seems to parse by sight, parsing almost every variety of sentence in the same mechanical way.

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Jan.ry 9th – 13th Better School with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday which were Ley Days. As the weather however was extraordinary fine it did not call so many away as usual.

16th – 20th Good School. Some sickness. Usual work.

23rd – 27th Rather better attendance than last week. Mary Heywood, who has just come from Loddiswell, employed as monitress, to assist in the room of Jas. Jarvis.

Jan.ry 30th to Feb.ry 3rd Lovely weather and regular attendance – the children however are not healthy, but subject to a great deal of vomiting and faintness.

6th – 10th Good School. Usual routine and work. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who saw M. Heywood teach the Infants. He also heard her read.

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13th – 17th Excellent attendance. Board met and granted Mary Heywood 3s/- per week as paid Monitress.

20th – 24th Lovely weather. Good School. No fires

- necessary.
- 27th to March 3rd Full School. Usual routine & progress.
- 6th – 10th Better attendance than last week. Alice Clements ill & unable to attend school on Monday. Routine altered in consequence.
- 13th – 17th Potato planting in land commenced – the greatest nuisance to regular attendance.
- 20th – 24th Excellent Attendance. Usual routine.
- 27th – 31st Not so good school. Sent after absentees, & excuses received potato planting and sickness. Returned
Approximate number of children (150)

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- to Education Department. Visit of H. M. I. E. Burrows Esq. & Professor Burrows of Oxford. Master ill at the time of visit.
- April 3rd - 7th Good Attendance – the absentees being chiefly engaged in potato planting especially the “Sands” children. Master ill the greater part of the week and the regular routine was not followed in consequence. Whole holiday tomorrow Good Friday.
- 10th – 14th Irregular attendance owing to Pool and Stokenham “Fairs”. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen. Usual routine & progress.
- 17th – 21st Wet days & irregular attendance in consequence. Examined 1st & 2nd Standards Reading, Writing and Arithmetic and find them well up in their work.
- 24th – 28th More rain has fallen during the week than during the whole winter and,

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- the attendance on that account has been irregular.
- May 1st to 5th Full School. Several general examinations of different classes in their work as the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen

announces that the annual inspection by E. Burrows Esq. will take place next Thursday & Friday.

May 11th

1882 Read & approved.

The arrangements for the supply of materials for needlework have not been satisfactory. Materials should be supplied by the Board unless the parents can send that which is required immediately after the Inspection. I am of opinion that regularity of attendance would be encouraged if the completed garments were given to girls who attend with remarkable steadiness.

Edward H. Burrows
H. M. Inspector

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8th – 12th Full School. The chief event of the week was the Annual examination by E. Burrows Esq. & Mr. Chinnock his assistant. The 1st & 2nd Standards did well in all their work – the reading throughout was much approved of, and the History was better than in any former year. The duplicate schedule will show the results in the other subjects. Only one boy failed to attend on Friday viz. Edwin Brooking of Chillington who gave as an excuse that he had to ride a colt to Dartmouth.

15th – 19th Rather thin attendance, probably on account of the Royal Agricultural Show at Torquay. Gave Holiday on Tuesday by permission of the Rev. d J. C. Carwithen. Read the results to the children from the duplicate schedule.

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22nd – 26th Irregular attendance owing to the wet weather. Meeting of the Board on Tuesday.

29th – June 2nd. Wet days, and “Sands Fairs” reduced the Average Attendance this week. A change in the Staff has taken place viz. Mrs. Reeves appointed

the Infant and Sewing Mistress.
Miss Shepherd working principally in
the lower standards. Alice Clements
resigned on account of the Board not
offering her – as she supposed – a sufficient
salary.

5th – 9th Very Good Attendance nearly the
whole of the week. Routine & progress
as usual.

13th – 16th Owing to the uncertain weather the
attendance has not been steady.

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19th – 23rd The Attendance decreased the
latter part of the week owing to the
constant heavy rains. Passing call of
the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

26th – 30th Monday & Yesterday were very wet
days and the attendance was not so
good in consequence. To day the
master was unable to attend to his
usual class through illness and the
routine was altered accordingly.

3rd – 7th Wet weather and irregular attendance
in consequence. Routine & progress as
usual.

10th – 14th Wet weather still continues & several
children ill with colds etc.

17th – 20th Wet weather constantly a tea at
Hallsands and Kingsbridge fair week
made considerable havoc in the total
number of attendances. On account
of the Chairman of the Board being

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from home – a fact unknown to the
Master until too late – the latter took
upon himself the responsibility and
following the custom of former years
to give a whole holiday on Friday
when Torcross Regatta is proposed to
be held.

24th – 28th Alternate wet days & harvest
days kept the average rather low.
Examined lower standards Arithmetic
and found them deficient in their

tables. Adopted Mental work more frequently to remedy the defect. As the number of Infants has increased made two divisions of them and instructed Heywood the Monitress as to their proper management. Looked up the absentees & chief excuses were "Kept home to carry fathers dinner and minding the baby & house whilst mackerel are being caught.

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July 31st to Augt. 4th

Attendance not steady owing to the children in the upper standards being kept home to finish the hay harvest & to assist in thinning Mangold also to help in the Mackerel fishing. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on Monday who took the 1st Division in Scripture. Meeting of the "Board.

7th – 11th Very Fair Attendance, but cutting of the corn in many places called several from school. After consulting with Mr. Helmer, gave the children their three weeks Harvest Holidays.

Adverting to the report of the visit without notice on the 31st of March and your letter of the 19th of April, My Lords are willing to accept the explanation which has been advanced, but the master should be warned that any irregularity in Registration may not only cause serious loss of grant, but also imperil his position as Certificated Teacher. The rules of the accompanying circular Circular 65 must be strictly kept. A. Clements has passed fairly. She should be informed that she is now qualified under Article 79 but not under Article 60. J. Rhymes is not qualified by attainments for admission to a shortened term of Apprenticeship. E. J. Jarvis' name has been removed from the Register of Pupil Teachers serving in this school.

*J. C. Carwithen
Chairman of Stok; School*

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*The report of E. Burrows Esq.r
H. M. Inspector of Schools – for
the year ending April 30th 1882.*

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6460 *Stokenham Board School (Devon)
The creditable character of discipline
and instruction is maintained,
save that part of the Arithmetic
needs attention. Special praise is
deserved for Grammar, Reading
and History. The Infants are fairly
taught, but should improve in
Arithmetic. Needle work is very
fair, but is soiled in the lower
stages. Marking is good.*

See Form 17(a)c

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Sept. 4th – 8th 82

Very Fair Attendance for the first
week but owing to the unfavourable
weather there is plenty of corn still
unhoused and consequently children
still at work in the fields.

11th – 15th Better average. Usual routine.

18th – 22nd Wet weather made a difference in
the attendance. Several boys from
Beesands and Hallsands when part
way to school on Wednesday returned
home again giving as an excuse that
they were “wet through.” Cautioned them
as to their future conduct in this matter
and advised them to report themselves to
the school first. A few boys having
been reported for having interfered
with the pump at Huckham, en-
quired into the matter and cautioned
the lads not to enter the school yard
again.

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25th – 29th Owing to several Harvest thanksgiving services the Attendance has not been regular.

Oct.r 2nd – 6th Much better attendance but still not yet up to the usual average. James Thymes was absent the latter part of the week owing to an abscess under the eye – the regular routine however was followed the teachers dividing the work between them. Master left school on Friday Afternoon for one hour by the request of the Vicar to attend a confirmation service held by the Lord Bishop of Exeter.

9th – 13th Excellent Attendance with the exception of Wednesday which was a very wet day. James Rhymes still too unwell to attend to his work on account of his "eye". Work carries on as last week. Cautioned the children respecting their trespass on Sir Lydston Newmans property.

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Oct.c 16th – 20th School opened only 8 times this week owing to the almost unprecedented rain on Monday that flooded this neighbourhood, and blocked the roads with water – some places to the depth of 6ft. – only 7 children (3 families) put in an appearance. Reported the circumstance to the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen who advised the school to be closed for the day. Yesterdays wet weather also lowered the Average. The Rev.d Joseph George visited the School on Wednesday & Friday and on each occasion assisted in the Scripture Lessons taking the 1st Class. He also expressed his intention of doing so regularly. James Rhymes returned to work again but with weak eyes still. Mrs. Reeves the sewing mistress was absent on Thursday Morning on account of a severe cold. The whole week has been much against anything like good steady progress.

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Oct.r 23rd – 27th An unsatisfactory week for anything like steady progress. This morning hardly a child was able to attend through the incessant torrents of rain, and consequently the registers were not taken – this being the third time that such a thing has happened through “Weather” in my experience of 17 years. Yesterday morning the children were examined in Scripture by the Rev.d Codrington Hobkirk, Diocesan Inspector of schools. There were present the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen, Mr. Helmer & Mr. Pitts, the two latter gentlemen being members of the Board. This inspection cost another blank in the weeks attendance and thus the school was again opened 8 times. There was a Special Meeting of the Board at 12.30 on Thursday to take into consideration the necessity of providing stoves in lieu of the present worn out grates.

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Oct.r 30th to Novb.r 3rd Weather bad. Attendance low. Meeting of the Board at 5 pm

6th – 10th Weather bad almost every day but the Attendance very fair considering the distance children have to come and the uncertainty of arriving to school without getting drenched. Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen, Mr. L. Pitts & Mr. R. Edwards.

13th – 17th Unsatisfactory attendance through the inclement weather. Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

20th – 24th Better Attendance but not up to the average – the Upper Standards much improved. Examined 4th Stand.s Dictation and the lower Standards Reading. The attainments of the Infants are not satisfactory.

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27th – Decbr 1st The weather again thro' week and especially to day has been against the usually regular attendance. Routine as per Time Table.

4th – 8th Wet and cold and poor fires not a great inducement for children coming to school – consequently some of the lower classes small. Meeting of the Board last Friday evening when a good supply of new books recommended by H. M. Inspector E. Burrows Esq.r was granted and other sets allowed to be replenished. Infant Class still behind in their work although a slight improvement has taken place. Commenced paper work regularly in the Upper Standards and find them in advance of their work in neatness and accuracy especially in Arithmetic from this time last year.

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11th – 15th Better Attendance. Good supply of Books from Messrs. T. Nelson & Sons arrived. New stove fixed but an accident happened to it the next day that prevented its being again used. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen – the former to inspect the damage done to the stove. Fifth Standard commenced their Vulgar Fractions. Examined 2nd & 3rd Classes Reading & gave results to Teachers.

18 – 22nd Good attendance the early part of the week. Yesterday & to day not so regular. Went to the Vicarage this afternoon to consult the Chairman of the Board about the Christmas holidays, but as he was not at home gave the children "One week." Cleaned school and books etc. preparatory to breaking up.

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January 8th – 12th 1883.

School resumes work after a fortnights holidays instead of one weeks as reported in the last entry. This was granted by the "Board." Very Good

Attendance for opening week and steady progress made. Meeting of the School Board yesterday who paid salaries etc.

15th – 19th With the exception of yesterday excellent attendance every day, and a good weeks progress made.

22nd – 26th Excellent Attendance. Congratulated the children for their regularity and also for the manner in which they had worked their “home lessons” now adopted generally throughout the school for the first time. Examined 1st Standards Dictation & find them rather behind.

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29th to February 2nd Full School.
Usual routine & progress.

5th – 9th Excellent Attendance in spite of the constant boisterous weather. All working well.

12th – 16th A weeks incessant wind and rain has lowered the Average again, and interfered with the regular progress.

19th – 23rd Good but not steady attendance, owing to the uncertain weather. Meeting of two members of the Board yesterday.

26th – March 2nd Lovely dry weather every day of the week but many children absent Excuses from the parents “Turning ground and planting potatoes in fields & gardens.” Examined classes generally & devoted extra attention to Infants who are not doing as well as they ought. Meeting of the “Board” this evening.

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6th – 10th Potato planting still a great drawback to the attendance: cold weather and bad feet also a hindrance. Gave “Object lesson” on the “Lion” to the Infants in presence of teachers.

13th – 17th Enquired after absentees with the same result at the last fortnight viz. “Potato Planting.” Visit of Mr. Edwards

to day. James Rhymes gave object lesson on the "Owl" to Infants.

19th – 23rd Alternate wet and dry gave us a very poor school this week, when we need a much better attendance. Fields and gardens receive more attention than school work. As it is Good Friday tomorrow there will be a Holiday.

26th – 30th No improvement in attendance. Wet, cold and field work the excuses of Parents of absentees. Master suffering from cold and unable to take the Singing. Visit of Wm. Pengelly late P.T. of this school.

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April 2nd – 6th Rather better attendance than last week but below the usual average still – especially so close to the annual Examination. Tested the lower standards generally & find them well up in their elementary subject. Meeting of the Board at 5 this evening.

9th – 13th The lower Standards attendance has improved but the 5th & 6th far from what it should be. Examined classes generally and gave results to each teacher. Visit of Mr. Helmer.

16th – 20th Much better attendance. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen to give prizes to children who had gained them from the Kingsbridge Sewing & Knitting Association.

23rd – 27th Good Attendance. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Received notice for P.T.'s to attend the Annual Examination at Kingsbridge.

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30th – May 4th Very Good Attendance. Chief work of Master – General Examination throughout the school. From results obtained each class should pass a good examination on the 28th & 29th of this month when H. M. Inspector E. Burrows Esq.r proposes to hold his annual examination. "Board" meeting this evening.

7th – 11th Attendance good. Sent by Teachers etc. to enquire after all absentees. "Sickness & rain" the chief excuses. Jas Rhymes gave Object lesson on the "Eagle" to Infants. Examined Infants and find them improving in Reading – Arithmetic still behind – Third Standard gave a good account of themselves in their Arithmetic Papers. Rather stormy meeting of Board this day week. Visit of Mr. Furneaux Helmer yesterday.

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14th – 18th Good School. Good progress made. Children eager for the examination. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mr. Helmer. Passing call of Mrs. & Miss Carwithen.

21st – 25th Good Attendance. General examination throughout the school preparatory to the proposed visit of H. M. Inspectors on Monday and Tuesday next. Visit of Miss & the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen

29th May

1883 Read & Approved
An additional cupboard or large box is urgently needed for the custody of the materials and specimens of needlework. This should be provided at once, as it is part of the necessary furniture of school premises – see Article 96(a) general condition for an Annual Grant

Edward H. Burrows H.M.I.

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28th – June 1st. The great event of the week was the Annual Examination on Monday & Tuesday by H. M. Inspectors of Schools. There were 179 entered on the Schedule and very few exceptions were claimed. Two children failed to attend viz. John Wills 6th Standard, Hallsands & Wm. Kellond 3rd " Frogmore. For examination on paper the desks were too crowded – 8 in each desk – and no rulers were allowed for

Bills of parcels or any other work. In the 5th & 6th Standards one hour and 10 minutes was allowed for Composition and the Arithmetic questions. On Tuesday the Upper Standards were in school from 9 AM to 2.30 PM. Gave half holiday this afternoon that was asked by E. H. Burrows Esq. r H.M.I. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on the 1st day of Examination.

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June 4th – 8th Examined registers and found them correct. Gave Mr. Laver the "Duplicate Examination Schedule." This latter shows a falling off in the number of passes – the per centage being lower than for many years. As regards the attainments of the children there is no reason why this should be as they were expected both by the Teachers & me to have done better than in any former year. It can only be accounted for I think by the overcrowding of the desks – the constant shifting of the Standards for Reading etc. and the prolonged strain viz. 5 ½ hours. on the childrens minds in order to finish the Examination in the morning. Children of the 5th Standard did not work their "Bill" because no rulers were allowed for the necessary lines. With the exception of those children that failed the Standards commenced their work for the coming year.

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11th – 15th Children commenced their new rules in Arithmetic & other work & seem to be glad to be rid of the monotony of the old years work. Visit of Miss Carwithen & the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

18th – 23rd Good School & progress.

28th Examined the Registers and found them correct. J. C. Carwithen.

25th – 29th With the exception of Wednesday afternoons rain that kept many from school the at-

tendance was just as last week. On Thursday Afternoon by permission of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mr. Helmer Jas Rhymes the pupil Teacher & I obtained a half holiday to take part in a "Choral Festival" held in Kingsbridge Church. The Vicar and his curate the Rev.d Joseph George kindly superintended the work of the school during our absence. Visit of Mrs. Carwithen to make enquiries respecting needlework.

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July 2nd – 6th Attendance good. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen. Board meeting this evening at 5.

9th – 13th Attendance as last week. At the Board Meeting on Friday last Mr. N Shepherd was appointed school Atten. Officer for this district. Visit & passing calls of the Vicar.

17th – 21st The weather wet all the week especially yesterday – preventing many of the infants from attending. Master ill the whole of Thursday & only occasional visits were made by him. W. Pengelly late Pupil Teacher of this school taking the Upper Standards & superintending the regular work.

24th – 28th Average Attendance in the upper Standards not so good. Many children being engaged in the hay-field.

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31st to August 3rd Upper standards still below the usual average. Answers of parents of absentees – Helping in the field & fishing.

6th – 10th Much better attendance with the exception of Wednesday Afternoon when it rained in torrents & kept many from returning to their lessons.

13th – 15th Attendance as last week. Employed the elder children during the last lesson of this afternoon in cleaning cupboards, packing way books, maps etc. preparatory to

breaking up for the Three weeks Harvest Vacation. To morrow Thursday it is now settled to contest the parish for a new school board and Friday will be a holiday.

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Septbr 10th – 14th School reopened after 3 weeks Harvest Vacation, but with A Small attendance on account of last weeks wet weather which prevented the corn being “housed.” Before closing this afternoon cautioned the school as to their attendance in future.

17 – 21st Very much better attendance made this week probably the result of last weeks caution. Yesterday Afternoon in consequence of Harvest Thanksgiving Service and tea at the Independent Chapel several children were absent. Visit of Mr. N. Shepherd – the school attendance officer to examine registers.

24th – 28th Excellent Attendance – school full. Good weeks work done by “One and all.”

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Octr. 1st – 5th Attendance not so regular as last week owing to the employment of several children thrashing corn & taking the potatoes from the fields & gardens. Call of Mr. Shepherd. Meeting of the Board this Evening.

8th – 12th Attendance not so good owing to digging potatoes and picking apples. Holiday on Thursday given by the Vice Chairman – the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen on account of the “Harvest Thanksgiving.” A public tea was held in the schoolroom.

15th – 19th To days tempestuous weather – when a child can hardly venture out of doors – brought down the average for the week. Master ill on Monday & Tuesday & only able to pay visits to see the work was carried on properly. Routine altered

to meet the deficient staff. Passing call of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen.

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22nd – 26th Better average in each class this week. Small school to day on account of a "Ploughing Match." Good weeks work done.

29th to November 2nd. Attendance – through the wet & rough weather, still lower than it should be. Visit of Mr. Shepherd School Attendance Officer, & sent enquiries of absentees. Call of Mrs. Holdsworth & Miss Bennett to invite children to Widdicombe on the 5th of November.

5th – 9th Attendance unsatisfactory. Usual routine & progress. Proposed Board Meeting to night.

12th – 16th About the same average as last week. James Rhymes unable to attend to his regular work owing to inflammation of the eyes. Mrs. Reeves took the 2nd Standard chiefly. Eliz: Lidstone with Flor. Lavers taking the Infants. Visit of the Rev.d S. Leading.

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*Report of H. M. Inspector
E. Burrows Esqr. for the
year ending April 30th 1883.
Stokenham Board School, Devon.*

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XV The children are clean and orderly, and the tone of the School is praiseworthy. The results of Instruction are on the whole satisfactory, but Arithmetic is weak in the upper division and the fourth Standard needs attention. Progress has been

*made in Needlework,
The Attainments of the Infants
have improved, and are on the
whole satisfactory.*

A. F. Holdsworth.

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Novb.r 19th – 23rd Average attendance slightly improved. James Rhymes at work again the whole of this week. Routine as usual.

26th – 30th Very good attendance especially in the upper standards who are making capital progress with their work. Mrs. Reeves absent on Tuesday through illness – the draughts in the school being sufficient to put Teachers & Scholars al on the "Sick List." Punished 2 children for stopping up gutters in Mr. Coakers meadow & cautioned the rest.

Decb.r 3rd – 7th Not so good an average as last week, probably owing to the sudden change of wet weather to very cold. Board Meeting this evening.

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10th – 14th Good school. Usual routine & progress. Visit of the Rev.d J. C. Carwithen.

17th – 21st Very little difference in this and last weeks average. School closes to day for the Christmas holidays and all the classes seem well forward in their work. Asked the children to attend particularly on the reopening of the school to their regularity of attendance and each one strive to gain the mark so much coveted – Excellent. Much of this afternoon was engaged in cleaning, packing etc. previous

to closing.

31st – January 4th. Excellent attendance
1884 for New Years Week and re-
 opening of school. Sickness how-
 ever has crept in amongst a few
 and caused some absentees.
 “Board Meeting” this evening.

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Jan.ry 7th – 11th Very Fair Attendance.
Two half holidays granted on
Monday & Tuesday by the Board
on account of “Ley Days.” This
was done as an experiment in
order to improve the attendance of
the children on those particular
days. Had the notice been given
earlier I think it would have
been a success but as the Board
did not meet until Friday last
at 4.30 pm there was very little
opportunity of bringing the children
acquainted that the two half holidays
were granted, and for what reason.
Examined the Infants and
lower standards Reading & find
them improving especially the
former. Visit of the Rev.d J. C.
Carwithen & Mrs. Carwithen to give
notice respecting the Christmas tree
and the Vicar to examine registers.

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14th – 18th Very Fair School. Sent after
absentees & the principal excuses were
Hooping Cough, colds & other sick-
nesses. Visit of Mr. Shepherd, School
attendance officer to examine registers.

21st – 25th Low average this week, on account
of rough weather and the gradual
increase of sickness amongst the
children. Many cases of Hooping
Cough, & not a few I am afraid of
Measles.

28th – February 1st Low average again this
week owing to sickness and
the dreadfully boisterous weather.

4th – 8th Hooping cough and Measles spreading
dreadfully fast & many younger children

have died of the disease – many scholars look very weak and sickly and the teachers can scarcely be heard. Singing is almost out of the question.

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Febry. 11th – 15th Wet weather and sickness has brought the Average this week below the 100. On Monday the Master was absent all day through illness, Tuesday only able to remain in school ½ an hour, Wednesday 1 ½ hours, Thursday ½ day & to day the whole routine was carried on as usual. During the week therefore the assistants and pupil teachers occasionally altered the work in order to carry on the school in the most efficient way.

18th – 22nd The epidemic still continues and has pulled the Average down considerably e.g. No: of girls (Infants) on Register 25 Average this week 4.8 last week 5.2 Singing altogether impossible yet & all the work more or less thrown back on account of the sickness. Weather also very bad.

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25th – 29th Better Average but still much below what it should be – owing still to Whooping Cough & measles. Children who are recovering afraid to come to school as it rains – rains day after day. Visit of Mr. Shepherd S.A. Officer to inspect registers.

March 3rd – 7th The first two days of the week rain in torrents and consequently small average again – infants however improving. Colds and coughs still prevalent.

10th – 14th Lovely weeks weather & attendance improving although a good deal of sickness yet.

17th – 21st Good School and a hard weeks work done. Examined all the classes in Arithmetic, & Infants generally – results satisfactory.

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24th – 28th Better weather has brought the usual potato plague – Good weeks progress made.

31st – April 4th Very fair attendance especially with the potato planting still in progress. Visit of Mr. Shepherd to examine registers. Usual routine.

7th – 10th Attendance good. As the Master lost his voice through severe cold, the P.T.'s had to bear the principal burden of the work. School closes this evening until Easter Monday.

14th – 18th Bank holiday on Monday, Stokenham fair on Tuesday and a fresh outbreak of Measles tell a sad tale on attendance and work. Sent home 4 children suffering from Measles, one not properly recovered & three others with every symptom of the epidemic. Enquiries after absentees of lower standards gave the same excuse Measles

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21st – 25th Measles and Whooping Cough still spreading. Children anxious for the examination & to be at work for it leave the sick room too early and come to school quite unfit for work. Pupil Teachers annual examination to morrow.

April 30th Examined the Registers and found them correct.
Francis W. Coaker

28th – May 2nd Good School especially among the upper classes 1st & 2nd. Master ill all the week and although able to be in attendance totally unfit

for work. Gave notice to the children that their annual examination would take place on Wednesday May 7th by 3 of H. M. Inspectors. Children seemed disappointed at Mr. Burrows not coming again.

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5th – 9th This week has been an eventful one in the schools history – at least in my 18 years experience. The examination by three of H. M. Inspectors was fixed as reported last week for Wednesday last the 7th inst. On Monday & was unable through extreme weakness to remain in the school long and was taken seriously ill at 6 p.m. the same day. At 10 30 p.m. the doctor was obliged to be called who recommended “Rest” and advised that one or more members of the Board should be consulted in order if possible to obtain a postponement of the inspection, and wrote to R. Edwards Esq.r of Coleridge to that effect. This gentleman visited me in bed on Tuesday Morning at 7.30 and after taking the doctors opinion saw H. M. Inspector Cowie Esq.r who kindly consented to postpone the Examination – indefinitely as yet to date. On Wednesday & Thursday I was scarcely able to leave my bed but feel much stronger to day. The Assistants and teachers

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worked as nearly as possible to the regular routine but were obliged to make slight alterations on account of my absence. No cases of insubordination were reported – on the other hand all the scholars seem to have worked and behaved remarkably well.

Had the examination been held on Wednesday as proposed there would have been 20 children absent through Measles alone, and a regular down pour of rain in the morning sent many to school drenched to the skin so that fires had to be lighted to dry the clothes.

12th – 16th Master recovered sufficiently to commence work again. Mrs. Reeves

absent 2 ½ days of this week to attend on her two children who are down again the second time in "Measles." To be attacked the second time even more severely than the first seems to be a very common occurrence.

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Visit unofficially of H. M. Assistant Inspector Mr. Chinnock.

19th – 22nd Good School. Received notice on Wednesday Morning that the Examination by H. M. Inspectors C. E. Virtue Esq. & Mr. Chinnock would take place yesterday (Thursday) The inspection began at 9.50 AM and finished at 1.50 PM and so far the results seem to be satisfactory. Mr. L. Pitts Vice Chairman of the Board was present during part of the time. Holiday was given on Friday & the following week.

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Good Attendance. Admitted 9 new scholars. School Board meeting called for to night
Received Duplicate Schedules.

9th – 13th Very good attendance. Began the new rules of arithmetic etc. & children seem glad to be rid of the monotony of the past year. Call of Rev.d V. Leading

16th – 20th Attendance good. Several more children admitted from Huckham etc. Visit of School Attend: Officer to note absentees. Cautioned all the children as to their conduct – which was reported to be rather unruly – when cattle are driven by the farmers along the roads. Advised them in future to adopt the plan of "Assisting" in such cases rather than "Annoying". Especially requested the children also not to meddle with telegraph posts, wires etc. & to drop the practice of "stone slinging".

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23rd – 27th Good School. All the work of the children after general

examination seem to be satisfactory
& the teachers working well.
Holiday yesterday by consent
of 4 members of the Board
on account of Choral Festival at
Malborough in which 3 of the
teachers take part.

30th – July 4th Very good attendance.
Examined some of the Standards
in reading and gave results to
teachers. Proposed meeting of
School Board tonight.

7th – 11th Attendance just as last week.
"Report" and "Grant" arrived
only one month after exam-
ination. The former is good
and the latter nearly 10£s. more
than last year.

Francis N. Coaker
Examined Register & found correct.

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14th – 18th Good Attendance although a
wet boisterous week. The Rev.d
C. Stubbs, Vicar of this parish
and successor of the late Rev.d
J. C. Carwithen applied to the
"Board" and obtained a grant
for a whole holiday to day
in order to hold a childrens
Floral Service for the parishes
of Stokenham, Sherford and
Chivelstone. Whilst Fredk. Hutchings
Pupil Teacher was at his usual
morning lessons on Monday his
brother came with the sad news that
his Grandfather & Guardian had
died suddenly. Gave leave oc-
casionally during this week for
F. H. to absent himself from his
usual duties in order to assist
at home.

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21st – 25th Good School. Visit of School
attendance officer. Progress as usual.

28th – August 1st. Attendance just as last week.
Half Holiday given on Monday
Afternoon on account of the visit of

travelling caravans of wax-works
with an attractive band.

4th – 8th The attendance lessened towards the end of this week through the rapid approach of the corn harvest that called many children to the fields. The weather being unusually hot and the two pupil teachers both unwell, asked permission of Mr. Coaker, one of the members of the Board to allow the school to close a week earlier than it was arranged. Much of this afternoon therefore was engaged in cleaning and packing up prior to the three weeks harvest Vacation – school to reassemble Sept.r 1st.

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*Report of H. M. Inspector
C. Virtue Esq.r for the year
ending April 30h 1884.*

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*6460 Stokenham Board School
(Devon)*

The lower standards are very well prepared and the instruction generally is satisfactory, except the Hand-writing which should improve in character and the paper-work should be neater. English Geography and History are all satisfactory. The Sewing worked on the day of Examination is on the whole good, but the herring-boning and darning should improve. Some of the desk accommodation is unsuitable and much of it is too high for the younger children. More maps are required.

A set of blank maps would be found most useful for the Examination of the children during the year."

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The Infant children are in good order and are very fairly well prepared in the Elementary Subjects. The course of instruction should be more varied.

Suitable desks should be provided for the first class, and a proper supply of Object Lesson Cards and Form and Colour Apparatus. "The Sewing is good."

The Offices must be sub-divided and a Urinal should be provided for the Boys.

You are requested to state why the Teacher's official Residence is not occupied.

J. Reeves and F. Shepherd are recognised as qualified to serve under Article 84

*J. Rhymes Euclid
F. Hutchings Geography*

A. F. Holdsworth.

198 Sept.r 1st – 5th An excellent school for re-opening week after the harvest vacation and the children looking healthy, strong and fit for work.

The work in the fields has improved them wonderfully and completely driven away the sickly pallor consequent on the epidemic of measles. Visit of the Rev.d Gardiner School Board Meeting this evening.

8th – 12th Excellent Attendance. Visit of the School A. Officer – Mr. Shepherd. Call of Rev.d C. Stubbs – Vicar. James Rhymes – pupil Teacher – absent all the week through illness – the physician advising him to cease from his usual duties for a while as his chest is weak & he has been spitting blood for some time. Employed Flo: Lavers to help in the school to make up the staff.

Francis N. Coaker
Examined Registers & found correct.

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15th – 19th Excellent Attendance again this week and good progress made. James Rhymes still ill and unable to work. Examined 3rd Standard Reading & found them rather backward. Half holiday granted this afternoon on the application of the Rev.d C. Stubbs. Harvest Thanksgiving services to day & public tea in the school room.

2nd – 26th Excellent regular attendance. Average 152 for the week. Good progress made. James Rhymes absent for the same reason as mentioned above.

29th – Oct.r 4th Lovely weather – consequently children employed in the fields helping their parents with the potato crop, and in the orchards. James Rhymes still ill. Usual routine.

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Oct.r 6th – 10th Full School with the exception of yesterday when wind and rain kept the children from attending. Many came wet through & a fire was made in the

class room to dry the drenched garments. James Rhymes at work to day. School Board meeting called for this evening.

13th – 17th Apple picking and potato digging the principal hindrances to regular school attendance. James Rhymes at work again. Elizabeth Lidstone monitress with the infants left to day after due notice. Florence Lavers engaged with the Board as monitress for 3s/- per week.

20th – 24th Good attendance for the season. Teachers had sole charge of the school yesterday on account of the Master's illness.

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27th - 31st Steady and regular attendance for the season. "Tea at Kellaton this afternoon caused a few absentees. Routine as per Time Table.

Novbr. 3rd to 7th Considerable falling off in the attendance yesterday & to day owing chiefly to the wet weather. School attendance officer examined registers for absentees. Visit of the Vicar, Rev.d C. Stubbs. Proposed Meeting of the School Board this evening.

10th – 14th Lovely weather and excellent attendance. James Rhymes unable to attend yesterday & to day – routine in consequence not strictly followed.

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Novbr. 17th – 21st Full School. James Rhymes at work again the whole of the week. Received and answered a letter of A. Vertue Esq.r H.M.I. of schools for this district respecting the Time Table. Visit of the Rev.d C. Stubbs Vicar

Visit without Notice
H.M. Chief Inspector of Schools
for the South Western Division

C. Alderson

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24th – 28th Very good attendance. Visit without notice of C. Alderson Esq.r H.M. Chief Inspector of Schools. This gentleman arrived at 12.20 and left at 1.30 pm. During his stay very minute enquiries were made respecting the working of the school and its staff, the infant singing and object lessons. Better pictures etc. were recommended for the latter and the pupil teachers to give object lessons to the Standard children – the infant Mistress being considered as qualified to manage her own class in these subjects. The whole of Mr. Virtue's suggestions as to apparatus etc. in his last years report were approved of. The offices were inspected and found clean – the want of a proper urinal for the boys being the only complaint.

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Decb.r 1st – 5th Tremendous storms of wind and rain thinned the usually full school. Children came with their garments dripping wet and extra fires has to be made to dry them. Visit of the School attendance Officer who examined the registers for absentees to report to School Board this evening. Tradesmen inspected premises for repairs.

8th – 12th Stormy week & many children absent in consequence. Heard F. Hutchings give an object lesson on the Mountains of Nth. America the class seemed interested in the geography and the work was thoroughly done & F. Hutchings has improved in his style of teaching. Mental Arithmetic practised considerably this week – tables perfected and all seemed to be progressing in their work.

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15th – 19th Rough weather, especially this morning has brought the weekly average down: this afternoon's attendance especially in the lower standards was much better. Children employed this afternoon to a great extent in cleaning cupboards, packing away books, maps, etc. cleaning offices preparatory to breaking up for the Xmas Vacation.

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January 5th – 9th 1885.

School reopens after a fortnights vacation, with a very fair attendance. Monday was a particularly rough day & the weather during the remaining days was a reasonable excuse for any child that was absent. A rumour was spread last evening by one or more of the Hallsands boys that a half holiday was to be given this afternoon because of a Sunday School tea treat that was to be given by the Rev.d C. Stubbs. No mention was made of any half holiday by the Master as the tea was not proposed to be held until 5 p.m. Not one child from Hallsands in consequence at school to day. Strict enquiries will be made next week.

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12th – 16th The result of the enquiry made last Monday respecting the Hallsand's absentees was that one or two children spread a report that there would be probably a half holiday, and the remainder took it for granted. Cautioned the whole school regarding any such future rumours & punished the offenders by making them work in their dinner hour after that meal was over. As it was wild fowl shooting or as it is commonly called "Ley Day" on Slapton Ley the

punishment had a good effect as many of the children had permission from their parents to witness the "Shooting". Half holiday on Tuesday afternoon for the same reason as last year (Vide p. 182) Visit twice of Mr. N. Shepherd S.A.O.

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19-23 Better attendance consequent on Mr. Shepherd's visits.

26th – 30th Attendance unsteady on account of boisterous weather. Examined lower Standards and Infants and found them doing good work. Visit of Mr. Shepherd.

Feb.ry 2nd – 6th Good school and a hard week's work done. Children all seem interested in their work & anxious to pass a good examination. Received notice of Board meeting this evening. Mr. Shepherd examined registers.

9th – 13th Good School. Usual routine & progress. Visit of Mr. Shepherd.

Francis N. Coaker
Examined Registers & found correct.

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16th – 20th Average attendance much lower than last week owing to rough weather and much sickness among the children. Master ill on Monday & unable to attend school – the work being carried on by the assistants and pupil teachers. No case of insubordination reported.

23rd – 27th Much better average than last week but yesterday was any thing but favourable to the children as regards weather. Many were wet through & extra fires were obliged to be lit in order to dry the dripping garments. Many of the scholars are looking "sickly" owing to colds & bronchitis &

of this latter complaint one little boy died last week – James Shepherd. Examined 1st Standard in the three R.s & found the reading a little weak. Received a letter

210 this morning from H. M. Inspector C. E. Virtue Esq.r respecting the Infant singing.

2nd – 6th March. Wet, cold and sickness unfavourable to good attendance, but a good weeks work done. Examined 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Standards Arith.c & find them improved in quickness and accuracy. The reading of the 1st Standard has improved & their dictation does the teacher more credit Second Standard not quite up to the mark in Reading & writing Sent a new Time Table to H. M. Inspector C. E. Virtue Esq.r for his approval & signature. Altered the routine yesterday in order to mix Standards for examination in Arith.c & as James Rhymes was not required with his class he gave a lesson to the Infants on "Bread." School Board announced for this evening at 4.30.

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9th – 13th Better attendance with the exception of 1st Class, whose reasons for absenting themselves are working in the fields and gardens with parents.

16th – 30th Very good attendance and a thorough hard weeks work done. Examined the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Standards arithmetic and poetry. Both subjects are above the average of former years and the per centage consequently should improve this year.

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23rd – 27th Much better average especially in the first class.

30th – 2nd April Excellent attendance although

field work still in progress and slight sickness. Visit of the Chairman of the Board – A. F. Holdsworth Esq.r and Mr. Coaker to form plans and to consider the best means of remedying the defects in the offices as required by H. M. Inspector. Examined generally several classes in their work & find them well forward. The master occupied the school house again this week after an absence of nearly 5 years. As its Good Friday tomorrow there will be a holiday.

6th – 10th Good School. – bank holiday on Monday & “Fair” on Tuesday made but very little difference this year for the first time. Examined 2nd Standards dictation & gave results to teacher. Proposed School Board Meeting to night.

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13th – 17th Good attendance. School Board Meeting last Friday when books, stationery etc. were granted for the annual examination.

20th – 24th To days wet weather spoilt the week's average attendance. Received notice from Mr. Square that the children would be examined on the 5th of May next.

Francis N. Coaker
Examined Registers
and found correct.

27th May 1st Excellent Attendance and good weeks work done. Children eager for examination and all seem trying to do their best. General examination of several subjects throughout the school. Visit of Mr. Coaker to examine registers.

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May 4th – 8th The chief event of this week was the annual examination of the school by two of H. M. Inspectors viz. C. E. Vertue Esq.r & Mr. Chinnock on Tuesday. The inspection began at 9.40 a.m. punctually & ended

at 2 p.m. the infants however and the lower standards were dismissed before this. There were present of the "Board" A. F. Holdsworth Esq.r Chairman & Messrs. Coaker & Hurrell, who watched the examination with great interest the whole of the time. From the Head Inspectors remarks the children seem to have done better than last year. On Wednesday the children begged for a holiday & Mr. Coaker kindly granted it. Frank Hutchings the pupil teacher was absent on Monday through illness. There was a small attendance yesterday & to day. School Board meeting to night.

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May 11th The master was suddenly called away on Monday to attend the sick-bed of his mother who died on Wednesday. The routine of the Time Table has not been strictly followed on account of the deficiency of the staff. Was obliged to caution some of the children about their conduct on Tuesday, but have received no trouble from them since. The children have on the whole behaved well. The attendance of the school has been rather slack in the upper classes but good in the Infant Department.

May 15th Received a visit from H. M. Inspectors viz. C. E. Vertue Esqr. & Mr. Chinnock at 9.25 a.m.

James Rhymes 4th year P.T.
pro
Master

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18th – 22nd Very Fair School this week. Each class was raised a standard higher and commenced their work for the coming year.

25 – 29th Low average the whole of the week. Bank holiday on Whit Monday, Fairs at Beesands & Hallsands & neighbourhood during the remainder part of the week are great hindrances to regular

attendance. Holiday on Monday on account of a large gathering of the Members of the "Branch Friendly Society."

June 1st – 5th Very poor weather for good attendance – rain almost incessantly. Children progressing well in their fresh rules. Warned the 5th & 6th Standard respecting their attendances during the present year & gave them the results of passes of last years irregular scholars. Call of Rev.d C. Stubbs. Board meeting to night.

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8th – 12th Attendance not so good as it ought to be. Yesterday was a holiday on account of the Children's Floral festival, granted by the "Board."

15th – 19th Very Fair school – tea at Torcross yesterday afternoon caused many to stay away. Routine & progress as usual.

22nd – 26th Attendance good. Last Wednesday the Master was taken seriously ill having broken a blood-vessel on the lungs and was unable to attend the main part of the week. Routine however was very little altered as Mr. Pengelly late P.T. of this school and now assistant master at Wigan took charge of the school. All the children behaved remarkably well.

29th – July 3rd. Very fair attendance – the hay harvest keeping many girls away to mind "Baby" and boys to assist in the fields. Routine not strictly

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followed on account of illness of Master – the P.T.'s and Assistants carrying on the work. Wm. Reeves not behaving himself as he ought but constantly disturbing the whole school & having been reported several times previously was sent home & his father informed of the reason. Holiday tomorrow by permission of Messrs. Hurrell & Coaker to allow the teachers to join the "Choir in their annual "outing."

July 6th – 10th Better Average – hay harvest
being nearly over.

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*Report of H. M. Inspector
C. Vertue Esqr. for the year
ending April 30th 1885*

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*6460 Stokenham Board School
(Devon)*

“Mixed School.”

*The discipline is good and the instruction
is on the whole satisfactory. The specimens
of Sewing worked on the day of
Examination are fair. There were no joinings
of cotton shown in the seams and fells of
the second Standard. The cutting out in
the fifth Standard was a failure.*

*The Portfolio is kept in the greatest
disorder and confusion, some of the
papers being kept by the Master and
some by the Clerk. They should all be
kept by the latter and should be
arranged in the order of their receipt,
and must be produced on the day of
inspection. The desk accommodation
is insufficient. The lighting is defective.
The urinal, which last year's Report*

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*required the Board to provide, was
provided only within four weeks of*

the end of the School year. Nothing has been done to the closets, the accommodation for the girls especially being barely decent or sufficient. The room is filthily dirty and it is almost incredible that the floor has not been washed during at least the last ten years, except once when it was done at the expense of a lady unconnected with the Board, who appears to have been unable to put up with its filthy condition any longer. The Board has overlooked the fact that the Code requires them to take all reasonable care to bring up the children in habits of neatness and cleanliness. No Merit Grant will be recommended next year unless the Board at once take steps to have the room regularly and properly cleaned.

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“Infants’ School.”

The discipline and instruction in the Elementary Subjects are very fair. The Object Lessons are not satisfactory as even though too few in number the children have little knowledge of them. Some of the varied Occupations required by Article 1069(b)3 should be introduced into the course of instruction. The

Board has not, as required by last year's Report provided a proper supply of Object Lesson Cards, on desks for the first class. There is no proper ball-frame or any T-square to enable the Mistress to draw lines on the black-board. The room will accommodate only the Infants and the elder Girls cannot be allowed to do their Sewing in it, nor may any other Class of elder children be taught in it. It is kept in the same filthy condition as the main room, and no Merit Grant will be recommended next year if it is ever again found in the

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same state. The requirements as to the premises contained in H. M. Inspector's Report on the Mixed School must be carefully attended to or the Grant may suffer a reduction (Article 115(1))
My Lords have on this occasion ordered a deduction of one-tenth from the Infant Grant for the failure on the part of the Board to provide the desks and apparatus required last year (Article 115(1))

*J. Rhymes (Algebra and
 (Mensuration*

F. Hutchings (Euclid
(Grammar
(History
(Geography and
(Mensuration

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J. Reeves and F. Shepherd are continued under Article 84. Shepherd must improve or H. M. Inspector may be unable to continue his approval of her under that Article.

J. Harris Square

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July 13th – 17th The Attendance of this week has not been as regular as it should be some very frivolous excuses also given by parents of the absentees. Chapel tea at Torcross yesterday afternoon was the means of keeping several from school.

20th – 24th Kingsbridge Fair and Chapel Tea brought a low average this week. Visit of Mr. Heywood to day, a Police Constable to warn the Children not to interfere with Bills posted against walls etc. respecting "Swine Fever" & to caution them about running among the standing corn.

27th – 31st Very few children to school last Monday afternoon on account of the arrival of a "Circus" at Torcross the novelty of which seemed to attract many old, young & foolish in the

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neighbourhood. Cautioned the whole school on Tuesday respecting such conduct in future and for the absurd reasons given for being absent. Kept all those who were so 20 minutes later two days following then those who were present on Monday.

August 3rd – 7th Good School. Punished Hallsands children for being late in the morning after so many repeated cautions.

10th – 14th Harvest in a few places commences and consequently children begin at once to visit the fields instead of their school. The weather is tremendously hot, and it is very hard work to keep the classes to their subjects. Employed some children in “cleaning up” prior to the harvest vacation which commences this afternoon for 3 weeks.

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Sept. 7th to 11th School reopens after three weeks harvest vacation with a very fair average. Tremendous storms of wind and rain hindered a few children in their attendance. Usual routine. Visit of A. F. Holdsworth Esqr. Chairman of the “Board.”

14th – 18th Heavy rains retarded the completion of the Harvest in some places & many children are absent who should be at work in school. Reported average to School Attend: Officer. Visit of A. F. Holdsworth Esqr. with tradesman to carry out alterations & improvements in building as recommended by H. M. Inspector. Half holiday this afternoon on account of Harvest Thanksgiving services in Church & public tea in the school-room.

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21st – 25th Attendance not as good as it should be. Usual routine & progress.

28th to Oct.r 2nd Wet boisterous weather still continues and hinders the regular attendance. On enquiries being made for absentees the excuse in several cases was "Sick." The school attendance officer paid a visit to the registers & entered over 20 names to be reported to the Board. Call of Mr. F. Coaker. Meeting of the Board this evening.

5th – 9th Better attendance than last week but yesterdays wet morning spoilt the day's average. Call of Mr. & Mrs. Holdsworth.

12th – 16th Attendance good – the absentees suffering chiefly from violent colds. Sent two children home (Pepperells) as it was reported that their brother had typhoid fever. Cautioned children as to their pulling down hand bills.

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19th – 23rd During the last few days many of the children have been taken ill in school and obliged to be sent home and much sickness has been reported in the neighbourhood. Rumours of Scarlet fever also at Frogmore and two deaths in that village have made it necessary to close the school. This was done this morning after receiving a letter from A. F. Holdsworth Esq.r Chairman of the Board on the recommendation of Dr. Clarke. The school is therefore now closed for an unlimited time and will not be reopened until a clean bill of health is declared. Visit of the Rev.d W. C. Stubbs to make enquiries respecting the different cases of Scarlet fever prevailing.

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Novbr. 2nd – 6th It is a pleasure to state that the school reopens again after only one weeks closing by order of the Board. The cases

reported of Scarlet fever must have either been very slight or not S. fever at all. It is sad to say however that one of our members of the Board Mr. F. Coaker lost his little daughter during last week from Typhoid fever. It is a sickly time amongst children & perhaps the holiday had a good effect in restoring some of the sick ones to a rapid recovery. The attendance was miserable to which the boisterous weather partly contributed.

9th – 13th Very irregular attendance. Sent after absentees and “Sick” & “Saving Mangold” the principal excuses.

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Novb.r 16th – 20th “Mangold pulling” is still the cry of the absentees. The master was obliged frequently during the week to alter the routine of the work, being unable to speak from violent inflammation of the throat.

23rd – 27th The whole week was a succession of storms. Yesterday morning the wind, rain and sleet was so terrific that only about 20 children put in an appearance, and these in such a drenched condition that it was impossible to commence any work. One poor boy came from Hallsands, 3 ½ miles, arrived here about 10.15 with water running in a stream from the legs of his trousers & like a lad just rescued from the sea. The storm abated about noon and we had a fair attendance in the afternoon. Visit of A. F. Holdsworth Esq.r & Mr. Coaker.

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30th – December 4th Wind and rain every day of the week with the exception of Wednesday which was “Polling Day” for the Totnes Division and the “Polling Place” for this district this school. Work and progress as usual.

- 7th – 11th Good attendance and capital progress made. The routine was slightly altered owing to the master having an ulcerated throat and unable to speak.
- 14th – 18th Attendance should be better the chief excuse of absentees being “helping about the herrings” an enormous quantity of which has been caught by the fishermen. “School Board” called for yesterday but only 2 members attended. Visit of the School A. Officer to examine registers.

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- 21st – 23rd Holiday time and low average School closed this afternoon for the Christmas Vacation.
- Jan.y 4th – 8th 86 Small attendance on Monday but improved during the week.
- 11th – 15th Ley days on Monday & Tuesday as is the case every year spoilt the average. One half holiday was given instead of two, but it would have been better for the school if the second had been allowed.
- 18th – 22nd Heavy falls of snow and severe frosts rendered it impossible for many of the children to attend school – the infant class especially being very small. Chilblains colds and coughs also prevalent among the whole school. Extra fires kept up & through the kindness of Mrs. Stubbs those who stayed to dinner to day had each a basin of hot soup.

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- 25th – 29th Rain and snow, sleet and slush the whole of the week, and miserable attendance in consequence. Colds, “Chaps” and chilblains with more than half the children in the school. Hot soup from the Vicarage on Wednesday and heartily welcomed.
- Feb.y 1st – 5th Attendance still slack. Mr. Shepherd, School Atten: Officer visited school on Tuesday & took

names of absentees. Examined whole school in the elementary subjects and gave results to teachers.

8th – 12th Average not as good as it should be. Plenty of sickness in the school.

15th – 19th About the same average as last week. Colds, coughs, chaps, chilblains unable to put on boots the excuses of absentees. Usual work & progress.

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Feb. 22nd – 26th No improvement in attendance. Usual routine. Board Meeting yesterday.

March 1st – 5th Great improvement both in attendance and regularity, and had it not been for to days weather when another winter of frost & snow seem to have set in, the average would have been a good one. Examined on paper Standards II to VI and gave results to teachers. Arith.c is yet the most backward subject and some of the dull ones do not seem to produce results good enough for the trouble taken with them.

8th – 12th Colder & Colder – the bitter east wind seems to be blasting everything and all absentees give the same reasons as for the last several weeks. Visit of the Vicar – the Rev.d C. Stubbs.

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15th – 19th Very fair attendance. Usual routine not strictly followed – a little extra time being given to music. The Rev.d W. Haden gave a singing lesson yesterday to assist the master whose throat is still very weak through loss of blood. Visit of the Sch: attendance officer who took names of absentees.

22nd – 26th Attendance just as last week – the constant rains keeping the children at home. Routine followed. Master chiefly employed in examination

of the classes in their various subjects. Arithmetic is still the weakest point.

29th – April 2nd. Attendance ought to be better especially just before the annual exam: potato planting now the great plague and will be on every fine day. Examination in Arithmetic in higher standards. School Board Meeting to night.

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5th – 9th Many absentees. Sleet, snow hail, rain and wind on Wednesday kept several home, potato planting did the rest. Visit of Mr. Shepherd.

12th – 16th Better attendance in the lower standards especially with the infants. Upper division children in the fields. Pupil Teachers annual examination to morrow.

19th – 22nd Attendance just as last week and for the same cause. Routine not strictly followed on account of illness of the Master. Holiday to morrow – Good Friday.

26th – 30th School year ends. The children in the upper standards have attended irregularly – the first class e.g. varying from 10 to 18 - a good weeks work was done however and capital progress made. Cautioned the whole school

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respecting their providing themselves with copy books. In one lesson yesterday 29 scholars had to be provided with writing sheets. Besides being a great expense to the Board it shows no results to the parents. The two Pupil Teachers F. Hutchings & Jas. Rhymes complete their apprenticeship to day.

May 3rd – 7th Rather better attendance than last week. Examination of several classes and satisfactory results

produced. School Board Meeting
to night.

10th – 14th Better attendance and better
progress made during the week.

17th – 21st Attendance not so good as last week.
Time Table not strictly followed owing
to the serious illness of the Master.

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who died on Friday at 1.30 P.M. after
a long and painful sickness. For months
Mr. Lavers has been unable through
weakness to do much work in school,
but he has held out bravely to the last,
and was in the school room only 8 days
before he died. He took to his bed on
Friday 14th and after lingering a week
died on Friday 21st. Owing to his death
the school was closed that afternoon.

On Thursday the Board engaged
Nr. N. Pengelly, a former teacher in this
school (who has since leaving been
through College) as a deputy for Mr. Lavers.

May 24 – 28 Fair attendance this week.
On Tuesday at the conclusion of
afternoon school the children
walked in procession at the funeral
of Mr. Lavers. Board met on
Friday. Visit on same day of
The School Attendance Officer.

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May 31st – June 4th The chief event of this
week has been the annual
examination of the school by
two of H. M. Inspectors viz.
C. E. Virtue Esq. & Mr. Chinnock.
The examination began at 9.30 a.m.
on Tuesday and ended at 1.30 p.m.
on the same day. As far as can
be judged the children did well.
On the following day the same
two Inspectors visited the school
during the dinner hour, in the
absence of the Master and Teachers.
Holiday on Friday, kindly
granted by Mr. Coaker.
On Wednesday F. Hutchings
left this school on the completion
of his apprenticeship. Jas Rhymes

who has also completed his apprenticeship is now engaged by the Board as an Assistant Master.

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June 7th – 12 Fair school this week. Each class was raised a standard higher and commenced their work for the coming year.

June 14 – 18 Low average the whole of the week. Bank holiday on Whit Monday. Fairs at Beesands, Hallsands & neighbourhood, the remainder of the week, were a great hindrance to regular attendance. Holiday on Monday on account of a large gathering of the "Branch Friendly Society." Board Meeting to night.

June 21 – 25 Better attendance this week. Time Table not followed on Thursday owing to the absence of J. Rhymes and F. Lavers.

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June 28 – July 2nd. Attendance not so good as it should be. Owing to the fine weather many children stay at home hay making. Routine and Progress as usual.

July 5 – 9 Better attendance made during this week, and good progress made in the work. The children did not attend school on Tuesday as the school was used as a Polling Station for the election of a candidate for the Totnes Division.

July 12 – 16 The routine of the Time Table not strictly followed on account of the absence of the Master. Mr. Pengelly left last week to take his school at Roche, whilst Mr. Harradon who has been chosen to succeed Mr. Lavers has not yet arrived. Being wet on Monday not many scholars were present, and the attendance has been rather slack the whole of the week.

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July 19 – 23 A holiday was granted by the Board on Monday that the children might attend the annual “Floral Service” held in the Church. The attendance has not been good through the week, it being especially small on Friday owing to a continuous down pour of rain.

26 – 30 The weather this week has been good and consequently the attendance has improved. Florence Lavers has not attended school since Monday, she being laid up with a bad throat. A monitress from the first Class has filled the vacancy during her absence.

Aug. 2-6 Many of the scholars absented themselves on Monday to attend a Bazaar held on the Sands, this has lowered the average this week. F. Hutchings who has been assisting here for the last fortnight left on Tuesday for Plymouth where he has obtained a situation as Assist: Master in the

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Free School. Mrs. Reeves absent on Thursday to go to Kingsbridge.

9-13 The weather has been very boisterous this week, and has been the cause of keeping a great many children at home. Closed school to-day at 3.30 after having announced that the Harvest holidays would commence from to-day.

Sept 6th
to 10th School re-opened on Monday. New Master (W. A. Harradon) took charge. Examined the school. Took a class each day. Find the mechanical work is very fair, but the children generally do not seem to have the power of thinking out the “why & wherefore” of things for themselves. The work of the lower Standards is far better than that of the upper. Visit of the Rev.d Stubbs on Tuesday.

Verbatim Copy of Report 1886

17a *Stokenham Board School (Devon)*

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Mixed School *The discipline is good, and the Instruction is on the whole, very fair. In Reading no attention is paid to a proper use of the letter h. Many of the children had no copy books to show and were therefore allowed to pass in Writing with much hesitation. All the work of the sixth Standard is very poor. The Arithmetic of the lower Standards is very good, and the sewing is very well taught. There is no plan of the School for the use of the first Standard. One set of the Reading books used by this Standard is too easy and does not nearly contain the required number of pages. The Geographical reading book used by the Second Standard is very unsuitable. The portfolio was again not produced, and H. M. Inspector will not examine the School next year unless it is in the School when he arrives."*

Infants Class *"This class is in very fair condition in respect of discipline and*

Instruction in the Elementary Subjects. The object Lessons have again been given by the Male Pupil Teacher. They are too few

in number but even of the few the children have hardly any knowledge. No suitable ball frame has yet been procured. There is no easel for the Black boards, one of which is much too cumbrous, and is not in good order while the other is too small. The first Standard have again been taught in this room. This can only be allowed when the attendance of the Infants is small. The sewing is very fair."

H.M. Inspector reports as follows:-

The Board was warned last year that payment of the Merit Grant would not be recommended this year if their school was again found in the filthy state it was in last year; or unless the Board took proper steps to have it regularly cleaned. Last year I reported that the floor had not been

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washed for at least ten years, and that the walls were covered with dust and dirt. After the receipt of the Report, neither the floor was washed nor the walls cleaned till November or December when the walls were whitewashed, and the dust was again allowed to accumulate till two or three days

before my examination when the floor was washed. I was told that the walls had been brushed down, but as there was hardly a place where dust could collect where it was not thick, it, if done at all must have been done in a very curious fashion. The walls are rough and unplastered. There are some ventilators in the floors. These are choked with dirt, apparently the accumulation of years. I do not think it is creditable that a school in receipt of Grants should, on account of its filthy condition, be talked about in the neighbourhood, even if the cleanliness and neatness required by Article 109 were not entirely ignored. I think it

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is also doubtful if such a school could be considered healthy under Article 96 (a). The Master has been ill for a long time and died a few days before the examination. One of the Pupil Teachers was very unwell in 1885. All that has been done by the Board was to hand the cleaning of the School over to the Master. He required the Pupil Teachers to get two or three boys three times a week to do what was called sweep the school out. This can have consisted of little more than sweeping the dust up to allow it to settle on the walls,

and even on the floor the dust and dirt were thick in all the places where the sweeping required to be carefully done. The window frames are said not to be water-tight. What with lighting the fires in the morning and looking after the sweeping the Pupil Teachers have had much of their time for private study taken from them, and it is no wonder they have

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passed such a poor examination.

My lords have received this Report with much regret; and are also surprised to learn that the Managers have not tested once during the year the accuracy of the Registers and have therefore not complied with Article 96 (c). Under these circumstances no Merit Grant has been allowed and a deduction of one-tenth has been made from the Grant.

I am to warn the Managers that if My Lords receive a similar report next year, the Grant will be withheld or subjected to serious deductions.

It is with hesitation that any grant has been allowed this year.

Their Lordships will be unable to sanction the admission of Pupil Teachers in this school except on the condition that their time for private study is not interrupted by the

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domestic work noticed by H. M. Inspector.

An urinal should be provided for the Boys, and the apparatus said to be deficient in the Infants' Department should at once be obtained (Article 115)

The Registers should be tested at least once a quarter by the Managers.

J. Rhymes and F. Hutchings should be informed that they are now qualified under Article 50, but not under Article 52. They have passed a very unsatisfactory examination, it is to be presumed on account of the illness of the Master, who has been unable to give them the required Instruction and for the other reason pointed out by H. M. Inspector. My Lords have with hesitation, recognised their services during the past year.

J. Reeves and F. Shepherd are continued under Article 84,

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Staff:-
F. Hutchings)
Jas. Rhymes) Ex- P.T.s.
J. Reeves) Mistresses Art. 84
F. Shepherd)
F. Lavers Monitress

J. Harris Square
Clerk to the Stokenham Sch. Bd.

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Sept. 13th Attendance improved this week. The
to 17th 4th Standard is now grouped with
the 5th 6th & 7th Standards under the
head master. Taught 5th Standard
Proportion by method of Unity. Gave
4th Standard some extra lessons
in tables, as they were very imperfectly
known. Began new song "Light
little Island" on Tuesday afternoon.
School closed on Thursday afternoon
as the premises were required for
a Tea held in connection with
the Church Harvest Festival. Visit
of the Rev.d Stubbs on Tuesday
afternoon and again on Friday
afternoon. Visit of the Attendance
officer on Tuesday.

Sept. 20 Find it is impossible to follow
to 24th the existing Time Table. Have also
determined to allow the children a
short time in the morning for recreation.
This is imperative as the habit of asking
to go out is so prevalent. All the
teachers and children are working well.

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Sept 27th to Oct 1st Attendance pretty fair this week
except on Friday which was a very
wet day. Cautioned the children
against breaking down the fences
around the school. Find great
progress is being made in the
work except in the 5th & 6th Stand.s

arithmetic. Sent for absentees on Friday.

Oct.r 4th to 8th Very wet day on Tuesday which lowered the average for the week. The Hallsand children come late to school almost every day. In several instances they have barely been in time to be marked on the Registers. Visit of the Rev.d C. W. Stubbs on Monday & again on Wednesday, together with the Rev.d Churchward.

11th to 15th Very fair attendance this week except on Friday which was a very wet and stormy day. Florence Lavers was absent with leave on Thursday to go to Kingsbridge.

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Oct.r 18th to 22nd Very wet and stormy week. On Thursday and Friday it was so stormy that one of the ventilators was wrenched off, and the wind came in at the windows, doors. etc (all of which are in a wretched condition) enough to blow the maps & pictures off the wall. The teachers threatened that if that state of things lasted they should refuse to come to work in it. Average rather lower this week. Very fair progress continues to be made.

Oct.r 25th to 29th Very fair progress made this week. Sixth Standard however remain very far behind with their work. This is undoubtedly owing to extreme irregularity of attendance. On an average the children in that Standard do not make more than three attendances out of ten. If this does not alter, they will be very little further forward with their work at the end of the year than they

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are at present. F. Lavers was absent on Friday afternoon with leave, to attend the Confirmation held in the Stokenham Church.

Nov.r 1st to 5th Very fair attendance this week, except on Friday when the weather was very stormy. Teachers complain very much of the draught through the broken windows etc. Most of the teachers have taken colds through it. Mrs. Reeves absent with leave on Wednesday to go to Kingsbridge. Routine & progress just as usual.

Nov.r 8th to 12th Ernest Langmead taken suddenly ill on Monday morning, and was obliged to go home. William Edmonds also taken ill and obliged to go home. Punished William Pepperell for idleness & playing in school, after repeated cautions, and for using impudence to the Master. When the scholars were let out for recreation he ran off home. His attendance was therefore cancelled. Saw Mr. Coaker

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one of the Members of the Board & told him what had occurred. He quite approved of the steps the master had taken. Rather stormy week and draughts & colds in consequence. The rain beating in at the broken ventilator is a great nuisance and there is not space enough in the school to shift the class to another place. Children making very fair progress with their work.

Nov.r 15th – 19th Another stormy week with similar results to last week. Wrote to the clerk of the School Board & asked him to hurry on the contract. Also wrote to the contractors. Work in school is progressing favourably. Visit of the Rev.d C. N. Stubbs on Wednesday afternoon.

Nov.r 22nd to 26th No good seems to have come of the master's writing to the Clerk & Contractors. The weather is now got very cold and stormy but no arrangement has been made

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with anyone to light the fires. Master is therefore obliged to allow two of the teachers to light them during the first lesson. But

this has not the desired effect for the school is without warmth during the first part of the day which is generally the coldest. All the teachers complain of colds owing to the great draughts. Visit of the Attendance officer on Friday. Gave him a list of defaulters. The progress throughout the school (except the 6th Standard whose attendance is very irregular) is very satisfactory. Visit of the Rev.d C. N. Stubbs on Friday afternoon.

Nov.r 29th to Dec.r 3rd Another very rough week, School still in bad condition. Upper Standards did not work strictly according to T.T. as master was too unwell with a severe cold on Thursday. On Friday master was unable to attend school through illness. School therefore managed by other teachers.

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Board meeting on Friday evening & they passed a resolution to close the school and get the necessary repairs done at once.

Dec.r 20th to 24th School reopened on Monday with a very small attendance. Woman appointed to light the fires complained that she could not light the stove as the chimney was so dirty. Fire was therefore lit in one of the grates. Find it is much more comfortable to be in school with the new windows. School closed on Friday afternoon. Broke up for one week being Xmas.

1887 Jany. 3rd to 7th School reopened on Monday. Attendance rather small, but still better than is generally the case after a holiday. Children seem to be in good heart for their work & take great interest in it. If the attendance could be improved a good examination might be passed. Visit of the Rev.d H. Haden on Thursday.

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Janry. 10th to 14th Attendance rather low, but some good work done throughout the school.

Gave the whole school (except Infants) an examination on Thursday. Find that Arithmetic is the worst subject. More care is wanted throughout. Numeration is deficient in the lower Standards. Reading except in the 2nd Standard is still too "sing-song" but is certainly improving. Drew up a list of defaulters & showed the Board who met on Friday. Find there are about 70 children who have failed to make 4/5 of the possible attendances during the past fortnight.

Jany. 17th – 21st Attendance still low. Most of the children who attend regularly begin to make great progress, but the defaulters are sadly behind and give their teachers great trouble. Find that since the ventilators in the roof of the class-room have been done away with, that room gets very "stuffy" by the afternoon. Sent

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for absentees on Friday. Something ought to be done at once to improve attendance.

Jany. 24th to 28th Attendance slightly improved. Find the children take a wonderful delight in their geography lessons and seem to make good headway. Arithmetic seems to be altogether beyond the comprehension of the sixth Standard. Other standards are slowly but surely gaining ground. Mrs. Reeves was absent with leave on Friday Morning as her husband who is a sailor was going to sea again after a short holiday. Assistant master took Infants, & master took his classes.

Jany 31st – Feby. 4th Children do not attend at all regularly. All the teachers complain that their work is made difficult owing to constant absence of some or other of the children. Master continually sends for absentees, but he does not get the support from the attendance officer he ought to get. The Board have given the present officer notice, hope there will be improvement with next.

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Feby. 7th to 11th Same drawbacks this week as in former weeks. Attendance poor, & the

children have generally no – or very poor excuses. Examined the 3rd – 7th Standards on Thursday. There is a great improvement since last examination but there is a deal of carelessness. Some children are absent through sickness.

Feb. 14th – 18th Only fair attendance still. A few children absent with chicken pox. Master finds that with the 4 upper standards he has not time to give proper attention to the lower classes. Flo. Lavers absent this week owing to a scalded leg. Her class was taken by assistant master.

Feb. 21st to 25th Sickness still very prevalent. Average pulled down a good deal. Progress is good considering the attendance. Mrs. Reeves absent on Friday afternoon ill. Miss Shepherd took full charge of the girls in consequence Sent for absentees on Friday afternoon.

Feb. 28th to Mch 4th Many children absent through sickness. Bronchitis is very prevalent.

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Visit of attendance officer on Wednesday.

March 7th to 11th Attendance nothing better. Fresh Attendance officer appointed by the Board but he does not commence duties till Lady Day. Hope for improvement soon or only a very moderate examination will be passed. All the teachers complain that they cannot made the desired progress owing to this serious drawback. Master still unable to attend to the lower classes. Gave upper classes an extra Grammar lesson on Tuesday as they are very backward in that subject. Sent for absentees on Friday. Ernest Shepherd has been absent since Monday owing to a serious accident which it is feared will deprive him of his eyesight.

March 14th – 18th Attendance slightly improved on Monday but the remainder has been below the ordinary average owing to a heavy fall of snow. Master was called to interfere in a quarrel between the sewing Mistress (Mrs. Reeves) & Flo Lavers on Wednesday afternoon It appears the latter made herself objectionable

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by interfering in the sewing work, which of course she had no right to do. Such things ought to be guarded against as the discipline of the school might suffer.
Sent for absentees on Friday.

March 21st – 25th Attendance fair this week. Many children away however with chicken pox. Work making very fair progress throughout the school. All the classes have had some extra attention given to the Class subjects this week. Great improvement has been made in the English of the upper Standards. Late Attendance Officer's (Mr. Shepherd) term ends this week & new Attendance Officer commences at once. Mr. Jno Luscombe has been appointed to that post. Paid first visit on Friday.
Sent for absentees on Friday.

March 28 – Apl. 1st Attendance improved this week. Received & filled up the "Approximate list." Examined Upper Standards on Tuesday. Find great improvement has been made, but more care is

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wanted in working the sums.

April 4th to 8th Very fair attendance. Some few away with bad feet & others potato planting. Visit of Attendance Officer on Wednesday morning. School closed on Friday being Good Friday.

April 11th to 15th Attendance improving. Some good work has been done. Every class shows signs of advancement. Visit of attendance officer on Wednesday morning.

April 18th to 22 Visit of the Attendance Officer on Monday. Examined the whole school on Tuesday. Most of the lower Standards have made remarkable progress, especially the 1st Standard in Arithmetic. The worst work done was in the 5th Standard where the Arithmetic was very weak. The children all seem attentive & eager to pass a good examination. Wm. Creber and Emma Wakeham are both ill and under the care of the doctor.

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April 25th to 29th Visit of the Attendance Officer on Monday. Measles has broken out in one family (Brooking) in Chillington. Advised the whole family to remain away from school till the danger of infection had passed away. Told the children the probable date of the Examination, and they seemed delighted at the news. As the last Quarter in the registers was filled before the School year ended this weeks Attendance has been marked in one of the spaces left in the 2nd Quarter for the Harvest Holidays. Good progress again this week. School year ends today (Friday).

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May 2nd New School year commenced today. Marked attendance in New Registers. Visit (without notice) of H. M. Inspectors C. E. Vertue Esq.r & Mr. Barclay this morning. The latter examined the Registers & found them correct except in one instance where Assistant master had marked a girl who was absent. This discrepancy probably arose owing to his not having sufficient time to test the register after writing in the names before the master called the Registers up. Master had no time to test their accuracy before Mr. Barclay came in. Visit of the Rev.d C. W. Stubbs during the time the Inspectors were in the School. Inspector complained of the defective ventilation of the Class Room. He also complains of the First Stand.d working there, but there is insufficient room in the large room for them.

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May 9th - 10th School in charge of the Assistant Master owing to the illness of the Master, who was seized with an attack of German measles. The school on Monday & Tuesday was fairly well attended most of those that were absent being ill. On Tuesday after noon the Rev.d C. W. Stubbs, Mr. Garland

& Dr. Clarke visited the school & dismissed the children fearing the disorder would spread.
On Tuesday night at 11.30 o'clock Mr. Harradon died after a short illness of only four days. During the nine months he has officiated as Master in the School, he has won the esteem both of scholars & teachers & also of a great number of people in the neighbourhood, and his loss is deeply felt by all.

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- May 23 School reopened on Thursday 19th rather small attendance, owing to children not knowing.
School examined by H. M. Inspectors on Saturday 21st.
William Townsend Moore certificated Teacher temporarily takes charge of School.
- May 27th Commenced new work; have not yet received schedule; very poor attendance throughout the week especially in upper standards.
- May 31st Managers kindly gave holiday yesterday (Whit-Monday) upon receipt of Duplicate Schedule.
Have given Composition to upper Standard in place of Geography.
- June 3rd Received visit from Attendance officer. Poor attendance in Upper Standards throughout the week.
Children take great interest in new work, and are making very fair progress. Punished boy – Boon – for playing truant.

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- June 10th The attendance improved very much at beginning of week but to day it was very poor.
Received visit from Rev: C. W. Stubbs.
- June 17th Master received notice to-day of his appointment (permanent) to this school. Standards III & IV have not been taken strictly to Time Table this week as the present arrangement will not admit of it, those two Stds. being now one class.
- June 25th School closed since Tuesday 21st on account of the festivities in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

- For the same reason the attendance on Monday and Tuesday was very low indeed.
- June 27 Very fair attendance to-day.
- June 30 Marked registers this morning at 9.45 in order to let children out a little before 12.
- July 2nd On Thursday School had a half holiday in order to enable the teachers to take part in the Choral Festival at Kingsbridge.

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- On Tuesday and Thursday mornings taught children part of hymn in lieu of Scripture.
- July 9th Yesterday received visit from attendance officer.
This week's average brought down on account of children staying away for the hay-harvest.
- 19th Visited the schools – good attendance
Florence A. Holdsworth.

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July 11th Verbatim Copy of Report from V. E. Vertue Esq. Her Majesty's Inspector Mixed School "The discipline is good and the Elementary Subjects have, on the whole, been well and carefully taught. The Reading Books used by the first Standard are insufficient in length. The Geography and Grammar of the lower Standards are good, but in the fourth Standard the Grammar of the Girls is only moderate, and the analysis of the fifth, sixth, and seventh Standards is very weak. In Geography the upper Standards have not been through the whole course prescribed by the Code and

Map drawing has hardly received any attention.

The Sewing is neatly done, but the girls should be taught to fix more of their work than is at present the case. The rules relating to removing children's names from the Registers must be carefully observed."

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Infants' Class "The Discipline and the work of the first Class in the Elementary Subjects are very fair, but the second Class is backward. Their writing is careless and irregular. The first Standard seems again to have been taught in the Infant's Room and to have always used the desks which were ordered tot the elder Infants. No accommodation has been provided for the Infant Boys in the Offices."

J. Reeves and F. Shepherd are continued under Article 84.

J. Harris Square

- July 11th 1887 Examined Registers and found them correct. N. L. Pitts
July 11 Received visit from N. L. Pitts Esq. who tested Registers.
July 15 Marked improvement in attendance of upper Standards this week, but

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- bad attendance in Standards I & II has still kept average low.
- July 18th New set of Reading Books (Royal Readers) used by Standard VI today for first time.
- July 22 Attendance during first part of past week greatly improved, but on Thursday and to-day it was very low indeed owing in part to Kingsbridge Fair.
Routine in general as usual.
- July 25 Received visit from Rev: C. W. Stubbs
- July 28 Harvest operations have begun, and many children have thus been absent, bringing down the past week's average.
- Aug. 3rd Mrs. Reeves absent to-day to go to Kingsbridge.
Gave children an examination in the afternoon, and find that throughout the school the children have done fairly well. The II, III and VI Standards however did their work best. The spelling in

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- Standard I and Composition in Standard V are weak.
- Aug. 4 Broke up to-day for three weeks holiday. The attendance this week has been still worse; the "Board" thereupon decided to close school to-day instead of to-morrow (Friday)
- Aug 29 Reopened school to-day after Harvest Vacation. The attendance has been rather poor owing in part to the rain.
- Sept 2 The weather during the past week has been very boisterous, the attendance has consequently been very bad, especially this morning. The new windows have proved to be anything but water-tight, for during the late storm the window in the Class-Room and that at the 1st Class end of the School leaked so much as to make it very uncomfortable.

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- Sept. 9th The attendance has greatly improved

- during past week. The attendance of the girls in the 1st Class is at present the worst.
- Sept 15th School had half holiday yesterday afternoon as the room was required for the 'tea' in connection with the Harvest Festival.
Very Fair attendance. Routine as usual.
- Sept 20 Punished several 4th Standard children for Dictation. The piece given was of ordinary difficulty and was taken from the lesson previously read.
- Sept 23 The attendance fell off this week as compared with that of last.
- Sept 28 Better attendance to-day than for some time past; although the attendance in the first class is still bad.
- Sep 30th – 87 Examined registers & found correct.
Charles W. Stubbs

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- Sept 30th Very good attendance this week - higher average than for some time past.
- Oct 6th Received visit from Rev: C. W. Stubbs.
- Oct 7 Gave children an examination last Tuesday and find that the Dictation in Stand.d IV still bad. The work of Stand. II was very fair, but spelling of St.d I was backward.
- Oct 10th Introduced New Set of Readers for Standard I viz the Royal Star Readers.
- Oct 11th Very stormy weather, low school in consequence.
- Oct 17th Attendance this morning has greatly improved.
- Oct 18th Florence Lavers absent this afternoon to go to Kingsbridge.
- Oct 24 Sent three children – Wigers – home this morning as another of the family has a fever.
The attendance which was so good at the beginning fell off

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Oct 24 towards the end of last week.

- Oct 27 Very wet day – small school in consequence.
- Oct 28 The attendance this afternoon was very low – children having absented themselves to see the funeral of the Torcross Coast-Guard Officer.
- Nov 1st Stormy weather to-day has again interfered with the attendance. Lower school than for some time.
- Nov. 4th Weather slightly better;- attendance better also.
- Nov. 11th Attendance greatly improved during past week, and some good work done – Routine as usual.
- Nov 18th Gave Standards V & VI a piece of Dictation this morning in lieu of Composition and find the Spelling rather poor.
- Nov 22nd Gave school an examination this afternoon, and find the work of Standard IV poor. Stand.d VI arithmetic was rather backward and the spelling in the 1st Stand.d

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- was very poor.
- Nov. 24 James Rhymes absent to-day to attend his brother's wedding.
- Dec 1st Better weather this week and the attendance has in consequence improved.
- Dec 6th Had a complaint on Friday 2nd Dec. as to James Rhymes striking a boy – Phillips in the ribs. The mother thinks it serious.
- Dec. 6th Saw Mrs. Phillips this morning she says that she has taken her boy to the Doctor, who considers the case serious. She has also spoken to Rhymes concerning it, and he says he feels sure the injury the boy has received must have been caused some other way.
- Dec. 8th Obligated to close school to-day owing to very stormy weather.
- Dec. 13th Wet and stormy weather – very small school.
- Dec. 20 Gave school an examination to-day. Find work of Standards II and VI

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much better done than that of any other standard. The Arithmetic of Standard V was weak, as well as the

- work generally in Std. IV
- Dec. 23rd Broke up this morning for a fortnight's holiday.
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- Jan 9th Commenced school this morning with very fair attendance.
James Rhymes absent ill; routine altered in consequence.
- Jan. 17th Examined Registers and found them Correct John Garland.
Very poor attendance so far this week on account of cold weather - a strong east wind blowing.
Rhymes still absent ill.
- Jan 20th Very low average this week on account of inclement weather.
Have had a boy from Std. VI to help during absence of Rhymes.
- Jan 26 James Rhymes came to school on Monday, but is unable to attend to-day (Thursday) as he is not so well. Routine in consequence not

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- 1888 strictly attended to.
- Feb 2nd The Attendance of the Infants and Standard III rather bad this week, owing to cold weather and sickness.
James Rhymes still absent, and is likely to be so for some time.
- Feb 9th Very good attendance this week.
- Feb 14th Cold snowy weather, very small school in consequence.
- Feb 17th Low school to-day owing to the snow.
Florence Lavers left this morning at 12.
- Feb 20th The attendance this morning very poor indeed, in consequence of the severe weather.
- Feb 21st William Henry Edmonds commences duties as Monitor.
Find there is a deal of sickness among the children; many children absent with Quinsy.
- Feb 27th The average for last week lowest yet for the year.

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- Feb 28th Miss Annie Scoble Ex. P.T. commenced duties to-day. She has been engaged to take charge of the Infants, but will not be required for them until 25th Mar. so until then she is going to take

- Standard III as we are short of a teacher in the big room – Rhymes being still home.
The attendance to-day has improved but many children are absent still, sick.
- Mar 1st Severe weather has again interfered with the attendance.
- Mar 6th Better weather and the attendance has improved. The First Class has been very low so far this week.
- Mar 9th Wet and stormy weather, very low school in consequence.
- March 9th Examined Registers
and found correct.
Francis N. Coaker

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- Mar 9th Received a visit from Mr. Coaker who examined the Registers.
The average for the past week is somewhat better than it has been for the last few weeks, but it is still very low.
Florence Lavers left for a short time this morning to go to the Vicarage.
- Mar 13 The attendance yesterday slightly improved, but is very bad again this morning owing to wet weather.
During a gale which blew on Sunday the Skylight in the class-room was broken, and to-day the rain came in very much. The 1st Standard and Infants in consequence came out in the big room.
The weather for the past month has been rather exceptional – east winds & snow succeeded by very wet weather. The average for the year will probably suffer badly.

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- Mar 14th The attendance has improved to-day with the weather.
Florence Lavers absent this afternoon to go to Kingsbridge.
- Mar 19th Florence Lavers left this school last Friday. She has been monitress for some time, having taken Standard I. Her time for leaving

according to her notice would be next Friday, but as she has obtained a situation in Torquay she has asked and had granted, leave to quit last Friday.

- William H. Edmonds now takes 1st Stand.
- Mar 21st School closed yesterday, as Master and one of the Teachers were summoned as witnesses in an action between a parent of one of the children – Phillips and James Rhymes, to recover damages for injuries received in school. The Judge however dismissed the Case.
- Mar 22 Received a visit from Rev. C. W. Stubbs

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- Mar 23 Mrs. J. A. Reeves the Infant & sewing mistress leaves to-day. Miss Shepherd has been asked and she has consented to stay on for a short time.
- Mar 26th Miss Scoble takes charge of the Infant Class this morning in the place of Mrs. Reeves. She also takes needlework with the Girls.
- Mar 30 School closed until Tuesday next – Good Friday & Easter Monday holiday.
- April 3rd The attendance of the 1st Class to-day has been very low indeed. The other classes are pretty well full.
Received and filled up “Approximate Form” to-day.
- April 4 The attendance of Standards V & VI to-day has been still worse, nearly all the boys are away at work.
- Ap. 5th Received visit from Attendance officer.

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- Ap: 11th The attendance this week has been particularly good.
- Ap: 13 The average for this week has been the highest so far, for the year.
- Ap: 16 The Attendance this morning has been excellent.
- April 20 The attendance this week has improved on that of last week.
The average has not been so high since Nov: 1884.
- Ap: 23rd Considerable falling off in attendance to-day in consequence of wet weather.

- Ap: 24th Better weather and excellent attendance.
 Ap: 26th The Girls this afternoon have been examined in Needlework.
 Ap: 27 The attendance this week has been excellent with the exception of Monday's.
 May 1st Commenced new school year with very good attendance.
 Examined Standards this afternoon – find the work of Standards III & IV the worst, while that of Stand II is very

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- good indeed.
 The Arithmetic of Standard V however is weak.
 May 2nd Wet and stormy weather, small school in consequence.
 May 3rd Better weather and excellent attendance.
 Time-table not stuck to this afternoon – the girls took needlework during the first hour.
 The children seem to make progress and are anxious to pass a good examination.
 The needlework of the girls was in a most backward condition when Miss Scoble took charge of it - very few children had begun their examination work and none had done any knitting, and now she finds it impossible to get any knitting done by the examination day.
 May 8th Lovely weather and very good attendance.
 May 9th Received visit from Rev. F. J. Dickinson.

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- 1888 Intend to mark registers at 10.30 A.M. to-morrow to allow 10 children to attend Church and to return to have their two hours instruction - being Ascension Day.
 May 11th The attendance during past week has been excellent.
 May 15th Gave school general examination this afternoon.
 May 16th Examined work done yesterday and find that that of Standard IV the worse, especially Dictation. Standard II has again done very creditably. The work of Standards V & VI was very fair as was also that of Stand.s III & I

- The attendance to-day has fallen of slightly.
- May 17 Registers marked and closed 10.15 this morning.
The attendance to day has been very low on account of the weather.
- May 18 Lovely weather and good school.

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- May 22nd Gave half-holiday yesterday afternoon (Whit Monday) there being a general holiday at Torcross.
Excellent attendance to-day.
- May 28th The school was examined by H. M. Inspector on Thursday and Friday the 24th & 25th.
Moved children up into their new Standards to-day.
The attendance to-day has been very fair.
The following is the list of Object Lessons approved by H. M. Inspector
- A Bed
 - “ Candle
 - “ Turnip
 - Salt
 - “ Thimble
 - Sponge
 - Wool
 - “ Needle
 - Cotton
 - Slate

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- A Doll
 - Chalk
 - The Elephant
 - “ Silkworm
 - “ Tiger
 - “ Fly
 - “ Giraffe
 - “ Horse
 - “ Lion
 - “ Snake
 - “ Cow
 - “ Fish
 - “ Cat
 - “ Kangaroo
 - Wind
 - Rain
 - Snow
 - A Thunder Storm
 - Hail
 - Ice

Day & Night
The Sun
“ Moon
Stars

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- The Seasons
Fog
James Rhymes returned to school to-day after an absence of nearly five months.
Florence Shepherd left as Teacher of this School last Friday 25th Inst.
- May 31st Received Duplicate Schedule this morning.
- June 1st The attendance has fallen off somewhat towards the end of the week.
Children however take great interest in new work.
- June 4th The scheme adopted by the Board with regard to the School Fees in the upper Standards comes in force to-day.
The attendance has been rather poor to-day.
- June 8th The attendance has fallen off very much to-day.
- June 11th Miss Moore commenced duties in this school as sewing mistress for the “Girls” (older).
Miss Scoble will however superintend for this week, after which she will

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- have nothing to do with the needle-work in the big room but confine her teaching to the Infants.
- June 15th Attendance of Infants this week has been very low owing to Whooping Cough.
- June 18th The attendance of children in the Standards is very good today, while that of the Infants is still poor.
Have begun to teach Needlework to Infant boys.

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June 19th Copy of Report on this school from Her Majesty's Inspector.

Mixed School. “This is the first school of which the present master

has had charge. He has worked very well under some disadvantages owing to changes and illness among the staff. Much of the Elementary work is very good. The Reading and Repetition are too hurried. The writing above the third standard and spelling and Composition of the fifth standard require attention. The Grammar of the higher standards has improved, but that of the third standard is not intelligent.

Geography has been well taught throughout, though the Map-drawing is poor. The Sewing does not appear to have received sufficient or regular attention.

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during the year. It is now being carefully taught."

Infants' Class The present mistress has been in charge of this class for only two months. The instruction seems likely to improve. The second class is at present very backward. The first standard is still taught in this room though there is neither sufficient room

*nor suitable desks for them.
A proper ball-frame should
be supplied.”
A. Scoble is recognised in
this school under Article 50,
W. H. Edmonds under Article
40 and F. Shepherd is continued
under Article 84.*

J. Harris Square

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- June 21st Received visit from Mr. & Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Finzel the new vicar of the parish. The children who have passed in the late examination each received a certificate of merit. This is the first time children have had certificates given them and they appreciate it very much.
- June 22 The attendance this week has improved a little on that of last; whooping cough still keeps the Infant average low.
- June 28 Gave a day's holiday on Tuesday last on account of the Choral Festival at Loddiswell. The attendance of the Infants has been poor for past few days. Children are still suffering from Whooping cough.
- July 2nd Wet and stormy weather, very poor attendance indeed.
- July 4th Received visit from Rev. Finzel. Excellent attendance of children in the Standards. That of the Infants

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- is still very bad.
- July 11th The attendance in the Standards is still very good. The Infant attendance is still bad on account of Whooping cough and other sicknesses.
- July 12th Received visit from attendance officer.

- July 13 Routine slightly altered in order to examine work of lower standards.
By an oversight in drawing out the Time-table (approved by H. M. Inspector on Inspection Day last) no 'English' was entered for the First Standard.
They will therefore take that subject on Thursday afternoons first lesson.
- July 16 Rather bad attendance on account of wet weather.
- July 23 The attendance in the Standards to-day has been very good indeed. The Infant attendance has also improved slightly.

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- July 25 Examined Registers and found them correct.
John Garland
- July 26 There will be a holiday to-morrow for the childrens' Flower Service.
- July 30 Very good attendance to-day, especially in the Standards. Whooping cough has not yet disappeared.
- Aug 3rd The attendance yesterday afternoon was very poor, on account of a Chapel Tea; to-day however it is very good.
- Aug 9th There was no school on Monday being Bank Holiday.
James Rhymes left school this morning as he received news that his sister is dead. Miss Scoble is taking the 1st Standard with the Infants & W. H. Edmonds is in the big room.
The attendance this week is not so good as last.
Rhymes did not return to school this afternoon.

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- Aug 15th The attendance of the Infants and lower standards has fallen of this morning. That of the upper Standards is very good indeed.
- Aug 20th Rainy weather has somewhat interfered with the attendance to-day.
- Aug 21st Gave Standards an examination this afternoon. Find the work of Standards I & II very poor. Standard III did their work very creditably.

Aug 23rd Broke up this morning for three weeks holiday. The attendance during the week has been pretty good.
Sept 17 Returned to school this morning after three weeks holiday.

Examined the Registers and found them correct.
Conrad Finzel Sep. 17 1888

Sept. 21 The attendance this – the first week after the holidays – has been very fair. There have been of course many absentees but not so many as is usually the case on re-opening after

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the harvest holiday.
Sept. 27 The attendance yesterday was excellent; to-day however it is not so good, no doubt because there is to be a half-holiday this afternoon for the Church harvest Festival tea.
Oct 3rd Rather unsettled weather; the attendance however is still very good. This week Standard III have begun a new set of Reading books the National Society Historical Revised.
Oct. 8th Fine weather and very good attendance Routine as per Time Table.
Oct 11th Attendance rather poor to-day in consequence of several harvest festivals in the neighbourhood.
Oct 15 Gave Standards an exam.n and found work of Std. I in a poor state the rest of the School have made fair progress.
Oct. 19 The attendance this week has still been remarkably good.
Oct. 22 Fine weather and a full school Introduced Blackie's "Readings from Robinson Crusoe" for Stds V VI & VII

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Oct 16th Edmonds absent to day to be 'confirmed' . His class (Std. I) was taken by a boy from Stand.d VII Attendance continued extremely good up to to-day, when it fell of on account of bad weather.
Nov 1st The weather on Monday & Tuesday this week was very wet indeed. The attendance in consequence the lowest for some time. To-day however it much better.
Nov 5th The weather to-day is boisterous and

- wet; the attendance of the Infants only is effected however.
- Nov 7th Punished boy Lidstone for giving a deal of trouble to his teacher. The weather continues very wet and stormy. The attendance to-day however has been better than that of yesterday.
- Nov 13th Very heavy rains have prevented children attending school yesterday & to-day. The 'Ley' at Torcross has risen so high as to cover the road;

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- so no children from that village were present.
- Nov 15 The weather was better yesterday and a very good school; the rain to-day has told on the attendance especially that of the Infants.
- Nov 20 Fine weather and very good school.
- Nov 22 Received visit from Rev. C. Finzel. Gave school and exam.n this afternoon Standards I IV & V are at present very backward. The spelling of Standard I and composition of Standard V are by far the worst in the school.
- Nov 27 Boisterous and showery weather. Infant attendance rather poor. In consequence of Standard IV doing their Arithmetic badly that lesson was continued instead of usual lesson, Dictation.
- Dec 3rd Wet Day – attendance slightly lower than usual.
- Dec 4th Gave School an examination and

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- 1888 find Standard IV very backward Standard I has made a decided improvement since last exam.n
- Dec 6th Splendid attendance – routing as per Time Table.

Examined the Registers and found them correct.
Conrad Finzel
Dec.r 10 1888

- Dec 10th Received visit from Rev C. Finzel who tested the accuracy of the Registers.
- Dec 15th The average attendance fell off this week. The children in the

- upper standards have attended rather irregularly.
- Dec 20th Broke up to-day for Christmas Vacation.
- 1889 Jan 7 Commenced school after Christmas holidays with very good attendance.
- Jan 12 The attendance this week has been very good for the first after the holidays.

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1889

- Jan: 18 Marked Registers at 9.45 this morning and dismissed school at 12; opened this afternoon at 12.45 and marked & closed registers at 1 in order to dismiss school at 3: the room being required by the Church Choir.
- Jan 21 Many children home to-day with bad coughs especially the Infants while a considerable number of those present are coughing the whole time. This afternoon many of the bigger boys are gone after the hounds most of them without leave of their parents.
- Jan 22 Punished five boys who played truant yesterday.
Received a visit from Mr. W. L. Pitts who dictated a sentence containing many difficult words to Standard VII and offered 6d to all who did it correctly. None however were able to do it without errors, but Mr. Pitts kindly gave 6d to the boy who did it best.

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1889

- Jan 24th James Rhymes absent ill; a seventh Standard boy is employed to help.
- Jan 25th Very poor attendance throughout the week on account of sickness especially among the Infants.
- Jan 29th Poor attendance on account of wet weather and sickness.
- Feb 4th Much sickness among the children and cold weather have again affected the attendance.
- Feb 10th Poor attendance still through bad weather and sickness.
- Feb 15th Visit of Rev C. Finzel
- Feb 22 The attendance this week has been very low on account of many children having the 'mumps'.
- Mar 1st The weather during the past week has been very cold indeed, and

many children still have the 'mumps' and other ailments; the attendance has consequently been very low. The Infant attendance however has not suffered so much. Yesterday morning it was low on

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- account of the snow.
- Mar 4th Mr. W. J. Howe commenced work in this school as assistant master (Ex. P.T.)
During the past five weeks two seventh Standard boys have helped in the work of the school. The attendance to-day has been one of the worst of the Year on account of a heavy fall of snow.
- Mar 8th The attendance improved on Tuesday and Wednesday with the weather. It is now very bad to-day on account of the heavy rains.
- Mar 11th Lovely weather but the attendance still poor.
A slight alteration has been made in the Time Table, Standard II having Arithmetic Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays with Stand. III (First Lesson) and copy-books of Stand. II with Stand III.
- Mar 15th The 'Mumps' which was the cause of such bad attendance a few weeks

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1889

- ago has returned on the children and a great many have been absent on this account.
- Mar 20th Rather better attendance to-day especially the Infants. The attendance of the upper standards is extremely bad this week a great many boys being absent gardening with their fathers.
- Mar 26th The attendance to-day has greatly improved.
For the past 6 weeks the attendance has been very bad owing to colds and mumps.
- Mar 27 Punished Harry Wakeham for marking right 4 sums that were wrong.
- Mar 29 The attendance this afternoon was very bad indeed. As many as 24 children were absent who were present in the morning.
- Ap: 2nd Very great improvement in the attendance

to-day.

Examined the registers & found them correct.

Conrad Finzel

April 5 1889

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Ap: 8th This morning the children were rather late in being dismissed. On opening in the afternoon I allowed a few minutes grace. But Mr. Howe arrived at 7 minutes after 2. As he was a little late this morning I told him he must try to be a little earlier, when he replied that he had not had time to have his dinner and further he was not going to be 'knuckled' under. I told him it wasn't a matter of knuckling under, but that I intended to be master. Whereupon he took his hat and left bidding me good-afternoon.

Ap: 9th The Infants to-day occupy the new Class-room.
Mr. Howe returned to school again this morning.

Ap 12th The attendance of the past week has been very good, especially that of the Infants.

Ap 18th The attendance to-day was very poor especially this afternoon.

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Closed school until Tuesday 23rd for Good Friday & Easter Monday.

Ap: 23 Very fair school this morning.

Ap: 26 Very good attendance this week.

May 1st Commenced New School Year with a remarkably good attendance.

May 6th New Desks fr Standard I used for first time to-day.

May 10th Gave school an examination and found the work of Standards I & II very good indeed.

May 15th The School was Inspected by the Rev.d F. Wilkinson and Mr. Booth on Monday and yesterday 13th & 14th.

Mr. Wilkinson left Duplicate Schedule, so the children were moved up into their new standards to-day.

May 16th The attendance to-day has been very poor.

To-morrow there will be a holiday.

May 23 Attendance very bad indeed.

May 27 Two cases of Scarlet Fever – sent home children of the families in which is the fever. Very poor attendance

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1889

- indeed.
- May 31 The attendance this week has been very poor owing in part to the fever.
Mr. Howe left to-day.
- June 3rd Mr. James Rhymes returned to school to-day after an absence of about four months.
- June 5th Lovely weather, but attendance not what it should be. Children of three families absent on account of fever still.

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1889

*June 10th Report of H. M. Inspector
Rev: F. Wilkinson for year
ending April 30th*

Mixed School "The Reading is very unintelligent in the third Standard, and only moderately intelligent in the second and fourth standards; the Spelling is imperfect in the second standard, and Arithmetical problems are indifferently worked in the third, fourth and fifth Standards, but on the whole the Elementary Subjects have been very well taught, and the higher grant has been earned for English, Geography, and

Sewing, but in the second standard the children should recognise verbs more readily. Map-drawing still needs attention. Sewing has been well taught. The order is good

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Infants' Class. "The infants should be somewhat better grounded in the Elementary Subjects especially in Reading, but on the whole the class is in an improved and improving condition, and is fairly entitled to the good merit grant. A new ball-frame should be provided."
Mr. Moore will receive his Certificate in due course

*J. Harris Square
Clerk to the Stokenham School Board*

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1889

June 12 Monday being Whit Monday a holiday was given

The attendance to-day has greatly improved especially with the Infants.

June 16 Miss Moore the sewing mistress absent for a short time to visit her father who is ill.

Examined Registers & found all correct
Conrad Finzel – June 24 1889

- June 24 Received visit from Rev. C. Finzel
who tested registers.
Closed school this evening on
account of scarlet fever.
- July 29 Reopened school to-day after being
closed for 5 weeks.
This afternoon all children who made
over 400 attendances during past year
received a prize from the 'Board';
and Mr. Square offered a prize to
the best boy in the school which was
awarded to William Creber St. V
- July 30 The attendance has greatly improved

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- to-day
- Aug 5th Very poor attendance this morning
on account of Bank Holiday.
Closed school in the afternoon.
- Aug 9th Very wet and stormy poor school
in consequence.
- Aug 14th Harvest operations have commenced
and a great many children are
on that account absent. Lower
school to-day than for a considera-
ble time.
- Aug 20 The attendance still continues bad
especially among the bigger boys
a great many of whom are in
the harvest fields.
- Aug 23 Mr. Rhymes absent this afternoon.
- Aug 26 The bad attendance still continues.
In fact it is even worse to-day.
This morning there were only five
children in the first class.
- Sept 2nd Attendance considerably improved
the harvest being over. The
first class is however still low.
Gave holiday on Wednesday last

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- 1889 as the room was wanted for a tea
and again on Friday afternoon on
account of the bad attendance.
- Sept 5th Poor School this morning – holiday
in the afternoon for Church
Harvest Festival.
Introduced Bell's "Little Nell" Readers
for Standard IV, Blackie's
Century Reader for Stand. III
and Marcus Ward's Oriel Geog:
for Stand.s I & II.

- Sept 10th Punished Allan Edmonds for refusing to write; in fact he said he would not do it.
- Sept 13th The attendance which had improved at the beginning of the week became rather poor to-day.
- Sept 16th Very good attendance especially that of the infants.
- Sept 17 Attendance officer called to day.
- Sept 24 Very wet weather and poor School.

Examined the Registers
& found all correct
Conrad Finzel
Vice Chairman

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- Sept 27th The attendance this week has greatly improved, and a fair amount of work has been gone through.
- Oct 4th The improved attendance of last week has continued up to to-day when it has somewhat fallen. During past week gave school an examination and find that throughout the school the children are fairly well up in their work. Miss Scoble left school this afternoon at 3.30.
- Oct 10th Rather poor attendance this afternoon on account of Thanks-giving services at Torcross Chapel.
- Oct 14th Fine weather and very good attendance especially among the Infants.
- Oct 18 Very good attendance during past week.
- Oct 24 Punished Allan Edmonds for giving continual trouble to his teacher.
- Oct 28th Attendance only fairly good in Standards as many girls are absent. The Infant attendance still keeps remarkably good.
- Nov 4th Very fair attendance.

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- 1889
- Nov 11th Rather bad attendance to day – in fact Monday's attendance is generally bad especially among the girls.
- Nov 15th Very bad attendance indeed although the weather is lovely.
- Nov 19th The attendance has greatly improved to-day.

Examined the Registers
and found all correct
Conrad Finzel

Nov. 22 1889

- Nov 22 Received visit from Rev. C. Finzel who examined Registers.
- Nov 26 Poor attendance especially among infants owing to a fall of snow.
- Nov 29 Attendance bad throughout the week.
- Dec 6 Cold weather has brought bad attendance especially with the infants.
- Dec 13 During past week attendance slightly improved.
- Dec 17 Master absent from school yesterday to attend to his father's sick bed. The school was in charge of Assistant master.

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- Dec 20th Closed school for Christmas vacation – two weeks; before leaving each child received a Christmas card, a present for Mr. Square the clerk to the Board.
- 1890 Jan 6th Opened school after Christmas holidays. The attendance very poor indeed owing to very stormy and wet weather.
- Jan: 7th Allan Edmonds was punished for giving continual trouble to his teacher; on going to his place afterwards he threw a slate at his teacher and another at myself for which was again punished.
- Jan 19th Very good attendance for first week after holidays.
- Jan 17th The whole week has been wet and stormy and in consequence a poor school all the week.
- Jan 20 Rough weather – small school in consequence.
Have two new maps that of Ireland and Scotland.
- Jan 24 Rain and wind throughout the week have caused a poor week's attendance especially among the younger children.

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- 1890
- Jan 31st Much better weather but attendance not what it should be.
- Feb 4th A great many children absent on account of chilblains.
- Feb 5th Punished Elizabeth Jennings for disbehaving herself. She then said I hit her with the cane in the neck which I am quite sure was not the case.
- Feb 7th Gave School an examination during past week. The spelling of Standards IV & I is

- very weak. Stan. VI arithmetic was also poor. The work of the remaining standards was very well done.
- Feb 10th A deal of sickness among the children
Ten children away from Stand: II on account of colds.
- Feb 14th The sickness among the children has proved to be the prevailing Epidemic of Influenza. Another lot of children are away to-day on that account.
- Feb 17th Obligated to close school on account of Influenza. James Rhymes absent ill.
- Feb 24th Opened school this afternoon with very bad attendance a great many children

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- still laid up with the Epidemic.
J. Rhymes is still absent and in consequence the Time Table has not been strictly adhered to.
- Feb 28 The attendance throughout the week has been wretched, more than one third of the children absent.
- Mar 3 Cold North East wind – attendance about same as last week.
Mr. Rhymes still absent; a
Stand: VI boy helps in Stand I
- Mar 10th Greatly improved attendance.
The influenza has at length almost disappeared among the children.
J. Rhymes returned to school to-day after three weeks illness.
- Mar 17th Attendance still good

Examined the Registers & found
Correct
Conrad Finzel Vice Chairman
Mar. 18 1890

- Mar 18th Closed school this morning on account of very wet weather, the attendance this

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- afternoon very poor. Mr. Finzel paid a visit this afternoon when he examined registers, which he found correct.
- Mar 20th Gave School examination and find that in Standard IV spelling is still bad although better than last time examined.
Arithmetic in Stand.s II and VI is still weak, while that subject in Stands. III & IV is good.

- Mar 24th Obligated to close school to-day on account of rough and rainy weather.
- Mar 28th Attendance pretty good
- Mar 31st Received and filled up "Approximate" form.
- Ap: 3rd Poor attendance in upper standards.
- Ap: 7th Intended keeping school to-day (Easter Monday) but so few turned up that was obliged to close.
- Ap: 11th Punished Eli Lidstone for being impudent to Mr. Rhymes.
- Ap: 14 Excellent attendance all last week – but this week it has somewhat fallen off

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- owing in part to stormy weather.
Punished Mary Jenning and Alice Rogers for omitting portion of their Dictation in an examination.
Both children were attending to another class.
Examined School to-day.
The arithmetic in Stand: II has improved but spelling is bad in that Standard. Spelling has somewhat improved in Standard IV but is still rather weak.
- Ap: 21st Wet and stormy weather - a poor school in consequence.
- Ap: 24 Better weather and very good attendance.
- Ap: 29 The attendance of children in upper standards is rather poor – several children absent ill.

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- May 5 Mr. Rhymes absent to go to Torquay to see a doctor.
- May 6 Rhymes still absent unwell; the Time Table in consequence has not been adhered to.
- May 9th The attendance has not been very good during past week; many children are absent with colds.
- May 13th Very good attendance throughout.
- May 16th Higher average during past week than for several years.
Assistant Master is still absent.
- May 21 School examined by Rev. F. Wilkinson assisted by Mr. Booth.
The Board kindly gave a week's holiday.
- June 2 Rather a poor school to commence new work.
Mr. Rhymes returned to school to-day.
- June 9th Still bad attendance.

June 10 Very good school throughout to-day.
June 12 Rather poor school this afternoon in consequence of a tea to children attending Chillington Chapel Sunday School.

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June 14th Very poor school indeed.
June 20 Attendance greatly improved since Monday and a have had a very good weekly average.
June 25th Very wet morning and consequently a poor school. Attendance fell from 142 (yesterday) to 84.
June 27 Received 'Report' from the Clerk.

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June 28th Copy of Report of H. M. Inspector Mixed School "With so much sickness in the school especially in the teaching staff, last year's standard of efficiency could not be expected to be in all respects maintained, and the Reading is wanting in intelligence especially in the fourth standard the spelling is very weak in the second and fourth standards, the Arithmetic is open to decided improvement in the fifth and sixth standards, and the Grammar above the third Standard is very poor, but Geography and sewing have been well taught the writing is very good, in spite of a tendency to exaggerate the peculiarities of the style adopted, and the general

*condition of the school is very
creditable to the Master under*

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the circumstances

The order is good.”

Infants' Class

*“The infants are in very good
order, and they have been
carefully and well taught
in every particular.”*

W. H. Edmonds has passed fairly

*J. Rhymes is recognised under
Article 50*

J. Harris Square

Clerk to the Stokenham School Board

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July 4th Holiday yesterday for the Childrens'
Flower Service.

The attendance to-day is very poor.

July 10th The Attendance this week has greatly
improved.

July 14th Mr. Rhymes absent ill.

A First class boy is assisting me in
work.

July 15th In consequence of Mr. Rhymes' absence
the Time-table has not be strictly
adhered to.

Examined registers & found correct

July 17 1890 Conrad Finzel Vice Chairman

July 22 Better weather and a full school
Commenced Compound Division with
Stand: IV and comp.d Practice with
St V

July 29 Rather poor school towards end of week.
Aug 5 Yesterday being Bank Holiday the school was closed.
Aug 8th Rather poor school throughout the week.
Aug 15th Closed school for Harvest Vacation.

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Sept 8th Opened school after harvest vacation.
The attendance however is wretched
- several children are absent with
whooping cough while others are still
harvesting.
A first class boy takes Stand I in
absence of Assistant Master.
Sept 9th This being the wedding day of Mr. Square
the Clerk to the School Board each
child received a book which was
presented by Mr. Finzel on Mr. Square's behalf.
Sept 12 The attendance throughout the week
has been very bad.
Sept 19th The attendance is still very poor.
Sept 25th Several Harvest Thanksgiving services
held in neighbouring Churches and
Chapels have affected the attendance.
Sept 30 Punished Allan Edmonds for refusing
to hold out his hand.
Oct 3rd Attendance still continues poor.
Many Infants still absent with
Whooping Cough.
Oct 7 Stormy weather poor school in consequence.

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Oct. r 16 Much better school in big room.
Attendance of Infants still very bad.
Many children still down with
Whooping Cough.
Oct 23 Attendance again very bad
Oct 27th Mr. G. S. Chase commenced duties as
Assistant Master.
Oct 30th Master absent yesterday to attend a 'black-
board' Exam: at Exeter Training College.
Oct 31st Attendance even worse. The average
this week is only a little over 70%
of number of names on books.
Nov. r 3rd Rough & wet weather, poor school in
consequence.
Nov. r 10th Punished Allan Edmonds for refusing
to write because he had a cracked slate
and when ordered to come to me would
not.
Commenced teaching Drawing with boys to-day.
Have altered Time-Table; and will give
half an hour to the subject on Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays (Afternoons).

Nov 15th Very wet weather, attendance still very poor.
Nov 20th Attendance slightly improved in Standards

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but Infants' attendance still bad.
Nov 27 Cold N. E. Wind followed by a fall of snow
has somewhat interfered with attendance.
Dec 2nd Milder weather but Infants' attendance
wretched.
Dec 8th Wet and cold weather – a very poor school.
Thirteen children absent in one standard (IV)

Inspected Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel – Vice Chairman
Dec. 10 1890

Dec. 10th Rev. C. Finzel called this morning
when he examined the registers which
he found correct.
Dec 19th Broke up for Christmas holidays.

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Jan: 5 Re-opened after Christmas Vacation
with a very poor school indeed.
9 Holiday as room required for Sunday
School Tea

Examined the Registers & found correct
C. W. C. Finzel Vice Chairman
Jan 19 1891

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Jan 19 Rev. C. Finzel called and tested Registers
which he found correct.
Jan 26 An Epidemic of Measles has broken
out and the attendance is very bad
not half being present.
Jan 27 So few children attended this morning
that they were sent home again.
Received orders to close for measles.
Mar 2nd Re-opened school with very fair
attendance after being closed just
5 weeks.
Mar 6th The measles have at length disappeared
but many children have been absent
this week.
Mar 18th School closed from Monday 9th Inst
to to-day on account of the Snow-storm.
A great many children are still absent
especially those whose homes are at
a distance. This makes 6 weeks
that school has been closed since
Christmas Holidays.
Mar 20th Very poor School all through the week.
Mar 25 Gave children an examination. Find

spelling in Standard II still weak and

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Standard III did rather badly in Arithmetic.

Mar 30 Bank Holiday – but kept school. The attendance however was wretched nearly every Torcross child absent to attend the Chapel Tea.

Ap. 3rd Attendance after Monday pretty good.

Ap: 10th Fine weather and a much better school although many of the bigger boys have been absent planting potatoes.

April 13 1891

Examined the registers & found correct
C. W. C. Finzel Vice Chairman

Ap: 13 Attendance continues good.

Ap: 18 Received visit from Rev: C. Finzel who had a telegram from Col: Slaughter asking that the Drawing Exam could take place to-morrow. As the pupil teachers' Exam: takes place then Mr. Finzel sent to say we could not be examined in Drawing.

Ap: 24 Very good attendance; examined lower standards and find spelling has improved in Stand: II

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1891

Ap: 28th Boys examined in Drawing by Col: Slaughter.

29 Mr. Chase absent this afternoon to attend the Dedication Service of the new Masonic Hall at Kingsbridge. Registers marked and finally closed at 1.40; and children dismissed at 3.40

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1891

May 1st Commenced New School Year with very fair attendance.

5th Examined school and find spelling in Standard II greatly improved. The spelling in Standard IV is rather weak; but the Reading and Arithmetic very fair.

May 8th Wet day and a poor school.

May 15th Fine weather throughout past week and very good school.

May 18 Whit Monday; very bad school; closed in the Afternoon.

May 19 Poor school, nearly half Stand IV girls home.

May 21 Examined school and found a vast improvement in every Stand: especially in the spelling of Stand. IV

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List of Poetical Extracts for Recitation

Standard I "A Spring Morning"
" II "Harry and the Guide-post"
" III "The Rose and the Waif"
" IV "The idle Shepherd boys"
" V, VI & VII Extract from
"Julius Caesar"

Approved F. Wilkinson
H. M. I.

Scheme of Book-keeping

Stage I Most important Books used, and use of each To keep Day, Invoice Cash & Bill Books and post each into Ledger	Stage II Book-keeping by Single Entry Farm Book-keeping	Stage III Book-keeping by Double Entry
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List of Conversational Lessons
for Infants

Natural History

1. The Mole
2. Thrushes
3. The Kite
4. The Chamois
5. Birds (Poultry)
6. Birds (Singing)
7. The Shark
8. The Ass
9. The Otter
10. Reptiles
11. The Sturgeon
12. The Frog

Miscellaneous

1. Form
2. Bedsteads
3. A Street
4. A Farmyard
5. Caraway Seeds
6. Eatable Leaves

Common Objects

1. Camphor
 2. Sulphur
 3. A Teapot
 4. Sealing Wax
 5. Pearls
 6. Ink
 7. Gold
 8. Boots & Shoes
 9. Nuts
 10. Saucepans
 11. Bread
 12. Spoons
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7. The Ocean
 8. The Postman
 9. Boxes
 10. Colour
 11. The Great Desert
 12. Metals

Approved
F. Wilkinson

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Scheme for Grouping Standards for Geography

Standards IV and V to form one group and to take work of Stand IV (Code) one year and that of Stand V (Code) the next, and so on.

May 27 School Inspected by Rev. F. Wilkinson assisted by Mr. England.
The remainder of the week – Thursday and Friday was given as holiday.

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June 1st Children advanced into new Standards and new work attempted.

June 3rd Rather poor school several children absent to attend 'tea' at Ford.

June 6 Very good school and children appear to take great interest in new work.

June 12 No less than 28 less than yesterday in this room besides 4 Infants.
It appears that some children are in the habit of regularly absenting themselves on Fridays especially afternoons.

June 14th Punished Fred Widger for altering a sum and telling a lie over it.

June 19 Wretched attendance again especially to-day (Friday)

July 1st To-morrow being the Childrens Flower Service the school will be closed.

Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel. Vice Chairman
July 9 1891

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July 10th Closed school to-day on account of Bostock's Show visiting Torcross.

July 14th John Brooking taken on as Monitor.

July 20th Very good school this morning, but

- many Infants absent this afternoon
on account of heavy rain.
- July 22 Very poor school; many children absent
to attend Kingsbridge Fair.
- July 27 Fine weather and very good school.
- Aug 4th Yesterday being Bank Holiday the school
was closed.
- Aug 7 This afternoon about 20 children less
than the morning.

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*Aug 10 Copy of Report for year ending April
30th 1891*

*Mixed School "Only the lower grant has
been earned for English and Geography;
but the Needlework and Recitation are
good and the Elementary subjects have
been well taught except that the
Arithmetic is by no means strong
in the Third and Fourth standards
and in the fifth standard is very
moderate. The order is very good.
The school has again been closed some
weeks owing to epidemic sickness."*

*Infants' Class Somewhat more attention
might be given to Spelling, and the
knowledge of number is hardly as
good as last year; but on the whole
the children have been well taught
and the order is very good."*

*H. M. Inspector adds that he thinks
it would be desirable to do away altogether
with the Infants' offices, which have
not been used for some time making
the present boys' offices the infants*

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1891 offices and building new offices for the boys in their playground, as far as possible from the infants' school room, but no such alteration should be begun without obtaining the previous approval of Their Lordships' Consulting Architect by submitting to him plans prepared in accordance with the enclosed instructions. W. H. Edmonds has passed fairly but should attend to Method

J. Harris Square

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Aug 11th Commenced teaching Decimals to Stand. VI and Fractions to Stand: V

Aug 18th Very poor school in consequence of wet weather.

Aug 20 Broke up for Harvest Vacation – 3 weeks.

Sept 14 Re-opened after Harvest Holidays with very poor school.

Sept 17th Attendance throughout the week very bad indeed although all children can attend free.

Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel Sep. 21 1891
Vice Chairman

Sept 21 Visit of Mr. Finzel who examined registers which he found correct and afterwards distributed prizes to those children who attended most regularly during last year.

Sept 15 Attendance this week greatly improved.

Sept 30 Half-holiday this afternoon on account of Church harvest Festival – the room being required for the tea.

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- Oct 1st Pouring rain – not more than half children present.
- Oct 5th Such heavy rain that could not keep school in the morning; in the afternoon the attendance was very bad but kept school.
- Oct 8th Examined upper standards and find that very fair progress is being made
- Oct 15th Boisterous weather with heavy showers all the week. The attendance however not bad except among the Infants.
- Oct 20th Very bad attendance among bigger boys many employed in taking up potatoes & Mangold.
- Oct 30th Punished Allan Edmonds for refusing to come to me when ordered by his teacher.
- Nov 4 Great many boys of upper standards still absent employed in saving root crops.
- Nov 10th The Pupil Teacher takes Stand IV this week and his class (Stand II) Master takes with the Upper Standards.
- Nov 17 Examined Standard II in the various subjects and find that with few exceptions the children are fairly well up in their work.

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- Nov 20 Attendance among the Infants this week very bad.
- Nov 27 Attendance among Infants still continues bad.
- Dec 3 Very wet and stormy week a poor school in consequence.
- Dec 7 Attendance officer examined Registers.
- Dec 11 A succession of gales throughout the week; attendance by far worse that it has been for some time.
- Dec 13 Mr. Chase absent to-day and will be remainder of the week in order to take the 1st Yr. Certificate Papers at Plymouth.
- Dec 18 Very poor school – many children absent with severe colds
- Dec 23 Broke up for Christmas Vacation.

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- Jan 11 Re-opened school after Christmas Holidays Attendance however very bad on account of Influenza.
- Jan 17 Very poor school on account of weather & sickness.

Examined the Registers and found correct

Conrad Finzel

Jan. 22. 1892 Vice Chairman

- Jan 30 Very bad school throughout the week children suffering from colds, bronchitis & influenza.
- Feb 1st Heavy rains about one third present.
- Feb 7th Cold and rough weather; and a poor school throughout the week.
- Feb 13 Examined Standards I & III and find Arithmetic in Stand III rather bad and Addition in Stand I might improve
- Feb 15 Very good school; first time for two months
- Feb 19 Severe snowstorm – could not keep school in morning and in afternoon about 50 present. Mr. Chase absent as he went to Kingsbridge last evening and could not return.

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- Feb 22 Miss Scoble absent this morning. She went to Brent over Sunday and owing to the snow could not reach school until the afternoon.
- Feb. 26 Full school all the week.
Gave upper Standards examination yesterday. Found work in Standard V very fair, while Grammar in Stand.s IV & VI and Arithmetic in Stand VI rather bad.
- Feb 29 Bad weather and in consequence poor school.
- Mar 4th Miss Scoble left school this morning for Brent as she had received news of her brother's death.
- Mar 7th Very severe weather; not one-third present
- Mar 10th Miss Scoble returned to her duties.
During her absence W. H. Edmonds managed the Infant Class which during this week has been exceptionally small owing to the severity of the weather.
- Mar 15th Scarlet fever has again appeared and several families are absent on that account
- Mar 20th About half the boys of the school absent setting potatoes
- Mar 24th Received a visit for Mr. Twining Medical officer for this Union, to enquire whether

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- any children were attending school from homes in which was scarlet fever.
No such children were present.
- Mar: 28th Received orders to close the school until further notice on account of the Fever.

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- May 9th Re-opened school after having been closed for six weeks on account of scarlet Fever.
- May 13 Mr. Chase and W. H., Edmonds absent on Monday Tuesday & Wednesday to attend Science Exam.s

at Torquay. Mr. J. Rhymes an old teacher
of this school attended during their absence.
May 19th Very good school except for several children
who are ill.

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Poetry for Next Year

- Standard I "The Father's return"
" II "The Chimney-sweep" and
"O Hush thee my baby."
" III "The Level Crossing"
" IV "A Chinese Story" and
"Little by Little"
" V. VI. VII Scene from "King John.

Approved
F. Wilkinson
H.M.I.
25.V.92

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List of Conversational Lessons
for Infants

Natural History

The Lion
Carnivorous animals
The Lizard
Hyenas
The Pelican
Serpents
Wading Birds
The Stork
Tails of Animals
Swimming birds
The Elephant
The Ostrich

Object

Wool
Wood
Stems of Plants
Sponge
Pins
A Tea-kettle
A Tea-service
Sugar
A Jug
Clover
Coal
Tin

Approved
F. Wilkinson
25.V.92

Miscellaneous

Watches	Bravery & Cowardice
Evergreens	Rain
Tea	A Crust
Fire-irons	A Rowing boat
Modes of Travelling	Life Rocket
The Pillar Box	Drinking Vessels

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May 25 School Examined by Rev. F. Wilkinson
" 26 Mr. England completed the examination of
children and heard Teachers Read.

Recite and give their Lessons
May 30 Master absent to attend funeral of
Brother-in-law. Mr. Chase left in Charge
June 6 Holiday – Whit Monday.

Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel
Vice Chairman
June 7. 1892

June 10 Very good school throughout the week.
June 15 Poor school – a great many boys gone
to Kingsbridge to see a circus.
June 23 Half Holiday – as Mr. Chase and
W. H. Edmonds wishes to attend the
Deanery Choral Festival at Malborough.
June 30 Very good school throughout the week.
; July 5th School closed on account of annual
Flower Service
July 12 School required as a Polling Station for
Election of M.P. for this Division.
July 17 Introduced new set of Readers for Stand. I viz.

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Dr. Beach's Entertaining Readers.
July 21 Fine weather and a very good school.
July 27 Visit of Rev. C. Finzel
Aug: 2nd Closed school yesterday – Bank Holiday
Aug 4th Miss Scoble absent sick. Miss Moore
looks after Infants.
Aug 11th Drawing exam.n by Lieut Col: Slaughter.
This exam: should have taken place
last April but at that time school
was closed for sickness.
Miss Scoble still absent
Broke up for Harvest Vacation

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Report for year ending April 30th 92

*Mixed School The children have
passed a good examination on the
whole in the elementary subjects
except that the Reading in the first
standard is poor and in no class
sufficiently intelligent, and that the*

Arithmetic in most of the classes is not above fair. Some improvement has been effected in the Teaching of Grammar but this subject is weak in the fifth standard and it is impossible to recommend more than the lower grant for English or Geography even making allowance for the school having again been closed. The needlework is good, but in darning the cross-cut in the sixth standard the threads of the darn must run in the same direction as the threads of the material. The order on the whole is very good.”

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Infants' Class “The closing of the school for some weeks shortly before the inspection has prevented the children doing quite as well as usual in their examination but the Needlework is good, the instruction generally is effective and the order is good.”

The Registers must be tested on behalf of the Board at least once a quarter at irregular intervals as required by paragraph 6 of the Circular on Registration (Appendix II of the Revised Instructions to H. M. Inspectors

*Attention is requested to Article 85(d)
 Under the circumstances of the
 closing of the school on account
 of the epidemic my Lords have paid
 the grant, although the school has
 not been examined in Drawing by
 the Science and Art Department.
 W. H.. Edmonds has passed fairly
 but should attend to Geography
 and Algebra.*

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- Sep 5th Re-opened after harvest vacation with very poor school.
- Sep 12th Better school the harvest now being over
- Sep 16 Visit of Rev C. Finzel
- Sep 23rd Very bad school indeed. Many bigger children absent picking blackberries.
- Examined registers & found correct
 Sept 27. 92 Conrad Finzel
 Vice chairman
- Sep: 27 Visit of Rev C. Finzel who examined registers which he found correct
- Oct 5 Poor school among Standard Children but much better among Infants.
- Oct 12 Examined school and found spelling weak throughout the school. The Arithmetic except in Stand I was very fair and the Reading of the lower stands was also moderate.
- Oct 18th Master absent – Mr. Chase left in charge

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- Oct 25th Heavy rain and storm not half children present but kept school.
- Oct 26 Fine weather and much better school.
- Nov 7 Monitor Brooking absent – has met with an accident to his eye.
- Nov 8 Miss Scoble absent ill. Brooking still absent.
- Nov 14 Miss Florence Shepherd an old teacher of this school takes Infants during absence of Miss Scoble.
- Nov 18 Poor school although beautiful weather. Friday's attendance is

- still bad.
- Nov 21 Mr. Jas Rhymes an old Assistant Teacher of this school takes duties for Mr. Chase during his temporary absence.
- Nov 28 Miss Scoble returned and resumed her duties after an absence of three weeks

Examined Registers & found correct
 Conrad Finzel – Vice chairman
 Nov. 18 1892

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- Dec 1. Heavy rain and wind about one third present.
- Dec 2 During past week examined school and find very fair progress is being made
- Dec 9 Cold east wind poor Infants' attendance
- Dec 16 Rather poor school all the week many children absent with colds.
- Dec 19 Mr. Chase returned to school after a month's absence.
- Dec 23 Broke up for Christmas Holidays.
 Before breaking up Mr. Chase was presented with a Dressing Case subscribed for by the Teachers and Children on his leaving.
 The Rev C. Finzel made the presentation.

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- Jan 9 Re-opened after Christmas vacation with very poor school owing to heavy rain and cold east wind.
 Mr. Jas Rhymes commenced duties as Assistant Master vice Mr. Chase resigned.
- Jan 14 Very poor school throughout the week
- Jan 16 Miss Scoble again ill; has left and gone to her home.
 Miss Florence Shepherd temporarily engaged to take Infants; Class.
- Jan 18 Received communication from Miss Scoble's friends stating that she does not intend resuming her duties here.
- Jan 20 School will be closed this afternoon as the Church Sunday School children are to have their tea etc.
- Jan 26 A great many children absent on account of the Coot shooting at Torcross.
- Feb 1st Heavy rains about half children present
- Feb 13rd Several wet days this week interfered with the attendance
 Examined the Registers and found correct

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- Feb 20 Visit of Mr. Finzel who tested Registers and gave Infant Teacher some money to purchase sweets for Infants.
- Feb 24 Cold East wind and rain very bad school especially among the young children.
- Mar 3 The Infants' attendance has greatly improved during past week. Several older children absent ill reported as having Influenza.
- Mar 10 Several more children laid up with the epidemic which greatly interferes with the work. Miss Shepherd has also been attacked but would not give up although totally unfit to be at school. Examined Arithmetic of Stand.s III and find working of Problems to be the weakest point.
- Mar 17 During past week fresh cases of Influenza are reported and the attendance is getting gradually worse.
- Mar 24 A number of boys absent setting potatoes which together with the Epidemic has caused the attendance to sink still lower.

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- Mar 29 Mr. Rhymes absent ill. Edmonds takes his standards while Brooking takes Stand. I
- Mar 30 Closed school until Easter Tuesday.
- Ap: 7 The attendance has somewhat improved but many children are still sick. The Time-table has not been adhered to since Mr. Rhymes' illness.
- Ap. 10 Very poor school this morning owing to a Circus being at Torcross and in the Afternoon we closed as only about twenty turned up.
- Ap. 11 Boys examined in Drawing by Col: Cooke Local Inspector
- Ap 14 Since Monday attendance has somewhat improved and few children are absent now owing to illness.
- Ap 21 Standard I have a new set of Readers "Stories for the Schoolroom." During past week have examined Stands. III IV V & VI. The Arithmetic throughout

is good. Spelling is not so good in both II & III. In Reading the children are improving as regards intelligence.

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1893

- Ap. 28 The Infant Attendance still keeps remarkably good, but many of the upper standard children are continually away.
- May 1st Marked Registers at 9.50 a.m. and 1 p.m. dismissed 11.55 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Commenced new School year.
- May 2nd Mr. William Pengelly commenced duties as Assistant Master vice Mr. James Rhymes who is still seriously ill.
- May 4th Visit of Mr. Finzel.
- May 5th Mr. Pengelly absent to attend Kingsbridge Police Court as 'witness'
- May 12 Received result of Drawing Exam:
- May 19 Better attendance during past week than for some time. A great number of children are still always absent on Friday afternoons.
- May 22 Whit Monday. Did not give holiday as is usual – the exam.n not being over but had poor school and in the afternoon was obliged to close as so few came.
- May 26 Apart from Monday morning's attendance have had full school all the week.

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May 1893 Poetry for Next Year

- Stand I "The Voice of Spring"
" II Summer Song
" III Nelly's Shilling
" IV George Nidiver & The Daffodils
" V VI & VII Scene from "Merchant of Venice.2

Object Lesson for Infants

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|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| The Horse | Coal | The Plough |
| " Cow | Iron | A Knife |
| " Dog | Salt | A Pair of scissors |
| " Cat | Tea | Light-houses |
| " Lion | Sugar | A Boat |
| " Camel | A Loaf | A Clock |
| Bees | An orange | A Basket |
| Butterflies | A chair | Rocket Apparatus |
| The Robin | | |
| " Swallow | | |
| " Rabbit | | |

Approved
F. Wilkinson

H.M.I.

30.V.93

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- May 30 The Annual Inspection took place yesterday and to-day by the Rev. F. Wilkinson & his Assistant Mr. England.
The School will be closed for the remainder of the week.
- June 5th Began new work with a very fair school.
- June 9th Attendance considerably fell off towards end of week especially this (Friday) afternoon.
- June 16 The heat has been almost unbearable for the past few weeks and afternoons the Children get quite restless.
- June 23 W. H. Edmonds absent to attend Choral Festival at Kingsbridge.
- June 23 Very poor attendance among the Infants all the week.
- July 3 Norman Bucknell commenced duties as Pupil Teacher.

Examined the Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel
Vice Chairman

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- July 5th To-morrow school will be closed on account of the Childrens' Flower service.
- July 10th School was also closed on the 7th as so few came. The children were tired with the previous day's entertainment having waited in the Field at Torcross to see the Fireworks in honour of the Royal Wedding.
- July 17 The Attendance is very poor and has been for some days.
- July 24 Many children absent as some early fields of corn are being cut
- July 28 Broke up for a month's Holiday
- Aug 28 Re-opened after Harvest Vacation.
- Sept 1st For a first week after Holidays there has been a very fair school.
- Sept 3rd N. Bucknell absent to attend his uncle's funeral.
- Sept 8 W. H. Edmonds who has recently completed his apprenticeship left this school to take an assistantship in the Kingsbridge Board Boy's school.
- Sept 12 Mr. Pengelly absent to go to Plymouth

Examined Registers

& found correct Sep. 13. 93
Conrad Finzel Vice Chairman

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Sept 14 Half Holiday. Harvest Thanksgiving tea held in school.

Sept 21 Master absent to attend funeral of the wife one of the School Board Members.

Sept 26 Good School except in upper Standards.

Oct 3rd 1893 School visited without notice
W. M. C. England

Oct 5 Miss Grimble commenced duties as sewing Mistress vice Miss Moore resigned.

Oct 12 N. Bucknell absent to assist his father

Oct 15 Attendance continues good except among older children

Oct 22 Examined Standard I in Elementary Subjects Writing is good. Reading & Arithmetic rather poor.

Oct 25 Examined Standard II in Elementary Subjects and find the work in a very fair condition.

Nov 3 The cold weather that has set in has interfered with the Infants; attendance very much

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*Report of H. M. Inspector for year ending
April 30th 1893.*

Mixed School "The Order is very good and decided progress has been made in general efficiency. The children have passed a good examination in English, Geography, and Needlework, as well as in the elementary subjects but they articulate indistinctly in many cases and should read with more intelligence. The Recitation is repeated accurately but not in a manner calculated to improve the articulation of the children."

Infants' Class "The children have been well taught, especially in the elementary subjects, and the order is good."

H. M. Inspector reports also that the floor is in need of repair and that the playground should if possible be enlarged. My Lords will be glad to know if this can be done.

J. P. Brooking is recognised under

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Article 33 of the Code and F. Shepherd under article 68.

J. Harris Square

Clerk to the Stokenham School Board

Staff: William T. Moore, Wm. Pengelly, Norman Bucknell

John P. Brooking. Florence Shepherd (Infants)

- Nov 7th Miss Shepherd absent with a severe cold
Nov 14 Examined Standard III. The Arithmetic and spelling are very fair but the Reading is not so good
Nov 15 Examined Stand.s IV & V. The Arithmetic of Stand V appears very weak but the Stands. in other respects are in a forward state.
Nov 22 Attendance during past week has been good.
Nov 24 Miss Shepherd on behalf of the girls of the school presented Miss Moore with a Fruit Dish on the occasion of her marriage.
Nov 28 Milder weather and improved attendance among the Infants.
Dec 1 Examined Stand II in Grammar, with few exceptions the children are fairly well advanced.
Dec 6 Examined the First Class Infants and find them in a forward state especially in Reading & Writing.
Dec 8 Wet morning and a bad attendance.

Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel Vice Chairman
Dec 11.93

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- Dec 15th Cold, wet weather still interferes with

- a good attendance.
- Dec 19th Did not keep school this morning on account of heavy rains.
- Dec 20th Very poor school – great many children arrived wet through and had to take off their outer garments to be dried.
- Dec 21 Broke up for Christmas Holidays.

1894

- Jan 15 Re-opened after three weeks Holiday. A fortnight only was given on closing but on account of a heavy fall of snow an extra week was given.
- Jan 16 School visited without notice. It does not appear that any steps have been taken to execute the repairs stated to be required in last year's report, & the school presents a slovenly & uncared for appearance

F. Wilkinson H. M. I.

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1894

- Jan 26 Sickness prevails to a great extent among the children and that together with boisterous weather has considerably interfered with the attendance.
- Feb 2nd School will be closed this afternoon for Sunday School children's Tea.
- Feb 9 Storms and rain have been almost continual throughout the week and many children are still sick.
- Feb 16 Sickness continues among the children and the attendance is still poor especially among the Infants.
- Feb 24 Visit of Rev. C. Finzel.
- Mar 2 Slight improvement in attendance
- Mar 9 Better weather and most of the children are recovered from their sicknesses
- Mar 15 Punished Allan Edmonds whereupon he attempted to throw an inkwell at me; he deliberately shut his bible and refused to open it. I then sent him home. Some little time afterwards his grandmother brought him up to me and asked me to allow him to come in again and on his promising obedience and expressing sorrow

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for what had occurred I allowed him to re-enter the school.

Mar 27 Closed school for repairs.
 Ap: 2 Re-opened – The school has had a new floor put in and the walls to a height of four feet have been boarded.

Examined Registers & found correct
 Conrad Finzel Ap. 3. 1894
 Vice Chairman

Ap 3 The Rev. C. Finzel visited school & examined registers.
 Ap 10 Examined school in Elementary subjects and find spelling weak in Stand: IV
 Ap 16 Better attendance than for some time
 Ap 20 The average attendance for the past two weeks has been higher than it has been for two years.
 Ap 26 Drawing Examination – by Col: Cooke.

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1894

May 1st Commenced new School Year with a very good school.
 May 3rd J. Brooking absent on account of the death of his father.
 May 10 Good school except on two wet days during past week.
 May 14 Bank Holiday but kept school in morning as exam: is drawing near.
 May 18 Good attendance throughout the week.
 May 21 Master absent – school left in charge of Mr. Pengelly.

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Poetry

Sts. V VI & VII

St IV

St. III

St. II

St. I

The Fall of Wolsey

The Sea & Burial of Sir J. Moore

Sunshine & Shower

Compassion

The Chimney Sweep

Object Lessons for Infants.

Monkeys

The Donkey

The Whale

“ Elephant

Bats

The Owl

“ Parrot

Birds of Prey

“ Poultry kind

The Eagle

Reptiles

A Book

“ House

An Umbrella

A Fireman

The Ocean

Soap

Soda

Sponges

Wool

Silk

Leather

Oats

Trees

Potatoes

Figs

The Primrose

“ Apple

A Bird's Nest
Needles

Approved F. Wilkinson
8.1.95

H. M. I.

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1894

May 30 School examined by Rev F. Wilkinson
and Mr. England
School will be closed the remainder of
the week

Examined Registers
& found correct

Conrad Finzel
Vice Chairman
June 7.94

June 7th Visit of Rev. C. Finzel.

June 14 Received the result of the Drawing Exam.n
which is "Excellent."
N. Bucknell obtained a First Class in
Freehand.

June 20 Whooping Cough has caused several
children to be absent for the past week.

June 25 Received Report from Education Dept.t.
also the Report on the Night School.

Night School:

*"The order is very good and the school
is well conducted. The instruction in
Geography might be more systematic and
thorough, but Arithmetic is well taught
and the scholars take great interest in
Woodcarving and some very creditable
specimens were in course of completion."*

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*No variable grant can be paid for
woodcarving (Article 4 of the Code)
The scholars numbers 7 and 12 on
the Schedule are disqualified (Article 13(b)1)*

June 28 School closed on account of the Deanery
Choral Festival being held here.

- July 6 Hay harvest being in full swing several boys of the upper standards are absent working.
- July 12 School closed – the annual Flower service being held.
- July 16 Master absent sick.
- July 17 Mr. Pengelly absent with a sprained ankle.
- July 20 Full school – Time Table not strictly adhered to in Mr. Pengelly's absence.
- July 25 Mr. Pengelly returned to school though very lame.
- July 30 School closed on account of Andertons Menagerie being at Torcross.

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Report of Rev. F. Wilkinson for year ending 30th April 1894

*Stokenham Board S. (Devon)
Mixed School. "The Arithmetic in the sixth standard is not good, and the Grammar in the fifth standard is weak but the children generally have passed a creditable examination in the elementary and class subjects and the order continues good."*

Infants' Class

"The children are in good order and continue to be well taught."

W. H. Edmonds has obtained a second class in the Queen's Scholarship Examination. He should be informed that he is now qualified under Article 50 of the Code but not under Article 52.

N. Bucknell has passed fairly

F. Shepherd is continued under Article

68 of the Code.

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*July Staff: W. T. Moore, W. Pengelly, N. Bucknell
J. P. Brooking. F. Shepherd*

J. Harris Square

*Clerk of the Stokenham
School Board.*

16 *Questioned the higher 'standards' Answers
good. I understand that a "triangular
prism" was required for the last second
grade Examination – this should be obtained.*

Edwin J. Ball

District Inspector.

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1894

Aug 5 Fine weather and a full school. Closed yesterday being Bank Holiday.

Aug: 10 Broke up for Harvest Holidays.

Sept 10 Re-opened school after four weeks holiday

“ 13 Half Holiday. School required for a Tea.

“ 20 Several boys in Upper Standards have not
yet returned to School since Holidays.

“ 24 Master absent; school in charge of Mr. Pengelly.

“ 28 Introduced Gills' 'Regina' Historical Readers
to Stand. IV

Oct 5 Very bad attendance again to-day. It
appears that some children look upon Fridays
as a Holiday almost every week.

Oct 12 Mr. Pengelly absent this afternoon.

Oct 19 The attendance has during the past week
improved although some children in
First Class attend very irregularly.

Oct 22 Heavy rain & wind not half a school

Oct 26 The weather has been Wet and Stormy
all the week and the attendance the worst
for this year.

Nov 2 Weather still wet & stormy

Nov 9th Introduced Gill Regina Historical Reader

in Second Standard

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1894

- Nov 12 Heavy rains and floods. Could not keep school this morning.
- Nov 14 Closed for the day as the floods are still higher; Chillington flooded.
- Nov 15 Many children still absent. The water from the Ley at Torcross has risen and covered the road so that several children cannot leave their homes.
- Nov 19 Better weather and full school
- Nov 23 A good school all the week.
- Dec 3 Coot Shoot at Torcross – very poor school.
Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel
Dec. 7. 94
- Dec 7th Visit of Rev. C. Finzel
- Dec 14 The attendance has been still poor on account of prevalence of rainy weather
- Dec 18th School used as a Polling Station yesterday 18th
- Dec 22 Broke up for Christmas holidays.

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- Jan 7 Re-opened after Fortnight's holiday
- Jan 11 A Fall of Snow during Wednesday night interfered with the attendance yesterday & to-day.
- Jan 18 Cold weather and attendance poor throughout the week.
- Jan 25 Weather continues cold & wet
- Jan 28 Intensely cold; not much more than half a school.
- Jan 29 Rather a heavy fall of snow and bitterly cold; could not keep school.
- Jan 30 Kept school but with very few children
- Feb 1 More snow; could not keep school this morning; but did so in the afternoon.
- Feb 9 The intense cold has continued all the week, many degrees of frost having been registered. Kept school all the week with very few children.
- Feb 15 Bitterly cold; blowing a gale from N. E. could not keep school
- Feb 22 The weather has improved somewhat; but a great number of children are now

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absent with colds.

Punished Fred Edmonds for refusing to learn lines of a new song. His brother Allan had his ears boxed for insolence.

Feb 27 Miss Grimble absent with Influenza was unable to have needlework.

Mar 1 Very poor school; many children down with Influenza
Examined Registers
found correct
Conrad Finzel Vice Chairman
Mar.5.1895

Mar 7 Introduced Cassells "Readable" Readers in Stand III

Mar 15 Very good school.
The past week has been the first since Christmas that there has been anything like a good school. First the severe weather came and after that Influenza and this latter served the school even worse than the cold weather.

Mar 22 Full school throughout the week

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1895

Mar 29 Examined Standard IV; find Arithmetic good; spelling not up to what it should be.

Ap: 5 Many children absent setting potatoes

Ap: 11 The setting of potatoes still keeps many children away – even children of lower Standards.
School will be closed to-morrow Good Friday also Easter Monday.

Ap 17 Received a visit from Dr. Webb M.O. H. for the Union to enquire if any children were absent with either Whooping Cough or Measles. There were none absent from these causes.

Ap 18 Drawing Examination by Col: Moore.

Ap: 22 Examined Upper Standards in Elementary subjects and find the work on the whole good. Several children had the more careless mistakes possible in Arithmetic.

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May 1 Commenced New School Year with very good school.

May 3 Examined lower Standards. Results satisfactory. Three boys in Stand: I have very great difficulty in learning to read, and although special care has been taken with them

- they do not seem to make much headway.
- May 8 Mr. Pengelly took upper Standards.
- Nov 13 Routine altered as Master wanted to leave shortly after 3.
Registers marked and closed 9.45 A.M.
dismissed at 12.
Marked & closed at 1 p.m. dismissed at 3 p.m.
- May 17 Very good school all the week.
- May 24 The attendance has kept up well except on To-day; several upper standard children absent.

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List of Object Lessons for Infants

The Horse	The Cow,	The Cat	The Dog
" Owl	" Lark	" Swallow	" Robin
Iron	Salt	Coal	Tin
Paper	A Pocket Knife	Matches	Wool
Bees	Ants	The Oak	
A Cart Wheel	Cup & Saucer,	A Pen,	
The Carpenter,	The Smith,	The Mason	
A Farm-yard,	A Stream,	A Hill	

Poetry

St. I	Employment
" II	"Somebody's Mother"
" III	Barbara Frietchie
" IV	The Colour – Bearer

V VI & VII Horatias

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1895

- May 30 School examined yesterday and to-day by Rev F. Wilkinson and Mr. England.
- May 31 Closed for a week's Holiday
- June 10 Opened with good school after having a week's holiday.
Received 'Drawing' Report; have again been awarded the mark "Excellent."
N. Bucknell obtained a 2nd Class in Model Drawing.
- Examined the Registers & found correct.
Conrad Finzel June.17.1895
- June 18 Received a visit from Dr. Webb Medical Officer of Health for the District to inspect the premises.

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Summary of Inspector's report on the School and remarks (if any) to be made
Mixed School "The children should read more intelligently and in the third standard Geography & History have not been more than fairly taught; but on the whole the instruction has produced good results, some of the elementary work being very good. The discipline is good though not of the highest."

Infants' Class "The order is good and a creditable standard of general efficiency is maintained, but there is room for improvement in the singing and the Physical Exercises."

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 H. M. Inspectors. Attention is directed to Article 85d of the Code

N. Bucknell and J. P. Brooking have

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passed fairly

F. Shepherd is continued under Article 68

Staff: W. T. Moore, W. Pengelly

N. Bucknell J. P. Brooking F. Shepherd

June 24 One of the hottest days in school experienced by the teachers. Perspiration ran off some of the childrens' faces.

June 29 Very poor attendance among the Infants probably on account of the intense heat.

July 1 N. Bucknell ill and unable to attend school.

July 5th Very poor attendance among Infants

July 8 N. Bucknell returned to School after a week's illness

July 18th Visit W.M. Edison I Bale
Science & Art Dept

District Inspector

July 19 Very good school the whole week.

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1895

July 24 School used as a Polling Station for the election of a Member of Parliament.

" 26 Very poor school on account of a wet morning.

Aug 2nd Broke up for a month's holiday.

Sept 2nd Re-opened with rather a poor school.

" 12 Closed this afternoon as the room is wanted for Harvest Thanksgiving Tea.

Sept 18th

1895 Visited the school without notice yesterday Sept 17th 1895

Wm. C. England

Examined Registers & found correct

Conrad Finzel Sept 18.1895

Sept 20 The attendance this week has suffered very much on account of Harvest Festival services and an Agricultural Show at Kingsbridge.

Sept 27 Many boys in Upper Standards absent this week working.

Oct 3 Heavy rains & gales. Only 53 children came out of 168 on books. Was unable to send children home & close school on account of the storm, so kept school. There was

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not a single Infant boy present.

Oct 8 Another storm, but slightly better school than last Thursday.

Mr. Pengelly absent with a severe cold.

Oct 11 Visit of Rev. C. Finzel.

- Oct 18 The attendance upper-standard children has been very poor for some time.
- Oct 21 Only 18 present out of 37 in Standards V VI & VII although there is apparently no real cause for such poor attendance.
Introduced "The Citizen Reader" in Stand. VI & VII
- Oct 28 Examined Standards Three & Four. Arithmetic weak in St: III
- Nov 4 Heavy rains; very few children
- Nov 8. Gales & heavy rain throughout the week. Not half present either yesterday or to-day.
The average attendance lower this week than it has been for several years.
Master absent yesterday sick.

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1895

- Nov 15. Rough weather & wet on several days during the past week.
J. Brooking absent the afternoon unwell
- Nov 22. Examined Pupil Teachers in their work and the Results are not very satisfactory in the case of either.
- Nov 29th Miss Edith Browse commenced duties as sewing Mistress on Nov 12 vice Miss Grimble resigned.
The weather still continues wet & stormy and greatly interferes with the attendance of children coming from a distance.
- Dec 6th Introduced a New Set of Readers Boackies' Science Readers 'Animal & Plant' Standard V.
- 11th School visited without notice.
F. Wilkinson H.M.I.
- 13 Much better attendance following a return of fine weather
- 20 Broke up for Christmas Vacation.
Very poor attendance the latter half of the week.

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1896

- Jan: 6 Re-opened after a fortnight's holiday.
- " 10 Marked Registers at 10 a.m. dismissed 12.5 Marked 1 p.m. dismissed 3.5
- " 14 Attendance officer Examined Registers.
- " 17 Very poor attendance to-day.
- " 25 The attendance during past week somewhat improved but this day's (Friday) has

- spoil the weekly average.
- “ 28 Master absent yesterday. School left in charge of Mr. Pengelly.
 - Feb 3 Visit of Attendance officer, who examined Registers
 - “ 7 Improved attendance especially among Infants & Lower Standards.

Examined Registers and found correct.

Conrad Finzel
Feb. 10.1896

- Feb 14 Examined Lower Standards and find children fairly well up in their work.
- Feb 20 Attendance officer examined Registers.

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1896

- Feb 24 Introduced new series of Drawing Cards - “Meiklejohn”.
- Feb 28 The attendance which has recently been interfered with by the Coot Shooting at Torcross has slightly improved.
- Mar 2 Attendance Officer inspected Registers
- Mar 6. Stormy week; Infant attendance somewhat fallen off.
- Mar 13 Several wet days during week and average attendance still keeps low.
- Mar 20 Horace Haines a seventh standard boy has been awarded a Certificate for “Marked Excellence” in an essay competition in connection with the “Scholars’ Own”
- Mar 27 Examined Standard III in Arithmetic & Word-building – both subjects show some improvement.
Received visit of Rev. C. Finzel.
- Ap 1st Examined Stand.s III & IV in Reading and find great improvement among the poor readers of St. III.
- Ap. 2nd Closed for short Easter Holiday.

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- April 8th Re-opened after having closed for Good Friday, Easter Monday & Tuesday.
- Ap: 11 Best attendance during past week for a very considerable period.
- Ap: 13 Attendance Officer examined Registers.
- Ap 17 Examined in Drawing this afternoon by Dr. Ball Her Majesty Inspector
- Ap: 24 Very good school the whole week.

Visited the school & examined Registers find all correct

Conrad Finzel Ap. 27.1896

Ap: 29 Mr. Pengelly absent this morning owing to death in the family.

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1896

May 1st Commenced new Sch: Year with very good attendance.

Mr. Pengelly absent this afternoon to attend a funeral.

May 5 N. Bucknell absent yesterday afternoon and this morning to go to Plymouth to sit for the examination in Principles of Agriculture.

May 11 Received report of Pupil Teachers' exam.n

N. Bucknell passed fairly, but should attend to Mensuration & Music.

J. P. Brooking also passed fairly but should attend to Geography.

Received permission from H.M.I. to cancel attendances of October 3rd last.

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Poetry

Standards I & II "Employment"

" III Barbara Freitchie

" IV Idle Shepherd Boys

" V "Horatius"

" VI & VII 'Shylock's Bond'

Object Lessons (Infants)

The Cow

Leather

The Shoemaker

Boots & Shoes

Trees

Cork

The Carpenter

A Chair

Spring-time

Farmers' Work in Spring

A Bird's Nest

Paper

Pens

Ink

A Letter

A Book

Metals

Coins

Needles

Bells

A Knife

The Blacksmith

Sunrise, noon & Sunset

Clouds

Rain

An umbrella

The Sea

Ships

Fish

Caching Fish

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1896

May 18 Mr. England visited and began the exam.n

- “ 19 Exam.n continued & completed by
Rev. F. Wilkinson & Mr. England
Half Holiday in afternoon.
- “ 20 Mr. Pengelly absent
- “ 22 Closed for a week’s Holiday
- June 1st Re-opened after Whit-week.
Received “Drawing” Report.
The award has again been “Excellent”
and the following boys have won
Cards of Merit:
John Langmead and John Quick in
St: VII; Christopher Kellond,
Sydney Hutchings, William Harradon,
and Cyril Edmonds in Standard VI.
N. Bucknell and J. P. Brooking have
each passed in Model Drawing
Second Class.

Visited the School & examined Registers – Correct
June 3. 1896
Conrad Finzel

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- June 8 Very wet day; poor school
- June 11 J. P. Brooking (P.T.) absent sick.
- June 12 Received ‘Report’ for past year:

*Mixed School. “Decided progress
has been made in general efficiency,
and the children have passed so
good an examination all through
the school in the elementary subjects
as well as in History Geography
and Sewing, that the higher grant
has been earned under Article 107(a)
Good order is maintained.”*

*Infants Class. “The children have been
in all respects well taught and good
order is maintained.”*

*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(b)
of the Code.
N. Bucknell and J. P. Brooking*

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1896 *have passed fairly.
F. Shepherd is continued under
Article 68.
Staff.*

W. T. Moore

W. Pengelly

F. Shepherd

N. Bucknell

J. P. Brooking

J. Harris Square

- July 17 Closed for the day on account of
a visit of Bostock's Menagerie to this
neighbourhood.
- July 22 J. P. Brooking returned to school
but has been advised by his doctor
not to study. He has therefore
been excused from attending the P.T.
lessons.
- July 26 Very good school throughout the week,
the weather has however been extremely

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1896

- hot.
- July 3 J. P. Brooking (P.T.) left the school
on account of his health.
His 'Form of Agreement' will therefore
be cancelled.
- July 8 Mr. Pengelly absent on important
business
- July 10 Very good attendance the whole week.
- July 16 School closed on account of the
Childrens' Flower Service.
- July 17 Very poor School; not more than

- half present.
- July 22 Broke up for Harvest Holidays.
- Aug 24 Re-opened after Harvest Holidays.
William Christopher Kellond
commenced duties as Monitor
- Aug 28 The attendance has been good for an
opening week except that to-day
several children have gone to
Dartmouth Regatta.
- Sept 4 Wet weather has somewhat interfered
with the attendance during the past
week.

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1896

- Sept 11 Good attendance throughout the week.
- “ 17 Very poor school indeed; many children
having gone to the Kingsbridge Agricultural
Show.
- Sept 22 Heavy rain only 30 children came
The weather having cleared these were
sent home.
In the afternoon about 60 attended and
school was kept.
- Sept 24 Closed in Afternoon on account of the
Harvest Festival. The Tea was held in
the schoolroom.
- Sept 29 Very wet morning and a poor attendance.
- Oct 2 Wet almost the whole week
- “ 6 Another wet morning and a high wind
about half present.
Examined the Registers & found all
correct. Conrad Finzel
Oct. 14. 1896

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- Oct 14 Visit of Mr. Finzel, who examined
registers.
- Oct 16 Wet morning; 99 present out of 172
- Oct 23 Better weather and a much better
school.
- Oct 30 Cold & wet this week; attendance slack
many older boys at work “Drawing”
Mangold & picking up potatoes.
- Nov. 6 The practice of having a half-day on
Friday afternoons is on the increase.
Introduced New Readers in Standards
I & II Chambers’ Object Lesson
Readers.
Examined the various classes in work
set up to 31st Oct.r
The spelling of Standard VI and the
Arithmetic in Standards II & V are

not so good as they should be.

Nov. 13 Very good school throughout the week until this day Friday; no less than 20 children absent either the whole or the half-day or these present the previous day.

Nov 16 N. Bucknell absent ill.

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1896

Nov 20 Poor attendance all the week; a drop of 12 in the average as compared with last week.

N. Bucknell absent the whole week.

Nov 27 Cold but dry weather and a very good school, except this day (Friday)

Dec. 1 Punished S. Dyer for impudence.

Dec 4 Only about 30 children came to school this morning on account of heavy rain. These were sent home, and school not opened.

Opened the afternoon but with very few children.

Mr. Pengelly absent to go to Torquay.

Dec 7th School visited by me this afternoon. One of the regulations respecting Registration states that the attendance register must be marked every time the school meets, however small the attendance, & the meeting must be counted in ascertaining the average attendance". W. Moore was therefore not justified in dismissing the 30 children who

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put in an appearance last Friday evening.

F. Wilkinson H. M. I.

Also visited by me on Tuesday evening Dec. 8th F.W.

Dec 11th Very good school the whole week.

" 14 N. Bucknell absent to-day and will be the whole week to attend the Queen's Scholarship Examination.

Dec 21 N. Bucknell absent ill

Dec.r 21st Examined the registers and found all correct J. Harris Square

Dec 24 Broke up at dinner time for a fortnight's holiday.

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1897

- Jan 11th Re-opened after Christmas Holidays with a good school.
- Jan 15 Marked Registers at 1.30 and dismissed at 3.3-0 as the room is required for the Sunday School Children's Tea; a great many children however were absent, some even in the morning.
- Jan 22 Very bad school, on account of the Coot Shooting at Torcross.
- Jan 29 Cold weather and a fall of snow have this week interfered with the attendance.
- Feb 5 A great deal of sickness among the children. Out of about 180 names on books, the average this week is 98.7.
- Feb 12 Wet weather the whole week and attendance still very bad. Mr. Pengelly left at 3.
- Feb 19 Better attendance
- Feb 26 Examined Standard 3 and find a great improvement in the work generally.
- Mar 2 Examined Standard 4 in History; the results being very satisfactory.

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- Mar 8 Better weather and an improved attendance
- Mar 10. Examined Standard IV in Arithmetic and Reading. The mistakes in Arithmetic are through utter carelessness. Problems are well done.
- Mar 12 N. Bucknell absent ill.
- Mar 19. Attendance good in spite of rough showery weather.
- Mar 24. School closed this afternoon to enable the teachers to attend the funeral of Mr. R. C. Balkwill one of the Members of the Board.

Examined Registered and found correct
30th March 1897
J. Harris Square

- April 2 Boys examined in Drawing by Lieut Col: Moore. Girls & Infants did not attend so registers were not marked. N. Bucknell received a communication from the Ed: Department to the effect that he had passed the Queen's Scholarship Examination 2nd Class.

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1897

Examined Registers & found correct
Ap. 8 1897 Conrad Finzel
Vice Chairman

April 14 Had sewing (girls) this afternoon instead of
to-morrow, as the sewing mistress cannot
attend school to-morrow.

April 15 N. Bucknell absent this afternoon.
Closed this evening until Tuesday next.

April 22nd 1897

School visited without notice. 84.b.
Florence Widger (10 yrs) Hettie Popperell (10 yrs)
Sam Shepherd (11 yrs). Harry Windsor (11 yrs)
passed in all 3 Subjs in Stand IV. and
may have a certificate to that effect.
Wm C. England

April 30 N. Bucknell completes his apprentice-
ship to-day, and leaves this school.

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1897

May 1st Commenced new School Year;
Children advanced to higher standards.

May 7th Very good school and children take
great interest in new work.

May 14 Attendance not so good as last week.

May 17 Mr. Pengelly left at 3.15 to go to Kingsbridge

May 19 Received H.M.I.'s Report:

Mixed School "The elementary subjects
have received careful attention, and
the class subjects have been well
taught, but some improvement will
be expected in the Needlework if it
is again to receive the good summary
mark, and the higher Principal
Grant under Article 101(a) of the
Code has not been more than
fairly earned. The copy-writing is
good, but the children should

*take more pains when writing their
Composition exercises. The order is good.
The children have hardly any proper
playground, and if the necessary
land can be obtained near the school*

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(Report continued)

*it is most desirable that a good
playground should be provided
without delay.”*

*Infants' Class “The teacher in
charge of the infants works hard and
takes great pains to get them on.
They have been on the whole very
creditably taught and they are in
good order. The Needlework is good,
but there is a tendency to produce
needlessly small stitches in the
hemming exercises.”*

*My Lords would be glad to learn
that a good playground would be
provided for the children.*

*N. B. Bucknell has obtained a
Second Class in the Queen's
Scholarship Examination.*

*He should be informed that he is
now qualified under Article 50 of
the Code, but not under Article 52.*

*F. Shepherd is continued under
Article 68*

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Staff:

W. T. Moore

W. Pengelly

F. Shepherd (Infts)

*W. C. Kelland (Pupil Teacher from
June 1st 1897)*

- May 21 Very good school throughout the week.
- May 24 The Misses Tyler visited the school and heard the upper Standards recite.
- May 29 Attendance somewhat fallen off during past week.
- May 31. Received 'Drawing' Report which for the 5th successive year is "Excellent." A Post-script to the Report runs: "It appears from the Examiner's report that the work on the whole does not quite reach the same Standard of Merit as that of last year. The award of "Excellent" may not, therefore, be given again next year unless there is improvement. The results of the examination

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were as follows:-

Standards I & II	Excellent
" III	Good in each subject.
" IV	Freehand – Fair, Drawing to Scale
	Excellent
V	" & Model Good Geom: Ex
VI	" & Model Fair " "
VII	" " " Fair
	Plan & Elevation Ex.c

- June 5th Closed until Tuesday 8th.
- June 12. Several children absent haymaking.
- June 19 Rather better attendance during past week.
Closed for a week's holiday – when the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be commemorated.
- June 27 Re-opened after a week's holiday.
- July 5 Very good school.
- July 7 A number of boys absent helping in the hay-harvest fields.

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July 13.97 Examined Registers & found correct
Conrad Finzel

July 22 Poor school, a number of children
having gone to Kingsbridge Fair.

July 23 Very poor school (morning).
Closed for the afternoon on account
of a Sunday School Tea.

July 30 Examined the School during past
week on work set for first period.
The weakest points were (Elementary Subs)
Standard I Arithmetic
Standard II Hand-writing.
Standard IV Spelling
Standard VI Arithmetic.
The Class Subjects are fairly well known
throughout.

Aug 2 Bank Holiday – School Closed.

Aug 6 Broke up for a month's holiday.

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Sept 6. Re-opened after a month's holiday.

Sept 9 Poor school – a number of children
having gone to the Kingsbridge Agricultural
Show.

Introduced a new set of Historical
Readers in Standards III IV V & VII
"Things new & old" (Cassell)

Sept 16. Poor School especially among V. VI & VII

Sept 23. Good attendance except in Standard V

Sept 29 Had Needlework this afternoon instead
of to-morrow.

Oct 1. Better School during past week.

" 8 Nearly all Torcross children absent
because of a Furniture Sale.

" 15 Wet weather during the past week
has greatly interfered with the
attendance.

" 22 Very poor attendance in Upper Standards

Oct 29 Examined Registers and found
correct J. Stooke

Oct 29 Mr. Stooke visited school and examined
the Registers, which he found correct.

" " Mr. Pengelly absent from school to-day
to attend certain business at Kingsbridge.

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Nov 12th 1897 School visited (84.b)
W. M. C. England.

Nov 19 Very poor attendance especially among
older children.

Nov 26 Damp & cold weather – many children

absent with colds; & a great many of those present are continually coughing.

Nov. 30 Examined Standards I & II in Arithmetic and find results good.

Dec 3. Many children absent the whole week with bad colds.
Examined Standards I & II in Reading & Writing.

Dec 8. Examined children in big room in Elementary subjects.

Dec 10. Heavy rains & a gale of wind

Dec 16 Marked Registers at 1.30 so as to dismiss at 3.30, as the children have been invited by Mrs. Holdsworth to Widdicombe House.

Nellie Simper and John Gribble

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1897-8 each received a present of a beautiful Time-piece from Mrs. Holdsworth for good behaviour.

Dec 23. Poor school all the week.
Broke up for Christmas Holidays.

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Jan 10th Re-opened after a fortnights holiday. The attendance however is poor as many children are absent with the Influenza or colds.
W. C. Kelland Pupil Teacher is unable to attend school owing to illness

Jan 14th The attendance throughout the week has been very poor.

Jan 17 Examined registers and found them correct

J. Harris Square

Closed Registers at 2.30
and dismissed at 4.30

Between the morning and afternoon meetings the Teachers attended the funeral of Mr. W. L. Pitts who had

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been a Member of the School Board since its formation in 1874 and Chairman for many years.

Jan 21st Attendance still very poor

Jan 24 W. C. Kelland. P.T. returned to school after a fortnight's absence.
Mr. Pengelly absent with a

- sprained ankle.
- Jan 25. Mr. Pengelly attended school to-day but was obliged to remain seated.
- Jan 26 Mr. Pengelly absent; - foot worse.
- Jan 28 Not more than half a school as a report got about that there was to be coot shooting at Torcross – no coot shooting however took place, but will take place to-morrow (Saturday) There is still much sickness.
- Jan 31 Received message from Mr. Pengelly to the effect that his foot is worse and that he is unable to attend school.
Examined children on work set up to to-day.

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1898

- Feb 4 Attendance still bad owing to mumps & influenza – Mr. Pengelly still absent.

Visit the school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel Feb. 7. 1898

- Feb 11 Mr. Pengelly returned to school after a fortnight's absence.
- Feb 18 No improvement in attendance
- Feb 21 Very bad attendance on account of a fall of snow.
- Feb 22 At the time for opening school there was only one child - a boy – present. Four other boys and one girl came afterwards, but were told to go home, and that the school would be closed until to-morrow morning. This is owing to a heavy fall of snow.
Miss Shepherd sent to say that, on account of the snow, she could not come to school.
- Feb. 23. Only 28 children present in the morning and 40 in the afternoon.

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- Feb 25. Average for past week 73 – lowest for many years.
- Mar 4. Much sickness still prevails; more particularly among the older children.
Examined school on past month's work and find satisfactory progress has been made.

- Mar 11. Obtained two new maps –
Europe – India.
- Mar 18. Examined First Class Infants and
find them well up in their work,
the Reading being especially good.

Visited the school - & found all in order
Mar.22.1898 Conrad Finzel.

- Mar 25 Intensely cold – a very poor
attendance.
- Ap: 1 Slightly better attendance and
very good progress is being made.
- Ap: 5. Miss Browse (Sewing Mistress) unable
to attend school through illness.

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1898

- was, therefore, unable to have
needlework
- Ap: 7th Miss Browse again absent.
Better attendance during past week
than since week ending Nov 26th
last.
- Closed school until Tuesday Ap. 12th
- Ap: 14th Better attendance
Miss Browse absent again on
both 'Sewing' afternoons.
- “ 19th School visited by me under 84.b.
F. Wilkinson H.M.I.
- Ap 26 Poor attendance – many children
absent with measles.
- Ap 29 School closed by order of
Medical Officer of Health on
account of an epidemic of
measles.
- May 23 Re-opened after three weeks closure
on account of an Epidemic of measles.
- May.23 Visited school & examined the Registers
Conrad Finzel

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*Report of H.M. Inspector for
year ending 30th April 1898
Mixed School “A very creditable
standard of general efficiency
continues to be maintained in*

this school and the order is good.”

Infants' Class "The Reading of the older infants is exceptionally good and the teaching generally is sound and effective. Good order continues to be maintained.”

F. Shepherd is continued under Article 68.

*Staff: W. T. Moore, W. Pengelly
W. C. Kelland. Miss F. Shepherd*

May 27 Attendance poor – many children still absent on account of the epidemic.

May 30 School Closed - Whit Monday.

June 3. Attendance worse than last week; a few fresh cases of measles.

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1898

June 10 Measles on the increase; attendance gradually getting worse.

June 17. More cases of measles than when the school was closed. The children however, are well again in a very short time, it being a particularly mild sort.

June 21. Was unable to have sewing this afternoon as Miss Browse the sewing mistress is ill.

June 23. School closed on account of the children's annual Flower Service & Tea.

June 24. Heavy Rains during early morning. Two Class Rooms flooded; at time of opening school only one boy present. School closed for the day.

Visited School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel June 27. 1898

July 1st Mr. Pengelly who has been Assistant Master for the past five years left this school to-day & takes

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mastership of a neighbouring school.
The attendance during the past week has much improved.
There are however a few cases of Measles.

- July 4th The new Assistant cannot commence duties until August 1st
A First-class Boy assists.
Time-Table not strictly kept to.
- July 8th A Fresh outbreak of measles has again lowered the average for the past week.
- July 11th Dr. W. H. Webb Medical Officer of Health visited the school & offices.
He recommended that the Infants' closet be ventilated.
Many children absent to attend a circus at Kingsbridge.
- July 15th Apart from Monday's attendance there has been great improvement this week although there are two fresh cases of measles.
- July 20 Wet morning 82 present out of 159.

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1898

- July 21 Kingsbridge Fair – 107 present out of 159, although a very good Infants' Attendance.
- July 25 Very poor attendance. Intended to commence the Quarterly examination but was unable owing to the poor attendance.
- July 29. Examined School on First Quarters' work, and find that, considering the school has been closed for 3 weeks and that for 4 weeks we have been without an assistant, the work generally is good.
- Aug 1st Bank Holiday – school closed.
- Aug 2nd Mr. Reginald W. Melhuish commenced duties as Assistant Master.
- Aug 5th Broke up for Harvest Vacation.
- Sept 5 Re-opened with a good attendance after a month's vacation.

Visited the school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel Sep.7.1898

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- Sept 7 Miss Shepherd absent to-day to go to Totnes. Miss Harradon took charge of Infant Class.
- Sept 9 Intensely hot; work conducted with great difficulty
- Sept 14 Pleased with the discipline & general efficiency of upper standards particularly W. H. Menhennett
- Sept.r 15 Very poor attendance on account of Kingsbridge Agricultural Show.
- Sept 16. Another bad attendance.
- “ 21. Sewing this afternoon instead of to-morrow.
- “ 28 Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Torcross. All Torcross children this afternoon absent.
- “ 29 Heavy rain during dinner hour; many children unable to attend school in the afternoon.
- “ 30 Harvest Thanksgiving services at Beesands kept many children away from School.
- Oct 7. Fine dry weather, but the attendance is not so good as it might be.

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1898

- Oct 17 Torrents of rain; only 55 present, many of whom were wet to the skin.
- Oct 21. Visit of Rev. C. Finzel.
- Oct 28. Better attendance than for some weeks.

Visited School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel
Oct.31.1898

- Oct 31 This School was visited by Rev. F. Wilkinson H.M.I. under Art. 84b.
- Nov 2nd Heavy rains; very few children at school.
- Nov 4. Several wet days during the week have caused a very poor weekly average.
- Nov 11 A great number of children absent this afternoon. Many children always absent Friday afternoons.
- Nov 18. Attendance still very poor.
- Nov 23. Heavy rains – only 34 present.
- Nov 24 The weather rather worse than yesterday but exactly the same number of children attended school viz. 34 out of 140.

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- Dec 2nd Slightly better attendance during past week.

- Dec 9. Received a visit from Mr. Menhennett
 Dec 15. Marked Registers by 10 am
 dismissed at 12 am. marked by
 1.30 dismissed at 3.30
 Dec 19. Very poor school on account of
 Coot Shooting at Torcross.
 Dec 23. Examined the various standards
 during past week on work set for
 period ending to-day.
 Broke up for a fortnight's holiday.
 For the past few weeks there has
 been a mild epidemic of Chicken Pox
 among the Infants; the Infants'
 Attendance has in consequence
 been thereby greatly lowered.

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1899

- Jan 9. Re-opened after a fortnight's holiday
 with a very fair school.
 Jan 13. A very stormy week.
 Jan 20. Tremendous gales – heavy rains
 - poor school throughout the week.
 Jan 27. Very cold east wind all the week.
 Attendance still poor.

Visited School & examined Registers
 Conrad Finzel
 Jan.31.1899

- Feb 3. Many children absent with bad
 colds.
 Examined the school during past week.
 Feb 8. Wet morning and a very poor
 attendance.
 Feb 9. Another wet & stormy morning, still
 worse attendance.
 Feb 10. Many children absent on account
 of a 'meet' of the 'Hounds' near
 the School.
 The Percentage of average attendance this wk. 70.

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- Feb 17. Slightly better attendance during past
 week.
 Feb 24. Examined Standards I & II in Reading
 and find good progress has been made.
 Mar 3. Poor school again, on account of
 Hounds meeting at Widdicombe.
 Mar 7. Very bad attendance – many boys
 gardening.
 Mar 10. During past week many children
 have been absent with colds
 - one boy absent with measles.

Mar 17 Many children still absent sick.
Mar 24 Attendance still bad, on account of
the Influenza.
Mar 30 Mr. Melhuish absent this week
with an attack of Influenza; attendance
of children worse.
Closed school until Tuesday next.

April 5th 1899
School visited (84.b) Alfred Lee (11 yrs)
Francis Lee (11 yrs) & Edith Wakeham (11 yrs)
passed Stand IV today in all 3 subjects
W. M. C. England

Visited the school & examined the Registers
Conrad Finzel Ap. 12. 1899

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Ap 14. A great many children still absent
with colds, sore throats, influenza
Ap: 21 Very wet morning and a poor
school.
Ap: 28 Better weather and a slightly better
attendance.

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1899
May 1. Began new School Year with a
fair attendance.
May 5 Prizes for Regular Attendance during
past year were distributed by
Rev C. Finzel Chairman of Sch: Bd.
May 12 Very wet morning – poor school.
May 19 Closed for a Week's Holiday.
May 29 Re-opened after a Week's Holiday.
June 2. Very Fair attendance all the week
until to-day (Friday)
June 9. Fine weather; a better weekly average
attendance than for several months.

*Inspector's Report for Year Ending
30 April 1899*

*Mixed School. "The Elementary
and Class subjects have been
carefully and accurately taught
throughout and the school is in
decidedly creditable condition.
Some of the desks want renewing."
Infants' Class "The Infants' class*

continues in its usual creditable condition”
F. Shepherd is continued under
Article 68 of the Code.

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School Staff:
W. T. Moore
R. W. Melhuish Art 50.
W. C. Kelland. Pupil Teacher
F. Shepherd Art 68.

1899

June 15 Very poor school this morning,
because a half-holiday has to be given
in the afternoon.
School closed this afternoon, as the
rooms are required for the Tea in
connection with the Deanery Choral
Festival.

June 16. Very hot & children restless.
A few cases of whooping cough.

Visited the School & examined the Registers.
June 21. 1899 Conrad Finzel

June 22 School closed on account of the
Children's Annual Flower Service.

June 23 Only 79 children present out of 135
- owing to yesterday's festival.

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June 30. Much better attendance (in spite of
whooping cough) until to-day when
nearly half the 1st Class are absent
Hay-Making.

July 7. Whooping Cough much worse.
24 Children absent the whole
week, mainly on account of illness
besides others absent part of the
week haymaking.

July 14 A fresh batch of children absent
with whooping cough, extremely poor

- school the whole week.
- July 21 Whooping Cough increasing; attendance worse.
- July 28 Whooping Cough has still further reduced the weekly average attendance. Broke up for Harvest Vacation - one month
- Sept 11th Re-opened after 6 weeks' holiday an extra fortnight having been given on account of the prevalence of whooping cough.
- Sept 15 A fair attendance during past wk.

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1899

- Sept 19. The School will be closed this afternoon, as the room is required for the Tea in connection with the Harvest Festival.
- Sept 22 Attendance not so good as it might be considering the fine weather.

Visited the school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel Sep.25.1899

- Sept 28. Not much improvement in attendance.
- Oct 6. Visit of Rev: C. Finzel.
- Oct 13 Visit of Mr. Menhennett.
- Oct 20 Good attendance during past week.
- Oct 27 Another wet morning.
- Nov 3. Poor weekly average on account of the weather.
- Nov. 6. Lit fires for first time this winter.
- Nov 10. Rough morning – somewhat reduced attendance.

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1899

- Nov 13. The Improvements recommended by the Department have now been completed.
The playgrounds have been enlarged to the extent of a quarter of an acre and new offices built.
- Nov 14th H. M. Inspector W. C. England Esq. visited the school both morning and afternoon under Art. 84b. of the Code.
- Nov. 17 Rather poor attendance throughout the week, except among the Infants.
- Nov 24 Visit of Rev. C. Finzel.
- Nov 24 Good attendance during past wk.
- Dec 1 During past week the attendance has been good until Friday when

- a number of children were absent.
- Dec 8. Wet morning – a poor school in consequence.
- Dec 15 Many children absent with colds.
- Dec 22. Broke up for a fortnights' holiday.
Mrs. Holdsworth visited the school

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and presented every boy with a scarf and every girl with a shawl. She further gave special prizes to the best behaved boy and girl. These were Harry Simper and Ethel Pepperell

1900

- Jan 8 Re-opened after a fortnight's holiday with a very poor school – a great number of children being down with Influenza. Miss Shepherd absent on account of the death of her father.
- Jan 12 Very poor attendance the whole week.
- Jan 17. Visited the school & examined the Registers
Conrad Finzel
- Jan 19 Worse weekly average for years – whole families down with Influenza. The weather also has been very bad. On the mornings of Monday & Tuesday it was impossible to keep school as only a very few children very wet put in appearance.

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1900

- Jan 26 The weekly average attendance even worse than last week. Influenza on the increase and the weather wretched. No less than 32 children were absent the whole week
- Jan 29 Me. Melhuish absent sick.
- Feb 2. Attendance still very bad, not more than about half present – very cold, a little snow. Mr. Melhuish still ill.
- Feb 9. Attendance no better – several children who have had Influenza came on Monday but having caught fresh colds are absent again. There are a few cases of Scarletina at Torcross.
- Feb 15 School closed on account of floods.
- Feb 19. Could not keep school again to-day on account of heavy rains – a few children put in appearance – drenched to the skin.

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1900

- March 1. Children given a half-holiday on receipt of news of the Relief of Ladysmith. Before dismissal the children gave three cheers for General Buller.
- Mar 9. The attendance has somewhat improved and sickness has nearly disappeared. A great number of Infants however have not yet returned to school.
- Mar 16. The weather continues wet and cold and this interferes with the attendance.
- Mar 19 Visit of Mr. Menhennett.
- Mar 22 Very heavy rain; not half present.
- Mar 29. Examined the various classes in the years work and find it most satisfactory.
- Ap. 6 The attendance of the Upper Standards is very bad.
- Ap: 12 A number of children absent assisting their fathers in the gardens.
Closed school until Tuesday next.
- Ap: 19 School visited by Rev: F. Wilkinson.
Her Majesty's Inspector, under Art: 84b of the Code

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- Ap. 30 Visited School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel

May 1st 1900 Inspected Drawing
Arthur W. Geffeken

- May 11th Drawing Report.
Equipment. The use of paper instead of slates is strongly recommended.
Demonstration sheets Freehand Stds. III IV V & VI a square pyramid, a triangular prism, a new cone, and a new cylinder should be provided.
General Remarks. The Drawing appears to be progressing fairly satisfactorily – the following points require attention.
Freehand – Lines lack clearness and freedom – clear, light free, grey lines should be aimed at. In Std. III & upwards full page drawings should be taken as a rule. Recreative drawings must not be taken in the ordinary course of

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instruction. If taken they must be in addition to & not in the place of the usual work, and must be kept separate. Drawing to Scale – Greater accuracy is necessary. The scale and measurements should always be stated. More advanced work should be taken in V & VI. The drg. to scale of actual objects is advisable & when such are used a rough sketch with the measurements, the scale & finished drawing shd. always be made. Geometry – The problems should be stated and separate books be used, or geometry and Drawing to scale may be taken in the same books. Model – Requires special care. Dating & Marking. All work must be dated and Exam: work marked. Oral – Needs working up.

Arthur W. Geffeken
5th May 1900

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1900
May 19th Good school throughout the week.

- 21 A Day's Holiday in honour of the relief of Mafeking.
- 24 The Queen's Birthday – Children sang "God save the Queen" before beginning the day's duties. On the morning of the 22nd so few children turned up it was impossible to keep school. It rained in torrents. By the afternoon it had ceased raining, when about half were present.

Report from H.M.I. for year ending 30th April 1900.

Mixed School "The answering in History is not uniformly good all through the school, and the Spelling is as a rule far from good in the fourth standard, but much very good work continues to be done, and the Needlework is good but the method

employed in the calico patching is undesirable, as the outer square of the

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1900 patch should be hemmed on the wrong side of the garment, and the smaller or inner square should be seamed on the right side of the garment. The order is very good. The new offices and playgrounds are very good, though it is impossible for the children to play as they should in the latter until they are properly gravelled or cemented.”
Infants' Class “The Infants' Class continues to be very creditably conducted. The Needlework has received the award ‘very good’.”
F. Shepherd is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

Staff.

W. T. Moore

R. W. Melhuish Art 50

W. C. Kelland P.T.

F. Shepherd Art 68

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1900

May 28 W. C. Kelland P.T. 2nd Year has failed in his examination.

June 4th Whit Monday – School Closed.

June 12 School closed on account of a Chapel Tea.

June 13. Very poor school.

June 15. Torrents of rain; very poor school indeed, although really more children

attended than could be expected in such weather.

June 22. Several children absent with Measles.

June 19. The average attendance of the Infant Class this week was 13 out of 39 on Books. This is owing to the spread of Measles.

July 5 Visited the School & signed the Registers – very small attendance
Conrad Finzel
Measles spreading; attendance getting worse & worse.

July 6 Received orders to close school for two weeks on account of

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1900 Measles.

July 23 Re-opened after two weeks with a worse attendance than before.

July 27 Measles as bad as when closed. Average attendance 76 out of 138 on books.

Aug 3. Fresh cases of measles occur every day.

Broke up for a month's holiday.

Sept 3 Re-opened with a fair school.

Sept.3. Visited the School on reopening after the Summer holidays & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel

Sept 7. Many children have not turned up this week, many being away from home visiting friends.

Sept 11. School will be closed this afternoon as the room is required for a Tea

Sept 14. Attendance of Infants not good during past week.

Sept 20 Wet day – very poor school in consequence.

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Sept 21. The attendance of the Infants is still very poor.

Sept 28 During the past three days, the whole school has been examined on work set up to the end of Sept. r

Oct 4 Very wet weather – poor attendance.

Oct 12. Slightly better attendance, although far from what it should be.

Oct 19. A number of children absent picking up apples & potatoes.

Oct 26 Torrents of rain; only a very few children put in appearance. These were dripping

wet and were immediately sent home and the school closed.

- Oct 30. Very poor school in consequence of the weather
- Nov 1 Another wet morning and a poor school.
- Nov 2. The attendance this week has been greatly reduced by the bad weather but also by a number of boys being absent picking up apples, there being an abundance.

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1900

- Nov 5. Rather rough morning – but fair school.
- Nov. 7 Used for first time the 'Graphic' Geographical Readers for lowest group.
- Nov 9. The weather has been very unsettled throughout the week consequently the attendance has been poor. During past week, examined school on six month's work.
- Nov 12. Another wet morning – poor attendance.
- Nov 16. Poor school again, for no other reason than that it is Friday.

Visited the School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel Nov.10.1900

- Nov 20 Mr. Holdsworth called to complain of the Chillington children damaging the hedges.
- Nov 23. A good deal of rain during the dinner hour prevented many children from attending School in the afternoon.

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1900

- Nov 28. Torrents of rain only 51 present.
- Nov 30. The past week has been very wet and stormy, the average attendance has in consequence been greatly reduced.
- Dec 5th Terrible storm; torrents of rain. 21 children put in appearance. The registers were marked as per Time Table; but with the view of asking permission of H.M.I. to cancel the attendance. Visit of Rev. C. Finzel who decided, that as the storm was increasing, the school should be closed in the afternoon. This was done.
- Dec 10. Assistant & Pupil Teacher will be absent for the week; both

are at Exeter taking the Queen's Scholarship Examination. W. T. Harradon (who is to be examined as a candidate for Pupil Teachership in April) is assisting.

Dec 14. Attendance much better, although the weather has not been very favourable.

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1900

Dec 18. The School was visited by Rev F. Wilkinson Her Majesty's Inspector.

Dec. 21 Broke up for a fortnight's holiday. Before breaking up Morris Hutchings and Adela Brooking each received a valuable present from Mrs. Holdsworth for good behaviour.

1901

Jan 7. Reopened after a fortnight's holiday with a fair attendance.

Jan. 7. Visited the School & examined the Registers
Conrad Finzel

Jan 8. School closed on account of a heavy fall of snow.

Jan 11 Very poor attendance since the snow; the roads being very bad. School closed this afternoon, as the room is required for a Sunday School Tea.

Jan 16 Heavy rains and a very poor attendance.

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1901

Jan 18. The attendance still keeps low on account of so much rain.

Jan 25. Another bad week for attendance; rain nearly every day.

Feb 1. Very cold for the past few days. A number of children absent to-day doing Saturday's work, as to-morrow is to be a day of national mourning for Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria.

Feb 5 On Saturday the 2nd the Children assembled at the School and marched in procession to the Parish Church on the occasion of the Memorial Service to the late Queen.

Feb 8. Very poor attendance; the weather still continues cold and a number of children are absent with chilblains.

Feb 14 Several wet & cold days have interfered with the attendance. This morning it snowed rather

heavily and few children attended school. The snow continued all the morning and the school was closed for the afternoon.

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1901

- Feb 22. Wet mornings this week have considerably reduced the average attendance.
- Feb 26. Mr. Melhuish has gone to assist in Huccombe School. W. T. Harradon who is to be proposed as a Pupil teacher is assisting during Mr. Melhuish's absence.
Wet morning and a very poor school.
- Feb 27. Best attendance since Christmas.
- Mar 1 A heavy hail-shower this morning caused many children to be away.
- Mar. 4 Visited the school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel
- Mar 8 Heavy rains again interfered with attendance.
- Mar 15 Good school throughout the week until to-day. Cold east wind and rain prevented many children attending.
- March 18 Cold and wet, not half present.
Mr. Melhuish received notice that he has passed the Scholarship

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- examination Second Class.
- Mar 21. School closed on account of a severe snow storm.
- Mar 22 Bitterly cold – a very poor attendance
- Mar 25. Mr. Melhuish has again gone to Huccombe School to assist.
W. T. Harradon Monitor is helping here.
- Mar 29. Heavy snow showers every day of the week. The attendance however is as good as could be expected.
- Ap: 1 Very poor school; a number of children absent setting potatoes.
Mr. Melhuish goes to Huccombe for another week.
- Ap 4 School visited by Rev: F. Wilkinson H.M.I.
Closed at the end of the morning meeting for Easter Holidays.
- Ap: 15 Re-opened after a holiday of eleven days.
- Ap. 16 Mr. Melhuish gone to Huccombe for the remainder of the week.

Ap 22 Very poor attendance; some children have colds; others gardening.

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1901

Ap. 26 Fine weather and slightly better attendance.
Mr. Melhuish has been here this week.

1901

May 1 Commenced a new School Year with a very fair attendance.
May 8 Wet morning – a very poor attendance.
Visited the School & signed Registers
Conrad Finzel
May 14.1901

May 15. Excellent attendance to-day
May 17 The weekly average attendance higher than for nearly three years.
May 21. School will be closed this afternoon on account of a Circus visiting the neighbourhood.
May 24 Good attendance throughout the week.
May 27 Bank Holiday – school closed.
May 31 Rather poor attendance, owing partly to its being Whit Week.
June 7 Extremely good attendance throughout the week.
June 14. Attendance not so good as last week.

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*Report of H.M.I. for year ending 30th Ap.
1901*

Mixed School “The children are in good order and the teachers are painstaking and industrious while the children on the whole have a creditable knowledge of their work, but many of them, especially in the upper standards, speak so indistinctly that it is next to impossible to hear what they say, and the Recitation said as it is does not improve their articulation

as it should.”

Infant Class *“The children are in good order and are brightly and intelligently taught, but the attendance should much improve, the average for the year being only about one half of the children on the books.”*

F. Shepherd is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

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1901 Staff for Year ending 30th Ap 1901

W. T. Moore

R. W. Melhuish Art 50

W. C. Kelland P.T.

F. Shepherd Art 68 Infts.

June 19 Wet morning – consequently a poor school.

June 26. A number of older boys absent hay harvesting.

June 27. School closed for the day on account of the Childrens' Flower Service.

June 28 A very poor attendance, the children presumably being tired after yesterday's holiday.

W. C. Kelland leaves this school to day on completing his apprenticeship as Pupil Teacher.

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July 4 The whole of the Torcross children absent on account of an 'outing' in connection with the Sunday School of that village.

July 5. Attendance still bad nearly all the Torcross children again absent.

July 10th Intensely hot, thermometer 81°

- July 11 Thermometer slightly higher than yesterday.
- July 12 A very poor attendance owing no doubt to the great heat.
- July 12 Visited the School & signed Register
Conrad Finzel
- July 19 Attendance rather poor, although the heat is not so intense.
- July 25. A number of boys absent to go to Kingsbridge Fair.
- July 26 Heavy rain during the dinner hour prevented many children from attending school in the afternoon.

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- Aug: 2 Broke up for a month.
The Chairman of the School Board attended the School and distributed the Prizes for Regular Attendance. William Crang for the third year in succession winning the top prize. Mr. Melhuish who has been Assistant Master for the past three years leaves to-day, as he proceeds to Exeter Training College next month.
Mr. Finzel on behalf of the Teachers and scholars presented Mr. Melhuish with a handsome fountain Pen, and Arnold-Forster's History of England as a slight token of regard.
- Sep. 2. Visited the School on reopening & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel.

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- Sept. 2 Re-opened after a month's holiday.
Mr. Norman Bucknell commenced duties as Assistant Master.
- Sept 6. Good attendance throughout the week.
- Sept 12 A very poor School in consequence of the Kingsbridge Agricultural Show.
- Sept 16. Closed on account of the Harvest Thanksgiving.
- Sept 20 Poor school in consequence of rain in the early morning, although it cleared in time for every one to attend.

- Sept 26. Most of the Torcross children absent,
on account of the Chapel Harvest
Thanksgiving.
- Sept 27. Good School.
- Oct 4. Poor attendance in Upper Standards
on account of a shower early in
the morning.
- Oct 11. Fine weather and a very fair attendance.
- Oct 18. Heavy rain; 57 present; Registers not
marked. No: on Books 168.
- Oct 26. School visited by me
J. G. D. Campbell
H.M.I.

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- 1901
- Nov 1. Fine weather and a very good attendance.
- Nov 8. Introduced Chambers' 'Continuous' Readers
"On the Spanish Main" (Henty) in the
Upper Standards.
- Nov 12. Heavy Rain and wind.
In the morning 84 children attended
and in the afternoon 86. The number
of children on the Registers is 164.
The Registers were not marked.
- Nov 20. Nearly all the Torcross children
absent to attend a Birthday party.
- Nov 22. During past week, examined Pupil
Teacher in work of past six months.
He did some papers extremely well, but
was unable to do much with the
Euclid paper.
- Nov 29. Fine weather and a very good attendance
throughout the week.
- Dec. 6. A number of children always absent
on Friday afternoons for no apparent
reason.
- Dec. 12. A gale of wind with heavy rain blew
this morning. 64 children put in
appearance. No. on Books 160

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- The Registers were not marked in the
Morning.
With a better attendance in the afternoon
the Registers were marked.
- Dec 13. Very good attendance especially for a
Friday.
- Dec 16. Another heavy rain storm. 49 children
present. Registers not marked.
Afternoon – 79 present. Registers
not marked. No of Books 160.
- Dec 20. Broke up for Christmas Holidays

- Two weeks.

Mrs. Holdsworth visited the school and gave every child in the school a handsome Christmas present. She also gave special prizes for good conduct to Peter Rhymes, Alice Pepperell, and Helena Simper.

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1902

- Jan 13. Re-opened after three weeks holiday. An extra was given on account of an outbreak of scarlet Fever.
- Jan 17. The attendance for the week has been slightly lowered, owing to several children being absent with bad colds.
- Jan 20. Several children absent this afternoon on account of the 'Hounds' meeting at Widdicombe.
- Jan 25. Heavy rain & wind. 45 children attended out of a possible 148. In the afternoon there were three less; the Registers were not marked.

Visited the School & examined the Registers
Conrad Finzel Jan.27.1902

- Jan 27. A very poor attendance, a large number of children suffering from influenza.
- Jan 28. Attendance still less; only 75 present.
- Feb 1 A bitterly cold east wind blowing; 59 children put in appearance in the morning, and 50 in the afternoon.

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1902

- The Registers were not marked. An epidemic of influenza appears to be raging among the children. The average attendance for last week was 117.5 when a good many children were absent sick; this week the average fell to 79.7, which does not include Friday's attendance.
- Feb 7. The average attendance for the week ending to-day is only 85.8, with nearly 150 names on books. Many children have returned to school, but others have taken colds or influenza; the younger children seem to suffer most from the epidemic.
- Feb 18 The attendance is improving. Dr. Doughty attended the School this morning and vaccinated a number of children. The teachers were also vaccinated.

Feb 21. The epidemic of Influenza among the children seems now abated and the attendance is gradually improving.

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1901

Feb 28. The Attendance this week has been very poor owing to a large number of those vaccinated last week being absent with bad arms.

Mar 7. Good attendance this week, except on this day. A number of children were absent to go to Dartmouth, to which town their Majestys The King and Queen are paying a visit

Mar 4. Good attendance throughout the week.

Mar 21.92 Visited the School & signed Registers – also brought to the school some excellent modern maps – a present from Mr. Rodgman. R.N. of Torcross. Conrad Finzel

Mar 21 Poor School this afternoon as many of the children have obtained permission of their parents to follow the Hounds which are meeting to-day at Widdicombe.

Mar 27. Many children absent this week assisting their fathers in the gardens. Close until Tuesday next.

Ap: 1 Very poor attendance in 1st Class.

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Ap 4 Attendance is rather poor, a number of Infants are absent and others are still assisting in gardens.

.ap 11. Very good school the whole week.

Ap 14 Master will be absent for a few days to go to Southampton on important business

April 17 1902

Visit – Art 84.a

A. B. Fisher

Ap 18. Rather a poor school.

Ap 21 Heavy rains. 71 Children put in appearance. The Registers were not marked. In the Afternoon the Registers were marked as the weather improved.

Ap 25 Fairly good attendance throughout the week. Mr. Bucknell absent this afternoon to go to Plymouth to attend an examination in Model Drawing.

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1902

- May 1 Commenced the new School Year with a good attendance.
- May 12. Mr. Bucknell absent to attend funeral of a friend.
- May 13. Visited the School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel
- May 16 Heavy rain during the dinner-hour.
Poor school in the afternoon.
On Monday 19th Whit Monday the school will be closed.
- May 20. Good school in the morning. A few children absent in the afternoon to go Beesands Fair.
- May 23. A good attendance throughout the week.
- May 30. The average attendance this week is better than for many months.
- June 6. Wet day, but attendance not effected to any great extent except in the afternoon.
- June 13. Good attendance throughout the week.
- June 20. Closed for a week's holiday.

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- June 30 Re-opened after a week's holiday with a very fair attendance.

*Report of H. M. Inspector
A. B. Fisher Esq. for the year
ending 30th April 1902*

Mixed School "The order is good and the teaching is sensible. All stoves should be guarded (Rule 12 Schedule VII of the Code of 1901) A clock should be provided and the urinal in the offices should be screened. As regards the Pupil Teacher the requirements of Circular 343 should be complied with."

Infant Class. "The children are

well managed and carefully taught, but Miss Shepherd requires assistance. This must be provided if I am to continue approval of her as in charge of the Class. Moreover the desk accommodation is so insufficient that it is with difficulty that I can report the

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room as properly furnished within the meaning of Article 85a of the Code.”

*W. T. Harradon Passed ‘Well’
The Managers are reminded of their duty towards the Pupil Teachers in their employ as set forth in the enclosed Circular 343
Further desk accommodation for the Infants should be at once provided.*

*Staff: W. T. Moore
H. N. Bucknell Art 50
W. T. Harradon P.T.
Miss F. Shepherd Art 68*

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- 1902
July 4. The attendance this day is bad owing partly to the hay harvest.
July 7 Mr. Bucknell absent and will be absent for the week to attend the ‘Certificate’ examination at Plymouth.

- July 8 Adela Brooking one of the older girls (14 yrs old) commenced duties as Paid Monitress to assist in the Infant Room mainly.
- July 11 The attendance this week has not been very good; in the early part many were assisting in the hay-fields.
- July 17. Practically the whole of the Torcross children absent to-day to go to a picnic in connection with the Congregational Church of that village.
- July 18. A number of Torcross children again absent, while others are helping in the hay fields.
Peter A. Rhymes one of the boys of the upper standards has been successful in winning a County Scholarship (Day).

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Scheme of Instruction
Older Children

Subject

Class 3
Class 1

Class 2

English reading	Reading from suitable books Reading from suitable Reading Recitation. Transcription & Bks (one History). Recitation	Reading from suitable Bks. Recitation.
Formation	Copy-writing. Oral formation Written reproductions of of simple sentences stories told by Teacher	(orally & in writing) of sentences containing words and of sentences about familiar objects
given	Written answers to easy questions. Letter writing Easy essays.	
Arithmetic	Group i as for St. I Group i as for St. V " ii " " " II " ii " " " VI	Group i as for St. III " ii " " " IV
Geography	Meaning & use of Map Outlines of the World Plan of Room & premises Chief Geog.I terms simply explained	England & Wales (1) Scotland & Ireland (2) in alternate years
History	Exposition of Contents of a History of England used as a Reading Bk.	—
Elem. Science & Common Things	A course of Lessons on A Course of lessons in Plants Animals & Things Elementary Science familiar to young children	A Course of Lessons on less common plants & animals
Drawing (Boys))	
Needlework) As in formed Codes	
Singing)	
Physical Training		

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Scheme of Instruction
Infants' Class

	Babies' Class	Second Class
First Class		
Reading	To know the 'Letters'	To read short words
Reading from		

suitable Infant Reader		from sheet & from Readers
Writing	The elements of the Capital Letters; letters; Easy letters	To write short words
	To write short sentences from copies on Black-board	
Arithmetic	To count up to Ten	Knowledge of very easy numbers. Easy sums
	Knowledge of numbers up to 50 Easy sums	mentally & on slates, in addition & subtraction with numbers up to 20
	mentally & on slates.	Kindergarten
	Multiplication Tables	
	Kindergarten Arithmetic	
Arith/sticks		beads etc.)
Lessons on Common Things	A series of Lessons suitable to Country Children.	
Varied Occupations Pricking & Embroidery	Cubes, Tiles, Beads, Sticks.	Word-building: Pricking
Needlework	As in Appendix III, Revised Instructions	
Singing	Grade I (Appendix IV Revised Instructions).	
Physical Exercises	A series of Simple Exercises for developing arms & chests.	

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1902

July 25 Good school this week until this afternoon when on account of the Sunday School garden party, a large number of children were absent.

Aug 1st Poor school to-day. Close until Tuesday next, Monday being Bank Holiday.

Aug 6th Heavy rain; 69 children put in appearance; Registers not marked. In the afternoon 77 attended; registers not marked. Total no. on books 170

Aug 7th Broke up at Mid-day for 4 week's Holiday

- Sept 8. Re-opened after a month's holiday
 Sep. 8 Visited the school & examined the Registers – Conrad Finzel
 Chairman
- Sept 9. The Chairman of the School Board distributed prizes to the most regular attending children for last school year. Peter A. Rhymes was presented by Mr. Finzel

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- with a handsome volume of 'Shakespeare' on his winning a County Scholarship. Rhymes leaves this school to-day to attend Kingsbridge Grammar School.
- Sept 12. The attendance of the older children throughout the week has been poor as harvest operations have not been yet completed.
- Sept 18. Master absent to attend a funeral.
- Sept 19. The attendance during the past week has been much better, but still a great many boys of the 1st Class are still absent.
- Sept 23. Heavy rains. 75 children attended. The number on books is 173. The Registers this morning were not marked.
- Sept 24. A good many Torcross children absent to attend the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Chapel.
- Oct 4. Good attendance during the past week
- Oct 9. Gale from the East with heavy rains. 33 Children put in appearance; one was so wet that she was sent home; the others remained; the registers were not marked.

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1902

- Oct 16. A violent rain storm occurred during the dinner hour and this prevented a number of children attending in the afternoon.
- Oct 17. Showery and stormy throughout the week, attendance not interfered with to any great extent.
- Oct 20. Mr. Bucknell has received notice from the Board of Education that he has successfully passed the 'Certificate' examination
 28th Oct. r 1902
 Visit of Inspection – Art 84.a.
 J. H. Greet
- Oct 31. Excellent attendance throughout the week.

- Nov. 7. Many of the bigger boys absent picking up apples, and 'pulling' Mangold.
- Nov 10. Master absent to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law, who died at Salcombe while on a visit from Adelaide South Australia.

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1902

- Nov 14. Very poor attendance; many boys still absent working in the Mangold fields and apple-orchards.
- Nov 17. Mr. Bucknell absent to go to Birmingham
- Nov. 20. Visited the school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel.
- Nov 21. Very cold most of the week, but good attendance except to-day (Friday)
- Nov 24. Heavy rains – 52 children attended
No: of children on books – 165
Registers not marked.
- Nov 28. Better weather and an improved attendance
- Dec 1st Very poor school on account of bad weather.
- Dec 4th Nearly all the Torcross children absent, as well as many others on account of Coot shooting.
- Dec 5. Very cold indeed – poor school.
- Dec 12 Cold and wet – attendance still poor
- Dec 19 Broke up for Christmas holidays.
Mrs. Holdsworth visited the school and presented prizes for good conduct.

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to Fred: Stone and Edith Perett
Mr. Bucknell who has recently obtained his 'Certificate' leaves here to-day to take an appointment at Birmingham. Mr. Bucknell's certificate dates from August 1st 1902.

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- Jan 5. Re-opened after a fortnight's holiday with a good attendance.
Adela Brooking Monitress absent with a bad attack of influenza.
An Assistant Teacher has been appointed, but is unable to commence duties for a day or two.
- Jan 8 Mr. Henry Guard of Barnstaple commenced duties as Assistant Master.
- Jan 9. The attendance for the past few days

has been poor owing to the weather.

Jan. 12 Visited the School & examined Registers
found all correct.

Conrad Finzel

Jan 12.1903

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1903

- Jan 16. Several rough days during past week.
The attendance rather poor especially
that of Infants.
- Jan 23. Good attendance throughout the
week until this afternoon when a
large number of smaller children were
absent to attend a children's party.
- Jan 30. A wet morning, poor attendance in
consequence. Visit of Chairman of
School Board (Rev. C. Finzel)
- Feb 6. Although the weather has been
wet the attendance this week has
been fairly good.
- Feb 12 Visit of Chairman of Sch: Bd:
- Feb 13. Adela Brooking monitress
leaves this school.
- Feb 16. Helena Simper commenced duties
as Monitress in the Infant Room.
- Feb 20. Good attendance considering the
weather; on Tuesday a number
of children were absent on account
of the Coot Shooting at Torcross.
- Feb 27. Although the weather has been
very wild, the attendance has been good.

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1903

- Mar 2. A severe storm of wind and rain
28 children put in appearance.
The Registers were not marked
- Mar 6. Fair attendance although weather
continues wet.
- Mar 13. Very good attendance throughout the week.
- Mar.19 Visited the School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel
- Mar 20 The weekly average was considerably
lowered by a bad attendance on Tuesday
last owing to heavy rain.
- Mar 17 The weather continues very wet, and the
attendance is not quite so good as it
should be
- Ap 3. Very poor attendance indeed; more than
half the first Class absent, most of
whom are helping in the gardens.

Ap 9 Very bad attendance throughout the week among the older children.
Close until Tuesday next.

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1903

Ap 16 Poor school this week, several children gone away for Easter.

April 22nd 1903. The following children were examined in \$IV for Codes of proficiency – All passed in the 3 Slimby subjects

Iris Dare

Hilda Brooking

Ethel Mabin

Minnie Brooking

Silliam Spry

Samual Cranch

Percy Johns

Leslie Clements

Norman Tolchard

??????? Lacey

Visit of Inspection

Art 84 (a)

??????? Lacey

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1903

Ap 23 Miss Browse who has been Teacher of Needlework in this School for several years leaves to-day.

Ap: 27 Miss Shepherd unable to attend School on account of a severe attack of influenza

Ap 28 Mrs. Tolchard commenced duties as Teacher of Needlework.

May 1. Visited the school & tested Registers
Conrad Finzel

Commenced new School Year with a good attendance.

Miss Shepherd still absent, and is now very ill.

May 4th Mrs. Tolchard (sewing mistress) has agreed to take charge of the Infants on afternoons, (except Tuesday & Thursday when she is teaching sewing to the older girls).

May 8 Very good attendance throughout the week. Miss Shepherd is reported to be improving, but it does not appear that she will return

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1903

- to duties for some time yet.
- May 13. School used as a Polling Station for the election of a Rural District Councillor for this parish.
- May 15. The attendance this week has been good, especially that of Infants.
- May 22. Several children absent with colds.
- May 29 Torrents of rain; 47 children put in appearance; the Registers were not marked.
Afternoon. Although the weather cleared about mid-day yet the number present in the afternoon was only 63. The Registers were marked
School closed for a week's holiday.
- June 8th Re-opened after a week's holiday
Miss Shepherd returned to duties after a severe illness.

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1903

June 9 H. M. Inspector's report for year ending 30th April 1903.

Mixed School "A good deal of useful work has been done during the year. The teachers are painstaking and the children industrious. A clock and some new desks should be provided, the latter having been suggested last year."

Infant Class "The teacher has improved in method and has now got her class in better condition both as regards order and attainments. The average attendance however is too large for a teacher qualified only under Article 68 of the Code and the present rate of grant is recommended with considerable

hesitation.”

The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Article 73 of the Code, which are not at present satisfied.

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School Staff:

W. T. Moore

W. T. Harradon Pupil Teacher

F. Shepherd Art: 68 (Inf)

J. Harris Square

June 12. Rather poor attendance; several children absent with colds.

June 19. Visited the School & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel

June 19. Wet and cold, not half the children present.

June 25. School closed on account of the children's Flower Service.

June 26. Very bad attendance – the excuse being that the children are tired after yesterday's holiday.

June 29. Poor attendance; a number of children absent with Chicken-pox.

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July 3. Mr. Guard absent three days this week to attend the College of Preceptor's Exam.n at Plymouth.

July 9 School will be closed this afternoon to give teachers & children an opportunity of attending the funeral of Sydney Stone an Infant of this School who was killed by a fall over a cliff at Torcross.

July 16 Poor attendance especially among older children.

July 24 A wet morning on Tuesday considerably lowered the weekly average attendance.

July 28 Heavy rains: 51 children put in appearance; Registers were not marked. By the afternoon the weather had

cleared and a few more children
attended (total number present 72)
the Registers were marked.

July 31 Broke up for Summer Holidays (Mid-day)
Before breaking up the Chairman presented
prizes to a number of children for
regular attendance. The Vice Chairman
of the Board (Mr. N. B. Prettejohn) was

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also present.

Dr. Webb Medical Officer of Health
and Mr. Madge Sanitary Inspector
visited the school and offices,
The Chairman & Vice-chairman
who happened to be at the school
undertook to see that certain details
be immediately attended to.

Aug 31 Re-opened after a month's holiday.
Several children of the upper
standards absent, as harvest
operations are far from completed.

Aug 31. Visited the school on reopening – and
tested Registers
Conrad Finzel

Sept 1. Mr. Edward Jowitt commenced
duties as Assistant Master Art 50.

Sept 3. Very poor school – most of the
Torcross children absent to go on
an excursion in connection with
the Sunday School.

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Sept 11. Very poor attendance in upper standards
throughout the week.

Sept 18 Better attendance this week. A number of
children however were absent yesterday to
attend Kingsbridge Show.

Sept 25 Very poor attendance yesterday, as most
of the Torcross children were absent to
attend the harvest thanksgiving
service at the Chapel.

Sept 30. To-day the School passes under the
control of the County Education
Committee

Oct 2. Attendance not so good as it should be

Oct. 7th Visited the school, found all in good order
Conrad Finzel
Chairman

registers correct Thomas Honeywill.
Dec 11 Very fair attendance except for Monday afternoon. For a considerable time the average attendance each week has been brought down by wet mornings.

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1903

Dec 14 W. T. Harradon Pupil Teacher absent to day & will be for the week, as he is sitting for the King's Scholarship Exam.n at Exeter.
Dec 18 Attendance not very good.
Dec 21. Pupil Teacher absent ill.
Dec 23. Broke up for Christmas Holidays. Previous to breaking up Mrs. Holdsworth gave every child in the school a handsome box of chocolates, a bun, a cracker and an orange. Mrs. Holdsworth was heartily thanked for her kindness. Mrs. Holdsworth's good conduct prizes were this year awarded to W. J. Crang and Iris Dare.

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1904

Jan 11 Re-opened after Christmas Holidays with a good attendance.
12th Visited the school – found all in order Florence A. Holdsworth.
Jan 15. Apart from Wednesday when the weather was very bad, the attendance this week has been good.
Jan 18. Received a message to the effect that the Pupil Teacher is ill and will not be able to attend school for a few days at least.
Jan. 21st Visited the schools – good attendance – all in order. Florence A. Holdsworth
Jan 22. Attendance fell off a little to-day.
Jan 25 The Pupil Teacher (W. T. Harradon) is still unable to attend school. William Pepperell who is to be proposed as a Pupil Teacher, is assisting.
Jan 26 Rough morning, very poor attendance
Jan 27 Another very wet morning; attendance worse than yesterday.
Jan 29 Very poor weekly average

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1904

Feb 1 Several Infants of the 1st Class have been

- put in Standard I.
- Feb 5 Several of the younger children have been absent with colds.
- Feb 8. Rough weather, a great many children absent with colds.
- Feb 9. Worse attendance on account of the weather and sickness.
- Febv 12. Rain and wind the whole week, consequently the attendance has been very bad. A number of young children have been absent with bad colds.
- Feb. 16. a.m. Visit of inspection. More pegs should be put up in the Infants' Cloak room. There are two dangerous holes in the floor of the girls' cloakroom. The floor should be repaired
R. E. Moyle D.C.E.C.
- Feb. 17th Visited the schools – Found skylight leaking. Am ordering it to be repaired
Florence A. Holdsworth.
- Feb. 19 The weather towards the latter part of the week has been better, but a number of children have been absent sick the whole week.

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- Feb. 23rd Visited the school – good attendance
Florence A. Holdsworth.
- Feb 26. A few children still sick. Cold and wet morning, attendance fell off slightly among older children, but a dozen Infants were absent.
- 3rd March Visited the School. Registers correct
Tho. S. Walters-Symons
- Mar 4. There is still a good deal of sickness among the children.
- Mar 7. Rain and wind, only 70 present
- Mar 11 Good attendance since Monday.
- Mar 18 In the early part of the week, the attendance was good, but at the end very poor.
- Mar 21 The Pupil Teacher W. T. Harradon returned to duties.
- Mar. 23 Visited school & examined Registers
Conrad Finzel
- Mar 25 Attendance still poor towards the end of the week.

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- Mar 29. The School was closed yesterday March 28th as the room was required as a Polling Station for the Election of Rural District

Councillors.

Mar 31. Close this evening until Tuesday
next April 5th (Good Friday &
Easter Monday).

April 13th Visited the School
H. Cowie
H.M.I.

Ap: 18 Visit of Attendance officer.
Ap 25. Very good attendance throughout the
week.
Ap 29 Wet morning; slight falling off
in attendance.

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1904

Visited the school. Very stormy day.
May 2 as attendance was only 75 out of 148
number on Books – decided not to mark
registers
Conrad Finzel
Chairman of Managers

Afternoon

The number present was 80 (out of
149) Registers not marked.
May 6 Very good attendance since Monday.
May 9 Visit of Mr. Brown – attendance officer;
very good attendance.
May 13. Very good attendance throughout the week.
May 16 Visit of Attendance Officer
May 17th Visited the School attendance very good.
Registers correct. N. B. Prettyjohn
May 20 Several children absent from Upper
Standards
Close for a Week's Holiday.
May 30 Re-opened after a week's holiday.
Miss Shepherd did not return until the
afternoon.
May 31. Every child present this morning.
Visited the schools. Only three absent
Florence A. Holdsworth.

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1904

June 3. Good attendance the whole week.
June 10 Attendance not quite so good this wk.
June 15 Visited this school and found the
attendance good and in order
Thomas Honeywill.
June 17 Several children absent this (Friday)
afternoon.
June 22 Visit of Attendance Officer.
June 24. Attendance good – but still a number of

- children are absent this day (Friday)
- June 29 The School will be closed to-morrow June 30th on the occasion of the Children's Flower Service.
- July 3 After closing Wednesday last the Managers decided to close for Friday July 1st as well as Thursday June 30th.
The Pupil Teacher William T. Harradon completed his apprenticeship on Thursday last June 30th. He remains as teacher under Article 50.

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- 1904
- July 8th Visited schools. Very good attendance
Florence A. Holdsworth
- July 8 Very hot day – attendance good throughout the week.
- July 15 A number of boys have been absent at times this week helping with the Hay harvest.
The attendance of the Infants under 5 has been rather poor.
- July 18 Visit of Attendance Officer.
- July 22 *Copy of H. M. Inspector's Report for the year ending 30th April 1904*
Mixed School *"The School is well organised and ordered, and the teaching is vigorous sound and effective. New desks have been provided."*
Infant Class *"The infant Class is well managed and carefully and sensibly taught."*

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- 1904
- July 22 William C. Rhymes a boy of the upper standards has been successful in winning a Country Scholarship, and will shortly be leaving to attend Kingsbridge

- Grammar School.
- July 29 Wet morning, and a rather poor attendance.
- Aug 5th Broke up for a month's holiday.
The Chairman (Rev. C. Finzel) presented W. C. Rhymes with a volume of Tennyson's Poems on his winning a County Scholarship.
- Sept 5 Re-opened after a month's holiday with a good attendance.
- Sept 8th Heavy rain 75 children attended out of 152 on books. Registers were not marked.
Afternoon. 89 present Registers were marked.
- Sept 9 Rather poor attendance in First Class.
- 14th Visited schools – good attendance.
Florence A. Holdsworth.

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1904

- Sept 14 Visit of Attendance Officer.
- " 15 Rather poor attendance; a number of children absent to go to the Kingsbridge Agricultural Show.
- Sept 20th 1904
School visited – Charles Johns (12 yrs) and Alfred S. Prowse (12 yrs) were examined & passed in St. V W. M. C. England
- Sept 23. Very good attendance throughout the week except this (Friday) afternoon.
- Sep:29th Very good attendance – visited the schools.
Florence A. Holdsworth
- Sept 30 A rather poor attendance to-day (Friday)
- Oct 6. Registers marked at 1.30 – Dismissed at 3.30 Tea at Torcross.
- Oct 7 Good attendance.
- " 14 Better attendance this week than for some considerably time.
- " 21 Wet several mornings this week, attendance not quite so good.

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1904

- Oct 24 Visit of Attendance Officer.
- " 25 Visited the school examined the registers and found them correct
Very good attendance.
T. S. Walters-Symons

- Oct 28 Good attendance throughout the wk.
 Nov 4. Attendance rather poor yesterday and to-day.
 Nov 11. Rather wet & boisterous the whole week – the attendance however on the whole satisfactory.
 Nov 18. Very good attendance throughout the week.
 Nov 22 Visit of Attendance Officer.
 Nov 25 The weather this week has been very cold, the attendance in consequence has not been quite so good.
- Nov.18.04 Visited the school & examined Registers found all in good order
 Conrad Finzel

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- Dec 2. Wet on several days. Many children have colds.
 Dec 6. Heavy rains. 66 children present out of 149 on books. The Registers were not marked.
Afternoon 69 present. Registers not marked.
 Dec 9. Rough week. Attendance Poor. Miss Shepherd absent ill on Tuesday & Wednesday.
 Dec 12. W. T. Harradon absent to-day and will be for the whole week, to attend the King's Scholarship Exam: at Exeter
 Visit of Rev: C. Finzel
 Afternoon: Visit of Mrs. Holdsworth.
 Dec. 16 Attendance a little better this week, still several children were absent sick the whole week.
 Dec. 22 Broke up for the Christmas Holidays. Mrs. Holdsworth attended and gave every child a nice warm scarf and a box of biscuits. Each of the teachers received A Christmas gift from Mrs. Holdsworth

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and Leslie Clements and Ada Nunn received presents for good conduct. Mrs. Holdsworth was heartily thanked for her kindness.

1905

- Jan 9. Re-opened school after a fortnight's holiday.

Jan 9. Visited the School & examined Registers
1905 all in good order. Fair attendance – considering
wet weather & 1st day of School after holidays
Conrad Finzel

Jan 12. Visit of Mr. Baldwin Superintendent
of Attendance Officers. The Registers
were examined and found correct.

Jan. 17th Visited the schools – all in order
Florence A. Holdsworth.

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Jan 20 The attendance has been rather
bad this week, partly owing to
sickness.

Jan 27. Many children absent with colds.

Jan 3. Visit of Mrs. Holdsworth.

Feb 3. The County Architect's assistant
visited the school with the view
to carrying out some improvements to
the school and playgrounds.
Mr. Harradon was absent on Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday of this week
with a bad attack of Influenza.

Feb 10 The attendance of the Infants has
been rather poor this week owing to
sickness.

Feb 14th 1905

School visited = George H. Dure (12) James C.
Warren (12) Edith Arundell (13) & Ethel Nunn (13)
were examined and passed in St. V =
W. M. C. England

Feb 17 Attendance of Infants still rather poor.

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Feb 20 Mr. Harradon absent ill.

Feb. 23 Visited the School – found all in order.
Conrad Finzel

Feb. 22nd Visited this school attendance very good
apart from infants. Thomas Honeywill.

Feb 24. Mr. Harradon received notice from
the Board of Education that he has
obtained a place in the 5th Division
of the First Class at the King's
Scholarship Examination.

Feb 27 Visit of Attendance officer.

Mar 3. Attendance rather poor – a good deal
of sickness – two cases of measles.

- Mar 10 Very poor attendance throughout the week. Several fresh cases of Measles.
- March 17 Visited Stokenham School attendance not good mainly through measles
N. B. Prettyjohn
- Mar 17 Several fresh cases of measles reported.
Mr. Harradon sends to say the Doctor will not allow him to attend school yet.

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- Mar 24 Fresh Cases of Measles. Several more children absent. Percentage this week only 75.
- Mar 27. Mr. Harradon returned to duties this afternoon.
- Mar 31. Several fresh cases of Measles this week. The percentage for this day only 62. The Medical Officer of Health has been informed by the Chairman of the Managers.
- Ap: 3 Attendance still very bad.
Mr. Harradon again absent ill.
- Ap 6. Mr. Harradon at School again.
- Ap 7. Mrs. Tolchard (Sewing Teacher) has not attended School this week owing to one of her children having measles.
- Ap: 12 Several fresh cases of Measles;
81 children present = 57 per cent.
Mr. Harradon again absent ill. He attended school yesterday, but fainted during the morning.
- Ap: 13 Several fresh cases of measles.
Managers decided to close until

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- Monday May 1st
Mr. Harradon has the Measles.
- May 22 On account of the measles, the school has remained closed until this day, when we re-opened with a very good attendance.
Mrs. Holdsworth called this morning.
- May 24 After school this afternoon the children assembled in the Boys' Yard and after singing the National Anthem marched past and saluted the Union Jack, this being Empire Day.
Mrs. Holdsworth was present and spoke of the meaning of Empire Day and called for cheers for the King.

Hearty cheers were given. Mrs. Holdsworth who provided each child with a bun.
May 26 Very good attendance through-out the week.
June 2. Slight falling off in this week's average
June 9 Very good attendance this week.
June 12 Closed – Whit Monday

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June 13th Visited the schools fund all in order & good attendance.
Florence A. Holdsworth.
June 16. Fairly good attendance this week.
June 20 Wet morning, falling off in attendance especially of Infants.
June 23. Visit of Rev: C. Finzel
June 29. School Closed on account of the Children's Flower Service
June 30 Poor attendance
July 3. Visit of Attendance Officer.
July 4. Received Copy of Report for year ended 30th April last

*Copy of Report made by H.M.I.
Mr. H. Cowie after visit of Feb 14th 1905
“Mixed The order is very good
and the teaching is sound and
effective.”
Infants Division” The Infant Class
is making very satisfactory progress.”
The cloak-room accommodation,
especially for Infants is insufficient.*