

Limekilns School Logbooks

1867 to 1910

Book One 1867 – 1890

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February 11th

Commenced the duties of this school Feb. 11th 1867.

The Attendance was 85, - Boys 47, Girls 38.

Got them arranged in some degree of order by the help of the Pupil Teachers. Found the pupils pretty far advanced for their ages.

February 13th

Have tried the former teacher's method of working the school and found it to answer very well.

February 14th

The work progresses smoothly. Pupils very diligent in their several duties. They appear to be interested in the work which occupies their attention.

February 15th To-day concludes the first week of my engagement here. Feel glad that I have been successful this far. From what I have already seen, I expect to succeed beyond what I at first expected.

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February 18th

Have enrolled 8 pupils to-day: - Boys 7, Girls 1

Number on roll now amounts to 95. The Sewing Mistress resumed her duties today.

February 19th

The pupils do not seem so inclined to go about their usual work. More noisy than usual. May be accounted for from the fact that there is to be a Soiree in the School to-night.

February. 20th

Owing to the meeting last night, the room was not ready till 10 O'clock to-day. This being so, a number absented themselves.

February. 21st

The arrangement of the desks is not at all satisfactory. Unless in parallel rows the pupils cannot be effectively controlled.

February. 22nd

This completes the second week of my engagement. I now feel more at home in the work, consequently can discharge my duties to greater advantage. The taws were used today for the first time. I don't think they will be required very often.

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February. 25th

The number on roll today amounts to 100. – 4 Boys 1 Girl. Number of Boys now on roll, - 59, - Girls 41. Average attendance for the day, - Morning 92, Afternoon 90.

February. 26th

Find that when pupils each provides ink for himself disputes frequently arise. The better plan would be to have bottles in the desk, and supplied at the expense of those who write.

February. 27th

Have noticed slight traces of insubordination to-day. Care must be taken to have it checked at once.

February. 28th

The disaffection noticed yesterday came to a climax today. Proper measures were taken to bring the party concerned to understand his proper position.

March 1st

The work is proceeding smoothly. Average attendance for the week, - Boys 52.6; Girls 36.2. Total 88.7.

March 4th

Received notice on Saturday of my appointment being confirmed by "My Lords". Admitted one boy today. Total number on rolls 101.

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March 5th

Have been somewhat annoyed to-day by one or two boys who would like to have more of their own way than is at all desirable. Had to make an example of one.

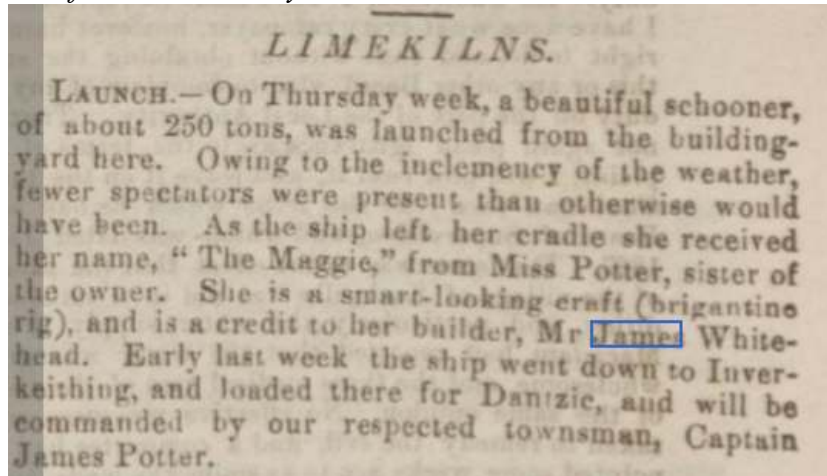
March 6th

Today discovered a boy helping himself to his neighbour's ink. He pleaded as an excuse that some one had taken his. Tried to show him that such conduct could not be justified.

March 7th

There was a vessel launched to-day. Dismissed the scholars a little earlier than usual, in order that they might be present to witness an event so extraordinary.

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March 8th

The attendance of girls was much below the average to-day, there being only 27. The average for the week is, Boys 54. [], Girls 31.9 Total 86.5

March 11th

This day begins the second month of my engagement. Admitted 2 pupils to-day. 1 Boy, 1 Girl: Total number on roll, - Boys 61, Girls 42 In all 103.

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March 12th

Three boys were late to-day. Thought the excuse given by them quite proper. Learned afterwards that it was false. Took care to impress them with the view I took of their conduct.

March 13th

The writing isn't so good as usual today. If the severity of the weather be taken into account we could not expect to find it otherwise.

March 14th

Have set those in the First Class to work in reducing complex fractions to their simplest forms. They succeeded very well, and only require a little practice to enable them to work them with ease.

March 15th

Another week has closed, and throughout, the work has proceeded smoothly. The average for the week: Boys 53.4, Girls 34.2 Total 87.6

March 18th

Admitted 2 pupils to-day 1 Boy, 1 Girl. Number of Boys on roll 62: Girls 43 Total 105. The Sewing Mistress was absent to-day, cause unknown.

March 19th

Another Boy and Girl admitted to-day. Total number on roll. Boys 63; Girls 44. Total number on roll Boys 63: Girls 44. Made a slight alteration in working.

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March 19th cont

some of the classes. Find it advantageous to do so occasionally

March 20th

I don't consider it advantageous to put books into the hands of the pupils when beginning to study Grammar. The better plan is to make them familiar with the various parts of Speech before doing so.

March 21st

Find that the work performed by P.T's, is in many cases defective. For this reason I endeavour to overtake as many classes as possible. The time given to each is necessarily limited, but I cannot come upon an arrangement which would allow more.

March 22nd

Spent a short time with the 'Third Class' to-day. Gave an oral lesson on 'The Noun'. Felt pleased that the pupils entered heartily into the work. Attendance for week; Boys 53; Girls 37.1 Total 90.1

March 25th

Have found it necessary to have recourse to 'Keeping [] some lessons not being properly prepared. Admitted 1 pupil to-day. Total number on roll 108

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March 26th

The former teacher took all the Registers with him when he left. I have been trying to find from the pupils, the Standards in which they were examined last year. Didn't succeed very well, so I'll require to write Mr Malcolm for a correct statement. Removed to-day 4 Boys and 2 Girls. Number remaining 102

March 27th

Commenced Decimal Fractions with the First Class. One Boy removed. Total number on Register 101.

March 28th

Have gone over the requirements of Standard I. Find a number of them defective.

March 29th

The Sewing Mistress left to-day. The attendance for the week; Boys 49.4, Girls 35.2 Total 84.6

April 1st

Admitted 2 pupils, 1 Boy 1 Girl. Total number on Register, - Boys (1 being withdrawn) 59; Girls 43

April 2nd

Gave the Third Class an Oral lesson on the Cases of Nouns.

April 3rd

One boy withdrawn. Number of Boys on Register 58.

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April 4th

Had a visit to-day from 3 of the Trustees for the School their object being to see the working of the School.

April 5th

Gave an Oral Lesson to the Third Class on the Pronoun. The average attendance for the week, Boys 48.9 Girls 36.8; Total 85.7

April 8th

Admitted one Girl who has previously been on the Register. Total number of Girls 44. Another Sewing Mistress commenced duty to-day.

April 9th

Admitted one Boy to-day. Total number of Boys 59. Gave a lesson to the 'Third Class' on 'The Pronoun'.

April 10th

Some alteration in the order of the Classes was made in order to suit the time allotted to sewing.

April 11th

Have begun to give a collective lesson on Scripture Subjects to the pupils of classes 1-4, - from 9.40 till 10 am.

April 12th

The work has not proceeded so smoothly during the past week owing to the alterations made in the order of a number of the classes. Average attendance, Boys 45.3, Girls 39; Total 84.3.

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April 15th

Admitted one boy. Number of boys on Register 60.

April 16th

The attendance to-day is the highest for the past three weeks. Two boys had gone over the questions in Compound Division. Gave them a few testing questions.

April 17th

The First Class have begun to work miscellaneous questions involving Vulgar and Decimal Fractions

April 18th

Admitted one girl. Total number of girls on Register 45.

April 19th

Examined the pupils in Standard I. Average attendance for week; Boys 48.3, Girls 39.5

April 22nd

The weather is so mild that we have dispensed with fires. Three Boys commenced Reduction.

April 23rd

Gave the 'Third Class' another lesson on 'The Pronoun'.

April 24th

Examined those in Standard II and found a few deficient in Arithmetic (Multiplication Table).

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April 25th

I find that the Junior Classes in Arithmetic would succeed better had they a suitable text-book put in their hands.

April 26th

Average attendance for week. Boys 51.5 Girls 38.6 Total 90.1

April 29th

Admitted one Girl Total number on Register, Boys 60, Girls 46.

April 30th

Gave a lesson to the Third Class on the Pronoun. Introduced Manson's Arithmetic for Junior Classes.

May 1st

Find that the Arithmetic introduced will serve the purpose for which it is intended.

May 2nd

Gave the Third Class a lesson on the Adjective explaining its use and the relation it holds to the Noun.

May 3rd

Today completed the first quarter. Average attendance for week Boys 48.7 Girls 37 Total 85.7

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May 6th

Admitted on Girl. Number of Girls on Register 47. Have received from the late Teacher an account of the School Statistics for the first 8 months of the present School year.

May 7th

Gave the Third Class a lesson on the Comparison of Adjectives.

May 8th

A number of those in the Sixth Class have commenced to read Nelson's Third Book.

May 9th

Examined Standards IV-VI. Found several deficient, chiefly in Arithmetic.

May 10th

Average attendance for week. Boys 53.4 Girls 38.1 Total 91.5.

May 13th

Admitted one Girl. Total number on Register, - Girls 48, Boys 60. In all 108.

May 14th

Examined Standards IV-VI. Admitted one Girl. Total number of Girls on Register 49.

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May 15th

Two girls in Standard IV unable to work the compound rules. Have commenced these with them to-day.

May 16th

Gave the Third Class exercises on 'The Noun, Pronoun and Adjective.

May 17th

Had a general Examination of the whole school according to Standards. Average attendance for week, Boys 50.4. Girls 38.8. Total 89.2.

May 20th

The attendance much lower to-day, there being only 44 Boys and 38 Girls.

May 21st

(no entry)

June 3rd

(different handwriting) Owing to the illness of Mr Harper the School has been closed from May 21st to to-day, when it was re-opened by Mr David Mason who has been appointed Interim Teacher until Mr Harper recovers.

June 4th

Usual routine work in School

June 5th

Standard IV, V, and VI exercised on paper in Dictation and Arithmetic.

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June 6th

Removed the aforesaid Standards into the Class Room where their work can be more quietly done.

June 7th

During the week two pupils admitted 1 girl and 1 boy

June 10th

Admitted 1 boy. School work the same as usual.

June 11th

Class-room occupied by the pupil-teachers three hours a day.

June 12th

Admitted two pupils 1 girl and 1 boy.

June 13th

3rd year pupil-teacher superintended Standards IV. V. and VI in Class-room during their examination in Dictation and Arithmetic. Exercised Standard II in Arithmetic and Standard I in Arithmetic and Reading

June 14th

Gave general Bible Lesson to the first four classes for half an hour. Exercised Standard I in making letters capital and small.

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June 17th

One boy enrolled. School work a little changed by my taking the Latin class during first hour in the morning.

June 18th

School routine same as usual

June 19th

Examined Standards IV, V and VI in Dictation and Arithmetic.

June 20th

Arranged the Standards according to the examination Schedule and gave the pupils the numbers attached to their names.

June 21st

Examined Standards I II and III according to their required qualifications.

June 24

(different handwriting) Standards examined by Mr Moore

June 25

Staff – Mr Robert Harper cert [] Absent by illness and his place supplied by Mr David Mason

James Adamson P. T

James Bryce P. T

Miss Janet Ritchie Needlework

The late Teacher is reported as having carried away the Log-Book & Registers.

(signed) O Woodford

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June 24th

School examined by W Moore – present 48 boys – 43 girls – 66 presented for examination in all the Standards – 13 in the Schedule who had more than 200 attendances but under 6 years.

June 25

Routine of School work similar to other days

June 26

School visited by Dr Woodford and foregoing entries made. Holidays given from to night till Tuesday morning – tomorrow being the Sacramental Fast.

July 2nd

Classes 1st and 2nd continued for a dictation lesson. Exercised Senior Class in Simple Proportion.

Heard Geography in some of the Junior Classes. Pupil teachers attended to their own classes as usual.

July 3rd

Gave lesson to 1st Class in prime and Composite numbers also the G.C.U.

July 4th

Usual routine in class work.

July 8th

Usual routine in class work.

July 9th

Exercised 1st Class in Fractions and 2nd Class in Troy Weight

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July 10th

Gave general Dictation lesson to Classes I and II on copies – special care being taken to the correction of errors on the blackboard after the exercise.

July 11th

Standard V. exercised in Lineal Measure particularly the table. Also gave 1st Classes exercises in Simple Interest.

July 12th

Half holiday given in the afternoon

July 15th

Exercised 1st Class in Simple Interest. This class also began map of Africa. Exchanged some of the classes with the p.t.s so as to hear them.

July 16th

Combined Dictation Lesson given on paper to 1st and 2nd Classes. A written exercise upon Dunfermline given in by 1st Class.

July 17th

Senior Bible Class going thro the Acts of the Apostles – to-day ~~written~~ read and was examined on Chap IX. Standard V exercised in Avoirdupois Weight as a revision lesson

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July 18th

Exchanged classes with the p.t's The children are working exceedingly well in their various classes

July 19th

Examined 1st Class on the first nine chapters of "The Acts", on slates. The upper portion of the class answered the twenty questions particularly well the lower showed that they had not been attending to the chapters when gone over in the class.

July 22nd

Exercised 1st Class in Compound Proportion. Usual routine work in other classes.

July 23rd

Nothing of importance to report to-day.

July 24th

Usual routine work in all the classes.

July 25th

Report of Government Examination received to-day. The following is a copy of it.

There has since last year been a change of Master, and the newly appointed one is at present absent owing to illness his place being meanwhile supplied by a Certificated

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(Report continued) substitute. The school is still in good order and the appearance in the elementary branch is better than it was last year. Of those in Grammar two or three could parse pretty fairly. The substitute Master reports that the late Master carried away the School Registers. Sewing is under good management, Cutting out is to be introduced.

My Lords would be glad to learn under what plea the late Teacher took away the School Registers James Adamson's attainments are insufficient to warrant his advancement and he is also too young. James Bryce – Arithmetic Geography, & Handwriting

Average weekly Atten 87 No. presented 58
Passed – Reading 51 Dictation 43 Arithmetic 41
(signed) George Whyte Secty
July 26th

Usual routine in School work.

July 29th

Exercised 1st Class in Compound Proportion and Standard V in Lineal Measure

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July 30th

Exercise in the Elephant given in by the first Class. Geography of Africa in this class.

July 31st

Standard V exercised in Cloth measure.

Aug. 1st

Usual routine in all the classes.

Aug. 2nd

A number of pupils absent today owing to a Fair being in the neighbourhood

Aug. 5

Gave Standard V Measure of Time and exercises in Addition and Subtraction

Aug. 6

Examined Senior Bible Class on the Early History of Paul up to the close of his first journey.

Aug 7

Usual routine of School work.

Aug 8

Exercised Standard V in Multiplication and Division Time Measure: also Standard IV in Long Division

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Aug 9th

School closed today for the summer holidays – after being examined by a Committee of the Managers.

Sept. 9th

(different handwriting) School re-opened to-day – the holidays being past. The attendance was small, there being only 34 Boys 30 Girls Total 64.

Sept. 10th

Admitted one girl to-day. Total number of girls on Register 46.

Sept. 11th

The usual course of School work Admitted two Boys to-day. Total number of Boys on Register 58.

Sept. 12th

Received from Mr Andrew Munro the sum of ten Shillings stg being value of Log Book and Registers purchased by me on entering upon the duties of this school.

Sept. 13th

First Class in Reduction of decimals. Average attendance for week 64.3

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Sept. 16th

Gave the Third Class an oral lesson on ‘The Comparison of Adjectives’.

Sept. 17th

Exercised Standard III in transcribing from the black board. A number succeeded very fairly.

Sept. 18th

Find that the alteration made in the Time Table enables me to have the various classes more frequently than formerly under my care.

Sept. 19th

The usual course of school work. Nothing of importance to report.

Sept. 20th

The average attendance for the past week, - Boys 36 Girls 29.5 Total 65.5

Sept. 23rd

Attendance same as last week. The majority of those who are absent seem to be engaged in nothing to prevent their being at school.

Sept. 24th

Standard I examined in the subjects allotted to them. Find the greater part deficient. One boy removed.

Sept. 25th

Standards III-V examined in Dictation.

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Sept 26

(different handwriting) Thursday Lessons as usual

Sept 27

Friday School reopened for an hour by Mr Harper I, William Turner Cert: Teacher entered on the charge as Interim Teacher. James Adamson pupil teacher asked away an hour before the time.

Sept 30

Monday Made a few changes, as could not get on without always asking the P.Ts' what was next.

Oct 1

Tuesday Merged 2 classes into one where possible, to save time. Caused all to write at the same time instead of at twice

Oct 2

Wednesday The Scholars understand the order of their work.

Oct 3

Thursday Punishment begun today 2 boys to write question because they could not say it. Other two fighting in school, the one to write 10 lines, the other 20.

Oct 4

Friday Work proceeding pretty well. P.Ts' and scholars know the order of work. Kept them in 3 minutes late at 4 O'clock for talking

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Oct 7

Monday Lessons in Senior Bible class imperfect, especially S. Catechism, the do not know them in order.

Oct 8

Tuesday Pupil teachers not so earnest as I would wish – look their watches too often.

Oct 9

Wednesday Managers met last night (instead of on a Monday night as usual) and agreed that I remain in the school

Oct 10

Thursday Spelling of younger classes I find very imperfect although the pupil teachers spend a long time (I think too long) to a class

Oct 11

Friday Urged upon them repeatedly this week to pay their fees before entering on a new month James Adamson pupil teacher away today. Asked leave: this is a day and a half this week

Oct 14

Monday Changed time table a little to let the little ones away at 12½ instead of 1. Proposed a greater change to the Managers – they agreed but said let it be gradual.

Oct 15

Tuesday Girls get all their sewing at one time instead of at twice as before.

Oct 16

Wednesday Find Lyall Potter's class very defective in Spelling. Other classes middling

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Oct 17

Thursday Lessons not up to the mark yet, Seniors especially bad in S. Catechism

Oct 18

Friday Work as usual

Oct 21

Monday School kept this week by pupil teachers owing to my being in Ayrshire removing my wife, family and furniture to this place. Pupil teachers report favourably of the conduct of the scholars during the first part of the week. Some parents kept their children away lest anything might go wrong in my absence. Towards the end of the week the children ran along the top of the wall by the office

houses. Part of the railing of the gate was broken which has produced a great stir in the place, owing to my looking sharply after it. The absentees were very numerous.

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Oct 28 (No entries Oct 22-27 – teacher away)

Monday A few not present probably owing to their not knowing I was returned.

Oct 29

Tuesday Noisy yesterday not much better today.

Oct 30

Wednesday Some in writing finish a page in little more than 10 minutes, and hence add greatly to the noise and discomfort of the School by their want of right work

Oct 31

Thursday Lessons not as I could wish

Nov 1

Friday Lessons preparatory to a change of time-table.

Nov 4

Monday Change time table, a good deal of inconvenience owing as neither pupil teachers nor pupils fully understood how to do

Nov 5

Tuesday Kept in some tonight for not being able to say their lessons. Time-table working better today, because better understood

Nov 6

Wednesday Geography lesson taught chiefly from the map. Lessons given by pupil teachers in Grammar & Geography. James Bryce inclines to go on too fast for the scholars. Pupil teachers preparing their own lessons imperfectly as yet.

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Nov 7

Thursday Find an envious spirit among the Senior girls in regard to taking places. Notice it specially in Jemima Boag. Have gone back with the Senior class in Arithmetic

Nov 8

Friday A revisal lesson in Geography beginning at the foot of the class each one point(ing?) to a place in succession, No one to point to the same place twice.

Nov 11

Monday Work a little confused. Each pupil teacher takes a section for a fortnight then changes.

Monday the day of changing.

Nov 12

Tuesday Showed a pupil teacher how to give an elementary lesson in Grammar.

Nov 13

Wednesday Found class 5th very deficient in Spelling. Placed marks on the edge of the shelves so that each class or section may have and know the appropriate place for their slates and copies

Nov 14

Thursday For last week & this one I have devoted a few minutes at the close of the day to reading to the whole school. I read myself on Monday 2 P.T's on the following days and a Sen^r boy on Thursday, a Senior girl on Friday.

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Nov 15

Friday Revisal lesson in Geography poorly done, perhaps because the thing was new to them.

Nov 18

Monday Spent an hour beside Adamson while he took the juniors to observe him and show him how to do.

Nov 19

Tuesday Went to a funeral a little late in the afternoon. School work going on fairly when I came.

Nov 20

Wednesday Lesson on the U. States finished today: revise on Friday because badly done

Nov 21

Thursday Shewed P.Ts how to give first lessons in Geography.

Nov 22

Friday Revised towns of U. States, work fair. James Whitehead & Andrew Sym had been fighting outside at the gate at the interval. Punished some by copying their lesson and others with the taws for riding on the School-wall.

Nov 25

Monday First class failed completely in S. Catechism Jemima Boag, best did not go past the 15th. Commenced first grammar class to learn memory lessons beginning at the beginning of Lennie's Grammar.

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Nov 26

Tuesday Lesson on Synonymes bad from boys class. Not at all satisfied with the progress made by the little ones either in regard to quality or quantity. Have repeatedly spoken to the pupil teacher in charge.

Nov 27

Wednesday Teach Geography lesson mostly from the map

Nov 28

Thursday Grammar lesson imperfectly said.

Nov 29

Friday Revisal lesson fair took section II found the spelling very defective especially girls in No 3 book. Measles have prevailed much in the village of late, hence so many absent: some, though, running about quite well.

Dec 2

Monday Commenced "Life of Abraham" Had a visit of Mr Munro, Treasurer to the Sch. Pupil teachers could not say their Euclid today owing to their books not having the place. Scholars noisier than usual today: keep in a little at 4 O'clock for it (The talking was immediately before going out)

Dec 3

Tuesday Changed with J. Bryce find the Juniors have made a start and read somewhat better. Spelling deficient. Caused the girls go into the sewing room till time for their class.

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Dec 4

Wednesday Punished R. Barber for biting. Teaching the younger scholars the meaning of a map i.e. certain parts represent water, certain, water &c

Dec 5

Thursday Fast Day

Dec 6

Friday No Schooling

Dec 9

Monday (No Schooling)

Dec 10

Tuesday School resumed. A few of those ill with measles have returned today. Lessons fair

Dec 11

Wednesday Pupil teachers progressing with the lessons to the Juniors on Geography & Grammar.

Dec 12

Thursday James Bryce, Pupil teacher not present in the forenoon – unwell. James Whitehead filled his place to a certain extent.

Dec 13

Friday Took Juniors myself in afternoon find a little progress in reading.

Dec 16

Monday A few new scholars and some former ones returned today. Work not so quietly gone through as usual.

Dec 17

Tuesday Mr Munro (Andrew Monro) paid a visit today. Work fair except Senior boys in "Roots".

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Dec 18

Wednesday James Bryce p, teacher not conducting his classes today as they ought to be. He makes himself too familiar with the scholars touching at them and they at them. Kept in Andrew Syme a little for not finishing his count and his insolent manner when spoken to.

Dec 19

Thursday. James Adamson pupil teacher seemed to be watching too much if I was watching him to be earnest with his class.

Dec 20

Friday Kept in Jane Wilson and Jemima Boag for jagging each other with a pin while class work was going on. Kept them in the whole interval. Janet Johnstone to write a note saying that she did not jag Jane Wilson.

Dec 23

Monday Pupil teachers earnest today spoke to them on Friday. My own class, the lesson being the whole Catechism. Some failed at the beginning. J. Boag best, failed at the end. Paraphrase badly said. Geography Brazil.

Dec 24

Tuesday Kept in the scholars for Catechism till they could say it, even then some could

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(Dec 24 cont)

hardly say the first six. Some were in till 6 O'clock last evening. School visited by the Minister and Mr Munro. The Minister spent a good while with the Bible class. Took Juniors the whole day myself, hardly satisfied with the progress made in reading. Advanced the class in the twopenny book.

Dec 25

Wednesday Lessons better in my own Division

Dec 26

Thursday Draw map roughly on the floor: exercise the class on it after learning from the map. Scholars quite interested in it and most answer wonderfully well

Dec 27

Friday Cause II Division to work from the text books on Arithmetic on Friday afternoon instead of at the board.

Dec 30

Monday Senior Bible Class to write "Life of Abraham". Sent those home who failed to bring it. To return in an hour with it done. Kept in Peter McIntyre at interval for looking on his book while Catechism was being learnt.

Dec 31

Tuesday Lessons fair. School a little noisier than usual in afternoon.

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Jan 1

New Year's day. A Holiday

Jan 2

Thursday Took in the school as usual. Kept it in till 12 O'clock. Let them away because there were only 22 present.

Jan 3

Friday Only 15 present. Andrew Syme went away at 11 O'clock and did not return. So few present Not much done.

Jan 6

Monday A pretty full school. Lessons not known very well owing to some being taken on alternate days

Jan 7

Tuesday Robert Reddie's mother brought him to school having given him a good beating. He would not come because he was late.

Jan 8

Wednesday James Spence went home sick in the forenoon. School seems to be noisier than usual this week.

Jan 9

Thursday Taking Arithmetic classes on alternate days. Gave an exercise on the various ways of comparing the adjective.

Jan 10

Friday Taking second class myself now for a little after reading lesson in Grammar – Find that although they have been through the book more

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(Jan 10 cont) than once with pupil-teachers they know nothing at all of Grammar

Jan 13

Monday Senior Bible class to bring "Life of Isaac" written on paper – Some said they forgot.

Jan 14

Tuesday Sent home J^s M^cIntyre, Peter M^cIntyre, Alex Adamson, D^d M^cKenzie to bring their exercises or finish them in an hour at home.

Jan 15

Wednesday Tested Senior Class in the Arithmetical Tables found them fair. Have been much annoyed of late by one scholar complaining of another striking, spitting &c. The accused party always denying the charge.

Jan 16

Thursday I promised them to note down in the book if they were quiet at the time the roll was called. The were son.

Jan 17

Friday Andrew Steel and John Potter had almost word for word the same exercise in Composition. A. Steel denied copying – found he had – kept him in for copying and telling the lie, at dinner time. Gave the whole school a forcible advise

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(Jan 17 cont) against lying, pointing out its evils both here and hereafter

Jan 20

Monday Psalm very badly said in my own class – Kept in for it. At the end of book in Geography.

Jan 21

(Tuesday) Annoyed as usual by the confusion usual at taking their places in writing Which seems to be inseparable from the way in which the seats and desks are placed round the walls: and the scholars providing their own ink and pens. Had a visit from Mr Harrowar angry a little because his little boy Robert was not advanced a book further.

Jan 22

Wednesday Had a note from Mrs Harrowar to the same effect today. I had intended to advance him before this but changing some others and press of work with a girl in French extra prevented it.

Jan 23

Thursday James Adamson pupil teacher unwell. Work of course rather irregular

Jan 24

Friday James Adamson still absent – unwell. The day became uncommonly stormy accompanied with hailstones so that

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(Jan 24 cont) a number of the scholars did not return in the Afternoon. The sewing room was so cold, the sewing mistress and girls left before time.

Jan 27

Monday Putting most of the scholars a stage further on. Kept in R Barber & And Steel at the interval for not saying Catechism & Psalm

Jan 28

Tuesday James Hudson read the wrong place in Bible lesson gave him a stroke on the back with the Cane not hard at all. He prepared to run out of the school. I kept him back for a little then told him he might go if he chose. His mother returned with him at 11 O'clock, wishing him to go on as before

Jan 29

Wednesday Have nearly got the classes in working order with their new books and somewhat new arrangements

Jan 30

Thursday Have commenced class this week in "Morell's Grammar.

Jan 31

Friday Have been taking Senior Geography class in Navigation with globe

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Feb 3

Monday Psalm a little better said today.

Feb 4

Tuesday Much annoyed with the Senior girls always disagreeing among themselves about places.

Feb 5

Wednesday All the classes in working order now since they have advanced many of them to a more advanced book

Feb 6

Thursday Lessons with globe finished

Feb 7

Friday Let the children out at one O'clock on account of Sabbath School Soiree in the evening

Feb 10

Monday Have commenced a plan of marking Senior classes according to their place

Feb 11

Tuesday Took the Juniors myself in Afternoon. Those in No 4 read badly

Feb 12

Wednesday Agnes Adamson fell against the stone pillar at the gate and received a very deep cut in her brow.

Feb 13

Thursday Lessons fair today

Feb 14

Friday Commenced "Stocks" with Senior Class. Began again to go through the Geography

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Feb 17

Monday Janet Johnston to go into sewing room in forenoon when classes will permit to make up for time taken by Latin lesson in afternoon

Feb 18

Tuesday James Adamson complained of the way in which some of his class said their grammar, had to punish them. Commenced them anew at the beginning of the book. Made them parse a little at the beginning of each reading lesson

Feb 19

Wednesday Class in Morell working the exercises better than I expected

Feb 20

Thursday Lessons fair gave Senior Class some Poetry to commit to memory

Feb 21

Friday Took class No 4 most read fairly spelling imperfect.

Feb 24

Monday Senior class said Psalm and Catechism so imperfectly that I was compelled to give our the same lesson for

Feb 25

Tuesday Lessons fairly said today except by two or three. Arithmetic of Seniors Equation of Payments. Put W Pitblado and Char. Whitehead a class forward in Arithmetic.

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Feb 26

Wednesday Class in Compound Division found J Moodie J Clark A White very (bad?) at very simple questions such as divide []

Feb 27

Thursday Saw J. McIntyre giggling as he often is, also A. Syme idling gave a stroke on the back with the cane. He spoke back a good deal and wished me to punish some others also, whom I had not seen.

Feb 28

Friday All the caps and bonnets in the porch were lying on the floor yesterday afternoon. Could not make out the Cause. Richard Barber told me today that it was a James Dick who came in and did it. Went out at 11 O'clock, found 3 lads in the playground. Caught one of them James Dick, brought him into the school rather against his will and found the names of the other two to be Andrew Smith and James Dick. Detained him a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour, He was watching at one O'clock to strike the boy who informed me. Pupil teachers finished 1st book of Euclid tonight

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Mar 2

Monday So much annoyed by the Senior boys idling in their seats while at Arithmetic that I have caused them to show every question they work and put a mark in their books to denote where they are each day.

Mar 3

Tuesday Saw Wm Hutton's mother last night that I was to keep W. in at 3 o'clock and not to let him away when he asked. Kept in all the Senior class for inability to say 2 Arithmetical Tables . Cube roots & Cloth measures.

Mar 4

Wednesday Mrs Drummond called at my house at dinner time to complain that James Bryce pupil-teacher had been striking Mary in the sewing-room. Questioned the girl herself after the scholars had been dismissed and in presence of J. Bryce. Found that the Mother had exaggerated the story very much. Cautioned J. Bryce.

Mar 5

Thursday Geography lessons taken in Classroom lately, find they do not learn the lessons much at home. Lessons are on Physical Geography at the beginning of book.

Mar 6

Friday Work as usual.

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Mar 9

Monday Arranged all the seats across the school. Because it was too warm and also to enable me to take in the Scholars more at a glance and to prevent the noise occasioned by so much passing backward and forward.

Mar 10

Tuesday Scholars not yet accustomed to the change.

Mar 11

Wednesday Changed to second division. James Young reads very badly, Mary Drummond spelling indifferent.

Mar 12

Thursday Hindered a little owing to Mrs Reddie

Mar 13

Friday Junior Class in No 4 once through it

Mar 16

Monday Have commenced to read the Journey of the Israelites. Psalm & Catechism badly said. Kept in at dinner time T. Harley, P. McIntyre, J^s Hudson and R. Barber because they could not say even a verse of the psalm, a word of it I should say rather.

Mar 17

Tuesday Lessons as usual. James Bryce pupil-teacher who has hitherto led the hymn- singing wishes to give it up for a time lest it hurt his voice.

Mar 18

Wednesday Finished Standard IV book in Arithmetic.

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Mar 19

Thursday Spent some time in Afternoon with youngest scholars. Progress fair

Mar 20

Friday Showed them a few small maps of the physical features of land and water

Mar 23

Monday Psalm said by very few, some not a word.

Mar 24

Tuesday Took second division senior class read and spelled well

Mar 25

Wednesday Cold day rendered worse by there being only some dross for the fire – Did not know they were so near done. Andrew Moodie a little boy turned sick after being in the school a little. Sent him home He is rather delicate

Mar 26

Thursday Took Junior "No 4" class, very deficient in spelling.

Mar 27

Friday Departed from the usual order of lessons, on account of no schooling in the afternoon, there being a tea-party in the evening of members of the Church Choir and friends

Mar 30

Monday Psalm fairly said by my own class. Catechism badly some not saying even a word

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Mar 30

Monday Received a note from Mr Ainslie in the afternoon asking Why I had no Schooling on Friday afternoon. When without a doubt the whole of the school knew the reason. Told James Adamson p.t. that I intended at present to discontinue his lessons in Latin, because of the way his father had done. The father wishing him he said to prepare the subject specially needed for examination.

(March) 31

Tuesday Janet Cant reported as stealing ink. She justified it on the ground of others taking hers. The arrangements in regard to ink and slates are bad. Did what I could before to remedy it – gave it up as hopeless.

April 1

Wednesday Have changed Time-table a little this week. All in my own class to come in at 9 O'clock. No others till 10. Causing those who can write to transcribe their lessons on the slates more than formerly

(April) 2

Thursday Took Second division today found spelling rather defective

(April) 3

Friday Lessons as usual.

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April 6

Monday Obligated to give less of a lesson in Catechism and Psalm, As the lazy ones made a big lesson an excuse for doing nothing at all

(April) 7

Tuesday Those in Latin, Mathematics &c remain now till pupil-teachers have received their lessons.

(April) 8

Wednesday Kept J. Adamson in Latin as he continued to come up in it.

(April) 9

Thursday Senior class 1st Division will be through reading book tomorrow Junior class finished. Paid extra attention to writing today thought they were going back, have not been able to pay so much attention to it of late owing to changing the order of classes.

(April) 10

Friday Lessons much as usual, not too well said.

(April) 13

Monday Finished Introduction part of Geography. Not one of my own class on their own account had so much as opened their Bible to look at their lesson (reading lesson) Catechism & Psalm very imperfectly said by a few the rest not at all. The lesson being 24 lines of a psalm and questions 6,7,8,9,10

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(April 13 cont) The first 4 with and the last with proofs. Kept them in at night for it.

(April) 14

Tuesday Some boys in an Arithmetic class forgot to write their exercise. Gave them the taws once. Andrew Steel always withdrew his hand. Took him by the wrist and came over his fingers with the taws several times, while doing so Richard Barber said bite him. Steel went out of the school directly. Barber stoutly denies saying bite him. I gave him a good shaking as I was quite convinced he did use the words. He went out of the school too, James Bryce trying to prevent him. Barber's Mother came at dinner time to speak about it, accusing me especially of calling her boy a blackguard which I am sure I did not. The pupil teachers also say I did not. The boys returned in the afternoon asked them to read a written apology in presence of the Scholars. The went out rather.

(April) 15

Wednesday The two boys returned, said nothing more about it. Mrs M^cIntyre asked me at dinner-time to prevent the scholars from injuring her father's boat, also to check

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(April 15 cont) Richard Barber for hurting her boy W^m

(April) 16

Thursday Senior Class commenced to Vulgar Fractions. A number of the little ones have been beginning to learn to write on paper during the last eight days.

(April) 17

Friday Lessons as usual. Pupil teachers drawing a map in the School of Greece and the Ionian Islands. The first of their special lesson on the Colonies.

(April) 20

Monday Arithmetical Exercise not done by the most of the boys. Exercises in general seldom performed by the proper time. In all such cases cause them to be done at home or in the school at night.

(April) 21

Tuesday Exercising Geography Class drawing a map after their lesson

(April) 22

Wednesday Commenced my own 3rd class to Compound Addition

(April) 23

Thursday Telling Senior Scholars to bring a Newspaper each on Monday to read part of as a reading Lesson.

(April) 24

Friday Took second division today. Reading very deficient, spelling also. Mountains of Europe, geography lesson

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April 27

Monday School rather thin today, most of the absentees being in the Senior class. Seniors read the "Press" today, much interested because it was new to them and partly because Limekilns was mentioned in it. Had a visit of a man professing to be a Sailor. Gave him nothing as I was quite sure he had called before. Story, An American, cotton laden ship, Rainbow, burnt to the water's edge in 1½ hours. Could get nothing from Seaman's fund. Description, short, stout made, beard on chin, goat fashion. Showed his leg injured by the fire, but which in my opinion was very like what doctors call a sore leg. Had a touch of the "brogue" I thought.

(April) 28

Tuesday Andrew Barnet came yesterday at 9.30 (he said) found the senior scholars in – went away home. Gave him a scolding as he is generally absent Mondays to miss the extra lessons.

(April) 29

Wednesday Caused Standards IV, V & VI to get foolscap paper to exercise them a little preparatory to examination

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April 30

Thursday James Adamson pupil teacher absent unwell. Caused some of the big boys to hear the little ones read.

May 1

Friday Finished General Geography of Europe

May 4

Monday Shorter Catechism lesson 5 questions last with proofs, most of them failed in the 23rd

May 5

Tuesday Commenced Geography of England: also senior scholars to set down counts on their copies

May 6

Wednesday Shorter Catechism without proofs now till the examination

May 7

Thursday James Whitehead, J^s M^cIntyre, Peter M^cIntyre & Richard Barber went away at night when they should have remained in.

May 8

Friday Some of the scholars working Arithmetic in Navigation room to the dictation of monitors.

Time from 11 to 12

May 11

Monday James Adamson kept in all his division except four because they could not say their paraphrase and Shorter Catechism.

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(May 11 cont) Had a visit of Mr Reid & Mr Munro from 11 to 12. Mr Reid asked if the class at the board had gone over the questions. I told him that the questions were new to them

May 12

Tuesday Geography class drawing a map on their slate occasionally

May 13

Wednesday Senior class committed to memory a small piece of poetry

May 14

Thursday Senior class finished Vulgar Fractions

May 15

Friday School seems to me noisier of late than it used to be.

May 18

Monday Richard Barber broke a pane of glass in one of the School windows. Only 4 girls could say the first 40 questions Not a boy could say them. Names of girls Janet Johnston, Phoebe Ainslie, Jemima Boag & Jane Wilson

May 19

Tuesday Commenced "book of Joshua"

May 20

Wednesday Senior class began to Decimal Fractions

May 21

Thursday A holiday. Queen's birth day

May 22

Friday Work as usual.

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May 25

Monday Examined Junior classes in Arithmetic found them very far behind.

May 26

Tuesday Class in Morell's grammar doing better than I expected

May 27

Wednesday Weather rather sultry seems to have the effect of making the scholars restless.

May 28

Thursday Exercising scholars in naming towns on the Thames with their backs to the maps

May 29

Friday Took Senior classes into Navigation room in afternoon to be quieter. I find it very exhausting to speak so much in a day and always in a high key

June 1

Monday Scholars in Senior class reading Book of Joshua

June 2

Tuesday Took youngest class in Arithmetic at the board for the first time today.

June 3

Wednesday Instead of letting scholars out at 3 O'clock for a few minutes I let them away a little earlier at night

June 4

Thursday Find the plan of marking the writing desks and copies with corresponding numbers answers very well.

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June 5

Friday Turned to "Practice" with the Arithmetic class

June 8

Monday Juniors very deficient in reading numbers

June 9

Tuesday Finished Geography of England as far as contained in the scholars text-book

June 10

Wednesday Lessons fair by some but very deficient by a great number

June 11

Thursday Gave Richard Barber a pretty severe punishment with the taws as he has come day after day often unable to repeat a single question from Catechism.

June 12

Friday Much surprised to day to find some of John Anderson's class could not repeat the alphabet

June 15

Monday Taking Catechism from 2nd division as well as my own find that they have learned them very poorly for the pupil teachers. Kept in at night those who could not say them.

June 16

Tuesday Multiplication Table very poorly repeated by most of the young ones.

June 17

Wednesday Some little improvement in Catechism of 2nd division

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June 18

Thursday Kept in 12 boys who made noise in Navigation room while I went to the door for a minutes. Gave J^s M^cIntyre a good shaking for sitting tittering, he objected because T^s Harley was doing it. Shook him likewise by he arm he cried but could not say he would give up laughing. J^s M^cIntyre has been checked very often for the provoking habit of always sitting girling. His example seems to have affected the others. I think he is too much set up at home to be thoroughly docile.

June 19

Friday Held an examination today so that they might not be so awkward on Examination day. Standard II very bad at the Multiplication table. Exercises on paper mostly defective in spelling. Jane Wilson was the only one who had no errors. Some of the words in Dictation exercise however were difficult. All the rest of the work was fair.

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June 22

Monday Scholars noisier than usual was obliged to be a little severe

June 23

Tuesday Regular order of work not followed this week, looking more particularly to the things they are behind in

June 24

Wednesday Held another examination there was a decided improvement this time. Senior Classes work in Navigation room in Afternoon. Observed James Hudson not minding his work, touched him slightly on the head with my hand. He (J.H.) said in an insolent manner that I should punish the boy who was talking as well as he. Proposed to give him the taws, but he would not allow me but would go home and tell his father who would go to the minister and I would get the dirty kick. When I attempted to take the taws to his hands he put them in his pockets, struggled and afterwards catching the taws flung them away. Called me a buffer when I managed to come over his hands, swearing by God that I would catch it for that

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(June 24 cont) kicked me but fortunately did not hurt. He said he would go home and I would never get him. After I let him go, he still went on as insolently as ever. I told him if he was going, go; without saying anything. When checked for saying by God, he said that he only said by got. I think I gave him only too little of the taws considering it was a second act of insubordination see note on January 28th

June 25

Thursday Fast-day no schooling

June 26

Friday Scholars fewer than usual owing to this being generally a holiday. James Hudson returned at 10 o'clock. Told him that unless he apologised to me before the scholars I would not have him as a pupil. He refused and went out of the school. I said as soon as he went out that I was sure he came in order that I might bid him go. I learned afterwards that he had told Richard Barber and Thomas Gardener that he wished to be put out of the school.

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June 29

Monday Work rather desultory

June 30

Tuesday School examined by Mr Middleton present 46 boys and 43 girls. Inspector came soon W^m Hutton, John Anderson and a little boy Whitehead came after thinking they were late did not come in. Jemima Boag came after all the work was past. Some others might have been present.

July 1

Wednesday Work rather out of the usual order to day

July 2

Thursday Showing the scholars who are to change what books to get &c

July 3

Friday Sabbath-Scholars pic nic to Luscar, hence no schooling.

July 6

Monday W^m Hutton came to school gate and went home again. Sent James Adamson for him. His mother brought him on Thursday. Punished him on Monday as he was acquiring a habit of staying away.

July 7

Thursday Showing Senior Scholars how to Analyze questions in S. Catechism. They are to be written on their slates at 10 O'clock

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July 8

Wednesday Causing those in Morell's Grammar to write their exercises in school for the sake of getting them neatly done.

July 9

Thursday Commencing Geography of Scotland. Took in the Juniors along with my own class. None appear to be able to say the lesson. It is quite common for most of the class to be unable to repeat a lesson in spite of all I can do either by telling, coaxing or keeping in. James Bryce seems to me to have occasion to go out too often

July 10

Friday David M^cKenzie fell asleep outside in the morning and did not come in till I sent Js Bryce for him. Mary Ainslie and Agnes Wilson turned when they saw they were late. Had to send for them too.

July 13

Monday Psalm badly said. J^s Whitehead Peter M^cIntyre, Alex^r Adamson, R. Barber John Clark told to learn it. Clark said it 1 O'clock. Kept the others in till 2 O'clock M^cIntyre said it at 2. Whitehead at 3 Adamson & Barber told to go home till they could say it. Did not say it

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July 14 Tuesday Received a report from Privy Council Office of which the following is a copy.

Summary of Inspector's report

"Generally the School is in very good working order. The pass on the Examination Schedule is very fair. Good Sewing. Some of the younger children have too difficult reading books.

Average Number attendance for past year 85

Number presented 57

Number passed in Examination

Reading 55 Writing 57 Arithmetic 44

(signed) George Whyte Correspondent

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July 15

Wednesday Took Standard III in Arithmetic myself today. Work very unsatisfactory. Most of the class cannot say the Multiplication table. Gave Standard IV a lesson in long division yesterday, not one could work a question today on the plan I showed.

July 16

Thursday Work fair. Take pupil-teachers mostly in the morning now, instead of at night as formerly.

July 17

Friday No schooling owing to its being Dunfermline fair day. Should have mentioned that there was no schooling yesterday likewise.

July 20

Monday Psalm badly said. P. M^cIntyre and R. Barber could not say any of it. Sent them home to learn it, having previously written a line to each of their mothers informing them of it. Neither of them went home.

July 21

Tuesday Gave Senior boys and girls a few things to write on paper, after the manner of the Inspector's papers to pupil-teachers. Rel. Knowledge, Arith: Gram: & Geography.

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July 22

Wednesday Revising a little in Arithmetic with two highest classes.

July 23

Thursday Commenced 2 days ago to "Scotland". Many could not point to the places on the map when asked

July 24

Friday Should have mentioned that James Adamson pupil teacher asked leave for the afternoon of Tuesday. Work as usual to day

July 27

Monday Psalm and questions better said than usual but far from the mark. Mr Harrower called in Afternoon because James Bryce had been striking his little boy Robert. J. Bryce did not deny. Harrower gave him a good fright, and I cautioned him after the school went out.

July 28

Tuesday Dividing all in main school into 2 divisions in afternoon, taking both myself. A good many kept in at night to write what they failed in, in spelling, 20 times. Analysis of S. Catechism middling. 19 kept in at night for spelling. Andrew Steele went away without leave. Sent R. Barber for him, returned, will write lesson at home

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July 29

Wednesday No schooling. Went with the Church Choir pic nic party to Hopetoun: Pupil-teachers and sewing mistress there also.

July 30

Thursday Kept in J^s Whitehead, J. Harley and J^s McIntyre during interval for walking through the school while I was out.

July 31

Friday Took second division in Arithmetic. Work rather unsatisfactory

August 1

Saturday Not 30 present. Took them myself. Pupil-teachers wrought at Arithmetic. No schooling in afternoon

(August) 3

Monday Lessons middling. Some Scholars expected Grammar, some Geography

(August) 4

Tuesday Little James Whitehead's mother came with him to the school in the afternoon. She said he had been playing truant yesterday and this forenoon. Tis difficult to know when one is playing truant from the unsatisfactory answers I receive when enquiring about absentees. Took some in Division according to the plan I teach Division on. Progress remarkably slow.

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August 5

Wednesday Little W^m Whitehead's mother spoke to me this morning about W^m playing truant on Monday and Tuesday. She wishes me to give him a fright. Sent Andrew Steele home for an hour to write his questions and proofs. He alleged as an excuse that he had no book. I have repeatedly sent him out of my Class into the Junior till he would get a book. Also sent R. Barber home too. It is as rare and even more so to get any lesson from him as to see a good shower of rain. He has pestered me much in Arithmetic as he always spoils his text book and of Course has nothing to do when he should be working off his book. The same remarks apply to Andrew Steele. Only one boy John Moodie could say poetry in afternoon. J^t (Janet?) Johnston, J. Wilson & J. (Jemima?) Boag noisy a little whilst sitting at the door in the Afternoon.

(August) 6

Thursday Took scholars in forenoon somewhat the same as if it were an examination day, to see how long I would take to them

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(August 6 cont) W. Hutton reported as playing truant in afternoon. Sent James Adamson to his house. Mother not at home. He could not be found. He is much inclined to stay away. Mother seems to be soft with him. She has sometimes brought him too when I spared him at her request. J. Adamson brought in W. Whitehead with him, as this was the third day this week I punished him

August 7

Friday School thinner than usual. Some away at Inverkeithing Fair Not John Walker in spite of much speaking and some little punishment has done only 8 questions in simple Addition.

(August) 10

Monday Superintending Scholars while preparing Specimens of penmanship for the Examination.

(August) 11

Tuesday James Adamson pupil-teacher absent in forenoon, excuse given by him, no suitable boots to come with

(August) 12

Wednesday Arranged specimens in order

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Aug 13

Thursday Examination day: per Dr Johnston, some of the managers and others. The Children did better than I expected. The Minister expressed himself satisfied with all the classes.

Sep 14

Monday Reopened with 38 boys and 25 girls. Work introductory. 2 girls going to commence book-keeping.

Sept 15

Tuesday Work more regular

Sept 16

Wednesday Seniors Count instead of write before 10 O'clock as formerly

Sept 17

Thursday Gave a lesson on long division with tables as a help

Sept 18

Friday Obligated to separate T Harley, J^s M^cIntyre & J^s Whitehead. They are so much given to giggling & idling

Sept 21

Monday Catechism first 20, badly said. Charlotte Whitehead to write 50 lines for copying in Arithmetic

Sept 22

Tuesday Commenced Cube Root S. Catechism so badly said, obliged to put it off till to-morrow

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Sep 23

Wednesday Helena O'Brien's aunt complaining that she does not get any lessons While in reality she is often kept in because she cannot say them. This Complaint is always urged on the part of those who do nothing. Kept in W Barber and J^s Young at dinner-time for neglecting to write exercise

Sept 24

Thursday Analysis of S. Catechism better than usual. Commenced a class in Practice.

Sept 25

Friday Another lesson in Cube root as the class made mistakes in pointing the decimal place in the Answer. Gave 36 questions to be wrought in Cube root J^s M^cIntyre, Peter M^cIntyre & J^s Whitehead did nothing grammatical exercise. P. M^c. I. had not even so much as opened his book to look at the lesson History lesson, not one able to answer a word – Caused them to sit half an hour to read it.

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Sep 28

Monday Psalm middling. S. Catechism Exercise "Life of Gideon" – sent home all who did not bring it, to write it at home. Had also to send home a number who did not bring their other exercises. R. Barber wrought some counts at home willingly (of his own accord I should say)

Sept 29

Tuesday Sent home J^s M^cIntyre and J^s Whitehead to write "Life of Gideon" which they should have brought yesterday. Mothers often complain of their children getting no work to do at home. When work is given I can only get it after a very great deal of trouble, and often not then.

Sept 30

Wednesday Spoke to Mrs M^cIntyre this morning to look out a text book in Geography which he had in Malcolm's [previous headmaster] time, which he never looked for through sheer laziness, so that he might not need to say a lesson.

Oct 1

Thursday Richard Barber kept in at interval, Could not say his lesson in Shorter Catechism

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Oct 2

Friday Working questions in Mensuration by Vulgar fractions. Gave a lesson previously on the ordinary method. have adopted "Anderson's larger Geography" as I found most of the class had it. Mortons did not return in Afternoon

Oct 5

Monday 5 boys and 4 girls could not say the part of Psalm for a lesson Alex^r Adamson, Richard Barber & Peter M^cIntyre could not say any. Note P. M^cI could say first 4 lines which he had learned in school before lesson commenced. J^s M^cIntyre failed to bring his counts in Mensuration Stayed in with them myself today at the interval, who could not say their psalm.

Oct 6

Wednesday 3 boys repeated psalm this morning.

Oct 7

Mortons returned on Tuesday. Gave plausible excuses.

Oct 8

Thursday Finished lessons on Mensuration. Scholars talkative in Junior Arithmetic Class

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Oct 9

Friday Gave an Examination paper for Senior boys and girls.

Oct 12

Monday Psalm badly said.

Oct 13

Tuesday Kept in on Monday night those who could not say their lessons.

Oct 14

Wednesday Commenced giving pupil teachers exercises in Euclid, first one wrong done. Jane Wilson only one who could repeat poetry in Senior class. Others to write the lesson at home. Junior Class said poetry well.

Oct 15

Thursday Many absentees this week owing to the people lifting their potatoes.

Oct 16

Friday Held an examination of Senior Scholars by giving exercises on paper. In the afternoon had a visit from Mrs Morton, Charlestown, to inquire if her boy had been regularly at school. Gave her a note of his absences. She said he had been playing truant.

Oct 17

Monday J^s Morton Jun^r., J^s Whitehead and John Wilson to bring lines showing causes why they were absent. J^s Morton Sen^r to write 100 lines at home

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Oct 18

Tuesday J^s Morton brought about 70 lines Sent Wilson and Whitehead home for their lines

Oct 19

Wednesday Taking Junior Grammar Class after Senior as I have more time owing to John Moodie going away at 12".30'

Oct 20

Thursday Lessons fair, work as usual

Oct 21

Friday Exercise on Copies a Chapter from the History of Samson By an oversight all the dates in last week's entries were wrong

Oct 26

Monday Psalm & S. Catechism better than usual

Oct 27

Tuesday John Wilson kept in at interval for being upon the wall and also for neglecting to write exercise for talking. Four stanzas of poetry in all 16 lines. Not one could say it. William Wood received tawse once for inattention to lesson refused to hold out his hand again – Caused him to do it and ran out of the school

Oct 28

Wednesday Gave him 12 lines of his lesson to write at home for going out of the school without leave

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Oct 29

Thursday Arrears of exercises not brought by some big boys.

Oct 30

Friday Kept in T. Gardner at interval for inability to say his Catechism yesterday. It is habit & repute with him.

Nov 2

Monday Psalm & Catechism better than usual. Gave Senior class nine questions in decimal fractions

Nov 3

Tuesday Lesson with pupil teachers for yesterday and today first 450 lines VI Aeneid Adamson fair first day. Both indifferent today.

Nov 4

Wednesday Slates have always been an annoyance, tried a plan to remedy it somewhat. Bible Class entered on 1 Samuel.

Nov 5

Thursday Few of the Class could say the "Tables" asked of them

Nov 6

Friday Exercise in school, draw coastline from Peterhead to Berwick

Nov 9

Monday John Wilson Senior could not say any of the psalm. Kept him in at the interval. Most said it poorly A^w Steele same as J. Wilson. Janet Hudson to write it at home

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Nov 10

Tuesday Just one proof to day and it was very badly said by the bigger boys in particular. They have neither shame at doing badly nor a spirit of emulation to do well, all is or must be forced out of them. Caused the scholars to look at James Young's dirty hands as they came in

Nov 11

Wednesday So many absentees at 9 O'clock I sent notice to the parents of Ann White J^s Whitehead, J^s M^cIntyre, John Wilson. Sent home for their books those who came without them

Nov 12

Thursday Sewing Class has been held in Navigation room during the past ten days Will continue it in winter.

Nov 13

Friday Gave 21st Question of S. Catechism to write, analyze and prove.

Nov 16

Monday Psalm very badly said by most, especially the bigger boys. To shame them, (which is hardly possible) I set up a little boy in their midst 5¼ years old, who repeated 9 verses or 36 lines without any previous preparation for today.

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Same day continued. Kept in J^s M^cIntyre, John Wilson, J^s Whitehead & A^w Steel at interval. They have been sitting all forenoon professedly engaged learning it.

Nov 17

Tuesday Gave a revisal lesson on the Rule of Three

Nov 18

Wednesday Commenced 3 boys in Book-keeping. 2 girls in it already

Nov 19

Thursday Asked Bible class (as a test of home preparation) to write subject of lesson. Only 2 could do so John Moodie and, Maggie Wilson and also Alex Adamson imperfectly. Kept in those who had not read it at home. Gave them an hour of durance vile from 1 till 2.

Nov 20

Friday Gave exercises as usual

Nov 23

Monday Kept in some for arrears in exercises

Nov 24

Tuesday Juniors still very poor at Multiplication Table

Nov 25

Wednesday Looked over their work in Arithmetic and gave some to do at home.

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Dec 18

Friday Gave Exercise as usual. Spent a good part of forenoon in hearing little ones read.

Dec 21

Monday John Wilson stood up to say psalm he could not say it. He has failed every Monday of late. Caused him to stand up in the presence of the school. J^s. Whitehead and Alex. Adamson much the same. A good many girls have failed today which is unusual. Kept in 3 boys at interval. 7 girls in afternoon till 5 O'clock and 5 boys besides till 6 O'clock.

Dec 22

Tuesday Commenced the map of Ireland.

Dec 23

Wednesday Lessons not so bad as usual

Dec 24

Thursday A slight noise for a little at the sight of the school which had been decorated the previous evening for a Penny Reading tonight. Work however went on as usual.

Dec 25

Friday Much shouting at the opening of the school of a "Merry Christmas" Class in Arithmetic noisy with Jas. Bryce, changed them to J. Adamson instead. They were rather better

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(Dec 25 cont) As I found it disheartening work they were so unsettled and noisy I gave them the afternoon.

Dec 28

Monday Psalm and Catechism badly said as usual. Punished with tawse those who failed. J^s. M^cIntyre and John Wilson not in till ten as usual. Sent lines to their Mothers. They begged that I would excuse them this morning.

Dec 29

Tuesday Said a few words to both pupil teachers at the close of the school on displaying greater life and animation in conducting their classes. It was specially addressed to James Bryce the classes do not behave nearly so well with him as with J^s Adamson.

Dec 30

Wednesday Geography lesson (Ireland) not so well as it might be.

Dec 31

Thursday Work much as usual.

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Jan 1

Friday New Year's Day – Holiday

Jan 4

Monday Attendance good – Work as usual

Jan 5

Tuesday Answering in Bible lesson a little more lively than heretofore, perhaps because it is easy. It is the story of Saul and David.

Jan 6

Wednesday spent more time than usual with Class in Morell in analyzing a long complex sentence.

Jan 7

Thursday Work as usual, except in Geography Class. Gave an exercise on the Map, Each (beginning at the foot of the class) to point to a place, none to be pointed twice. J^s. Morton Jun^r told he was not to go home until he had proved his work in book-keeping. He went away. I learned in the afternoon that he was outside the gate. Went out – found that two boys had brought out his slate &c to him. Asked him who took his slate &c to him he said (entry ends at this point).

Jan 8

Friday Asked the Bible Class as a test of home preparation to write substances of Chapter to be read, only four

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(Jan 8 cont) could do so. Phoebe Ainslie, Jane Wilson, M^t. M. Wilson & Charlotte Whitehead

Jan 11

Monday Catechism and Psalm badly said. Kept in some at interval and J. Bryce P. T. remained with the others till I returned about 5

Jan 12

Tuesday Juniors in Arithmetic still very backward at reading numbers.

Jan 13

Wednesday Revisal in Geography Class succeeded better than I expected.

Jan 14

Thursday Bible Class thinning as some of the bigger boys are working at Arithmetic or Book-keeping

Jan 15

Friday Lessons much as usual

Jan 18

Monday Changed places in writing the boys with the girls. The bigger boys and girls said their lessons in Bible and Catechism so badly owing partly perhaps to repeating their lessons mostly when in the Junior Class to pupil-teachers. To help this if possible mean to take Senior and Junior Bible classes alternately. James Bryce pupil-teacher absent unwell in forenoon. W^m. Aitken when going out in Afternoon prevented at the gate by John Jack. Went out – he ran away

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(Jan 18 cont) I ran after – he ran into the sea out of the way. A short time after Cath: Clark came in saying George Steele would not let her out. Sent James Adamson pupil-teacher who caught him. I brought him in. Sent J. Adamson for policeman. He gave G. S. a terrible fright and after begging with many tears to be released, we let him go.

Jan 19

Tuesday The loungers who generally lingered about the school gate are all off to-day.

Jan 20

Wednesday Kept in John Wilson, James M^cIntyre and Richard Barber for being 20 minutes late the day before. The Senior Grammar Class has almost dwindled away.

Jan 21

Thursday Junior Bible class lessons better than I expected.

Jan 22

Friday Find the Change of Time-Table good as yet. Gave a lesson at board on Compound Division.

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Jan 25

Monday Lessons fair in Junior Bible

Jan 26

Tuesday Pretty cold – A good many absent – some unwell

Jan 27

Wednesday A good many in Junior Bible Class slow to answer yet

Jan 28

Thursday Wet day – have caused the little ones to stand after lessons at a suitable distance from the fire.

Jan 29

Friday Made special inquiry to day of the cause of so many being absent found that the greater part are unwell.

Feb 1

Monday Tables not so well said

Feb 2

Tuesday Junior Bible Class – Lesson first 5 questions of S. Catechism. Many failed especially in the first one.

Feb 3

Wednesday A good many in Senior Class could not say their tables

Feb 4

Thursday Had a visit last night from Mr Harrower entreating me to let his little boy Robert into writing – I yielded although sorely against my will.

Feb 5

Friday No Senior grammar class today all who have "Morell" are absent

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Feb 8

Monday Little Robert Harrower brought a No 4 on Friday. I told him to go home to his mother and say to her I would not allow him to go into it, as I had not told him. She had told me the night before that I was keeping him back.

Feb 9

Tuesday Little Harrower not returned yet.

Feb 10

Wednesday Finished VI Book, Aeneid with pupil teachers yesterday. Commenced Phoebe & Jessie Ainslie and James Bryce pupil teacher in French today.

Feb 11

Thursday Finished 1st book of Samuel with Senior Bible class

Feb 12

Friday Looked over their work in Arithmetic. Showed three boys in Book-keeping how to post Cash & Day-Books into the Ledger

Feb 15

Monday Many of those unwell returned today. Senior Bible class said lessons badly

Feb 16

Tuesday Read part of a chapter in Leviticus with Testament Class to help them to understand Testament lesson

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Feb 17

Wednesday James Adamson pupil teacher asked leave at 3 O'clock

Feb 18

Thursday Engaged mostly at the desk with exercise copies and boys in book-keeping. School noisier than usual.

Feb 19

Friday No schooling in afternoon preparing school for Sabbath Scholars soiree

Feb 22

Monday Some more of the absentees returned. Finished geography of Ireland

Feb 23

Tuesday Lessons as usual

Feb 24

Wednesday James Adamson P.T. absent whole day at an uncle's funeral. Work of Course different from the usual way

Feb 25

Thursday Sent home 31 scholars at 4 O'clock for their hymn books, 25 returned

Feb 26

Friday Kept in the bigger boys who did not return – the tawse to the others.

Mar 1

Monday Mrs Allister sent her girl with a new book. I had not told her. A very common plague of my life here. Mothers say put their children into advanced books while they are in junior classes. No one says put them forward when they grow up to Senior classes

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(Mar 1 cont) Had a visit at my own house of Mrs Drummond complaining of the way in which Mrs Aitken had prejudiced me against her children. Pupil teachers commence to read Bryce's Second Latin Reader for a second time along with John Moodie for a first time. P.Ts unprepared J^s Adamson gave as a reason that he was at Dunfermline. In the Afternoon was annoyed and hindered by a baker of the name of Purves collaring in the porch W^m Pitblado. He would not let him go nor go out of the porch when ordered. I therefore sent for the policeman, he threatened vengeance on that account, and also in the workshop before his Master, Mistress and policeman.

Mar 2

Tuesday Geography lesson, Norway

Mar 3

Wednesday Had a visit from the Minister, Mr Charles Wilson and Mr John Wilson school managers. Came about half past 10 O'clock. The Minister took several of the classes himself at the end expressed himself specially pleased

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Mar 4

Thursday Take hymns singing on alternate nights now. The girls stay a little longer on the night there is no singing

Mar 5

Friday Went to Dunfermline in the afternoon, scholars behaved for a while got restless towards the end.

Mar 8 Monday Result of Examination of Friday

	IV			V			VI		
Examined	R	W	A	R	W	A	R	W	A
	10	10	10	10	10	10	3	3	3
Passed	7	10	10	10	7	10	3	3	3

Mar 9

Tuesday Received a letter today from Mr Pryde asking if I would allow a number of the Dunfermline Presbytery to examine my school. On the advice of Dr Johnston I refused it.

Mar 10

Wednesday Finished Geography of Scandinavia. Exercised class on a map drawn on the floor. Most did well.

Mar 11

Thursday Lessons as usual

Mar 12

Friday Examination. Standard II most unsatisfactory. Reading very poor, only 2 could say Multiplication Table. Standard III only 5 passed in spelling 6 could not do division 6 could not say Multiplication Table

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Mar 15

Monday In Bible Class reading all connected with the story of the ark and its construction up to the time of David

Mar 16

Tuesday John Moodie finished last night Bryce's First Latin Book. He and the two pupil teachers are begun to Bryce's Second Book. Pupil teachers have read it previously with Mr Malcolm

Mar 17

Wednesday Giving exercises out of some of my own count books.

Mar 18

Thursday Had Standard III at the board to give them a lesson on Division, found the most of them knew nothing at all about it although I had previously given two lessons on it. Most do not know the Multiplication Table except the special line for special lesson

Mar 19

Friday – Examination Standard II poor in reading Arithmetic of S^d III very poor some cannot work the rules Standard V good. S^d VI very fair

Mar 22

Monday Marked the scholars arithmetics with dates. Their work to be done by the time of the date opposite the work

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Mar 23

Tuesday Giving in Bible class a revision lesson in connection with the Arch.

Mar 24

Wednesday Let them out sooner in the afternoon to make preparation for the Broomhall Mutual Improvement Society Social Entertainment

Mar 25

Thursday Senior Scholars entered at 10 instead of at 9 as usual

Mar 26

Friday – Examination Penmanship of Standard III deficient. S^d II Mult. Tables

Mar 29

Monday J. Bryce pupil-teacher absent unwell in forenoon. Away from 12 to 1 myself at a funeral.

Mar 30

Tuesday Most of the scholars in Senior Geography class commenced to draw a Map of Russia

Mar 31

Wednesday Took Junior Grammar class myself

Apr 1

Thursday Alex^r Adamson to bring me 40 lines written 20 for talking to John Moodie increased to 30 for not bringing it at the appointed time, and 10 for coming in at the school window in the morning.

Moodie brought his quota for talking

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Adamson did not bring his as his father said he was not to do it. I gave him the taws.

Apr 2

Friday Held Examination Failures chiefly in Multiplication Table and Simple Division

Apr 5

Monday James Bryce P.T. absent by permission from 10 till 12. Absent myself from 12 till 1. Four boys noisy while I was out

Apr 6

Tuesday P. McIntyre, R. Barber and Mary Drummond kept in for falling behind with their Arithmetic.

Apr 7

Wednesday Senior Class writing Poetry from memory, saw R. Barber sitting with his book open

Apr 8

Thursday Should have mentioned last Friday that A. Adamson came for his book. Only 2 left in Morell taking them along with the pupil teachers.

Apr 9

Friday Examination Mult. Table deficient Stand IV deficient in Mult. & Division Improvement in setting down the questions.

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Apr 12

Monday Weather being mild no fire

Apr 13

Tuesday Finished Geography of Russia some drew a map of it on paper poorly done

Apr 14

Wednesday Lessons fair – Work as usual

Apr 15

Thursday John Moodie commenced Book-keeping by Double Entry

Apr 16

Friday Examination as usual. Still some not up to the mark in the different Standards. Those who fail in dictation take home their copies and write it over again

Apr 19

Monday Senior Class in geography fair

Apr 20

Tuesday More than usual of Junior grammar class brought their exercises to-day

Apr 21

Wednesday Jane Wilson & Anne White have been so much in the habit of talking of late, especially from 9 to 10 a. m. (this morning they had not even a figure on their slates) that I meant to keep them in at dinner-time but let them go on condition that they would do a certain amount of work.

Apr 22

Thursday Work not done – Stay in to-day

Apr 23

Friday Attendance very poor. Standard I not up to the mark in Subtraction. Standard III

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(Apr 23 cont) spelling not good. Will cause them to transcribe their lesson pretty often in future.

Apr 26

Monday As the classes had got into an unsatisfactory condition owing to so many big ones dropping away lately: I have reorganized them insisting that their Standard of proficiency in English shall also determine their class in Grammar & Geography. As I have found the other plan productive of much confusion especially owing to the stupid way in which the school has been planned. The slates are a source of endless confusion.

Apr 27

Tuesday A little trouble in getting the classes into the new arrangements

Apr 28

Wednesday The new arrangements seem to work well as yet

Apr 29

Thursday Gave an Introductory lesson on a Map to the Junior Class.

Apr 30

Friday Gave exercise in Dictation and Arithmetic in Main School, Desks being round the side of the school very inconvenient for a dictation exercise on their copies.

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May 3

Monday Work proceeding as smoothly considering the way the desks are placed round the side of the School. It is a source of endless confusion

May 4

Tuesday The policeman called at the School and threatened David Wilson for striking Anne Whitehead with a stone. Found a good many behind with their Arithmetic. Some could not put down their questions because expressed in words.

May 5

Wednesday Noise so great when they enter the School that I have told them to take their places outside

May 6

Thursday A few little ones have commenced writing on paper.

May 7

Friday Held Examination. Junior Bible Class improving in shorter Catechism

May 10

Monday Took parable of ten virgins in Senior Bible Class Cause them to learn the parables after being explained to them Have taken two before this one

May 11

Tuesday Obligated to cause a good many to come in the morning and stay in at night to get their questions in Arithmetic done

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May 12

Wednesday Parable of Labourers in Vineyard in Senior Class. Jessie Ainslie always escapes any exercise as a punishment because she goes away from the sewing room before the time

May 13

Thursday Senior Class taking more interest now in analyzing questions in Shorter Catechism

May 14

Friday Examination as usual. Finished Shorter Catechism with Senior Class.

May 17

Monday Senior Bible Class beginning to revise Shorter Catechism Lesson first 20 very poorly said.

May 18

Tuesday 3 Repeated a question and analysis and proofs voluntarily today

May 19

Wednesday Spent a good while with Junior Class explaining a question in Shorter Catechism.

Received Notice of Inspector's visit

May 20

Thursday Lessons fair – Caused Senior Class to write out from Memory and parable they chose – Most did very fair

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May 21

Friday Causing Senior Classes to write on their exercise copies from dictation

May 24

Monday Beginning of school quarter. Hindered a little writing down names.

May 25

Tuesday Some, especially Cath: Clark, answered very poorly in Bible Class Senior Arithmetic Class
– Practice today

May 26

Wednesday No Schooling – Went to the Examination of pupil-teachers at Kennoway

May 27

Thursday A good many absentees probably because it is the Queen's Birth Day in Dunfermline

May 28

Friday Work as usual

May 31

Monday Sent word to Peter M^cIntyre's mother to send him at 9 O'clock A.M.

June 1

Tuesday Most of those in upper Standard writing exercises on foolscap paper

June 2

Wednesday Commenced Senior Geog. Class to draw a map of the Rhine

June 3

Thursday Pupil Teachers have not been reading at night since their examination

June 4

Friday Have been taking P.T's along with John Moodie in Caesar. Moodies' lessons

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(June 4 cont) are imperfectly prepared. James Bryce's little better. To the parsing he seems to give no heed at home, trusting that he will be able on the spur of the moment to do it, he seldom can

June 7

Monday Improvement in repeating the parables, especially W^m Barber

June 8

Tuesday Pointed out S. Geog. Class how I wished them to finish the map of the Rhine

June 9

Wednesday Took Junior Bible Class A good many answered readily, other sat without answering unless the question were specifically addressed to them

June 10

Thursday Revised Arithmetic with Standard V

June 11

Friday Work Introductory to Examination

June

(different handwriting) [12?]/6/69 Staff same as before R. T. Reid H M Insp

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June 14

Monday A number who had been absent for a time returned today as the examination was past.

Margaret Whitehead present at examination has gone to a school in Dunfermline. She had only been 194 times present during the course of the year, hence I could not present her papers I allowed her to work as the rest lest she might not be present at the examination, behold the result! The people of Limekilns I find more ready to take the huff than any with whom it has been my lot to come in contact with

June 15

Tuesday Received by post a not very complimentary letter from J^s Whitehead. Commencing with my own Senior class in Grammar a few Introductory Lessons

June 16

Wednesday Combined Classes reading in Senior Reader and History into one Geography Class. Standard II receiving a lesson from a pupil teacher in Arithmetic while geography is going on

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June 17

Thursday Giving Senior Grammar class a few introductory lessons as if they were beginners.

June 18

Friday No Schooling As a sort of Compensation for having it last Saturday

June 21

Monday Commenced to give out 4 lines of a psalm every day as before

June 22

Tuesday Gave a lesson in Cancelling preparatory to proportion – Only Peter M^cIntyre seemed to have any idea of it

June 23

Wednesday Changed with second grammar class. They declined some verbs pretty well.

June 24

Thursday Fast Day – No Schooling

June 25

Friday Those in higher Standards writing exercises on foolscap paper.

June 28

Monday Not so many present, being preaching Monday. Gave a lesson to a class in Simple Multiplication. The greater part could not say the tables required

June 29

Tuesday Commenced to read Virgil anew with the pupil – teachers – Subject being 1st Georgic.

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June 30

Wednesday All who have paper were engaged in drawing a map of the basin of the Danube.

July 1

Thursday In English Grammar & French gave James Bryce (P.T.) a scolding for his careless preparation of lessons.

July 2

Friday No Schooling – Sabbath Scholars had their pic-nic to Pitfirrane.

July 5

Monday John Moodie has left the school for a time – No Latin in afternoon now

July 6

Tuesday Lessons much as usual.

July 7

Wednesday Grammar Class seldom know which rule to apply

July 8

Thursday Senior Geography Class had not prepared their lesson.

July 9

Friday Giving the higher Standards work on foolscap paper.

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(July 9 cont) Friday Received a report from the Privy Council Office to-day, of which the following is a Copy.

The following is a Summary of the Inspector's report upon the school.

"The School is in a very fair state of efficiency. The number of failures was 26 out of 129 examinations; the work of the lowest Standard and of the Fifth and Sixth was decidedly good. The Second and third Standards were rather deficient and the fourth Standard was fair. Attention should be paid to the middle Standards.

The Discipline was good."

Average Att. for past yr. 86

Qualified for Exam. 63

Presented 43

Read. 37

Writ. 36

Arith. 30

(signed) George Whyte Correspondent

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July 12

Monday James Bryce pupil-teacher was somewhat late in the afternoon. He is generally late enough. Scholars put in the towns along the course of the Danube and its tributaries.

July 13

Tuesday Girls read the "Press" in forenoon today to give them longer at the sewing to make up for yesterday.

Received from Correspondent post office

Order for £25 10 William Turner

Ditto for £17 10 James Adamson

Ditto for £17 10 James Bryce

Showed James Bryce the entry of June July 12. He said that it was not 2 O'clock in their clock. I said that it was not that day in particular but his habit of being late that I complain of

July 14

Wednesday Showed Senior Bible Class pictures of Flowers from the Holy Land as they had been reading of the Tares

July 15

Thursday Gave exercises on Foolscap paper owing to no schooling tomorrow. Testing them in reading today as well as yesterday

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July 16

Friday Annual Holiday

July 19

Monday Commenced parsing prose instead of poetry as the class were making so little of it.

July 20

Tuesday Simple Multiplication class did very badly, as a rule hardly any can say the multiplication table, hence they cannot do their work.

July 21

Wednesday A few did badly in C. Addition Class

July 22

Thursday Geography Lesson on Turkey poorly done at first by the junior members of the Class

July 23

Friday James Adamson pupil-teacher asked leave to go away at 3 O'clock to visit an aunt who is unwell.

July 26

Monday Junior Bible Class reported by James Bryce as having repeated 4 lines of a paraphrase badly. Heard a few as far as time would admit – found it to be the case.

July 27 T

Tuesday A number fail repeatedly to bring their Grammar exercise

July 28

Wednesday Notice that the P.T's have

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(July 28 cont) been careless in ruling their copies transversely

July 29

Thursday Simp. Mult. Class have little or no conception of how to do it yet.

July 30

Friday Dictated a letter to those writing on paper, showing them how to write and address it putting the stamp in its proper place.

Aug 2

Monday Began questions in Simple Proportion, fairly done by most – Showed them how to arrange the terms by stating them.

Aug 3

James Adamson pupil-teacher asked and obtained leave for the afternoon.

Aug 4

Wednesday Senior Grammar Class beginning to show a slight improvement

Aug 5

Thursday Finished Map of the basin of the Danube – A number had lost their maps

Aug 6

Friday Inverkeithing Fair – A good many absent – Work irregular in consequence.

Aug 9

Monday Superintending scholars preparing specimens of penmanship for the Examination

Aug 10

Tuesday Proportion Class did not do so well as I expected

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Aug 11

Wednesday Work mostly preparatory to Examination

Aug

Thursday Examination-day – Present Rev. Dr. Johnston and a number of others. At the close the minister expressed himself highly satisfied with the examination

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Sept 13

Reopened after the holidays with 27 boys and 14 girls. Work introductory – Gave out lessons for tomorrow

Sept 14

Tuesday Commenced reading classes at beginning of book. Senior grammar also Geography – New Zealand.

Sept 15

Wednesday Bible class biography beginning with Adam

Sept 16

Thursday Find most of the scholars very much fallen off on reading.

Sept 17

Friday Gave exercises on foolscap paper as formerly.

Sept 20

Monday A few more present – Work much as usual. In afternoon much annoyed by Joseph Neill a new-comer who wished to remain away. He kicked, struggled and made a very great noise for a good while.

Sept 21

Tuesday Geography class began to draw a map of New Zealand

Sept 22

Wednesday Lessons much as usual

Sept 23

Thursday Jessie Ainslie recommenced French

Sept 24

Friday Exercise on words similar in sound

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Sept 27

Monday School a little noisier than usual owing to being obliged to place them a little differently from there being more present

Sept 28

Tuesday Commenced the Life of Abraham in Senior Bible Class.

Sept 29

Wednesday Bible Class improving a little in analyzing questions in Shorter Catechism.

Sept 30

Thursday Class commenced to Geography of Spain. Proofs not well said today

Oct 1

Friday Seniors wrote a letter from dictation from the “Press”. – Afternoon very wet – Caused many of them to sit with their jackets off

Oct 4

Monday Shorter Catechism badly said

Oct 5

Tuesday Draw map of Spain on the board to exercise the class

Oct 6

Wednesday In spite of repeating the multiplication Table every day, I still find many of the higher classes very deficient

Oct 7

Thursday Took Juniors myself from 10 to 11 O'clock. Work fair.

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Oct 8

Friday Seniors wrote a letter, as a dictation exercise, on note paper, addressing and putting the stamp on the envelope.

Oct 11

Monday Lessons and work as usual

Oct 12

Tuesday Gave some questions in Arithmetic to the pupil-teachers last night. They do not seem to have understood them well, although simple.

Oct 13

Wednesday Attendance has been thin this week as many people are engaged lifting their potatoes.

James Adamson, pupil-teacher asked leave to help his father to lift his potatoes.

Oct 14

Thursday Drew a Map of Spain on their slates as drawing on paper is very inconvenient

Oct 15

Friday In the Competition in Simple Proportion Class Margaret Wilson first done The others not yet finished

Oct 17

Monday Lessons middling

Oct 18

Tuesday Put on a fire to-day

Oct 19

Wednesday Commenced a Class in C. Proportions They have started pretty keenly

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Oct 21

Thursday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday dated a day wrong. Held a revision lesson on the Geography of Spain. The most did pretty fair. Margaret Whitehead went out first and Charlotte remained longest

Oct 22

Friday Spent a good deal of time in showing the Seniors how to put down questions in practice on paper

Oct 25

Monday Bible Lesson to alternate with S. Catechism, Psalm, Tables &c.

Oct 26

Tuesday Grammar lessons not prepared at home especially parsing John Potter worst for this.

Oct 27

Wednesday Took Geography of Spain with scholars backs to the map one half did well, some middling and others badly.

Oct 28

Thursday Took a little parsing along with reading in Senior Class.

Oct 29

Friday Senior Class to draw a map of Spain and give (i.e. write) a description of it, principally from Mr Campbell's lecture as reported in the "Press"

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Nov 1

Monday Commenced Interest with highest class in Arithmetic, teach it as a Case of Rule of Three

Nov 2

Tuesday Geography lesson – Spanish Colonies

Nov 3

Wednesday Told James Bryce he was spending too much time in simply hearing lessons in Junior Bible class and he was to give more time to the other parts of the work

Nov 4

Thursday Commenced geography of France

Nov 5

Friday Seniors wrote a letter to-day as an exercise.

Nov 8

Monday A few shifted from lower to higher Bible class

Nov 9

Tuesday Gave middle Division in Grammar a lesson in Analysis

Nov 10

Wednesday Drew map of France on the floor, indicating rivers and mountains most could point very fairly – except new-comers who could not at all.

Nov 11

Thursday Lessons fair

Nov 12

Friday Read a story to Senior class

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(Nov 12 cont) which they were to write in their own words

Nov 15

Monday No writing to-day – The work being different from the other days – the platform being up and piano in the School for the Concert at night.

Nov 16

Tuesday Arranged the classes anew in Arithmetic as they had become somewhat confused

Nov 17

Wednesday Finished Life of Abraham a few boys and girls answered very well the revision questions which I put

Nov 18

Thursday Fast-day No Schooling

Nov 19

Friday Lessons as usual nearly. Gave Senior Class dictation leaving out words which they were to supply.

Nov 22

Monday No Schooling

Nov 23

Tuesday Senior Class – Parsing not good

Nov 24

Wednesday Senior Geography class did not answer well at the map. In pointing a river they simply point without saying anything of its course &c.

Nov 25

Thursday Soon dark let them out a little sooner

Nov 26

Friday Made dictation lesson a lesson

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(Nov 26 cont) in Grammar also

Nov 29

Monday A good many late, also a pretty large number absent. Spent some little time over again in showing them how to put past their slates.

Nov 30

Tuesday James Bryce took my division in forenoon whilst I took the junior

Dec 1

Wednesday Hindered a little at 10 O'clock by a call from Messrs Nelson's traveller

Dec 2

Thursday Still very cold – Gave each division a little physical exercise at 10 O'clock to warm them.

Dec 3

Friday Very cold still hence I suppose many are late. Lessons as usual – Make scholars stand round fire while giving dictation

Dec 6

Monday Writing out names in register Hindered a little by a visit from a travelling showman tailor – Did not grant him the use of the school – referred him to the Managers.

Dec 7

Tuesday Tested Bible Class in order to see if they knew their lesson A number did very well – greater part but middling

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Dec 8

Wednesday Lessons as usual – Senior Class working “Discount”

Dec 9

Thursday Revised what we had learnt of France

Dec 10

Friday Seniors were to write about the “Inauguration of the Suez Canal” having read of it in the “Press” newspaper during the week. No one had it finished Told to take copies home and finish it

Dec 13

Monday Jemima Boag commenced as a Monitor to-day. Terms of agreement I am to give and assist her with her lessons – She in return to assist me in teaching

Dec 14

Tuesday Geography lesson still very imperfectly don

Dec 15

Wednesday Spent 2 hours of the forenoon showing Jemima Boag how to teach the Junior Classes reading

Dec 16

Thursday Took Junior Bible Class – Many could not say their lesson as they are in the habit of saying them mostly to the pupil-teachers

Dec 17

Friday Lessons as usual

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Dec 20

Monday Pupil-Teachers away this week at Edinburgh at their examinations. Jemima Boag & John Moodie are filling their places. A sailor from Inverkeithing came to learn Navigation – Made a complete change in the order of classes. Put all the bigger ones into the Navigation room for first hour for Bible lesson.

Dec 21

Tuesday School noisy as they are only learning the necessary changes

Dec 22

Wednesday To make the noise as little as possible I have caused the 2 younger classes to enter into their writing places at 11 O’clock. Write for one half hour Count the other half.

Dec 23

Thursday Order of work a little different as the platform was left standing from the Lecture on Tuesday night

Dec 24

Friday Let them out a little sooner in order to get the school arranged for Penny Reading.

Dec 27

Monday Gave John Moodie to James Bryce to take charge of. James Adamson to look after Jemima Boag and show her how the

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(Dec 27 cont) classes are taught – Senior Class working Equation of payments.

Dec 28

Tuesday Commenced lowest Arithmetic class to Subtraction

Dec 29

Wednesday Shewing Jemima Boag and John Moodie how to take the various classes. The sewing mistress’s father died this morning – so there will be no sewing for the rest of the week

Dec 30

Thursday Finished Geography of France

Dec 31

Friday Duncan Clark did not write on foolscap paper as he used to do. He said his father said he was not to do it – When asked he said he did not know the reason.

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Jan 3

Monday A Holiday

Jan 4

Allowed my assistants to take this as a holiday also – Set some of the bigger scholars to help with the younger ones. Attendance better than I expected

Jan 5

Wednesday Commenced Geography of Italy – Commenced keeping in those in the sixpenny to receive lessons in writing & arithmetic from 12 to 1.

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Jan 6

Thursday Commenced myself a course of lessons in grammar to those in the tenpenny & Junior Reader – I mean to use no text-book with them.

Jan 7

Friday Dictation exercises on foolscap paper to Seniors in Navigation room. They are to work their sums in Arithmetic without slates.

Jan 10

Monday Have written out part of a scheme of Bible lessons for Junior class It includes down to those in the fourpenny.

Jan 11

Tuesday A good many of the Senior class have begun to take part of their lessons with the pupil-teachers.

Jan 12

Wednesday Lessons much as usual Caused one of the scholars to rule the copies in the morning and lay them out

Jan 13

Thursday Geography of Italy middling

Jan 14

Friday Gave an extract on words similar in sound to Senior class – Let the scholars out a little sooner on account of the Sabbath School Soiree this evening

Jan 17

Monday Bible Class lesson in S. Catechism first 70, very few could say them

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(Jan 17 cont) Gave the same lesson over again

Jan 18

Tuesday Two other sailors came to-day from Inverkeithing to learn Navigation

Jan 19

Wednesday As there was sometimes a little confusion with the scholars as to whether it was Grammar or Geography I fixed Mondays & Wednesdays for Geography Tuesdays & Thursdays for Grammar

Jan 20

Thursday James Adamson & James Bryce late pupil-teachers received word to-day from the Rector of the Free Normal Edinburgh, that they had passed the Examination successfully, that of those examined at Moray house the one was 8th of the 1st class, entitling him to a bursary of £24: the other 15th of the 1st class entitling him to a bursary of £20. School work much as usual.

Jan 21

Friday Gave as an exercise on foolscap paper. – Make sentences with words similar in sound but different in meaning.

Jan 24

Monday Shorter Catechism first 70 very badly said – Duncan Clark and Wm Aitken failed at the second.

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Jan 25

Tuesday Catechism a little better Took Senior Grammar class during the day on account of the Lecture in the evening. Not one could say the lesson Only Maggie Wilson had written part of the exercise.

Jan 26

Wednesday Working Partnership with Senior Arithmetic Class.

Jan 27

Thursday Class in grammar doing fair without a book

Jan 28

Friday Gave no dictation to Senior Class

Jan 31

Monday Class answered better in Geography with their backs to the map. The platform was put up on Tuesday last for the Lecture It is to remain this week for the religious meetings.

Feb 1

Tuesday Not many little ones remain in to the lesson in writing and counting from 12 to 1.

Feb 2

Wednesday One of the writing desks broken at the meeting last night by some boys sitting on it

Feb 3

Thursday Lessons middling

Feb 4

Friday Gave more heed than usual

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(Feb 4 cont) as to how they set down their counts on the foolscap paper. Ann Whithead has ceased to write on it – by her father's Commands she says. Duncan and Catherine Clark had also stopped about a fortnight ago.

Feb 7

Monday Have been teaching a number of the more advanced scholars along with the pupil-teachers. The Bible lesson does not seem to be prepared by some, especially Peter McIntyre & Andrew Steel

Feb 8

Tuesday Parsing very poor in Senior Grammar Class

Feb 9

Wednesday Give lessons on alternate days to those in the sixpenny in writing and Counting, from 12 to 1. Had some difficulty for a time in getting them to stay

Feb 10

Thursday Junior Grammar class picked out the nouns yes pretty readily from a portion read – Some however had no idea of it

Feb 11

Friday Got on better than usual with exercises to-day

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Feb 14

Monday Geography lesson not very well said

Feb 15

Tuesday A sailor who had already passed for mate came from Crossford to learn Navigation.

Feb 16

Wednesday John Moodie late in afternoon

Feb 17

Thursday Gave as an exercise with the P.Ts. Write an account of the "Destruction of Sodom". They were to revise it at home and bring it next morning Jemima Boag failed to bring it. P. McIntyre John Walker & Aw Steele failed to revise. McIntyre & Steel never learn the lesson if they can help it. They seemed to have joined the class for easier and fewer lessons.

Feb 18

Friday Shorter Catechism very badly said by Senior Class. Gave those who failed the tawse and they are to bring it written on Monday

Feb 21

Monday Commenced life of Moses. All the bigger ones brought life of Joseph written on paper last week

Feb 22

Tuesday Parsing a little better in Senior class Notice that Jemima Boag teaches the class in hand fairly, but she gives little heed

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(Feb 22 cont) to the whole division under her charge

Feb 23

Wednesday Working at the Rule of Barter with Senior Arithmetic Class

Feb 24

Thursday Much snow on the ground Many do not come till rather after than before the time

Feb 25

Friday More snow falling – much colder to-day. Keeping as many as possible round the fire

Feb 28

Monday The snow is much melted, but the roads are still bad. Engaged for some time writing out the names anew in the register A few advanced into Senior Bible Class.

Mar 1

Tuesday Have begun Vulgar fractions with Senior class. Take them every day as the exercises in each case are few.

Mar 2

Wednesday Heard a few read in Junior Reader No 2. Put the best into Senior Reader Did this as I have so few in Senior grammar class. The reading determined their class in all save Arithmetic

Mar 3

Thursday Heard the boys read to day – Put a few into Senior Class.

Mar 4

Friday Had no exercises on foolscap paper to-day.

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Mar 7

Monday Take up Senior Arithmetic class in fractions every day

Mar 8

Tuesday Those advanced from Middle Grammar Class to one more advanced did not make much of the parsing

Mar 9

Wednesday Read part of “Acts” connected with St Pauls Voyage & Shipwreck as illustration of some of the places mentioned in their lesson on Italy.

Mar 10

Thursday Parsing much better in Senior Class

Mar 11

Friday Gave exercises on foolscap as usual. All the sailors are left now.

Mar 14

Monday Shorter Catechism pretty well said.

Mar 15

Tuesday Wm McIntyre brought up a Count in S. Multiplication very far wrong evidently knowing that it was wrong.

Mar 16

Wednesday Took Junior Bible Class – Lessons poorly said by most – It is very difficult to get them to answer. Drew a map of Italy on the floor – The Scholars pointed to the places very fairly on it

Mar 17

Thursday Gave Junior Bible Class a lesson in presence of Jemima Boag so that she

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(Mar 17 cont) might be the better able to do the like again

Mar 18

Friday John Moodie pupil-teacher absent to-day – He had a reasonable excuse – Spent a good while showing them how to write and address a letter

Mar 21

Monday Little ones rather noisy in Navigation room to-day

Mar 22

Tuesday Took them a little sooner in the afternoon and let them out sooner in order to attend a funeral

Mar 23

Wednesday Finished Geography of Italy on Monday. At the revisal all did very well. Commenced to Switzerland to-day

Mar 24

Thursday Took Senior Advanced Bible Class during the forenoon instead of along with the P.T's at night, on a account of the floor going to be washed at night

Mar 25

Friday Took Advanced Grammar and Geography class in forenoon – No Schooling in afternoon owing to the Mutual Improvement Society's Social Entertainment

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Mar 28

Monday A pane of glass had been broken in a School window on Saturday the 19th Had inquired publicly in School as to who did it. Got no answer – Inquired again to-day – Still no answer – Charged John Potter with it – He owned it. Lessons much as usual. A P.T. took my Bible Class

Mar 29

Tuesday Senior Grammar class passed but poorly. Introductory Class seem not to be doing so well as formerly

Mar 30

Wednesday Took Junior writing class myself. Shorter Catechism not well said in Senior Class. History lesson not well done

Mar 31

Thursday Took the last question of S. Catechism

Apr 1

Friday Wrote a letter again. The Scholars managed the address better this time

Apr 4

Monday No fire to-day as the Coals are done and the weather milder While a class were working Multiplication of Decimals in the afternoon without their books, I espied Duncan Clark with his book open at the place as if for the purpose of telling the answers to

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(Apr 4 cont) William Aitken. I went and asked Clark why his book was open at that particular place but he would not give any answer although asked repeatedly. I asked at Aitken if it was for the purpose of Copying, he said No. I gave Clark a number of "palmies" and came over his fingers as he would not answer even though asked again and again. I gave him some before asking Aitken and some after. The "palmies" were solely for not answering and not for having his book open at that place. Had a visit of Duncan Clark's father before the pupil-teachers left. He was very angry. I do not know precisely the object of his visit.

Apr 5

Tuesday Class in decimals not getting on so well as I expected.

Apr 6

Wednesday In multiplying by a larger number in compound Multiplication the Class often made mistakes in the crossing. I showed them another method to-day

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Apr 7

Thursday Bible lesson. The order of March of the Israelites. Joseph McLaren broke a pane of glass while slinging a stone at 12 O'clock.

Apr 8

Friday As a Dictation lesson on foolscap paper wrote a not on invitation to dinner and the reply

Apr 11

Monday Took Junior Bible Class whilst a P.T. took Senior. A number of the little ones said their lessons fairly. Elizabeth Wilson showed most zeal and intelligence in answering the questions on the Bible lesson. Attended Captain John Wilson's funeral in the afternoon at 2 O'clock. Scholars behaved fairly in my absence.

Apr 12

Tuesday Pupil –teachers have commenced to read a new book in French having finished Chambaud's Fables.

Apr 13

Wednesday There has been a falling-off in the attendance of big girls lately. The method I am now trying of multiplying by the multiplier in one instead of by crossing seems to work well

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Apr 14

Thursday Work much as usual

Apr 15

Friday Took all writing on foolscap paper under my own charge.

Apr 18

Monday Tested Standard II in their work, found them very deficient in the Multiplication table.

Apr 19

Tuesday Dictation from newspaper fair in afternoon

Apr 20

Wednesday took a parsing lesson instead of history at night. Gave out cards with counts on them for scholars to work. Some cannot do them.

Apr 21

Thursday Begun to give out my cards as tests of their counting – A good number cannot work them.

Apr 22

Friday Took all working on foolscap paper under my own charge.

Apr 25

Monday A Pupil-teacher took Senior Bible Class. I took little ones. John Bryce accused Wm McIntyre of stealing his ink. W. McI. confessed, but said he meant to pay it back.

Apr 26

Tuesday A number are making very little progress with their cards.

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Apr 27

Wednesday Commenced Compound Division All the girls and some of the boys did very poorly John Moodie P.T. checked Donald McEwan for reading too fast. He (DMCE) shut his book and would not read, then he lifted his Testament to throw it at John Moodie

Apr 28

Thursday Questions on the geography of Portugal answered a little better than usual

Apr 29

Friday Read a dictation lesson in poetry the spelling hardly up to the mark.

May 2

Monday Took little ones – Find they are not getting on so fast as formerly – A P.T. took Bible class.

May 3

Tuesday Read the Newspaper as usual Did not take any dictation

May 4

Wednesday Commenced Senior Class to Involution. Class in Compound rules did poorly

May 5

Thursday Shewed the class again how to multiply by a large number in compound multiplication.

May 6

Friday Held a Competition with the Senior Classes in Arithmetic from 10 to 11.

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May 9

Monday Commenced Senior Class to revise the Shorter Catechism Held an examination of the Scholars in the various Standards. Stand I Somewhat deficient in making the letters H. Y. Z. and in Subtraction Stand II writing poor. Mult. Table deficient. Stand III the greater part failed in division. Stand IV Arithmetic bad. Stand V Arithmetic deficient John Potter failed in Arithmetic in VI. P. McIntyre did poorly in VII

May 10

Tuesday Lessons much as usual

May 11

Wednesday Took 30 questions of S. C. as a revisal only 6 could say them – 3 boys and 3 girls. Let John Moodie P.T. away at 12 O'clock in order to have time to get a doctor's certificate for his entrance examination

May 12

Thursday Held a revisal of the first 50 questions. Alexa Ainslie, Chr: McIntyre & John Alexander could say them. Gave Jemima Boag charge of counting class at board. I have always taken them of late

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May 13

Friday Took charge of all working on foolscap paper. Held a little Competition of the younger ones, they did but poorly.

May 16

Monday Began Geography of Greece. Went briefly over the story of the Brigands. Standard IV did fairly in Arithmetic at the board.

May 17

Tuesday Parsing worse than usual Received notice of the Inspector's visit

May 18

Wednesday Gave a lesson in Cube root not one of the boys had been able to work a single question. Girls have not had time yet to try any. Of the written exercises on the journey of the Israelites only one (John Alexander) has been up to the mark.

May 19

Thursday Had a visit from Alexander Bryce between 9 & 10 this morning. He walked into the Navigation room and asked me to follow him. As soon as I went in he asked me ~~to follow~~ what I meant by making his boy work at about the same thing for about a

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(May 19 cont) year, why didn't I put him to writing letters or something of that kind. I replied that he had not been able to write these things one day owing to having sore fingers. He said that was not the case. I said it was. After a little I saw that it was James the youngest and not John an older one, whom he was talking of. He had not mentioned. I said that he wrote very well, but I thought him rather young, not big enough to write on paper. He talked so outrageously and had the smell of drink and knowing that the policeman had to be sent for to him I thought it as well to ask him into the main school as he showed symptoms from the way he was handling his hands of an inclination to strike. He acted in much the same way in the main school. I said I would report the matter to Dunfermline from the insulting

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(May 19 cont) way he had come into the school. He said he would do anything rather than send them back to the school. I never had such a set of people to deal with. He said I cared nothing about learning them only for the money. A horrid lie. A. Bryce said I had never taught his boy to make Ls, although he had said when he came in at first that he was a better writer than him (father)

Had a visit of Mrs Bryce at my own house at dinner-time, as she had heard the children say that he had been abusing me She said for peace' sake she would have to keep the children away till Monday Was late a little at 2 O'clock owing to being at the Doctor getting my ears syringed. Found all the classes going on quietly when I came to the school

May 20

Friday Spent more time than usual in showing them how to set down their questions on paper.

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May 23

Monday Had a letter yesterday from the Inspector stating that the general examination of pupil-teachers and candidates was to take place in St Leonard's Works School on Saturday June 11th at 10 O'clock. Finished on Thursday Life of Moses – Intend to commence in New Testament.

Copy of a note I sent to Mr A. Bryce today

"Before readmitting your children to the school, I must ask an apology for the insulting, outrageous manner you conducted yourself on Thursday morning last. If you choose to do as I have stated in this note Come to the school and say so; if not you need not come."

Had a visit of Mrs Bryce at my own house at dinner time making the apology for her husband as he could not go about such a thing. She said he was sorry the thing had happened. Heard the little ones in the afternoon. The class in the sixpenny read poorly

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May 24

Tuesday Commenced Life of Christ with Bible Class. The School more than usually noisy to-day. Have cried to them again and again to be quiet, but it seems all in vain. Have warned them that I will not cry to them tomorrow – I will punish and see how that works. James Bryce Senior called in the afternoon to say that a number of the scholars meddled the children who come from Leckerstone – Said I would put a stop to it tomorrow.

May 25

Wednesday Cautioned the scholars against meddling the children from Leckerstone. John Moodie pupil teacher came again with counts undone. Has done it pretty often of late, always urging the excuse that he could not do the count. Whereas I had told him often to take any one he could do and not spend time on the more difficult ones. Gave him a pretty sharp reprimand, which judging from the past will do little good.

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May 26

Thursday Queen's birth-day in Dunfermline, Scholars wished a holiday last night – Did not grant it. School much thinner today. Lesson for Bible Class first 50 questions of Shorter Catechism. Only 4 could say them Christina McIntyre, Jane McIntyre, Mary Wood & John Alexander whilst Peter McIntyre, Richd Barber, John Potter failed at the 10th & 11th Peter McIntyre might be ashamed to see his little sister say 50 whilst he could not say 10. There is no such a thing in him, but much indifference and laziness. As it seemed likely that I would not even have so many in the afternoon as in the forenoon, on the road home at dinner time I said to the scholars they need not come back in the afternoon.

May 27

Friday Spelling of Dictation class rather better. The most did very fair in the Competitive classes in Arithmetic

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May 30

Monday Finished Greece by a revisal lesson. Most did poorly. John Alexander at the top of the boys Isab. Wilson at the top of the girls.

May 31

Tuesday Parsing not so well done to-day. It does not seem to have been prepared at home

June 1

Wednesday At the Geography Class Duncan Clark seemed unwell. I sent him home on that account. Took 2 senior classes in the Navigation room in afternoon

June 2

Thursday Heard class in sixpenny read in afternoon, they did very poorly

June 3

Friday Lessons fair. The are entering with more spirit than I expected into the Competitive exercises in Arithmetic.

June 6

Monday A very warm day – School rather noisy. I think it is always rather more than usual on a Monday. Found some in Standard I deficient in writing and Subtraction. Some who before seemed to do extra well.

June 7

Tuesday Class in sixpenny did a little better to-day.

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June 8

Wednesday In Shorter Catechism lesson from 81st to 90th inclusive, only 9 could say the lesson. Gave the others the tawse. They cannot revise 10 because they do not learn them thoroughly when going over them one by one. They run and play about at night and their mothers have little power and seem to exercise still less in making them learn their lessons. Some of the boys are looking at the map during the interval instead of playing. I am glad to see them taking an interest in it.

June 9

Thursday Catechism better said to-day Commenced to read "Christ's temptation" Revised Senior Class in Practice

June 10

Friday Gave the necessary instructions about their work on Monday. Not to be in their Sunday clothes – The hour &c. The attendance has been poor this week owing partly I believe to the examination being near at hand.

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June 11

Saturday Went with John Moodie Candidate for apprenticeship to his examination at St Leonard's School Dunfermline.

June 14

Monday Attendance better than I expected. Present 53 boys & 39 girls. Held a revisal on Denmark. John Walker & Margaret Whitehead kept the head of their respective divisions.

June 14

Tuesday Marked yesterday the 14th probably on account of the entry on Saturday. Present 53 boys 44 girls. Jas. Spence and Rt Adamson have gone to field work. John Potter probably on account of Clothes. Jane Henderson, unwell Isabella Thomson no one can assign a reason for her absence except that she hasn't a book. Thomas McLaren is very irregular at the best. Joseph Wilson has a sore foot, but it does not seem to be very bad.

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June 14

(different handwriting) School Staff as before Alex. Walker

June 14

Tuesday Present in the afternoon 53 boys 44 girls.

June 15

Wednesday Began to test the scholars in Arithmetic and Reading preparatory to putting them forward. Gave out a lesson on Prussia. Intend to be stricter with the Spelling lessons & Dictation

June 16

Thursday Only one sixpenny able to go forward a class.

June 17

Friday Competitive Examination in Arithmetic for first hour.

June 20

Monday Commenced Junior Bible Class at 1st Question of Shorter Catechism. Intend to make them learn the things better than before. I left it in a great measure to themselves before as they were so young. Commenced Junior Geography class to-day which had been discontinued for a time

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June 21

Tuesday Gave those in Arithmetic various questions arranged in groups in order to classify them more accurately. John Moodie Pupil –teacher Commenced to read “Les Aventures de Telemaque” to day. He has also resumed Euclid I Book 26th proposition

June 22

Wednesday Taking Geography of Prussia Senior Class in Arithmetic making little progress in Proportion of Decimals.

June 23

Thursday Sacrament Fast day No Schooling

June 24

Friday No Schooling

June 27

Monday No Schooling

June 28

Tuesday School reopened Finished classing them in Arithmetic. The following is the order of classes:

1st Simple Addition, Subtraction & Multiplication

2nd Simp. Division, Comp. Add. Subt. & Mult. (money)

3rd Reduction, Comp. Add. Subt. & Mult. (Tables)

4th Practice & Proportion

5th The Higher Rules

Also a Class of Beginners

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June 29

Wednesday Kept in Peter M^cIntyre at dinner time because he had not even attempted to learn his geography lesson. Commenced history again Few had paid the least heed to it

June 30

Thursday Jemima Boag absent as she wished to be present at the High School examination. Caused some others to teach her division

July 1

Friday Returned Bible lesson from 10 to 11 as formerly. John Moodie's French lesson very poorly prepared. He does not come regular and at the time fixed as he did formerly.

July 4

Monday John Moodie took Bible Class I took Juniors. Commenced Senior Arith. Class in Miscellaneous Questions by Vulgar & Decimal Fractions. Had a visit for a short time of the Rev. Dr Johnstone and a Mr Alexander looking at the school as a building.

July 5

Tuesday Have got those in Arithmetic mostly arranged in Classes according to proficiency.

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July 6 Wednesday Took Junior Bible Class. Left it to their own free will to learn the Catechism and Paraphrases Found that very few attempted them and of those still less could say them. They had not the least idea of the previous Bible lessons Senior Class very noisy under Jemima Boag. She does not keep her classes as quiet as John Moodie. Should have noticed yesterday that I held a Competitive Examination in reading in highest class. John Alexander gained the little book awarded as a prize. The reading of the boys was much superior to the girls in expression.

Received from Correspondant the report from the Privy Council of which the following is a Copy.

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(July 6 cont) "The handwriting in the lower Standards is very good, the reading in the upper Standards might be much improved in fluency and expression. The master teaches very carefully and conscientiously, and the school generally makes a good appearance. One girl translated Telemaque very well."

Aver att. for past year 86

Qual for Exam 58

Numb Presented 51

Number passed in

Read. 50 Writ. 43 Arith. 45

(signed) George Whyte Correspondant

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Thursday Took Junior Writing class myself J. Boag took Arithmetic at the board.

July 8

Friday John Moodie could not translate the French lesson at all this morning (a common enough occurrence with him). When I scolded him he only laughed that derisive smile which says in its own way "I don't care". His lessons have been imperfectly done for a good while. He never shows an exercised unless repeatedly asked for. I would not bear so much were it not that there is not another pupil-teacher to be had.

July 11

Monday Gave Senior Bible Class to J. Boag. Took Juniors a good while – Showed them where to sit as they had got somewhat into confusion.

July 12

Tuesday Caused Andrew Pitbladdo to look over the work of the little ones in Part I; Arithmetic

July 13

Wednesday A good many absent owing to it being Torryburn Fair.

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July 14

Thursday Lessons much as usual Parsing seemed a little better

July 15

Friday Being general holiday there are a good many absent. Caused J. Boag to write part of a French exercise instead of taking a class. Went over reading and other lessons in the forenoon on account of having no schooling in the afternoon

July 18

Monday John Moodie heard Senior Bible Class. Junior Class to repeat 1st paraphrase. Dd McEwan, John Barber, Thomasina Whithead and Agnes Whithead could repeat it thoroughly. I gave each one a stalk of slate pencil

July 19

Tuesday Came to the parable of the Sower to-day which was repeated by some but middling. Others did not try it at all I told them they must learn it.

July 20

Wednesday Went forward to hear J. Boag give a Bible lesson without the book. Found she had not read it. John Moodie has not been punctual these two mornings. J. Boag took Arithmetic at board.

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(July 20 cont) She was barely able to manage the questions (miscellaneous ones) in Vulgar & Decimal fractions.

July 21

Thursday Was told by a scholar a little after 11 O'clock that James Ainslie and Richard Whithead were in the habit of going home at 11 O'clock. James Ainslie's father returned with him about half past 11 and wished me to give him a good cautioning.

July 22

Friday The Psalmodic Association held their annual pic-nic to Hopetoun to-day. Jemima Boag pupil-teacher and Miss Ritchie sewing mistress at it hence no sewing in afternoon. Work different in forenoon. Isabella Wilson led the hymn singing in the morning. They did very well. There was no writing on foolscap paper. Class in Junior Reader No I did their spelling without a single mistake. Class in sixpenny 2 made mistakes. Put some of the others to teach a little in J. Boag's place. Senior Grammar Class analyzed a sentence very well

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July 25

Monday Went away to Ayrshire to be at the funeral of my brother-in-law Robert Harper, formerly Teacher in this school

July 26

Tuesday Attended funeral today

July 27

Wednesday Returned this morning about a quarter to 11 O'clock found only John Moodie pupil-teacher and John Alexander in the school Returned in the afternoon only 3 came forward.

July 28

Thursday Reopened the school to-day just about one half present

July 29

Friday Rather more present, work of course rather different. There would have been more present had it not been for idle rumours about no schooling and that the school was closed for the vacation.

Aug 1

Monday The School had somewhat of its usual appearance to-day. Miss Ritchie, sewing-mistress present in forenoon in order to observe and learn somewhat of the manner of keeping

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(Aug 1 cont) a school. Spent some time with her myself in teaching the junior classes Little Jane Drummond cut W^m Whithead's head with a slate in the afternoon

Aug 2

Tuesday Took Junior Bible Class in presence of Miss Ritchie. Found very few could make the least pretence of saying the questions. Rather more could say the 2nd paraphrase. Gave a lesson on the birth of Jesus. Jemima Boag, acting as a pupil-teacher, went away at 12 O'clock to go for Dunfermline. Miss Ritchie took her work. John Moodie pupil-teacher 10 minutes late in afternoon. Caused John Alexander to take J. Boag's classes in afternoon.

Aug 3

Wednesday Work as usual

Aug 4

Thursday Took Class in Practical at the board. Scholars in Senior Bible Class seem to be more interested than formerly in the Bible Lessons.

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Aug 5

Friday School attendance poor to-day as we close in afternoon for the holidays. Lesson in Catechism first 40 questions. Six could say them. John Alexander, Duncan Clark, John Potter, David Wilson, Janet Cant and Mary Wood. Carrying the lesson further M. Wood did best Left off in Stand. IV book at the 60th question and in Stand. V at the 238th. Left off at the 138th exercise in Hall's French Course, Book 1st.

Sept 5

Monday Reopened with 35 boys & 26 girls I boy more in afternoon. Commenced Bible lessons and Catechism where we left off. No sewing in afternoon as Miss Ritchie has left for another situation

Sept 6

Tuesday Commenced at the beginning of the Grammar with both classes. All classes fairly set agoing

Sept 7

Wednesday Commenced Geography of Holland. Have put up on the Navigation room wall all the maps I can lay hold

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(Sept 7 cont) of to illustrate the war.

Sept 8

Thursday Class in Practice are making progress. Two pupil-teachers are learning French & Latin only at present.

Sept 9

Friday Did not take exercises on foolscap paper as formerly owing to there being few present. Had a visit in the afternoon of Mr John Chalmers Teacher, Inverkeithing. John Moodie pupil-teacher prepares his Latin lesson very indifferently – took the opportunity to scold him before Mr C. to see if it would have any effect as all former reproofs seemed to be very lightly thought of.

Sept 12

Monday All the dates of last week are a day back by mistake. J. Moodie pupil-teacher forgot to bring his French exercise. Let him away at 3 O'clock. A greater number present to-day.

Sept 13

Tuesday From the Schedules of lessons in Sabbath School I thought the dates of last week were wrong, but find that they are right. Parsing very poor

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(Sept 13 cont) John Moodie pupil-teacher absent unwell. Caused monitors to take his classes. Recommenced in Morell's grammar where we left off in Advanced class

Sept 14

Wednesday J. Moodie still unwell. Gave some in Arithmetic an opportunity to go into a more advanced class if they could do a certain amount of work.

Sept 15

Thursday Omitted to mention on Tuesday that Miss Elizabeth Clark, Halkett's Hall, had begun as sewing-mistress, Had another visit the whole day of J. Chalmers in order to see the working of the school.

Sept 16

Friday Jemima Boag does not seem to take the interest in her French lessons that she formerly did. Lessons as usual on other days. At 12 O'clock John Wilson complained to me that Robert Wilson had struck him with his hand. I deemed it right to inquire into it first and asked Robert why he had done so. He gave no answer I gave him the tawse once, repeating the question, twice, thrice, four

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(Sept 16 cont) times. He only said he would tell his father, remaining quite obstinate, giving no answer to my simple question. He did not go away at the time, and when I took him to put him out, he said he struck J. Wilson because he (J.W.) had laughed at him. J. Boag's class very noisy in forenoon at writing lesson on slates, many of them talking. Found her reading once and when I went in another time looking at a map, She has (I think) lost all notion of the matter. Junior Classes very poor in spelling – Have been sticking hard to them of late.

Sept 19

Monday John Pitblado came to-day. Received a letter from the Inspector in which he stated that it would be better to keep Pitblado until May and let him be examined then.

Sept 20

Tuesday Took the school sooner in at dinner time and let them sooner out.

Sept 21

Wednesday John Moodie pupil-teacher

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(Sept 21 cont) returned to-day. Spent most of the afternoon in showing Pitblado how to take the Junior classes. J. Boag took class in "Practice at the board. Geography class (lesson Holland) did very poorly. 3 boys and Pitblado commenced Latin on Monday. J Moodie came pretty exact to time this morning.

Sept 22

Thursday J. Moodie & J. Boag forward pretty early this morning. Class in Latin are learning their lessons very poorly as yet. J. Boag taking Bible-class. Yesterday 6 boys and 6 girls repeated the parable of the "Prodigal Son" very well. Showed Pitblado how to take junior Arithmetic class.

Sept 23

Friday Resumed exercises on foolscap paper. Not many bringing it now. Showed Pitblado how to take Middle division. J. Boag has been drilling Latin class in the afternoons. Jemima Boag finished coming to-day as a pupil-teacher. She intends to come

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in the mornings for some time to read French.

Sept 26

Monday Revisal questions on New Testament not well answered. School noisier than usual in afternoon, feel the worse of crying to them again and again to be quiet. Will try them otherwise for a while.

Sept 27

Tuesday Reading "Sermon on the Mount". Took Junior writing class

Sept 28

Wednesday Tested John Pitblado yesterday in Grammar – found that he knew nothing of it – he seemed never to have known much. Turned back those who had commenced Latin to the beginning as they had not learned the previous lesson from memory.

Sept 29

Thursday A few have gone out from Senior grammar class into Advanced (Morell's larger Grammar). Those who are behind with their Arithmetic are coming pretty punctually at 9 O'clock to make up their work.

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Sept 30

Friday Most of the advanced scholars are working on foolscap paper to-day

Oct 3

Monday Did not come till ten O'clock myself to-day

Oct 4

Tuesday A good many absent – this is owing I believe to their being engaged lifting potatoes. Class No I learning multiplication could not say the table very well – A rather common fault in all the classes. Have begun this week to take the class of beginners in Arithmetic at the board.

Oct 5

Wednesday John Moodie pupil-teacher absent by permission. Put a monitor to take his classes. Latin class are making little progress especially John Potter and John Pitblado. Gave Geography class a written exercise on Holland. A^w Pitblado gained the little book given as a prize. Other 3 boys did very fair. None of the girls came up to the mark

Oct 6

Thursday Took Juniors. J. Moodie Arithmetic at board. Little W^m Purves' nose began a bleeding in the afternoon, it bled

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(Oct 6 cont) so much that I sent for advice from the doctor as to what to do with him. He was better before my messenger returned. Here is the advice as it may be useful again. Place the patient in a chair in a passage where there is a draught, take off his jacket – wrap a wet towel round the neck and take it round behind his back. I learned next morning that he had been working with his fingers in his nose.

Oct 7

Friday John Moodie did not attempt to say his Euclid to-day, making the excuse that it was difficult to learn. It was the 44th of the first book. Little Robert Harrower and another boy were idle and talking, when I came to Harrower he would not answer as to why he was idle. (The other boy had for an excuse that he had no slate pencil) I took the tawse over his arm – he said that he would tell and behaved himself as rebelliously as his puny strength would allow.

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(Oct 7 cont) Did not take exercises on foolscap paper as there were a good many absent. A number are absent being unwell and others are engaged lifting potatoes.

Oct 10

Monday Gave J. Moodie & J. Boag a dictation exercise in French, poorly done by J. Boag & badly done by J. Moodie. They can translate easy sentences and hence are rather vain of their abilities and do not give sufficient heed to any other kind of exercise in French. Moodie could not say his Euclid to-day yet. Class No 2 commenced Standard V book

Oct 11

Tuesday J. Pitblado took Bible class Latin Class are not making much progress yet. They don't seem to bestow much preparation on their lessons.

Oct 12

Wednesday Commenced a class in proportion.

Oct 13

Thursday Class in Latin still doing very poorly. They have not as yet any conception of the Rule An Adjective agrees with its own Substantive in gender, Number & Case.

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Oct 14

Friday Lesson in Shorter Catechism well said, being from the 51st to 66th inclusive. The class learning proportion are working with great zeal each seeming eager for the little book. Some even take home their slates to do more.

Oct 17

Monday Most of those who were absent have returned to-day. John Moodie did not bring exercise in French today. He said he forgot to take home the book on Friday. Johnny often forgets. On looking over the writing copies I found some in half-text carelessly set by John Moodie. The fault being they were thick in the middle of the line and resting on a thin point. His own writing copy he never brings unless it be asked from him again and again. Have given him a final warning that if not brought regularly in future I will keep him in at night

Oct 18

Tuesday Shorter Catechism very fair. John Pitblado took Arithmetic at board

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(Oct 18 cont)

Miss Clark sewing mistress was unwell yesterday and today. Some girls noisy at the close of the sewing and others not minding their work Took the tawse to them

Oct 19

Wednesday John Moodie pupil-teacher brought a very carelessly written copy. Have repeatedly checked him for it.

Oct 20

Thursday Grammar Exercise on the Conjugation of Irregular Verbs very well and full done by most

Oct 21

Friday Drew a figure on the board to illustrate how the Jews sat at meals; and Christ's remarks on noticing how they strove for the chief places at feasts. Told them last night to cut their names on the frames of their slates. Cut a few on the slates myself today. Had a visit of a Mr Lymes asking the use of the school. Referred him to the Managers – He saw them – They agreed to his request

Oct 24

Monday took Junior Bible Class. Very few attempted to say the paraphrase

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More could say the lesson in S. Catechism. Some had learnt the wrong one. Afterwards heard the class in sixpenny repeat a piece of poetry, learned a good while ago. A dozen said it thoroughly. In senior grammar class (Morell's) only Moodie brought the exercise. The had about 8 days to do it. Gave them the tawse. The exercise for tonight was not done by any of them except by John Moodie
Oct 25

Tuesday John Moodie & Jemima Boag finished the first volume of the Adventures of Telemachus in French. Sent home all, who had not brought their grammar exercise, for it Kept in the grammar class (those who had not their work done) at dinner-time. I have not done so for a long time.

Oct 26

Wednesday Going to take Latin the one day with John Moodie & French the other with him & J. Boag. Merged 2 classes into one to work in Standard V book.

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Oct 27

Thursday Alexa Ainslie blamed with having destroyed Jane Murray's cap last night. Could make nothing of it. Eliz. Wilson said she saw her knock several down. A. Ainslie denied it.

Oct 28

Friday Dictation better than usual. W^m Hutton always does badly. Cause 3 scholars to read in the afternoon instead of 2 as formerly. Read to them myself afterwards

Oct 31

Monday John Moodie has gone once through the first book of Euclid

Nov 1

Tuesday Class commenced Compound Proportion. Alexa Ainslie had most examples in her exercise in Moull's Grammar. A. Ainslie's week to lay out the copies, she is doing it with a very bad grace

Nov 2

Wednesday Bible lesson. Parable of the unjust Steward. A great many had not learned it. A few could say it Girls in sewing-room get noisy and restless when the younger portion of the school go away. Locked them in to-day.

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Nov 3

Thursday Second highest grammar class brought copies in order to have them ruled for Analysis of Sentences. So that they may give the parsing some preparation at home.

Nov 4

Friday Commenced giving Arithmetic questions in the elementary rules from 10 to 11. Give a stalk of slate pencil to the best as an encouragement.

Nov 7

Monday John Moodie pupil-teacher did not come in the afternoon till a quarter past 2 O'clock. The girls come into the ~~sewin~~ Navigation room for sewing. Makes the work of the main school noisy. The girls do not seem to behave so well with Miss Catherine Clark as with Miss Elizabeth

Nov 8

Tuesday Find it very annoying the extra noise occasioned by the three divisions going on in the main school, instead of the Senior being conducted by myself in the navigation room

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Nov 9

Wednesday Cold to-day. Gave the children some exercises to warm them. Expected that Peter Keir would have brought coals on Monday. Hugh Drummond had asked away several days at half past twelve. I understood that it was to go with his father's dinner. Learned to day that it was to avoid the lessons. Gave him the tawse six times. He is to remain half an hour longer (for 8 days) than the rest.

Nov 10

Thursday Put on a fire for the first time. Some snow fell. Much coughing in the school. Set John Pitblado p-teacher to take Arithmetic the book being Stand. V he could not work them.

Nov 11

Friday Gave Arithmetical Questions in various rules in order to make them speedier and more accurate in their working. Peter Jack struck James Ainslie on the nose yesterday and it bled a great deal. No Schooling in Afternoon as I had to remove somewhat hurriedly to another house.

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Nov 14

Monday Took Juniors. John Moodie took Senior Bible class. Gave a few of those who had finished Double Rule of Three a lesson on per-centages.

Nov 15

Tuesday Had a visit of the Rev Dr Johnston a little after 10 O'clock. He remained 2 hours. Took them very thoroughly in the Shorter Catechism. I gave them their usual Bible lesson in his presence. – Next took highest class in Arithmetic at the board. Afterwards heard the highest class read and spell and the Dr questioned them a little on the lesson read. Last. Then in Moull's grammar parsed a few sentences. He was pleased throughout specially with the method of parsing.

Nov 16

Wednesday Held a revisal of those in the sixpenny, transferred a few to the tenpenny and 3 to writing. Have commenced the geography of France

Nov 17

Thursday John Hatley & John Bryce were not minding their work Spoke to the school in general to be quiet. Looked

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some time afterwards and found Hatley waving his handkerchief in Bryce's face. Called him up. He said Bryce would not give him his slate pencil. I gave him the tawse 3 times; partly because the tawse being nearly done I thought he hardly felt them and partly because he had been warned before. He immediately walked out of the school. Took the middle division reading poor, especially those reading in the tenpenny. In questioning that class no one seemed to have read the lesson at home and I could hardly get an answer.

Nov 18

Friday John Hatley returned this morning. I called him up and asked why he had gone out. He gave no answer. I said I would keep him in at night for a fortnight whilst I was engaged taking the pupil-teachers. He ~~went~~ took his books and went out of the school. I suspect that he was sent this morning with the intention

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(Nov 18 cont) that I would do something to him so that his parents might have some opportunity against me.

Nov 21

Monday John Hatley returned again this morning. Before the whole school I stated the matter and said that I would not allow any scholar to walk out of the school at their pleasure and back again when they chose. I sent John Moodie to see what his Mother said (his Father being from home) she said he deserved punishment in a reasonable way but thought it would be better to be in the form of keeping him in. Intend to keep him on for a fortnight while I take the pupil-teachers at night.

Commenced a class in Long Division.

Nov 22

Tuesday Took a new class in Simple Addition for the first time

Nov 23

Wednesday Kept in the sewing-class at night till I was done with the pupil-teachers, as a punishment for talking.

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Nov 24

Thursday Geography Class so large that one cannot go often round them

Nov 25

Friday Held a revisal in Arithmetic. Find the more advanced ones forget the advanced rules very readily. The Juniors as a whole slow and inaccurate.

Nov 28

Monday Took Junior Bible Class. S. Catechism fairly said by a good number Fewer said the 4 lines of a paraphrase. About a dozen volunteered to say a whole paraphrase. The did very well. Gave each a bit of slate pencil. Gave a lesson in Tare & Tut

Nov 29

Tuesday Finished reading all the various passages about the Feast of Tabernacles. Had a visit in the afternoon of a man professing to be a sailor. To the best of my remembrance had him before on April 27th 1868

Nov 30

Wednesday Lessons and work much as usual

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Dec 1

Thursday Fast-day no schooling.

Dec 2

Friday No Schooling

Dec 5

Monday No Schooling

Dec 6

Tuesday Lesson in Shorter Catechism from 63rd to the end. Had not time to take the whole. Eleven did very fairly

Dec 7

Wednesday Took them over again. None could say them to the end. Class in Tare & Tut (Tret?) getting on slowly. Jemima Boag ceased to come last week for her lessons in French. Left off in the Adventures of Telemachus at the end of XI Chapter page 237.

Dec 8

Thursday Have been suspecting for a long time that the Testament lesson was not read. Tested them to-day. The lesson being the Story of the Good Samaritan. Only 3 professed to have read it. They could not tell a single word about it. Gave all of them the tawse. Heard the class in sixpenny. None able to go out of it

Dec 9

Friday Held revisal in Arithmetic R. Fotheringham got into higher class.

Dec 12

Monday Beginning of quarter. Was engaged for some time writing out the names of scholars. J.

Moodie took Bible

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(Dec 12 cont)

Stood by while John Pitblado took Junior Class. He did the work poorly. Found to my surprise that he did not explain the question in S. Catechism for next day. Have commenced the pupil-teachers to their ordinary lessons preparatory to examination. Take a few of the more advanced along with them

Dec 13

Tuesday Lesson Parable of the Good Samaritan. In Arithmetic Insurances

Dec 14

Wednesday Work much as usual

Dec 15

Thursday A few more have entered into the Grammar and Geography and history classes along with the P.Ts

Dec 16

Friday As a good many do not put down their counts neatly on foolscap paper in spite of all my telling and care I mean to try another plan, namely to put down a page of each class of Counts.

Dec 19

Monday Took Junior Testament Class Lessons very poorly said. Gave, in Arithmetic, a lesson in Stocks

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Little Andrew Simpson fell over the quay about 1 O'clock and was nearly drowned. Some read the Newspaper badly in the Afternoon.

Dec 20

Tuesday Owing to bad arrangement of the School itself and also to the inveterate habit of talking which Limekilns children have the noise is more than need be which becomes at times very annoying and irritating. Cautioned & scolded them very much before going out and warned them not to talk or make a noise. In going out a number whistled and made other noises. R^t Harrower was said to be one

I gave him a slap on the back and he called names and ran away I brought him back and gave him a caution and kept him in.

Dec 21

Wednesday Combined 2 classes for a lesson

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on "Equation of Payments". Drilled highest class in Geography with their backs to the map the lesson being the Counties of England.

Dec 22

Thursday Much snow on the ground Have always as many as possible round the fire

Dec 23

Friday Very cold to-day – Work a little unsatisfactory on account of the cold.

Dec 26

Monday Have put those in the fourpenny out of the Testament class, as they do not learn the lessons and do not seem to get much good from being in the class.

Dec 27

Tuesday Still so cold that many are late. Lessons from 9 to 10 unsatisfactory on account of the classes never being full. Have changed the days to correspond with the lessons in other classes so that if late for the one they may be in time for the other.

Dec 28

Wednesday In senior class gave a lesson on "Partnership"

Dec 29

Thursday Work much as usual.

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Dec 30

Friday Busy getting their copies re-arranged according to the new plan I mean to follow out.

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Jan 2

Monday A Holiday

Jan 3

Tuesday Few present

Jan 4

Wednesday In History class found that they had not prepared it at home. Kept them in at night.

Jan 5

Thursday There is no sewing this week. The sewing-mistress died on Tuesday last, and her sister, who had been conducting it for her gave it up. Gave a lesson on "barter". Have finished the Geography of France – Commence for next lesson to Asia.

Jan 6

Friday Pretty keen competition in higher class in Arithmetic

Jan 9

Monday Pretty full attendance

Jan 10

Tuesday Shorter Catechism - middling

Jan 11

Wednesday Highest Bible class wrote answers to questions on book of Job having failed to answer the [illegible] John Moodie was the only one who [illegible]

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(Jan 11 cont)

Spoke sharply to John Pitblado for his lessons, he is saying them worse even than before. I can hardly make up my mind as to whether it is want of preparation or a poor memory.

Jan 12

Thursday Janet Johnston came for Latin & French. Commenced John Moodie along with her for the first book of the Aeneid. Margaret Wilson along with her in French. Have been obliged for want of time to stop taking the few advanced ones along with the P.Ts. except in grammar. Take S. Catechism & Bible Knowledge on alternate days at the interval at 12 O'clock.

Jan 13

Friday The Lessons this some time back in Grammar & Geography have not been said in any degree as they should be. Many appear not to open their books some excuse themselves as being absent – not knowing the lesson or any thing to serve as an excused. Will have to punish even against my mind

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Jan 16

Monday Miss Mary Whyte commenced as sewing mistress.

Jan 17

Tuesday Two Sailors from Inverkeithing came for Navigation, the one had been with me last winter had just passed for Mate and wished to learn as much as pass him for Master.

Jan 18

Wednesday Lesson in Geography The Mountains of Asia, very badly said and the pointing them on the Map still worse.

Jan 20

Friday Exercised them in putting the counts on foolscap paper. No Dictation.

Jan 23

Monday John Moodie took Senior Bible class. J. Pitblado Arithmetic Class.

Jan 24

Tuesday J. Pitblado & J. Moodie P.Ts. failed in Shorter Catechism. J. Pitblado failed the time before.

Jan 25

Wednesday Geography a little better

Jan 26

Thursday Lessons middling

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Jan 27

Friday Have hardly got them into good writing order yet on foolscap paper. The Highest class are doing better in the Competitive Examination in Arithmetic.

Jan 30

Monday Shorter Catechism lesson the whole book. W. Hutton & J. Wilson failed at the 2nd

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Jan 30

Tuesday Finished Competitive Examination in S. Catechism by saying the first 53. Mary Wood gained the little prize.

Feb 1

Wednesday Revisal lesson on Asia. Ann Whitehead & Margaret Hutton best both being equal. Did not take the boys along with them.

Feb 2

Thursday Grammar not so good

Feb 3

Friday Some of the younger ones do poorly in long division.

Feb 6

Monday Beginning of Month a little hindered as usual.

Feb 7

Tuesday Catechism not good from many. Some failed in the Competition almost at the beginning.

Feb 8

Wednesday Continued the Competition.

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Mary Wood gained the little prize saying up to the 53rd question.

Feb 9

Thursday Gave little prizes to A^w Pitblado, Chr. M^cIntyre and Geo. M^cEwan for having done best in Spelling last month. The 2 sailors left to-day.

Feb 10

Friday Competition in Arithmetic more spirited to-day.

Feb 13

Monday In Geographical Competition A Pitblado dux of boys Ann Whitehead & Margaret Wilson equal in the girls' class.

Feb 14

Tuesday Punished David Wilson for copying in Arithmetic.

Feb 15

Wednesday Commenced to "Siberia".

Feb 16

Thursday Have heard some read and advanced them to other classes.

Feb 17

Friday I think the plan I have adopted of exercising them in questions on various rules in Arithmetic very beneficial.

Feb 20

Monday Took Junior Bible Class Lesson in S. Catechism the first 18(or 10)

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The class said them very well – paraphrase fair.

Feb 21

Tuesday Spelling in higher class much improved of late.

Feb 22

Wednesday On account of a class in French I had not been able to look over the writing as formerly. Tried today the plan of causing all to write at the same time. One of the scholars laying on (and ruling) the copies and also the slates before 9 O'clock. Much annoyed of late by James M^cIntyre coming into and going out of the school with his cap on his head, and also by seeing it always lying about the school. Pitched it to W^m Aitken to put in the porch along with the others. J. M^cI immediately went out and brought it in. I ordered him to take it out – he refused I led him by the collar of the jacket or pushed as he would not go otherwise. He did not come in again

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Feb 23

Thursday J. M^cIntyre back as usual. Finished Prose Extracts in Bryce's First Latin Book. Commence to Fables tomorrow

Feb 24

Friday Notice an improvement in putting down questions in Arithmetic. Put a few into the lowest class in Arithmetic

Feb 27

Monday Lessons fair. Geography of Siberia Girls drew a map – poorly done by most

Feb 28

Tuesday Parsing not good.

Mar 1

Wednesday Boys drew a map of Siberia. A number did it fairly

Mar 2

Thursday Grammar a little better

Mar 3

Friday The class are nearly in working order in putting down questions in Arithmetic

Mar 6

Monday Beginning of school quarter a little more confused than on ordinary days

Mar 7

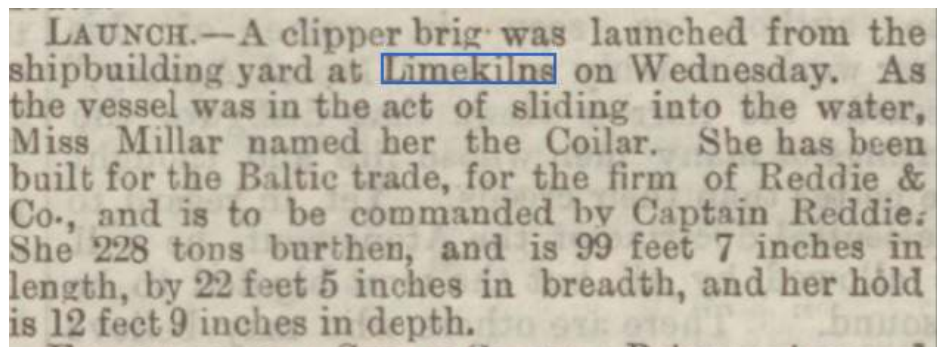
Thursday Exercise in Morell's Grammar fairly done by John Moodie and Margaret Wilson – Others not so good.

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Mar 8

Wednesday Scholars restless a little to-day on account of the launch in the afternoon. Let them out sooner in the afternoon to suit, but it was over beforehand. There were not many present in the afternoon.

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LAUNCH.—A clipper brig was launched from the shipbuilding yard at Limekilns on Wednesday. As the vessel was in the act of sliding into the water, Miss Millar named her the Coilar. She has been built for the Baltic trade, for the firm of Reddie & Co., and is to be commanded by Captain Reddie. She 228 tons burthen, and is 99 feet 7 inches in length, by 22 feet 5 inches in breadth, and her hold is 12 feet 9 inches in depth.

Mar 9

Thursday Class in fractions have not done so many as I expected.

Mar 10

Friday They did very fair to-day however. Commenced lately to make the pupil-teachers draw maps. J. Pitblado does very well. J. Moodie very poorly.

Mar 13

Monday Gave a lesson in Square Root to Senior Class. Marked their Count books again found most of them had done the work

Mar 14

Tuesday Took a revisal lesson with little ones in writing and Arithmetic, found most of them knew the letters Capital and Small and could add fairly sums up to 20.

Mar 15

Wednesday Did a few counts in decimal fractions. Boys drew a map of Turkey in Asia – Few fill in any details worth mentioning

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Mar 16

Thursday Kept in at night those in Senior class who are behind with their Arithmetic. Alex^r Gardner & A^w Pitblado generally manage their work done.

Mar 17

Friday Scholars noisy and restless specially the younger ones. J. Moodie did not remain (he asked to go) to his Latin. Having time I kept in those in arrears with their work. Miss Whyte complained to me after the girls went away of them being more than usually noisy this week. Those counting she said neither wrought not allowed others to work.

Mar 20

Monday Spoke to the girls in sewing class. Separated those girls counting from them

Mar 21

Tuesday No Schooling in the Afternoon on account of the Marriage of the Marquis of Lorne with the Princess Louisa.

Mar 22

Wednesday J. Pitblado could not say his lesson in S. Catechism.

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Mar 23

Thursday Parsing not so good as I would like.

Mar 24

Friday Some slight improvement in setting down questions

Mar 27

Monday Took Junior Bible Class Lessons not learnt so well as formerly

Mar 28

Tuesday Took Junior grammar class a few did fairly

Mar 29

Wednesday Caused girls to draw a Map of Turkey in Asia. poorly done except by a few.

Mar 30

Thursday Margaret Wilson got little prize in Senior class for Spelling

Mar 31

Friday No Schooling in Afternoon on account of Social Entertainment in the evening.

Apr 3

Monday Commenced to cause 2 scholars to read in the afternoon to the whole of the Senior Scholars from a book brought from home. The pupil-teachers to read in turn also from a newspaper

Apr 4

Tuesday Find the Senior grammar class the better of the preparation under John Alexander

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Apr 5

Monday Commenced Senior Bible class in the Book of Joshua.

Apr 6

Thursday Allowing Senior Arithmetic to work more in their seats and less at the board than formerly

Apr 7

Friday Find a little difficulty in getting them to work on foolscap paper

Apr 10

Monday Took a revisal of Junior Bible Class unexpected to them, in S. Catechism, a few could say none most said a number fairly, A few said about 30. They are to revise the first 35 and the first 10 paraphrases.

Apr 11

Tuesday A number wrought questions on Bills of Parcels poorly

Apr 12

Wednesday Girls drew a Map of Persia. There is a slight improvement

Apr 13

Thursday Have been drilling the little ones in Arithmetic at the close of the afternoon. Most can do simple questions in Addition. Trying them mostly in Subtraction No fires now.

Apr 14

Friday All are nearly set agoing with their foolscap paper

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Apr 17

Monday Not making much progress in the Book of Joshua. Gave out Cards with questions on Arithmetic.

Apr 18

Tuesday Very many failed in the question "Effectual Calling". Parsing very poor

Apr 19

Wednesday Left off with proofs and analysis at 31st question of S. Catechism Begin to revise tomorrow and learn the paraphrases. Very cold winds – Many are absent unwell – John Moodie P.T. absent – unwell with a severe cold.

Apr 20

Thursday Parsing not so good

Apr 21

Friday P. Pitblado read Dictation to Seniors. I took the others myself

Apr 24

Monday S. Catechism and Paraphrase pretty well said

Apr 25

Tuesday Devoting a little more time to Arithmetic as I have no French class at present in the middle of the day. Map of Turkistan fairly drawn

Apr 26

Wednesday Commenced to revise Bryce's First Latin Reader. Revising in Arithmetic according to the Standards

Apr 27

Thursday Took Junior Bible Class, they

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answered poorly on the story of the healing of the centurion's servant

Apr 28

Friday Spelling in Dictation Class on foolscap paper not so good as I would have expected. Devoting spare time at night with the pupil-teachers mostly to Arithmetic and occasionally to exercises in dictation and Composition.

May 1

Monday Most of those working Arithmetic Cards doing fairly – A few very poorly as W. Hutton J^s Thomson & A. Ainslie.

May 2

Tuesday Those in Standard II not so good at reading figures as they might be. Some cannot say the Multiplication table so readily as the might after learning it so long. Bible lesson in Joshua "The Cities of Refuge"

May 3

Wednesday Held a revisal on the Map of Asia – Most did fairly

May 4

Wednesday Finished the Book of "Joshua". John Pitblado. P. T. doing poorly in Arithmetic. Parsing not good.

May 5

Friday Dictation on foolscap paper

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May 8

Monday Paraphrase poorly said Janet Johnston & M^t Wilson returned Time more occupied than of late

May 9

Tuesday Keeping in those now who cannot say their lessons

May 10

Wednesday Commenced to "India"

May 11

Thursday Junior Bible Class revising the beginning of Shorter Catechism

May 12

Friday Reading in Afternoon not so much valued as formerly

May 15

Monday William Hutton, I observe, is very often absent. As far as I can learn his mother gives him his own way very much. Find the plan of looking over the week's work of the Scholars in Arithmetic to be useful Saw Dr Morris passing in the afternoon called him in to consult him as to the state of John Moodie's health. While there was no ground for apprehension he counselled light work both physically and mentally for a time.

May 16

Tuesday Rearranged the Grammar classes a little

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May 17

Wednesday Geography lesson India

May 18

Thursday Held a revisal in S. Catechism with Junior Class. A few did very fair most middling, and some could hardly say any.

May 19

Friday Gave John Moodie charge over those working on foolscap paper with instructions to show some how to write out bills of parcels.

May 22

Monday Took Junior Bible Class – found that a good many could not say the Catechism and a greater number could not say a single word of the paraphrase

May 23

Tuesday Gave in Arithmetic, a lesson on "Position"

May 24

Wednesday Geography lesson on India not well said. Dr Morris called for a little to see how John Moodie was getting on. Recommended the same treatment as before.

May 25

Thursday Queen's Birth-day Not so many present in the forenoon as usual and still less in the afternoon

May 26

Friday Teaching some to write Bills of Parcels on their foolscap paper

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May 29

Monday Commencement of a new quarter, engaged for a time entering their names and also replying to Inspector's notice of visiting the school. Joseph McLaren absent in Afternoon owing to a severe hurt received from a stone flung by Robert Wilson Junior

May 30

Tuesday Inquired into the above, found it was accidental rather than intentional

May 31

Wednesday John Clark's mother sent word that he spent his time down the quay in the middle of the day so as to be late for school in the afternoon Punished him as he was often absent without a cause. R. Wilson Senior could not say a word of his Geography He would do anything rather than learn a lesson. Gave him the tawse fairly sharply

June 1

Thursday Parsing rather better than of late especially in Morell's Grammar

June 2

Friday Divided the most of those in Arithmetic into 5 classes. Gave the whole of them revising questions in

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Arithmetic. Those in Decimal fractions did poorly – The others fairly

June 5

Monday Had a visit of the policeman wishing me to send him home for his breakfast as he had gone away without it. He said that he was not a good boy Commenced to take the same line of the Multiplication Table from every class on the same day in such an order that they might have an idea of it although absent for a day or so. Received notice of inspection

June 6

Tuesday Took part of the story of Gideon in the book of Judges.

June 7

Wednesday Geography lesson not well said

June 8

Thursday Juniors doing a little better in parsing lesson

June 9

Friday Competitive exercises in Arithmetic fairly done

June 12

Monday Took Junior Bible class – They answered fairly in Testament lesson.

June 13

Tuesday Parsing in Morell's grammar not so well prepared at home as it might be

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June 14

Wednesday The 2 boys of the name of Speed returned in Afternoon having ran away to Falkland on Monday morning. Kept in some at dinner time who were not able to say their lessons.

June 15

Thursday Sent John Moodie for John Clark, at his mother's request as he would not come to school. Gave him the tawse. The bigger boys and girls said S. Catechism poorly – Kept them in at dinner time and gave them the tawse besides. Senior Class working fairly in their Arithmetic text books.

June 16

Friday Work as usual on Fridays

June 19

Monday S. Catechism & paraphrases poorly said. Receive notice on Saturday that the examination was put off till the 28th

June 20

Wednesday Catechism rather better said John Moodie began again in Latin as he is seemingly quite well again

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June 21

Wednesday Drilled Standard I by themselves for a little.

June 22

Thursday Fast-day – no schooling

June 23

Friday Did not take any exercises on foolscap paper to-day

June 26

Monday S. Catechism fairly said read a little bit out of Riddel's Scripture History bearing on the lesson. No sewing in afternoon as Miss Whyte could not get to school

June 27

Tuesday Held a revisal on India most did very fairly, also on Asia in general which was much better done than I expected as it is a long while since they did the like. Went out in the afternoon and brought in Peter Beveridge as his mother could not get him to school

June 28

Wednesday Absentees G. Hatley & Jas. I do not know any reason for their absence. J. Whitehead wont come to school as his mother is not at home to cause him to come. Joseph Neill absent last week also. None of the Drummonds present.

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A. Simpson I do not know the reason P. Beveridge hardly ever at it. Magdalene Robertson absent last week also E Wilson in bed with tooth-ache. Isab. Thomson (Jun^r) absent 3 weeks. Jessie Potter perhaps unwell as I do not see her playing about any.

Present in forenoon 56 boys 44 girls

(Present in) afternoon 55 boys 44 girls

June 28

(different handwriting) Inspected the School

M^r W^m. Turner iii/I master

John Moodie P.T. 1st year

Alex. Walker H.M.I.S.

June 29

Thursday No schooling – Went myself to the Examination of the High School Dunfermline

June 30

Friday Busy giving out lessons and making a few changes in classes. Propose to take French in the morning now and Latin in the afternoon John Potter did not know a word of his Latin lesson.

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July 1

Saturday Went with the pupil-teachers to their Examination at Miss Thomson's school Dunfermline (transcriber's note – The Female Industrial School, Mary Thomson mistress)

July 3

Monday Divided all in Arithmetic in 4 classes (1) Those up to Division (2) Those working Compound rules whether Money or Tables of Weights & Measures (3) Practice & Proportion (4) Fractions and the Higher Rules. (1) At the board on Mondays (2) on Tuesdays (3) on Wednesdays (4) on Fridays

July 4

Tuesday The Judges in to-days lesson Tola & Jair Recommenced to taking the S. Catechism question by question, explaining the meaning and analysing and hearing proofs repeated from memory

July 5

Wednesday Six boys failed to repeat S. Catechism. Gave a class their first lesson in Simple Proportion. Much lightening in Afternoon, bigger scholars pretty quiet Recommenced John Moodie at 21st proposition of 1st book of Euclid In the Bible lesson he left of at the

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end of the life of David. In S. Catechism at the 70th question

July 6

Thursday I have caused Pitblado to work at Arithmetic only since his examination. Gave highest class a lesson in Arbitration of Exchange. None in Bible class seemed to have opened their books.

July 7

Friday Torryburn Fair – a number absent Competitive Arithmetic fair in 3 classes poor in Practice & Proportion from the boys – fair from girls

July 10

Monday Lessons very poorly said in all classes, especially in S. Catechism More than usually talkative especially during writing lessons. It seems to be utterly impossible to cure them of the habit of talking in school. They talk quite unconscious, seemingly, at the very time they are being told not to talk. A good many behind with their task in Arithmetic, especially in S Proportion & Arbitration of Exchange

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July 11

Tuesday Exercises in Morell's Grammar not so well done of late, or forgotten altogether. A good number to come in the mornings who have not their quota of Arithmetic done. A. Gardner & Isab. Wilson failed in proofs of S. Catechism Hardly any could say the 5 questions which formed the

lesson. The lesson is always one question with proofs and the 5 of the group to which it belongs, counting by fives, thus from 1 to 5; from 6 to 10 inclusive &c. The parents seem very careless, for in no class is there a lesson thoroughly learned. It is very heart sickening striving to get on, and meeting with such results

July 12

Wednesday Lesson in Geography Further India. Bible lesson Jephthah

July 13

Thursday Finished Arbitration of Exchange Have now gone over all the rules of Arbitration with that class. No sewing in Afternoon as Miss Whyte was from home

July 14

Friday No schooling, being the Annual holiday of the parish

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July 17

Monday Took Junior Bible Class, Lessons fairly said. Spent a good while explaining a question in S. Catechism. They seem to understand such things much better now.

July 18

Tuesday M^t Wilson had but a little bit prepared of French Translation and that little poorly done. Catechism badly said. It seems to be impossible to get a lesson thoroughly said in summer. They play the whole time.

July 19

Wednesday Catechism & Paraphrase better said. Jas. Gardner, however, could not say a word of the 8 lines of the paraphrase. Gave a class a lesson in Simp. Proportion Kept in R. Wilson (S) & J^s Gardner during part of the dinner-hour.

July 20

Thursday Order of work a little different owing to John Pitblado being absent unwell.

July 21

Friday Juniors received no Bible lesson on account of Pitblado being still absent, The inspector's report arrived last night of which the following is a Copy. turn over (different handwriting, bottom of page) Note Miss Whyte has remained longer each night to make up for Thursday last

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The following is a Summary of the Inspector's report

"The Reading and Writing in the upper Standards require attention. Grammar and Geography are well taught. One boy out of three reading Phaedrus did very well; one girl translated French prose fairly. The ages of the pupils are not accurately stated in the Registers"

John Pitblado Arithmetic and Geography

Aver. att. for past year 91

for Exam 64

presented 45

Read. 44 Writ. 40 Arith 42

(signed) George Whyte Correspondent

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July 24

Monday Received from Mr Whyte Correspondent of Limekilns Village School

Post Office order for £23 William Turner

(Post Office order for £) 1 13/4d John Moodie

(Post Office order for £) 10 John Pitblado

Bible lesson "Life of Samson" Revise S. Catechism again. W^m Barber & Marg^t Whitehead did best in revisal lesson on Further India. Jane Walker worst

July 25 Tuesday S. Catechism first 25. fairly said by nearly all. Jane Walker, however, kept in at dinner time, unable to say them'

Messrs A. & R. Monro. C. Wilson & G. Whyte School-Managers and John Pitblado pupil-teacher and myself as teacher signed a form of agreement in the school, after it had been read.

July 26

Wednesday French Translation very poorly done by J. Moodie & M^t Wilson. There were a great many French words of which they did not know the meaning. Parsing in Morell's Grammar poorly done. Analysis imperfect from girls: fair from boys.

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July 26

Wednesday Held a revisal of Asia ex-China & Japan. A number did fairly some had forgotten great part.

July 27

John Moodie absent to-day with leave John Pitblado absent two days last week being unwell.

Gathering in specimens of penmanship for the examination

July 28

Friday Gathered in more specimens of writing. Did not do anything on foolscap paper. Took a revisal of Asia at the Map Kept in a few bigger boys at night to work up their Arithmetic.

July 31

Monday Left off in S. Catechism at the first commandment. J. Moodie has left off for holidays at 26th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid and at page 261 of "Les Aventures de Telemaque". S.

Catechism poorly said. Paraphrase fair

Aug 1

Tuesday Standard IV class have left off at the 96th question. Took List of Judges in the Old Testament – Some could say it fairly. Gave questions in Arithmetic to be wrought in their seats. Remember to exact every lesson after the vacation.

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Aug 2

Wednesday Bear in mind after the vacation to take every exercise in Morell's Grammar on paper as some copy it on to their slates in school hours. Also to be strict with those who come in straggling at two O'clock. A. Ainslie dux in Geography

Aug 3

Thursday Wrote notes of a lesson on the board for the class on the "Life of Samson. Revised in Arithmetic Practice and with Senior Class Compound Proportion and Cube root. John Moodie in the 2nd book of the Aeneid at line 66 "Disce omnes" James Gardner & Robert Wilson had seen the answers of their counts through the ink and had gone through Multiplication seemingly very quickly. John Moodie found it out. I gave them a few questions to test them. They evidently only partly understood them. I gave them the tawse. Class in Cube root did not do well.

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Aug 4

Friday Examination Day – Began at 11 O'clock and ended about 2 – Present Rev Dr Johnston. Messrs A & R. Monro C. Wilson & J. Reid School Managers also Mr John Chalmers, Teacher, Inverkeithing, Mr James Adamson a former pupil-teacher and a few others. At the close the Minister expressed himself as being highly pleased with the whole examination and (having previously consulted them) he said all present were of the same opinion. He mentioned Arithmetic in particular, and also that he was very well pleased with what John Moodie, pupil-teacher, had done in French & Latin.

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Sept 4

Monday Reopened the school with 27 boys and 21 girls. There was some doubt about when it was to be opened as I had not caused it to be intimated in the Church. Work mostly introductory giving out lessons to pupil teachers and scholars. Have written out a new Time-table for pupil-teachers. The Sewing Mistress to come from ½ past 2 instead of 2 and of course to remain ½ an hour longer.

Sept 5

Tuesday Have got pupil-teachers and classes fairly started. Commenced in Bible Class with Life of Samuel.

Sept 6

Wednesday John Pitblado commenced Euclid – Made a very poor beginning. Have begun to devote more time to looking over the writing lessons and also to punish with the tawse for blots and errors in spelling Went to Dunfermline in the afternoon School pretty quiet.

Sept 7

Thursday Pupil-teachers to draw a map tonight instead of lessons. Took Junior Bible Class. A few had not learnt the paraphrase

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Sept 8

Friday Work as usual on Fridays Dictation Middling

Sept 11

Monday Took Junior Bible Class Question – The 2nd Commandment poorly said

Sept 12

Tuesday Returned from Dunfermline at 11 O'clock – Found all working fairly

Sept 13

Wednesday John Potter, Alexander Gardner and David Wilson have now commenced Book-Keeping. Did not come till 10 O'clock

Sept 14

Thursday Gave a lesson at the board to Book-Keeping Class. Preparing a few headlines from their copies. Duncan Clark has joined the Book-Keeping Class.

Sept 15

Friday Hugh Drummond's mother had told him to go out of the dictation class on foolscap paper. I caused him to write on his slate. Andrew Simpson's mother brought him to school in the afternoon very much against his will. After allowing him to expend his strength a little by beating the door with his fist and kicking it with his foot I took him by force to the corner of the

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(Sept 15 cont) School and caused him to sit there.

Sept 18

Monday Engaged for a little entering names in Register. Took Junior Bible Class. A good many could not say the paraphrase. Neither of the pupil-teachers have brought the map finished which they were to bring. Pitblado has repeated his Euclid very imperfectly as yet. John Moodie absent in the afternoon with leave.

Sept 19

Tuesday John Moodie still absent with leave. Alexa Ainslie begins French

Sept 20

Put W^m Turner along with her. J. Pitblado had no lessons prepared to-day, the excuse being that he had said them yesterday I caused him to stay in at One O'clock and write his lesson in Euclid. John Wilson commenced drawing tonight (Wednesday) Time allotted from 4 to half past 4 or 2½ hours a week.

Sept 21

Thursday Work in Morell's grammar rather better done

Sept 22

Friday John Moodie took class in foolscap paper. Dictation very poor – very bad from some

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Sept 25

Monday Questions & Paraphrases poorly said by Junior Bible Class. The Divisions under the Pupil-teachers have been noisy of late – Punished the scholars with the tawse. Cautioned them to try and keep the scholars in better order themselves. John Potter & Alexa Ainslie best in Geography class – Lesson China

Sept 26

Tuesday The door being closed during the time of the morning prayer I punished some boys who came in late and who were at the school long before it opened. Took the Junior Division in the Navigation room – Advanced a few. Kept in at the interval John Potter, Alex^r Gardner and David Wilson for not doing a sufficient quantity of Book-Keeping

Sept 27

Wednesday John Pitblado said the VIIIth proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid a great deal better than usual

Sept 28

Thursday On examining John Potter's slate in Book-Keeping – Found that he had been copying part of the Cash-Book for March. He would not confess it, and

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After some time spent at the board in going over his work he owned that he had looked on the book. Punishment the tawse four times and remain in at dinner to make out the Cash Book for March. Did not keep him in at the interval as he alleged he had to go to Kirkcaldy. Sent John Wilson to his mother to inquire if he had to go home. She said yes.

Sept 29

Friday Order of work a little different as we could not get in for a time to the class room owing to the door being accidentally fastened. Took a thorough examination of their week's work in Arithmetic A good many had done but little

Oct 2

Monday Took Junior Bible Class – Lessons somewhat better said. Had a visit of Mrs Gardner at my own house saying she wished him to continue his reading lesson. He had dropped it for a little on account of being in Book-Keeping but his mother seemed to think it was to avoid the lesson.

Oct 3

Tuesday J. Pitblado took Arithmetic at board

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Oct 4

Wednesday S. Catechism badly said Kept them in for part of the interval. Told Class in Compound Proportion to come at 9 O'clock in order to get the rule finished soon. Margaret Whitelaw and Robert Wilson did best in the revisal lesson on the Chinese Empire. There was a keener competition in this lesson than any for a long time previously

Oct 5

Thursday Gave a lesson in Book-keeping how to post the Cash Book & Day Book into the Ledger. Kept in those in Book-keeping at the interval for forgetting to bring their copies

Oct 6

Friday Work much as usual

Oct 9

Monday Hindered a little lifting coal money More than usual absent to-day I said that every one was to bring coal money else I would send them home for it hence, I think, some were absent. Probably also some engaged in lifting potatoes.

Oct 10

Tuesday Caused pupil-teachers to draw at night. Fire put on today

Oct 11

Wednesday Finished Map of Asia

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Oct 12

Thursday John Pitblado had not learned all the lesson prescribed for him in the Theory of Arithmetic, a common enough occurrence with him.

Oct 13

Friday Bought some slates lately as I had noticed for a long while back that they were not getting on in writing for want of them There has been much improvement in writing on copies since I went round every day examining and marking according to merit and punishing with the tawse those who had blots, errors in spelling &c Told P.Ts to mark the books of the younger scholars at the end of every lesson so that I might see how they were getting on as I have found little progress of late

Oct 14

Monday Commenced the map of Africa School has been thinner than usual owing in great measure I believe to my saying that none were to come without their Coal money. Some have left owing to this I am pretty sure. They might have paid me before leaving

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Oct 17

Tuesday Have left off Euclid for a little with John Pitblado till he gets up on John Moodie with the Theory of Arithmetic

Oct 18

Wednesday In Bible lesson taking the life of Saul.

Oct 19

Thursday Exercises in Morell's grammar fairly performed of late.

Oct 20

Friday Did not take exercises on foolscap paper to-day.

Oct 23

Monday Gave second lesson on the map of Africa to-day

Oct 24

Tuesday Parsing in Junior grammar not so good today

Oct 25

Wednesday Held a revisal on the Map of Africa Robert Wilson (Senior) Dux of the boys Margaret Whitehead Dux of the girls

Oct 26

Thursday Helping the two in Book-keeping as much as possible so that they may be able to finish it by themselves

Oct 27

Friday Revised Shorter Catechism Ann Whitehead & Jane McIntyre equal.

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Oct 27

Mr George Whyte Correspondent of School came at the close and took possession of Log-book, Registers etc

School vacant from Oct 27th to Nov^r 13th owing to the want of a Teacher.

Nov 13

School reopened after a Vacation of a fortnight by Geo. Neill. Substitute Teacher for Mr John Watson until the 15th of Dec^r. when Mr Watson will take the rectorship of the School. Mr Watson present.

Nov 14

Lessons according to Time Table. Pupils diligent and attentive. Day wet and stormy. Attendance in Forenoon Boys 42, Girls 32 Total 74 in Afternoon Boys 43, Girls 33 Total 76.

Nov 15

Wednesday First and Second Classes assembled at ½ past-nine O'clock in order to practice a little Singing, in the Tonic Sol. Fa Notation found them very awkward at first of course. Nearly the whole of 1st Class kept in till ½ past 4 for their English Grammar.

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Nov 16

Thursday Singing Class improving in the Scale. Changed Classes with John Moodie Pupil Teacher and found his class in good working order. Number present in Forenoon 75 Afternoon 74.

Nov 17

Friday Alexander Gardner got-out ¼ of an hour sooner than the other boys owing to my promising that the 1st who would work out a very difficult sum in Arithmetic which was given to the 1st Class should get out ¼ of an hour sooner than the rest. Number present in Forenoon 75 Afternoon 73

Nov 20

Monday Classes progressing favourably. Sold 8 Tonic-Sol Fa Psalmodic to 1st Class. Pupil Teacher failed entirely in the Shorter Catechism Number present in Forenoon 80 in Afternoon 81.

Nov 21st

Tuesday No remarks Number present Forenoon 80 Afternoon 78

Nov 22

Wednesday Day wet and cold. School vacated until Tuesday morning owing to the Fast.

Nov 28

Tuesday School reopened after Fast Holidays with an attendance of 81 in the forenoon and 84 in the Afternoon. A great many of 1st Geography Class Kept in for their Geography.

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Nov 29th

Wednesday Singing Class improving prodigiously. Pupil Teachers not learning half what they should do. Pitblado failed entirely in the VI Proposition of Euclid, Book 1. Moodie said it pretty well.

Drawing Class formed their figures very well considering the short time they have been at it.

Nov 30th

Day stormy a number of pupils absent on that account Number present forenoon 75. Afternoon 74

Lessons according to time table. J. Pitblado no better prepared with his lessons, reproved him for it.

Dec^r 1st

Friday 1st Class well prepared with their lessons, drew a map of Africa as home exercise. Singing Class improving slowly. John Moodie read his Latin Lesson very well. J. Pitblado not much better prepared with his tasks. Number in Forenoon 79. Afternoon 79.

Dec^r 4th

Monday Maggie Gardner, John Barber, Donald McEwan and George Pitblado advanced from Junior Reader N^o 1 to N^o 2. John Potter and Alex^r Gardner going through Sq. Root, 3rd Standard advanced to Compound Addition Number present forenoon 78 Afternoon 78

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Dec 5

Tuesday Classes progressing favourably Alex. Gardner best Arithmetician in the School. First Class not well prepared with English Grammar punished most of them for it. 5th Standard advanced to Simple Proportion Number present forenoon 80 Afternoon 78.

Dec 6

Wednesday No remarks. Lessons according to timetable. Number forenoon 80 Afternoon 81

Dec 7

Thursday 1st and 2nd Classes brought a map of Scotland some of which were very deficient. Gave them out as a home exercise to write on paper 30 of the Largest Lakes in the world, punished some of J. Pitblado's Class for Catechism. Attendance 84 Forenoon 82 Afternoon.

Dec 8

Friday Alex Gardner and John Potter finished Square Root and began Cube Root. First and 2nd Classes not well prepared. Number present forenoon 77 Afternoon 77

Dec 11th

John Walker returned after a long absence. Pupil Teachers not well prepared. Sixth & 7th Standards progressing in Arithmetic Number present forenoon 75 Afternoon 74

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Dec 12th

Tuesday Drawing Class progressing favourably. Tried the Lower Classes in found them progressing admirably 3rd and 4th Standards doing well in Arithmetic Number present Forenoon 75 Afternoon 75.

Dec 13

Wednesday Day cold and wet. Lessons according to Time Table. Number present forenoon 76 Afternoon 78.

Dec 14

Thursday pupils careless in general and rather lazy Number present 68 a great decrease owing to colds.

Dec 15

School vacant Afternoon owing to it being the last day of Substitute Teacher in Lime-Kilns number present Boys 39 Girls 25 total 64.

Dec 18

I have now entered personally on the duties of the School. Day very wet and stormy and the attendance therefore small – Forenoon 54 Afternoon 53

Dec 19

Attendance still small – partly owing to the presence of measles in the Village – Scholars orderly and the work pleasant – Pupil Teachers doing well.

Dec 20

School opened at the usual hour – Pupil Teachers at their post in time and doing well

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Dec 21

School conducted as usual. Scholars and Teachers at the School in time and doing well.

Dec 22

Another stormy day. School open during the usual interval so that the Scholars may be as much sheltered as possible from the inclement weather.

Dec 25

Received notice of my appointment to this School having been confirmed by the Committee of Council in Education

Dec 26

School opened and closed at the usual hours. Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well. Attendance – small.

Dec 27

School work done according to Time-Table. The scholars are working very well and the lessons of the Pupil-teachers very well prepared.

Dec 28

Usual routine of school work. Attendance small.

Dec 29

Afternoon – Half – Holiday as also Jan 1 1872 and Jan 2nd 1872 – New Year's Holidays. Held an examination of Pupil Teachers on Friday morning and afternoon

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Jan 3rd

School open as usual. Attendance very small – M. 35 A. 34

Jan 4th

Returned the Examination papers to the Pupil Teachers – Full value 80 – Value received Moodie 61 – Pitblado 54½

Jan 5th

Attendance still very small – Usual routine of schoolwork.

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Jan 8th

Attendance much larger. Ten new scholars were enrolled. Number present. Forenoon 65. Afternoon 67

Jan 9th

Scholars quiet and attentive to their lessons. One more enrolled.

Jan 10th

Attendance still increasing – Forenoon 71, Afternoon 72. Scholars and pupil teachers are working very well.

Jan 11

Teachers and Pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Jan 12

Usual routine of school work. Two scholars – sailors – left, as they leave the village next week.

Jan 15

Three new pupils enrolled – Finding that according to the present Time-table, there is too little time for Geography and Grammar. I have told the three highest Classes to come at 9.30 A.M. instead of ten. By this arrangement both Grammar and Geography can be taken in one day; the Grammar from 9.30 to 10, and the Geography at the former hour but on every day – Friday morning will be given to a Gallery Lesson

Jan 16

School opened at 9.30 A.M. – Usual routine of School Work.

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Jan 17

Day wet and stormy. School open during the interval to afford shelter to the scholars.

Jan 18

Weather still very rough. School open during the interval

Jan 19

Usual routine of school work.

Jan 22

John Moodie Pupil-teacher absent unwell and consequently a few changes made in the work. Two new pupils enrolled. Attendance in Forenoon 88. Afternoon 92

Jan 23

Mr John Moodie still absent – unwell. Monitors were occasionally used so that as much work as possible could be done

Jan 24

Mr John Moodie still unwell – School open during the interval as the day was stormy. Pupils doing well.

Jan 25

Mr John Moodie still absent – Scholars doing well.

Jan 26

Mr John Pitblado taught an object lesson from 9.30 to 10. Subject – “Tides” – Great room for improvement in his teaching. Mr John Moodie still absent.

Jan 29

Mr John Moodie returned today – better. Attendance still improving – Forenoon 93 Afternoon 97.

Day very wet.

Jan 30

Teachers and Scholars at their posts in time and doing well

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Jan 31

Mr John Pitblado Pupil teacher absent from lessons and from duty in the forenoon – with leave.

Order of work therefore slightly different from the usual routine.

Febr. 1

Teachers and pupils at the school in time and doing well.

Febr 2

Usual routine of school work. Mr John Moodie taught a Gallery lesson – Subject – “The Gulf Stream”. He did pretty well.

Feb. 5

One new pupil enrolled – Day very stormy. Number present, forenoon 92 Afternoon 98. Returned to the Pupil Teachers the results of a written Examination held on Saturday last. Full value 110 – Value received – Moodie 87 – Pitblado 57.

Feb 6

One new pupil enrolled. No. on roll. Boys 72 Girls 45 – Total 117.

Feb 7

Usual routine of school – work – Nothing special to report.

Feb 8

Pupils and Teachers at their posts in time and doing well,

Feb 9

Usual routine of School work

Feb 12

Nothing of importance to record.

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Feb 13

John Pitblado failed in Geography. There was a slight change in the work of the afternoon owing to the absence of Miss Whyte the sewing mistress who was unwell

Feb 14

Usual routine of school work – Miss Whyte returned today.

Feb 15

Both Pupil teachers had not their Geography prepared. Pitblado did not give in Notes of a Lesson; of which he got notice about a fortnight ago.

Feb 16

John Pitblado failed in teaching a Gallery Lesson; only occupying the class for about 3 minutes – Want of preparation is the reason of the failure. Subj. “Wind”.

Feb 19

Returned to Pupil-teachers, the results of an Examination held on Friday evening. Full Value 110 – Value Received – Pitblado 40. Moodie 64. Spoke to them about the lowness of their numbers.

Feb 20

Both P. Ts. failed in Geography

Feb 21

Usual routine of School work – Visit from Mr Munro

Feb 21

Had the largest attendance this afternoon, since I came. No. present 100

Feb 22

Usual routine of school work

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Feb 26

Attendance still increasing. Forenoon 97 – Afternoon 103. Average 100

Feb 27

School closed about 3.15 P.M. to allow those who wished to attend the thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales.

Feb 28

Nothing of importance to report.

Feb 29

Visit from Mr Munro, one of the Managers. Commenced Drawing in the three highest Classes.

March 1

Usual routine of School work.

(March) 4

Enrolled one new pupil

(March) 5

One pupil left – Gone to work.

(March) 6

Enrolled one pupil.

(March) 7

Nothing of importance to record

(March) 8

John Pitblado failed in teaching an object lesson. Reason of the failure is want of proper preparation

March 11

Enrolled one boy. School work same as usual.

(March) 12

Half holiday owing to there being a launch in the village. J Pitblado failed in Geography

March 13

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time, and doing well.

March 14

John Pitblado did not give the prescribed notes of Lessons. Told me he did not intend to teach the class at all – on Friday.

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March 15

John Pitblado not prepared to teach the prescribed “object lesson”. The reason given was – that he had no book on the subject, ‘The Eye’ – I had previously told him that I would give him a book if he would call for it. Taught the class myself – subject; “Ancient Writing Materials” J. Pitblado to teach in next Friday.

March 18

Enrolled one new pupil.

(March) 19

Returned Pupil teachers examination papers. Examination was on Friday evening. Full value 110 – Value received – Moodie – 88. Pitblado 55

March 20

Enrolled on boy – Pupils doing very well

(March) 21

Visit from Mr Monro, one of the Managers

(March) 22

Usual routine of school work.

March 25

Enrolled one pupil – a Girl Number on the roll – Boys 69 – Girls 46 – Total 115

March 26

Rev. D^r Johnston & Messrs Wilson & Monro visited the School. They remained for about an hour, made inquiries about the working of the School &c, and the Rev D^r asked a few questions of some of the classes.

March 27

Usual routine of school work.

March 28

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

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March 29 Pupil teachers' lessons as usual from 8 – to 9.30 A.M. The school having been washed on the previous evening, so as to be clean for a Social Entertainment to be held in it tonight, the floor was very wet, and the room, altogether, very uncomfortable. On account of this the scholars were dismissed as they assembled.

1st April

One girl – enrolled – No. of Girls on the register 46 (one having left) boys. 69 – Total 115

April 2

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

April 3

Usual routine of school work.

(April) 4

Mr John Moodie, Pupil Teacher absent unwell. Visit from Mr Monro, one of the managers.

April 5

Mr John Moodie still absent. School work therefore a little changed

April 8

Mr John Moodie returned today Three pupils enrolled

April 9

Usual routine of school work.

(April) 10

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

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April 11

Nine pupils advanced from the fourth into the third class and three from the fifth into the fourth

April 12

Examined P.Ts in Gospel of Luke. J. Pitblado not being prepared agreed to take his examination on Saturday afternoon.

April 15

J. Pitblado appeared for Examination on Saturday but being unwell it was again put off. Attendance today. Forenoon 104, afternoon 105

April 16

Attendance rather smaller in the Forenoon (99) owing to some of the children being required at home to assist in garden work.

April 17

Usual routine of School work

April 18

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

April 19

Attendance today is much lower than on any previous day this week

April 22

Enrolled two new pupils – Girls – Number on roll – Boys. 70. Girls 49. Total 119

April 23

Day wet and stormy, and the attendance consequently rather lower

April 24

Usual routine of school work

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April 25

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

April 26

Attendance still lower than usual – No present 91 – Mr Neill, who acted for some time as my substitute visited the school today.

April 29

John Pitblado failed in Geography – Enrolled 4 pupils. No. present – morning 100, Afternoon 103. Number on Roll, 123.

April 30

Enrolled one new pupil, thus making the number on the roll 124: boys 73, Girls 51, Attendance 105

May 1st

Usual routine of school work.

May 2nd

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

May 3rd

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

May 6th

Enrolled two new pupils – Girls – Number on Roll – boys 72, (one having left – Gone to Glasgow)

Girls 53 – Total 125. No present – forenoon 102, afternoon 108

May 7th

Attendance rather lower – Forenoon 101 – Afternoon 104.

May 8th

There being a thunderstorm at 4 P.M. the scholars were detained for some time after the usual hour of dismissal.

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May 9th

Senior classes kept in at 4 P.M. for history

May 10th

Usual routine of school work

May 13th

Admitted one pupil – a Girl – Numbers rather lower than they were last week, owing to the bad weather.

May 14

Miss Whyte, Sewing Mistress got away half an hour sooner than usual

May 15

Numbers still lower today; owing to the extremely wet weather. Forenoon 93, afternoon 97

May 16

Usual routine of school work.

May 17

Received notice of the Inspector's visit

May 20

Attendance better today. Forenoon 105, Afternoon 105. Enrolled two pupils – boys. Examined Standard I

May 21

Returned to the pupil-teachers, the results of an Examination held on Saturday. Full value 140 – Value received Moodie 99 Pitblado 68 Warned them about the papers, Pitblado's especially being too low.

May 22

Scholars asked a holiday – tomorrow being Queen's Birthday – did not grant it

May 23

School dismissed at 3.30 P.M. – Attendance m lower, though a number of strangers were in the village, owing to it being the Queen's Birthday

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May 24

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

May 27

Enrolled 3 pupils – boys – Attendance forenoon 103, afternoon 106.

May 28

Enrolled 2 pupils – Girls – Attendance Forenoon 108, Afternoon 111. Gave the pupil-teachers the results of an examination held on Saturday – Full value 120 – value received Pitblado 50, Moodie 82.

May 29

Attendance – forenoon 107, afternoon 108. Usual progress made

May 30

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

May 31

Usual routine of School work.

June 3

Enrolled two pupils – one girl, and one boy.

June 4

Attendance still increasing – No. present. forenoon 115 – afternoon 116. No. present at all, 118

June 5

Day wet and stormy; and the attendance therefore rather lower.

June 6

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

June 7

Usual routine of School work.

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June 10

Enrolled two pupils, one boy and one girl

June 11

Having been in Edinburgh last night, I did not arrive at the School until 9.40 A.M. Having provided work for the pupil teachers to occupy them for an hour and a half, they met at the usual hour 8. A.M.

June 12

Visit from Mess^{rs} Monro and C. Wilson, school managers

June 13

Usual routine of school work

June 14

Returned to the P.Ts the results of an examination held in the School last Saturday

June 17

Enrolled one pupil – a Girl – Examined Standard I.

June 18

Examined Standards II and III

June 19

Examined Standards IV V VI and VII

June 20

Gave the children their numbers in the Examination Schedule.

June 21

Number of children attending this week has been much lower than last week. A number have been unwell; and the stormy weather has also had an effect in keeping down the attendance

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June Monday 24

Numbers still lower than during last week. Visited some of the parents and sent messages to others, requesting them, if possible to have their children present tomorrow.

June 25

(different handwriting) Inspected the school

Staff Mr John Watson ii/I Master, John Moodie P.T. 2nd year, John Pitblado P.T. 1st year, Miss Mary Whyte: Sewing mrs (signed) Alex. Walasy H.M.I.S,

June 25

Present in the forenoon 106, in the afternoon 112. Day wet and stormy

June 26

Mr John Moodie Pupil Teacher gave in notice today to the managers that he was leaving the School. No reason was stated in the notice.

July 2

Fast Holidays from June 26 to July 2nd. Numbers much lower today than during last week – Forenoon 89 – Afternoon 91 – A great many are working, with farmers, and a number more have whooping cough.

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July 3

Usual routine of School work.

July 4

Received notice from H.M. Inspector of schools to send Alex^r Gardner candidate for Pupil teachership to M^cChlery's School, Golfdrum Dunfermline for examination tomorrow.

July 5

Went with A. Gardner to Golfdrum School – Left this School at 10.30 A. M; returned at 2. P.M.

July 8

Mr John Moodie still at the School – Day very stormy and the attendance very low

July 9

Mr J. Moodie absent in the afternoon A. Gardner has been teaching all day, today & yesterday, and is doing very well.

July 10

Mr John Moodie returned today. Usual routine of school-work.

July 11

John Pitblado failed in history and Latin

July 12

Mr J. Moodie said that he would not come back after today; in accordance with the notice he gave to the managers on 26th ult. John Pitblado failed in French & Latin and did not bring a sum prescribed to be done at home. Numbers low today, owing to it being Dunfermline Races.

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July 15

one boy left – gone to work

July 16

Nothing of importance to record

July 17

Usual routine of school-work.

July 18

Six pupils advanced from Junior Reader No I to Junior Reader No. 2

July 19

Held an examination of the two Senior Classes in Geography. They did pretty well

July 22

Monday. Lessons Scarcely so well prepared today as usual; owing no doubt to there being a Juvenile Flower Show on Saturday, at which most of the pupils were exhibitors.

July 23

Lessons much better prepared today – and the school work carried on as usual

July 24

The report from H.M. Inspector arrived today. The following is a copy of it.

Average attendance for past year 86

Qualified for Examination 78

Number presented 56

Number passed on Examination in –

Reading 56

Writing 52

Arithmetic 51

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(HMI Report continued)

“The following is a summary of the Inspector's Report upon the School”.

“The school is very vigorously and efficiently taught, and presents very satisfactory results in elementary work and in Grammar, Geography, and History.”

J. Moodie's name has been removed from the Register of Pupil Teachers.

My Lords, in consideration of the creditable examination, which John Pitblado has passed, of his age, good character and usefulness as a teacher, are willing that he should be regarded as a Pupil Teacher of the third year from first day of June 1872”

(signed) George Whyte Correspondent

July 25

Usual routine of school work.

July 26

Received from Mr Whyte the P.O. Orders for the Government Grant.

July 29

Pitblado and Gardner failed in History and French.

July 30

Usual routine of school work

July 31

Nothing of importance to record

Aug 1

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

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Aug 2

Examined the Senior Classes in Geography – A few of the pupils might have done better.

Aug 5

A meeting of the managers of the School was held in the Schoolroom at 4.P.M. – A. Gardner's Agreement was then Signed.

Aug 6

Day very wet. Number of little ones absent

Aug 7

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Aug 8

School vacated today – until the 9th of Sept^r.

Sept^r 9

School re-opened today – Attendance 68.

Sept^r 10

Attendance rather larger today Forenoon 73 Afternoon 73.

Sept^r 11

Work much as usual. Pupils' lessons very well said.

Sept^r 12

Attendance still increasing. 75 present

Sept^r 13

Usual routine of School work.

Sept^r 16

Monday. Enrolled three new pupils. Number present. Forenoon 81, Afternoon 81.

Tuesday Sept 17

One more pupil enrolled

Sept 18

A. Gardner & J. Pitblado, failed in history

Sept 19

Nothing of importance to record

Sept 20

Teachers and pupils at the School in time and doing well

Sept 23

J. Pitblado and A. Gardner P.Ts. failed in Latin, Geography and History. Pitblado – 15 minutes late also.

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Sept 24

Tuesday – Attendance still improving – present in forenoon 96, Afternoon 96 – 5 new pupils enrolled this week.

Sept 25

Pupil-teachers deficient in History and Geography.

Sept 26

Lessons of Pupil-teachers not much better prepared

Sept 27

A. Gardner still unprepared with lessons. J. Pitblado much better prepared than yesterday

Sept 30

Monday – A. Gardiner had not his Geography lesson well-prepared.

October 1

Lessons of the Pupil-teachers very well prepared today – Attended the funeral of James Thomson, who was a Scholar in this School, today at 1 P.M.

October 2

Usual routine of School-work

Oct. 3

Teachers and pupils at the School in time and doing well

Oct 4

The attendance has been lower this week than last; owing to the prevalence of colds among the children.

Oct 7

A. Gardner not prepared with Latin; Pitblado fairly prepared; Both might have had the Geography better

Oct 8

J. Pitblado did not bring “Notes of a lesson” on the “Horse” as prescribed, the reason being that he could not write enough about it.

Oct 9

Larger attendance today, than on any day since the holidays.

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Oct 10

Teachers and pupils at the School in time and doing very well – Considerable changes were made today in the time-table. The dinner hour has been changed to 12.30 to 1.30. Bible is taught from 1.30 to 2 P.M; Geography & Grammar from 12 to 12.30, Arithmetic from 9.15 to 10 A.M – One advantage of the changes is that no child requires to get away before the others to go with dinners –, as hitherto. Another is that I can devote more attention to the School as a whole, e.g. I have heard everyone in the School read today.

Oct 11

New time-table is working very well

Oct 14

Fires put on today & lines for coal-money issued to the pupils.

Oct 15

Number of pupils have been absent today – gathering potatoes. New time-table still working very well.

Oct 16

I was ten minutes late in the afternoon, owing to my having been at a Funder – Two pupils enrolled.

Oct 17

Returned to the pupil-teachers the results of an examination held on Saturday. Total value 105. Value received J. Pitblado 55 A. Gardner 41¼

Oct 18

School work as usual. Nothing of importance to record.

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Oct 21

Having met John Pitblado, pupil teacher, on the Street on Friday evening, smoking, I spoke about it to him today, telling him of the injury it would cause to himself, and of the bad example he set to the Scholars. He said that he had smoked for some time

Oct 22

Attendance in the school still increasing. Present in the forenoon 105, afternoon 105. Two pupils advanced from Class V to IV.

Oct 23

Another pupil advanced from ~~Standard~~ class V to IV

Oct 24

Usual routine of School work.

Oct 25

Nothing of importance to record.

Oct 28

Monday. Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Oct 29

Attendance better today than it has been since the holidays.

Oct 30

Day very stormy, and the attendance lower than usual.

Oct 31

Teachers and pupils at the school in time and doing very well.

Nov 1

Usual routine of School work. An advance in salary given to the person who cleans the school

Nov 4

A. Gardner did not bring a map, given out last week.

Nov 5

James Inch one of the pupils died this morning. He was in the School yesterday forenoon, but

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(Nov 5 cont) turning sick he was sent home. His death cast a deep gloom over the School today.

Death Certificate

James Inches died 5 November 1872 in the house of Andrew Thomson, Blacksmith

At Limekilns in the Parish of Dunfermline and County of Fife.

Aged 8 years of Malignant Scarlet Fever about two days. Vide Medical Report by Dr Douglas Maclagan. Parents not known

Registered on the information of James McFarlane, procurator fiscal. At Dunfermline 21 December 1872.

1871 Census

Halkets Hall

Andrew Thomson 61 Blacksmith

Household included:

James Inches age given as 5 but was actually 7

Illegitimate grandson of Andrew Thomson. His mother was Margaret Thomson and his birth in 1864 was registered at Dunfermline under the name James Thomson.

Nov 6

Day exceedingly stormy, and consequently the attendance rather decreased

Nov 7

An investigation was held today into the circumstances about the death of James Inch, & John Pitblado & I were absent from the school for a time in the afternoon.

Nov 8

Usual routine of School-work.

Nov 11

Attendance rather lower today than usual.

Nov 12

Enrolled one pupil – a girl. She had formerly attended St Leonard's Works School in Dunfermline.

Nov 13

Some of the pupils present in the forenoon were absent in the afternoon, being unwell

Nov 14

Broomhall M. Imp. (Mutual Improvement) Society had one of their ordinary meetings in the school yesterday evening. They had disarranged the seats, & evidently turned my desk upside down, as the books, copies, pens &c in it were intermingled with each other. A school pointer was also broken, through knocking on the blackboard with it. I wrote to the Secretary and got the pointer replaced – The delay, caused by the above, was rather more than half an hour, & consequently the P.Ts missed about 1/3 of their usual lessons.

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Nov 15

Attendance this week lower than last. Average 98

Nov 18

Returned to the pupil-teaches the results of an examination held on Saturday from 8. Am. to 12 noon. Full value 125, Value received Pitblado 63½ Gardner 63; Enrolled 3 pupils.

Nov 19

Enrolled one pupil – a boy. No present in the forenoon 108, afternoon 106; present at all 110.

Nov 20

Usual routine of School work

Nov 21

Dunfermline fast day. Agreed to give scholars tomorrow as a holiday instead of today.

Nov 25

Enrolled three pupils. Two of them were formerly pupils in Charlestown School.

Nov 26

Attendance very good. Forenoon 111, afternoon 112

Nov 27

Attendance still Keeping well up. Many absent, however, who might be present

Nov 28

No present in the forenoon 112, afternoon 113. Classes doing very well.

Nov 29

Average attendance for the week, 111, being the highest since the holidays.

Dec 2

Enrolled two pupils – one boy and one girl

Dec 3

Attendance – Forenoon 116, afternoon 117, being the highest since my coming to this school

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Dec 4

Usual routine of School work.

Dec 5

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Dec 6

Day wet and stormy and the attendance consequently smaller than usual

Dec 9

Enrolled two pupils – Girls.

Dec 10

Enrolled two pupils, one boy and one girl

Dec 11

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well. Present forenoon 118, afternoon 117

Dec 12

Usual work in all the classes

Dec 13

Average for this week higher than on any previous week since I came to the School. Average 116.9

Dec 16

Admitted one pupil – a boy.

Dec 17

Day wet and stormy, and the attendance, consequently smaller than usual

Dec 18

Another wet day. Attendance rather better than yesterday. Exchanged classes from 11.15 to 11.45 with John Pitblado, pupil teacher.

Dec 19

Usual routine of school work.

Dec 20

average for this week lower than that of last week. Last week 117, this 115. Owing to the stormy weather.

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Dec 23

Monday – Examined some of the classes taught by the Pupil-teachers. Fair progress is being made.

Dec 24

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Dec 25

Christmas – a few absent – usual work

Dec 26

Magic lantern entertainment to the Scholars in the school in the evening.

Dec 27

Announced to the pupils that the New Year's Holidays would extend over all next week.

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January 6

Enrolled four pupils, – three boys and a girl Number on roll 77 boys and 58 girls, total, 135

Jan 7

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well.

Jan 8

John Pitblado, Pupil teacher gave notice to the managers of his intention of leaving this school on the 31st of May.

Jan 9

Day wet and stormy and the attendance smaller than usual.

Jan 10

Nothing special to record

Jan 13

Monday – Day wet and stormy Three pupils enrolled

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January 14

Still very stormy – many absent in consequence Enrolled one pupil.

Jan 15

Attendance very good. Forenoon 121, Afternoon, 118

Jan 16

An exceedingly wet day. Attendance, good

Jan 17

Attendance for the week has been very good 115.4 I would have been larger but for the unsettled state of the weather. No present at all for the week 126 No. on Roll 138

Jan 20

Returned to the pupil teachers, the results of an examination held in the School on Saturday. Full value 115. Value received Pitblado 66½ Gardner 84½. Attendance, Forenoon 123 A. 122

Jan 21

Enrolled one pupil. Attendance today is the largest since my coming to the School. Forenoon 125, Afternoon 128

Jan 22

Usual routine of School work

Jan 23

Nothing of importance to record

Jan 24

Examined Standard III and found many of them deficient in numeration & notation.

Jan 27

Examined Standard IV – They did very fairly.

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January 28

Examined Standard V. Both Arithmetic and Dictation require attention.

Jan 29

Examined Standard VI – Arithmetic fair, Dictation good

Jan 30

Examined Standard VII – Arithmetic and Dictation both very fair.

Jan 31

Usual routine of School work

February 3

Enrolled on pupil – a boy.

Feb 4

Attendance very good

Feb 5

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

Feb 6

Usual routine of School work.

Feb 7

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time & doing well.

Feb 10

Enrolled two pupils.

Feb 11

Scholars dismissed $\frac{1}{4}$ hr sooner, so that the school might be put in order for a soiree in the evening A.

Gardner absent unwell

Feb 12

A. Gardner returned today

Feb 13

Usual routine of school work

Feb 14

Attendance rather lower today than usual. Average attendance for the week 129.2.

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February 17

Enrolled two pupils, one boy and one girl.

Feb 18

Examined Standard II in Arithmetic. Considerable progress has been made since last examination

Feb 19

Examined Standard I. Many might have made more progress.

Feb 20

Examined Standard III. Found many of them deficient in numeration and notation.

Feb 21

Examined Standard IV. Arithmetic & Dictation still require attention.

Feb 24

Examined Standard V. Require practice in numeration and notation.

Feb 25

Heavy fall of Snow, & numbers rather lower

Feb 26

Day wet and stormy and attendance lower, Forenoon 121, afternoon 122

Feb 27

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

Feb 28

Usual routine of School work

March 3

Examined Standards VI and VII, They did pretty fairly

(March) 4

Attendance good. Forenoon 133, Af. 133

(March) 5

Intimated that those not to be examined in Drawing would get a holiday tomorrow

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March 6

Drawing examination. School open only from ten to eleven in the forenoon

(March) 7

School open as usual. Owing to Miss Whyte being away from home there has been no sewing this week

(March) 10

Enrolled one pupil – a girl. Number on roll, Boys, 84, Girls 61 – Total 145

(March) 11

Enrolled one girl. Number on roll 146 Present Forenoon 136, Afternoon 136.

(March) 12

Attendance very good. Forenoon 139 afternoon 139. Usual routine of school-work.

(March) 13

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

(March) 14

Work as usual

(March) 17

Enrolled one girl. on Roll 84 boys, 63 girls - 147

(March) 18

Enrolled one boy. on Roll 85 boys 63 girls = 148

(March) 19

Usual routine of school-work

(March) 20

Work as usual.

(March) 21

Have been much bothered of late by parties in the school at night disarranging the furniture &c. Sent notice to the managers that unless these parties could be prevented from interfering with the school-work, I would leave the school.

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March 22

Enrolled one pupil – a girl – 142 present today

(March) 25

One pupil left – gone to work.

(March) 26

Usual routine of school-work

(March) 27

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

(March) 28

School dismissed at 3 P.M. to give the M.I. (Mutual Improvement) Society time to prepare the school for an entertainment in the evening. By their directions the school was washed last night. It was damp this morning, but not so much so as last year.

(March) 31

Enrolled three pupils, two girls and a boy. No. on Roll 151

April 1

School work as usual.

(April) 2

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

(April) 3

Nothing of importance to record.

(April) 4

One pupil left school – gone to work.

(April) 5

Pupils doing very well – Pupil teachers might have done better than they did.

(April) 8

One pupil left – gone to work.

(April) 9

Usual routine of school-work

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April 10

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well

(April) 11

Attendance rather lower this week

(April) 14

School work as usual.

(April) 15

Number absent, many being engaged in planting gardens

(April) 16

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

(April) 17

Meeting in the school tonight about the election of a school Board for the parish

(April) 18

School dismissed at 3. P.M

(April) 21

Attendance today rather better than that of last week.

(April) 22

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well

(April) 23

School work as usual

(April) 24

Usual routine of school-work

(April) 25

Held an examination of P.Ts. and of three candidates for pupil-teacher-ship in the school from 4.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M

(April) 28

Returned examination papers to P.Ts. Full value 110, value received J. Pitblado 77.

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(April 28 cont) A. Gardner 70. One of the candidates' papers did not warrant his being presented for examination and the papers of another were not much better. Another candidate came forward today. I gave him part of the same examination, at the dinner hour, and will continue doing so until the examination be finished

(April) 29

As small pox are at present in the village, I sprinkled the school today with Burnett's Disinfecting Fluid, and intend to do so daily, while the epidemic continues here.

(April) 30

Intimated that there should be a holiday tomorrow as the School is required for a Polling Place under the Education (Scotland) Act

May 1

No schooling

May 2

Attendance lower this week than it has been for several months, owing to the prevalence of small pox – Att. 125.7

May 5

Enrolled one pupil – a girl

May 6

Enrolled one pupil – a boy.

May 7

Usual routine of school work.

May 8

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time & doing well

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May 9

School work as usual

May 12

Enrolled two pupils – girls.

May 13

Enrolled four pupils – girls.

May 14

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well

May 15

At 4. o'clock the scholars presented me with a watch and asked a holiday for tomorrow which I granted

May 16

No schooling.

May 19

School work as usual. Attendance better than it has been for a week or two.

May 20

Enrolled one pupil – a boy, 157 on Roll

May 21

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well.

May 22

Received notice that the members of the School Board, intended visiting the school on Monday next

May 23

A. Gardner P.T. absent unwell

May 26

A. Gardner returned today. Enrolled on pupil – a boy. The School Board visited the school today. Five of the members only were present. They came about 3.50 P.M. and stayed about ten minutes, inspecting the building & asking questions about it. Mr Morris was present.

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May 27

Enrolled one pupil – a boy.

May 28

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

May 29

Examined Standards VII, VI, V and IV in Arithmetic and Dictation – In VII there were no failures, in VI one who had been at school only about a month, failed, in V all passed in Dictation by 6 failed in Arith. In 4 all passed in Arith. but 2 failed in Dictation. In intend to take Standard V in arithmetic myself now, as it requires attention

May 30

School work as usual

June 2

Enrolled one pupil – a girl.

June 3

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing very well

June 4

J. Pitblado, who gave notice to the managers of the School that he intended leaving on 31st of May has intimated his willingness to say; and they have given their assent to that course

June 5

At 3.30 P.M. Mr Lothain Photo. Alloa took Photographs of the Scholars in three groups at the door of the School.

June 6

School work as usual

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June 9

Senior classes handed in an exercise on “Jona”

June 10

Lessons of P.Ts badly prepared

June 11

School work as usual.

June 12

Examined a number of classes with a view to advancing them.

June 13

Advanced a number of classes.

June 16

One or two returned today, who have been absent for some time.

June 17

School work as usual.

June 18

Examined Standards IV, V and VI in Dictation – Fair.

June 19

Examined Standard I. They did pretty well

June 20

Received notice of H.M. Inspectors visit to the school.

June 23

Engaged in giving the children their numbers on the examination Schedule

June 24

Examined Standards IV, V & VI in Dictation

June 25

Intimated to the pupils that there would be no schooling tomorrow, it being the Fast-day & that they were to meet on Friday at 9.30 A.M.

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June 27

(different handwriting) School inspected 128 pupils present under Mr John Watson C. S (Certificated Teacher) and John Pitblado (3) and Alex B Gardner (1) P. T.

Ja Cumming

June 30

No schooling. Last day of Fast-holidays

July I

School re-opened 123 present

July II

Pupil-teachers begun Greek, and a few of the scholars Latin.

July 3

Usual routine of school work

July 4

Teachers and pupils at their posts in time and doing well.

July 11

The work of the school has been much as usual during this week. The school was vacant on Friday; it being the holiday instead of Friday 27th June.

July 18

Attendance this week rather lower than it has been for a long time. The work has progressed smoothly and well. Friday being the annual holiday in the Parish I gave the pupils the afternoon

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July 25

Lessons on the whole scarcely so well prepared as usual, no doubt owing to the fine weather for outdoor amusements. John Pitblado absent on Tuesday from ten o'clock in forenoon – with leave.

Aug 1

Report of H.M. Inspector came on 26th ult. The following is a copy.

“Average attendance for pas year, 114

Qualified for examination	113
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Number presented	77
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Passed on Exam. in Reading	77
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(Passed on Exam. in) Writing	76
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(Passed on Exam. in) Arithmetic	76
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“ The school is in a remarkably good condition”

“The average Attendance is too large to allow of the masters’ receiving probationary grant after this day. His certificate will shortly be forwarded to him.

A.IB. Gardner must improve”

(signed) George Whyte Correspondent

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Aug 8

School work as usual during the week; and usual progress made. Attendance (average) 109.7

Aug 14

Friday a holiday, as I announced on Thursday night that the School holidays would extend over the next four weeks. Average attendance for the week 110.7

Sept 19

Opened School on Monday with 108 present. Seven more have come back during the course of the week. Eight new ones have been enrolled. Some of the Junior classes were examined and several of the pupils advanced.

Received my parchment certificate on Friday. Notice came during the holidays that the Inspector’s visit would be in February instead of June.

Sept 26

Attendance this week much increased – average 126.6. Three pupils – boys – enrolled. Work much as usual. Desired the more advanced pupils to come to School at 9 A.M. and the younger ones at 9.45 A.M. instead of the former hours.

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Oct 3

Attendance still increasing – Enrolled two pupils from Charlestown. Weather very wet and stormy towards the end of the week and one or two absent in consequence. Find that the change of hours is doing well. Pupil-teachers and scholars progressing fairly

Oct 10

A few more returned. Enrolled on girl. Examined Standard I in arithmetic. Many of them failed in Subtraction but they did Addition very well. For the last two weeks I have been taking the P. Ts for an hour at night in addition to the hour in the morning. Intend to continue doing so throughout the winter. Began paraphrasing with the highest Class.

Oct 17

Fires put on for the Winter on Tuesday. Many children absent during the week – gathering potatoes. Pupil-teachers have gone over the first 26 propositions in Euclid since the holidays.

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Oct 24

Work much as usual. Enrolled one pupil. Attendance still low, owing to the cause mentioned last week. Average attendance 126.8.

Oct 31

Enrolled two pupils during the week – One boy and one girl. Attendance better than last week. Friday afternoon – half holiday Gave 1st Class Home exercises in paraphrasing.

Nov 7th

Examined Standard II in all subjects. Deficient in Numeration and Notation. Two highest Geography classes grouped together for Geography of Scotland. Other work much as usual.

Nov 17th

Attendance this week higher than on any week during the time since I came to the school. Average 139.3. Enrolled five pupils – three boys and two girls – Five pupils left – removed from the village. P. Ts received no lessons on Thursday and Friday nights – Got lessons, however, in the morning as usual.

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20th Nov

Three new scholars enrolled. Attendance still increasing – Average 143. Examined Standard III this week. Arithmetic was fair – Dictation ought to have been better.

26th Nov

Thursday and Friday, and next Monday are to be holidays – Fast. Pupil-teachers and pupils, this week have been working very well. In the History class – Standard V's work has been gone over once now

5th Dec.

Monday a holiday. Began the work of Standard II in History. Other classes working very well.

Attendance still good

12th Dec.

Examined the 5th class in Standard I work. A number deficient. Was told by Dr Johnston, a member of the Parish School Board that the School was now under the Board. He asked, also, for the Board, a statement of the fees for the last two years. Pupil Teachers examined today from 8 A.M. and from 5 to 7.45 P.M.

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19 Dec Returned to the Pupil Teachers on Tuesday their Examination papers with values. Full value 110. Value received J Pitblado 75. A. Gardener 71. On Thursday the School was out from 1.30 to 2 P.M so that the Scholars might have opportunity of witnessing a launch which was to take place in the Village. Asked the 1st Class to write a "Description of the Launch" as an exercise for Friday.

Dundee Courier 22 December 1873



LAUNCH AT LIMEKILNS. —There was **launched** from the shipbuilding yard of Mr Whitehead, at Limekilns, on Thursday last, a fine schooner of 278 tons burthen. She has been built for Mr James Cairns, Buckhaven, and was named the Agnes Cairns by Miss Euphemia Cairns.

26 Dec

Pupil Teachers brought maps on Monday. Examined Standard III in Reading, Grammar and Dictation. They did pretty well. Took Standard IV myself, giving Alex. Gardner Standard II instead of it. Standard VI have gone over their history now once. Standards IV, V and VI revising poetry, as for "first year". Examination to be under the new Code; the paper saying so, having been signed by M^r M^cFarlane, Clerk to the School Board, last Saturday.

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Dec 31

Thursday and Friday – holidays. Attendance lower this week and more irregular than usual. One boy Duncan Clark left – gone to be a grocer in Leith. Boys in Latin at the Second Conjugation and doing very well. Other classes doing very well.

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Jan 5

M^r Watson left, having got Situation in Queen St Institution Edin^r. Children much put about on account of their Teacher's departure. I George Neill got charge of School at close, to act as Substitute for M^r Watson during January.

Jan 6

Did not get on with work so well as I would have liked, owing to my not knowing the School work, and therefore my having to look so often at Time Table. Caused delay.

Jan 7

Lessons according to M^r Watson's Time Table Pupils behaved very well.

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Jan 8

Gave Standards IV. V & VI Dictation Exercise on foolscap paper. Corrected them at home, found two or three very badly done. Geo. M^cEwan's best. Took 2nd Class Bible, answered very well. Latin Class not well prepared, gave them a revisal of the Declensions for next day.

Jan 9

Returned Dictation Exercise, gave them principal misspelled words as they were spelled in the Exercises, and made them correct them. Took I, II and III Standards in Arithmetic found them pretty well up in their various required Rules. P.T^s. doing their work well. Visit from School Board Officer, who has been hunting out children who do not attend School.

Jan 12

Teachers and Pupils busily engaged with their work. Enrolled three new pupils

Jan 13

Latin Class well prepared. Gave Standards IV, V & VI sums on paper

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(Jan 13 cont) which were generally speaking very well done.

Jan 14

Received a letter from M^r Watson this morning intimating that he would be in Limekilns on Friday night. The letter contained Examination test papers for Standards IV V VI which were to be executed in time for M^r Watson to correct them on Friday night.

Jan 15

Busily engaged with Examination work. Pupils diligent and attentive.

Jan 16

Finished Examination of Standards. found I Standard rather deficient in Numeration. Standards II & III did their Arithmetic excellently.

Jan 19,20

School vacant owing to unavoidable absence of teacher.

Jan 21

Work as usual, returned Examination papers to Standards IV V & VI M^r Watson who examined them was very well pleased with the way in which the papers were written

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Jan 22

Lessons according to 'Time Table'. Pupils improving in singing. learned one new song in two parts.

(Jany) 23

M^r Watson in school all day, and very busy getting books arranged for the Inspector; who is to examine the pupils in the first week of February. Had a visit from School Board Officer, who said that the papers necessary ~~for~~ to be filled up for the Inspector had come to the 'Clerk to School Board'.

(Jany) 26

One girl enrolled from Dollar Institution entered 1st Class. No. on Roll 165 Lessons according to time table.

(Jany) 27

Day fine. Children enjoying themselves during interval. Pupils progressing admirably in Singing. Latin Class well prepared.

(Jany) 28

Rec^d letter from M^r Watson intimating that he would like to meet Standards III IV V & VI in School on Saturday to arrange them as far as possible for Gov^t Exam on Tuesday 3rd February

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(Jan 28 cont) Sent off to Dr Cumming "Form VIII" giving the nos to be presented in the various Standards.

Jan 29

Lessons according to Time Table. Teachers at their posts in time and doing well.

Jan 30 School closed at 3 oclock I having to get the boat at N. Queensferry at 4.30. Standards III IV V & VI to meet M^r Watson to-morrow (Saturday) at 9 oclock in School.

Left Registers & Log Book in desk

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Feb 3 (different handwriting) School inspected. 152 pupils present under Mr Jo. Watson C.S and John Pitblado and Alex^r Brya Gardner P.Ts. Mary Whyte sewing mistress.

(signed) Ja^s Cumming

Feb 17th

Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher entered upon the duties of the School.

Feb 18th

Worked the school according to the Timetable of late Teacher. There is by far too much work for the Staff. Gave the pupils some Exercises in Singing.

Feb 19

Pupils working and behaving very well. Lessons given according to Time Table of the late Teacher.

Feb 20

The ordinary routine of the school was very satisfactory. Alexr B. Gardner does not intend performing duties of P. T. any longer, Left, I understand, on 3rd inst.

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February 23

Detained a considerable number who were unprepared with their lessons. Numbers slowly improving. P. Ts commenced their Lessons.

(February) 24th

Detained the French Class for half an hour and drilled them in the verb. First P. T, Commenced Second Book of Euclid.

(February) 25

Ordinary progress satisfactory.

(February) 26

Nothing occurred requiring special remark.

(February) 27th

Lessons on the whole Very well prepared. Singing somewhat improved.

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March 2

One new pupil enrolled – The attendance during the day was large and the behaviour of the pupils was becoming.

(March) 3

A considerable number were detained this Evening having come unprepared with their questions. School dismissed at the ordinary time. Andrew Whyte offering very fair as a Teacher. J. Pitblado frequently behind time, and occasionally unprepared.

(March) 4

Three of the Highest class who failed in Dictation were detained for some time during the dinner hour. The Lessons generally well prepared and the conduct of the pupils exemplary.

(March) 5th

Paid a visit to the Sewing and found that several had been misbehaving – detained them at night and gave them some questions in Arithmetic.

(March) 6

Introduced a new Song which the pupils learnt Very well.

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March 9th

The pupils made the ordinary progress. Singing Very satisfactory.

(March) 10th

The Time Table adhered to. J. Pitblado failed this morning in Euclid & Geography.

(March) 11th

The Compulsory Officer paid a Visit to the School. Remitted £4 4/- of School Fees to the Officer for the Board.

(March) 12th

There was a large attendance present and the Children worked Vigourously. Very few detained. School closed strictly at the time.

(March) 13th

The work of the School was gone through by the Scholars and Teachers with Vigour and Satisfaction. Home Lessons satisfactorily prepared. Several were detained for Dictation and French.

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March 16

Miss Jane Wilson entered on duty as a Monitor, her Services having been Sanctioned by the Board. There was a considerable number absent. Conduct of the pupils, on the whole satisfactory.

(March) 17

There was a considerable number detained this evening – especially for Dictation and Arithmetic. Considerable time was taken up this and yesterday morning collecting the fees.

(March) 18

Commenced J. Pitblado and Jane Wilson to French. Re-arranged P.T's Timetable Specially for the purpose of allowing more time to Mathematics.

(March) 19

The attendance was somewhat thinner than usual owing to the stormy nature of the weather.

(March) 20

The Compulsory Officer paid a Visit to the School. The French Class was detained for being unprepared.

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Mar 23 Inspectors Report

“The School has been vigourously and Successfully ~~taught~~ conducted during the past year. H.M. Inspector reports that the offices (toilets) are not well kept. This should be carefully and constantly seen to. (Article 32 b. S.Code) The attention of the Managers is requested to the Second note appended to the form of Memorandum of Agreement. The Grant allowed is equal to one half the recognised Expenditure for the past year. (Article 32(a) 3.) Scotch Code). The items disallowed are £100 paid on account of debt and £3 13s expended in Prizes from money received from the Science and Art department, which should have appeared on the Expenditure also of the Statement of accounts. £5 to be treated as Interest and allowed to count under article 32(a) 3.

J Pitblado

Grammar Composition Geography History Euclid and Algebra. He must

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(Report cont) improve very much or he will not be recognised as Satisfying article 32(C) Scotch Code, next year.

A.B. Gardiner 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 by £10, and thenceforth by £20 for every year at the end of which a similar failure is repeated (Article 32(C))

A Whyte

Grammar and Geography

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clk to Sch. Bd

Mar 23

There was a considerable number detained to make up their home work.

Mar 24

Nothing occurred requiring remark.

Mar 25

Gave the pupils pretty long practice in Singing in the afternoon.

Mar 26

Children dismissed earlier than usual – the School having to be cleaned for entertainment tomorrow Evening.

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Mar 30

Introduced some new pieces in Music and found them to suit Very well.

Mar 31

There was a very large number detained for Arithmetic principally. One boy who played truant was brought to School by his mother.

Apr 6th

There was a very considerable number present and the lessons were on the whole Very well prepared. Several were detained for about an hour to commit to memory their homework which had been neglected. One new pupil was enrolled. The pupils performed their singing Exercises Very well. John Pitblado P.T. doing moderately in the Second Book of Euclid. Filled up the Indentures of the P.Ts previous to their signatures by the Board

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Apr 10th

The work of this week has been generally speaking satisfactory. The numbers have kept well up. On Monday one new pupil was enrolled. One noticeable feature of irregularity is that several who are present in the forenoon are absent in the afternoon. The highest Class has been twice detained this week for their Geography Lesson.

Apr 15th

The Compulsory officer paid a visit to the School this afternoon. Remitted £10 17/6d in School Fees to the officer per the Treasurer. There was no Singing this afternoon the time devoted for that purpose having been taken up with the ordinary lessons in consequence of the Time Table having been departed from for a Short time. ~~Willi~~ And^w Whyte & J. Pitblado P.Ts signed their Indentures.

Apr 17

During this week the pupils have worked very hard and anxiously. With a very few exceptions their conduct has been very satisfactory. This Friday Evening

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(Apr 17 cont) introduced a new Song – the pupils very soon learned it. John Pitblado went away, with permission at 4.O.C to go to Dunfermline.

April 24th

The work of the week has been generally speaking satisfactory. Standard III Arithmetic under J. Pitblado P.T. is somewhat backward. Andrew Whyte P.T. is making fair progress in his work and Studies. The conduct of the children under Miss Wilson and of the girls in the Sewing Department is requiring attention. A letter of date 2nd April from the Scotch Education Department confirms the Appointment of Andw Todd as a duly Certified Teacher and fixes the Visit of Her Majesty's Inspector for February next.

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April 31st

The general tone of the School is daily becoming more and more Satisfactory. The conduct of the girls in the Sewing Department and of the younger pupils under the P.Ts and Monitors. Mr M^cFarlane, Clerk to the School Board paid a visit to the School on Wednesday and Signed the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector for the past year. Particular attention has been devoted this week to the Home Work of the pupils, particularly in Arithmetic. The School Board Officer paid a visit to the School this afternoon and took a note of the irregular attenders.

May 8

The attendance throughout the last week has been Very good and the progress of the pupils on the whole Very Satisfactory. One Boy, Robertson has played truant and absented himself from school on four occasions and his name has been booked by the Compulsory officer.

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May 15th

The attendance during the week has been good, and the progress fair. The officer Visited the School on Wednesday and brought John Robertson, a confirmed truant with him. Remitted £10 15/3d to the Treasurer on Wednesday. Considerable Extra work has been entailed in consequence of giving the pupils some more time in Singing.

May 22nd

Today there has been a Very large number absent. Yesterday (Thursday) being the Queen's Birth day was observed as a holiday. The offices have been repaired and fitted up properly in terms of H.M.

Inspectors report.

May 26th

The lessons are somewhat better prepared Today than Yesterday. John Robertson has again disappeared and word has been sent to the School Board officer regarding him.

May 28th

The Compulsory officer took a note of absentees.

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May 29th

Holiday. Funeral of the Rev^d D^r Johnstone.

June 1st

One new pupil enrolled this morning. Made some changes in the Classes. Advanced those who deserved it, and retained those who were backward in the same Book. The Attendance Roll cannot be adjusted until the end of the quarter. Made a surprise Visit to the Sewing Room this afternoon. Found matters Very Satisfactory.

June 5th

There is a considerable improvement made in the home sums of the pupils. Sent a letter to the School Board Clerk in answer to inquiry anent holidays and Examination. Weather being good, a fair attendance may now always be expected.

June 8th

Collected School fees this morning between 8 & 9.

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June 11th

The Work of the Scholars and P.Ts has been Very satisfactory. The Home work was well got up. Remitted £9 2/6d to the Treasurer.

June 12th

The attendance is somewhat falling below the ordinary average. The weather being Very good a greater number may be expected daily.

June 15

The History of the Fourth Standard was rather imperfectly prepared and they had to be detained at night. There are a few requiring the attention of the Compulsory officer.

June 18

M^r Andrew Monro, one of the School Board paid a Visit to the School this forenoon.

June 22

Sent a not to the Compulsory Officer ~~of~~ concerning the large number of absentees.

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June 25, 26, 29

Sacramental Fast & holidays.

June 30

School duties resumed after the Fast Holidays. A Very large number absent. Wrote a letter to the School Board Officer complaining of the State of affairs.

July 2

The School Board Officer took a note of the Absentees.

July 6

One new pupil was enrolled. A considerable number are Still absent, being engaged in field labour.

July 10

A Small number of the Juniors are somewhat dilatory in the preparation of home Work; and require Sharp attention.

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July 15

Remitted £10 0/5d to the Treasurer. A considerable number came to School unprepared with homework and had to be detained on that account. The(re) are still several absent, who might be present.

July 17th

Annual Holiday in parish

July 24th

Handed several names to the officer. The pupils are somewhat dilatory in the preparation of their home work, the coming Holidays being evidently the cause.

July 30th

Commencement of Summer Holidays. Attendance pretty (good?) for the time of the year.

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Aug^t 31st

School duties resumed after Summer Holidays. 80 pupils present. Opened School at 9 o'clock. Considerable time was previous to getting the School into working order.

Sep 1st

One or two more old pupils returned today.

Sept 5th

Friday. The weeks proceedings have on the whole been very satisfactory. The lessons have been fairly prepared and the conduct of the pupils has been very becoming.

Sept 7

A large number of the pupils returned today. They do the ordinary work with commendable diligence.

Sept 15

The numbers are rising rapidly – and the pupils are beginning to perform their work faithfully and vigourously. Commenced giving the P.Ts three hours extra in the evenings, principally lessons in Algebra, Mathematics and Arithmetic.

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Sept 21

Several old pupils returned. One new Scholar enrolled. The Home work might have been much better prepared

Sept 22nd

Anne Rankine a pupil of this School died this morning of Rheumatic Fever after a short duration of illness.

Death Certificate

Ann Rankine aged 7, daughter of Thomas Keir Rankine, master shoemaker

Died at Limekilns of Rheumatic Fever at 1.20 am on 22 September 1874

Sept 26

There was a good attendance and the pupils were diligent and attentive. Requested the scholars to be as seldom absent as possible. The Compulsory officer made Some inquiries today regarding several absentees.

Oct 6

Gave the various Standards special drill in Arithmetic, and found they required it all. Standard IV requiring special attention. The ordinary work of the School is proceeding very satisfactorily and the Home lessons, and Exercises of the pupils seem Very well got up. Instructed P.Ts to see that there was not any copying in the Arithmetic Classes.

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(Oct 6 cont) There are still a number of pupils requiring the attention of the Compulsory officer – the most conspicuous being John Robertson and Alexander Burns. Sent word to ~~the~~ various parties to have their Children at School. Made a Visit of surprise to the Sewing Room, found matters satisfactory.

Oct 12

There are large numbers of the pupils engaged in Potato Lifting – The School has been somewhat irregularly attended on this account. There were a few of the Highest Class detained at leave time and brought up half-an-hour earlier at dinner for not having the Spelling properly got up. The Lessons are always more indifferently got up for Monday than for any other day. The Lessons and work Continue to be conducted rigidly according to Time Table. Requested the P.Ts to enforce thorough attention from the Pupils of the respective classes.

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Oct 13

Received from the Clerk to the Board a Letter intimating that a Meeting of the local Members and Managers would take place soon anent the Appointment of an Assistant: also a letter from Said party intimating that the fees for pupils under five years of age was to be 2d. per week.

Oct 14

The School Bd. officer paid a visit to the School. Last months fees remitted to the Treasurer

Oct 16

Rev^d M^r Simpson paid a visit to the School this afternoon – Miss Whyte absent (from home) for some time this afternoon. Attendance very much thinner than usual, owing to a large number being engaged in Potato-lifting.

Oct 20

The ordinary attendance is much smaller than it should be

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Oct 26

One or two of the old pupils returned today. A Considerable number are still detained in the fields amongs the potatoes. The weekly average is lower than it should be still. A Considerable number were detained at leave time this afternoon for not making up their work in Arithmetic. The Home lessons were well prepared. There was a meeting of local Members of Board and Managers in the school on Saturday – present – Earl of Elgin, Mr Munro, Messrs Watson Chas Wilson, to take steps anent the appointment of a P.T. or Assistant for the school.

Oct 29

There is still too large a number of pupils absent from School. Boys making very satisfactory progress in Drawing

Nov 2

There were a few absentees returned both in the Morning and afternoon. The Home work, on the whole, satisfactory. The weather being bad there was no interval this afternoon.

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Nov 4

Changed Classes this forenoon with 1st P.T. The pupils, generally speaking, were very well prepared. In stead of Drawing this after-noon all the pupils had Arithmetic.

Nov 5

Paid special attention to the Arithmetic of Standards IV, V and VI. Found IV somewhat deficient in Division of the Compound Rules. The Junior Standards in Arithmetic are making marked progress. With a very few exceptions the Home work was creditably prepared, Detained Standard IV behind the ordinary time: and gave them some exercises in Arithmetic.

Nov 8

The daily (attendance) is now nearly up to what it was formerly. The Arithmetic of Standard IV is Still deficient

Nov 13

The work of the School was departed from, and an Examination conducted in terms of the Scotch Code. The pupils behaved remarkably well:

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Nov 16

Three new pupils enrolled. Attendance large.

Nov 17

Detained a number beyond the ordinary time this evening: and gave them work in Arithmetic.

Nov 23

The ordinary work satisfactory.

Nov 26

Holiday. Sacramental Fast day in the Parish of Dunfermline.

Dec 1

The weather was very bad and there was a considerable number absent.

Dec 7

The pupils were orderly and the P.Ts and Monitor did their duty well. A considerable number were absent.

Dec 9

Mary Wood acted as a Monitor in the absence of John Pitblado.

Dec 10

I Recommended A.M. Faichney, Auchterarder (as Assistant) to the School Board, for appointments.

Dec 16

The order of the School was very good and the pupils invariably behave Very well.

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Dec 24

A very large number of the pupils are absent, being badly with cold. There was careful preparation of home work. P.Ts and Monitors faithful in the discharge of their duties. 5th year's P.T. was a Examination in Edin^r last week. Standard III backward in dictation.

Dec 28 A Very large number of pupils are still absent and poorly. Went around to most of them on Friday afternoon. John Pitblado 5th year's P.T. was presented by the pupils with a Writing Desk, Dictionary and Purse Containing a Sum of money.

Wednesday, Thursday Friday and Monday given as New Years' Holidays.

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Jany 6

M^r Alex M. Faichney entered on his duties as Assistant in this School. He seemed to get on well for a Commencement. Still a large number of pupils absent badly.

Jan 7

Numbers slowly improving. Today over 100 present.

Jan 10

A large number of those who were badly returned: and five new pupils were enrolled this morning.

Jan 12

The School was well attended and the pupils worked Vigourously throughout the day.

Jan 15

Standards frequently receiving extra drill during half of dinner hour and after 4 O.C. in View of Inspector's Visit.

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Jan^y 19

There was a large number present, and the pupils generally worked and behaved Very well. Special attention is paid to Arithmetic and Dictation in view of the approaching Gov^t Examination. Mr M^cFarlane called this afternoon with Examination papers to be filled up.

Jan 23

The pupils in Standards III and II received Special work during the interval, and seemed very anxious. Made inquiries about several of the absentees. There was a very fair attendance.

Feb 1st

Spent considerable time in giving instructions anent Examination. Andrew Whyte P.T. badly, absent.

Feb 3

Messrs Vertue and Smith Visited and Examined the school. There were 148 present. The rest of the week was given as Holidays.

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February 8 School duties resumed after three holidays. The Attendance was fair. Spent Considerable time in arranging the classes a Standard higher for the ensuing School year. Mr Faichney assistant absent, badly.

Feb 9

The attendance was good and two new pupils were enrolled.

Feb 13

Detained a Considerable number who were unprepared. Expect improvement on Monday.

Feb 18

Detained some for Arithmetic. At present there are a considerable number who come to School unprepared. They are rather disposed to remain long out during these Moonlight Evenings, John Pitblado was examined in P.T's fifth year's papers at the Free Abbey Academy Dunfermline. Andrew Whyte P.T. was absent yesterday and Today his place being supplied by

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(Feb 18 cont)

Mary Wood acting as Monitor. The present daily attendance generally speaking is Satisfactory. The Latin Class was detained for half-an-hour.

Feb 23

The Sen^r Class commenced reading the Lady of the Lake and made fair promise. The attendance at present is Very fair. Yesterday there were 153, today 146. Andrew Whyte P.T. returned to work yesterday after three days absence, having been badly with Cold. Detained a few last evening and brought them up before 9 O.C. this morning. Several pupils have returned to School, who parents were before the Board for neglect of duty.

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Feb 24

There have been considerable numbers absent owing to the inclemency of the weather. The Classes under the Assistant, Monitor and Pupil Teacher are making Very satisfactory progress. The girls in the Sewing department got a Surprise the other day, and were found behaving well. The Senior Class is showing much interest in their poetry: they perform their home Exercises, generally speaking, Very satisfactorily. Intend to pay special attention to the dictation of all the Standards.

Mar 1

The French Class having been unprepared was detained till after 4 O.C. This being Monday rather too many came unprepared. The 4th Standard was backward in spelling. Gave the Latin Class an extra lesson this at 8.30.

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Mar 14th

The attendance continues to be very good the home work of the pupils is generally well prepared. Detained nearly all those reading in the Sixpenny for their Spelling. Assistant, P.T. and Monitors doing well and always at their posts in due time. Changed Classes this afternoon with the Assistant, specially testing how far Standards IV and III are in Arithmetic. School opened and closed at the usual hours. Weather good: ~~gave~~ made both verbal and written requests to several non-payers to bring up their Arrears at once.

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Mar 8

The accompanying is a copy of H.M. Inspectors Report on the School:-

The discipline is good; and the elementary subjects have been most successfully taught: The Desks accommodation is insufficient and unsuitable. Parallel Desks should be introduced. The Infants are not suitably accommodated, and all the Apparatus necessary for their instruction should be supplied (Article 32d. S. C.) Many of the Children appear to be most irregular in their attendance and nineteen have been kept back from Examination on that account.

J. Pitblado is not qualified under article 79; but can only qualify himself under Article 6a, by passing the Examination specified in Article 91.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk to School Board.

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Mar 8

The teaching staff for the year Friday 31st Jan^y 1875 is as follows:-

Andrew Todd Teacher, Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress, Alexander M Faichny Assistant: Andrew Whyte P.T. of 2nd year and Jane Wilson, Monitor.

Mr. And^w Monro paid a Visit to the School this morning previous to attending a Meeting of School Board.

Mar 10

A large number of those reading in the "Fourpenny" were introduced to the Sixpenny and promised to get on very well. Standard III requires special attention in Arithmetic.

Mar 12

The pupils made satisfactory progress with the Exception of the Fourth Standard who failed in their Spelling.

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Mar 17

Holiday. Ordination Services in the Church of Limekilns.

Mar 23rd

The home work was very fairly prepared. The French Class is progressing Very Satisfactorily.

Several of the Latin Class, were unprepared. Detained the whole class as none of them were properly prepared.

Mar 29

The attendance during the past week has been good: and the conduct of the pupils highly satisfactory.

Tonight there is a large number detained for not being prepared with their psalm. Made a Visit to the Sewing room this afternoon and found matters in a satisfactory state.

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Apr 5

Assistant & Monitor are to change Class for this week in the afternoon. Standard III making Very little progress in Arithmetic.

Apr 12

The attendance on the whole is Very good. Several come daily unprepared with their Home work and their Conduct requires attention

Apr 15

Special attention was paid this afternoon to the Arithmetic of the 4th, 5th and 6th Standards. Stand V requires great attention. The weather is Very good and the daily attendance is large. Introduced into the Highest Class Dalglish Grammatical Analysis some time and find the pupils making good progress in it. The School Board Officer called yesterday; no absentees were reported. Remitted the large sum of £10 10/ for fees to the Treasurer.

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Apr 16

Friday. The attendance during the whole of this week has been Very high and the Conduct of the pupils Very Satisfactory.

Apr 20

The numbers are somewhat thinner this week than last. The Homework is Very difficult to get up: in these beautiful Summer Evenings the pupils cannot remain in. The progress generally is Satisfactory though Stands. III, V & VI are behind in Arithmetic.

Apr 27

Gave Standard I a Special Lesson in Writing. They are very far back and require Special attention. Detained a very Considerable number for being defective in their Homework. Mary Wood coming teaching Today along along with And. Whyte P.T. The Arith. of the Standards is requiring much attention.

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May 3rd

The attendance today has been good. Mr Faichney, Assistant and Andrew Whyte were both absent by permission – and their places were supplied by Monitors. The Home Work was well prepared considering it is Monday. Andrew Whyte P.T. intends leaving at Whitsunday and intimation has been sent to the Clerk of the Board requesting that his Engagement be departed from. Jane Wilson Monitor left at Mid-day being sickly. Two temporary Monitors are engaged this day.

May 10

The attendance at present is Very satisfactory. School Board Officer was in the district this afternoon, but no Casualties were reported. Standard I was detained for Reading. The behaviour of the pupils is becoming but there is a tendency to neglect home lessons in these beautiful Summer Evenings. A.

Whyte has not returned, and left the school altogether Today.

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May 16

There were two new pupils enrolled. A Very large number of the pupils are absent today. This being term time Several pupils have left the district. The order of the School was fair, and the Home work was Satisfactorily prepared. Mary Wood entered on duty as a Monitor.

May 20

Holiday – Queens Birth day.

May 24

The attendance was fair: and two new pupils have been enrolled. A few were detained half-an-hour in the middle of the day on account of want of Home preparation.

May 28

The ordinary work has been satisfactorily got through. The Various Standards are shewing symptoms of progress in Arithmetic. The young ones under Standard I require very special attention Especially in Writing.

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May 31

Five new pupils enrolled. A considerable number unprepared and detained on that account.

June 2

The majority of the pupils are performing their Homework Very carefully and attentively. Introduce D^r Douglas Geography: Commenced Standard IV to Collins' 4th Standard Arithmetic. The Attendance is keeping very well up. The Compulsory officer paid a visit to the district yesterday and called on the absentees.

June 7th

The attendance was good, but the work was only moderate as is usual on a Monday: Two new Boys from Aberdour were enrolled. A considerable number was detained.

June 14

The attendance throughout the day has been very good: and the Home-work seems to have been more Satisfactorily prepared.

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(June 14 cont) than ordinarily. The Weather being good a fair attendance may be expected. There were none detained this afternoon:

June 17

Received word from the Clerk to the Board that the fees of the pupils are to be taken monthly. The Standard work is progressing Very Satisfactorily. Considerable trouble is caused by the irregular attendance of Rob^t. M^cLaren: brought him under the attention of the Officer.

June 23 and 24

Sacramental Fast Holidays in Dunfermline Parish.

June 28

The ordinary was resumed today. A considerable number was absent and the Lessons were somewhat indifferently prepared.

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July 2nd

The attendance is somewhat thinner than usual owing to a large number being engaged in the fields amongst the turnips. The School Board Officer paid a visit to the School this week, and called upon one or two who were absent. They have not yet returned. It is intended to vacate the School about the middle of this Month.

July 7

The ordinary progress of the pupils generally speaking, satisfactory. Joseph M^cLaren taught today, in the room of Miss Wilson, absent by Sickness. The conduct and attention of the pupils continues to be Very good. The Grammar of Standards II, III and IV require very special attention. Number of the pupils are absent owing to them being engaged in agricultural work. Stand. I is a little backward in Arithmetic. The weather continues good – and the

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(July 7 cont) number present is unsatisfactorily small.

July 12th

The order and Conduct of the pupils was becoming. There is a little indifference amongst them, which is excusable Considering that the Holidays are to be given this week. The number present is Somewhat Small. Miss Wilson returned to duty after her illness.

July 14

School dismissed after Singing for the Summer Holidays. The School will be re-opened on Monday the 23rd of August.

Aug^t 23

The School was resumed after the Summer Holidays: and 84 pupils were present. Considerable trouble was experienced in putting the pupils in order in the desks. Mr Faichney A. T. was not present. The pupils on the whole behaved well. Mr Munro paid a visit to the School this forenoon. School opened and closed at the usual hours.

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Aug 24

The attendance was the same as yesterday, and the pupils manifested a desire to advance in their work. Mr. Alex^r. Faichney resumed his duties Today. The youngest class and Stand I require particular attention.

Aug 27

The ordinary progress during the past week has been Very Satisfactory: the pupils have manifested an anxious desire to advance with their lessons.

Aug 31st

Monday The attendance has increased. Standard I is very deficient in Arithmetic: and require very particular attention. Standard IV nearly all detained for Arithmetic.

Sep^r 2

The ordinary School work has been gone through with great care and Satisfaction. The attendance is over 100. Advised the Girls to introduce fancy work. Commenced to give the highest Class oral lessons in Physical Geography. Intro -

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(Sep 2 cont) duced copies for the Writing of Standard IV. Mary Wood commenced her lessons preparatory for her Examination in February next. Sent Miss Wilson's name to the Rector of the Free Normal School Edin^r. intimating her intention of Standing as a Candidate at the Christmas Examinations.

Sep 3

The ordinary work was carefully gone through: pupils had some exercise in Singing. M^r. Monro paid a visit to the School today.

Sept 5th

A few more pupils forward this morning. Several of those present during last week are absent this morning. The Home Lessons were very fairly prepared for a Monday. Standards VI & V had Arithmetic this afternoon instead of Drawing. Singing of the pupils is improving.

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Sep 10th

The ordinary work of the School is proceeding Satisfactorily. Standard IV Continues to write its Dictation on paper and perform their Exercises Very well. Several detained for their Spelling.

Sept 13

Attendance somewhat increased; the work of the pupils on the whole very Satisfactory. Nothing else requiring much attention.

Sept 20

Two new girls were enrolled this morning. Home Lessons scarcely Satisfactory. Nothing else requiring notice.

Sept 26

Attendance smaller than usual, probably owing to sickness and the inclemency of the weather. Roderick M^cKenzie, one of the pupils of this school died very suddenly this morning.

Sept 30

Mr Faichney kept School for half-an-hour this Afternoon, when the Teacher was absent attending the funeral of Rod^k M^cKenzie, a pupil of this school:

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Oct^r 4th

One or two of the old pupils have returned, Mr Faichney was absent by permission on Friday. Commenced giving Standard III their Dictation upon Paper. Standard I was detained for Arithmetic. 11 were detained for their paraphrase.

Oct 8

The attendance has kept up Very well during the past week, and the attention, conduct and progress of the pupils have been Very Satisfactory. Received a Letter from the Clerk to School inquiring how

many pupils attended the School from the parish of Inverkeithing. Replied stating three boys and three girls.

Oct 12

The attendance somewhat thin again. Larger numbers may be expected next week. The Conduct of the pupils continues to be satisfactory.

Oct 19

The Home Work of the pupils continues to be carefully and Correctly done. There are one or two absent badly (ie ill).

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Oct 25

The Standards all required very particular attention especially in Arithmetic. Very few were detained for Home less(ons), but a number were kept in for Arithmetic. There ought to be more in daily attendance: more may be expected after the end of this month.

Oct 29

School work conducted strictly in accordance with Timetable. Several families are absent on account of Sickness.

Nov^r 1st

There were 121 pupils present. The cases of Sickness still continue. M^r Faichney informed me today of his intention to leave his situation as Assistant in this School.

Nov 2nd

Forwarded M^r Faichney's resignation to the Board. M^r Munro paid a visit to the School for the purpose of making observations with a view to inform the Board as to how the place of M^r Faichney may be filled up.

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Nov 8

The attendance is somewhat large Today: and a very great number who have been absent have returned. The weather is now settled and less absentees may be reckoned upon. Several of the Fourth Standard were detained for their Dictation.

Nov 15

Those reading the Tenpenny Book were joined on to those reading Colville's Standard III. Colville's Standard III has been laid aside and the two Classes united. They henceforth read Junior Reader No. I. There are now about 150 pupils in ordinary attendance: and very much attention is required to keep things going in an orderly manner. A Very considerable number were detained. Assistant & Monitors very accommodating.

Nov 22

The home lessons were well prepared and the school work went on Very well.

Nov 29

One or two pupils who have been long absent returned this morning. The work of the School has been gone carefully through. The Assistant

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(Nov 29 cont) P.T. And have done the work faithfully. There were no failures in the repetition of Psalm today, a thing rather uncommon on a Monday.

Dec 1st

Informed the Highest Class that the Lady of the Lake was to be taken only once a Week. The History of this Class must be more attended to. Impressed upon all the pupils the necessity of bestirring themselves with respect to the forthcoming Examination. Standard II which have been reading in different Books have now been united ie the 4th and 5th Classes have been united. The Weather is somewhat bad for the attendance of the younger pupils

Dec 6th

Owing to a Very severe Snow Storm the attendance was smaller than usual. The Homework generally speaking was well prepared. M^r Faichney finished his work in the School tonight, having in-

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(Dec 6 cont) timated his resignation on the 2nd ultimo. Miss Wilson enters on duty as his Successor tomorrow.

Dec^r 7

Miss Wilson entered on her duty today in room of M^r. Faichney. The work of the School went on very well. Owing to a Very severe Snow Storm the attendance is not so good this week.

Dec 14

The ordinary attendance at the School was Very fair. Miss Wilson left yesterday to attend the Government Examination in Edinr. During her absence this Week her place will be supplied by Monitors. The work of the pupils is satisfactory. Miss Wilson was appointed yesterday.

Dec 17

Friday. During this week the work of the School has gone on very well with the help of Temporary Monitors. Attendance and progress Very Satisfactory.

Dec 23

Gave Standard II some special work in Dictation and detained some boys at dinnertime for carelessness. There were about 150 pupils present Today.

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Jany 5

The duties of the School were resumed this morning. The attendance was uncommonly small as is Very often the case after Holidays. The Lessons were, on the whole, fairly prepared. Gave Stand V. Arithmetic this afternoon instead of Drawing.

Jan 12

Received the necessary schedule to be filled up pending the Visit of H.M. Inspector. The work of the various Standards is receiving every attention. Filled up a Schedule for the department relative to Miss Wilson.

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Jany 17

The attendance was very good, and the pupils wrought vigourously throughout the day. Impressed upon all the desirability of being thoroughly up with their work.

Jan 21st

Received from the Clerk to the Board a letter sent by Education Department Sanctioning the appointment of Miss Wilson.

Jan 24

Monday. The Homework was rather indifferently prepared. There were over 150 present in the forenoon: Some have been absent for a Very long time.

Jan 27

Gave Standard II and III a thorough drilling up in Arithmetic this afternoon. Found them quite able for their work, but just rather careless.

Jan 31st

End of Government Year. Will introduce the new Register tomorrow. Kept the pupils very busy throughout the day and detained Standards II, III and IV an hour behind the rest for Arith. and History. Mary Wood Candidate was Examined in Dunfermline on Satur.

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(Jan 31 cont) the 29th. Paid a Visit to the Infant Room and found Mary Wood and pupils doing very well. Nothing else requiring notice.

Feb 3

Owing to the rainy nature of the weather the attendance has not been so good as usual. The various Standards are being carefully drilled and are making Satisfactory progress.

Feb 7th

Standards II and III as as usual this Monday morning somewhat behind in their Dictatin and Spelling. Detained a few at 12 o'clock and brought them up during the interval.

Feb 11th

A large number (between 30 and 40) absent badly. Drilled Standard III a good deal in Dictation. Find the pupils very anxious at their as a general rule.

Feb 16

different handwriting) Copy of Medical Certif: Charlestown 26th Jan^y. 1876

“This is to certify that I have examined Mary Wood and consider her in sound health. J. Gordon Bell, Phys. & Surgeon.

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Feb 17

(different handwriting) School inspected (signed) Hugh Wilson H.M.I. 147 present

Feb 18

Holiday

Feb 21st

Advanced the various classes into a higher Standard. The pupils all seemed anxious to advance with their work. Stand IV commenced Reduction: Stand III Division: Stand V Practice: and Stand VI Vulgar Fractions.

Feb 23

Advanced the reading the sequel to Step by Step to the Royal Reader No II: and three in the Sixpenny Book to No III Royal Readers. The Conduct of the pupils is on the whole very good.

Feb 28

Owing to a very severe Snow Storm the attendance was not very large, especially in the afternoon.

Feb 29

Number of pupils on Roll 174 – number present 149

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Mar 2

Attendance good: attention fair: home work satisfactory: Assistant and P.T doing very well. Pupils always punctual to time.

Mar 7

The ordinary attendance was good notwithstanding the stormy nature of the weather. Mary Wood P.T. was absent yesterday badly, but was on duty again today.

Mar 13

There was a large attendance of pupils present: and the Assistant. P.T and pupils did their work Very well.

Mar 20

Advanced the 2nd Highest Class to the Highest class. Standard I Class is not making very good progress. Standard II and III requiring attention in Arithmetic.

Mar 24 Summary of Inspector's Report:-

“The School is most faithfully taught with very good order and efficiency in both Standard and Class work. Specific Instruction is fairly successful. Parallel Desks have been provided. The Infants are receiving satisfactory attention.”

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk to School Board

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Mar 28 Lessons fairly prepared. 150 present: 171 on Roll.

The Teaching Staff for the year is And^w Todd, Teacher: Miss Janet Wilson Assistant: Mary Wood Pupil Teacher of 1st year: and Miss Mary Whyte, Sewing Mistress.

Apr 3

A considerable number of the older pupils were absent. This being Monday the lessons of several were but indifferently prepared. One new pupil enrolled.

Apr 7

The attendance throughout the week has been Very good and the progress of the pupils fair.

Apr 12

The ordinary progress was satisfactory. Weather somewhat bad and changeable, prevents the regular attendance of the younger ones.

Apr 18

Tuesday. The attendance continues to be good, and the progress satisfactory. The pupils in the Infant-room are requiring particular attention, as they occasionally display symptoms of Carelessness.

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April 24

One new pupil enrolled. Several detained at night for Arithmetic and also for neglect of Home Work.
(April) 28

Friday. The attendance during the week has been very good, with the exception of Friday, a number being absent owing to the heavy rain.

May 1st

Monday. The work of the school went quietly on: and the pupils were orderly and attentive.

May 5th

Friday. Weather good and attendance during the week large. Ordinary progress made in the work. Standard II rather backward and careless.

May 11th

The attendance Still continues very large: and the order and progress of the pupils is Very fair., although there is a want of application at home, the good weather being the Cause.

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May 15

Monday. 164 pupils present: the work Very Satisfactorily performed. Assistant & P.T. both doing very well.

May 19

Friday: The attendance during the last week has been very large and regular. The progress has likewise been very Satisfactory.

May 22

Monday: The attendance was fair: and the pupils generally showed Very Considerable evidence of home preparation.

May 25, 26

Holidays: Annual – in connection with Queen's Birth-day.

May 29

School duties resumed after Annual Summer Holidays. Ordinary progress Very Satisfactory.

June 1st

The Weather being good the attendance at present is most satisfactory. The pupils are behaving and working well.

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June 5

150 pupils present. Working well. Home Work fairly successful.

June 8

152 present

June 11

One new pupil enrolled. 154 in attendance.

June 19

Attendance somewhat thinner than usual. One new pupil from Dunfermline enrolled. Things generally moving Satisfactorily.

June 22

Holiday. Annual Parish Sacramental Fast-day.

June 23

Attendance rather small, but the pupils had their work very fairly prepared.

June 26

The attendance was satisfactory – a few however are engaged in the fields. One boy in Standard VI left: and a new pupil was enrolled.

July 2nd

Monday. The attendance is very thin, owing to the fact of the Vacation being so near at hand.

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July 7th

The School dismissed for the Summer Holidays, the number being unsatisfactorily small. The duties of the School will be resumed on Monday the 14th of August.

Aug^t 14

School duties resumed this morning: 81 pupils present: 4 new ones enrolled.

Aug 18

Friday. The School work of the week has been generally successful and the Teachers and pupils have vigorously performed their duties.

Aug 21

Numbers considerably increased. Four new pupils enrolled from Pattiesmuir.

Aug 28

Attendance still increasing. Those who have been absent will require much careful attention.

Sept 1st

The school has been in very good working order. The Classes as a whole are giving Satisfaction, with the Exception of Standard II which is backward in everything.

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Sept 4

The weather being bad there has only been a moderate attendance. The Assistant and P.Ts are conducting their Classes Very Satisfactorily.

Sept 8th

Friday, Lessons given and said in the ordinary way. Gave a little extra time to singing.

Sept 18

Nearly all the absentees have returned. Standard IV requires particular attention in History. Intimated to Standard VI that a Latin Class would be Commenced.

Sept 21

The weather continues good and the ~~weather~~ attendance fairly satisfactory.

Sept 24

Commenced a Class in Latin consisting of Standard and Ex Standard VI.

Sept 29

Mary Wood P.T. absent yesterday and Today. Badly. Monitors were employed in her place.

Oct 3

The weather is very rainy and the school was dismissed a very little earlier than usual, on that account.

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Oct 6th

Friday. Numbers rather thin, Some engaged in Potatoo lifting. Standard work getting on very fairly. Assistant and P.T. doing their work well.

Oct 9th

The day wet and rainy. Attendance therefore rather small. Work moderately got up.

Oct 12

Owing to a large number of the pupils being engaged in potato-lifting only 113 were present.

Oct 16

Still a considerable number absent engaged in the fields. If the Weather keep good they will soon likely return.

Oct 19

Thursday. The attendance is a little over 130. Weather rather rainy. Attendance should be a little more regular.

Oct 24

The ordinary progress was very fair. Two new pupils from Rosyth who were at Pattiesmuir School were enrolled yesterday.

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Oct 27

Friday. Standards pretty smartly drilled in Arithmetic. Better attendance may be expected by Monday.

Oct 30

Monday. Attendance still Very small. Several requiring the attention of the Compulsory Officer.

Nov^r 2

Thursday. Attendance still unsatisfactory. Progress very fair on the whole. French Class (Sen^r) advanced to another Book.

Nov 6

Monday. The progress was satisfactory. The Home sums of several were wrong this morning.

Nov 9

The pupils got this afternoon as a half Holiday – this being the marriage day of the Earl of Elgin.

Nov 13

Holiday. Home-Coming of the Earl and Countess of Elgin.

Nov 15

137 present

Nov 16

142 present

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Nov^r 20

149 pupils present. Three new ones enrolled. Conduct of school, on the Whole, very satisfactory.

Nov 24

131 present

Nov 27

The attendance fair (138) and the Home work well got up.

Nov^r 30

Attendance 140.

Dec^r 5

Attendance 156.

Dec^r 7

Attendance 154

Dec 10

The ordinary work fairly done. 157 present. Two new pupils enrolled.

Dec 15

The work and ordinary progress on the whole Very Satisfactory. The weather good for attendance. Several cases of absence owing to sickness.

Dec 18

Attendance 148. Weather cold and bad. Many unwell with colds. Lessons well prepared and the work pleasant

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Dec 21

The attendance Very thin owing to a Snow Storm. The work of P.T. and Assistant, as usual, Satisfactory.

Dec 25

Attendance still very thin owing to the Snow. No pupils from a distance.

Dec 28

Attendance 109. Weather very unfavourable and many of the pupils badly.

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Jany 1, 2

Monday and Tuesday given as New Year's Holidays.

Jan 3

School duties resumed after New Year holidays. Attendance exceedingly Small.

Jan 8

Monday. Attendance 135. The children manifested considerable anxiety in connection with their Work.

Jan 12

Attendance on the whole might be better, but a considerable number are badly. Sent word to all the irregulars to endeavour to keep their children at Sch.

Jan 16

Attendance over 140. Considerable number were absent unwell. Several of Standard III detained at leave-time for Spelling. Informed pupils, in view of Coming Examⁿ that attendance must be regular.

Jan 18

144 pupils present

Jan 22

The ordinary (work) satisfactory – weather good now. Attendance fair.

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Jan 26

The attendance was good and the Children were all anxious to perform their exercises well.

Jan 29

Monday. Attendance much below Average, owing to the Stormy State of the Weather. Nothing requiring particular notice. Pupils generally well up.

Jan 31

Last day of School Year 145 pupils present this morning

Feb 6

School inspected. 154 pupils present.

Feb 8,9

Holidays after Examination by H.M. Inspector.

Feb 12

School duty resumed. Attendance Very moderate. Pupils diligent and anxious in their work. Miss Whyte Sewing Mistress, absent all this week, owing to distress in her family.

Feb 16th

They are attentive to their lessons in the new books. Attendance is very fair, and several are absent unwell. Requested the pupils not to be absent so often on the Friday Afternoons.

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February 19

Number present this morning 147. Weather rather unfavourable to attendance. Three new pupils enrolled.

Feb 23

The attendance during the past week has been satisfactory. Most of the Standards have been advanced a Stage, and promise well. The Arithmetic of Standards II and III requires attention.

Feb 26

160 pupils present. Four new ones enrolled.

March 2

Friday. 151 in attendance this morning. Introduced Standard V to their new History Book, Standard VI is making very good progress in their Arithmetic. The other work is going on very satisfactorily.

(March) 5th

Monday. 158 pupils present this morning. Two new ones enrolled.

(March) 9th

Friday. The order and attention throughout the day were pretty fair, and the Attendance was Slightly decreased owing to a Snow Storm.

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Mar 12

Monday. The home work was very well prepared, and very few were detained this afternoon. Standard IV requires attention, particularly in Arithmetic.

Mar 14 The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's report:-

"The discipline is excellent and the general efficiency of the instruction merits a high Character of accuracy and intelligence along with neatness in the written portions of the work. The Composition of the fifth Standard, however, should improve, and greater expression might be given to Reading. Thirteen Scholars pass creditably in Specific Subjects. Singing and Domestic Industry are well taught. Form and colour should be added to Infants lessons.

M. Wood has passed fairly under Article 19(e)."

Staff

Andrew Todd. Certif.

Jane Wilson Assistant

Mary Wood Pup. T. of 2nd yr

Mary Whyte S.M.

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Mar 19

The attendance was fair, and the work of the Scholars was very satisfactorily performed. Weather good and larger numbers may reasonably be expected.

Mar 23

Advanced several of those in the Infant Department a Stage and find them doing Very well. Standard I receiving careful attention from P.T.

Mar 26

The attendance was much smaller than usual owing to it being a rainy day.

Apr 2

Several boys in Standard VI were brought up at one O.C. for Grammar and detained until they had said it property.

Apr 4

159 pupils present

Apr 9

Monday. A considerable number were detained for not attending properly to their home work. Find that the Infant Department requires Very considerable attention.

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Apr 10

The weather was very bad, and on this account the attendance was very small. Gave the 4th Standard extra drill in Arithmetic from Blackboard.

Apr 13

The Earl of Elgin, Mr Stevenson and Mr Monro paid a visit to the School.

Apr 16

Find Standard V a little backward in History and Arithmetic, though apparently very anxious themselves to improve. 159 present this morning.

Apr 23

A very large number were absent owing to this being a very rainy morning. Detained Standard V for some time for their History. One new pupil enrolled this afternoon.

Apr 27

Notwithstanding the small number present on Monday, the general average for the week has been over 150. The pupils have been diligent and well behaved, and the Assistant and P.T have done their work vigorously and effectively.

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May 4

Friday. The attendance during the past week has been large and the Staff have been hard worked owing to the extra number. The School has been half an hour longer of getting out every night, during the week. Today 156 were present, being a large number for Friday. Average attendance for week 162.

May 10

162 pupils present this (Thursday) morning. Standard I and II require considerable attention, particularly Standard II in Arithmetic. The P.T. and Assistant are very anxious and attentive in the performance of their duties.

May 16

164 pupils this morning.

May 21

167 present this morning. One new pupil enrolled

May 24, 25

Annual Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth Day.

May 28

School duties resumed after Annual

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(May 28 cont) holidays. Attendance very fair. One new pupil enrolled.

May 30

Wednesday. 171 pupils present.

June 1st

Friday. Attendance uncommonly Small owing to this being a Very rainy morning.

June 4th

Monday. The attendance is not nearly so good as might be expected. The homework very fairly prepared and, generally speaking, Satisfactory progress was made in all the classes.

June 6th

Over 170 pupils present.

June 11th

Attendance very good, 175 being present this morning.

June 12

Got notice from the Clerk of School Board to give the pupils their Holidays – commencing on Monday first.

June 15

The Scholars got their Summer Holidays today – the time being from Monday first to that day five weeks.

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July 23

School duties resumed after the Summer Holidays. 87 pupils present, 48 boys and 39 girls. Two new pupils enrolled. Scholars very quiet and orderly.

July 30

Attendance over 130 this morning. Four new pupils enrolled.

Aug 3

Friday. The working of the pupils is not yet what may be expected: but allowance must be made for a little backwardness after the holidays.

Aug 6th

Attendance generally speaking fair. Two new pupils enrolled.

Aug 10

The ordinary work of the week has been gone through very carefully, and the pupils have evidently been endeavouring to satisfy the requirements of their Teachers, by way of home preparation.

Aug 17

School work progressing favourably. Introduced Standard III to Douglas Initiatory Grammar: and found them interested with it.

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Aug^t 20

The weather very rainy this morning, and the Attendance on that account Somewhat small.

Aug 27

Monday. 159 pupils present. The Home work was well done with the exception of the psalm for which a few were detained after the School dismissed.

Aug 30

Thursday. Detained a considerable number this afternoon in Standards III, IV and V for Arithmetic. Found that they understood their work pretty fairly.

Sept 3

The attendance rather thin. About 150 only being present. The Weather is good and possibly several may be engaged in outdoor work. Mary Wood P.T. absent badly.

Sept 10

Several of the older pupils Continue to Act as Monitors in room of Mary Wood P.T. who is suffering from Scarlet Fever. Several pupils are also badly with the same trouble.

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Sep: 11

The number of Scholars suffering from Scarlet Fever has considerably increased and today's attendance is uncommonly small.

Sept 14

Friday. Numbers still uncommonly Small Owing to prevalence of Scarletina. Mary Wood P.T, is improving.

Sept 18

Tuesday. The ordinary work of the School was generally speaking satisfactory.

Sept 26

Tuesday. Attendance improving again. Mary Wood still absent.

Sept Oct 1st

Mary Wood still absent. Asked her not to return for some time. Scarlet Fever still spreading among the pupils and the attendance uncommonly thin on that Account.

Oct 5

Attendance uncommonly thin. Large number suffering from Scarlet Fever.

Oct 8

Mary Wood returned to duty today after being absent for five weeks.

Oct 12

Friday. Ordinary progress maintained. Attendance during the past week has slightly improved. Absentees who have been badly may be expected on Monday.

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Oct 16

Miss Wilson absent unwell, and her place supplied by a Monitor. Classes on the whole doing their work Satisfactorily.

Oct 23

All the ordinary work satisfactorily performed.

Oct 29

Monday. Weather somewhat rainy and attendance some – many from the country being absent.

Nov 2

Friday. The pupils are doing their work very well on the whole. Drew attention to the necessity of paying a little more attention to Writing.

Nov 9

Considerable number left, being about term time. Number on Roll very small in comparison.

Nov 16

The attendance is very fair for the number on the Roll. Find that the pupils are making very satisfactory progress.

Nov 20

The School was generally speaking orderly and diligent – and the progress was very fair.

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Nov 26

Monday. Attendance not very large; several absent unwell. Weather favourable to attendance.

Dec 3

Monday. Attendance this morning 145. The lessons on the whole fairly prepared. The home Exercises of the V & VI Standard were well written.

Dec 10

Attendance this morning 146. Weather very rainy and unfavourable. Lessons moderately well prepared. Standards in all their work carefully attended to.

Dec 13

Maggie Gardner and Cath. Gray acting as monitors until Miss Wilsons return from her Examination in Edinburgh. Attendance very satisfactory on the whole.

Dec 17

Attendance 143. Monitors employed during absence of Miss Wilson doing well.

Dec 21

Attendance this (Friday forenoon) 141: 136 in the afternoon.

Monday. 136 present. Sent to Clerk of Board Form 8M. filled up.

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Dec 25

Attendance small today – many being at home, will not return until after New year holidays.

Dec 28

Attendance 128. School dismissed for one week's holidays.

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Jany 7

School duties resumed after New Year holidays. 140 present.

Jan 14

Monday 143 present. Scholars seemingly attentive to duty.

Jan 18

Friday. Attendance 132. A considerable number of the pupils unwell. Received notice from Clerk of School Board of the Examination of pupil Teachers at Dunfermline tomorrow at 9.15. Mary Wood's place supplied by a monitor today, she preparing herself for her Examination.

Jan 21

The attendance was thin: the weather very bad and a considerable number absent badly.

Jan 23

Attendance very fair considering the very stormy weather. None of those who are badly have yet returned.

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Jany 24

Received notice from Clerk of School Board of the Establishment of Lord Elgin's Annual Bursary of £5 to be tenable for two years under the following conditions:-

1st That the Bursar attends the Secondary School under the Dunfermline Burgh Board. 2nd Should none of those competing in any year be in the opinion of the Inspector worthy of it, the Bursary to be withdrawn for that year: and 3rd Bursaries will only be tenable during the good behaviour of the Bursar, as the same may be established to the satisfaction of Lord Elgin.

The Bursary is to be given to the one who in the opinion of H.M. Inspector passes the most creditable Examination in the Sixth Standard.

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Jany 25

Received notice from Board, by letter of date 24th Jany to exercised discretionary powers in remitting the fee for the younger children – when the full fees are paid for three older ones in a family.

Jan 31st

Last day of School year. 137 present Will introduce New Registers Tomorrow. A considerable number still badly.

February 4

Attendance 145: 16 being absent mostly unwell. The work generally very satisfactorily done.

Feb 6

School inspected. 151 present.

Feb 11

Ordinary attendance very fair. Now that Examination is over several of the older pupils have left.

Feb 14

Messrs Wilson and Smith paid a visit to the School tonight after the pupils were dismissed.

Feb 18

Monday. Ordinary work satisfactory. Three pupils enrolled. Attendance and work very fair.

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Feb 21

The most of the classes have now received their new books, and are going on very fairly with their work. Standard IV detained tonight for Arithmetic.

Feb 24

145 pupils present this morning; Several of the Scholars not very well prepared: particularly Standards III and IV. One new pupil enrolled.

Feb 28

Thursday. Detained Standards III, IV, V and VI for half-an-hour, and gave the(m) extra work – VI & V particularly in Arithmetic.

Mar 4

Three new pupils enrolled. 153 pupils present this (Monday) morning.

Mar 5 The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's report:-

“The School maintains its high efficiency in respect of discipline and instruction. The Second, third and Sixth Standards make a complete pass, and the Standard work as a whole is very satisfactorily done. Greater attention however should be paid to the Reading of the older Scholars.

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(HMI report cont) The attainments in Grammar and Comprehension are more thoroughly diffused than in History and Geography. The efficiency of the fourth in this respect is capable of improvement. Singing in harmony is well taught. The Infants are making good progress. The Specimens of industrial work shown should be more numerous.

The passes of J. Thomson and C. Gray in French have been struck off the Schedule of Specific Subjects under Article 21(a)

M. Wood has passed well.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of School Board.

School Staff

Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher of the Second Class.

Jane Wilson. Assistant.

Mary Wood. P.T. of 3rd Year.

Mary Whyte. Sewing Mistress.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of School Board.

School Staff

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Mar 8

Friday. The attendance during the past week has been very satisfactory. The Scholars are entering heartily into their new Standard work.

Mar 11

Monday. Detained Highest Grammar Class for sometime. The Homework was moderately prepared. One new pupil enrolled and one, a long time badly, has returned.

Mar 12

Received notice from the Clerk of School Board that the Earl of Elgin's Bursary has been gained by Margaret Gardner, and the Chairman of School Board has given a Bursary of the Same Value to Cathe Gray, in consideration of her being nearly equal to Margt Gardner.

Mar 15

Friday. Rather too many absent this afternoon. Katie Gray finished up here tonight, with the intention of going to Dunfermline High School on Monday.

Mar 18

Attendance fair only. 145 present.

Mar 19

151 present.

Mar 22

(different handwriting) School Register examined. 139 present. Certified by Andw Monro Member of Board.

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Mar 25

Attendance uncommonly thin. Lessons generally very fairly prepared. Stand. IV is improving in Spelling. Detained said Standard one hour tonight, however for Comprehension and Arithmetic Standard II is requiring particular attention.

Mar 28

Attendance still very small. Standard VI detained being somewhat careless with their Geography Lesson.

Apr 1

Attendance still thin – many being unwell. 137 present this morning.

Apr 4

Detained Standard IV with the view of obtaining accuracy in their Arithmetic. Attendance very unsatisfactory, owing to numbers being still unwell.

Apr 10

Attendance 136. Matters generally progressing satisfactorily.

Apr 15

Three new pupils enrolled: one of the oldest has left and gone to work. 146 pupils present.

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Apr 16

Tuesday. Attendance smaller than yesterday.

Apr 21

Attendance very good: four new pupils enrolled. 157 pupils present in the forenoon, and 158 in the afternoon. Lessons generally speaking very well prepared.

Apr 23

The attendance continues to be satisfactory. Standards IV & V & VI got an hours extra work tonight in Composition and Arithmetic.

Apr 26

(different handwriting) Visited School and examined numbers 143 present Andw Monro

Apr 29

One new pupil, a boy, enrolled. Lessons well prepared. Scholars attentive and well-behaved;

May 6

The ordinary work gone through. Attendance fair only: Home lessons fairly prepared. Stands V and VI not up to the mark.

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May 13

The preparation of home work was generally satisfactory, and the Attendance very fair. The weather very favourable.

May 20

Attendance good: 156 present: one new pupil enrolled. Pupils diligent and attentive. Assistant and P.T. doing their work well.

May 23,24

Holidays in connection with the Queen's Birth Day.

May 27

School opened again today. 152 Scholars in attendance. Work very fairly done: and scholars in good health and spirits.

June 3

The ordinary work was very fair but several of the boys were absent working.

June 10

Attendance moderate. Several boys away working.

June 17

137 present this morning. Ordinary working of Scholars satisfactory. Several engaged in outside labour.

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June 19

(different handwriting) School registers examined, 119 present. Andw Monro Member of Board Robert Husband Member of Board

June 21

The Scholars receive their Annual Holidays. 123 pupils present. Numbers thin owing to the close.

July 29

School duties resumed. 98 pupils present. Five new ones enrolled. Pupils orderly and attentive.

"Dunfermline. 27th July 1878

Dear Sir,

The Board have agreed by way of Experiment, for a time at least only to charge half fees for pupils studying in the 5th and 6th Standards. You will give effect to this at once."

W. A. Chisholm For Clk to School Bd.

Augt 5

Weather very good: and general attendance increasing.

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Aug 12

Third week after holidays commenced. Scholars doing well – general attendance fair. Two new pupils enrolled.

Aug 19

The ordinary work up to an average. Several were unaccountably absent this afternoon. Intend to call attention to this matter tomorrow. One new pupil enrolled.

Aug 26

Several detained tonight for home lessons. One new pupil enrolled. English Lesson of Highest Class very satisfactory. One new pupil enrolled this morning. Present 141.

Sept 2

Several of the absentees have not yet returned: a few being engaged in Harvest and other outdoor work. The attendance is fairly satisfactory. Composition of Standard V is requiring attention.

(Sept) 9

Attendance forenoon and afternoon 147. Should be slightly better than this yet. Called attention to the cases of several who were absent on Friday

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(Sept 9 cont) Afternoon. Absentees must be strictly dealt with. Standards IV, V and VI did part of their work on paper this afternoon, which was generally Satisfactory.

Sept 16

Attendance forenoon 152: afternoon 150. Notwithstanding severe storm the attendance is satisfactory. Commenced Standard V with Simple proportion and found them very hopeful. Ex-Standard VI doing fairly but requiring improvement.

Sept 23

Attendance forenoon 155: afternoon 154. The ordinary work satisfactory. The Assistant and pupil Teacher changed work this afternoon. Considerable number of failures in Standard III in Spelling particularly.

Sept 30

The weather was very rainy this morning and the attendance was smaller than usual on that account; several of the pupils are engaged in potato lifting. The work was very well prepared.

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Oct 7

The Weather was good, and the attendance in the forenoon was 149 and in the afternoon was 145. Several are absent in the potato-fields, but will return very shortly. The various standards are doing well. One new pupil enrolled.

Oct 14

The attendance small owing to a large number of the younger ones being unwell. Numbers have a Chance to be thinner all this month, owing to outdoor work in which the older ones are employed.

Oct 18

The average attendance of 134 is owing to sickness and outdoor labour during the past week.

Oct 22

Attendance very fair. Work progressing favourably. Nothing else requires notice.

Oct 29

The attendance is improving again – The Standards are getting extra practice in Arith.

Nov 4th

Attendance very small today, owing to a large number being engaged in potato lifting.

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Novr 6

(different handwriting) Registers verified 135 present. Andw Monro Member of Board

Nov 11

Attendance very thin owing to this being the term day. Several changes in the School have taken place on account of the Removal of Scholars to other districts. Standard IV is receiving a good deal of extra attention and is shewing some slight symptoms of improvement.

Nov 18

Four new pupils enrolled. 145 in attendance. Things move on in a very satisfactory manner.

Nov 25

The attendance good: and five new pupils enrolled.

Decr 1st

Commenced to direct the attention of the Scholars more particularly on Subjects on their Examination.

Dec 4th

The attendance at present is very good.

Dec 9th

A considerable number of those who failed today (Monday) were detained for preparation. One new pupil enrolled.

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Dec 9th

Mary Wood is teaching at Charlestown during the illness of present Teacher there.

Dec 16th

The attendance small and the weather severe and stormy.

Dec 23

The weather still very stormy, and a goodly number absent badly.

Dec 26

Snow and frost still continue and the attendance is much affected thereby.

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Jan 6

School duty resumed after the New Year's Holidays. One pupil has left and a new one enrolled.

Jan 10

(different handwriting) School registers verified 131 present: Andw Monro Member of Board

Jan 13

Weather bad: attendance small. Two new pupils enrolled

Jan 20

Got notice that Inspection is fixed for 5th February at 10.30

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Jan 27

Numbers beginning to improve. Several have returned in view of Examination. Scholars working very satisfactorily.

(Feb 1)(different handwriting) Limekilns. February 1st 1879

"I certify that Mary Wood is in good health and also that she is not subject to any infirmity likely to interfere with her Usefulness as a Teacher"

(Signed) John Masterton

M.B L. R. C. S. E.

Feb 3rd

The ordinary routine gone. Large attendance notwithstanding the bad weather. School registers examined by M^r M^cFarlane Clerk to School Board.

Feb 5

School inspected: 152 present.

Feb 10

Duties resumed. Attendance good. One new pupil enrolled.

(Feb 10)

(different handwriting) School registers examined: And^w Monro Member of Board

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February 14

Spoke to several about irregularity of attendance.

Feb 17

Advanced the Classes each a Standard. The Children seemed to begin their work for another year with much activity.

Feb 24

Attendance rather small. A very large number being unwell. Jane Neill, one of the Scholars died last night after a long illness.

Death Certificate

Jane Neill died at Limekilns on 23 February 1879

Aged 10 of acute bronchitis 8 days

Parents William Neill, pilot, Jane Pirrie/Pirnie Neill nee Clark

Registered by William Neill, father, present at death

Mar 1st

Had an Examination in Standard VI in Arith. Jas Wilson (James Potter and T Barber equal) (Louisa Anderson & Helen Whitehead equal) did best.

Mar 6

Thursday. Considerable number detained for badly prepared lessons. Expect improvement by tomorrow.

Mar 11

A very large number of the pupils are absent, and a few cases are requiring attention.

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Mar 13 The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's report:

The order is excellent. The Standards as a whole again make a very good pass. The Junior Class instruction has been well attended to, and that of the older Scholars shows some improvement. The presentation in Specific Subjects, though Small indicates successful work. The infants are very suitably taught with the exception that they have no lessons in colour.

M. Wood has passed well.

Staff:

Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher of 2^d Class:

Jane Wilson Assistant.

Mary Wood: P.T of Fourth Year

Mary Whyte: Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane ~~Chairman~~ Clerk of School Board.

Mar 14

Received letter of date 13th inst. from Treasurer of School Board, asking to be furnished, once a quarter at least, with a note of all School Fees in arrears. It is requested that in future, sometime during the first weeks of January, April,

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(Mar 14 cont) July and October a Statement be furnished of the School Fees in arrear, detailing the parents' name and designation who is in arrear, the name of each child or whom fees are due, the amount due for each child, and the period during which incurred also for each child"

Mar 20

Lizzie Neill, one of the Scholars died this morning.

Death Certificate

Elizabeth Neill died at Limekilns 20 March 1879

Aged 7 of phthisis (TB) diarrhoea

Parents William Neill, pilot, Jane Pirrie/Pirnie Neill nee Clark

Mar 25

Attendance very fair, although the weather is extremely cold.

Mar 27

Received notice from Clerk of Board asking me to intimate to Standard VI Examination for Elgin Bursary to be held in High School, Dunfermline on Saturday first.

Mar 28

(different handwriting) School registers verified: 141 present. And^w Monro Member of Board

Mar 31st

Janet Thomson, M. Gray, James Stark and Andrew M^cIntyre attended the Examination in Dunfermline for the Elgin Bursary.

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Apr 2

Received notice that the Elgin Bursary had been gained by Janet Thomson – who accordingly leaves for Dunfermline High School to attend two years.

Apr 7

Attendance very fair: one new pupil enrolled.

Apr 14

Attendance good: one new pupil enrolled. Ordinary work satisfactorily done: 154 present.

Apr 21

The attendance in the higher Standards is satisfactory. Commenced proportion with Standard V this morning. They offered very fairly. Standard I is in a very satisfactory state owing to the Careful attention of Mary Wood.

Apr 28 The attendance today was 162 being the largest this year. One new pupil, a girl enrolled. Only four absent.

Letter from S.B of date 24th April 1897

Dear Sir

I have been directed by the Board to obtain information as to the School Books used in the Board schools.

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(Apr 28 cont) Would you, say within ten days, furnish me with a list of the different School Books in use in the School, giving the name of the book, the publisher's name and the price of each, distinguishing those used by the pupils in the Several Standards, also State what besides Books are obtained at the cost of the pupils, such as slates, Copy books &c, the cost of these and how long each lasts, before another has to be provided.

James M^cFarlane Clk. of B.

May 6

Tuesday. 160 pupils present. One new scholar enrolled. Several in Standard II detained for Arithmetic. Standard III is requiring special attention.

May 12

Monday. The ordinary routine of the School observed with the exception that the Assistant and P.T. changed classes. The attendance this morning was 158. One girl who has been long ill, returned. Gave Standard VI a few test questions in Arithmetic this morning, and found

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(May 12 cont) they did very fairly.

May 15

Term-day. Attendance not much affected.

May 22&23

Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth-day.

May 26

School duties resumed. Attendance very fair. Home work prepared.

May 27

(different handwriting) Numbers attested – 149 present. And^w Monro Member of Board

June 2

Attendance over 150. The Board have given notice that the School holidays will be for the five weeks from June 23rd to 28th of July.

June 9

The attendance this forenoon was 151. The Scholars are making Satisfactory progress. Standard V commenced Simple Proportion.

June 16

Attendance this forenoon 145. Mary Wood attending her aunt's Marriage. Monitor supplying her place.

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June 20

The Scholars received their Annual Holidays. 130 pupils present. School duty will be resumed July 29th.

July 28th

School duties resumed. 68 pupils in attendance. The number present is small compared with the numbers upon the Roll: and the school will not be kept the full time all this week.

Aug 4

The attendance has considerably improved: and the work goes on Satisfactorily.

Aug 11

The weather is good and attendance on the whole Satisfactory. Several older pupils have left to work.

Aug 18

The ordinary attendance is good (153) and the days progress Satisfactory.

Aug 19

School dismissed a little earlier than usual to give the pupils an opportunity of witnessing a launch.

Aug 22

(different handwriting) School numbers attested: 148 present. And^w Monro Member of Board

Aug 29

The work of the various Standards is progressing very favourably.

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(Aug 29 cont) Standard IV is improving in Arithmetic and History: whilst Standard II must do better in Writing. Mary Wood P.T. doing well with Standards II and III.

Sept 1st

The work of the School goes on very Satisfactorily – The attendance this forenoon 160 is very Good.

Sept 8

Monday. Standard IV & VI were drilled in Arithmetic specially. Standards II and III require attention particularly in intelligence. Attendance this morning 152.

Sept 15

One new pupil enrolled. Attendance good. Home preparation fair.

Sept 18

The attendance is somewhat thinner than usual Today there being 145 present.

Sept 25

Attendance large & one new pupil enrolled.

~~Sept~~ Oct 3

Attendance 150 Friday

Oct 6

The attendance is smaller than usual for a Monday.

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Oct 13

The attendance is very thin compared with that for the last 5 or 6 weeks. Several are badly and others are busy in the fields at work.

Oct 16

(different handwriting) School registers examined and verified – numbers in attendance 146. And^w

Monro Member of Board

Oct 17

Instead of the ordinary work, a general Examination of Standards II. III. IV. V and VI was held this afternoon.

Oct 24

The attendance was smaller this week. Several are employed in out door labour. Stand V requires much attention in History and Geography

Oct 31

A considerable number absent working in the fields and a few badly. Several backward pupils are now requiring very special attention.

Nov 5

Work on the whole very fairly got up.

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Nov^r 12

Called particular attention to the Writing of Standards I and II on their Slates. The number on the Roll is much smaller owing to the large removals on the 11th (yesterday).

Nov 19

Attendance not what it should be. All the Standards are now getting special training with a view to Examination work.

Nov 25

Attendance small – Several from home – others badly.

Nov 27

(different handwriting) School registers examined and 139 found to be present as per Register. And^w

Monro Member of Board

Dec^r 2

Weather very severe and attendance very moderate. Scholars working very well in view of Examination.

Dec 8

Attendance very thin owing to the Very Stormy weather.

Dec 15

The Attendance continues still very unsatisfactory. Numbers badly.

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Dec^r 22

Attendance slightly improved. Much need for care and attention in all the classes.

Dec 24

(different handwriting) Attendance as per Register 140 is attested this day by And^w Monro Member of Board

Dec^r 26

School dismissed for a week's holidays.

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Jan 5

School duties resumed after N.Y. Holiday 148 pupils present. Progress very fair and pupils diligent and well prepared with Home work notwithstanding Holidays.

Jan 12

Attendance good for a Monday: there being 152 present this morning, tho' several were absent in the afternoon.

Jan 15

Mr Somervail fixes Thursday for Drill From 1 to 2.

Jan 19

The attendance continues good, and the ordinary work during the day has been moderately Satisfactory.

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Jan 23

The attendance during the last fortnight has been uncommonly good in view of approaching Examination. No. on Roll 160. Average for this last week 152.9.

Jan 26

Received notice yesterday from the Clerk of School Bd. of Inspector's Visit: also of Examination of P.Ts in Dunfermline on Saturday 7th Prox.

Jan 30

Friday. End of Gov^t year. Attendance very good: 154 being present out of 160 on the Roll.

Feb 2

Monday. Introduced new School Registers. Gave the Scholars their examination numbers. Numbers attending highly satisfactory. Out of 160 on the roll, 159 were present, only one being absent. Find that only one-half hour can be afforded for drill.

Feb 3

School examined by Messrs Wilson & Smith. present 159.

Feb 5

Thursday afternoon: Holiday.

Feb 6

Friday: Holidays according to use and wont after visit of H.M.I.

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February 9

Making arrangements for another year's work. One new pupil – a girl – enrolled. Informed the girls of Mr Wilson's intention to examine them in Domestic Economy tomorrow.

Feb 12

Receive duplicate Examination schedule and intimated to the scholars their passes.

Feb 16

Gave all the Scholars their new books – advanced them to their Standards. Only one was kept back to the same Standard for another year.

Feb 23

Teacher left school badly. Miss Wilson left in charge

Mar 1

Attendance very fair and progress good.

Mar 8

Teacher returned to duty. Found scholars doing well – but the attendance was rather small, only 140 being present.

Mr Somervail commenced to teach Drill.

Mar 15

Monday. Attendance 139. One new pupil – a boy – enrolled. Teacher returned after four days illness. Pupils behaving & working well.

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Mar 22

A considerable number of the younger scholars are still badly. The Standards on the whole are making satisfactory progress, noticeable Standard V.

Mar 24 The following is a copy of H.M. Inspector's report: -

“Excellent discipline is maintained. The pass of the first three Standards is practically complete, and the Standard work of the Senior Scholars is also done with much credit. The junior intelligence is prompt and accurate, while the attainments in Geography and History as a whole indicated satisfactory acquaintance with the requirements. The Infants are making very satisfactory progress. Singing and Domestic Industry are well taught. The presentation in Specific Subjects, though more than doubled, is quite as successful as last year.

M. Wood has passed well. Miss Wilson will shortly receive her certificate.

Staff: And^w Todd Certified Teacher 2nd Class.

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(HMI report cont)

Jane Wilson Assistant

Mary Wood P.T. of 5th year

Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Sch. Bd.

Apr 2

The ordinary work of the Time Table was gone through – and the various standards are progressing favourably.

Apr 5

Monday. A new pupil, a girl, enrolled. Attendance was not what it might be.

Apr 9

The attendance is small owing to a considerable number of the younger Scholars being unwell.

Standard V is doing well but Standards IV & VI require very much careful attention in Arithmetic.

Apr 12

School attendance smaller, one new pupil – a girl enrolled.

Apr 15

(different handwriting) School registers attested – 135 present. And^w Monro Member of Board

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Apr 20

Attendance very small. Two of the II Stand have left the school. Sent word to a few absentees to return soon.

Apr 26

136 pupils present this morning. A considerable number are absent. The weather is good and several are taken away for the purpose of planting potatoes.

Apr 30

The attendance during this week has been below the Annual average. Standards V and VI got an hour's work more than usual tonight in Arithmetic. The Junior Standards are doing very fairly.

May 3

Attendance promises to improve. Home work is satisfactorily done. Assistant and P.T. very attentive to their respective duties.

May 7

Miss Wilson, Assistant was absent this afternoon – having gone to Greenock to see her father.

May 14

Attendance small, owing to term time & parties removing. Detained Standard IV for History and Arithmetic.

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May 18

The number on the Roll is small, and the attendance is slightly falling off. The ordinary attention and progress are satisfactory: and the Juniors are doing very well

May 20 & 21st

Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth-day.

May 24

Monday. School duties resumed. Attendance very small – weather stormy. Lessons rather indifferently prepared as they generally are after a holiday. The School Bd have given notice that the Holidays will be from June 21st to Aug^t 2nd.

May 31st

Attendance small. One new pupil enrolled. Ordinary progress fair.

June 4

A case of measles having appeared in the Village, the members of the family affected have withdrawn from the school pro. tem.

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June 7

Attendance falling off – several badly – lessons moderately well prepared for a Monday.

June 8

Two new pupils, a boy & a girl enrolled

June 10

(different handwriting) That the number, 129, corresponds with the numbers marked present on School Register is this day attested by And^w Monro Member of Board

June 14

Monday. A large number of the scholars absent, being badly with Measles which have broken out in the Village.

June 15

Measles still spreading. Many more families badly this morning. The Epidemic is mild.

June 18

The Scholars received notice of their annual holidays and were dismissed 12 O.C. 99 were present – most of the absentees suffering from Measles.

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Aug 2^d

School duties resumed: 74 present: Two new pupils enrolled.

Aug 6

The number present have got into the work. The attendance is fair: and the number on Register is much smaller than last year at this time.

Aug 9

Attendance 110. One new pupil enrolled. All the classes require very careful attention. Many of the pupils are engaged working among turnips at the neighbouring farms.

Aug 13

Friday. No Schooling this afternoon, Mr Monro having asked the use of the school for practice, previous to a grand concert to be held tonight.

Aug 16

Mary Wood P.T. badly, her place being supplied by Monitor. Two new pupils enrolled. Attendance fair. Work satisfactorily prepared.

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Aug 23

Attendance improving. Two new pupils enrolled. Mary Wood P.T. still very unwell.

Aug 25

Prepared a list of Absentees to give to School Board Officer. Cases of absence for half a day or a day at a time require special attention.

Aug 30

There is a fair attendance, and the general work is satisfactory. One new pupil – a boy enrolled.

Sept 3rd

Took school in ten minutes earlier this afternoon to get away from home ten minutes earlier.

Sept 6

Mary Wood P.T. returned to duty today.

Sept 8

Detained Standard III after 3 O.C. for their Intelligence.

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Sept 10

(different handwriting) That the number on the Roll 155 corresponds with the number marked present, is this day attested by, And^w Monro Member of Board

Sept 13

The attendance though improved is not what it should be. Have given the School Board Officer a list of absentees. He has called on them.

Sept 20

Monday. The most of those who have been absent have now returned. Standard V is doing well.

Standards IV and VI require careful attention in almost every subject.

Sept 27

Attendance 140: one new pupil enrolled, or rather returned after nearly a year's absence. Detained Standard VI an hour for Arithmetic.

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Oct 4

Got the school fires put on as the weather is getting colder. Attendance below what it was last year at this time. Several engaged in potato lifting.

Oct 1

Attendance likely to be rather thin all this week, as there are a good many engaged at potato lifting.

Oct 18

Attendance 13 present, certified by And^w Monro Member of Board.

Oct 21

Mr Somervail did not drill today.

Oct 28

Mr Somervail did not drill today: the weather was very bad.

Nov 3

The largest number has been present today since the opening after Summer holidays.

Nov 10

The Standards are all now getting special attention in view of Examination in February.

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Nov 15

Monday. Five new pupils enrolled. Attendance on the whole satisfactory: attention and home preparation fair.

Nov 18

Mr Somervail was not present at the time for drill.

Nov 25

There was no drill today.

Nov 27

County Buildings Dunfermline 27th Nov^r 1880.

Dear Sir

As it has been said that in some instances a cane is used for punishment in the Board Schools, the Board at their last meeting resolved to prohibit the use of any instrument other than a strap or tawse when administering corporal punishment.

James M^cFarlane.

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Dec 6

Attendance over 140 today. One new pupil – a girl enrolled.

Dec 7

Two new pupils – boys – enrolled. School work getting well into form for Examination.

Dec 10

Gave Standard V an examination this afternoon on paper.

Dec 12

Monday. Scholars generally speaking making fair progress. Find the numbers in attendance somewhat smaller than at corresponding time last year.

Dec 14

Told Mary Wood P.T. to leave off coming for her home lessons all this week, she being not very well.

Dec 19

School register verified: 135 in attendance And^w Monro Member of Board.

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Dec 24

Mr Somervail did not attend at the time for drill today.

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Jan 10

School duties resumed after a week's holidays. Attendance very fair on the whole. Mary Wood P.T. to get lessons only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on account of the state of her health.

Jan 13

There was no drill today

Jan^y 17

One new pupil enrolled.

Jan 20

Weather continues stormy. No drill.

Jan 26

Got notice of P.T. Examination in Dunfermline on Saturday first and also Inspection of School on Tuesday 8th prox. at 10.30.

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Jan 27

Thursday. No drill.

Jan 31st

End of Govt School year. Attendance beginning to improve in view of Examination. M. Wood Pupil Teachership expires tonight.

Feb 1st

Commenced New registers. Work as per Timetable not adhered to meantime.

Feb 7th

Arranged the various Standards for Examination. Attendance good.

Feb 8

School examined by Mr. Wilson. 148 present.

Feb 9

Introduced the Standards to their new work and found them much interested.

Feb 11

Annual Holiday after Examination.

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(Feb 1st)

“ Limekilns February 1st 1881

I hereby certify that I have examined Annabella Wilson, and I consider her in good health.”

(Signed) John Masterton MB LCHSE

“Limekilns. February 1st 1881

I hereby certify that Louisa Anderson has been examined by me, and that I find her in good health.

(Signed) John Masterton MB LCHSE

The above are copies of Certificates of the two Candidates for pupil teachership, vacant through the leaving of Mary Wood, who has finished her Apprenticeship with credit to herself and satisfaction to all parties concerned.

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Feb 12

Advanced Standards I II and III to their new Reading Books. One new pupil – a girl enrolled.

Feb 18

Friday. Mr Somervail did not drill today. Several absent as usual on a Friday afternoon. Intend to reduce this to a minimum.

Feb 21

Monday. Attendance very fair. One new pupil – a girl enrolled. The various Standards got introduced to their new books. The School will now be conducted in terms of new Time Table.

Feb 23

Sent notice to the Clerk of School Board that Mary Wood finished her Apprenticeship on 31st ult. and that Annabella Wilson entered on duty as her Successor on 1st February.

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Feb 25

Friday. Mr Somervail began duties as per New Time Table today.

Feb 28

Monday. Got a new map of England for Standard VI. Severe Snow Storm is against attendance.

Mar. 3

The attendance is very fair: - weather not very favourable.

Mar 4

No drill

Mar 9

138 pupils present. New pupil Teacher doing very well.

Mar 11

Friday. No drill.

Mar 14

One new pupil enrolled. Attendance today 143.

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Mar 17

Received notice that Robert Clark had gained the Elgin Bursary, Louisa Anderson and Annabella Wilson being next in order of merit.

Mar 18

No drill

Mar 21

Robt Clark entered High School today in terms of Regulations anent Lord Elgin's Bursary. One new scholar enrolled.

Mar 23 (This entry is deleted in the original ms)

Summary of H.M Inspector's Report:-

"Excellent discipline continues to be maintained. The written portion of the Standard Work is done with much accuracy and neatness, the pass being as high as can practically be looked for. The Reading though fluent should be more expressive especially in the Senior Division. Class instruction, including that of the infants indicates thorough and intelligent work. With the exception of the Domestic Economy, the Specific Subjects taken up

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(HMI report cont) (This entry is deleted in the original ms)

give good results. The Industrial work is very creditable. The Singing is above the average. Window blinds required."

Staff: Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher of 2nd Class

Janet Wilson Certificated Teacher of 3rd Class

Annabella Wilson P.T. of First year

Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress

Mar 25 (This entry is deleted in the original ms)

Mr Somervail commenced drill as per New Time Table

Mar 23rd (This entry is deleted in the original ms)

Summary of H.M Inspector's Report:-

"Excellent discipline continues to be maintained. The written portion of the Standard Work is done with much accuracy and neatness, the pass being as high as can practically be looked for. The Reading though fluent should be more expressive especially in the Senior Division. Class instruction, including that of the infants indicates thorough and intelligent work. With the exception of the Domestic Economy, the Specific Subjects taken up

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(HMI report cont) the Specific Subjects taken up give good results. The Industrial work is very creditable. The Singing is above the average. Window blinds required. M. Wood has passed well. She should be informed that she is now qualified under both articles 60 and 79. With reference to the application on behalf of A. Wilson and L. Anderson, both of these candidates are qualified for Apprenticeship. On hearing from the Board which is preferred a Memorandum of Agreement will be issued.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board.

Staff: Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher of 2nd Class

Janet Wilson Assist Certificated Teacher of 3rd Class

Annabella Wilson P.T. of 1st year

Mary Whyte - Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board.

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Mar 25

Mr Somervail commenced drill as per New Time Table.

Mar 28

Monday. Attendance fair. Weather rather cold. One new pupil – a girl enrolled.

Apr 1st

School number in attendance 141. And^w Monro Member of Board.

Apr 4

Annabella Wilson P.T. badly~: and Louisa Anderson acting as monitor in her place until she return tomorrow. Standard V is requiring much attention in Arithmetic.

Apr 8

Friday. The attendance during the past week has been satisfactory considering the number on the Roll.

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Apr 4

Attendance good. One new scholar – a boy enrolled.

Apr 18

Attendance not so good – several being absent at potato-planting

Apr 22

End of quarter. Find the various Standards have made very satisfactory progress as compared with previous years.

Apr 29

The attendance during last week has very slightly decreased owing to potato-planting. The weather is good.

May 3

Tuesday. Attendance 142.

May 9

One new pupil – a boy enrolled this morning. Weather beautiful

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May 13

(different handwriting) That the number in attendance 139 corresponds with the number as marked per Register is attested this day by And^w Monro Member of Board

May 17

Tuesday. One new pupil – a girl – enrolled. Ordinary progress Satisfactory. Standard V requires most attention.

May 19,20

Holidays in honour of Queen's Birth day.

May 23

School duties resumed. Attendance satisfactory. Weather beautiful.

May 26

Friday. 141 present this morning.

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June 2^d

The weather is beautiful. Attendance Satisfactory considering the time of year. The ordinary Standard work is advancing very well. Have been giving slightly longer intervals to admit of School being properly ventilated.

June 8

Receive notice this morning that Summer Holidays begin on 20th inst. School to be reopened on 1st August. The attendance, considering the nearness of the Holidays is satisfactory.

June 9

Attendance 137

June 13

Last week before the Holidays. Monday. The attendance 137 is good under the circumstances.

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June 16

(different handwriting) That the number 133 marked present correspondence with the number in attendance is certified by And^w Monro Member of Board.

June 17

The Scholars got their Annual Holiday. They were dismissed at 12 O.C. 135 were present.

Aug 1

School duties resumed: 92 pupils present. Two new pupils enrolled. One old pupil returned.

Aug 5

No drill.

Aug 8

Got fairly commenced with the work. One new pupil enrolled.

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Aug 15

Attendance slightly improved – a considerable number still absent. Have resolved to detain a few who are behind for half an hour every night.

Aug 19

No drill, owing to the rain. A large number detained tonight on account of coming unprepared with their homework.

Aug 25

Holiday. Volunteer Review at Edinburgh

Aug 26

The attendance, owing to the Holiday yesterday was somewhat small.

Aug 29

One new pupil enrolled.

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Sept 5

Attendance slightly thinned owing to harvest operations having commenced. Standard work all over the School now getting special attention.

Sept 7

(different handwriting) That the number in attendance 131 corresponds with the number marked present in Registers is, this day attested by And^w Monro Member of Board.

Sept 9

School work now improving very fairly with a view to Examination

Sept 12

Attendance Small. Monday. A few of the Scholars are engaged in Harvest operations. One new girl enrolled.

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(Sept 14) County Buildings, Dunfermline, 14th Sept. 1881

Dear Sir,

At their meeting on Monday the Board resolved not to continue any longer to charge half-fees for pupils in the 5th and 6th Standards. You will therefore in future, (say from Monday 3rd October) charge as before July 1878.

I am, James M^cFarlan Clerk to S.B.

Sept 15

Intimated contents of above letter to Scholars today.

Sept 16

No drill.

Sept 19

Attendance 132.

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Sept 22

Friday. The ordinary work during the past week has been fairly satisfactory.

Sept 28

Cautioned the Scholars not be absent under any circumstances between this & Examination.

Sept 30

Friday. Attendance not so good as at corresponding period last year.

Oct 4

Tuesday. Find that all the Standards require now special attention. V & VI must attend to History.

Oct 7

Got the School fires put on this week. Sept Geo. Paterson's a/c to School Board for Jane 4/8d Anne 6/- and for Geo 6/4 in all 17/- also Peter Clark's for 9/2

1881 Pg 384

Oct 12

Wednesday. Weather somewhat stormy: attendance very fair, notwithstanding. Ordinary School work fairly satisfactory.

Oct 14

No drill.

Oct 20

Thursday. The ordinary work is satisfactory. Several are absent badly, and a few are still engaged in the fields at potato- lifting. Standards IV, V & VI are now getting special attention in every subject with a view to Examination.

Oct 21

Friday. No drill.

Oct 24

(different handwriting) That the attendance marked in register corresponds with the number present, viz – 121 is certified by And^w Monro Member of Bd.

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Oct 26

Miss Wilson, Assistant poorly, her place being supplied by P.T. A monitor acted for P.T.

Oct 27

Miss Wilson returned to duty this morning.

Nov 1st

Weather rather stormy – snow falling heavily. Attendance very moderate;

Nov 4

No drill.

Nov 7

Attendance Small owing to the fact that a large number of scholars are leaving the place.

Nov 14

Monday. The number on the Register is now largely reduced, owing to a great many people leaving the place, Limekilns having nothing

1881 Pg 386

(Nov 14 cont) attractive in the way of Employment for working people.

Nov 18

Friday. No drill

Nov 24

The weather continues very stormy but the attendance is as fair as can be expected. Standard IV is getting special attention.

Nov 25

No drill.

Nov 28

Monday. Three new pupils enrolled. Attendance very fair on the whole.

1881 Pg 387

Dec 6

Tuesday. Miss Wilson absent badly this afternoon – P.T. occupying her place – while that of P.T. is supplied by Monitors. Standards are doing fairly.

Dec 9

No drill.

Dec 16

No drill.

Dec 21

Miss Wilson badly – monitors acting.

Dec 23

The attendance has been good during the last week or two, considering the number on the Roll. Miss Wilson returned this morning.

Dec 27

Sent away Approximate Examination Schedule Form 8.M. to Clerk of S.B.

1881 Pg 388

Dec 30

No drill. The School was dismissed tonight for the New years Holiday extending over next week: the duties resuming on 9th Jan^y 1882

1882

Jany 9

School duties resumed – 124 pupils present this afternoon. The pupils applied themselves vigourously to work. Sent notice to absentees to return if possible, with a view to prepare them for the forthcoming examination.

Jan 13

No drill.

Jan 17

Attendance in view of Examination very satisfactory on the whole.

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Jany 18

(different handwriting) The number in attendance is as marked per Roll – 132 being present. Certified by And^w Monro Member of Board.

Jan 20

Received notice from Clerk of S.B. that P T. Examination is on 28th Jany & School Examination is on February 8.

Jan 26

The attendance continues good: and the pupils are diligent and attentive to the work.

Jan 30

All the pupils on the Roll were present today – 135

Jan 31

End of Gov^t year. Gave Standard II a special Examination this

1882 Pg 390

(Jan 31 cont) afternoon. Found them in a Satisfactory State.

Feb 1

Introduced new Registers. No. on R. 135 No present 135.

Feb 3

No drill.

Feb 7

Arranged the various Standards for Examination – only one pupil – an infant being absent.

Feb 8

School inspected by Mr Wilson. 132 present.

Feb 9

Half holiday.

Feb 10

Holiday after Examination. Friday. Received notice from Clerk of S.B. that Marion Clark had gained the Elgin Bursary.

1882 Pg 391

Feb 14

Two new pupils enrolled. A large number of the older pupils, having finished their course, have left.

Feb 15

Received Duplicate Examination Schedule.

Feb 17

No drill.

Feb 20

Three new pupils enrolled. Introduced the new books to the various Standards. The Scholars seemed to enjoy the change. M Clark went to High School.

Feb 24

No drill.

Feb 27

Monday. 128 present. 131 on the Roll.

Mar 3

Mr Somervail was present: but did not drill

1882 Pg 392

Mar 7

Tuesday. Miss Wilson absent badly. Monitors working in consequence. Weather stormy – number in attendance small.

Mar 8

Miss Wilson returned today. 130 pupils present: 133 on the Roll.

Mar 10

Friday. No drill.

Mar 17

Friday. No drill.

Mar 20 Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:- "The discipline is excellent. The work of the Junior Section is almost faultless, and the fourth and sixth Standards also pass a highly creditable examination. The fifth is not so strong as the rest of the School in Standard or Class instruction. Singing and Domestic Industry are very well attended to.

A Wilson has passed fairly,

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(HMI report cont) but should attend to History.

School Staff

Andrew Todd Certificated Teacher of the 1st Class: Jane Wilson Certificated Teacher of the 3rd Class: Annabella Wilson P.T. of Second year: Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of School Board.

Mar 24

No drill

Mar 31

Mr Somervail commenced drill today. Attendance during the last week very fair, considering the number on the Roll.

Apr 7

The number on the Roll continues Still small as large numbers of the inhabitants continue to leave the place. The Home work might be improved by a little more preparation.

1882 Pg 394

April 10

One girl has left, and a new one has been enrolled.

(April) 14

Funeral of Captain And^w Monro, Member of School Board. School closed at 12 o'clock.

(April) 21

The ordinary (work) of past week has been satisfactory. Friday.

(April) 28

Friday. No drill.

May 2

Tuesday. One new pupil enrolled.

May 5

Friday. No drill.

1882 Pg 395

May 11

Detained Standard IV for their Arithmetic, which is requiring much attention.

May 16

Tuesday. Weather very good: and attendance satisfactory ~~not~~ considering the number on the Roll.

May 22

The attendance on the whole is good, only 8 pupils being absent.

May 24, 25

~~Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth day.~~

May 24

School closed an hour earlier than usual – the time being taken off the interval

May 25

(no entry)

May 26

Holidays in connection with Queen's Birthday

1882 Pg 396

May 29

(different handwriting) School registers verified. Roll counted & found correct but three infants came in since the roll had been called.

Elgin Chairman of Board John Stevenson And. Morton

n/d County Buildings Dunfermline May 23. 1882

Dear Sir

The School Holidays will be for the six weeks from Monday the 19th June: the school opening again on Monday the 31st of July. I am Yours truly Jas McFarlane

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June 1

P.T. absent, attending marriage of a Friend: monitors acting in consequence.

June 2

No drill.

June 9

Attendance fair, considering the number on Roll. Weather continues very suitable for attendance.

Enjoined the Scholars to see that they are very regular in attendance. No drill.

June 19

The Scholars got their annual Holidays. They were dismissed at 12 O'clock. 108 were present.

1882 Pg 398

July 31

School duties resumed: 85 pupils present: Two of them new ones enrolled

Aug 4

No drill.

Aug 11

No drill.

Aug 14

Third week after holidays commenced. Several continue to remain absent at work. Have sent word to them all to be early in attendance.

Aug

Drill instructor Thomson began duties today. There was a good muster of boys in attendance.

1882 Pg 399

Aug 21

Two new pupils enrolled. 138 on the Roll: 126 present this morning

Aug 24

Detained a considerable number of Standard V for History. Fine they are endeavouring to improve.

Thursday.

Aug 30

Wednesday. The Standards on the whole are making satisfactory progress. Absentees are carefully enquired after. The weather continues favourable to attendance. Home work, especially Arithmetic seems to be well done.

Sept 1

Friday. The weather being be the S.B. Officer did not drill.

1882 Pg 400

Sept 7

The attendance is fair, everything considered. The Standards are doing their Home (work) very Satisfactorily. Standard [] is requiring much care and consideration. Thursday.

Sept 8

(different handwriting) School registers verified And. Morton Member of Bd.

Sept 11

Monday. Two new pupils enrolled.

Sept 18

The attendance is beginning to improve, now that the Harvest is over. Much attention must be given now to all the Standards.

1882 Pg 401

Sept 25

A considerable number of the pupils are absent – badly with cold – partly the result of running barefoot too long.

Oct 2

Monday. Detained several of Standards IV, V and VI for extra drill in Arithmetic.

Oct 6

The ladies appointed by the School Board to superintend the Industrial work, paid a visit to the Sewing Department yesterday afternoon

Oct 11

Wednesday. Attendance only fair. Have sent word to all absentees to return in order to prepare to Examination.

1882 Pg 402

Oct 16

Attendance very fair in the higher Standards, but rather beneath the average in the lower Standards. Weather rather rainy at present.

Oct 23

The ordinary progress is satisfactory: and the absentees are duly cautioned to be steadily in attendance in view of their Examination.

Oct 30

Monday. Several of the absentees who were badly have returned. Attention is now directed chiefly to Standard work.

Nov 1st

(different handwriting) School registers verified. And Morton Member of Board.

1882 Pg 403

Nov 6

Several of the pupils who removed from the district left the School on Friday opportunity will be given them of returning to their Examination.

Nov 13

Monday. The ordinary work is satisfactory. Teacher will be unavoidably absent tomorrow and next day, leaving Miss Wilson in charge.

Nov 20

Owing to the severe cold weather a considerable number of the younger ones are absent. Find VI, V and IV Standards require special attention in History; they are attending anxiously to their Homework.

1882 Pg 404

Nov 24

The weather was very rainy, and the Drill Instructor was not in attendance.

Nov 27

Assistant absent today and tomorrow owing to death of a friend. Attendance fair. One new pupil enrolled.

Dec 4

Attendance fair. The weather is very cold. Several of the young ones poorly.

Dec 8

No drill on account of the snow. For three days during this week the School has gone in half an hour earlier at dinner time and been dismissed at half past three. Owing to a number of girls being absent there was no Sewing.

1882 Pg 405

Dec 11

Owing to bad weather and Sickness (including one or two cases of Scarlet Fever) no less than thirty are today absent.

Dec 15

Friday. Mr Thomson was in attendance but it was impossible to drill owing to the state of the weather, which continues very stormy.

Dec 18

Weather having improved, the attendance is increasing.

Dec 22

The School Board officer was present today, but did not drill owing to the bad weather.

1882 Pg 406

Dec 29

The School was dismissed at mid-day for the New Year's Holiday. Sent away Approximate schedule Form 8.M.

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Jan 8

School duties resumed after New Year's Holidays. Attendance very fair.

Jan 15

The attendance is improving now in view of approaching examination. Standards V and VI were examined Specially this afternoon. The weather is not very satisfactory for attendance.

Jan 22

Attendance very satisfactory

1883 Pg 407

Jan 23

Got notice of P.T. Examination in Dunfermline on Sat^y 27th inst: and of School on Tuesday 6th February at 10.30.

Jan 30

The work of the Time Table will be slightly altered in view of the Examination. The attendance is very good, and the pupils have been told the disadvantage of irregular attendance.

Feb 1st Introduced New Registers

(different handwriting) 1st February 1883

This is to certify that I have examined Miss Annabella Wilson, and find that she is in Good physical health, and capable of her duties as a Pupil Teacher.

Rob^t E Craine, Surgeon.

1883 Pg 408

Feb 2

No drill owing to the rain. Mr Thomson was in attendance.

Feb 6

School inspected by Mr Wilson: 129 pupils present.

Feb 8

The School broke up today at 1.30 having the usual holiday after the Examination.

Feb 12

Introduced the Books of Standards 2 & 4. Two new pupils enrolled.

Feb 14

Received Duplicate Examination Schedule returned by Inspector.

1883 Pg 409

Feb 16

Commenced drill as per New Time Table.

Feb 23

122 pupils (9 being absent) present. The whole of them having got introduced into their new Stands are taking considerable interest in their work.

Feb 26

Monday. The attendance good considering the number of Scholars on the Roll. The pupils seem to be doing well in their new Standards.

March 2

Miss Wilson, Assistant, absent yesterday afternoon and today – her place being supplied by P.T. a monitor taking the place

1883 Pg 410

(Mar 2 cont) of the latter.

Mar 5

Monday. The weather is favourable to attendance. Miss Wilson returned to duty today. One new pupil enrolled.

Mar 8

School Registers verified. And Morton Member of Board.

Mar 9

Received notice of the result of Examination for Lord Elgin's Bursary. The following is the order of merit: 1 Robt Young; 2 Mary Ann Wilson, and 3 James Birrell. Lord Elgin (Chairman of Sch. Bd.) and Lady Elgin paid a visit to the school this afternoon. The latter examined the Sewing Department.

1883 Pg 411

Mar 12

Attendance very good: only three absent this afternoon: and these three sickly.

Mar 19

Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

"The School continues to be very faithfully and successfully conducted. The pass in the Junior Standards is complete, and the Senior Section acquits itself very creditably in Standard, Class and Specific subjects. I have again to report with Commendation on the proficiency attained in Singing and Domestic Industry.

A Wilson has passed well."

School Staff

And^w Todd Certificated Teacher of the 1st Class: Jane Wilson Certificated Teacher of the 3rd Class; Assist. Annabella Wilson P.T. of 3rd year

Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board.

1883 Pg 412

Mar 26

Monday. Find that Stand. V is very backward in Grammar – and gave them as much careful attention as possible. Infants under P.T. are doing well.

Apr 2

The weather has begun to improve, and a fair attendance may be expected. The ordinary progress continues to be fairly satisfactory.

Apr 6

The attendance is beginning to fall off – three having left the place. The number of Scholars on Roll now is the smallest it has every been during the last nine years.

1883 Pg 413

Apr 9

Monday. The ordinary work was gone through as per time-table. Called special attention to the writing of all the pupils and notice signs of much improvement.

Apr 10

P.T. absent today badly, and a monitor supplying her place.

Apr 16

The attendance, considering the number on the Roll, is good. The present very stormy weather might be considered disadvantageous to regularity, but it is not.

Apr 23

Monday. 121 pupils were present this morning. One new pupil – a girl enrolled. Paid a visit to the Infant department and also to the sewing room, and found everything right.

1883 Pg 414

April 30

Attendance this morning 125, only 7 being absent – and the most of these badly. The general progress is satisfactory.

May 3

Thursday. The weather is not good and favourable to School attendance. The most time possible is devoted to Composition, specially in Standard VI and V.

May 7

One new pupil – a boy enrolled.

May 9

(different handwriting) School registers examined and 121 pupils being present in the school the number corresponds with that entered on School Registers. And. Morton Member of Board

1883 Pg 415

May 14

Monday. Several of the pupils are absent badly. The attendance, however is good: and the ordinary work satisfactory.

May 15

Received notice from Clerk of School Board that Miss Wood was yesterday appointed Assistant Teacher, in the School vice Miss Wilson resigned.

May 21

The attendance is considerably affected, owing to this being the term time, when a few are leaving the place: There are also a few cases of Scarlet Fever and hooping cough.

May 23

Miss Wilson was presented by the scholars with a Silver cake basket on the occasion of her

1883 Pg 416

(May 23 cont) leaving.

May 24th

Annual Holidays in connection with Queen's Birthday.

May 28

Miss Wilson left today. Monitors will be employed until the new assistant enters on duty. Owing to Epidemic Sickness the attendance is somewhat smaller than (it) should be.

June 4

Miss Mary Wood entered on duty as Assistant today. Sent notice (to) the Clerk of School Board.

1883 Pg 417

June 8

Friday. The attendance is perceptibly falling off, owing to sickness &c. A few are suffering from Scarletina.

June 15

The Scholars got their annual Holidays. They were dismissed at 12 O.C. 109 were present.

July 30

School duties resumed – 84 pupils present – 4 of them newly enrolled.

July 31

Three new pupils enrolled.

Aug 6

Seven new pupils enrolled.

1883 Pg 418

Aug 9

Thursday. Attendance somewhat Smaller this afternoon owing to very much wind and rain.

Aug 13

Monday. A few more have returned to School today – but the weather was rather unfavourable to a good attendance.

Aug 20

Three new pupils enrolled. Attendance in higher classes is good. A large number of infants are absent through hooping-cough. No. present 127 no. on Roll 143

Aug 24

Half Holiday – to allow the school to be cleaned for a concert to be given for the benefit of Limekilns. Attendance small owing to trouble &c.

1883 Pg 419

Aug 31, Sept 3

Friday and Monday. No Schooling. Teacher absent attending his father's funeral.

Sept 10

Attendance promises to be slightly better this week. A few of the younger ones who were badly have returned.

Sept 14

Sent word to all who have been absent, and badly to return, if possibly by Monday. Standards are making very satisfactory progress.

Sept 17

Monday. Attendance 130 this morning. Lessons might have been better prepared this morning – Detained some at dinner time & night.

1883 Pg 420

Sept 21

Friday. No drill. Weather not very good.

Sept 27

Held an examination in 4th 5th and 6th Standards in Arithmetic. Find that they are fairly satisfactory.

Oct 5

No drill.

Oct 12

Friday. The attendance has been very good, during the past week. The ordinary work continues satisfactory. The infants and juniors are receiving much attention from Assistant and P.T.

1883 Pg 421

Oct 17

The ordinary work continues satisfactory. The 5th and 6th Standards are requiring attention in Geography.

Oct 19

There was no drill today – owing to the Stormy nature of the weather.

Oct 25th

(different handwriting) Attendance correct as per Register. And. Morton Member of Board

Oct 30

The ordinary work continues satisfactory the attendance is very fair, and the Assistant & P.T. are very attentive to their duties.

1883 Pg 422

Nov 2

The School was opened this afternoon, ~~and~~ at 1 O.C. and dismissed shortly after 3 – the school requiring to be cleaned for a concert under the auspices of the Broomhall Cricket Club.

Nov 9th

Minnie Robb Stand III. Thos Clark III and Dav^d Clark VI have removed from the district and are to return to Gov^t Examination in February next.

Nov 11

Being term day the attendance is small owing to removals. The Pupil Teacher is absent today badly, and Monitors are supplying her place.

1883 Pg 423

Nov 16

The attendance among the infants is again falling off owing to the renewed appearance of hooping-cough. Annabella Wilson P.T, has been absent poorly during the whole of this week, badly.

Nov 19

Monday. P.T. returned to School after being absent for a week badly.

Nov 20

Received notice of P T's examination to be held at Markinch on Saturday first at 11. 30. Intimated the same to Pupil Teacher. Notice received cancelling this intimation.

Nov 23

No drill.

1883 Pg 424

Nov 16

A very large number of the infants still Continues to be absent badly.

Nov 30

The Attendance has not improved during the past week – many infants still badly. Two new pupils, girls were enrolled on Tuesday.

Dec 3

A good many who were poorly have returned and the attendance is beginning to look satisfactory.

Dec 10

The attendance at present is very good, and the pupils are preparing very diligently for their Examination.

1883 Pg 425

Dec 14

The weather has been exceedingly stormy during the past week but the attendance has not suffered much thereby.

Dec 18

Tuesday. The pupils are now beginning to attend well and are showing much interest in their ordinary lessons.

Dec 21

Miss Reid (Member of Ladies Committee) paid a visit to the Sewing Department.

Dec 25

Christmas day. Attendance good: 131 pupils present.

1883 Pg 426

Dec 28

The Scholars received their annual holiday this afternoon – the school reopening on Monday the 7th

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Jany 7

(different handwriting) Visited this School today and find one hundred and twenty eight Scholars present as marked in register. And Morton Member of Board.

Jan 7

The School reopened today after the usual week of New Year Holidays. Very few of those qualified to examination are absent – these being bad.

Jan 11

Friday. No drill owing to the rainy weather. The attendance is large considering the number of pupils on Roll. The work of all is on the whole very satisfactory.

1884 Pg 427

Jan 14

133 present this morning.

Jan 21

The attendance is good considering the wild and stormy nature of the weather.

Jan 25

Friday. No drill. Mr Thomson unable to be present. The weather, however is unsuitable for drill.

Jan 28

P.T. attended Examination at Dunfermline on Saturday 25th. Attendance Continues highly satisfactory. The attention to work in school and at home is steady.

1884 Pg 428

Jan 31

End of ^{Govt} year. Will introduce New School Registers tomorrow morning.

Feb 1

No drill as the weather is exceedingly bad. Introduced New Registers this morning.

Feb 5

Got notice that Examination was fixed for 20th inst at 10.30.

Feb 12

Monday. The weather was very cold and Stormy – but the attendance was large. Ordinary routine of work was satisfactory.

1884 Pg 429

Feb 15 (16?)

Friday. The attendance was good and the scholars punctual in all their work. Only one pupil has been absent for the whole of this last week.

Feb 20

School examined – 132 present.

Feb 25

Monday. School duties resumed, the Scholars having had Thursday and Friday as Holidays after the Examination.

Feb 27

127 pupils present.

Mar 3

Two new pupils enrolled

1884 Pg 430

Mar 6

Received Duplicate Examination Schedule.

Mar 11

Wednesday: 129 pupils present. The school is into good working order again: and all all the pupils have been introduced to their new books.

Mar 14

Friday. 125 present.

Mar 17

Attendance Satisfactory – 129 being present. Four new pupils enrolled.

Mar 20

Weather exceedingly stormy, only 111 present on that account this morning.

1884 Pg 431

Mar 24

Attendance this morning 131 – one new pupil enrolled.

Mar 28

The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

“Excellent discipline is maintained, with a healthy tone, and the results of instruction in Standard, Class and Specific subjects reflect great credit on the Staff. It should be noted, however, that the Reading though distinct and fluent, might be more expressive. Singing, Military Drill and domestic Industry are quite on a level with the high general efficiency

A. Wilson has passed well”

And^w Todd Certificated Teacher of 1st Class.

Mary Wood Certificated Teacher of 3rd Class

Annab^l Wilson P.T. of 4th year.

Mary White Sewing mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of School Board.

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April 1st

The attendance is Somewhat thinner owing to several having colds in this ~~somewhat~~ Cold weather.

(April) 4

Friday. Weather very suitable for attendance: 130 were present this morning and 11 were absent.

(April) 9

Intimated to Clerk of School Board that Mary Ann Wilson, who had gained Lord Elgin's Bursary, entered the High School as a pupil on Monday.

(April) 11

No drill. 130 present this afternoon – Good Friday.

1884 Pg 433

Apr 15

Standard II is requiring and received much attention in Geography. Tuesday.

Apr 18

Friday. No drill. 124 present this afternoon.

Apr 21

Commencement of Second quarter – the attendance is fair Compared with that of last year at same time.

Apr 25

Friday. The classes are making satisfactory progress – nothing specially calling for notice.

1884 Pg 434

May 1

Thursday. Notwithstanding the very rainy day the attendance is very fair. The ordinary work of the School is going on very satisfactorily.

May 7

Wednesday. The weather being very cold for the Season of the year several of the pupils are badly.

May 8

(different handwriting) Visited the School this day and found the attendance as per Register And.

Morton Member of Board

May 9

Miss Reid, Member of Ladies Com^{ee} visited Sewing Department.

1884 Pg 435

May 16

Attendance this (Friday) afternoon 120. The work of the week has been gone through satisfactorily: Classes in all departments shewing good progress.

May 19

One new pupil was enrolled yesterday: and two were enrolled today. The weather is good and attendance moderately fair.

May 21

132 present this morning.

May 22&23

Annual Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth day.

May 26

School duties resumed 127 pupils present, including one newly enrolled.

1884 Pg 436

May 28

(different handwriting) Visited the School this date and found attendance as per Register And Morton Member of Board.

June 2^d

The weather being warm and good, the attendance on the whole is satisfactory – 127 were present this morning.

June 6

Friday. No on Roll 142. Average attendance during past week 129. Ordinary progress on the whole satisfactory. There was no drill today as the weather was not suitable.

June 13

Annabella Wilson P.T. left the school on Wednesday badly – Made an examination in to a complaint lodged by the authorities in Dunfermline

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(June 13 cont) on Tuesday, about boys ~~ins~~ throwing stones at Insulators on telegraph wires. Found four boys guilty, and gave them a proper caution against such misconduct. There was not drill today as it was raining heavily.

June 16

Attendance 125 this morning. One Scholar in Standard VI has left.

June 17

Miss Reid paid a visit to the Sewing Department this afternoon.

June 20

The Scholars today had their annual holidays – and were dismissed at 12 O.C. 124 were present.

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Aug 4

School duties resumed: 90 pupils present: two newly enrolled.

Aug 11

110 pupils present today. There was no drill on Friday (8th) owing to the small number of boys in attendance

Aug 15

There was no Sewing this afternoon owing to the death of Miss Whyte's sister.

Aug 18

Attendance 120: one new pupil enrolled. Ordinary work satisfactory.

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Aug 21

The ordinary Attendance is now fairly Satisfactory – although a few might still be at School. Today 122 are present.

Aug 25

Attendance 120 including one newly enrolled. Weather highly satisfactory for attendance.

Aug 28

Thursday. The weather is good and the attendance is very fair considering the number on the Roll.

Aug 29

Friday. No drill.

Sep 5

Fifth week finished since the Holidays. Attendance very much improved – and progress satisfactory.

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Sep 8

(different handwriting) Number on Roll 141. Number present 127. One new pupil – a boy – enrolled. I certify the above statement correct. And. Morton Member of Board.

Sept 11

Attendance 134 this morning: 132 in the afternoon.

Sept 12

Friday. No drill.

Sept 15

Monday. Attendance forenoon 133: afternoon 132. One new pupil – a boy enrolled. Number on Roll 142 being 7 less than at the corresponding time last year.

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Sept^r 18

A few are absent this morning – but word has been sent to their parents asking for regular attendance.

Sept 22

Monday: Three new pupils were enrolled this morning. Very few absentees at present, and the homework is being satisfactorily done

Sept 29

One new pupil enrolled: and an old one returned. No on Roll 147 No. present this morning 138.

Oct 2

(different handwriting) School Register examined & children present found to correspond with number in Register. Angus Menzies Member of Board

(Oct 2)

Miss Reid visited Sewing department

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Oct 3

No drill

Oct 8

Attendance good – 143 present out of 149 on the Roll.

(different handwriting) Visited School, counted pupils & found the number to correspond with Register. Jas McFarlane Clerk of SB.

Oct 13

P.T. absent badly – monitors acting in her place.

Oct 15

P.T. returned to duty today.

Oct 16

139 present this morning.

Oct 17

Friday. Rather too many absent this afternoon. Weather continues good and favourable.

Oct 20

The ordinary work was rather imperfectly prepared by the older Standards – a few detained after school hours.

Oct 24

Friday. Ordinary work of the school satisfactory. Numbers present might be slightly larger, one or two being absent from various causes.

Oct 28

Owing to the very stormy nature of the weather this morning the attendance was smaller than usual – absentees are confined to Infants.

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Oct 31

Friday. No drill. Scholars got Singing instead.

Nov 4

Mr Scobbie (Scobie) Architect, was in School for about an hour taking measurements. (Clerk had visited at end Sept/beginning of Oct and found the two small rooms overcrowded. Board had decided

to have them made into one. Logbook makes no mention of Clerk's visit. See Board minutes 13 Oct 1884)

Nov 7

No drill. P.T. absent today and past two days attending marriage of friend in Glasgow.

Nov 12

Wednesday. Ordinary attendance and work satisfactory.

Nov 19

Wednesday. The weather is good and the scholars generally are doing well – the absences being caused by sickness.

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Nov 24

A considerable number of the younger pupils are absent today being badly with colds. Weather cold & frosty: and not favourable to attendance from a distance.

Dec 1st

Monday. Weather exceedingly cold – being very hard frost. The pupils are beginning to show symptoms of diligence in view of approaching Examⁿ

Dec 4th

P.T. absent this afternoon – suffering from cold.

Dec 5th

Friday. Attendance uncommonly thin owing to a very large number being unwell. The ordinary work was performed on the whole satisfactorily. School dismissed a little earlier to suit the Convenience of parties intending to hold a concert in the School tonight.

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Dec 9

Attendance still diminishing owing to the large number badly. The weather continues to be very damp and disagreeable. Pupils present doing very well.

Dec 12

Attendance still continues most unsatisfactory – this week's being the lowest on record during the last three months. Gave the fifth and sixth Standards the results of yesterday's examination in Arithmetic, which were on the whole very fair.

Dec 19

(different handwriting) Attendance very thin. Teacher absent this week badly. Assistant P.T. & monitors acting. No drill weather too bad.

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Dec 22

Attendance very thin. Thirty five are absent mostly badly.

Dec 25

One or two absent on account of this being Christmas day. The attendance in the Higher Standards is fairly satisfactory: but in the lower Standards and Infant department a great many are still absent. The weather continues exceedingly cold.

Dec 26

The Scholars received their annual Holidays today at 12 O.C: only 101 pupils were present.

1885 Pg 447

Jan 5

School duties resumed this morning after New year Holidays: 120 pupils present. Returned form 8.M. filled up to Clerk of School Board.

Jan 13

Attendance very fast improving. Today 135 pupils present – a few cases of sickness still continue.

Jan 14

(different handwriting)

(Jan 14)

Miss Reid visited the Sewing department today.

Jan 21

P.T. absent yesterday and Monday suffering from toothache. Attendance continues good considering the very bad nature of the weather.

1885 Pg 448

Jany 23

Friday. Attendance very good. No drill as Instructor is other wise engaged.

Jan 26

With the exception of the ~~Second~~ First Standard the pupils were all present who will required to be examined. Ordinary work well done – and the scholars seem to be diligent at home.

Jan 29

Received notice that school examination is fixed for Wednesday 18th February at 9.30: also of P.T. Exam in Dunf. On Jany 31. at 9.30

Jan 30

Friday. End of Government Year. No drill. P.Ts engagement expires tonight.

1885 Pg 449

Feb 2

Monday – Introduced New Registers.

(Feb 4)

(different handwriting) I certify that I have this day examined Miss Jane H Anderson and that she is in good health & free from physical defect. Jas Morris. Dunfermline 4th February. 1885.

Feb 10

Monday. The attendance Continues very good for the number on the Roll: and the pupils seem anxious to please with their work.

Feb 17

Tuesday – The ordinary work gone through in the forenoon – and the Standards received the papers and instructions for the Examination in the afternoon. Arranged the Scholars & C. for the Inspection tomorrow.

1885 Pg 450

Feb 18

School inspected – 140 pupils present.

Feb 19, 20

Holidays after Gov^t. Inspection.

Feb 23

No School. Teacher attending his mother's funeral.

Feb 24

Tuesday. Informed the pupils of the results of Examination and made a few arrangements for next year's work. The Joiners are carrying out several improvements and the working of the School is out of the ordinary way. One new pupil was enrolled.

1885 Pg 451

Mar 2

Monday. The ordinary attendance is considerably improved this morning. Most of the pupils have now been introduced to their new Standards.

Mar 6

The improvements being now almost finished the Juniors were sent to the Class room this morning under Miss Anderson P.T. There was no drill today.

Mar 9

The School now being ready – the Sewing began at 3.30 as per Time Table. James Clark who gained Lord Elgin's (Bursary) entered the High School as a pupil today. Chas. Lawson Annie Young and Jessie Wilson were next in order of merit.

1885 Pg 452

Mar 13

Mr Thomson was not present at the time for drilling. Gave the scholars work in the school instead.

Mar 20

Friday. The attendance is fair & the ordinary progress satisfactory.

Mar 23

A new pupil enrolled.

Mar 27

Mr Thomson was present today – but did not drill. The pupils are now progressing very fairly in their new Standards. Ordinary attendance to be on the whole satisfactory.

1885 Pg 453

Mar 30

Monday. Attendance good: two new pupils enrolled.

April 1st

The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspectors Report:

“The School again passes an excellent examination; and the tone and discipline continue to be as satisfactory as in previous years. The only points which call for remark are the Reading, more especially of the Senior Standards, which still admits of improved Style and expression, the Intelligence and the History and Geography of the fifth Standard. The Reading book was evidently beyond the grasp of the pupils. A partition dividing the main room would add much to the comfort of the teachers. A. Wilson has passed well. She should be informed that she is now qualified under both articles 60 and 79. J.H. Anderson – Spelling and Geography. Mrs Wood will shortly receive her cer-

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(HMI Report cont) tificate.

And^w Todd. Certificated Teacher of the 1st Class.

Mary Wood Certificated Teacher of the 3^d Class.

Jane H Anderson P.T. of Second year

Mary Whyte: Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board

April 3

Good Friday. Holiday

Apr 6

(different handwriting) Visited this School this forenoon and found the attendance as per Registers.

And Morton Member of Board.

(Apr 6)

Monday. Four new pupils enrolled.

Apr 10

No drill. Mr Thomson in Edinburgh.

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(Apr 10 cont)

The weather however is not suitable for drill – on account of heavy rain.

April 13

The attendance is good: and the weather is favourable. One new pupil was enrolled this morning.

Apr 16

Miss Reid visited the Sewing departments.

Apr 17

Reported Robert Niven: George, James and Mary Jane Brodie to the S.B. Officer: also John Venters and Thomas Cousin W. Gellet, as not attending school.

Apr 20

Niven returned to school today.

Apr 24

No drill. Friday.

1885 Pg 456

April 27

Monday: 140 pupils present this morning: including three enrolled today.

May 1

There was no drill – the weather was very wet. Attendance this morning 140.

May 5

Tuesday.

The weather is very suitable for a large attendance, which is good for the number on Roll. Ordinary work continues satisfactory

May 12

Geography of I and II Standards is requiring attention – Standard VII also capable of improvement.

1885 Pg 457

May 19

Tuesday. The scholars were photographed in groups this forenoon.

May 21,22

Annual Holidays in connection with Queen's Birth-day.

May 25

(different handwriting) Visited the School this forenoon and found the attendance 141 as marked in daily School Register. And Morton Member of Board.

May 27

Tuesday. Owing to the Holidays of last week, the lessons were rather indifferently prepared for yesterday and today. The attendance however is very satisfactory.

1885 Pg 458

May 29

The officer made the usual call, but did not drill. Rather many absent today.

June 1st

140 present forenoon: 141 in the afternoon. Weather very promising; Lessons moderately well prepared.

June 3

Miss Wood, Assistant absent badly. Monitors employed among the infants. Miss Anderson P.T. taking the place of Miss Wood.

June 4

Miss Wood returned today – Weather is very favourable for attendance.

1885 Pg 459

June 8

The attendance is decreasing as is very generally the case previous to the Summer holidays. Receive yesterday Schedule from S.B to be filled up giving the cost of Books, Slates & C paid annually by Scholars.

June 16

The attendance is now becoming much smaller, owing to the near approach of the Holidays. The weather continues good. Scholars taking indifferent care with their home Exercises.

June 19

The School was dismissed for the Annual holidays – 129 pupils present.

1885 Pg 460

Aug 3

School duties resumed after Summer Holidays – 88 pupils were present and a new one was enrolled.

Aug 4th

Received letter from Clerk of School Board asking attendance at Conference on Saturday first at 11.30: anent the subject of Books & C being supplied gratis to Scholars.

Aug 10th

Attendance today 122 being good under the Circumstances

Aug 12th

The weather continues very wet and disagreeable but does not seriously affect attendance.

1885 Pg 461

Aug 17

Attendance 137 being good under any Circumstances – Improvement in preparation of lessons noticeable on all hands today.

Aug 21

There was no drill today.

Aug 26

The attendance this morning was 140; there are still a few absent who might be attending – but who have not returned yet from their Summer Holidays.

Sep 3

The ordinary work of the scholars is becoming satisfactory. The indifference and carelessness acquired after Holiday are now disappearing.

1885 Pg 462

Sep 4

Friday. No drill owing to the wet weather. Mr Thomson was present.

Sept 8

Attendance this (Tuesday) morning 141

Sept 14

Monday. No on Roll 154 Attendance this morning 136

Sept 18

Attendance 134 – twenty pupils being still absent without very good reason. There was no drill today.

Sept 25

Attendance small – progress fair.

Sept 30

Teacher absent at funeral of a friend. Miss Wood on []

1885 Pg 463

Oct 2

No drill

Oct 9

Friday. Attendance 134 this morning. Standard I having been examined require special attention.

Oct 15

Thursday. Attendance at present very satisfactory. Weather favourable. Standards generally requiring attention for Examination Work.

Oct 16

Half Holiday on Friday afternoon.

Oct 20

Half-Holiday in village – on account of people going to visit Channel Fleet.

(The Channel Fleet visited the Forth several times during the 19th century and boatloads of visitors went out to see the ships.)

1885 Pg 464

Oct 26

A few who intend leaving the district at the Coming term.

Oct 28

Wednesday. Attendance highly satisfactory 138 pupils being present. Standard V is very dull in History – but is getting much attention.

Nov 2nd

Monday. 136 present being good for the number in Roll – a few have now left which is the case at November term.

Nov 9

(different handwriting) Visited the School this morning and found the number of Scholars present as per Register. And. Morton Member of Board.

1885 Pg 465

Nov 9

Teacher absent on Friday, sickly – Miss Wood, conducting. Lord Elgin & Mr Bruce MP. paid a visit to the school.

Nov 16

Attendance very fair. Two new pupils enrolled this Monday morning. The ordinary school continues satisfactory. Stand V still requiring much attention.

Nov 20

Attendance (good?) considering the number on Roll – 135 pupils being present. Weather exceedingly cold but dry and favourable. Home work generally carefully attended (to) and progress in school is good.

Nov 27

Friday. There was no drill as the weather was bad.

1885 Pg 466

Nov 30

Attendance beginning to decline somewhat – owing to the number leaving at the term – their place not being yet supplied.

Dec 4th

Serg^t Thomson did not attend today but the weather was so exceedingly stormy that Drill could not have been given. Attendance rather small.

Dec 11th

The weather very cold and stormy and not favourable to attendance.

Dec 14

Three new pupils enrolled.

1885 Pg 467

Dec 21

Weather not very good. Had a general examination of all the Standards on Friday afternoon – thought they did very well.

Dec 24

School closed for New Year Holidays.

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Jan 4

School duties resumed – attendance small – weather bad. Dismissed the School earlier by special request – to permit of a Soiree being held in the school tonight.

Jan

Got and returned duplicate Examination Schedule.

1886 Pg 468

Jan 6

Intimated to scholars the contents of Letter from Clerk of Board regarding the Scheme under Education Endowments Act, so far as concerned the Subject of Bursaries.

Jan 11

Monday. Very bad roads with snow. Intimated to pupil Teacher – examination in Female Industrial School Dunfermline on Saturday 30th January.

Jan 13

Received letter from Mr Daniel Gorrie Dunfermline concerning free Bursaries. Intimated the contents to the Scholars this morning.

1886 Pg 469

February 14

(different handwriting) Visited the School this afternoon and find attendance as per Register. And Morton Member of Board.

Feb 15

Friday. The Weather being boisterous and wet, the boys drill was dispensed with.

Feb 18

Attendance moderately good, considering that the roads are nealy impassable with Snow.

Feb 22

No drill – for bad weather.

Feb 26

Attendance continues good – and the pupils diligent in view of coming examination.

1886 Pg 470

Feb 1

Sent in three names for the free Scholarship on Saturday. There was no drill on Friday owing to bad weather. Introduced new Registers.

(Feb 3)

(different handwriting) I certify that I have this day examined Miss Jane H Anderson, and that she is in good health and free from any physical defect. Jas Morris F. F. P. S. Dunfermline 3^d February 1886.

Feb 8

The attendance continues very good notwithstanding the unfavourable nature of the weather. Pupils working very carefully and eagerly in view of examination.

1886 Pg 471

Feb 9

Received notice from Mr M^cFarlane last night that Inspection of the School was fixed for Wednesday 17th inst at 11. O.C.

Feb 14

Friday. Gave the whole of the Standards special drill this afternoon.

Feb 15

All the pupils on Roll present, with one exception: being very exceptional.

Feb 16

Arranged all the Scholars for Examination tomorrow. 137 pupils, being the exact number on the Roll were present.

Feb 17,18

School inspected by Mr Wilson. 137 pupils present.

1886 Pg 472

Feb 19

Holiday after Gov^t Examination

Feb 22

School duties resumed. 125 pupils present, a good many who have passed their Examinations in the higher Standards not intending to return. Making arrangements for advancing the various Standards to their new Books.

Feb 25

Intimated to Mr Gorrie Solicitor Dunfermline that no Scholars from this school would attend examination for Three Bursaries in Dunfermline on 13th March.

1886 Pg 473

Mar 1st

All the Standards are now advanced a Stage and seem to be enjoying their advancement.

Mar 2^d

Attendance exceedingly small today – owing to a severe snot storm rendering the roads completely impassable. Attendance cancelled.

Mar 3

Attendance cancelled

Mar 8

Monday. Ordinary school work satisfactory: Attendance good considering the number on the Roll. Weather frosty making the roads good.

Mar 15

Weather exceedingly unpleasant and cold. Attendance 118 being very small compared with the same time last year.

1886 Pg 474

Mar 18

Exceedingly stormy day. Attendance very small. Miss Andrews P.T. unable to be present.

Mar 19

Mr Smith Inspector paid a visit to the School this morning between 9 and 10.

Mar 22

Received Duplicate Examination Schedule on Saturday – and intimated the results to the Scholars today. One new pupil enrolled. Weather favourable to attendance. Work is making satisfactory progress.

Mar 23

Weather considerably improved – and along with it the attendance which has been rather low for some time back.

1886 Pg 475

Mar 23

Received notice from Mr Gorrie, that Helen Haxton had been awarded a free Scholarship in Connection with Dunfermline Educational Trust.

Mar 26

A considerable number of the Scholars are absent suffering from cold. The attendance might be considerably improved.

Mar 29

Three of the ex-VI pupils have left and five new ones have been enrolled. Attendance a little better – Weather not very satisfactory.

April 2^d

Miss Wood, Assistant absent yesterday afternoon and today, having received notice of her father's death at San Francisco. (Mary's father was Peter Wood, a shipmaster.)

1886 Pg 476

Apr 2

The attendance has slightly improved during the past week, but is still not good enough.

Apr 5

Weather continues very unfavourable – which is somewhat against attendance. Ordinary school work on the whole satisfactory.

Apr 12

Monday morning. The Home lessons were not too well prepared: and several have been cautioned. One new pupil – a girl – was enrolled this morning.

1886 Pg 477

April 15 The following is a summery of H.M. Inspector's report:-

“Excellent discipline continues to be maintained, and the state of instruction in Standard, Class and Specific Subjects indicate a successful year's work, the style of the Reading showing considerable improvement since last visit. Singing and Domestic Industry are exceedingly well taught. I have again to suggest that the partitions of the main room would add considerably to the Comfort of the Staff.

JH Anderson has passed well”

Staff:-

And^w Todd C.T. of First class

Mary Wood C.T. of Third class

J.H Anderson P.T. of third Year

Mary Whyte – Sewing mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board

1886 Pg 478

April 22

(different handwriting) Visited this School this morning and found numbers present as entered in Register And Morton Member of Board

Apr 23

Holiday. Good Friday

Apr 26

Four new pupils enrolled this morning. Attendance 138.

Apr 30

The officer made the usual call: but was unable to be present at drill as he had to attend the funeral of a friend. Other work during the week has been satisfactory.

1886 Pg 479

May 4

Tuesday: Weather good and favourable to attendance. Ordinary school work satisfactory. Miss Anderson unable to be present yesterday and today. One new pupil enrolled.

May 5

Miss Reid paid a visit to the Sewing department.

May 12

The weather exceedingly cold today. Ordered fire to be relighted in the Infant Room. Made arrangements for Standard III doing thei work on copies.

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May 17

Received Letter from clerk of Board on Saturday, stating that the Holidays commence on Monday 21st June, the School re-opening again in Monday 2nd August.

May 20, 21st

Holidays in Connection with Queen's Birth day.

May 25

Tuesday. Attendance very fair. Work of Scholars on the whole satisfactory. Weather continues favourable to attendance. Standards making good progress on the whole.

May 25

Serg^t Thomson was present but did not drill owing to the very wet nature of the weather.

1886 Pg 481

June 2^d

Weather very rainy and cold, but the attendance at school continues very good, notwithstanding. Standards requiring very much attention in Arithmetic and Grammar.

June 4

There was no drill today.

June 7

Attendance very good. Weather very favourable. Asked the Scholars to be regular in their attendance all this and next week. Progress generally satisfactory.

June 9

138 pupils present this morning.

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June 14

Monday. 136 pupils were present this morning.

June 15

134 present. No on Roll 142

June 18

No School. Was dismissed for the annual holidays – 128 pupils were present.

Aug 2^d

School duties resumed after Summer Holidays – 97 pupils present. 4 new ones enrolled.

Aug 9

Attendance considerably improved – 130 being present this morning. Two new pupils were enrolled.

Ordinary work of the day satisfactory

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Aug 10

Severe thunder storm during the dinner hour: a few absent this afternoon on that account. Attendance and conduct of pupils satisfactory.

Aug 12

Number on Roll 148: Number present 136.

Aug 17

Attendance in all Standards very fair with the exception of the 4th.

Aug 20

Friday: Attendance this morning 131: several being unexpectedly absent. Ordinary work satisfactory.

Weather favourable to attendance.

1886 Pg 484

Aug 23

A considerable number absent badly – ordinary work, on the whole, satisfactory. One new pupil enrolled.

Aug 25

Held an examination yesterday afternoon of all who had passed Standard VI.

Aug 26

Attendance this morning 133.

Aug 29

Received notice on Saturday that John Clark had gained Lord Elgin's Bursary. He goes to High School Dunfermline on 1st proximo.

1886 Pg 485

Apr 3

Ordinary attendance and progress for the past week very fair on the whole. One or two of Ex Sixth Standard having left more attention can now be given to Stands VI and V.

Apr 8

Attendance rather small owing to a large number of the scholars being absent badly.

Apr 9

(different handwriting) Visited this School today and found number of scholars present as per Register And. Morton Member of Board

Apr 14

Still a large number absent badly. Ordinary work satisfactory. Work generally satisfactory – progress fair only.

1886 Pg 486

Sept 20

Attendance considerably improved. One new pupil enrolled this morning. Nothing else requiring notice.

Sept 23

Ordinary work getting now much more satisfactory seeing that the attendance is gaily improving.

Oct 1st

Attendance 132. No. on Roll 148. No drill – weather not very good.

Oct 7

The ordinary working continues to be satisfactory: and the attendance today is much better than it has been for some time. Weather is much improved after the thunderstorm.

1886 Pg 487

Oct 12

Attendance generally improving : weather is very rainy and unsatisfactory. Pupils all in good health & spirits.

Oct 19

(different handwriting) Visit without notice. Interval. Registers for forenoon duly marked. Robert Small sub Inspector

Oct 20

Large attendance: present 146. No on Roll 149: only three absent with very satisfactory reason.

Oct 26

The attendance continues to be Very Good: although the weather is somewhat damp and unsatisfactory.

1886 Pg 488

Nov 4

Attendance continues good: and the attention to home lessons is satisfactory – owing to the bad weather at night preventing the children getting out of doors.

Nov n/d

(different handwriting) Visited the School this afternoon and found attendance as per Register And Morton Member of Board

Nov 8th

Monday. P.T. absent on Friday and today being unwell. Attendance good: one or two have left – owing to approach of flitting term. Not many removals from this district.

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Nov 9

P.T. who has been absent on Friday and yesterday badly returned today.

Nov 15

Attendance continues very good in spite of unfavourable weather. Ordinary home lessons fairly well prepared. Gave orders to the boys to see that they were never absent a day. Girls attend well.

Nov 16

(different handwriting) Visited the School this afternoon Elgin

Nov 18

No. on Roll 146. No present 137 in forenoon: 135 in afternoon.

Nov 25

Attendance 140: Number on Roll 146. Weather exceedingly mild for time of year and favourable to Attendance.

1886 Pg 490

Dec 1

Wednesday. Weather frosty. Roads good: health of pupils satisfactory: and attendance large.

(Dec 1)

Visited this School in the afternoon of this day and find pupils present as per attendance Register And Morton Member of Board

Dec 2

Got notice from Clerk of B^d that he has got 14/9d from Endowment scheme.

Dec 6

Ordinary progress continues fairly satisfactory. Owing to darkness setting in very early in the afternoon it is occasionally necessary to light the lamps. Very few are absent at present – although the weather may be considered severe.

Dec 9

Good attendance especially of the higher Standards. A few of the younger ones are suffering from colds owing to the severe nature of the weather.

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Dec 13

Two new pupils enrolled. Attendance still Continues satisfactory. Weather frosty.

Dec 17

Friday. The SB officer called but did not drill – the state of the play ground not being very suitable.

Dec 23

Attendance beginning to fall of in Consequence of the severe frost and cold: The infant Classes being the first to suffer. Home lessons and other work exceedingly well done – generally the case at this time in View of Examination.

Dec 28

No Singing or Sewing to curtail the time – and allow the scholars to get away as early as possible. Weather very stormy.

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~~Jany~~ Dec^r 31st

School dismissed for their annual New Year Holidays

Jany 10

School duties resumed after New Year Holidays. Attendance in Stands on the whole encouraging. Weather rather cold for attendance of infant department. Standards beginning to show some anxiety about their Examination. Sent away Approximate Exam. Schedule.

Jan 12

Received notice this morning that the Examination was fixed for Tuesday 8th February at 10 O.C.

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Jany 18

Attendance not so good again owing to distress. One or two of the best pupils badly. Home work and attention in School satisfactory.

Jan 24

4 pupils in Standards absent today being badly. The weather is good for attendance at present and the pupils are diligent and making progress.

Jan 25

Received notice of Pupil Teachers Examination to be held in Dunfermline on 29th inst.

Jan 31st

Last day of School year – Will introduce new School Registers tomorrow.

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Feb 1st

First day of new School year. Introduced new Registers. 144 pupils on Roll – 141 being present: the three absent being unwell.

Feb 4th

Received notice from Clerk of School Board that the Board intend providing a Reading books for Standard I II and III to be kept in School.

Feb 7th

Arranged the different Standards for Examination – attendance good – School work on the whole, satisfactory.

Feb 8th

School inspected by Mr Wilson – 137 pupils present.

Feb 11

Holiday after Examinations

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Feb 14

Monday. Intimated results of Examination. 133 pupils present. Three new ones enrolled. Weather fairly satisfactory to attendance. Arranged to some extent the new Standards. Receive Duplicate Examination Schedule on Saturday.

Feb 15

Received notice that Agnes Steele had gained Lord Elgin's Bursary. Commenced the first four Standards to their New Reading books. Several of Standard VI have left, but the general attendance is good. The state of the weather continues suitable for attendance.

Feb 21

Intimated the names of Jas Robertson, Robt Robertson, Helen Niven and M^o Ritchie as eligible for Free Scholarships, in reply to letter from Clerk of Educational

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(Feb 21 cont) Trust Dunfermline. Agnes Steele, Lord Elgin's bursar, commenced in the Classes of Dunfermline High School today.

Feb 24

New Standards nearly all arranged in working. Attendance continues very good: three being absent having Very reasonable excuse. Made arrangements today to have drainage of playground improved.

Feb 28

Attendance good – very few indeed being absent. Two new pupils were enrolled. All the Standards are now in satisfactory working order.

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Mar 3

Ordinary progress on the whole satisfactory. Pupils especially Standards II and III difficult to learn at the beginning of their new Career. The attendance and weather continue satisfactory. Standards VI and Ex VI making good progress in their new work and evidently much interested.

Mar 7

Received notice yesterday that the Dunfermline Educational Trust ~~that~~ intend giving free Education to James Robertson Rosyth – and have had a letter from Robertson's father intimating his acceptance of the same.

Mar 11

Attendance only 118 owing to a severe Snow Storm. No drill can take place today.

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Mar 15

The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:

“Excellent discipline is on the whole maintained, though with some lack of animation and confidence in the highest section. The aggregate Standard pass reaches a very high mark, but here again it should be noticed that the Senior Reading is not so good in style and intelligence as that of the Junior Classes. The written exercises are well done throughout, the Arithmetic more particularly being full and accurate. The attainments in History and Geography though creditable, should be better diffused. Specific Subjects are receiving fair attention. The Industrial Work deserves Commendation. JH Anderson has passed well.”

Staff:

And^w Todd Certif. Teacher of First Class

Mary Wood Certif. Teacher of Third Class

Jane H Anderson P.T. of 4th year.

Mary Whyte: Sewing Mistress.

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board

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Mar 17

Weather exceedingly Cold and Stormy: the attendance very good – notwithstanding. Ordinary work generally satisfactory.

Mar 21st

Monday. Mr Maine Wilson M. of B. paid a visit to the School this morning.

Mar 28

(different handwriting) Visited this School today – and verified the Daily Attendance Registers And Morton Member of Board.

(April) 4

Attendance continues good, although the weather is unsatisfactory.

(April) 5

Received circular from Clerk of Board dated from Dover House, anent new method of keeping school Registers. Will endeavour to comply with rules and regulations as far as construction of Registers will admit.

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Apr 11 8

~~Monday~~ – Friday being good Friday was observed as an Annual Holiday.

Apr 11

Monday. Began to conform to new Regulations as to marking of School Registers.

Apr 14

Attendance continues very good. Weather very suitable for the pupils.

Apr 18

One new pupil – a boy enrolled. Attendance satisfactory. One or two absent poorly. Lessons just moderately prepared.

Apr 20

Still a considerable number of the younger pupils badly. Those present are making fair progress.

Weather is very suitable for attendance.

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April 26

Tuesday. Attendance on the whole very good. Standard work requiring and getting a good deal of attention: Standards IV and V being particularly behind.

(April) 29

Friday. The weather this afternoon was exceedingly stormy, but did not affect the attendance. A large quantity of hail fell. Have asked the scholars to endeavour not to fall behind in attendances.

May 2

Monday. First week of Second quarter begun today.

May 9

Monday. Attendance fair only for the number on Roll. A few are poorly. Ordinary work on the whole satisfactory. Standards doing well in Arith^c.

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May 11

Received notice from the Clerk of School Board that the Summer Holiday had been fixed for the Six weeks beginning July 4th and ending August 15th.

May 13

Handed Serg^t. Thomson a list of a few absentees. Attendance this morning 133, which might be slightly improved. Standard V girls might do better in Domestic Economy.

May 17

Tuesday. Weather delightful: and very suitable for attendance. A few absentees causing attention.

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May 18 & 19

Holidays in connection with Queens Birth Day.

May 23

School duties resumed. Attendance might be slightly improved. "German Measles" are prevalent in some quarters of the village.

May 25

(different handwriting) Visited the School this afternoon and found Registers marked and in order And Morton M of B

May 27

Miss Anderson P.T. absent yesterday and today badly. Standard IV requiring and getting much attention. Still a large number of the younger pupils suffering from "German Measles"

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May 31st

Miss Anderson P.T. still absent badly. Attendance slightly recovering.

June 1st

P.T. returned today. Attendance 130. Weather Good.

June 5

Attendance slightly tending downwards. Ordinary home work however is satisfactory. Several scholars are still poorly.

June 10

Handed in to Officer of Board the names, ages and addresses of pupils who have been admitted and those who have left during the past year. Attendance scarcely so good as last year.

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June 15

Thursday. 129 pupils present this morning. Ordinary work fairly satisfactory. Several absent being unwell. 15 in all are absent: 144 on Roll.

June 17

Friday. Holiday in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

June 20

Monday. Attendance 130: ordinary routine getting somewhat dull as the Annual Holidays begin to come in sight. Standards generally making progress.

June 24

Attendance hardly satisfactory. One or two employed thinning turnips. Very warm weather.

1887 Pg 506

June 27

Attendance not at all satisfactory, only 114 pupils being present as per Roll checked this morning. Pupils getting slightly indifferent.

July 1st

The School was dismissed for the Annual holidays – 105 were present.

Aug 15

School duties resumed after Summer Holidays – 93 pupils present 2 new ones enrolled.

Aug 19

Serg^t. Thomson was present but did not drill, having good to look after a number of absentees.

1887 Pg 507

Aug 22 Attendance considerably improved: still a number to come in.

Aug 26

Ordinary School work is beginning to get more satisfactory. The attendance is also improving. S.B. officer before drill, paid a visit to two absentees.

Aug 29

Monday. Attendance somewhat slightly improved. One new pupil engrossed this morning. Ordinary work of School becoming more satisfactory.

Sept 2

The weather has been broken this week which may have been slightly against attendance. Attention to School and home work are improving. Mr Thomson did not drill today –

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Sep^r 5

Attendance Considerably improved, although scarcely good enough compared with – 142 – being the no. on Roll.

Sept 9

Mr Thomson, Officer of the Board was present, but did not drill owing to the rain. Attendance good: those absent being so from necessary causes.

Sept 15

Thursday. Attendance satisfactory: those having reasonable excuse being absent. Standards IV and upwards require much attention in History.

Sept 19

Monday. Ordinary work of School pretty satisfactorily done in all de

1887 Pg 509

(Sept 19 cont) partments today. The attendance is fairly good.

Sep^r 26

Monday. Weather Continues very good for attendance. 134 pupils present this morning.

Oct 4

No. on R. 142: No present 138: largest attendance today since opening after Summer Holidays.

General work of School becoming generally satisfactory. Paid a visit to the Sewing department – and found matters going along smoothly.

Oct 10

Half Holiday this afternoon to allow the Scholars to pay a visit to the Channel Fleet.

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Oct 11

Received notice this morning that the Epidemic of Scarletina has broken out in the Village

Oct 12

28 Cases of absence – being mostly due to the prevalence of Scarletina. Intend disinfecting the School tonight and taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of Epidemic

Oct 17

No fresh cases of Scarlet Fever have occurred. School frequently fumigated to destroy infection.

Oct 19

Attendance still continues very low owing to the Fever, the Epidemic is pretty well confined to the ~~the~~ first quarter of outbreak – and all cases are exceedingly mild.

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Oct 21

Friday. No drill. Mr Thomson not in attendance. All precautions taken that are necessary to prevent infection. The number of absentees is still large.

Oct 25

Tuesday. Attendance this morning 109, being 339 absent on account of Scarletina. Ordinary work on the whole fairly satisfactory. Weather continues favourable to attendance.

Nov 1

(different handwriting) Visited this School in the afternoon of this date and find Registers correctly marked. A large number absent through Scarlet Fever. And Morton M of B.

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Nov 7

Attendance not much improved owing to the very rainy nature of the weather. One or two who have had fever have however returned today.

Nov 8

(different handwriting) Visited the school this afternoon. Many absent owing to illness Elgin

Nov 11

Drill Instructor was present, but did not drill – the state of the playground owing to rain not being Good. Attendance not nearly satisfactory. Ordinary work of pupils very fair.

Nov 14

A good number returned – 17 pupils still absent yet. Fever seems to have left the district now. Weather not good for attendance.

1887 Pg 513

Nov 15

Received notice from Clerk of Board that Miss Anderson begins her engagement as an Ex. P.T. for one year on 1st February next.

Nov 21

Attendance good: Three new pupils enrolled. 12 pupils still absent yet, but with reasonable cause.

Nov 28

Monday. Attendance as far as the highest Standards is concerned continues to be good. Much attention is required in the Subjects for Examination. Infants and Standard I appear to be making very good progress.

Dec 1st

Standards practicing daily with an eye to Examination. Several absent require and shall have special attention.

1887 Pg 514

Dec 6

Tuesday. Attendance fair only: two new pupils enrolled: 143 pupils in all on Roll. Weather not good.

Dec 12

Strong frost this morning. Good attendance – 133 present.

Dec 15

Ordered new School Registers for Clark Bookseller Dunfermline.

Dec 16

Received letter from Clerk of Board asking what Registers are required for coming year. Serg^t Thomson was in attendance but did not drill owing to the stormy weather.

Dec 19

Monday. Ordinary attendance and progress fairly satisfactory. Standard VI still requiring, as also Stand. V attention in History.

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Dec 22

School resumed and closed a quarter of an hour Sooner this afternoon owing to a Snow Storm. Attendance good and progress generally satisfactory.

Dec 28

(different handwriting) Visited the School this afternoon and found the Scholars present as per Register. And Morton M o B

Dec 29

School dismissed today at 12 O,C for New Year's Holidays. Attendance moderate. School duties resumed on Tuesday first: the amount of Holiday to be made up after Inspection.

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School duties resumed. Attendance not very satisfactory – one new pupil enrolled.

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Jan 6

Attendance moderate. Serg^t Thomson who was present did not drill, owing to the muddy nature of play ground. Asked Mr Thomson to apply to Bd. for Channel for play ground.

Jan 9

Compared with the number on Roll the present attendance continues rather unsatisfactory.

Jan 11

Scholars Showing Commendable diligence in view of forth-coming examination. Attendance slightly improving. Standards V & VI requiring attention in Geog^y and History.

Jan 13

No drill – as Serg^t Thomson was not here. Attendance generally good today and yesterday. Gave orders to have W.Cs. more carefully attended to and to be limed more frequently.

1888 Pg 517

Jan 16

Received notice from Clerk of Bd. that Examination of P.T. is on Sat 28 ~~Dec~~ Jan. at 9.30. Attendance very good this morning.

Jan 23

Attendance fairly satisfactory: order and attention to home work in every way good. Playground undergoing special repair.

Jan 26

One or two pupils absent owing to Measles being in the family. Weather very favourable to attendances. All the Standards making a satisfactory appearance in view of forthcoming Examination.

Jan 30

A goodly number still absent owing to Sickness. Ordinary work satisfactory.

1888 Pg 518

Jan 31

Received notice that examination of School is fixed for 14th and 15th Feb. This being the last day of School year, the new Registers will be introduced tomorrow.

Feb 1st

Introduced New School Registers. Miss Anderson entered on duty as an Ex. P.T.

Feb 3

No drill

Feb 6

Received letter from Clerk of Educational Trust Dunfermline requesting a list of Scholars suitable for free Scholarship.

Feb 8

Sent away to Clerk of Educational Trust Dunfermline the names of suitable Candidates for Scholarships yesterday. Pupils all working very diligently in view of approaching Examination – Weather continues good.

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Feb 10

Attendance good. Cath. Clark and B Clark returned to pass their examinations.

Feb 13

Arranged the Standards for Examination tomorrow – very few absent – and these expected tomorrow.

Feb 14 & 15th

(different handwriting) Inspection G Dunn H.M.I.

Feb 14 & 15

126 pupils present

Feb 17

Snow Storm – attendance cancelled. School receive a weeks holidays – having had no holidays at New Year – from Now to 27th inst. Many pupils suffering from symptoms of measles.

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Mar 8 The following is a Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report: -

The discipline is in most respects excellent but the Children show a morbid shyness which suggests intimidation. The State of the instruction is very good. The written work was done with exceptional smartness and was neat in style. The composition of the fifth Standard was somewhat weak and the Arithmetic of the Sixth was defective. The Junior Section is pleasingly and efficiently conducted. The Seats in the infant classroom are too high: and the supply of paper is insufficient. New maps are also required. There is no separate exit for the girls to their playground and failing the immediate supervision of the teacher, this playground and the offices attached are quite accessible to the boys. The managers are requested to remedy this defect.

J.H. Anderson has passed well. She should be informed that she is now qualified under both articles 60 and 79.

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(HMI Report cont) Staff:

And^w Todd. C. T. of First Class

Mary Wood. C.T. of Third Class

Jane H. Anderson Ex- P.T.

Mary Whyte – Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board.

Mar 19

School duties resumed after the School being shut for three weeks on account of Measles. Only 70 pupils present: 5 new ones enrolled.

Mar n/d

(different handwriting) Visited the School to consider along with Mr Watson the recommendations of Mr Dunn H.M.I.S. and ordered several minor proposals to be carried out without delay. Also examined attendance Registers and found seventy – (70) pupils present And Morton M. o B.

1888 Pg 522

Mar 20

Attendance slightly better today. Owing to the Small attendance of Girls, intimated that there would be no Sewing this, but Arithmetic instead.

Mar 27

Attendance improving and the pupils taking considerable interest in their new books. Weather rather unfortunately not good for attendance.

Mar 30

Serg^t Thomson was present but did not drill owing to the somewhat muddy nature of the play ground. Handed him a list of Absentees.

April 2

Attendance satisfactory and weather very good and promising. The case of Arch^d Stark is one that requires attention and notice of him is recorded as scarcely to be expected to pass St. I.

1888 Pg 523

Apr 3

Find Stand. VI Reading book rather too difficult for Standard V notwithstanding the utmost careful assistance and attention.

Apr 6

Attendance during the past week has been fairly satisfactory. Weather good. All symptoms of measles are now gone – and the children all appear to be in good health.

Apr 9

Attendance continues good. Two new pupils enrolled this morning. Standards all requiring constant attention to make up for lost time.

Apr 16

Three new pupils enrolled this morning. Home lessons not very carefully prepared: the good weather being rather tempting for running about during the evenings.

1888 Pg 524

Apr 17

130 in attendance this morning. Standards attending fairly: and making very moderate progress.

Apr 20

Friday. Being very rainy there was no drill today. Mr Thomson was present.

Apr 23

One new pupil enrolled. Miss Reid paid a visit to the Sewing department.

Apr 24

Miss Wood absent – badly. The boys of Standard V are requiring much attention in Composition.

Apr 27

Friday. Miss Wood returned today. Attendance slightly smaller – one or two being sickly. No drill. Serg^t Thomson badly.

Apr 29

Attendance very small today – a good many being sickly. Home work very fairly done.

1888 Pg 525

May 2

Wednesday. A considerable number absent sickly. Weather exceedingly disagreeable, and unhealthy.

May 3

Received letter from Mr Gorrie, Clerk to Dunf Ed. Trust intimating examination in June next.

May 4

Miss Wood absent badly. Monitor employed. No drill. Serg^t Thomson still poorly.

May 7

Three new pupils enrolled this morning. Miss Wood still absent, and monitors employed in Infant Room.

May 8

Miss Wood returned to duty this morning. A considerable number absent sickly. Preparation of Home lessons not extra satisfactory.

May 11

No drill. Officer still unwell.

1888 Pg 526

May 14

(different handwriting) Visited the School on the forenoon of this day and find pupils present as per Register. And Morton M. of B.

May 14

Two new scholars enrolled this morning. Attendance very good.

May 18

No drill. Serg^t Thomson still unwell. The attendance continues generally very satisfactory.

May 21

Two new pupils enrolled this morning. Five pupils all of the same family, left on Friday with the intention of going to California. Weather exceedingly favourable.

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County Building

Dunfermline 22^d May 1888

Dear Sir

The Board at their meeting yesterday fixed the Summer holidays to be for six weeks commencing on Monday the 2nd of July – the school re-opening on Monday the 13th August. I am. Yours truly Jas M^cFarlane

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May 24

Queen's Birthday – no holiday this year, owing to the School being so long shut during the epidemic of Measles. One new pupil enrolled this afternoon.

May 25

Serg^t Thomson well again – drill as usual.

May 28

Monday. Six new pupils enrolled. Number present 138. Number on Roll 149. Made special inquiries after all absentees. Home work on the whole well done.

May 31

One or two pupils absent today suffering from cold. Number on Roll is now 150.

1888 Pg 528

June 4

Attendance this morning 140. Weather favourable to attendance.

June 5

Attendance 141. One new pupil enrolled.

June 8

(different handwriting) The Board visited the School and examined the Registers – 142 in attendance out of 150 enrolled. The condition of the school and the intelligence of the children was considered satisfactory. The Board further proceeded to consider the suggestions made by H.M. Inspector in addition to those already attended to as entered on March 19th Elgin Chairman

June 12

Attendance on the whole satisfactory: 141 being present this forenoon. The Home lessons on the whole are satisfactorily prepared. The number of infants in attendance is ~~regon~~ large : ~~other~~

1888 Pg 529

June 14

Sent a letter to Serg^t Thomson calling attention to the Venters – family of absentees residing at Gellet. Have repeatedly complained about their irregularity and absence.

June 15

Visited the School & examined the Registers which were found correctly to record 138 in attendance Elgin

June 15

Lord Elgin, Mr Morton, Mr M^cFarlane on the premises nearly all forenoon with Mr Scobie Architect considering the subject of different exits for boys and girls to playground.

June 18

Three new pupils enrolled. Attendance remarkably good considering the nearness of the holidays.

June 19

On Roll 154: present 144. Compared with same time last year, the attendance is much larger. Scholars, as usual, incline to be lazy as holidays approach.

1888 Pg 560

June 25

Beginning of the last week before the holidays. Urged upon the pupils the desirability of attending regularly all this week.

June 26

142 pupils present. Number on Registers being in accordance, as counted by the teachers.

June 27

Miss Reid paid a visit to the Sewing department this afternoon.

June 29

School closed for the annual Holidays – 138 present. Sent a note to Mr Morton M.o.B. anent cleaning to be done during holidays.

Aug 13

School duties resumed: 119 pupils present. a new pupil enrolled.

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Aug 14

134 present this morning: ~~three~~ four new pupils enrolled this morning.

Aug 17

Friday. Attendance this morning 136. Handed to School Bd. officer a list of Absentees. School in fair working order. Home lessons moderately well prepared.

Aug 21

Tuesday. Standards in full working order with a very good attendance. Much attention is now being given to the Class Subjects of the Various Standards. 143 pupils in attendance today.

Aug 23

149 pupils present

Aug 27

Home lessons indifferently prepared today on account of Regatta on Saturday. One new pupil enrolled. 156 on Roll – 147 in attendance.

Aug 30

Owing to the attendance of Shows and Various other entertainments the Home lessons have not been well attended to this week.

1888 Pg 562

Sept 3^d

Attendance good – 142 being present out of 151 enrolled. Ordinary work of pupils beginning to improve.

Sept 5

Attendance somewhat thinner again. Several being unaccountably absent.

Sept 10

(different handwriting) Visited the School this forenoon and found one Hundred and forty two pupils present as recorded in the Register. And Morton M of B.

Sept 10

One new pupil enrolled

Sept 17

One new pupil enrolled. No on Roll 154 No. in attendance this afternoon 144 All the Standards are requiring much attention in view of Examination in February. Weather exceedingly favourable to attendance.

Sept 20

Thursday – Miss Wood, Assistant absent badly.

1888 Pg 563

Sept 24

Weather getting somewhat cold: and not very favourable for Infant attendances. Home lessons fairly prepared and pupils making satisfactory progress. present today 141 No. on Roll 155.

Sept 27

Thursday – Standards making very satisfactory progress. one or two inexcusably absent.

Oct 1

(different handwriting) Having Visited the School on the forenoon of this day I find the number of pupils present as per Register And Morton M of B.

Oct 3

8 boys and three girls being absent today, the number present is 143.

Oct 8

Ordinary home work of pupils satisfactory. Attendance this morning 144: Two new pupils enrolled.

Total no. on Roll 156

1888 Pg 564

Oct 12

Friday. Weather somewhat stormy this morning. 140 out of 156 in attendance. Miss Reid visited Sewing department yesterday.

Oct 16

Received notice from Treasurer of School Board that 14/10 had been paid from Endowment Scheme for Education of free scholars.

Oct 18

Attendance thinner than it should be. Ordinary work fairly satisfactory. Standard work getting very careful attention from all the teachers.

Oct 22

Now that harvesting and potato lifting are almost finished the attendance should be good and regular. Home lessons are well prepared. A few are absent owing to colds &c.

1888 Pg 565

26 Oct

(different handwriting) Visit without notice. Registers duly filled up. G. Dunn H.M.I.

Oct 29

A large number Chiefly infants are absent, suffering from coughs and colds. Home work on the whole only moderately prepared.

Oct 31st

A good many still absent, suffering from colds &c Attendance unsatisfactory on that account.

Nov 3^d

Attendance still thin owing to illness. Home work on the whole fairly well prepared. Weather rather cold: many infants unwell.

Nov 6th

Being near term time those intending to leave are beginning to drop off. ordinary work of pupils continues satisfactory.

1888 Pg 566

Nov 12

Term day: Attendance 131: No. on Roll 147. Ordinary home lessons fairly well prepared. Received letter from Clk. of B. of Saturday anent the presentation of delicate Children. Received letter from Clerk of School Board regarding backward and delicate children whom it is proposed to withhold at forthcoming examination in February – Jessie Douglas being the only case, owing to irregularity of attendance.

Nov 16

Serg^t Thomson was present, but did not drill, owing to the very Stormy nature of the weather.

Nov 19

Attendance 132: being smaller than usual. The infant department is thinner owing to complaints of colds &c. All the Standards working diligently with a view to examination.

1888 Pg 567

Nov 23

Attendance very fair considering the Stormy nature of the weather will advise Serg^t Thomson to dispense with drill owing to the weather.

Nov 26

Monday. Weather again exceedingly stormy. Attendance smaller than might be expected. one new boy enrolled.

Nov 27

Tuesday. Three new pupils enrolled.

Dec 3

Attendance again destroyed through the unfortunately rainy weather.

Dec 7

Reported to officer that the roofing would require an overhaul on account of the late Storm.

Dec 10

Attendance this morning 137. Ordinary home work on the whole fairly done. All the Standards getting attention in Subjects specially required for examination. Found the offices in Good order this morning.

Dec 17

Writing requiring special mention.

1888 Pg 568

Dec 24

Requested officer on Friday to report anent repairing of offices.

Dec 25

(different handwriting) Visited the School on the forenoon of this day and found the attendance to correspond with numbers in Register And Morton Member of Board

Dec 28

School dismissed today for New Year Holidays.

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School duties resumed after a week's absence. Attendance good and Scholars generally very diligent.

Jan 10

Attendance slightly less than it might be. A family has been removed to Dunfermline hospital – owing to Typhoid fever.

Jan 14

Weather rather cold and chilly for the younger children, but attendance good notwithstanding – offices in Good order.

1889 Pg 569

Jan 16

Paid a visit to the infant departments. The Sewing department is making Satisfactory progress. Scholars careful in preparation of their home lessons.

Jan 21st

Monday. Weather very good for time of year and attendance fairly satisfactory – 137 being present this afternoon out of 149 enrolled.

Jan 23

139 pupils present. pupils very orderly and diligent. Infant department is in a very satisfactory state.

Jan 30th

Received notice that Inspector's visit would take place on 20th Prox. at 9.30.

Jan 31st

End of School – year. Will introduce New School Registers tomorrow.

Feb 1st

Introduced New Registers this morning and verified the actual number present by counting the pupils.

Feb 5

Attendance good: Scholars very diligent.

1889 Pg 570

Feb 12

Gave the second last lesson in 'Music' previous to Examination: and thought the pupils knew their work very well.

Feb 15

Friday Serg^t Thomson unable to be present. Asked Mr Anderson to look over the premises previous to visit of Inspector – and also to fix up desks firmly – also to look carefully at window blinds.

Informed school cleaner that school must be thoroughly cleaned – gave instructions also that the offices should be thoroughly examined and all reasonable cause of complaints removed.

Feb 19

Pupils arranged for Examination. All present qualified for presentation save one –

Feb 20

School inspected – 131 pupils present.

Feb 25

School duties resumed after the usual holiday after Examination. Received dup E Schedule on Saty and intimated

1889 Pg 571

(Feb 25 cont) the results to the Scholars today.

Feb 26

Attendance considerably diminished owing to the removal of a good many in Standards V and VI. Arranged the new Standards: and kept them working the best way possible until the arrival of proper books. Have got notice that James Hodge and Sarah Kydd have been chosen by Dunfermline Ed. Trust. for free scholarships for one year.

Mar 4

Attendance fairly satisfactory. Two new pupils enrolled.

Mar 7

All the pupils have now been supplied with their new books – and are apparently taking much interest in them.

Mar 11

Monday. Two new pupils enrolled. 131 present this morning.

Mar 14

~~Wednesday~~ Thursday. Introduced a new song and found the pupils anxious to learn it.

1889 Pg 572

Mar 15

Received notice this morning that Mary McLaren had gained Lord Elgin's Bursary. No drill owing to rainy weather.

Mar 18

The following is a summary of H.M. Inspector's report:-

"The behaviour of the children was faultless but they showed an almost morbid reserve and apparent timidity which rendered the Examination tedious and fatiguing; and such an absence of Cheerfulness is not in harmony with the highest type of discipline. As usual the Standard work is satisfactorily done. Penmanship however, was not infrequently poor and the Reading monotonous. The Class Subjects were fair. The Junior Section made a pleasing appearance, and is Creditably taught. The needle- work is highly satisfactory. The managers are to be congratulated on the improvements effected on the premises."

Staff:

And^w Todd Certificated Teacher of the First Class

Mary Wood Certificated Teacher of the Third Class

Jane H Anderson Ex P.T.

Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of B.

1889 Pg 573

March 25

The Board visited the school today & examined the registers there being 136 present out of a total on the roll of 143. Everything appeared to be in good order & the education efficient.

Elgin Chairman

March 25

Two new pupils enrolled.

(March) 29

Friday. Ordinary work of the week satisfactory. Standards making good progress.

Apr 1

Monday. One new pupil enrolled.

Apr 3^d

P.T. absent badly. Monitors employed.

Apr 5th

Serg^t Thomson made the usual call but there was no drill owing to the very rainy state of the weather.

Friday.

Apr 12

Attendance this morning 135. Serg^t Thomson did not drill, the weather and playground being unsuitable.

1889 Pg 574

Apr 15

Received from Clk. Of Bd. Schedule to be filled up anent fees for the department.

Apr 19

Annual Holiday – Good Friday.

Apr 22

Attendance not so good as might be expected. Weather good. Sent to Clk of Bd. Schedule referred to on April 16th

Apr 25

Sent out word to all those in arrears with fees to have them in by tomorrow, in order to be forwarded to the Board.

Apr 30

Home lessons rather poorly prepared owing to a number of Shows being in the village last night.

Attendance good. Weather very satisfactory.

May 2

Thursday. Attendance 147. Home work carefully prepared. Boys of Standard IV especially – backward. Infant department in lively order. Inspected the offices on Saturday last, and found everything in satisfactory order.

1889 Pg 575

May 3

Serg^t Thomson was in attendance, but there was no drill as the weather was rainy.

May 13

Teacher absent during past week being badly. Assistants & two monitors carried on the work satisfactorily. Pupils behaved well.

May 13

(different handwriting) Visited the school in the forenoon of this day and found the School Registers correctly marked. And Morton M of B.

May 16

Thursday Weather good and attendance satisfactory. Home lessons learned fairly well. Infant department attending well.

May 20

The ordinary work of the school was satisfactory. Attendance scarcely up to the mark.

May 22

Received notice from School Board that the Holidays are fixed to be from July 1st to August 12.

May 23 & 24

Annual Holiday in connection with Queen's B'day.

1889 Pg 576

May 27

School duties resumed after Annual Holidays – Numbers in attendance small: weather good. Work of school inclined to be dragging.

May 29

Visited the School this afternoon and find the attendance correctly marked in Register. And Mordon M.ofB.

May 31

No drill today. Weather unsuitable: order of work slightly changed owing to no drill taking place. Classes of Domestic Economy and French making fair progress.

June 3

Monday. 127 present. 2 new pupils enrolled.

June 10

Attendance 133 this morning. Scholars not coming so well prepared with home lessons – Weather Good: Infant room in good order.

June 14

Attendance continues good. Weather beautiful. Scholars getting slightly careless – owing to the nearness of Annual Holiday. Infant room in very satisfactory state.

1889 Pg 577

June 17

Monday. Three new pupils enrolled.

June 19

Wednesday. School exceedingly warm, notwithstanding ventilation. Pupils beginning to flag, being near the end of the Session.

June 24

Monday. Attendance 132 being good Considering this is the last week of the Session. Pupils on the whole working fairly and behaving well.

June 28

School close for Summer Holiday 124 present.

Aug^t 12

School duties resumed – 115 pupils present. Two new pupils enrolled.

Aug 16

(different handwriting) Visited the School in the morning of this day and found Registers correctly marked. And Morton M of B

Aug 19

Monday. Attendance somewhat improved 127 being present. One new boy enrolled. Pupils beginning to show some activity.

1889 Pg 578

Aug 22

Friday. No drill owing to heavy rain. Mr Thomson present.

Aug 26

Monday. Attendance this morning 131: still a few being absent.

Aug 27

Home lessons somehow not satisfactorily prepared.

Aug 29

Sent to School Board:

Stand. I 24 pupils: II 13: III 22: IV 17: V 23: VI 14: Ex VI 3 total 116

Sept 2

Monday. Attendance satisfactory: 136 pupils being present.

Sept 3

Sent return to School Board this morning Anent averages &c to assist in settling as to Free Education

Sept 4 County Buildings, Dunfermline

4th Sept. 1889

Dear Sir

The Board agreed today to cease exacting School fees from and after 1st Oct. In view of this it is expected that you will use every exertion to get payment of any arrears of fees before 1st Oct.

Jas M^cFarlane C. o. B.

1889 Pg 579

Sept 6

(different handwriting) Visited school counted the pupils examined the Register & found the latter correctly marked. Jas McFarlane C of B

Sept 9

Monday. Attendance good and pupils making very satisfactory progress. Intimated to pupils that it would be necessary to have all the fees collected as early as possible. Stated fully the merits of free Education and Expressed the wish that it might improve the attendance.

Sept 12

Friday. Weather satisfactory to attendance. Home lessons fairly well prepared. Requested scholars to pay up school if possible before the 1st of October.

Sept 17

Standards generally making fair progress. One or two, only of the pupils are absent badly. Introduced a new song last Singing Day and finished it today.

1889 Pg 580

Sept 20

No drill today. 130 pupils were present this afternoon.

Sept 23

Attendance satisfactory. Weather exceedingly favour. One or two cases of absence Caused by slight sickness.

Sept 30

Free Education Commences today – Two new pupils enrolled. Ordinary work fairly well don: but Standards require Attention in History.

Oct. 1st

Two new pupils enrolled. No on Roll: 81 boys 67 girls total 148.

Oct 3

(different handwriting) Visit without notice. Registers duly marked.

G. Dunn H.M.I.

Oct 4

Weather unsatisfactory for attendance. Serg^t Thomson was present but did not drill on account of the rain

1889 Pg 581

Oct 8

The weather has been exceedingly rainy during the last two days and this has Considerably affected the Attendance.

Oct 10

Miss Anderson absent badly: two monitors doing duty in her absence. Attendance very Good on the whole.

Oct 11

Miss Anderson returned to duty today. Weather and attendance both very Good.

Oct 18

Attendance very fair. Pupils all working and behaving well. Made two surprise visits this week to Sewing departments and found everything in Good order.

Oct 21

Attendance Good, 138 being present this morning. Standard and Class work making very fair progress.

Oct 24

Paid a visit to Clan Roake(?) to enquire about behaviour of Girls and Sewing.

1889 Pg 582

Oct 24

Gave all the Standards special examination in Arithmetic and found they did fairly well.

Oct 29

Several of the younger pupils are badly with Chicken pox. Attendance slightly smaller than might be expected.

Nov 4

Weather exceedingly rainy and disagreeable. Attendance smaller than usual.

Nov 7

Miss Wood absent badly – monitors Acting in infant department.

Nov 12

School closed at half past 12: and not re-opened this afternoon owing to the Funeral of Mr Blyth, late teacher in Charlestown.

Nov 15

Attendance not so good as it might be – Standards IV & VI getting a good deal of attention in Class Subjects.

1889 Pg 583

Nov 20

Wednesday. The weather Continues good and the Attendance very fair.

Nov 28

Thursday. Ordinary work of the school very satisfactory. A few scholars have left the district being Martinmas term. Weather frosty: and therefore suitable for attendance.

Dec 2

No. on Roll 138. this indicates a large falling off in the number of pupils Compare with last year.

Dec 4

(different handwriting) Visited the school on the afternoon of this day and find one hundred and twenty seven pupils present And Morton M of B

Dec 9

Sent notice to the Board that Miss Anderson intends leaving at Jan 31st Jeanie Wilson intends becoming a Pupil Teacher in room of an Ex P.T.

1889 Pg 584

Dec 13

Held an examination today forenoon and afternoon – thought the children with one or two exceptions did very well on the whole.

Dec 19

Weather very rainy and stormy both today and yesterday. Attendance very considerably affected thereby today.

Dec 25

Christmas Day. One or two absent badly. Children slightly restless, owing to this being xmas.

Dec 27

School dismissed for the Annual New Year's Holidays.

1890

Jan 6th

School duties resumed. Attendance on the whole not satisfactory.

Jan 9

Scholars somewhat lazy after the late holidays. A few are absent owing to influenza.

Jan 13

Standards are working very well and making satisfactory progress. Attendance this afternoon 1129.

Weather on the whole mild and suitable for attendance.

1890 Pg 585

Jan 15

Gave all the Standards a special examination in Arithmetic.

Jan 16

Intimated examination of P.Ts for 25th Jany at 9.15 am.

Jan 17

Friday. No drill

Jan 24

No drill owing to Serg^t Thomson having another engagement.

Jan 28

Received notice of Inspection for 13th prox. At 10. O.C.

February 3

Introduced new Registers. No. on R. 139. present 127. Standards generally very well prepared with Home work.

Feb 4

Helen Aitken Blackhall, a pupil in Standard II died suddenly last night.

Feb 7 I have today examined Miss Jeanie Wilson & hereby certify that she is in Good mental and bodily health, and in no way incapacitated for following in the profession of a teacher.

1890 February 7 R E Craine Sug^r

1890 Pg 586

Feb 11

Attendance very fast decreasing owing to Whooping Cough and Influenza. A good many who are present are suffering from coughs and colds.

Feb 12

Arranged the Standards for Inspection for tomorrow – found a large number absent and several present suffering from Whooping Cough – and ordered a medical Certificate for all absentees.

Feb 13

Inspection

Feb 18

Attendance only 108. Received duplicate of Exam. Schd. On 16. Whooping – cough pretty general but of a mild form.

Feb 20

Attendance highly unsatisfactory. Many new cases of whooping cough.

Feb 24

Monday. Attendance still very low. One new pupil – a girl enrolled. Some delay to school work owing to pupils having to wait for books.

1890 Pg 587

Feb. 28

Attendance during past week has been very low. Matters on very satisfactory as is Generally the case at the beginning of a School year.

Mar 3

Attendance this afternoon 104, being a very slight increase on last week. Three new pupils enrolled this morning. Gave Standards V VI & Vii their new Reading books.

Mar 4

Holiday – opening of Forth Bridge.

Mar 5 The following is a summary of H.M. Inspector's report: -

The Children's behaviour is faultless but they show a lack of Animation which approaches depression, and a lighter and more buoyant spirit should be cultivated. The Infant Section is very carefully and gently ~~cultivated~~ taught & In the Senior Section the results are good on the whole, but the Composition of the

1890 Pg 588

(HMI Report cont) Fifth Standard was very poor. Intelligence still requires to be stimulated in the classes generally. In History and Geography the results varied Considerably, the answering in the upper Standards being not unfrequently good: in the aggregate, however, these subjects did not reach a higher level than fair. The Needlework claims special praise, the list exercises being above the average. A Gallery in the Infant room would prove very useful.

Staff:

And^w Todd C.T. of First Class.
Mary Wood C.T. of Third Class
Jane H. Anderson ex P.T.
Jeannie H. Wilson P.T. of 1st year
Mary Whyte Sewing Mistress
(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Board.

Mar 10

Attendance this morning 109: 4 new pupils enrolled. Many still suffering from Whooping Cough.

1890 Pg 589

Mar 12

(different handwriting) Visited the School today and found the Numbers marked on register to Correspond with numbers present. And^w Morton M of B.

Mar 18

Attendance improving very slowly. Home lessons fairly well prepared. Whooping Cough abating.

Mar 20

Intimated Examination for Bursary on Saturday first at 3'O.C.

Mar 20

(different handwriting) Visited the School in forenoon of this day and find pupils present as per Register And. Morton M of B.

Mar n/d

X Sarah Kydd X and John Spence nominated for small bursaries.

Mar 24

Received notice yesterday that Maggie Lumley had gained the "Elgin" Bursary.

1890 Pg 590

Mch 25

Dunfermline 24th Mch. 1890.

Dear Sir. I beg to Annexe list of Scholars in your School to whom it has been agreed to provide free School books for the current year. It is thought that 3/- for each Scholar will be sufficient to cover the cost.

(sig?) Yours faithfully D. Gorrie

List referred to : Sarah Kydd, Joah^a Niven, John Niven, Lizzie Clark.

Mar 28

Friday. No drill, owing to bad weather – Miss Anderson, Assistant, left today after being presented by the pupils with a Combined Writing Desk, and Workbox, as also a Copy of Shakespeare.

Mar 31

Monday. Two new pupils enrolled. Mr. Main Wilson, M of B. paid a visit to the School this afternoon. Attendance should still be larger Considering the number on Roll.

1890 Pg 591

Apr 3

Several boys are not attending as they should do. Intend sending word to their parents.

Apr 4

Attendance 127 this afternoon. Ordinary work fairly satisfactory but towards 4 O.C the scholars seemed somewhat lazy.

Apr 7

Half holiday this afternoon in connection with Good Friday.

Apr 9

Attendance 129. NO. on Roll 143.

Dunfermline April 9th 1890

Dear Sir.

At a meeting of the Trust held yesterday it was agreed inter alia to institute two bursaries for your school to be awarded for regularity of attendance and general merit; the conditions being 1 that the pupil shall at next inspection pass the 6th Standard and 2 that the parents or Guardians are in necessitous Circumstances, but not in receipt of

1890 Pg 592

(Apr 9 cont) Parochial relief.

The Bursaries will Amount to about 15/- each and will, of course, not be paid till after the next Inspection. Be good enough to let this be known in your school. Yrs faithf^y D. Gorrie

April 14

Attendance improving. Intend substituting Reading for History: and taking English and Geography as Class subjects.

(April) 18

Attendance very satisfactory. Standards making fair progress. P.T. and Infant section doing well.

(April) 24

Attendance continues Good. Ordinary work fairly done. Home lessons might be a little better prepared.

(April) 29

Weather exceedingly Good and fairly satisfactory for attendance. Several of those pupils who used to attend in Dunf. Seem to be remarkable for the irregularity of their Attendance.

1890 Pg 593

May 7

Weather Good and attendance fair on the whole.

May 9

Friday. Boys drilling as usual and seem to be making satisfactory progress. Several of the scholars getting their portraits taken yesterday and today.

May 16

Attendance good. Sent letter to Mr M^cFarlane stating the amount of Grant that may be expected under the code of 1890.

May 19

(different handwriting) Visited the School this forenoon and find One Hundred and Twenty Seven pupils present with one Hundred and Thirty- eight on the Roll And Morton M of B

May 23rd & 25th

Annual Holidays in Connection with Queens Birth day.

May 26

School duties resumed this "morning". Attendance good.

1890 Pg 594

(May 21)

County Buildings – Dunfermline

May 21 1890

Dear Sir

My Board at their meeting yesterday fixed the Summer holidays to be for 6 weeks commencing on Monday the 30th of June – the schools reopening on Monday 11 Aug^t

(sigd) Yrs Jas M^cFarlane

May 27

One new pupil enrolled. No. on R. 140 No. in attendance this morning 135. Weather very favourable to attendance.

(May 20)

County Buildings Dunfermline

20 May 1890

Dear Sir.

My Board have directed me to ask for a list of the occasions during these last twelve months your school has been used for meetings, with the dates the person to whom liberty was granted and the purpose for which.

(sgd) Jas M^cFarlane

Book Two 1890 - 1910

1890 p 1

May 30

Attendance continues good and weather highly satisfactory for it.

June 2

8 new pupils. Roll 148, attendance 136

June 5

School work satisfactory. Standard I require and are getting special attention, particularly in Arithmetic.

June 9

141 present

June 10

Visited school and examined registers. Considered question of a gallery in the infant room.

Elgin, chairman Andrew Morton M of B

1890 p 2

June 13th

Spoke to a number who were absent yesterday and Wednesday – owing to swin. Informed that this was far wrong as may form a great _rse present.

June 17

Attendance 144. Am endeavouring to keep up the attendance as well as possible as it is generally inclined to decrease on the approach of the holidays.

June 18

Every girl on roll present this afternoon.

June 23

Attendance in a.m. 140. Weather good. Pupils making good progress. As this is last week before holidays ‘too much need not be expected from the pupils’.

1890 p 3

June 27

School closed for Annual Holidays. 144 present – only 1 girl and 3 boys absent.

August 11

School resumed. 114 present, 2 new enrolled

August 12

Attendance not good – heavy rain this a.m.

August 18

Numbers considerably improved - 136. ‘Impressed upon the pupils the absolute necessity of being every day at school.’

(different handwriting) Number present corresponds with marked register. Jas McFarlane Clk of SB

August 20

141 present – highly satisfactory

August 25

Start of 3rd week after holidays. On roll 150, present 145. 3 new enrolled

1890 p 4

August 29

Friday. Attendance for past week highly satisfactory ‘but some attention still requires to be paid to home lessons’.

Sept 2

Attendance and home lessons slightly improving. Infants and Standard 1 need and get very much attention. Rain today and yesterday.

Sept 5

Attendance continues good. Infants and Standard I need considerable attention ‘on account of the slowness of their movements’.

Sept 8

One new pupil, a boy

Sept 9

Remarkable attendance. Roll 153, present 151

1890 p 5

Sept 10

Visited the school this forenoon and found 151 pupils present on a registered attendance of 153 – this high attendance is most noteworthy. Andrew Morton M of B

Sept 12

Friday. Boys attending drill as usual. Infants and Standard I have of late been receiving considerable attention. Slightly behind in Arithmetic and Reading.

Sept 15

Miss Wood absent this afternoon, unwell. Monitor employed. (Miss W returned on 17th)

Sept 19

Friday – no drill.

1890 p 6

Sept 24

No on roll 154, present 150

Sept 26

Friday. No drill, stormy weather. 144 present in pm. Standard work progressing fairly

Sept 30th

Very rainy tonight. Had to detain a number of the country children until the rain was over.

Oct 3

Attendance slightly destroyed by severe weather Standards improving slowly.

Oct 6

Attendance thin, numbers ill. Home lessons only moderately prepared

Oct 13

2 new pupils enrolled

Oct 20

Monday. Still a large number of the younger pupils absent suffering from swollen faces.

1890 p 7

Oct 21

School closed at 12 noon. Funeral of Mr Watson, one of school managers.

Oct 23

Large numbers still absent, most suffering from swollen faces.

Oct 24

Reported Janet Gray having only made 25 attendances and her brother 17 out of 49 possible since

Sept 26

Oct 27

Monday. Attendance again very reduced although weather very suitable. Examined offices and found them clean and tidy.

Oct 29

Attendance still exceedingly low. Many unwell. Many present are weakly and lessons unsatisfactory.

1890 p 9

Oct 31

No drill, owing to rain. 'Attendance very small owing to an infection trouble called mumps'.

In pm gave Standards 4,5, and 6 special exam in Arithmetic.

Nov 6

Attendances slightly improving. Standards 4,5 and 6 making good progress in arithmetic.

Examined the offices the other morning and found everything in order.

Dancing class in school began this week. Informed Mr Marshall DM (dancing master) of the usual terms on which (use of) the school is granted.

Nov 10

Visited the school this forenoon and examined the registers which I find correct. Andrew Morton M of B

Nov 11

Term time (ie Martinmas) considerable number have left.

1890 p 10

Nov 13

Attendance unsatisfactory again. A good many still suffering from "Mumps".

Nov 17

Attendance 135. 2 new pupils enrolled.

Nov 20

No drill, very rainy. Grammar lesson instead. Attendance improving very slowly.

Nov 24

Attendances 137. 2 new pupils enrolled. Weather bad for some time but beginning to improve.

Nov 27

Very frosty – suitable for attendance. Miss Wood and Miss Wilson change places this week.

Dec 1

In the morning attended Dunfermline Sheriff Court as witness in connection with defaulting parents.

1890 p 11

Dec 2

Attendance v fair on the whole. 'Weather exceedingly disagreeable.'

Dec 9

Pupils beginning to show some anxiety in their work in view of approaching examination.

Dec 11

143 on roll, 132 present

Dec 15

Monday. Home lessons only fairly satisfactory. Attendance satisfactory but several absent from Infant room.

Dec 22

Monday. Posted Approximate Examination Schedule. Frosty, good roads, attendance good.

Dec 25

Christmas Day, 131 present.

Received 10s from Dunfermline Education Trust and gave 2/6d to each of the following (for school books)

Sarah Kydd, Isabella Niven, John Niven, Lizzie Clark

1890 p 11

Dec 26

School dismissed for New Year Holidays this afternoon.

1891

Jan 5

School resumed after NY holidays. 'Attendance very small and lessons rather imperfectly prepared as was expected.'

Jan 12

Ordinary work satisfactory. Boys' singing getting extra attention.

Jan 19

'Attendance good. Children all working well in view of inspection.'

Jan 21

Letter from Clerk of SB. PT exam in Queen Anne St School Dunfermline, Saturday 31 Jan at 10.00 am

Jan 23

Letter from Mr Gorrie (clerk of Burgh school board) asking for nominations of pupils eligible to receive payment for books from Dunfermline Education Trust.

1891 p 12

Jan 23

Recommended to Ed Trust:

Joseph Hodge, William Hodge, John Niven, Isa Niven, Lizzie Clark.

Jan 27

Attendance pm 137, roll 143. Weather v good for attendance. 'Pupils are working diligently in view of Examination'.

Jan 28

Received notice of Exam date – 26 Feb at 10.00 am

Jan 30

Last day of Government Year. Roll 143, present 134. Will introduce new registers on Monday.

Feb 2

Introduced new Registers. 143 on roll, 129 present.

Feb 4

PT and Assistant changing classes to vary the work.

1891 p 13

Feb 6

Examination in arithmetic – Standards 4,5 and 6. 'Attendance scarcely up to the mark considering the Inspection is so near'.

Feb 13

Friday Attendance slightly falling away. Ordinary home work satisfactory. Examined the poetry lessons and found the pupils well prepared.

Feb 18

Extra singing practice this pm.

Feb 21

Date of letter from Dunf Ed Trust. As inspections currently taking place asks for teacher's recommendations for the 15s bursaries assigned to Limekilns school. D Gorrie.

1891 p 14

Feb 23

Visited the school and examined the registers. 131 in attendance. Elgin, C of B

Feb 26

Inspection – 131 present

Feb 27

Holiday

March 2

Recommended to Mr Gorrie for Bursaries of 15s each – John Spence Sandilands, Sarah Kydd.
3 new pupils.

March 3

Returned School Board Post Folio. Made some arrangements of Standards for work of coming year.

March 6

Received duplicate Exam schedule

March 10

Standards now in good working order. Attendance good, weather frosty and cold.

1891 p 15

March 12

Gave Sarah Kydd and John Spence their 15s each bursaries. Standards making satisfactory progress with their new books.

March 16

Monday Very rainy, only 113 present. Started a new French class. All Standards progressing favourably.

March 17

Weather still v bad, attendance v small. School dismissed earlier this afternoon – no sewing.

March 18

Miss Wood absent unwell – monitor acting.

March 23

Miss Wood returned. 1 new pupil. Only 2 absent.

1891 p16

March 24

HMI Report

'An improvement in the tone of the school is very perceptible and the children were much more cheerful and animated than formerly. The results were as a rule very satisfactory but the composition and arithmetic of the fifth Standard were defective. The written work was neatly and carefully done. The chief merit of the instruction is reading, which throughout the school is much above the average and the supplementary tests in this subject were so well performed that both divisions of the school, notwithstanding the abatements indicated above, were rated as good. The class subjects also earned the higher grant. Special praise is due to the needlework. Singing and solfaing are very creditable. I would be a great advantage if (continued on p 17) part of the large room at least were fitted with a gallery arrangement of seats for greater convenience in teaching. It is hoped that it may be possible for the managers to provide and for one or other of the teaching staff to use, a piano for the accompanying of songs and for the musical tests.

J Wilson passed well.

Andrew Todd C. T. of 1st Class

Mary Wood C. T. of 3rd Class

Jennie Wilson P.T. of 2nd year

Mary Whyte sewing mistress

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clk of Bd.

March 27

Holiday. Good Friday

March 30

Visited the school this forenoon and found register correctly marked. Andrew Morton M of B

1891 p 18

April 3

Attendance continues good. The ordinary attention to lessons is satisfactory.

April 6

Weather disagreeably cold and rainy. Attendance fair. Pupils all doing well with their new books.

April 7

Letter from Mr Don, Rector of Dunfermline High School, intimating exam for Elgin Bursary tomorrow at 9.30

April 8

Received 12/6d from Mr Gorrie and handed 2/6d to each of the following, to be used to buy school books :

Joseph Hodge, William Hodge, John Niven, Isabella Niven, Lizzie Clark

Six girls of Ex Standard 6 are today attending exam in High School for Elgin Bursary.

1891 p 19

April 9

Received notice that Maggie Wilson had gained the Elgin Bursary.

April 13

Monday two pupils left, two enrolled.

April 14

Friday Full attendance of every pupil on roll.

April 17

132 present in am, 133 in pm

April 21

Weather exceedingly favourable for attendance. Only 2 absent. Ordinary home lessons fairly attended to.

April 23

Visited school, examined registers and found them correct. RM Wilson, M of P. S. B.

April 27

1 enrolled. Attendance continues good. Homework generally well done.

1891 p 20

May 4

Attendance continues good.

May 7

Weather continues good, helping attendance. Assistant and PT occasionally changing classes. Standards doing well in Arithmetic.

May 14

Sent names of Janet Bell and Mary Walker as likely to compete for Dunfermline Ed Trust bursaries on 14 June. Attendance exceedingly good. Only 2 absent in am

May 18

Monday. A few absent, the cause will be noticed tomorrow.

May 21 & 22

Holiday – Queen's Birthday

1891 p 21

May 25

School resumed. Pupils lively and healthy. Number absent unwell v small.

May 27

On visiting the school this afternoon I find one hundred and thirty seven pupils present, as marked in the Registers. Andrew Morton M of B

June 1st

Attendance satisfactory. One or two pupils unwell. Infants getting on well. Teachers occasionally change classes. Intend to introduce new songs in the infants department.

June 5th

Visited boys doing drill. Found them interested and attentive. Attendance good on the whole.

1891 p 22

June 8

The Board visited the school and considered the accommodation with reference to the remarks in the report of HM Inspector. Examined the registers and found 139 present out of 143 on the roll.

Elgin Chairman.

June 8

School Board at their meeting today fixed the summer holidays to be for six weeks commencing 29 June, re-opening Monday 10 August.

June 11

Attendance good – 141 present (143 on roll)

June 15

Mary Walker and Janet Bell attending exam at Dunfermline High School – Dunf Ed Trust bursaries.

June 19

Visited boys at drill, behaviour good. Weather continues suitable to attendance.

1891 p 23

June 22

Monday 'Being the commencement of the last (week) before the holiday a little restlessness is observable.' Attendance still good.

June 26

School closed for Annual holiday. 135 present – 5 boys and 3 girls absent.

August 10

School re-opened, 116 present

August 12

Attendance about the same. Home lessons moderately prepared.

August 14

Friday. End of first week after holidays. Requested better attendance for Monday. Lessons expected to improve next week.

August 17

Attendance better. 3 enrolled

1891 p 24

August 17

Visited the school this afternoon and find 129 pupils present. Andrew Morton etc

August 25

Attendance improving, only 8 now absent

August 26

Weather exceedingly stormy – attendance smaller than usual.

August 28

Gave Standards IV, V and VI exam in arithmetic. Fairly well done although the sums were a little easy.

August 31

127 present, one enrolled

Sept 3

Weather extremely stormy. Scholars generally making very fair progress

1891 p 25

Sept 7

One enrolled

Sept 8

Heavy rain, attendance greatly reduced. One enrolled – from Glasgow.

Sept 14

All standards making fair progress. Arithmetic being paid special attention in all.

Sept 18

Friday. Ordinary work of the week fairly successful. Attendance, everything considered, continues good.

Sept 21

Monday. Very rainy – attendance v small.

Sept 28

Intimated contents of letter from Mr Gorrie re Dunf Ed Trust bursaries – 1 of 15s with book as prize, 1 of 10s with book as prize (next p) and 2 of 5s.

1891 p 26

Oct 1 & 2

Teacher absent unwell. Assistant and monitors acting.

Oct 5

Monday Annual autumn holiday. PT absent unwell and monitors acting in Infant dept.

Oct 12

PT still unwell but slowly improving. Monitors acting in Infant department.

Oct 15

Infant dept ‘somewhat unruly in consequence of absence of PT’.

Oct 19

Attendance not v large. PT still unwell but improving

1891 p 27

Oct 23

Infants behaving well in absence of PT, still unwell

Oct 26

PT returned today after long absence due to sickness

Oct 30

Attendance continues fairly regular. One or two absent potato gathering.

Nov 5

Standards making good progress. 129 present.

Nov 9

On my visiting the school this forenoon I find 131 pupils present. Andrew Morton etc

Nov 9

Three enrolled

Nov 11

Term day, attendance v small. V rainy, many country pupils absent.

1891 p 28

Nov 11

Miss Whyte, sewing mistress, absent unwell.

Nov 13

V rainy, no drill, Sgt Thomson present. Grammar instead of drill and school dismissed half an hour earlier.

Nov 17

Weather still unfavourable to attendance. 'Being about the term time a considerable number of pupils are beginning to drop off.' Miss Whyte, sewing mistress, intends leaving.

Nov 20

Attendance v low owing to flu.

Nov 24

87 present, the absent suffering from flu. Received notice from Clerk of Board (continued on next p) that Miss Wood (Assistant) has been appointed sewing mistress in place of Miss Whyte. Wrote to clerk that Miss Whyte would remain until start of New Year holidays and Miss Wood would take up the post on 1 Jan 1892

Dec 7

School has been closed from Nov 26 owing to flu. 78 present. Weather wet and v unhealthy. Many children still ill.

Dec 8

Attendance improving, 98 present. Sewing mistress off duty since 26 Nov.

Dec 11

Sch Board officer present but no drill owing to severity of weather and general health of scholars not being up to the mark.

1891 p 30

Dec 14

Attendance slowly increasing. Over 100 present. Weather unsatisfactory for attendance.

Dec 18

Sgt Thomson present but no drill as weather not v good.

Dec 21

Attendance slightly improving. Weather good and flu starting to disappear.

Dec 24

Sewing dept making fair progress under Miss Wood as interim. Enters fully on duty on 1 Jan.

Dec 29

V wet and disagreeable but attendance not affected.

Dec 31

School dismissed at noon for NY holidays

1892 p 31

Jan 5

School resumed after NY holidays. Forwarded approximate schedule.

Jan 11

Monday. Snow storm, attendance good, School work satisfactory. Sewing dept much improved in discipline under Miss Wood.

Jan 15

Friday. Attendance still v satisfactory. Standards making good progress and showing interest in their work.

Jan 20

Ordinary school work continues to be well done and home exercises are attended to. No on roll 130, considerable decrease since last year.

Jan 20

Visited the school this afternoon and find the registers correctly marked. Andrew Morton etc

1892 p 32

Jan 27

Notice from clerk of SB that HMI would visit school on 1 March at 10.15

Feb 1

Introduced new Registers. 130 on roll, 120 present.

Feb 8

Letter from teacher to D Gorrie (Dunf Ed Trust) replying to his of 5 Feb.

Nominates William Hodge, John Niven, Bella (Isabella) Niven, Lizzie Clark and William Spence (for help in buying books). 'I may state that the circumstances of the first four remain unchanged, the mother of the last named is a widow and hers is a very needy case.'

1892 p 33

Feb 11

Receive Govt Schedule in advance of Examination. Attendance still good. Weather v favourable.

Feb 16

Ground covered with snow but attendance still satisfactory. Standards attending well to their work.

Feb 19

Standards IV, V and VI examined. Grammar instead of drill as cold outside. 17 degrees of frost previous night.

Feb 22

Received 15s from Dunf Ed Trust, payable at 3s per head for books, copy books etc to:
William Hodge, **John Niven**, **Bella Niven**, Lizzie Clark, **William Spence**

1891 Census

Sandilands (Limekilns)

James Niven 50 carter born Dunfermline

Isabella Niven 48 wife born Bo'ness

Jane 24 damask weaver born Auchterderran

Robert 19 carter born Dunfermline

Mary 15 cotton weaver born Dunfermline

Helen 14 cotton weaver born Dunfermline

Isabella 11 scholar born Dunfermline

John 10 scholar born Dunfermline

Agnes 8 scholar born Dunfermline

Margaret 6 scholar born Dunfermline

Catherine 4 born Dunfermline

Christina 2 born Dunfermline

1891 Census

Sandilands

Euphemia Spence 41 annuitant born Dunfermline

John Spence 13 scholar

William R Spence 7 scholar

James W Spence 5 scholar

Robert Spence 4

Birth Certificate

William Reid Spence born 18 January 1884 at Charlestown

Parents – William Spence merchant seaman, Euphemia Spence nee Reid

Married 24 Jan 1876 at Dunfermline

Birth registered by Jemima Reid, aunt, present at birth.

1881 Census

Private House (Limekilns?)

Christian Reid 67 born Limekilns

Euphemia Spence 31 daughter born Charlestown

Jemima Reid 29 no occupation born Charlestown

Alexander Reid 24 clerk in sawmill born Charlestown

John Spence 3 born Charlestown

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Feb 29

Monday. Arranged Standards for exam tomorrow. On Roll 131, present 125

March 1

Inspection 125 present. Holidays to 7 March

March 7

Sent work to Mr Gorrie recommending ~~Wm Spence Sandilands~~ William McLaren for 15s and ~~Robert Cant~~ George Paterson for 10s bursaries Peter Moultrie 5s John Mercer 5s

9 enrolled

March 8

Attendance promises to be good. 1 enrolled

March 10

Attendance good notwithstanding snow storm. 'The school is scarcely in working order yet as all the new books are not yet to hand'.

March 14

3 enrolled

1892 p 35

March 14

Visited the school this forenoon and find 128 pupils present and I find the entry in Register correct. Andrew Morton etc.

March 17

All the new books have been introduced and the Standards have now got started into working order for another year.

March 18

HMI Report

The children behave in an exemplary manner but show a morbid diffidence and seeming timidity which are inconsistent with a high ideal of discipline and in future this feature will be taken into account in estimating the grant. The instruction is, however, undoubtedly very good and reading and arithmetic (except as regards the sixth standard) are remarkably well

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HMI Report continued

advanced. As regards the Class Subjects in which oral answering comes into play, it was difficult to gauge the attainments of the children owing to the diffidence already commented on and it is certain that they did not do themselves justice. As a general result English and History were rated as Good and Geography as fair. Solfeggio is well advanced and needlework is good and will doubtless improve.

The managers have effected a slight improvement in the structural arrangements of the school but there are points still requiring attention. 1 The school is insufficiently heated and a stove would be a great addition to the comfort of the children. 2 A moveable glazed partition would be a great advantage, so as to secure the undistracted teaching of the classes.

J Wilson has passed well

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Andrew Todd CT of 1st Class

Mary Wood CT of 3rd Class

Jeanie Wilson PT of 3rd year

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of SB

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March 21

Gave Mary McLaren 11/4d with book and certificate, George Paterson 7/4d with book and certificate, Peter Moultrie and John Mercer 5s each with certificates from Dunf Ed Trust.

March 23

Weather and attendance continue highly satisfactory.

March 28

Attendance still good. 3 enrolled

March 31

Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary to take place in Dunf High School Monday 11 April at 10.00

April 8

Annual holiday for Good Friday

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April 9

Comely Park House Dunfermline

April 9 1892

I certify that the children of Mrs Arch. Stark, Broomhall, may now return to school.

Arch Fairly, MB CM

April 11

Attendance good. 1 enrolled. Weather highly satisfactory for attendance.

Christina Whitehead, Lizzie Dick and Robert McLaren attended exams at Dunf High School for Elgin bursaries. Robert McLaren successful.

Scholars photographed at 1.00 pm

April 18

Attendance being good continues an important feature. 139 present am, 140 pm

April 25

Standards making satisfactory progress. One family still suffering from scarletina.

1892 p 39

May 2

On roll 146, present 141. Ordinary work highly satisfactory. Infant dept and sewing getting on well.

May 6

Friday. Weather still good. As children are healthy attendance continues highly satisfactory.

May 9

Visited the school and considered the structural alterations requested by HMI. Examined the registers and found them correctly marked. Elgin

May 16

3 enrolled

May 19/20

Holiday, Queen's birthday

May 23

School reopened. Rather too many absent.

1892 p 40

May 25

On visiting the school this afternoon I find the registers correctly marked. Andrew Morton etc

May 26

Notice from clerk of SB that holidays will be June 27 to August 8.

June 1

Attendance continues pretty good. Standards require much attention – becoming careless as holidays approach. Infant dept and sewing getting on v well. Nettle rash or chicken pox beginning to prevail.

June 2

Thursday. Attendance of country children affected by rain. General health and attendance v satisfactory.

1892 p 41

June 6

Monday 2 enrolled. No on roll 150

June 7

Copy of certificate. Comely Park House, June 7 1892

'I hereby certify that Mrs Staite's children may safely go to school without any risk of infecting others.' W Oliphant

June 8

Roll 150, present 147 in am and 148 in pm.

June 9

‘Attendance extremely gratifying.’ 149 present am and pm (150 on roll)

June 13

Only one absent this am. ‘Children are making good progress and apparently very anxious to get on’. Weather continues suitable for attendance. ‘Sewing department continues to improve very much, the girls seem very much to enjoy this work.’

1892 p 42

June 17

No drill because of rain. Attendance exceptionally good – only 2 girls absent

June 23

Attendance thin in pm ‘no doubt on account of the holidays tomorrow.’

June 24

School closed for annual holidays. 140 present – 2 boys and 6 girls absent.

August 8

School reopened. 111 present. Closed at 1.00 pm – to allow joiner to continue erecting partition.

August 9

‘Joiner did not turn up yesterday.’ 125 present. 2 enrolled. Closed at mid-day to give joiner opportunity to work.

1892 p 43

August 12

On visiting the school this forenoon I find the registers correctly entered. Andrew Morton etc

August 19

‘Attendance highly satisfactory’ V few absent. ‘Pupils making good progress and apparently anxious and attentive.’ Standard V writing needs attention.

August 22

2 enrolled

August 24

‘Measles prevailing in several families. Pupils from infected families sent away.’

August 30

‘The scare about measles has entirely disappeared – the cases examined being German Measles only’. Attendance good

1892 p 44

31 August

Visited school and found the number present to correspond with the marking of the register.

Jas McFarlane Clerk of SB

September 2

No drill, weather bad. Sergeant Thomson present

September 7

Attendance good on the whole. 145 on roll, 137 present. Weather suitable for attendance. Pupils making good progress.

September 12

Attendance large, health of pupils good. 141 present in am.

September 15

Having visited the school this forenoon find it very gratifying to notice that on a roll of 145 there were present 141 pupils. Andrew Morton etc.

1892 p 45

September 22

Weather continues exceedingly good. Attendance highly satisfactory. Scholars making good progress. Attending well to homework.

September 27

Weather wet ‘which has kept the country children at home’. 146 on roll, 131 present.

September 30

Attendance considerably reduced. Colds – principally among the girls.

October 3

Monday. Annual holiday

October 4

Attendance poor – bad weather. ‘Cases of diphtheria in village’.

October 10

Several absent with sore throat. One case of scarlet fever reported. One pupil enrolled

1892 p 46

October 13

Large no of girls with sore throats. Diphtheria confined to one family. One girl with scarletina.

Attendance poor and still decreasing.

October 20 to November 16

‘School closed for diphtheria on recommendation of Dr Naysmith’. John Black, 5, died from it on 5 November.

1891 Census

Sandilands (Limekilns)

David Black 29 general labourer born Inverkeithing

Ann Black 28 wife born Dunfermline (Limekilns)

David 7 Andrew 5 John 3 Ann 1

(1901 still living in Sandilands

Ann not mentioned. David now a factory tenter, Andrew labourer at limeworks.

Additional children James 9, Janet 5, Christina 3, Elizabeth 1)

November 16

School resumed. Attendance disappointing.

November 17

‘Dr Naysmith medical officer called enquiring as to the health of the scholars.’

November 18

Friday 103 present 42 absent. Mr Thomson present but no drill – grammar instead

1892 p 47

November 21

120 present, one enrolled, weather wet and disagreeable.

November 22

‘Received from infected medical certificates and admitted the pupils’.

November 25

Asked Mr Thomson not to drill as wanted to make up for lost time.

November 28

Several infected families not returned to school yet. Diphtheria daily getting less serious. Standards all trying to make up for lost time. One or two have removed as it is flitting time.

December 1

Stormy and heavy snow but attendance very good considering.

1892 p 48

December 5

Heavy frost, attendance v fair. One enrolled. Standards making satisfactory progress.

December 9

Sergeant Thomson present but no drill, playground slippery.

December 14

Pupil Lizzie Walls died last night. (Not found in 1891 census)

December 23

Friday – drill which boys seem to enjoy. Pupils learning well

December 30

School closed tonight for NY holiday.

1893 p 49

January 2

Holiday. Only one day owing to school closure during diphtheria outbreak.

January 3

School reopened. Attendance a bit small in jnr classes.

January 6

Friday. No drill, playground 'somewhat uncomfortable with snow'. Sgt T not present. Duplicate Exam Schedule received from clerk of SB

January 9

Received notice of PT exam at Dunfermline on 28 Jan at 10.00 am

January 13

Friday. No drill. Sgt T doing other SB work

January 17

Tuesday. Weather wet. Playground dirty and disagreeable.

1893 p 50

January 19

Visited the school this afternoon and find 119 pupils present. Andrew Morton etc

January 20

No drill. Sgt Thomson 'engaged in another part of the parish'. Held exam in Standards 4, 5, and 6 'to see how they stood in arithmetic.'

January 23

Reported yesterday – John Campbell has diphtheria

January 27

Friday. No drill. Sgt Thomson 'engaged in another part of the parish'. Gave PT a holiday to prepare for exam tomorrow in Dunfermline. Informed this morning that school Inspection will be on 3 March at 10.00 am. 'Carts employed today driving channel to playground'.

1893 p 51

January 31

Last day of school year. Will introduce new registers tomorrow.

February 1

Wednesday. Introduced new school registers. 126 present, one enrolled

February 3

No drill – weather not v good. 'All extra time employed in working up specially for examⁿ'.

February 7

Tuesday. Attendance good, weather stormy in am. 'Standards getting into form for Inspection'.

February 14

'Weather extremely dirty and unfavourable for attendance.' The following have full attendance for past year:

Thomas McLaren	Peter Moultrie	Catherine McLaren	Alexander Mercer	Bessie Moultrie
John Mercer	Agnes Niven	Grace Vallance	Stewart Robertson	

(the last four have ticks against their names)

1893 p 52

February 16

Letter from Mr Gorrie Dunfermline Education Trust, asking for names and addresses of pupils needing help in buying school books. Sent names of John Mercer, Agnes Niven, Grace Vallance and Stewart Robertson. (names ticked in list on p 51)

Another letter from same. As soon as Inspection over please send names of those entitled to small bursaries.

Exam for Elgin Bursary at High School Dunfermline, 4 March

February 24

Having visited the school this afternoon I find the pupils present correspond to the number marked in the attendance registers. Andrew Morton etc

1893 p 53

February 27

Attendance good even though the country roads were almost impassable with snow.

March 2

‘Made all the arrangements necessary for Inspection tomorrow’. 126 present, 16 absent sick.

March 3

Inspection 126 present

March 8

Received duplicate exam schedules

March 7-10

Holidays in lieu of New Year holidays

March 13

Monday. School reopened. Recommended to Mr Gorrie for Dunfermline Trust bursaries Robert Cant and Lucy Dewar.

1893 p 54

March 14

‘Standards arranged in new books and the work of another school year fully begun.’

March 17

Attendance good on the whole. ‘Scholars generally doing well and making satisfactory progress’.

March 20

Summary of HMI report.

‘The diffidence of the children formerly commented upon has given place to a more cheerful and buoyant spirit, particularly in the lower divisions a more genial and sympathetic tone still seems desirable in the upper division. The outstanding merit of the instruction is Reading, which in the highest class is susceptible of any reasonable test.

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HMI report continued.

The intelligence and Geography also of the fourth Standard deserve special praise and the arithmetic of all the Standards except the fifth, was particularly good. On the other hand penmanship is poor throughout the school and should receive systematic attention. Singing and solfeggio is successfully taught and needlework is remarkably well advanced. The managers are thanked for improving the condition of the premises, more pegs are however requested and till shelter sheds are provided the structural arrangements cannot be pronounced complete.

J Wilson has passed well

Mr W Todd CT of 1st class

Mary Wood CT of 3rd class

Jeanie Wilson PT of 4th year

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clk of Bd.

1893 p 56

March 21

No drill. Sgt Thomson ‘having other school board work in hand’.

March 27

One enrolled, attendance rather small, weather good.

March 29

Intimated exam in High School for Dunf Trust bursaries to be on 12 April.

March 30

Distributed money for books from Mr Gorrie, clerk Dunf Ed Trust.

John Mercer 2/6d, Stewart Robertson 2/6d, Agnes Niven 2/6d.

Intimated to Mr G that no pupils from Limekilns would attend exam for Trust Bursaries on 12 April

March 31

Friday. School closed at noon.

April 3

Monday. Annual spring holiday

1893 p 57

April 4

Attendance good.

April 5

Weather v satisfactory. Attendance in senior division good. 2 enrolled.

April 10

Robert Cant and Lucy Dewar gave receipt for their bursaries and book from Dunf Ed Trust. Weather highly favourable to attendance.

April 12

Attendance slowly improving. Pupils generally making good progress. Number on roll smaller than this time last year.

April 17

Weather somewhat cold. Attendance still v good. Home lessons well prepared.

1893 p 58

April 19

One enrolled

April 24

Visited the school this afternoon and find 129 pupils present. Andrew Morton

April 26

131 present, weather extremely good, standards doing well

April 28

No drill today. Homework well done. Introducing new songs. Infants doing well

May 2

Children making good progress. Weather and attendance satisfactory.

1893 p 59

May 8

Two enrolled

May 12

No drill, Sgt Thomson did not visit. Weather continues good for attendance.

May 16

Work going on v well. Standards beginning to show much improvement in writing.

May 17

School closed at mid-day, Thursday and Friday being annual holidays for Queen's Birthday.

May 22

Monday. School resumed. Attendance good. Lessons indifferently prepared. Weather v fine

1893 p 60

May 26

Friday. Visited boys doing drill, seem to do their exercises fairly well.

June 2

On roll 142, present 134. Weather v suitable for good attendance. Sgt Thomson drilling boys. Infant and sewing depts. getting on v well.

June 5

On roll 142, present 138

June 6

Letter from James McFarlane, clerk of SB. Summer holidays Mon 3 July – Mon 14 August.

1893 p 61

June 9

Attendance for past week highly satisfactory.. Infant and sewing depts. doing well. Standards making good progress, especially in reading and arithmetic.

June 14

Having visited the school this forenoon and examined the registers I find them correctly marked.
Andrew Morton

1893 p 62

June 19

Attendance still v good. Weather v hot 'and much attention is paid to ventilation'.

June 23

Sgt Thomson present but did not drill – heavy rain. Attendance smaller than usual.

June 29

Infant dept doing well for last 4 days. PT absent 4 days preparing for exam in Edinburgh on 4 July

June 30

136 present

(Andrew Morton's handwriting) The members of the board visited the school previous to being closed for the annual holidays and find all in order. John Stevenson, Andrew Morton

1893 p 63

August 14

School resumed. 120 present, 4 enrolled. 'Piano introduced into school.'

August 21

131 present. Weather somewhat wet and windy. Children generally attentive and well behaved.

Home lessons well prepared.

August 25

Friday. Drill as usual for boys of 4, 5, and 6 (classes). 'One or two absent with trifling troubles'.

August 30

Wednesday. 'Pupils attending on the whole very regularly and making satisfactory progress.'

Composition of standards 5 and 6 needing a little attention. Infants doing well.

1893 p 64

September 1

Sgt Thomson present but no drill, rain. Arithmetic instead.

September 4

Janet Watson sent from school at Dr Craine's request. Scarlet fever in family.

September 8

No drill – Sgt Thomson absent as arranged last Friday.

September 14

Weather good, attendance v fair.

September 21

Visited the school this morning and find 130 pupils present, which (corresponds) with registers

Andrew Morton

1893 p 65

September 22

School visited. Registers marked and closed. Summaries and logbook up to date. J. Smith

September 29

Friday. General attendance and progress continue satisfactory.

October 2

Annual Holiday

October 3

Rather many absent this morning.

October 10

Attendance still good although several suffering from sore throats. Standard work making good progress.

October 11

Case of diphtheria reported in house of Dunlop, Sandilands. Children dismissed pro tempore.

1893 p 66

October 12

Ida Dunlop died of diphtheria this morning.

October 18

Examined offices last night and found everything in good order. Singing must now receive much attention.

October 25

V rainy but attendance not affected. Homework well prepared.

October 27

Boys drill as usual. Held exam in Standards 4, 5 and 6 in arithmetic this afternoon. Result satisfactory on the whole.

October 30

Family of Dunlop admitted by med cert from Dr Craine;

1893 p 67

November 3

Friday. No drill, rain. Attendance good.

November 6

Monday. Held arithmetic exam in Standards 4,5, and 6 'and thought they did fairly well with one or two exceptions.'

November 10

No drill, Sgt Thomson at SB meeting. Grammar instead. Infant dept doing well.

November 13

Visited the school this afternoon and find the registers correctly marked. Andrew Morton

November 17

Sgt Thomson present but no drill – v rainy.

1893 p 68

November 29

Stormy and dull. 1 enrolled

December 1

Friday. 'Mr Thomson did not put in an appearance'. No drill

December 8

Attendance v fair. Weather somewhat stormy. Scholars generally making v fair progress.

December 12

Tuesday. Funeral of Mr Bruce. School closed.

December 13

Wednesday. V stormy, attendance v small

December 15

Many absent with flu. Examined standards 4, 5 and 6 in arithmetic. They did v well.

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December 18

Many absent with flu

December 19

Weather and flu still affecting attendance. Jeanie Wilson PT has gained place at Normal Training College Edinburgh, starting 22 January

December 22

Friday. No drill, v wet

December 26

Attendance still poor. No new cases of flu. Weather not v good.

December 29

Friday. School closed at mid-day for NY holidays.

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January 8

School resumed after holiday. Good attendance in upper standards.

1894 p 70

January 10

All of standard 4, 5 and 6 present

January 12

Jeanie Wilson PT left this afternoon. Presented with gold brooch by pupils.

January 15

M. Lumley entered on duty. Attendance good.

January 17

Infant dept getting on v well

January 22

Intimated exam for £6 bursaries at Dunf High School next Saturday.

January 22

'This is to certify that John Ballantyne has been in weak health and under medical treatment since 3rd Dec ult and quite unable to attend school or any school examination in the meantime.' R E Craine.

1894 p 71

January 24

Received notice of Inspection – 2 March at 10.30.

January 26

Friday. No drill, stormy weather

January 31

Last day of school year. Will introduce new class registers tomorrow.

February 1

Introduced new registers. 128 on roll. Attendance v good. Weather uncomfortable. M Lumley PT of 3rd year in Infant Room.

February 2

No drill, weather exceedingly disagreeable.

1894 p 72

February 6

Began PT's lessons this morning. Weather poor but attendance good.

February 9

Friday. Drill instructor at his post. No drill, rain.

February 12

Held written exam of standards 4, 5 and 6 this afternoon. All work seemed fairly well done.

February 15

Weather still poor but attendance still good.

February 21

Examined standards 4, 5 and 6 – they did well

February 23

Friday. Sgt Thomson did not call. On roll 127, present 121

1894 p 73

March 2

Inspection. 120 present. Holidays to 7 March

March 7

Got names of Robert Purvis and Ph Lumley for exam for Elgin bursary at Dunf High School next day at 9.30. 7 enrolled.

March 8

New standards now in good working order.

March 12

Ph Lumley has gained Elgin bursary and will join Dunf High School tomorrow.

March 15

Attendance v still v good. Weather now satisfactory. Pupils now engaged with work of new standards and apparently getting on v well.

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March 19

Monday 3 enrolled, girls. Attendance v good.

March 20

Recommended the following to Mr Gorrie for Trust bursaries.

P Moultrie, Catherine McLaren, Bella Wilson, Mary McLaren all for free books.

James McLaren, George Mercer, Agnes Cant, Mary Hodge and youngest girl Niven a Black

March 21

Summary of HMI report

‘The state of this school indicates most earnest, conscientious and capable teaching. The tone, however, is still austere and uncongenial, otherwise the answering would undoubtedly

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(HMI report cont) be more apt and spontaneous. The lower division easily secured the highest grant and does Miss Wood great credit. The Reading of the higher divisions was most satisfactory and Arithmetic deserves special praise. English and Geography were rated as good, History as fair, Singing and solfeggio were good and finer needlework is not to be found in any country school. A grant of £1 16/8d for eleven months under article 19E is paid in respect of J Wilson. She should be informed that she is now qualified under both articles 60 and 79.

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT of first class

Mary Wood CT of third class

Maggie Lumley PT of 3rd year.

(signed) James McFarlane, clerk of SB.

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March 30

School closed at 12 o'clock for annual spring holidays.

April 2

Annual spring holiday in district;

April 3

Lessons as usual. V poorly prepared after holiday. 2 enrolled.

April 4

Only one absent today.

April 5

Visited the school this forenoon and find 128 pupils present and registers correctly marked. Andrew Morton.

April 9

Attendance continues very good. Infants particularly those in Standard I are making highly satisfactory progress.

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April 16

Received bursaries and books from Ed Trust. P Moultrie 8/9d. Catherine McLaren 5/7d, Bella Wilson 3/10½ d Mary McLaren 5/7d

George Mercer 2/6d, James McLaren 2/6d, Agnes Cant 2/6d, Mary Hodge 2/6d.

Attendance pretty good on the whole. 3 enrolled.

April 17

1 enrolled. Attendance slightly increasing.

April 18

Attendance noteworthy. No boys absent, 3 girls.

April 19

1 enrolled.

April 23

2 enrolled.

April 30

Monday. 2 enrolled. Attendance good. All boys present, 4 girls absent.

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May 4 Friday, not drill. Officer doing some other work for the Board

May 11 Friday No drill. Officer employed in connection with election of SB. Attendance continues satisfactory.

May 25 Weather somewhat rainy and attendance a little affected.

May 18 No drill, boys got grammar instead. Attendance affected this week by east winds and rain. Infants making v good progress.
21 Monday – no on roll 137, present 130. Standards making v good progress, Infant dept doing well.

1894 p 79

May 23

Visited school examined registers found them correct. R M Wilson M of B

My 24/25

School closed at Midday Thursday and Friday, being holidays in connection with Queen's Birthday.

May 28

Monday 1 enrolled. Attendance good, weather bad.

June 1

Sgt Thomson not present. Singing instead of drill

June 7

Notice from SB Clerk to fill in and sent in a form about attendance etc at end of each month. Sgt Thomson not present, scholars got grammar instead of drill.

1894 p 80

June 11

The school board visited the school today, found everything satisfactory and numbers in attendance correctly entered in the registers. DM MacGregor

June 12

Introduced change in timetable to get an extra hour each week of religious knowledge.

June 15

Friday Sgt Thomson not in attendance. Weather inclined to rain.

June 20

Sgt Thomson school board officer, died this morning.

June 22

No drill, singing instead. Considering approach of holidays, attendance good on the whole.

1894 p 81

June 25

Attendance considerably decreased – holiday on Friday

June 26

Present 121, 13 absent. Held exam of Standards 4, 5, and 6 in arithmetic.

June 29

Start of annual holidays. 122 present

August 13

School resumed. 121 present. 5 enrolled.

August 17

Friday Sgt Aitken (new officer) visited the school. Will start duty next Friday. 125 present

August 20

Monday. 2 enrolled. Great attention is being paid to sanitary arrangements to prevent infection from measles and S. F. (scarlet fever).

1894 p 82

August 30

Attendance still good – 136 out of 141 on Roll. Weather highly satisfactory

September 3

Monday. Weather and attendance continue v satisfactory. Only 5 pupils absent out of 141 on register. Infant dept apparently getting on v well.

September 5

Attendance exceptionally good – only 2 girls absent. Introduced new arithmetic book for standards 4, 5, and 6. School work going on exceedingly well. Cautioned the children to keep away from houses in the district where measles and scarletina are prevalent.

1894 p 83

September 10

Monday. Home lesson not v well prepared. Detained half of standard 4 at leave time for Geography.

Only 4 absent;

September

14 Visited the school this forenoon and find 136 pupils present. Only five less than on the roll.

Andrew Morton

September

17 Replied to Mr McFarlane's letter of 14 inst, intimating that there were no candidates from the school for the High School Bursary exam on 26 September. A case of measles has occurred in the house of Jane(?) Spence. Family prohibited from attending school.

1894 p 84

September 20

Attendance slightly declining because of one or two cases of sickness and measles, but homework continues to be well prepared. Pupils generally seem v anxious to push on.

September 26

On roll 141, present 137. This state of attendance may be considered satisfactory. Pupils diligent and attentive.

October 1

Annual autumn holiday.

October 2

Attendance not so good. Several country pupils at the Fair in Dunfermline.

October 5

Ordinary work fairly done. Boys make progress in drill.

October 12

Attended the boys at drill. Found them attentive and smart in their movements;

1894 p 85

October 16

Started arithmetic cards with the three highest standards. They are requiring much attention.

Attendance not so good as it was but continues v fairly satisfactory.

October 23

Attendance beginning to fall off. One or two cases of measles unfortunately have arisen.

October 24

Got opinion from Dr Craine that school need not be closed on account of measles. Children from affected families need not be prevented from attending.

October 25

Thirty absent because of measles or other troubles.

October 31

Weather unhealthy. Measles in village and attendance thin. Soon dull and dark this afternoon.

1894 p 86

November 1

Large number absent owing to measles.

November 7

Measles prevailing Only 72 present out of 140 on roll.

November 9

Attendance miserable. No drill today. Attendances for past week cancelled.

November 12

Monday 89 pupils present this morning. Think it advisable not to close the school until we see the result of attendance this week. Andrew Morton.

November 15

Attendance small but likely to improve on Monday. Measles gradually leaving the village.

November 16

No drill, owing to small number present.

1894 p 87

November 19

Attendance much improved. Ordinary work now likely to go on satisfactorily. 2 enrolled.

November 26

Attendance considerably improved. Nearly all those who had measles returned. One or two removals as usual.

December 3

Attendance has now regained a v hopeful appearance.

December 10

Ordinary progress satisfactory. All standards require attention, keeping Inspection in view.

December 18

Weather at present rather unhealthy. Many infants absent.

December 21

Attendance still small owing to sickness. Scholars doing v well.

1894 p 88

December 24

Monday A few infants absent. Standards making satisfactory progress on the whole. Weather rather foggy and unhealthy.

December 27

Being near New Year Holidays the attendance and perseverance of the pupils are beginning to flag. Attendance might be slightly improved. Standards 4, 5 and 6 need attention in History.

December 28

No drill because of stormy weather. Dismissed for New Year holidays,

1895 p 89

January 7

School reopened after NY holiday. 119 present. Weather frosty and suitable for attendance.

January 11

Sgt Major Aitken present but no drill owing to the cold. Attendance only moderate – many infants absent.

Copy of letter from Ja McFarland

January 11 1895

Dear Sir

At a meeting of my Bd held yesterday I was directed to obtain from each of the Teachers details as to Religious instruction at present given, particularly the time occupied and what if any memory lessons are included in the instruction. I was also [?] a list of the particular books you use in your several Standards & classes (School Books).

1895 p 90

January 15

Received notice of PT exam at Dunfermline 26 inst, 10.00 am.

January 18

Held exam in all standards this afternoon. No drill owing to the cold.

January 21

Sent reply to SB re Religious instruction and books used in school (no details).

January 25

No drill owing to extreme cold. PT off yesterday and today, studying for exam tomorrow. Monitors in Infant dept. Exam in Arithmetic for standards 4, 5, and 6. They did v well.

1895 p 91

January 29

Inspection to be 4 March 1895

January 31

End of school year, will introduce new registers tomorrow.

February 1

No drill, weather stormy. Introduced new registers.

February 4

Ordinary home and school work v satisfactory on the whole.

February 8

Weather exceedingly cold. Drill discontinued in the meantime. Numbers in infants rather thin, several ill. Attendance in Seniors continues good. Preparing particularly for Inspection and not working by timetable.

February 15

Attendance and homework continue satisfactory, in spite of extremely cold weather. V strong frost still.

1895 p 92

February 21

Weather continues to improve and with it the attendance. Standards on the whole making good progress. V attentive in view of approaching inspection.

February 25

Visited school – Number present 126 agreeing with Registers. Attendance good – number on roll being 134. D Macpherson, Andrew Morton.

March 4

Inspection 128 present.

March 5

Holiday

March 6

The following have full attendances for past year (425)

Peter Moultrie	Alexander Campbell	William Watson
James Boswell	James Lumley	Tom Black
Regina Urquhart	Agnes Cant	John Mercer
Maggie Niven	Alexander Mercer	Bella Wilson

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March 11

Received duplicate examination schedule on Saturday and intimated results today. No failures in Standard 5, all advanced to Standard 6.

March 15

Friday Sgt Aitken present but did not drill owing to rain. Standards nearly all arranged for next year's work. Returned School Board Portfolio with Officer of Board.

March 20

Standards doing v well with their new books. Attendance good, number on roll somewhat small. Weather now favourable to attendance.

March 22

Miss Wood on the occasion of her marriage was presented by the pupils with a silver tea service, this being her last day as teacher in the school.

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March 25

(Report) The school is in a sound state of general efficiency. The written work was careful and accurate except that the arithmetic of the sixth standard was not more than fair. The entire work of the junior section was very satisfactory except the writing of the second, which was clumsy, and the object lessons which seem to have been neglected. The classes generally showed good intelligence. History and Geography were fair and the needlework excellent. A new blackboard is needed, as also a good sized terrestrial globe.

M Lumley Arithmetic and Algebra. She has failed to earn a grant under Article 19C

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

M Wood CT 2nd Class

M Lumley PT 4th year.

(signed) James McFarlane, Clrk of Board.

Marriage Certificate

28 March 1895 at the Douglas Hotel, Princes St, Edinburgh
Banns UP church, minister James Graham []ford.
Andrew Todd 49 public school teacher, bachelor, Limekilns
Parents (deceased) William Todd farmer, Mary Todd nee Hay
Mary Wood 33 public school teacher, spinster, Limekilns
Parents (deceased) Peter Wood shipmaster, Elizabeth Wood nee Anderson
Witnesses – John Watson, Janet Wilson

1895 p 95

March 26 to April 4

Holidays on occasion of Teacher's marriage.

April 5

Monitor acting until Miss Maltman, the newly appointed assistant, enters on duty. Several pupils have flu. No drill.

April 9

Recommended following to Dunf Ed Trust for small bursaries:

John Mercer William Watson William Spence Mary McLaren

For free books:

Albert Dunlop Agnes Cant Maggie Niven David Thomson

David Mollison Thomas Brown

April 12 No drill. Standards working well with new books. Junior and Infant depts. somewhat out of order owing to want of Assistant.

1895 p 96

April 16

Weather v suitable for attendance. Miss Maltman visited school and will try to start about beginning of May. Monitors still acting. Rather unsatisfactory state of affairs but the best under the circumstances.

April 19

Friday. Sgt Major Aitken paid last visit to school. No drill. Monitors still acting in Infant dept.

April 24

Wednesday. Monitors still acting and doing v well. Attendance v satisfactory. Health of children good. No sewing in afternoons until Miss Maltman starts.

April 26

Mr Cooper, new SB officer called. No drill – weather not v satisfactory.

1895 p 97

April 29

Paid bursaries from Dunf Ed Trust

John Mercer 8s

With prize books

William Watson 4/6d William Spence 2/4d Mary McLaren 2/6d

For free books

Maggie Niven 2/6d David Thomson 2/6d Albert Dunlop /6d Thomas Brown 2/6d

Sent letter of acknowledgement to Mr D Gorrie solicitor Dunfermline (Clk of Burgh Board)

May 3

Mr Cooper SB officer, started drill with boys of standards 4,5 and 6. Attendance continues good.

May 6

Miss Maltman started duty.

May 6

On visiting the school this afternoon I find that the number of pupils present coincides with the number on registers. Andrew Morton

1895 p 98

May 9

Weather warm and attendance v good. Standards making v suitable progress. Infants doing fairly but has been unattended to owing to want of Assistant.

Scheme of History for Infants and Standard 1 – Sir Francis Drake, The Stephensons, Grace Darling, Sir Walter Raleigh, Columbus, St Margaret, Death of Nelson, General Gordon, Battle of Bannockburn.

May 15

Ordinary school work goes on v well. Home lessons well prepared. Infant dept doing much better. Weather and health of pupils good.

May 20

Attendance continues good. Sewing dept now in good order and Infants doing v well.

1895 p 99

May 23/24

Holiday, Queen's birthday

May 27

Monday. School resumed with good attendance. Home lessons v moderately prepared.

June 3

Ordinary work v satisfactory. Home lessons well prepared. Infant dept getting on successfully.

Introduced new song on Friday.

June 6

The Board visited the School today and were satisfied with the way in which it was progressing.

Robert W Wallace

June 12

Weather and attendance still satisfactory. Visited infant dept 'and found the children interested and attentive. Visited offices and found them clean.'

1895 p 100

June 18

No on roll much smaller than same time last year. Health and attendance of pupils particularly good.

June 24

Monday. Last week of session. Attendance v fair, absentees all accounted for. Pupils beginning to be restless because of approaching holiday. Weather good. Infant and sewing depts. doing well.

June 28

Start of holidays

August 12

School resumed. 105 present, 6 enrolled. School repainted.

August 16

Boys drill as usual. Attendance much the same as Monday. Pupils slightly restless this week.

1895 p 101

August 19

Attendance considerably better. 1 enrolled, 114 present. Good attendance in Infants.

August 26

Standards now in good working order. Attendance satisfactory.

September 3

Visited offices and found everything in good order.

September 10

Ordinary work satisfactory. Infants making good progress. Weather pure and pleasant after severe thunderstorm last night.

September 11

Visited school – checked registers – attendance fairly good – 120 present – registers 117. DM Macgregor.

September 18

Nothing deserving special remark. School work and attendance normal

1895 p 102

September 24

A few test questions in arithmetic to standards 4,5, and 6. Managed fairly well except one or two girls in standard 5.

September 25

Boys offices 'not up to the mark. Ordered chloride of lime to be freely used.'

September 27

Standards 2 and 3 sent to drill. Girls of standards 2, 3 and 4 to start physical exercises under Miss Maltman.

September 30

Boys offices in good order. 'Note with regret the appearance of scarlet fever in the village.'

October 2

Boys and girls offices somewhat flooded with rain.

1895 p 103

October 3

School fires lighted today. Stove not working.

October 7

Monday Annual autumn holiday

October 8 & 9

School closed, teacher unwell.

October 14

V rainy, lge no absent

October 15

Still v rainy, attendance much affected. Also by scarlet fever in several families. Infant dept much reduced in number.

October 18

Week's work slightly unsatisfactory owing to rain and reduced attendance.

October 21

Attendance still suffering from scarlet fever, sore throats, colds etc.

1895 p 104

October 25

Friday Attendance slightly better. Started exams in arithmetic in pm

October 30

Standards much improved in exams in arithmetic and composition. Infants doing well.

November 4

One boy enrolled. Standards all making good progress. Attendance fair, some still absent with scarlet fever. Standards improving with test cards.

November 11

Attendance good in spite of stormy weather.

November 14

Boys offices this morning flooded with rain.

November 15

School opened and closed earlier this pm – lack of light.

1895 p 105

November 20

Work a little difficult this pm owing to darkness.

November 22

No drill, too cold. Boys got grammar. Miss Maltman absent ill, monitors employed.

November 27

About term time, several have left. Miss Maltman poorly, monitors acting

November 28

Received 10s from Peter Simpson to repair malicious damage done by him to school railings.

November 29

No drill, rainy weather.

December 2

Monday. Several pupils have left, 2 enrolled. Miss Maltman still poorly, monitors still acting. Infant dept somewhat restless.

1895 p 106

December 4

Miss Maltman returned today. Attendance fair, weather bad. No sewing owing to Miss M being poorly and lack of light.

December 6

No drill, owing to storm. No sewing this week, Miss M being delicate. Ordinary work fairly satisfactory.

December 9

PT absent poorly. Monitors acting.

December 10

PT got leave of absence (sick leave) for a fortnight this morning.

December 12

Monitors still acting in infant dept. Children somewhat noisy on that account. Weather extremely raw and uncomfortable. Standards making good progress.

1895 p 107

December 17

PT attending Scholarship exam in Edinburgh

December 20

No drill, officer not present.

December 23

PT returned to work. Weather exceedingly dull and stormy, too dark for work being done satisfactorily.

December 25

Christmas Day. Attendance good, work generally satisfactory. Infant dept doing well.

December 27

School closed at noon for NY holiday.

1896

January 6

School resumed after holiday. Visited offices this pm – unsatisfactory because of damp

1896 p 108

January 8

Wednesday. Attendance v good, work of all depts. progressing well. Standards exercises well done.

January 10

(Date of letter from Ja McFarlane, clerk to SB, County Buildings, Dunfermline

Dear Sir

Your letter of 25th December was submitted to my Board yesterday, when your suggestion was approved and it was agreed, if she was willing, to continue Miss Lumley on the staff as an ex-PT, salary £25. Would you inform Miss Lumley of this and ask her to write me whether she accepts. (Note) Miss L enters on duty as Ex PT on February 1st.

1896 p 109

January 13

Started standards 4, 5 and 6 with work on exam papers. Visited boys offices, ordered more chloride of lime to be used.

January 17

Weather bad. Drill instructor did not put in an appearance. Received schedule form 8M. Pupils working fairly but badly off for light.

January 20

On roll 125, present 117. Weather good. Sent off form 8M on Saturday.

January 24

From now on girls get drill in playground with boys. Work proceeding satisfactorily.

January 27

Visited school: Examined playground offices and in accordance with authority from Board resolved to improve drainage and urinals. Checked registers, found them correct – 118 registered and 118 present.

1896 p 110

January 28

Received notice from Clk of Bd that Inspection will be on 11 Feb at 10.15.

January 31

End of school year. Will introduce new registers on Monday. Attention and diligence of all the pupils highly satisfactory. Weather delightful.

February 3

Beginning of new school year. Introduced new registers. Full attendance in the upper standards. Pupils working diligently in view of inspection.

February 10

Arranged standards for inspection.

February 11

Inspection. 118 present

February 18

Tuesday. New classes in process of arrangement in terms of duplicate exam schedule.

1896 p 111

February 19

Introduced standards 4-6 to new arithmetic books and standards 1- 4 to new reading books.

James Lumley, Mary McLaren and Bella Wilson attending Dunf High School exam for Elgin Bursary. Began elementary science.

February 21

Friday Received notice that James Lumley gained Elgin Bursary. Sgt Cooper present but no drill owing to rain. Attendance good.

February 24

Monday. Attendance good, one enrolled. Standards nearly all in good working order. Weather v favourable to attendance

February 28

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, exceedingly cold. The following (continued on next page) have full attendances for past year – 424

Jean Brown	Catherine Ritchie	Thomas McLaren	Reginald Urquhart
Alexander Campbell	Thomas Black	David Black	

1896 p 112

February 28

HMI Report

The discipline is highly effective and the efficiency of the school is good. The lower division showed exceptionally good attainments and the higher grant would have been recommended if adequate provision for the training of the infants had been made – particularly the object lessons. In the upper division the arithmetic of the fourth standard was defective. Composition fairly good and arithmetic in the sixth was fair. On the other hand their reading was very good. The Class subjects are very satisfactory. Singing was very fair, solfeggio good and needlework excellent.

1896 p 113

School staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st class

Isa Maltman CT 3rd clas

Maggie Lumley exPT

(signed) James Macfarlane, clerk of Board.

March 5

John McGregor and John Addison visited the school and arranged for repair of school railings and boys iron urinal. Weather good. Attendance satisfactory. Pupils now fully commenced to work in their respective standards with new books.

March 6

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, weather v stormy.

March 11

Attendance v good. Standards doing well with their new books.

1896 p 114

March 18

Standards making satisfactory progress in elementary science. Number on roll smaller than this time last year. Attendance still good.

March 20

Exam in arithmetic to standard 4 in pm. Some did rather poorly.

March 23

Only 2 absentees. Pupils making v good progress.

March 24

Only one boy absent in am, all present in pm. 'The attendance is quite exceptional – the like having never happened before.'

March 25

All present 'a fact worthy of record'.

March 26/27

All present

1896 p 115

March 31

One absent in am, two in pm.

April 1

All present

April 2

M Lumley (ex PT) received note that she had passed Christmas exam and is now qualified as Assistant teacher. All pupils present.

April 3

(Friday) Spring Holiday next Monday. School closed at noon. All pupils present.

April 7

Tuesday. School resumed. One or two absent. Weather somewhat cold and cheerless.

April 9

One absent.

1896 p 116

April 13

One or two absent. Two enrolled

April 16

One absent. Weather satisfactory. Daily work progressing favourably.

April 21

Tuesday. Ordinary progress and attendance continue highly satisfactory, only one pupil being absent this afternoon.

April 24

Reported a case of absence to SBO

April 27

Disbursed 13/9d received from Mr Gorrie:

John Mercer 5/4d + 2 books

William Spence 3/9d + 1 book

Reginald Urquhart 2/4d + 1 book

William Watson 2/4d + 1 book

2/6d for free books to each of following: (continued on next page)

St Robertson P McArthur F Terris Janet Mercer

1896 p 117

April 29

Visited school – urinals in course of erection – Examined Registers – Present 117 – on roll 120 – Registers correct. DM Macgregor, John Macgregor (MSBs)

May 1

No drill

May 5

Tuesday. Attendance still v satisfactory. Infants and standards making good progress. Four boys of ex-6 standard started French last week and appear anxious about it.

May 7

All present in pm.

May 11

Weather v good. Attendance highly satisfactory. 2 enrolled. 'New boys urinal erected in playground now almost ready for use.'

1896 p 118

May 15

No drill, Sgt Cooper not in attendance

May 18

Letter from Board asking for info on alterations, cleaning or repairs to be done during holidays. All present in pm. Standards progress satisfactory. 'Gave orders for use of Boys new urinal'.

May 21/22

Annual Holidays, Queen's birthday.

May 25

School resumed. Several absent. 'Pupils diligent and attentive, making good progress.'

May 28

Flitting term – one or two absent.

1896 p 119

June 1

Board have fixed summer holidays for 6 weeks starting Monday 29 June.

June 4

Thursday. Standards making v fair progress. One or two absent unwell. Weather highly suitable for attendance. Visited offices in am, all in order.

June 5

Sgt Cooper present but no drill – rain. Attendance v small.

June 9

Weather rainy for a few days, attendance a little reduced.

June 12

Friday. Attendance v fair. 'Both boys and girls making good progress in Drill. Visited infant room – all doing very well.'

1896 p 120

June 17

Rain – attendance somewhat smaller than usual.

June 23

Tuesday. Attendance affected by rain.

June 25

The Board visited the school today and found all in good order and work going on very well. RM Wilson M of B

(June 26) School got annual holiday.

August 10

School resumed. 107 present, 3 enrolled.

From Mr Gorrie

'Kindly understand that the small money and Books prizes have been discontinued, two High School Bursaries taking their place.'

1896 p 121

August 14

Friday. Drill as usual. 112 present. School into v good working order. Scholars apparently anxious about their work.

August 17

Attendance improved. Intimated exam for bursaries in High Sch on Wed 9 Sept at 10.00 am.
Only 5 absent, 1 enrolled.

August 24

Attendance slightly affected by rain. Pupils now fully settled down to lessons.

August 28

Friday. Sgt Cooper present but no drill – rain.

September 4

Attendance good. Physical drill making good progress. Scholars on the whole attending well to work.

1896 p 122

September 7

Monday. One absent. Introduced Standard 2 reading book to Standard. William enquire as to their progress soon. Offices in playground in order.

September 11

Sgt Cooper not present ‘gave drill myself’.

September 17

Attendance still v good in spite of stormy weather. Offices tidy. Standard work getting on v well.

September 24

One or two absent unwell

September 25

Friday. Sgt Cooper present but no drill, weather bad. Nearly all present, absentees unwell.

1896 p 123

October 1

Thursday. Attendance and progress still good. ‘Infants under Miss Maltman for some time to come.’

October 6

Tuesday. Cold, school fires lighted. Children healthy.

October 13

Weather still suitable for attendance. One or two absent with reasons.

October 14

Ex PT absent, unwell

October 16

Ex PT returned today.

Visited school, examined Registers found same correct 112 present. John Macgregor

1896 p 124

October 22

Weather v suitable for attendance. A few absent unwell. Infants making good progress.

October 29

Offices in good order. Attendance still good.

November 4

Frosty. Attendance satisfactory. Standards making v good progress.

November 11

Removals at Whit (Mart?) term lowering numbers on roll. Standards continuing good progress ‘and doing some home work, particularly Standard VI.’

November 13

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, cold and rain.

1896 p 125

November 16

‘Received letter on Saturday from Board relative to PTs and monitors.’ (no details). 2 enrolled.

November 20

No drill, Sgt Cooper poorly.

November 23

School now starts and finishes a little earlier in afternoon ‘owing to want of light’.

November 27

Flitting term tomorrow, a few pupils leaving.

November 30

Exceedingly cold. 2 enrolled

December 7

Monday 7 enrolled

December 8

Miss Maltman has been appointed to a school in Stirling.

December 14

Monday. Weather extremely dark, rainy and disagreeable. Attendance slightly affected.

1896 p 126

December 22

Cold and foggy. Many absent unwell

December 24

New Year holiday starts.

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January 4

School resumed

January 8

Friday. V bad weather for past week. Miss Maltman left in pm for Stirling. No drill

January 11

2 boys left for Dollar Academy. Monitors acting for Miss Maltman

January 15

We visited school this forenoon and found all in order. John Macgregor, William Jackson

January 18

V frosty. Monitors still acting.

January 22

No drill, instructor not present.

1897 p 127

January 25

Monday. Miss Brown entered on duty. Told children to remain in playground during dinner hour.

January 26

Received notice last night that Inspection will be on 23 Feb at 10.15.

January 28

Intimated Miss Brown starting duty to Mr McFarlane

February 1

School of Religious Instruction for year beginning Feb 1 1897

Infants and Standard 1 – simple account of Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah and flood, Joseph and his brothers – one or two simple parables and miracles from NT. Short memory tests.

Standards 2 and 3 – Luke, analysis of Lord's Prayer, Sermon on Mount, Psalms, Book of Exodus.

Standards 4, 5, 6 – Judges and 1st Samuel, 10 Commandments, Proverbs, Psalms. Memory texts and verses.

1897 p 128

February 4

Intimated exams for Ed Trust Bursaries.

February 5

Sgt Cooper did not call. No drill

February 10

Reginald Urquhart attended exam for Ed Trust Bursary

February 15

Recommended the following to Ed Trust for free books:

James Wilson

Adam McArthur

St Robertson

William McIntyre

George Mercer

Kate Macdonald

Christina Wilson

February 18

Thursday. Attention and attendance still v satisfactory. Pupils in good health and spirits.

February 23

Inspection. 114 present

February 24-26

Holidays.

March 1

School resumed. 4 (or 14) enrolled. 118 present

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March 2

2 enrolled

March 8

Monday. One or two absent

March 10

Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary in High School Monday 15 at 9.30

March 12

No drill, bad weather. Many absent with flu. Ex PT absent poorly. Monitors acting.

March 19

Friday. Weather bad, no drill

HMI Report

The higher grant for discipline will not in future be recommended unless the Senior Children show more brightness and freedom from morbid diffidence. The work throughout is decidedly good, especially Reading and Arithmetic and both Intelligence and Geography have evidently received much attention.

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HMI Report continued

It is probable that better results would have been obtained in the oral work if the Children had more confidence in themselves. The Junior Classes made a very pleasing appearance and have been most conscientiously and effectively taught. Singing good and Needlework is very thorough and careful. Desks are needed for the first [standard?] in the Infant room.

Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st class

Janet Brown CT 3rd class

Maggie Lumley Ex-PT

(signed) Jas McFarlane.

March 15 to 24

Teacher and Ex PT unwell, school shut for a week.

March 25

Reginald Urquhart gained the Elgin Bursary and has entered the High School.

1897 p 131

March 26

No drill, poor weather

April 5

Monday Annual Spring holiday

April 6

Tuesday. School resumed. Attendance v fair, lessons not too well done.

April 9

Weather good, no drill

April 14

Visited school, examined Registers and found same correct. John Macgregor.

April 16

Weather good. No drill, Sgt Cooper not present.

April 23

‘This is to certify that Miss Lumley is suffering from follicular sore throat and would require a fortnight rest from School teaching and Speaking – this 22 April 1897 Robt E Craine.

1897 p 132

April 23

Friday. No drill, Sgt Cooper not present

April 29

3s each to the following, from Dunf Ed Trust for free books (total £1 1s)

Kate Macdonald	Adam McArthur	John Mercer	St Robertson
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William McIntyre	James Wilson	Jessie Hodge	
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The following had full attendance (428) for year ending 3 January

John Macdonald	Alexander McIntyre	James Wilson	Adam McArthur
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Reginald Urquhart	John Mercer	Thomas Black	John Ballantyne
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John Hamilton	John Macdonald	St Robertson	Duncan McLaren
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William McIntyre	Edward Mercer	Andrew Black	Jessie Hodge
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Kate Macdonald	Christina Wilson	Bella Stark	Bessie Moultrie
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April 30

No drill, Sgt Cooper not present.

1897 p 133

May 4

Exceedingly cold for time of year. A few absent unwell. Standards making v fair progress.

May 7

Weather good. No drill. Attendance not as good as might have been expected.

May 14

Weather fair. No drill, Sgt Cooper not present.

May 15

Letter from James McFarlane

Dear Sir

My Board at their meeting on Thursday agreed 'that Corporal Punishment should be inflicted as seldom as possible' and directed me to intimate the finding to the Teachers.

May 17

Two boys enrolled.

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May 20/21

Holiday, Queen's Birthday

May 24

Attendance fair, weather favourable.

May 28

Removal term, attendance thin. Sgt Cooper present, drill

June 1

Attendance slowly improving again, weather v favourable. I enrolled. Standards making good progress.

June 4

A few cases of whooping cough. Drill in girls' playground, boys' playground 'unfit'.

June 8

1 enrolled, several still away with whooping cough, attendance fair on the whole

1897 p 135

June 11

Friday, rain, no drill, Sgt Cooper present. Gave standards Geog instead of drill

June 15

I found Registers in order on visiting school this afternoon 113 present John Macgregor M of B

June 16

Weather v bad, attendance small – 106

June 18

School board visited this pm. Messrs Macgregor, Main Wilson, Husband, Primmer, Gillespie. Also Mr McFarlane, clerk. Children holidays 7 weeks.

August 9
School resumed. 111 present. 2 enrolled
August 10
Only 7 absent

1897 p 136

August 13
Friday. Sgt Cooper present but did not drill – rain. On roll 125, present 113. Weather generally rainy through week with much thunder. Attendance unaffected.
August 16
Weather still v rainy and disagreeable but attendance not affected.
August 20
Friday Sgt Cooper drilled boys,. Attendance good, weather bad, progress overall satisfactory.
August 27
Friday Attendance thin. Boys drill with Sgt Cooper
Sept 3
Friday Attendance good through week. Boys drill with Sgt Cooper

1897 p 137

Sept 6
On visiting school this afternoon found desks in Infant Room fixed all as ordered. Registers correctly marked 118 present John Macgregor M of B
Sept 10
Friday Introduced new set of Geographical Readers for standards 5 and 6. Weather good. Sgt Cooper not present
Sept 17
Ordinary work during the week has progressed fairly well.
Sept 24
Friday Weather unfit for drill, Sgt Cooper present.
Oct 1
Weather good. Attendance v fair. Ordinary work satisfactory. Children a little restless in prospect of holiday on Monday.

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Oct 4
Annual Autumn Holiday
Oct 5
Tuesday Attendance fair. Scholars scarcely so attentive this is expected after a holiday
Oct 9
Friday Attendance continues fairly satisfactory. Reported D Thomson and Isabella Burt for leaving before passing Std 5. Sgt Cooper present.
Oct 11
Attendance good. 1 enrolled. D Thomson returned to school
Oct 15
Sgt Cooper present, no drill, weather bad
Oct 18
Monday Attendance good 125 present 2 enrolled

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Oct 22
Friday Sgt Cooper late and did not drill. Went in search of absentees.
Oct 29
Miss Brown absent Mon, Tues and Wed, death of father. Monitors acting for her. Sgt Cooper gave drill. Attendance good, weather v foggy.
Nov 5
Attendance good, weather v pleasant. No drill, Sgt Cooper not present
Nov 12

Sgt Cooper present, no drill, rain

Nov 19

Friday no drill

Nov 22

Received official notice that Janet Watson, Std 5, has scarlet fever.

1897 p 140

Nov 26

Friday Sgt Cooper present, no drill, weather a little dull

Nov 29

Term time and bad weather, several absent. 4 enrolled

Dec 3

No drill, Sgt Cooper not present

Dec 6

On visiting school this afternoon found all in order. Registers correctly marked 127 present. John Macgregor M of B

Dec 10

Attendance good, Sgt Cooper gave drill.

Dec 17

Weather and attendance good on the whole. Drill today

Dec 24

School closed – teacher attending relative's funeral.

1898 p 141

Jan 10

School resumed after NY holiday

Jan 14

Friday Sgt Cooper not present. Gave boys Geog instead of drill.

Jan 21

Attendance continues good in view of Exam next month. Sgt Cooper gave drill. Intimated exam for Dunfermline Ed Trust bursaries.

Jan 27

Intimated Inspection for Feb 14 at 10.15

Jan 28

Received Govt Schedule. Sgt Cooper gave drill.

Feb 1

Introduced new Registers. On roll 134. Attendance not v good, several unwell

1898 p 142

Feb 9

Attendance still fairly good, a few still absent unwell.

Feb 11

Sgt Cooper not present, no drill

Feb 14

Inspection – 118 present

Feb 15

Recommended the following to Ed Trust for free books:

Janet Mercer, D Mercer, John Burns, Jane Burns, Peter McArthur, Anne McArthur, Francis Terris

Feb 21

School resumed. Intimated results of Inspection. 2 enrolled. Kate Ritchie began duty as monitor.

Will assist 2 hrs a day in Infant Dept.

1898 p 143

Feb 23

Standards nearly arranged for new work and doing v well. 122 present in pm.

Feb 25

Introduced new reading books given by School Board to Standard 6. Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary on 1 March at 10.00. No drill, Sgt Cooper at Hilton 'looking after an absentee.'

March 1

John Moodie, Edward Watson, James Spence, James Purvis, Bessie Moultrie taking exam at Dunf High School for Elgin Bursary.

March 2

John Moodie gained Elgin Bursary. Results 1 John Moodie, 112 marks, 2 James Purvis 104, 3 Edward Watson 82, 4 James Spence 64, 5 Bessie Moodie 53

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4 March

HMI Report

The discipline is v satisfactory and the school is in a sound state of efficiency. Penmanship should be more uniform and was somewhat clumsy in the Senior Standards. Reading and Arithmetic are meritorious features of the instruction. The Class subjects in the Fourth Standard and Geography in the Second and Third were highly satisfactory, but intelligence in the Fifth was weak. Science is well taught and illustrated. The results in the Infants section redound to the teacher's credit. Singing is good but should be more expressive. Solfeggio is very well advanced. The Senior Children performed some elegant dance movements. Needlework is excellently taught.

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st class

Janet C Brown CT 3rd class

Maggie Lumley ex PT

Kate Ritchie Monitor

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of Sch Bd

1898 p 145

Mar 7

Monday 2 enrolled, on roll 133, present 123. Weather v suitable for attendance.

Mar 11

Attendance still good, weather suitable. Kate Ritchie, monitor, absent 3 days this week, unwell.

Mar 14

3 left, 1 enrolled

Mar 15

Gave 3s from Dunf Ed Trust to each of following:

Janet Mercer, D Mercer, John Burns, Peter McArthur, Ann McArthur, Francis Terris.

Mar 18

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, stormy weather.

Scheme of Religious instruction for year beginning 1 Mar 1898

Infants and Standard 1

Parables from NT, stories from OT (continued on p 146) also Psalms and Scripture texts.

Standards 2 and 3

Matthew's Gospel, Deuteronomy, Psalms. Commandments and Scripture texts.

Standards 4, 5, 6

Genesis and Exodus. Matthew and Mark. Readings from Isaiah and Proverbs of Solomon. Scripture texts memorised once a week.

Mar 22

Attendance still fairly good. On roll 129

Mar 25

Friday Sgt Cooper arrived too late for drill. Weather sharp and bracing.

Mar 28

Monday Rainy am. Considerable number absent. Standards promising v well.

1898 p 147

April 1

Broke up at mid-day for Annual Spring Holiday (first use of expression 'broke up')

April 4

Holiday

April 5

School resumed. A number absent. Standard work getting on v well. Weather v satisfactory.

April 8

Friday Weather v good but attendance scarcely what is desired. Standards making progress.

April 11

Attendance not as good as might be expected. Standards doing well in arithmetic.

April 15

Sgt Cooper present but too rainy for drill. One or two still absent. No on roll 130

April 18

Attendance satisfactory. No on roll 130, present 121. Weather v good.

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April 22

Friday Weather still good, Sgt Cooper took boys drill. Standards making satisfactory progress.

April 25

One or two boys absent working. School work progress satisfactory. Entertainment for half an hour with photograph.

April 28

On visiting school this afternoon found everything in order 116 present Registers correctly marked.

Jno Macgregor M of B.

April 29

Friday No drill, rain

May 2

1 enrolled

May 6

Considerable number absent unwell. Weather good. Boys got drill.

May 9

Monday Attendance good – only 3 girls being absent. All boys present

1898 p 149

May 13

Sgt Cooper absent, no drill. Gave Geog instead. Attendance throughout week good. Introduced Record of Work Registers.

May 19/20

Queen's Birthday holiday.

May 27

No drill, Sgt Cooper present but had bad cold.

June 1

Wednesday Attendance still good. Ordinary home and school work satisfactory. On roll 129

June 3

Sgt Cooper present but no drill. Weather a little dull. School work getting on v well.

1898 p 150

June 6

Attendance scarcely as good as might be expected. 11 absent this am.

June 10

Boys drill. Girls drill as usual.

June 13

Attendance v good, weather v favourable. Ordinary progress fairly satisfactory

June 17

Friday Sgt Cooper present but no drill as playground being repaired.

June 20

Attendance v thin, weather not v good.

June 21

Tuesday On roll 128, present 120

1898 p 151

June 23

Thursday Children somewhat restless in view of holidays. 116 present

August 8

School resumed (after holidays). 110 present, 3 girls enrolled.

August 10

V rainy this am and attendance somewhat affected.

August 11

On roll 70 boys, 60 girls, 1 enrolled

August 12

Friday Boys drill with Sgt Cooper

Aug 15

4 girls enrolled

Aug 16

2 enrolled

Aug 23

Intimated exams under Dunf Ed Trust

Aug 30

Attendance not as good as might be expected.

1898 p 152

Sept 2

V rainy, attendance v poor. Sgt Cooper present, no drill

Sept 5

Weather exceedingly warm. Attendance on the whole v fair

Sept 9

Friday Sgt Cooper not present. Weather good

Sept 13

Tuesday Only 1 boy absent. A few girls poorly.

Sept 16

Weather exceedingly warm. Attendance might be a little better. Sgt Cooper gave drill. Ordinary work fairly satisfactory.

Sept 22

Thursday Attendance still a little thin owing to colds et al. Work satisfactory.

Sept 23 Friday 119 present.

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Sept 27

120 present

Sept 28

V rainy am, lge no absent. Work slightly unsatisfactory on that account.

Sept 30

Weather bad, attendance poor. Sgt Cooper present but no drill, rain

Oct 3

Monday Annual Autumn Holiday

Oct 6

Received notice of scarlet fever case at Brucehaven. Cottage

Oct 14

Friday Attendance v fair. Drill. Agnes Walls sent to hospital with scarlet fever.

Oct 18

Tuesday Charles Walls removed to hosp last night with scarlet fever. Bad weather, attendance v poor.

1898 p 154

Oct 21

Friday Drill as usual. Held exam in arithmetic in standards 4, 5, 6 this pm.

Oct 25

Tuesday Attendance a little improved. A good number absent with scarletina and because of extremely bad weather.

Oct 28

Weather good. No drill, Sgt Cooper absent. Gave boys arithmetic instead.

Nov 2

Bad weather, school not opened.

Nov 3

Only 88 present.

Nov 4

Sgt Cooper not present.

Nov 7

Visited school this afternoon and found Registers correctly marked. 106 present. John Macgregor M of B.

Nov 9

Mr Smith HMI visited and inspected school.

1898 p 155

Nov 11

No drill. Sgt Cooper not present, weather suitable.

Nov 18

Visited school today – all going on usularly Robert W Wallace C.

Nov 23

Snow storm, attendance v small

Nov 28

Flitting term day. Attendance still poor owing to illness particularly infants.

Dec 1

Weather still unfavourable to attendance. Many, particularly infants, unwell.

Dec 8

Ordinary work proceeding fairly and attendance improving.

Dec 15

Thursday. Attendance good in upper standards. Considerable no of infants girls still absent.

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December 20

Frosty, attendance good except infants where sickness still prevails.

Dec 27

Attendance v thin esp infants, owing to sickness and bad weather.

Dec 30

NY Holiday, resuming 9 Jan.

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Circular 230. Collective Examination of Pupil Teachers.

Scotch Education Dept.

Dover House, Whitehall, SW

1st January 1899

Sir

Scotch Education Dept.

Dover House, Whitehall S.W.

1st January 1879.

Sir,

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Art. 70 (d) of the Code, two examinations will be held yearly for pupil teachers at the end of their 2^d year of Apprenticeship.

The Examination in April is intended for pupil teachers whose Apprenticeship ends on 30th June following; the Examination in October is for pupil teachers whose Apprenticeship ends on 30th November following Art 70 (b).

These examinations need not be attended by pupil teachers at the end of their 1st or 3^d year, nor by pupil teachers at the end of their 2^d year, who have obtained the qualifications specified in Art 70 (d) 5.

All pupil teachers however, including those at the end of their 4th year, will be examined in Reading, Recitation, Teaching, Music, and, as a rule, Needlework (in the case of

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girls) on the occasion of H.M. Inspector's visit to the school. In the case of candidates about to enter for the Queen's Scholarship and Studentship Examinations, as well as of those candidates exempt from that Examination under Art 70 (d) 6, the Reports on Reading, Recitation and Teaching will be made on the accompanying Form.

Pupil teachers who claim exemption under Art 70 (d) 5 and 70 (d) 6 will be required to show their leaving Certificate to H.M. Inspector.

You are requested to notify each year to H.M. Inspector for the district in which your schools are situated the names of the Candidates from your schools, who, in accordance with the foregoing Arrangements, will attend the Examinations in April and October respectively.

It is important that intimation should be made not later than the 31st March for the April Examination, and not

later than the 30th September for the
October Examination.

The intimation, headed by the full official
name of the School should specify:

1. The number of pupil teachers in the school
at the end of their second year, who, not
being exempt from Examination under
Art. 70(d) 5, will attend the Collective
Examination.

2. The number of Candidates for a shortened
Apprenticeship under Art 70(b), who will be
presented at the Collective Examination.

The information is required in order to
enable H.M. Inspector to procure a
sufficient supply of papers. If it is not
furnished by the date mentioned, he cannot
be responsible for providing for the Examina-
tion of your pupil teachers and
Candidates.

On receiving this statement from you,
H.M. Inspector will advise you as to
the place, date and how of Examination.

The Candidates will on and after
April 1899 be supplied with exercise

books and blotting paper, but they
must come provided with pens.

This letter should be inserted
in the Log Book and acted upon
each year until further notice.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
H. Craik.

To,
The Clerk of School Board,
or the Official Correspondent of the
School.

copy

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Amey 5-

Returned to Clerk of School Board
Circular 230. and Form M. 87.
Intimated also that I would require
15 forms for pupils in Standard V.
as to Labour Certificate.

1899 p 161

January 9

School resumed. Infants attendance unsatisfactory. Distributed Sch Bd circular to Std V. Received certificate from Dr Sturrock allowing Walls family to attend school.

January 10

Peter McArthur, Christina Whitehead and Jean Brown have applied for the Labour Certificate. (Sch Bd circular?)

January 13

Reported Jessie Horn and Bella Houston for irregular attendance

January 16

Recommended the following for free books from Dunf Ed Trust:

William Simpson, Andrew Simpson, Adam McArthur, Janet Mercer, D? Mercer, Martha Sim, Fred Spence, John Spence.

Introduced new Reading books to Std 5

January 19

Attendance still affected by rainy weather.

January 20

Sgt Cooper absent, no drill, grammar instead.

1899 p 162

Jan 25

Received notice last night – Inspection 24 Feb at 10.30

Feb 1

Introduced new registers. 116 present, 14 absent (130 on roll)

Feb 3

Ordinary work satisfactory.

Feb 6

V stormy, attendance v poor esp Infants. School closed a little earlier than usual.

Feb 9

Monitor absent unwell. Lge no with colds etc.

Feb 10

School closed. Teacher poorly and many pupils unwell.

Feb 13

Attendance still bad – bad weather and health.

Feb 14

Tuesday Holiday, homecoming of Lord Elgin

Feb 17

Reported Peter McArthur to officer and explained case of Christina Whitehead.

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Feb 20

Monday 117 present, 130 on roll

Charlestown 20th Feb 1899

This is to certify that I have this day examined Miss Kate Ritchie and consider that she is in good physical health and a fit candidate for the duties of a pupil teacher – this 20th Feb 1899 Robert E Craine.

Feb 22

On visiting school this afternoon found all in order. Registers correctly marked 117 present. John Macgregor M of B.

Feb 23

Arranged pupils in order for Inspection tomorrow.

Feb 24

Inspection 117 present

Feb 27/28

Holidays after Inspection

1899 p 164

March 1

School resumed, attendance fairly satisfactory, 3 enrolled

Scheme of Religious Instruction for 1899

Infants and Standard 1

Simple account of the Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, Joseph and his brothers, early life of Moses. Committing to memory Psalms 100 and 23, also short Scripture texts.

Standards 2 and 3

Luke's Gospel, 1st Samuel, Commandments. Repetition of psalms and texts from Proverbs.

Standards 4, 5, 6

Genesis, Matthew's Gospel, readings from Proverbs and Psalms, with frequent memory tests and verses.

1899 p 165

March 6

Monday Attendance affected by absence of many Infants.

March 10

Friday Standards getting a little better into order for their new work. Attendance somewhat small. Gave officer a list of Christina Whitehead's attendances.

March 13

Gave each of the following 1/10½ from the Dunf Ed Trust:

William Simpson, Andrew Simpson, Adam McArthur, Janet Mercer, D Mercer, Martha Sim, Fred Spence, John Spence.

March 17

Attendance continues to improve, good weather. Ordinary work and progress satisfactory.

March 24

Ordinary work satisfactory

March 27

Christina Whitehead returned to school.

1899 p 166

March 25

HMI Report

A more cheerful tone pervades the school than formerly and the work throughout shows earnest and successful application. Reading and formal Arithmetic are particularly well advanced in all the classes but Mental Arithmetic in the first and Second Standards requires more attention. There were many neat and careful papers: but the uniform style of penmanship should be adopted. The Class Subjects were good. Intelligence should be brisker and the Geography of the Merit Certificate pupils was disappointing. Science is well taught. Needlework and Physical Drill are very satisfactory and the Senior girls performed several dance movements with grace and refinement.

Merit Certificates are enclosed for R Ritchie, J Spence, R Sime and W Anderson.

Miss Brown will shortly receive her Certificate.

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R Ritchie is disqualified for admission by Article 70(b)

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

Janet Brown CT 3rd Class

Maggie Lumley ex PT

Kate Ritchie Monitor

(signed) Jas McFarlane, clerk of Sch Board.

March 27

John Newall, reported to officer and who promised to return today, is still absent. Distributed Merit Certs. Attendance v slightly improving.

March 28

Jeanie Brown, Jeanie Barber and Bella Stark trying for Elgin Bursary today.

March 31

Broke up at mid-day for Annual Spring Holiday

April 3
Annual Spring Holiday

1899 p 168

April 4

School resumed. Attendance v fair but weather v unsatisfactory. Jeanie Brown has gained Elgin Bursary.

April 7

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, bad weather.

April 11

Tuesday 1 enrolled, attendance improving

April 14

Attendance still good on the whole. Weather nor altogether favourable. Classes making good progress.

April 21

Attendance, particularly in Senior dept, v good during pas week. Standards making v good progress.

April 25

Books to be paid by Parish Council: Mrs Spence Sandilands, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Mercer, Ivan John

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April 28

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, bad weather. Attendance satisfactory in past week.

May 1

On roll 120, present 108. Weather extremely disagreeable.

May 5

Attendance still good. Ordinary work satisfactory.

My 8

1 enrolled

May 11

On visiting school this afternoon found all in order and Registers correct 116 present John Macgregor M of B

May 16

Tuesday 1 enrolled

May 18/19

Holiday, Queen's Birthday.

May 22

School resumed. Attendance only fair.

1899 p 170

May 25

Weather still v unsatisfactory. Attendance fair on the whole. Progress satisfactory

June 1

Thursday Weather and attendance good. Reported John Newall to officer.

June 5

John Newell returned.

June 9

Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary on 24 inst at 10.00. Also Religious Inspection for 26th. Sgt Cooper present but did not drill, unwell.

June 16

Friday Weather and attendance still good. Children getting a little indifferent, summer holiday approaching.

June 23

Ordinary routine

June 26

Religious Knowledge inspection pm. Present Dr Harvey, Mr Beveridge.

1899 p 171

June School closed for summer holiday. 111 present

The Board visited the school and were much pleased with the exhibition of singing etc and formally dismissed the scholars for the holidays. Robert W Wallace, chairman

Aug 14

School resumed. 114 present 2 enrolled

Aug 21

Attendance still good. Weather exceedingly warm.

Aug 25

Friday No drill, too warm

Sept 1

Friday Holiday, Barnum and Bailey (circus) in Dunfermline.

Sept 7

Thursday Attendance still fairly good except for one or two absentees from the country.

Sept 8

2 enrolled, 8 absent this am

1899 p 172

Sept 15

Sgt Cooper did not drill, weather somewhat rainy. Attendance satisfactory.

Sept 18

Somewhat stormy in am. 2 enrolled, 123 on roll, v few absent.

Sept 25

Monday Attendance promises to be good for coming week. Considerable attention is now being paid to the work for the Merit Certificate. Sent form 147 on behalf of Miss Lumley to Mr McFarlane (clk of SB)

Sept 26

Rainy, attendance poor.

Oct 2

Annual autumn holiday.

Oct 9

Attendance still regular, esp senior dept. One or two younger children absent with colds. Whooping cough suspected

1899 p 173

Oct 16

Weather and attendance good. No seniors absent

Oct 20

Friday Attendance scarcely so good. A few younger pupils have whooping cough.

Oct 25

Visited the school and found the Registers correct. Jacob Primmer M of B

Oct 28

Attendance still affected by whooping cough. Senior dept attending v well.

Nov 3

Sgt Cooper present but no drill, rain. Also affects attendance

Nov 10

Too stormy for drill, Sgt Cooper present. Attendance of younger ones thin owing to whooping cough.

Nov 17

Still a few younger ones poorly

1899 p 174

Nov 21

Mr Smith visited the school. Attendance 54 boys 53 girls

Nov 23

Attendance somewhat thin – term removals and whooping cough. Standards doing ordinary work v well. Sent Tom Anderson home until properly better.

Nov 27

Attendance thin – tomorrow is removing term and still affected by whooping cough. 3 enrolled
Dec 4
Infants' attendance still somewhat thinner than usual
Dec 8
Received Circular 267 from clerk of SB
Dec 12
V severe snow storm, attendance v thin.
Dec 19
Attendance not so good as might be expected.

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Dec 22
Friday Cold and rainy, no drill
Dec 27
Cold and stormy, attendance still v thin
Dec 29
School closed at noon for NY holidays. 86 present, many have colds and weather v gloomy.

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Jan 8
School resumed
Jan 15
Attendance affected by colds etc
Jan 19
Friday Too stormy for drill, Geog instead
Jn 26
Weather too bad for drill
Jan 30
Intimated Inspection for 14 Feb at 10.15

1900 p 176

Jan 31
Last day of school year. Will introduce new registers tomorrow.
Feb 1
Introduced new registers
Feb 8
Weather exceedingly cold, Infants attendance slightly affected. Senior attendance good.
Feb 12
Severe frost but attendance good.
Feb 13
Arranged various standards for Inspection tomorrow
Feb 14
Inspection 111 present
Feb 19
School resumed (after inspection holiday). 2 enrolled
Recommended the following to Dunf Ed Trust for books money
Adam John, Lizzie McArthur, Martha and Joseph Sim*, Margaret Dickson, Jessie and Alexander Hodge.
(*1901 Census Martha P 11 and Joseph 8, mistranscribed as Josiah, Sim. Children of Richard Sim, railway signalman)

1900 p 177

Feb 22
V wet and disagreeable. Boys WC nearly flooded. Sanitary Inspector visited.
Feb 26
Monday Five enrolled
1 March
School closed until Monday to celebrate Relief of Ladysmith.

March 5

Attendance and weather fairly satisfactory. 1 enrolled

March 7

HMI Report

The discipline is excellent and the work reaches a high standard of attainment. The entire work of the Junior division was so thoroughly good and advanced that the highest grant was recommended. In the Senior division Arithmetic was exceptionally meritorious. The penmanship, reading and Composition of the Merit Certificate Class were however not such as to warrant recommendation of the

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highest Grant for this division. The Class subjects are good but intelligence might be Considerably improved.

Singing is good and Solfa accurate. Needlework is taught with marked success. Merit Certificates are enclosed for John Swan, George Mercer, Peter McArthur, Janet Watson and Bella Stark.

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

Janet Brown CT 3rd Class

Maggie Lumley Ex PT

Kate Ritchie Monitor

(signed) Jas McFarlane Clerk of SB

March 12

Weather good, attendance v satisfactory. 1 enrolled

March 15

Received notice from Board that a week's holiday will be given in April

1900 p 179

March 16

(Friday) Intimated exam for Labour Certificate to be held on 24 inst in Queen Anne School. Weather not v good, Sgt Cooper not present. Writing instead of drill.

March 19

Snowstorm in am affected attendance.

March 21

Registers found correctly marked on visiting school this afternoon. 114 present. John Macgregor M of B

March 22

Maggie Lumley Ex PT absent poorly. V dull rainy weather. Teacher absent one week poorly

March 30 – April 6

Spring holiday

April 9

School resumed.

Gave 2/6d each from Dunf Ed Trust to the following:

Adam McArthur, John McArthur, Martha Sim, Joseph Sim, Margaret Dickson, Jessie Hodge.

1900 p 180

April 11

Tuesday Attendance good, only 4 absent

April 16

Monday. Standards doing fairly well. Weather scarcely favourable to good attendance.

April 20

Friday Attendance still steady, weather exceedingly pleasant, pupils generally in good form.

April 26

Teacher absent in pm, Assistants and PT acting.

May 2

Ordinary work going on v well. Attendance still good – only 5 girls and 2 boys absent.

May 9

Intimated Bursary Competitions.

May 11

(Friday) Sgt Cooper not present, writing instead of drill.

1900 p 181

May 15

Tuesday. One enrolled, only 5 absent.

May 24/25

Holiday, Queen's Birthday

May 28

School resumed, Flitting day, a few absent.

June 5

Tuesday. Standards doing well, attendance still good, weather v satisfactory.

June 6

Surrender of Pretoria

June 13

Attendance and work still satisfactory.

June 18

No Seniors absent

June 22

The Board visited today in view of acquirements(?) during the holidays. Robert W Wallace chairman

1900 p 182

June 25

Inspection for Religious Knowledge conducted by Mr McKenzie at 12 o'clock. Attendance on the whole v satisfactory.

June 27

Blackboard renovated.

June 28

On roll – boys 65, girls 62

Present – boys 62, girls 54 = 116

Holidays to August 13

August 13

School reopened. 111 present – 57 boys, 54 girls.

August 17

Handed copy circular on Needlework to Miss Brown

August 24

Scholars fairly into work now and doing v well. V rainy for some time but attendance not much affected.

August 31

Attendance might be improved

Sept 7

One or two still absent

1900 p 183

Sept 14

Friday Weather highly suitable for attendance. Standard work doing well. Arithmetic getting much attention.

Sept 21

One family absent, measles

Sept 23

(Friday) Sgt Cooper absent, drilled boys.

Sept 26

Another case of measles.

Sept 28

On visiting school this forenoon found all in order. 102 present, registers correctly marked. John Macgregor M of B.

Oct 1

Annual Autumn holiday

Oct 2

Attendance thin – measles and sickness.

Oct 8

On roll 124, present 81 – measles.

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Oct 9

Attendance fallen to 71, no on roll 124 – measles. School closed until following Monday

Oct 22

School reopened. Attendance v thin. Many still ill

Oct 29

Monday – Attendance slowly improving.

Nov 5

Attendance still improving

Nov 12

Another case of measles reported but will not much affect attendance as most pupils now entirely recovered.

Nov 21

116 present this afternoon when the school was visited. Registers correctly marked

John Macgregor M of B

1900 p 185

Nov 23

Sgt Cooper engaged in Dunfermline. HM gave boys Indian Clubs exercises.

Nov 30

Weather too bad for drill

Dec 6

Visit by Dr Dunn HMI (no details)

Dec 13

Ordinary school work satisfactory

Dec 18

Tuesday. Lamps lighted early this afternoon. Notified Inspectors of NY holidays.

Dec 21

Sgt Cooper present. Weather too bad for outdoor drill. Boys Indian Clubs in school

Dec 25

Tuesday. Christmas Day. Attendance v good 'considering circumstances'. Ordinary school work but closed a little earlier in pm. Weather mild

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Dec 28

Friday. 107 present, school dismissed after 4 hours. Damp and rainy 'as usual'.

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Jan 7

School resumed weather not v good but attendance fair.

Jan 14

Monday. Attendance not good in am, better in pm. Arrangements made for introducing new books.

Jan 17

New reading and arithmetic books introduced.

Jan 17

School visited this afternoon 114 present. Registers in order. John Macgregor M of B

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Jan 18

Sgt Cooper not present. Indian Clubs for boys

Jan 21

Attendance good – 119 present

Jan 23

Received notice of Inspection. 11 Feb at 9,30

Jan 20

Ordinary work satisfactory

Feb 6

Mr Smith asked to have Inspection on 8th rather than 11th. HM agreed

Feb 8

Friday. Inspection by Mr Smith. 116 present.

Feb 11

Standard I new work for session introduced. Weather good, attendance v satisfactory

1901 p 188

Feb 15

Post-inspection holiday

Feb 18

Attendance good – 119. Standards for new year now in good working order.

Feb 20

Recommended following to Mr Gorrie for free books.

John, James and Lizzie Adam, Martha and Josiah Sim, Maggie Dickson, Janet, Robert and Mary Black.

1901 Census

Sim

Wellheads Cottage

Richard Sim 51 railway signalman born Little Dunkeld

Christina Sim 46 wife born England

Robert 17 no occupation born Leith

Richard 15 apprentice mechanical engineer born Leith

Charles G 13 scholar born Leith

Martha P 11 scholar born Leith

Josiah 8 scholar born Leith

Adam/Adams not found

Dickson

Pattiesmuir

Francis Dickson 40 quarryman born Dysart

Elizabeth Dickson 40 wife born Ceres

Elizabeth 20 helping in house born Denmill

Margaret 10 born Edinburgh

James 3 born Inverkeithing

Black

Sandilands

Henrietta Black 30 laundress born Limekilns

Janet 7

Robert 5

Mary 4

(These children, esp Mary, seem very young to be recipients of books but are the only family with those names in Limekilns)

Feb 22

Friday. Playground in too bad a state for drill. Answered communication from Dept re the three boys Grier not attending school. 'They always gave plea of removing from district and that they had taken a house in another parish.'

1901 p 189

Feb 25

Dr Dunn sanctioned slight change in scheme of instruction and timetable made to show the work etc of the PT (no details)

Feb 28

Distributed 9 merit certs – 9 had been examined.

March 4

Attendance still good. 1 enrolled

March 11

HMI Report

'The order is excellent and the general tone much more buoyant and cheerful than formerly. The work is exceedingly conscientious and highly satisfactory in view of the fact that the school has suffered from epidemic sickness. The increased grants were accordingly recommended. Points relatively inferior were analysis and summation of numbers in the infant section: and in the Senior Division Reading, with though advanced was somewhat monotonous. The Class subjects were in general very good

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and Drawing and Needlework claim special mention.

No grant is due at present for K Ritchie under article 19 E as she had not completed a year of Service.'

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

Janet Brown CT 3rd Class

M Lumley Ex PT

K Ritchie PT 1st year.

(signed) John S Soutar, deputy clerk of SB

March 14

Weather still good, attendance v satisfactory. School work progressing well. 114 on roll, 4 absent ill.

March 18

Only 3 absent

1901 p 191

March 25

1 enrolled. 125 on roll, 120 present 'the 5 absent being accounted for'. Weather generally good.

April 1

Attendance not so good. 'Made full inquiry as to absentees'.

April 5

Friday. School closed for Easter holiday. R-opening Monday 15 April

April 15

School resumed 115 present, 3 enrolled. Dunfermline Trust money distributed as entered in logbook 20 Feb.

April 18

119 present when school was visited this afternoon. Registers correct. John Macgregor M of SB.

1901 p 192

April 23

Teacher absent at funeral of friend. Assistants and PT acting.

April 29

No on roll 124, absent 7. General attendance and weather good.

May 2

Attendance still good. 1 enrolled, 125 on roll

May 6

1 enrolled, 126 on roll, 120 present. Ordinary progress satisfactory.

May 13

Monday. Attendance still good, weather v good. Ordinary work proceeding v well.

May 17

Reported Duncan and Maggie Rae (newcomers) to SB officer as irregulars.

1901 p 193

May 22

Wednesday – Victoria Day holiday

May 28

Flitting day, v few removals. 121 on roll, 113 present, 8 absent with satisfactory reasons. Weather good

June 3

Monday 4 enrolled, one boy and 6 girls absent

June 6

A few infants absent, whooping cough. One or two cases of measles reported. Attendance good in middle and senior depts..

June 14

Friday Attendance decreasing slightly owing to measles, rotheln and whooping cough.

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June 20

Intimation, exam for Elgin Bursary next Saturday at Dunfermline. Candidates David Wilson, Constance Lumley. Attendance going down owing to measles, whooping cough etc. 'Reason for every absentee satisfactory.'

June 21 Board visited and all in order Robert W Wallace C of B

June 24

Letter from SB, exam for Religious Knowledge between 26 and 28 August. Ex PT this week off to prepare for Exam in Edinburgh.

June 26

On roll 59 boys, 64 girls = 123. Present 58 boys, 58 girls = 116.

June 27

School dismissed for holidays. 116 present

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August 12

School resumed. Present 50 boys, 55 girls = 105.

Constance Lumley has gained Elgin Bursary

1901 Census

Broomhall Gardens

William Lumley 54 gardener born Cramond

Joan Lumley 48 wife born Paisley

Maggie 24 assistant teacher born Dunfermline

Jean 21 helping at home (In 1881 census is mistranscribed as 'Ivan')

Philip 19 clerk

James 17 apprentice gardener

Constance 12 scholar

(1861 Census Wm Lumley 14 garden labourer, son of Philip L blacksmith, public house, Cramond)

1871 Census Wm Lumley 24 is gardener, Niddry Stable Bothy

1881 Census address is Dunfermline.)

August 14

111 present, weather v wet

August 19

Absent 4 boys, 3 girls. Sent word to them to return asap.

August 22

Introduced new Smith Reader, the second reading book paid by the SB

August 27

Janet Macdonald, reported to SB officer, returned today. On roll 118, present 112

August 28

'Miss N Morton to come Mondays & Tuesdays to Sewing.'

August 29

111 present this forenoon when School was visited. Registers correctly marked. John Macgregor M of B

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Sept 2

School examined in Religious Knowledge – present Mr Beveridge, Mr McRennie

Sept 6

Attendance still fairly good. Ordinary work proceeding v well.

Sept 10

Attendance good, all absences satisfactorily accounted for.

Sept 16

10 absent with reasonable excuse. On roll 120, present 110. Weather exceedingly good.

Sept 23

Monday. V few absent. 1 enrolled, on roll 121, present 118. On 16 Sept PT commenced Drawing on Mondays and Tuesdays, when she leaves school at 3.30.

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Sept 30

Chicken pox epidemic, attendance affected.

Oct 7

Autumn holiday

Oct 8

Tuesday. Attendance poor

Oct 15

'Certificate Examination – 1901. Miss Lumley has received notice that she has passed the Examination in Subjects for First Year Students: and obtained a place in the Third Division of the Class list.' Miss N Morton left.

Oct 18

Weather v poor during past week. Attendance v reduced owing to colds and chicken pox. Merit Class attending well.

Oct 23

Attendance still somewhat thin owing to colds, chicken pox and whooping cough. Weather unfavourable.

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Oct 28

Reported to Compulsory Officer – Sarah Russell, Janet Whyte, Duncan Adam, James Jack, Robert Terris, Agnes Harley, H Petrie, Jessie Horn, David Brown, Spence McArthur, Ag Mitchell – off with chicken pox.

Oct 29

Weather exceedingly wet. Attendance v poor. Many younger ones still absent, illness v general. Progress not so rapid for these reasons.

Nov 1

School closed mid-day to be cleaned in pm. Sarah Russell, Janet White, R Terris, Jessie Horn, D Brown and Agnes Mitchell returned today.

Nov 5

Reported the Jacks of Pattiesmuir to Officer as he did not see them after last report.

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Nov 6

Received notice of holiday 27 Dec to 5 Jan. Mrs Macdonald started as cleaner.

Nov 12

V rainy, attendance considerably reduced.

Nov 15

Sgt Cooper informed of absentees. No drill

Nov 20

Attendance still v poor 'owing to trouble'. 2 cases of scarlet fever – James Robertson and John Reid in Dunfermline C Hospital. Weather exceedingly stormy.

Nov 25

On roll 111, present 97. Reduction owing to term removals.

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Nov 29

Received cert from Med Officer of Health that John Robertson's house has been disinfected.

Dec 4

Visited school this afternoon, looked through outside offices and playgrounds found everything clean & in order. 104 present. Registers correctly marked. John Macgregor M of B.

Dec 9

Exceedingly cold and stormy. Attendance v fair. 3 enrolled

Dec 13

Sgt Cooper present, no drill owing to frost. Ordinary work proceeding v well. Attendance improving slightly.

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Circular 335
December 11. 1901.
Sir, I am directed to inform you that in future, for the purpose of carrying out the provision of Art 70(d) of the Code, an Examination will be held yearly for Pupil Teachers at the end of the 2nd year of their engagement, on the last Saturday of May.
The Examination need not be attended by Pupil Teachers at the end of their 1st or 3rd year, nor by P.Ts at the end of their Second year, who have obtained the qualifications specified in Art 70(d) 5.
All P.Ts however including those at the end of their 4th year, will be examined in Reading, Recitation, Teaching, Music, and as a rule Needlework, (in the case of girls) on the occasion of H.M.O. visit to the School.
In the case of Candidates about to enter for the King's Exam. as well as

of Candidates exempt from that Exam. Under Art 70(d) 6, the Reports on Reading, Recitation, and Teaching will be made on the form relating to such Candidates (Form 88 or 146)
Pupil Teachers, who claim exemption in respect of papers at the Learning Certif. Exam. under Article 70(d) 5 and 70(d) 6 will be required to show their Certificates to H.M.O.
You are requested to intimate each year to H.M.O. for the District in which your schools are situated the names of the Candidates from your schools who, in accordance with the foregoing arrangements, will attend the Examination in May.
It is important that intimation should be made not later than the 30th of April
The intimation, headed by the full official name of the school, should specify:-
1. The number of P.Ts. in the School

at the end of their 2nd year, who, not
being exempt from examination under
Art. 40 (d) & c, will attend the Collective
Examination.
2. The Number of Candidates for a
shortened engagement under Art 40
(b) who will be presented at the
Collective Examination.
The information is required in order
to enable H.M.C. to procure a sufficient
supply of paper. If it is not furnished by
the date mentioned, he cannot be
responsible for providing for the
Examination of your T.E. and Candidates.
On receiving this statement from you
H.M.C. will advise you as to the place
date and hour of the Examination.
The Candidates will be supplied
with exercise books and blotting paper,
but they must come provided with
pens.
(sig) H. Craik.

1901 p 204

Dec 20

Sent form 8M with Sgt Cooper. No drill, too much ice. Sent post card to Charles McLean, farm servant, Hilton, re absence of son.

Dec 25

Xmas, attendance good. Weather not wet but unsatisfactory, roads unsuitable for attendance. McLean returned yesterday.

Dec 27

School closed at noon for NY holiday

1902

Jan 6

School reopened, attendance fair.

Jan 13

Jack family returned today.

Jan 20

Attendance good. Merit Class continues to make v fair progress.

1902 p 205

Jan 24

Friday. Sgt Cooper did not wait to drill owing to rain. Gave Standards composition lesson instead.

Jan 28

Received notice of Inspection of 11 Feb at 10.30

Jan 29

On visiting school this afternoon I found all in order and Registers correctly marked 110 present. John Macgregor M of B.

Feb 4

Revising work

Feb 11

Inspection by Dr Dunn. 111 present

Feb 13/14

Post-inspection holiday.

Feb 17

School resumed. 3 enrolled

Feb 19

'Gave M.C. to Jas Robertson, J Brown and Jessie Hodge.'

1902 p 206

Feb 21

Recommended to Mr Gorrie for free books - [] Adam, Lizzie and James McArthur, Maggie Dickson, Alexr and Maggie Hodge.

Feb 24

Only 2 absent

Feb 28

Rain, Sgt Cooper did not drill

March 6

Full attendance 'a very singular Circumstance.'

March 10

Attendance good, 1 enrolled.

March 11

HMI Report

The discipline and order are very satisfactory. In the Junior Division the Children were bright and earnest at their work, in the Senior they were somewhat unresponsive and apt to be passive. The attainments of the children in the former

1902 p 207

(HMI Report continued)

Division were sound, accurate and advanced and the increased grant was recommended. In the Senior Division penmanship is neat and careful, Reading fluent and the Arithmetic of the Fifth Class deserves special mention. The Class Subjects were not more than fair, though probably a higher estimate would have been formed, but for the Children's apparently morbid reluctance to answer. This can only be corrected by a genial and sympathetic tone. Singing is good and needlework is carefully and practically taught. Drawing is decidedly good but the lines were too faintly traced. An interesting beginning has been made with Free Arm drawing. A grant under 19E is paid in respect of Kate Ritchie.

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT of First Class

Janet Brown CT of Third Class

M Lumley probationer 1st year

Kate Ritchie PT 2nd year paper(?)

(signed) DD Blair, Clerk

1902 p 208

March 11

Received notice from Clerk of Board that Miss Lumley goes to Crossgates on 3 inst.

March 14

No drill, Sgt Cooper late. Geography instead.

March 21

Friday. Satisfactory attendance. Ordinary work done v well.

March 28

No drill owing to state of playground. Gave Standards arithmetic instead. Miss Lumley, on leaving for Crossgates, was presented with a gold chain.

March 31

3s of Dunf Ed Trust to each of following – Adam, Lizzie and John McArthur, M Dickson, Alexr and M Hodge. Miss Walker entered on duty.

April 4

School closed for a week's holiday.

1902 p 209

April 14

School reopened. Attendance good.

April 18

Mr Howatt gave a lecture on alcohol to pupils at 3.45.

April 21

2 enrolled

April 24

Visited School. Found Registers correctly marked. DD Blair Clk.

April 25

116 present when school visited this afternoon. We found Registers in order. John Macgregor and James Morton, Ms of B

April 25

Inspection of Religious Knowledge by Mr McKenzie

April 28

2 enrolled

May 5

Attendance still good. 1 enrolled, 124 on roll

1902 p 210

May 12

Attendance still good

May 16

Elgin Bursary exam tomorrow – James Moodie, Mary Brown, Janet Mercer, M Urqhart.

Holiday fixed for 25 June to 13 August

Board to visit school on 20 June, Wednesday 21 May to be Victoria Holiday.

May 21

Victoria Day holiday

May 27

Janet Mercer has gained Elgin Bursary

June 3

Attendance still good ‘considering the time of year and especially before the Holidays.’

June 9

Monday. 2 enrolled, 129 on roll

1902 p 211

June 13

Board members visited school this pm.

June 18

127 present, 129 on roll

June 19

Full attendance

June 24

School dismissed for holidays

June 24

Closed school this forenoon for 7 weeks holidays. Examined Registers found correct John Macgregor M of B

Aug 18

School reopened. Present 61 boys, 65 girls = 126

Aug 25

Posted form 8M to Mr Blair, Clerk of B

Aug 28

132 present this afternoon when school was visited. Found Registers in order. John Macgregor M of B

1902 p 212

Sept 5

Sgt Cooper commenced drill at 12,00 as usual. Children generally doing fairly well.

Sept 12

Attendance lower during week – colds, toothache and sore throats.

Sept 19

PT absent ill this week. Monitors acting. Reported Ronaldson family to Officer.

Sept 25

Reported Ronaldson family to officer again. Also Wilsons, Leckerstone.

Oct 3

Friday. Attendance poor – sickness. Miss Walker off sick all week.

Oct 6

Monday. Annual autumn holiday

1902 p 213

Oct 7

Ex PT returned

Oct 14

Attendance moderate, a number still with colds, sore throats etc.

Oct 17

Reported Jemima and Robina Wilson to SB Officer.

Oct 24

Jemima and Robina Wilson returned. Attendance improving slightly

Oct 31

Attendance still good, weather unfit for drill. Special lesson in Writing instead.

Nov 5

Mr Smith visited the school (no details).

Nov 12

Attendance still improving, general health of pupils good.

1902 p 214

Nov 17

Term time, one or two removed.

Nov 21

Sgt Cooper unavoidably absent. Arithmetic instead of drill. No on roll considerably reduced by term removals. Attendance satisfactory.

Nov 28

Sgt Cooper present but too wet for drill. Miss Walker absent

Nov 8

Miss Walker absent ill

Nov 11

Visited school this afternoon 125 present. Examined Registers and found same in order. Miss Walker absent through illness. John Macgregor M of B

1902 p 215

Dec 17

Attendance affected bad weather, colds etc.

Dec 22

Attendance much better, dull and rainy, roads v bad

Dec 25

Attendance good considering v stormy weather.

Dec 26

Closed for NY holidays.

1903

Jan 5

School reopened. Cold and rainy, attendance thin. Several with flu

Jan 12

Teacher absent at funeral, monitor acting.

Jan 16

Sgt Cooper not present, weather poor. Arithmetic instead of drill

1903 p 216

Jan 23

Sgt Cooper not present. Geography instead of drill. Attendance thin – illness and flu.

Jan 28

Miss Walker returned

Jan 30

Friday. End of school year. New registers on Monday. Inspection Wednesday 11 Feb, 10.30

Feb 2

New Registers introduced. Attendance poor – illness.

Feb 6

Sgt Cooper did not drill. Geography instead

Feb 11

Inspection – 127 present

Feb 12/13

Post-inspection holidays

1903 p 217

Feb 16

Recommended to Ed Trust for free books – Alfred, Nellie and Jane Donaldson, Lizzie and James McArthur, Alexr and M Hodge.

Feb 17

Gradually introducing new books and rearranging classes. Attendance improving.

Feb 24

‘Things going very well. Nearly all new Books introduced,’

March 2

HMI Report

The discipline is very effective but in the Senior Division should exhibit a more cheerful and buoyant tone. The work throughout does credit to the earnestness and capability of the Head Master and his staff. The attainments of Classes II, III and IV were especially meritorious Apparatus for Free Arm drawing is required.

A grant under Article 19C is paid

1903 p 218

(HMI Report continued)

in respect of K Ritchie, who should attend to French. GT

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT first class

Janet Brown CT third class

Marion Walker probationer – 1st year papers

Kate Ritchie PT 3rd year

(signed) DD Blair, Clerk.

March 6

No drill, v stormy. School dismissed at 1.30 after 4 hours continuous attendance.

March 13

Friday Sgt Cooper did not drill, bad weather. Attendance good in spite of bad roads etc.

March 20

Attendance v fair on the whole but might have been better in senior dept. Several girls absent with colds, toothache etc.

1903 p 219

March 27

Attendance good in spite of severe weather. Ordinary class work going on v well.

April 1

3s to each of following for free books – Alfred, Nellie and Jane Donaldson, James McArthur,, Alexander and Maggie Hodge.

April 3 – 10

Spring holiday

April 13

School resumed. Attendance good on the whole.

April 17

No drill, Sgt Cooper not feeling well.

April 22

Full attendance in am. one absent in pm.

April 24

Sgt Cooper not present

1903 p 220

April 24

I found Registers correct when school was visited this afternoon 132 present. John Macgregor M of B

May 1

Ordinary work very satisfactory

May 7

Full attendance

May 13

Victoria Day holiday. King and Queen in Edinburgh

May 20

Wednesday. Attendance still v good on the whole. Classes generally making good progress.

May 25

No on roll 120, present 118. Numbers small owing to removing term.

May 29

Friday. Ordinary work v satisfactory. Attendance good. 'Weather delightful',

1903 p 221

June 5

Friday. Sgt Cooper not present. History instead of Drill.

June 12

Attendance for past week good and work going on v well.

June 16

Inspection of Religious Knowledge. Miss Walker left to prepare for exam, PT acting in Infant room.

Board members visited. Sgt Cooper unwell, no drill.

June 23

Intimated visit of Dr Dunn for tomorrow.

June 24

Mr Smith visited and examined candidates for Supplementary Course.

June 25

Full attendance. School closed for summer holidays. Pupils gave Miss Walker a leaving present.

1903 p 222

June 25

Closed School for Summer Holidays 122 present being number on Roll. John Macgregor, James Morton Ms of B

Aug 10

School reopened. 124 on roll, present 112. 2 enrolled. Miss Sharp entered on duty.

Aug 14

Friday. Sgt Cooper not present 'probably owing to rain'. Geography instead of drill.

Aug 21

Boys commenced drill. Reported James Russell to Officer 'see Register'.

Aug 24

Advanced to Senior Division – Ella Moodie, Annie Smart, Helen Wilson, Annie Brown, Robert Ferguson, Robert Black. Full attendance today – 125.

1903 p 223

Aug 31

Forwarded Drawing scheme to Clerk of Board on Saturday. One or two absent 'with apparently reasonable excuses.'

Sept 4

Friday. Attendance fairly good.

Sept 11

Classes re-arranged, new books introduced. Pupils generally doing well. Drawing schedule sanctioned by HMI to hand.

Sept 18

3 absent, away from home. Weather still good. New classes working v satisfactorily.

Sept 25

Friday Ordinary work of week and attendance satisfactory.

Sept 30

School visited this afternoon 118 present. Registers in order. John Macgregor M of B

1903 p 224

Oct 5

Monday, Autumn holiday

Oct 8

Mr Smith visited school

Oct 12

V rainy, several absent ill

Oct 19

Attendance decreasing, sickness

Oct 23

Received notice of letter intimating satisfaction with scheme for Supplementary Course. Grants payable as from Aug. 1st 1903.

Oct 26

Scarlet fever in house of Mrs Steele

Oct 30

Too wet for drill, drawing instead

Nov 6

Attendance still poor, sickness

1903 p 225

Nov 13

Attendance hardly up to the mark a large number of changes at this terms, number on Roll reduced on this account

Nov 20

On 18 Nov Miss Sharp left to act as temp at Crossford and was there 3 days.

Nov 27

Weather bad. Attendance v poor – mumps, scarletina and flu

Dec 3

Dr Dun HMI visited school

Dec 4

Holiday after inspection

Dec 11

Attendance still thin – illness and bad weather.

Dec 14

19% of children absent ill

1903 p 226

Dec 16

Number in attendance steadily decreasing. School closed on recommendation of Med Officer of Health. To reopen on 11 Jan.

1904 p 226

Jan 11

School reopened. 71 present out of 118.

Jan 14

91 present when school was visited this afternoon. Registers correct. John Macgregor M of B

Jan 15

D Duthie, M Brown, Jt Smart, M Mercer, Agnes Brown, Jessie Tulloch and Alice Wilkie went to cookery classes at Charlestown at 11.30.

Sgt Couper present but no drill, cold and snowy. Sent register with officer for signature of Clerk.

Jan 18

Introduced jotter and pencils instead of slates and slate pencils.

1904 p 227

Jan 21

Recommended for free books from Ed Trust: Alfred Donaldson, Lizzie and John McArthur, Maggie Hodge, Maggie Simpson.

Jan 22

Jane Whitehead, Sarah Robertson and Annie Smart added to cookery class formed on 15 Jan.

Jan 29

Attendance improving v slowly but still a number ill. Ordinary work of school getting on v well.

Feb 5

Friday. Sgt Cooper present but no drill, weather unsuitable. Arithmetic for boys instead

Feb 12

Attendance improving

Feb 18

Distributed Ed Trust money, 2s each to A Donaldson, L and Jn McArthur, M Hodge, M Simpson

1904 p 228

Feb 26

No drill. Arithmetic instead

March 4

Attendance beginning to improve. 6 absent today. Weather cold and roads bad.

March 11

Had an exam of Classes 1, 2, and 3 in Arithmetic. Results v satisfactory on the whole.

March 14

Letter from DD Blair. Board at today's meeting agreed to transfer Miss Sharp (PT) from Limekilns to Wellwood. Mr Macgregor will confer with Teacher re appointment of a PT to take her place.

1904 p 229

March 18

Friday. Attendance for past week good. Ordinary work v satisfactory on the whole.

March 22

Visited School, checked Registers & found all in order. DD Blair, Clerk

March 30

HMI Report

The discipline is very good but the children should show more alertness and the infant section should be much more vigorously conducted. The Senior Division exhibited superior attainments in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. In the Senior Division the Reading is fluent but monotonous and the answering in English was slow and imperfectly distributed. History was very poor: Arithmetic and Composition very good and neatly set down. Drawing is generally good, especially in the Junior Division. A grant

1904 p 230

March 30

(HMI Report continued)

under Article 19E is paid in respect of K Ritchie.

School Staff

Andrew Todd CT of 1st Class

Janet C Brown CT of 3rd Class

Jeanie Sharp

K Ritchie PT of 4th year

April 1

Letter received from Dr Dunn intimating the number to be examined for Supplementary course.

School dismissed for Easter Holidays.

April 4 – 11

Annual Spring Holidays.

April 11

School resumed. One or two away ill. General work and attention satisfactory.

April 18

Monday. Weather and attendance v good only 3 girls absent

1904 p 231

April 25

Ordinary work continues pleasant and satisfactory. Attendance still good. In Infant Dept v good.

May 4

Mr Smith visited and examined pupils for Supplementary Course.

May 11

V rainy, playground and roads in bad state but attendance still good.

May 18

Wednesday. Ordinary work still satisfactory. Received duplicate of form 62a in the post.

May 20

Intimated exam for free bursaries at High School on 28 May

1904 p 232

May 23

Elgin Bursary exam next Saturday at 9.30

May 25

Holiday, Victoria Day

May 28

3 enrolled, 3 left

June 6

3 enrolled. A few still absent ill. Ordinary work satisfactory. Weather v good.

June 8

Received notice of Religious Instruction Inspection on 21 June.

June 10

Reported Watson family, Easter Gellet, for irregular attendance. Asked Officer to call at Beech Grove and Capernaum – reports of several children running about.

June 17

Ordinary work satisfactory. A few ill.

1904 p 233

June 21

Mr McKenzie examined Religious Knowledge for some time in pm.

June 27

Attendance v poor. Many with colds, flu and whooping cough.

June 30

School closed for Summer Holiday, 106 present

July 29

‘Sent Mr Blair Drawing Scheme 1903 – 1904. Nature Knowledge 1903. Geog & History 1903 to be forwarded to Dr Dunn. Cancelled.’

Aug 15

School reopened, 92 present, 1 enrolled. Several younger ones have whooping cough.

Aug 16

Half holiday in pm. Buffalo Bill’s Wild West show in Dunfermline.

1904 p 234

Aug 22

Sent merit certs to Mr Blair for signature and for posting to Dept of Ed.

Advanced the following to Senior Dept:

Jessie Horn	Matthew Campbell	Bella Hamilton	Margaret Monro	Maggie Simpson
Nellie Mercer	Lizzie Stenhouse	Grace Terris		

Aug 26

M Monro joined Cookery Classes.

Sept 1

Checked Registers found all in order when visiting school this afternoon. John Macgregor, James Morton, Ms of B

Sept 2

Sent approximate schedule to clerk of SB

Sept 6

Wrote Dr Paterson asking for a seat at exam for Catherine Ritchie, PT. 2 enrolled, on roll 118

1904 p 235

Sept 12

2 enrolled, on roll 120

Sept 16

Friday Room for improvement in attendance. Several with whooping cough, others sore throat.

Weather v suitable for attendance.

Sept 19

Monday. 1 girl enrolled, roll 121. Weather v (beautiful deleted) suitable for attendance.

Sept 26

Attendance could be better. 8 absent

Oct 3

Autumn Holiday

Oct 10

Letter of 7 Oct returned to Mr Blair (Form 7SC) approval of Supplementary Course.

1904 p 236

14 Oct

(Friday) Visitor to Limekilns has diphtheria. Child from that house excluded from school. Sgt Cooper absent, death of wife. Drilled boys.

21 Oct

Drilled boys instead of Sgt Cooper. Attendance good this week. 3 absent ill.

25 Oct

Received schemes of work in Drawing, Natural Knowledge and Supplementary, as approved by Dept of Ed.

Nov 1

Miss Sharp absent, relative ill.

Nov 7

3 enrolled

Nov 11

Miss Sharp absent for past 3 days, death of friend.

Nov 18

No cookery. Attendance might be better. Several good pupils leaving district at Term.

1904 p 237

Nov 25

Received notice of Inspection 22 Dec at 10.20

Dec 2

Attendance good, one absent. Roll reduced by removals.

Dec 9

Weather more suitable for attendance. None yet come to fill places of removals. Ordinary work satisfactory.

Dec 12

Monday. V severe snow storm all day. Attendance good, considering roads are nearly impassable.

Dec 19

Arranging matters with view to inspection.

Dec 22

Dr Dunn and Mr Gall examined school

Dec 29

School closed, teacher ill. Miss Sharp left

Dec 30 – Jan 10
New Year holidays

1905 p 238

Jan 4

HMI Report

The school is conducted with very satisfactory efficiency. In the Infant ~~Room~~ Section answering in Sentences is indispensable, and a more methodic teaching of Spelling is recommended. Classes I & II of the Junior division showed very good attainments in all their work. In the Senior division Arithmetic, Composition and Drawing deserve special praise: the Class subjects of History and Geography, however, require more attention and the writing, although very careful and neat, is somewhat too angular. The Supplementary Class made a good appearance. The girls have been taught to make skirts and blouses for themselves and to facilitate this very useful occupation a sewing machine might advantageously be provided.

1905 p 239

Jan 4 – HMI Report continued

The Teacher should realise that the Inspection under present conditions is based upon the work actually accomplished: he has made an unnecessary attempt to amplify unduly the profession of work.
School Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st C

Janet Brown CT 3rd C

Kate Ritchie ex PT

(signed) William Ross p. Clerk of Board.

Jan 10

School reopened. Attendance good.

Jan 14

First week finished after holiday. Results fairly satisfactory.

Jan 21

V cold, attendance good

Jan 23

Several absent with flu

Jan 24

Answered enquiry of department re PT Drawing Scheme.

1905 p 240

Jan 31

Last day of school year. Will introduce new Registers tomorrow.

Feb 3

Jessie Horn and Agnes Griebel joined cookery class.

Feb 6

3 enrolled.

Feb 9

Recommended for free books: Maggie Hodge, Maggie Simpson, Maggie Monro, James Brown

Feb 13

Monday. 20% absent with colds, flu and one or two with measles.

Feb 17

Friday. 28.8% absent. Received notice that Catherine Ritchie has passed King's Scholarship Exam, 3rd class cert.

1905 p 241

Feb 20

40 absent

Feb 23

Visited school found all in order Jn Macgregor M of B

Feb 24

43 absent, epidemics and illness.

Feb 25

Certificate from Dr Alan Tuke

'I hereby certify that there is a serious epidemic of measles among the children of Limekilns. In the infant department 50% are absent and over the whole school nearly 40%. I would strongly recommend that the school be closed for a period until the epidemic abates.'

March 13

School reopened. 93 out of 118 present. Gave 2/6d each from Ed Trust to M Hodge, M Simpson, M Brown, James Brown.

1905 p 242

March 20

Monday. Attendance slowly improving. Weather prospects satisfactory.

March 27

Attendance could be a little better. Standards generally making good progress.

March 31

School closed in pm for Spring Holidays

April 10

School reopened. Attendance v good on the whole.

April 14

Friday. Attendance still improving. Ordinary work satisfactory.

April 21

Attendance still improving

April 28

Attendance good. Drill as usual

1905 p 243

May 5

107 present this morning when the School was visited. Registers in order. John Macgregor, James Morton Ms of B

May 9

Received notice of exam in Religious Instruction on 20 June pm.

May 15

Monday Attendance good, weather v beautiful and warm.

May 19

Reported a girl to SB Officer

May 24

Holiday, Victoria Day

May 29

Removal term, 17 absent

June 2

Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary tomorrow at 9.30 am. Peter McIntyre, Helen Wilson, Bella Corstorphine, Annie Brown.

1905 p 244

June 7

Mr Gall HMI visited school and examined for admission to Supplementary Course.

June 14

Attendance fair, one or two still absent ill. Weather delightful.

For Supplementary Course – Thomas Macdonald, Robert Ferguson, Helen Wilson, Bella Corstorphine.

June 20

Exam in Bible Knowledge. Received notice from Mr Gorrie that P McIntyre had gained Elgin Bursary.

June 29

School closed for summer holidays, 104 present.

Aug 14

School reopened 108 present. Miss Brown present but returned to Glasgow on doctor's advice.
Advanced classes a stage.

1905 p 245

Aug 17

Posted form 8M to Clerk of SB.

Aug 28

Mr Niven started as interim (assistant). Received form 62a

1 September

114 present when school was visited this forenoon. Registers in order. John Macgregor M of B

Sept 8

Friday. Attendance v fair on the whole. One or two absent with reasonable excuses.

Sept 15

Ordinary work during week v satisfactory.

Sept 18

Monday Holiday in district – Review in Edinburgh

Sept 25

Ordinary work satisfactory.

Sept 28

Dr Dunn HMI visited school

1905 p 246

Oct 2

Autumn Holiday

Oct 5

Miss Christie started as Monitor

Oct 6

Friday. Ordinary work satisfactory

Oct 13

Mr Niven left in pm. No cooking, Miss Simpson poorly

Oct 16

Miss Lothian locum tenens

Oct 20

No cooking.

Oct 27

We visited school this forenoon and found everything in order 113 present. John Macgregor, James Morton Ms of B

Nov 3

Exceedingly wet and disagreeable for past week. Drill and cookery as usual

Nov 10

Weather bad for some time. Drill as usual.

1905 p 247

Nov 17

Attendance v fair. Drill as usual

Nov 20

Sent Merit Certs to John Russell, Alexander Hodge, Archibald Campbell, Nellie Cant, Agnes Brown, Jessie Tulloch, to be forwarded to Edinburgh.

Attendance falling slightly – several leaving at Martinmas term.

Nov 28

Flitting term in the district. A good many removals. No on roll reduced and attendance thin 'as might be expected'.

Dec 4

3 enrolled. Attendance still rather small

Dec 5

6 enrolled

Dec 6

Miss Christie absent
Dec 11
Miss Christie returned.

1905 p 248

Dec 18
Attendance still somewhat thin, many with colds. 1 enrolled. Weather v good on the whole.
Dec 21
Miss Ritchie left at 11.00 sickly. Many absent with colds and sore throats. Weather fairly good. Miss Lothian acting for Miss Ritchie, Miss Christie in Miss Lothian's place.
Dec 25
Attendance small. Weather exceedingly disagreeable. Miss Ritchie returned.
Dec 29
School closed for New Year Holiday. Attendance somewhat thin, many with colds and sore throats etc. School reopens on 9 Jan 1905. Miss Lothian left.

1906 p 249

Jan 9
Miss Davidson started as interim teacher in Infant dept.
Jan 15
Attendance good in spite of stormy weather.
Jan 22
All present except one. Weather and roads v unsatisfactory. Miss Davidson, interim, doing v well.
Jan 29
Attendance v good. Ordinary work satisfactory.
Jan 31
Last day of school year. New Registers tomorrow.
Feb 2
Sgt Cooper absent – in Court.
Feb 5
Miss Davidson left, Miss Brown returned. Attendance good, only 3 girls absent.

1906 p 250

Feb 7
'Received 5s from Mr Morton for coal and light to Ambulance Class. Jemima Christie 28th August 1885' (date of birth?). 113 present
Feb 9
Friday Sgt Cooper present, no drill, snowstorm.
Feb 16
Drill as usual
Feb 19
Bought thermometer for school use with the 5s from Ambulance Class.
Feb 23
Reported Christina Low to SB Officer
Feb 28
Miss Christie intends to leave at end of March
March 8
Attendance satisfactory, 109 present. Weather cold and disagreeable.

1906 p 251

March 12
Miss Christie absent, also one or two pupils. Reported Christina Low and Maggie Docherty, both of Hilton, as irregular attenders.
March 15
Weather unsatisfactory, 108 present. 'Miss Christie absent again today'.
March 19
Miss Christie returned

March 20

Miss Christie present

March 23

'Miss Christie absent. Leave 22?'

March 23

The school was visited this forenoon. 110 present. The Registers were correctly marked. John Macgregor, James Morton Ms of B.

March 30

School closed for April Holiday, 106 present, also Sgt Couper

April 9

School reopened, 107 present. Weather delightful.

1906 p 252

April 13

Attendance regular during past week.

April 20

Reported Christina Low, Hilton. Only 18 attendances since 1 Feb. Last attendance March 8.

April 23

Recommended for free books – Maggie Simpson, James Brown, Maggie Hodge, Bella Corstorphine

April 27

Sgt Cooper absent at drill time.

May 4

Reported Grace Terris and Christina Low for non-attendance.

May 7

The two reported returned. 3 enrolled.

May 8

Full attendance

1906 p 253

May 10

2/6d each from Dunf Ed Trust to James Brown, Maggie Hodge, Bella Corstorphine

May 11

(Friday) Posted form 62(a) with duplicate to Mr Blair. Sgt Coupar not present at Drill time.

May 18

Friday – attendance hardly up to the highest mark, weather rainy, some illness prevalent. Sgt Coupar present.

May 23

Wednesday Victoria Day holiday

May 24

Attendance poor because of rain. Intimated exam for Trust Bursaries in Dunfermline High School 2 June at 9.30.

May 28

Removing term, several absent. Duplicate form 62(a) to hand.

May 29

Intimated exam for Elgin Bursary on Sat 2 June.

1906 p 254

June 1

Following will compete for Elgin Bursary tomorrow – John Brown, Isa Hamilton, Helen Wilson, Bella Corstorphine.

June 8

Attendance v small – measles and chicken pox.

June 13

Registers found in order. Met Mr Houston Architect with a view to get a report as to School Offices. John Macgregor M of B

June 20

Attendance falling, mainly through illness.

June 21

All members of SB except Rev Mr Begg, Crossgates, visited the school in pm (no details)

June 28

School closed for Summer Holiday. 93 present. Mr Gall was present for a short time.

1906 p 255

Aug 13

School reopened 96 present.

Aug 20

Miss Brown absent, death of sister. Miss Ritchie and Monitor acting.

Aug 24

Friday Ordinary work proceeding fairly well.

Aug 31

Intimated to Inverkeithing SB Officer continued absence of James Low, Hilton

Sept 6

105 present when school was visited this afternoon. All in order. John Macgregor M of B

Sept 7

Mr McNaughton paid first visit as School Board Officer. Sent form 8m to Clerk of Board.

1906 p 256

Sept 11

Letter from DD Blair, clerk of SB

The Board has agreed to exempt Grace Terris from school attendance, Teacher to give effect to this.

Sept 13

Letter from DD Blair, clerk of SB

Miss Ritchie having resigned, the Board has instructed him to offer the post to Miss Jan A Brown.

Will inform Teacher, if she accepts, when she will be able to start.

April 20

Attendance still fairly satisfactory.

April 21

Mr McNaughton started drill

April 28

Friday One or two absent with reasonable excuse. Miss Ritchie left in pm

1906 p 257

Oct 1

Monday. Autumn Holiday

Oct 2

Miss Jane A Brown started work. Attendance poor – Feeing Market in Dunfermline

Oct 9

Full attendance, weather good.

Oct 16

‘Received communication from School Board relative to potato lifting.’ (no details)

Oct 19

Attendance v thin – rain. Playground unfit for drill.

Oct 26

SB Officer visited. Only one pupil engaged in potato lifting.

Nov 2

Attendance v thin – stormy weather and some illness. One or two leaving district.

1906 p 258

Nov 8

Attendance a little thin – bad weather and slight illness

Nov 15

Thursday Attendance v fair considering weather

Nov 16

97 present when school was visited this afternoon. All in order. John Macgregor M of B

Nov 23

Attendance hardly so good as might be expected. Bad weather, several ill, numbers affected by nearness of flitting term.

Nov 30

Week of term flitting – many changes. Roll reduced. Weather bad for drill, Mr McNaughton not present.

1906 p 259

Dec 7

Friday

Roll reduced owing to term removals. Weather not v good. Mr McNaughton not present.

Dec 10

‘Miss J Brown Teacher Infant Dept absent owing to Erysipelas – Members of family absent from school. Monitors acting. Weather extremely miserable, affecting attendance.’

Dec 14

Attendance moderate. Compulsory Officer not present, no drill.

Dec 21

Friday. Attendance still thin – illness. Miss J A Brown Infant dept still absent and poorly. Miss Kate Ritchie came for a few days and took charge this morning. Mr McNaughton unable to attend, no drill. Boys map-drawing instead

1906 p 260

Dec 25

Attendance still small. Christmas Day, weather good, frosty. Infant dept improving under Miss Ritchie.

Dec 27

School closed mid-day for New Year Holiday. Snow storm. Miss Ritchie left.

1907

Jan 7

School reopened. Attendance moderate, several ill. Ex PT returned

Jan 11

A large number absent ill. Weather favourable to attendance. Miss Brown absent poorly. Monitors acting.

Jan 14

Miss Brown returned.

Jan 16

Wednesday Attendance still v thin – colds, flu etc. Weather fairly good.

1907 p 261

Jan 21

Attendance slightly better but still some flu.

Jan 28

V wild snow storm, large number absent, esp from the country. Several still ill. Attendance unsatisfactory.

Jan 31

End of school year, new registers tomorrow.

Feb 1

New registers introduced. Recommended for free books from Dunf Ed Trust – Janet Corstorphine, M Simpson, John Buchanan, M Hodge.

Feb 8

A good number still absent. Reported several absentees to SB officer.

Feb 15

No laundry. Miss Foote poorly

1907 p 262

Feb 22

No cookery

Feb 22

(different handwriting) School inspected. DM Home

Feb 25

2 enrolled

March 1

Attendance beginning to improve

March 4

2 enrolled

March 11

Attendance not so good, one or two ill. 'Introduced Jotters and pencils into Infant Room. Slates now entirely abolished, as recommended by H. M. Inspector.'

March 14

Holiday. Ordination of minister in Limekilns Church.

March 18

Monday Numbers not good, weather stormy, several ill

1907 p 263

March 21

2/6d each to the following from Dunf Ed Trust for books – Janet Corstorphine, M Hodge. M Simpson, J Buchanan.

March 19 (as in ms)

HMI Report

This school continues to be conducted with conspicuous skill and sound success. Suggestions as to method and scope of the work, particularly in English and Arithmetic, were made to the teachers and a detailed criticism of the various classes does not appear to be necessary at present.

Excellent new offices have recently been provided. It is hoped that the managers will see their way in the near future to increase the cloakroom accommodation, which is quite inadequate. A few additional desks are required for the use of the infant classes.' (signed) DD Blair, Clerk.

1907 p 264

March 19

Calculation of grant

264	1907.	under 7.	
Mch	19	No. for payment at 18/-	21
		Between 7 and 10	
		No for payment at 20/-	39
		over 10	
		No for payment at 22/-	37.
		No for payment at 16	39
Art 19. B4		No. for payment at 19	37
Art 21.		No for payment at 50/-	6.
Art 21. B.		No for payment at 8/4	8.28
		Grant under Article 19. B1(a)	18-18.
		" " " " (b)	39
		" " " " (c)	40-14
		" " " " B4(a)	2-18-6
		" " " " (b)	3-14-9
		Grant under Article 21.	15-
		" " " " (b) 21	3-9
		Gross total of Claim	123-14-3
		General aid Grant	40-
			163-14-3
		Less def. annuity P	3-10
			159-14-3

1907 p 265

March 29

Start of Spring Holiday week

April 8

School reopened, attendance good, 2 enrolled

April 12

'Receive notice from Board to provide Histories in which prominence is given to Scottish History.'

April 19

Attendance good for past week. Ordinary work satisfactory.

April 26

Friday Boys doing fairly well at drill under Mr McNaughton. Attendance still improving.

April 29

Attendance continues satisfactory. Posted Schemes to Inspector.

May 6

Monday Only one absentee

1907 p 266

May 13

The Board visited the school officially today. DD Blair, Clerk

May 20

1 enrolled, only 2 absent

May 22

Victoria Day holiday

May 24

School visited this afternoon. 101 present. Registers found in order. John Macgregor M of B

May 27

2 enrolled, one left. Weather exceedingly good. One or two absent.

May 30

Mr Home visited the school. V rainy, many with sore throats.

1907 p 267

June 7

Rather to many absent unwell, toothache etc. V damp and rainy.

June 14

Attendance not so good as expected. Weather v bad, several unwell.

June 21

Weather continues v unsuitable for health and attendance. Jeane Brown to get three days at home for private study before exam.

June 26

Registers found correct when school visited this forenoon. John Macgregor M of B

June 27

School closed for Summer Holiday. 102 present.

1907 p 268

Aug 13

School reopened, 94 present

Aug 20

Number on roll slightly better.

Aug 23

Friday Attendance v fair, one or two absent with whooping cough.

Aug 30

Ordinary work going on fairly. Boys getting attention in Military Drill.

Sept 6

Friday Attendance not so good as might be expected. One or two with whooping cough.

Sept 9

Attendance a little better 108 on roll, 104 present. 1 enrolled.

Sept 13

Attendance still slightly improving

1907 p 269

Sept 23

Monday No on roll 108, no present 98. Various reasons given for absence.

Sept 30

Monday 4 enrolled, no on roll 111

Oct 4

Attendance v good for past week. Weather v suitable. General work of school v satisfactory

Oct 7

Monday Autumn Holiday

Oct 14

(different handwriting) School visited H. Smith HMI

Oct 21

Monday. V rainy and disagreeable but attendance good.

Oct 22

'Received very handsome Library from Mr James Coats jnr, Paisley.'

1907 p 270

Oct 25

School visited this afternoon. Registers in order 106 present John Macgregor M of B

Oct 28

Attendance good, 108 present in spite of v unsatisfactory weather

Nov 4

Monday Attendance good, 110 present. 2 enrolled. Weather decidedly good.

Nov 8

Miss Brown absent. Monitors acting

Nov 15

Attendance good but could be better – 2 boys potato lifting, reported them to Officer.

Nov 22

Attendance better although weather has not improved much.

1907 p 271

Nov 29

One or two left at flitting term. On roll 110. Attendance in all depts good.

Dec 2

Miss Brown snr absent poorly. Monitors acting

Dec 3

Miss Brown returned. 1 enrolled.

Dec 10

Mr Home visited school

Dec 11

Letter from Mr Blair, to meet drill instructor on 16 inst.

Dec 16

Saw Miss Anderson and arranged for the Friday afternoons during Jan. Only one absent

Dec 19

We found 108 pupils present this morning. Registers found correct. John Macgregor, James Morton
Ms of B

1907 p 272

Dec 25

Christmas Day. Attendance not so good.

1908

Jan 7

School resumed after NY holidays. David Gram(?), Margaret Hodge and Nellie Mercer have left before finishing their time. 106 present.

Jan 10

Miss Anderson commenced physical drill

Jan 14

Letter from SB intimating appointment of Miss Ritchie to succeed Miss Jeanie A Brown, who leaves on 17 Jan for Pittencrieff School.

Jan 17

Miss Jane A Brown left

Jan 20

Monitors acting in Infant dept

Jan 23

Miss Hayes with Infants

Jan 31

Miss Hayes left

Feb 3

Monitors acting in Infant dept. First day of school year, introduced new registers.

1908 p 273

Feb 12

Recommended for Dunf Trust Bursaries – Janet Corstophine, Robert Brown, Marion Simpson, Jessie Meldrum.

Feb 14

Miss Anderson Teacher of physical drill, left today.

Feb 21

Monitors still acting in Infant dept. Attendance still satisfactory.

Feb 28

Monitors still acting. Severe snow storm, attendance not so good.

March 7

'Monitors still acting in Infant room and doing fairly well in the circumstances.'

March 16

A number unwell, attendance suffering. Trust bursaries paid on behalf of Janet Corstorphine, Robert Brown, Marion Simpson and Jessie Meldrum.

1908 p 274

March 20

Friday Attendance slightly affected by illness. Monitors still in Infant dept.

March 23

Calculation of grant.

19 th Mch 1908.	
Under 7 no for payment at 18/-	21
Between 7 and 10 20/-	18
over 10. no for payment at 22/-	38.
Art 19 B.L. between 7 & 10 at 1/6	36
no for payment at 1/9	38
no for payment at 50/-	6
no for payment at 8/4	5.92
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Grant under Art 19 B.1 (a)	£ 18-18
" " " " (b)	36
" " " " (c)	41-16
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" " " " (b)	3-6-6
" " " 21	15
" " " 21(b)(2)	2-9-4
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	120-3-10
Grant under Section 2 D(2)	40
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	160-3-10
Less Annuity C	4-10
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	155-13-10

1908 p 275

March 27

97 present this afternoon when school visited. Registers in order. John Macgregor M of B

March 30

Miss Ritchie started work.

April 3

102 present. Closed at noon for Spring Holidays

April 13

School reopened. Full attendance in pm

April 20

Only one absent, unwell

April 27

Attendance still good. V cold. Ordinary work of whole school satisfactory. Infant dept doing [well].

Clay modelling introduced.

1908 p 276

May 5

Weather v unsatisfactory but attendance good. One case of diphtheria in Sandilands, family isolated.

May 7

The Board visited the school officially today. DD Black Clerk,

May 11

Messrs McGregor, Morton and Auchterlonie visited re the cloakroom to be erected.

May 18

Peter Simpson to compete for Elgin Bursary.

May 20

Victoria Day holiday

May 25

Considerable number absent, colds.

1908 p 277

May 29

Attendance unsatisfactory owing to illness – sore throats, toothache etc

Form 62a to be sent by middle of May

June 5

Considerable irregularity of attendance this week – illness.

June 8

Visit by Inspector of Religious Knowledge. Sent form 62(a) to HMI

June 15

Attendance fallen – illness of various kinds

June 22

School visited (Art 29) WS Gall, Sub-Inspector

June 25

Closed for Summer Holiday. 103 present

1908 p 278

Aug 11

School reopened. 108 present

Aug 17

Attendance good 2 enrolled

Aug 24

Attendance still satisfactory. Pupils now doing fairly well in new classes.

Aug 31

One or two absent ill. 4 enrolled

Sept 7

Ordinary work of school continues. No on roll increasing

Sept 9

Miss Bull began physical drill

Sept 14

Attendance good – 115 present, no on roll 119

2 girls ill in bed, one away from home, one boy at home owing to illness of friend.

Sept 16

Mr Hutchinson began physical drill.

Sept 18

Attendance good at beginning of week but has decreased owing to illness.

1908 p 279

Sept 25

Attendance this week hardly up to the mark – illness. V rainy, roads bad

Oct 2

Friday Attendance fairly good. Excellent weather, drill classes doing well.

Oct 5

Autumn Holiday

Oct 6

Attendance not so good – market in Dunfermline

Oct 13

Attendance good

Oct 14

Boys at drill under Mr Hutchinson and doing v well

Oct 16

108 present this afternoon when I visited school. Examined Registers and found all in order. John Macgregor M of SB

Oct 23

Attendance continues v fair. Weather v suitable for same.

1908 p 280

Oct 28

Wednesday Boys at drill under Mr Hutchinson. Only 5 pupils absent

Nov 3

Dull with bad roads but attendance good – only 3 absent

Nov 6

Friday Gave exam to Supplementary C. C.I and C.II in arith this pm. 1 girl absent

Nov 13

Attendance still v good. School doing well under new drill instructors. Classes I and II examined yesterday. Writing good, arith might be better.

Nov 20

Miss Brown absent pm poorly. Miss Ritchie in her place, monitors acting for Miss Ritchie.

Nov 27

Attendance v unsatisfactory for past week – v bad weather and some illness

1908 p 281

Dec 4

Attendance bad. Many ill, v foggy and unhealthy

Dec 11

Attendance still bad – illness

Dec 18

Still a number absent ill

Dec 25

Christmas. Attendance rather thin for past week, a number poorly. One family has mumps.

Dec 29 & 30

V stormy. Attendance thin. ‘School in 4 hours (Articld 23a)

New Year Holiday

1909

Jan 12

School reopened. Attendance v fair. A few younger children ill.

1909 p 282

Jan 18

Monday One or two infants absent ill

Jan 18

School visited this afternoon. Registers correct 112 present. John Macgregor M of B

Jan 28

Attendance good during week

Jan 29

Last day of school year. New registers on Monday.

Feb 1

New registers. 118 on roll, 114 present.

Feb 8

Inspection Walter Stewart

Feb 15

Attendance still satisfactory. No on roll 121, present 120. One boy absent – accident

1909 p 283

Feb 16

Recommended to Dunf Ed Trust (free books). John Copland, Jessie Meldrum, William Robertson, Christina Black.

Feb 16 1909

This is to certify that Mabel Harley suffers from Chorea and that her illness necessitates prolonged absence from school. CL Bell MD

Feb 17

The Board suggests that the dates for leaving and entering school in terms of the new Education Act should be 15 Jan, 15 April, 15 August and 15 Oct.

Feb 23

A few absent yesterday and today – illness. Fear of scarlet fever but no case yet.

Feb 26

Friday

Several children ill 'begin to fear the approach of trouble.'

1909 p 284

March 5

HMI Report

Sound methods of instruction are employed in the Infant division and the children have made satisfactory progress. A sufficient supply of small objects should be provided for the teaching of Arithmetic.

In the Junior Division all the work is good: the style of the written exercises in Arithmetic deserves express mention.

The Classes of the Senior division and the Supplementary Course have been carefully conducted according to modern methods: the results are highly satisfactory.

Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

Janet Brown CT 3rd Class

Catherine Ritchie CT (probr deleted)

(signed DD Blair, Clerk)

March 5

Registers found in order 109 present John Macgregor M of SB

1909 p 285

March 5

Presented Alexander Macgregor with book for record attendance in presence of all the pupils. John Macgregor M of SB

March 11

Distributed money from Dunf Ed Trust – John Copland, Jessie Meldrum, William Robertson, Christina Black.

March 12

Attendance starting to improve.

March 19

V few cases of illness and attendance improving.

March 22

Arthur Mitchell, Broomhall Gardens, Infant Room 'another case of scarlet fever'. Attendance 112 – 6 absent.

March 26

13 girls now attending cookery class.

April 2

School closed for Spring Holiday. 11 present.

(NB Increase in numbers on roll in 1909 owing to building of Rosyth Naval Base/Dockyard. Work began in March 1909)

1909 p 286

April 12

Monday School reopened. 120 on roll, 116 present. I case of suspected scarlet fever

April 19

5 enrolled. Teacher absent ill Thursday and Friday. Monitors in charge of Infants for that time.

April 23

Sprayed school and girls offices with formalin. Attendance increasing slightly.

April 26

I hereby certify that Grace Elder is now recovered from Scarlet Fever and has been properly disinfected and can now return to school. JB Boyd MB

April 26

Monday. Attendance good 3 enrolled 123 present. Filled up Exemption form for James Brown SC

April 29

School Board granted exemption to James Brown

1909 p 287

April 30

Found Registers in order when school visited this afternoon. John Macgregor M of SB

May 7

No on roll increasing. Applied for 2 copies of Form 62(a) for Qualifying Class

May 14

Sent form 62(a) and duplicate to DD Blair to be forwarded to HMI. School sprayed with formalin

May 19

Victoria Day holiday

May 21

Sent names of candidates for bursaries to D Gorrie (clerk Dunf SB) Peter Simpson, Thomas Robertson, John Ewan, Agnes Harley, Nellie Brown

May 28

Removal term time, attendance slightly affected.

May 31

Monday 4 enrolled

1909 p 288

June 3

Board members visited school to enquire re improvements. Agreed to get 5 more desks for Infant Room.

June 7

5 enrolled. 136 on roll, present 135. The absent boy is in Glasgow.

June 8

June 8 1909

I have to inform you that the Board at their meeting today agreed to exempt Robert Black from further attendance at school. DD Blair, clerk

June 10

Full attendance – 136

June 16

Mr Mackenzie examined Bible Knowledge in each department.

June 18

Attendance v good this week. Only one boy absent, had to go to hospital. No of girls at cookery and laundry 17

1909 p 289

June 21

Thomas Robertson has gained Elgin Bursary

June 24

Closed for summer holiday. On roll 136 present 132. Absent ill – Thomas Pow, John White, Alexander Brown C Lumsden

June? 14

Visited school and found Registers in order 132 present. James Morton, John Macgregor Ms of B
Aug 10

School reopened. No on roll 149, present 143

Aug 16

3 enrolled, no on roll 150

Aug 20

Posted form 8M to clerk of board

Aug 25

Sent stationary order to clerk of board.

Sept 2

Thursday. Attendance still v fair on the whole. Several cases of irregularity being attended to. 'New pupils nice and doing well.'

1909 p 290

Sept 6

3 enrolled, no on roll 158 present 151

Sept 8

Miss Scott started work

Sept 9

Received weighing machine. Dr Macbean visited

Sept 10

A good many absentees during past week

Sept 17

Weather exceedingly good in past week, attendance some days good. 5 absent today with good reasons.

Sept 24

Ordinary work and attendance during week v satisfactory

Sept 29

Wednesday School closed at noon – funeral of Lady Elgin

Sept 30

Letter from Miss Took re cooking arrangements from 1 Oct for 1.30 to 3. Received medical cards and box for same.

Oct 3

Monday. Autumn Holiday

1909 p 291

Oct 5

School reopened. 9 absent 4 enrolled

Oct 11

2 enrolled no on roll 165

Oct 15

Friday Intimated start of dressmaking class next Monday at 8.00

Oct 22

Many absent ill, mainly sore throats. Classified pupils to allow better results in physical drill.

Oct 29

I have visited School this forenoon and found the Registers in order 150 present. John Macgregor M of SB.

Nov 5

Reported irregular attenders – Annie Copland, Martha York.

1909 p 292

Nov 9

Attendance thinner – colds, sore throats and other troubles.

Nov 11

Mr Smith and Mr Gall visited and examined SC. (Supplementary Class)

Nov 18

V cold, attendance not v good, many ill

Nov 24

Received duplicate form 62(a)

Dec 1

Attendance slowly starting to improve.

Dec 7

School inspected by WA Robertson

Dec 10

Jane Barnet has measles, family excluded from school

Dec 17

Several still absent with colds.

1909 p 293

Dec 22

HMI Report

Exceptional conditions have been created at this school by a rapid increase in the number of scholars – for which the school at present can make no adequate provision. Miss Brown's classroom, which barely accommodates 60 children, contains 72 which have had to be roughly subdivided into three classes. The Supplementary Class has to be taught along with two Senior Classes in one overcrowded room and in the Infant Departments there is not sitting space for the number on the Roll.

In Miss Brown's classroom efficient instruction has been rendered impossible and adequate attention cannot be paid to the Infants or to the Supplementary Class. In each case the teachers have striven earnestly with these adverse circumstances but the attention of the Managers is

1909 p 294

HMI Report continued

called to the urgent necessity of increasing the accommodation and the teaching staff.

(signed DD Blair, Clerk)

Staff

Andrew Todd CT 1st Class

Janet C Brown CT 3rd Class

Catherine Ritchie (Certificated)

Dec 23

School visited this forenoon Registers in order. 166 on roll 145 present John Macgregor M of SB.

Dec 24

Received note from Miss Foote that girls could not go to Charlestown today – accident in cookery room. School closed pm for New Year holiday

1910

Jan 10

School reopened. Attendance getting larger. 170 on roll (p 295) 156 present

1910 p 295

Jan 14

173 on roll, 2 girls leaving tonight

Jan 16

Messrs Macgregor, Morton and Auchterlonie visited re the state of overcrowding of the rooms.

Jan 23

Weather bad but attendance good.

Jan 31

End of school year, new registers tomorrow

Feb 1

New registers 168 on roll

Feb 8

Weather v unsatisfactory for attendance

Feb 10

'Sent Forms and Registers to Mr Blair with Harley's bus'.

1910 p 296

Feb 15

Miss Ritchie absent ill. Monitors acting in Infant room

Feb 17

Messrs Macgregor, Morton and Auchterlonie met Mr Beveridge, architect and considered plans for enlargement of school.

Feb 18

Miss Ritchie returned.

Feb 21

Recommended for free books – John Copland, William Robertson, Nellie Swan, Margaret Miles.

Feb 25

Attendance bad this week, many Infants ill

March 4

Still many absent. Ordinary work of school going on very well 'notwithstanding many drawbacks'.

March 11

A few still absent ill.

March 14

Received 2/6d (each?) from Ed Trust for free books for John Copland, William Robertson, Nellie Swan, Margaret Miles.

1910 p 297

March 18

Visited Limekilns Public School. Found all sanitary matters in the very best condition which the pressure on the existing accommodation permits. Thomas F Dewar, Medical Officer of Health.

March 25

Requested better attendance on Monday.

March 28

3 enrolled, on roll 176 present 168. Informed officer by PC of John Adamson's irregular attendance.

12 May

The Board visited school today. DD Blair Clk

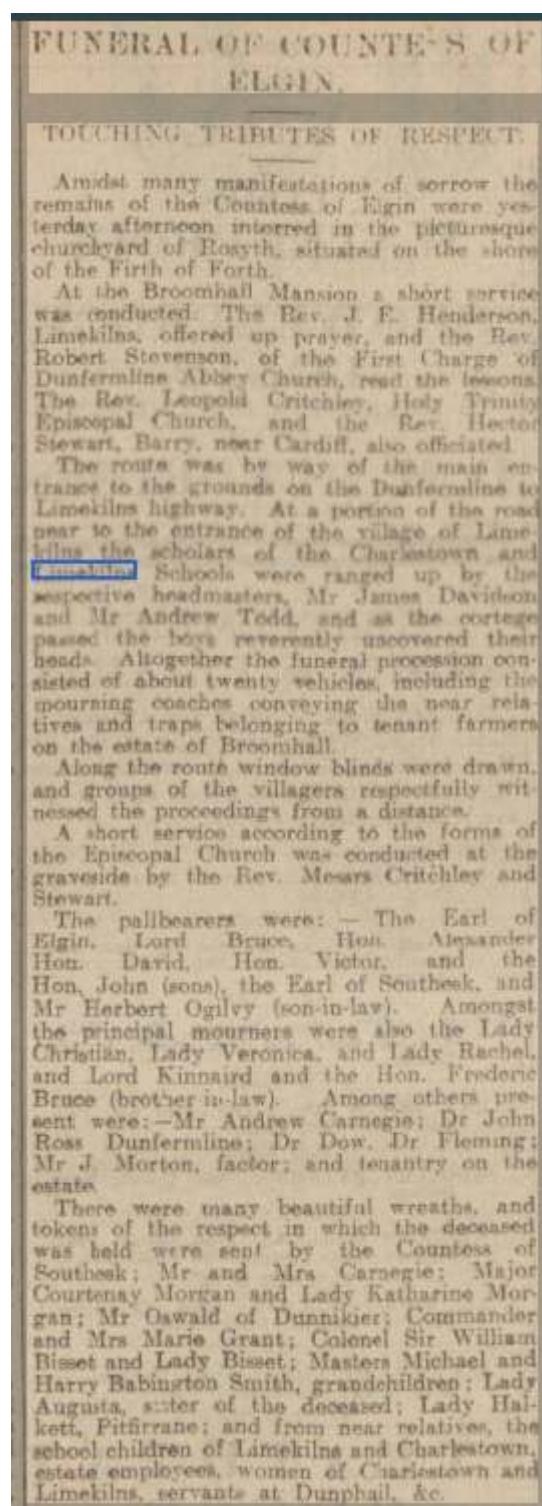
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Nature Knowledge

Scheme approved by HM Inspectors Feb 11. 03.

Senior Dept – The oceans – their soundings depth, temperature, saltness, waves and currents – also the atmosphere – its composition, weight and movements – Lessons in agriculture laying out a farm and rotation of cropping.



Geography

World generally – Europe and British Colonies in particular.

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Lady Elgin's funeral