

This is a transcription of the Little Somerford School logbook from May 1875 to August 1896. Two headteachers compiled this logbook, Miss Emily Roper and Miss Mary Croome, the second giving more detail and colour to our picture of Victorian education.

Content Warning: Please be aware that it contains historical language and terminology that is no longer acceptable today. Some names have been redacted in light of this.

The pages are set out with the same line breaks, spelling and crossings out as in the original logbook. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who undertook this massive assignment, their names appear throughout the document.

The original logbook can be viewed at the Swindon and Wiltshire History centre.

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May 17th Monday Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and IV for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Dictation and Arithmetic. Standard II Spelling.

May 18th Tuesday Holiday on account of a club annually held in the village.

May 19th Wednesday Visited by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Dictation Reading, Arithmetic and Scripture.

May 20th Thursday Visited by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Grammar Reading and Scripture, also Standard III for Reading.

May 21st Friday Visited by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Reading and Spelling.

Monday May 24th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and IV for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Dictation and Arithmetic, Standard II Spelling and Scripture. Number present 49

Tuesday May 25th visited by Rev A. Evans who took Standards III, IV for Reading & Arithmetic Scripture, and by Miss Evans for Geography and Arithmetic. Miss Evans also had Standard I for Reading and Standard II for Arithmetic and Scripture Number present 54

Wednesday May 26th Visited by the Rev A.

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Evans who took Standards III, IV for Reading & Scripture. Also by Miss who gave dictation to Standards III, IV, and took Standard II, for Spelling and Scripture. Number present 61

Thursday May 27th- visited in the morning by Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III, IV for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who gave a Grammar Lesson to III, IV Standards, Standard I Reading, Standard II Arithmetic and Scripture. Number present 55

Friday May 28th – Visited in the morning by Miss Evans, who took Standards III, IV for Reading and Catechism. Number present 56

Monday May 31st. Admitted 4 new scholars. Number present in the morning 57, afternoon 52

Visited by the Rev A Evans who took III & IV Standards for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who gave a Dictation Lesson to Standards III and IV and took Standard II for Spelling and Scripture.

Tuesday June 1st Number present in the morning 58, afternoon 52.

Wednesday June 2nd- Visited in the morning by Miss Evans who gave a Dictation Lesson to Standards III and IV also took them for Reading and Arithmetic, Religious Instruction. Number present in morning 58, afternoon 53.

Thursday June 3rd – Number present in morning 54, afternoon 48. Visited in the morning by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Geography and Reading

Friday June 4th - Visited in the morning by the Rev A Evans, who took Standards

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III and IV for Reading and Catechism; also by Miss Evans who took Standard II for Spelling and Catechism. Number present in morning 50; afternoon 51.

Monday June 7th Number present in morning 55 afternoon 51. Visited in morning school hours by the Rev A Evans, who took Standards 3 and 4 for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who gave a Dictation Lesson to Standards III, IV and took Standard II for Spelling and Scripture.

Tuesday June 8th – Visited in the morning by Miss Evans who gave a Geography Lesson to Standards III and IV also for Reading & Scripture, and Standard I for Reading. Number present in morning 60; afternoon 52.

Wednesday June 9th – Visited in the morning by the Rev A. Evans who took Standards III & IV for Dictation and

Arithmetic; Standard II Spelling and Arithmetic by Miss Evans. Number present in morning 45; afternoon 38.
Thursday June 10th – Visited by Miss Evans who took Standards III, IV for Geography, Reading and Religious Instruction. Also Standard II for Arithmetic and Standard I Reading.

Friday June 11th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans in the morning school time who took Standards III, IV for Reading & Religious Instruction Also by Miss Evans who took Standard II for Spelling and Catechism.

Monday June 14th Visited in morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards

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III, IV for Reading and Scripture. No. present 62
Tuesday June 15th Number present 62 in morning Visited in morning by Miss Evans who gave a Geography Lesson to Standards III and IV. Took Standard I for Reading and Spelling and Standard II for Spelling and Scripture. Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and IV for Reading & Scripture.

Wednesday June 16th Visited in the morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and IV for Reading and Scripture, and by Miss Evans for Dictation and Arithmetic. Standard II was also taken by Miss Evans for Spelling and Scripture. No. present 59 in morning.

Thursday June 17th Visited in the morning by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Grammar, Reading and Scripture, also Standard II for Reading.

Friday June 18th Number present in morning 39; afternoon 43; visited in the morning by Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and IV for Tables and Standard II for Arithmetic & Catechism.

Monday June 21st – Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took III and IV Stand for Reading and Scripture. Also by Miss Evans who gave Dictation to Standards III and IV and Spelling to Standard II. Number present in morn 53; afternoon 45.

Tuesday June 22nd Number present ; visited by Miss Evans who gave a Geography Lesson to Standards III and IV.

also by the Rev A. Evans who took Standards III & IV for Reading and Scripture.

Wednesday June 23rd visited in morning school hours by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards 3 and for Reading and Scripture.

Friday June 25th Visited in the morning by Rev. A. Evans who took 1st Class for Reading and Scripture.

Monday June 28th Admitted one new scholar (Harry Keene) Visited in morning school hours by Rev. A. Evans who took Standard 3 for Reading and Scripture. Number present 55.

Tuesday June 29th visited by J. Sloper Esq. To give information of the school being inspected on

Thursday July 15th Visited also by Rev. A. Evans who took standards 3 & 4 for Reading and Scripture.

Wednesday June 30th Visited in the morning by Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III & IV for Reading and Scripture.

Thursday July 1st Visited in morning school hours by Rev. A. Evans who took the 1st class for Reading and Scripture. Number present in the morning 64; afternoon 64.

Monday July 5th Visited in the morning by Rev. A. Evans who took the I class for Reading and Scripture.

Tuesday July 6th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took I class for Reading and Scripture.

Wednesday July 7th Visited in morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took I class for Reading.

Monday July 12th Visited in the morning by Miss Evans who gave a Dictation Lesson to the I Class, also Spelling and Scripture to Standard II

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Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans, who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

Tuesday July 13th Visited in the morning by Miss Evans, who gave a Geography Lesson to I Class, Standard II Spelling & Arithmetic, and Standard I Reading. The Rev. A. Evans took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

Thursday July 15th Visited by H.M. Inspectors Assistant in the afternoon. Number present 65.

Friday July 23rd Visited each day this week

by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans from 10-00a.m. till 12.15a.m. who took the I and II Classes for their respective lessons during that time. Average for the week 49.

Friday Aug. 6th Average for the week 52.

Visited each day this week by the Rev. A. Evans who took III and IV Standards for Reading and Scripture.

Visited Friday morning by Miss Evans who took the II Class for Spelling and Catechism.

The school broke up for the summer vacation.

August 7th 1875

Summary of the Inspector's Report on the school and Remarks made. –

"The work and discipline of the school are Satisfactory".

An admission and Summary Register and a Portfolio for official letters should be Procured. Articles 32(b) and 34.

Emily Lavinia Roper, certificated teacher of the II Class
John Sloper

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September 6th 1875 Recommenced school
Number present 64.

Friday Sep. 10th Visited each day this week by Miss Evans during morning school hours from 10.0 to 12.15 who took II, III Standards for their respective lessons during that period.

Average attendance for the week 58.

Friday Sep. 17th Visited on Monday by the Rev. A. Evans, who took III, IV Standards for Reading and Scripture. Also visited each day in the week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.0. Average attendance for the week 56.

Friday September 24th Visited on Tuesday by the Rev. A. Evans who took Standards 3 and 4 for Reading and Scripture.

Miss Evans also visited the school each morning this week from 10.0 to 12.15.

Average attendance for the week 55.

Friday October 1st Visited each day this week in morning school hours by the Rev. A. Evans who took 3 and 4 Standards for Reading and Scripture. Also visited each morning in the week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. Average attendance for the week 61.

Friday October 8th Average attendance for the week 56. Each morning this week the Rev. A. Evans has taken

III and IV Standards for Reading and Religious Instruction. Also by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15, who took the 1st or 2nd classes for the respective lessons during that time.

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Oct 15th Examined the children in religious knowledge
FE Broome Wilts

Diocesan Inspector

Friday Oct. 15th Visited each day this week
by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans in
morning school hours. The children had a
half holiday on account of Diocesan Inspections.

E L Roper

Friday 22nd Visited by the Rev. A. Evans
also Miss Evans from 10.30 to 12.15 who took
3 and 4 standards for Reading and
Scripture.

Thursday Oct. 28th

A Copy of the Report of Diocesan Inspector
The children appear to be successfully taught.
The elder ones should have known the meaning
of the parables in which they were examined,
but in other respects they bore testimony to
the pains bestowed on them.

The infants answered unusually well.

Friday Oct. 29th Visited this week by the
Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III and
IV for Reading and Religious Instruction.
Also by Miss Evans who took Standards
I or II for instruction. E.L. Roper

Friday Nov. 5th Visited each day this week
by Rev. A. Evans who took Standards III
and IV for Reading and Religious Instruct.
Also by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.0 who
took I or II Class for Instruction.

Friday Nov. 12th Punished two refractory
boys. Visited each day this week in
morning school hours by the Rev. A. Evans

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and Miss Evans who took I and II Classes
for Instruction.

Friday Nov. 19th Visited each morning
during the week by Miss Evans who
took III and IV Standards from 10.0 to
12.15. Visited on Monday, Wednesday and
Friday in morning school time by the
Rev. A. Evans.

Friday Nov 26th Visited each morning during the past week by Miss Evans who took Standards III and IV for Instruction.

Friday Dec 3rd Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading and Scripture. Visited each morning by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15 who took I or II Classes for Instruction. Punished three boys who absented themselves from school without the leave of their parents.

Friday Dec 10th Few children in attendance on account of the snow. Visited each morning during the week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans who took I and II Classes for Instruction.

Friday Dec. 17th Larger number present this week. Average attendance 51.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans on Thursday and Friday who took the I Class for Reading and Scripture. Visited each morning during the Week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15.

Thursday Dec. 23rd Christmas Holidays commenced.

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Jan. 14th Recommenced school, and admitted two fresh scholars (Mary & Margaret Keene).

Visited each day during the week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. Visited on Friday by Rev. A. Evans.

Jan. 21st Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took the I Class for Reading. Also visited each morning by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. 60 in attendance.

Jan. 28th The Rev. A. Evans took the I Class for Reading and Scripture on Tuesday and Thursday. Visited each morning during the week by Miss Evans.

Feb. 4th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans, who took I or II Classes from 10.0 to 12.15. Visited also by the Rev. A. Evans Thursday and Friday morning who took I Class for Reading and Religious Instruction.

Feb 11th Punished a boy this morning for bad language and impertinence; he was also cautioned and severely reprimanded by the Rev. A. Evans, who has visited the school each morning during the week, and took I Class for Reading and Religious Instruction. Visited also by

Miss Evans each morning from 10.0 till 12.15.

Feb. 18th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans from 10.35 to 12.15 who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

Feb. 25th Visited in morning school hours by the Rev. A. Evans, who took I Class for Reading and Catechism.

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1876 March 1st Ash Wednesday – the children attended at morning services; the registers not marked.

Mar. 10th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans.

Mar. 17th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading and Catechism.

Mar. 24th Visited each morning during the week by Miss Evans who took I and II Classes alternately. Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

Mar. 31st Visited by the Rev. A. Evans who took I class for Reading and Scripture. Also visited by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. Very few in attendance. The measles being prevalent.

April 7th Prevented by illness from attending to school duties. Miss Evans kindly took charge of the school for the day. Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

April 13th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading and Religious Instruction. Also Visited by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15 Who took Standards II and III alternately.

April 24th Reopened School after the Easter holidays. Very good attendance. Visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

May 6th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans (during morning school hours) each morning this week, who took I Class for Reading and Religious Instructions. Also

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visited by Miss Evans.

May 12th Visited each morning this week by the

Rev. A. Evans, who took I Class from 10.35 to 12.15. Miss Evans has taken I and II Classes alternately each day during the week from 10.0 to 12.15. May 19th Took Standard I for Arithmetic this afternoon instead of their usual Writing lesson. Visited by the Rev. Evans, and Miss Evans each morning this week.

May 26th Not marked the Registers this morning as the children attended morning service At 10.0. Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans.

June 2nd The approximate number of scholars to be presented was returned as 52. Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

June 6th No school held on account of the annual Club in the village.

June 16th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading. Also visited by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15.

June 23rd Punished two boys for throwing stones. Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

June 30th The Rev. A. Evans took I Class for Reading each morning this week. Miss Evans took I and II Classes from 10.0 to 12.15.

July 3rd This morning Standard II did their work on paper for the first time. Visited by the Rev. A. Evans, and Miss Evans.

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1876 July 14th Rev. A. Evans took I Class for Reading and Religious Instruction each day this week. Visited by Miss Evans Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during morning school hours.

July 19th This afternoon gave two boys a lesson to learn for fighting and throwing stones in the playground.

July 27th Visited in the afternoon by H. M. Inspector and Assistant.

Aug. 4th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans. The Rev. A. Evans distributed prizes to children presented in the Standards, who had passed in Reading Writing and Arithmetic.

Aug. 4th Broke up for the harvest holidays. Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans.

Sep. 11th Summary of the Inspectors' report on

the school and remarks made.

'The children are on the whole in fairly good order, though the presence of so many infants has a tendency to disturb the general discipline. The elder children have passed a fairly good examination, The infants are doing very fairly. The boys' offices need attention. A classroom for the Infants would be an improvement, when it can be built.'

Emily Lavinia Roper, certificated teacher
Of the II Class.

John Soper

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Sep. 22 Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

Sep. 28th Taught Standard III. Compound Short Division.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

1876 October 4th Examination in Religious Knowledge during the morning School time.

Henry L Powles

Dioc. Inspector

Oct. 4th The Rev. A. Evans and J. Sloper Esq
Examined the registers for the quarter ended September 30th 1876.

Oct. 13th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans, also by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15.

Oct. 20th Visited this week during morning school hours by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Oct. 24th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Taught Standard II to Multiply by two or more figures.

Nov. 2nd Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Nov. 10th Large number in attendance this week.
Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans, From 10.0 to 12.15.

Nov. 16th Visited this afternoon by Miss Hayward, to show the children a Testimonial, to be presented to Miss Evans by the parishioners, for her kindness, in daily teaching at the School.

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Nov. 20th Visited this morning by Miss Evans, who took Standard III for Arithmetic, and gave them their first lesson in Compound Long Division.

Nov. 30th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading and Religious Instruction – also by Miss Evans.

Dec. 8th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Dec. 15th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15.

Dec. 22nd Many scholars absent this week. Broke up this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

1877 Jan 8th Recommenced school duties. Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans. - Good attendances.

Jan 19th Readmitted two scholars. Large numbers in attendance this week.

Visited each morning by Miss Evans.

Jan 26th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans each morning during the past week. Average attendance 58.

Feb. 2nd Average attendance this week 61. Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans.

Feb. 9th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.0.

Number present during the week 71.

Feb. 14th Visited this morning by Miss Evans. Not marked the Registers, as the children attended Morning Services.

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Feb 23rd Punished two boys for fighting during the dinner hour.

Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans, and the Rev. A. Evans.

Mar 2nd Average for the week 61.

Miss Evans has taken the I and II classes alternately each morning this week. Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

Mar 9th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans. Also by Miss Evans from

10.0 to 12.15.

Average for the week 57. Admitted two scholars.

Mar 16th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15. Visited This morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Average for the week 54.

Mar 23rd Average present for the week 53.

Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans. Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans Tuesday and Wednesday during morning school hours.

Mar 29th Broken up this afternoon for the Easter holidays.

Visited each morning by Miss Evans.

April 9th Recommenced school this morning. Number present 70.

April 13th The managers of the school have dismissed all children who were not parishioners on account of the large number of scholars.

The managers have also decided that no child shall be admitted under 4 years of age.

April 20th Visited each morning this week by

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Ap. 20th by the Rev. A. Evans.

Ap. 26th Punished a boy for absenting himself from school yesterday afternoon without leave.

Ap. 27th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans from 10.0

May 4th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning this week at 10 am.

May 11th The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning during the past week at 10 o'clock.

May 18th Took the III class for Reading this afternoon instead of their usual writing lesson.

Visited each morning during the week by the Rev. A. Evans.

May 22 The children have a holiday today on account of the village club held on Whit Tuesday.

May 25 visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

June 1st The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

Also Miss Evans from 10 o'clock to 12.

Number present this afternoon 58.

June 8th Visited every day this week by the Rev. A. Evans. Also by Miss Evans at 10 o'clock. Average present this week 58.

June 15th Average attendance this week 61. Visited each morning this week by The Rev. A. Evans, and Miss Evans.

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June 22nd Average attendance for the week 54 The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week. Took I Class for Reading every day.

Miss Evans also took I and II Classes alternately

June 29th Visited this week by J. Sloper Esq. to give notice of the Inspection.

Also visited every day by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Average attendance this week 52.

July 5th Sent a boy home this morning to be made clean and tidy.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

July 10th Miss Evans examined the II Standard in Writing and Arithmetic this morning and allowed them to take home their test papers.

July 12th. Visited by H.M. Inspector and Assistant. Number present 61.

A holiday will be given tomorrow
July 13th.

July 16th Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans, who distributed prizes to the children presented in the standards who have passed in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

July 23rd Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans from 10.0

Aug 3rd The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week and take I & II Classes for Reading and Scripture.

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Aug 10th Broken up this afternoon for the harvest

holidays.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans who took I and II Classes for Reading and Scripture.

Sep. 14th Summary of the Inspectors' Report on the School, and remarks made:-

'The children are in good order, and have passed well in Reading and Spelling and fairly in Arithmetic; but should show a more intelligent knowledge of Geography. The instruction of the Infants needs attention.'

WW's name has been struck off the Examination Schedule under Article 19 (B) 1.

Emily Lavinia Roper certificated teacher of the II Class.

John Sloper

Sep 22nd Large number of scholars present this week

Visited each morning by the Rev. A.

Evans and Miss Evans.

Sep 28th Emily Coles left today on account of her parents leaving Little Somerford; and Eliza Woodward will fill her place as monitor for the Infants.

The Rev. A. Evans has paid us a visit each morning this week; also Miss Evans from 10.0 to 12.15.

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October 5th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Average attendance for this week 56.

Oct. 12th The Rev. A. Evans has taken I Class for Reading and Scripture each morning this week. Also visited every day by Miss Evans.

Oct. 19th Punished a boy this morning for striking L. Woodman in the face, during school hours.

Visited today by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Oct 27th Visited every morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Oct 29th Very few in attendance this morning on account of the weather.

Nov 2nd Paid visit without notice. Found All going on satisfactorily.

S. J. G. Fraser. H. M. Inspector

Nov 3rd Examined the registers for the quarter

ending Sept 30th & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Nov. 9th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Miss Evans has taught each morning
this week.

Nov 16th Average attendance this week 62.

Visited every morning this week by
Miss Evans.

Nov 21st. Visited this morning by the Rev. A.

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Nov 30th Evans and Miss Evans.

Reproved L Woodman this morning
for blotting her copy book when
she immediately left the room
and went home.

Visited this morning by the Rev
A Evans and Miss Evans.

Dec 5th Mentioned L Woodman's behaviour
to the Rev A Evans, who wished her
to ask my forgiveness, but her mother
came in this morning to say she
would not allow her to do so, and that
Louisa would not come to school again.

Dec 7th Visited this morning by the
Rev A Evans, and by Miss Evans
each morning this week.

Dec 14th Sent six of the boys home this
morning to make themselves
clean and tidy.

Visited this morning by the
Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

Dec 12 Broke up this afternoon for the
Christmas holidays.

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Jan 11th Larger number of children present this
week.

Visited every morning during the
past week by Miss Evans.

Jan 17th Commenced school at ½ past one this
afternoon and dismissed them at ¼ to four.

Visited this morning by the Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

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Jan 21st Examined the register for the
quarter ending Dec 25th 1877 & found

them correct.

Arthur Evans.

Jan 24th Prevented by illness from attending school duties. Miss Evans took charge of the school all day.

Jan 25th Visited each morning this week by the Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

Feb 1st Visited by the Rev A Evans and Miss Evans each morning this week.

Feb 9th Admitted three scholars (Frank Barnes, Harry Barnes, Henry Charles Higgs) without producing a "School Book" - Will obtain them as soon as possible.

Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans.

Feb 12th Miss Evans brought me a parcel 'School Books' this morning for the whole school but none has been filled up yet.

Mar 2nd Visited by the Rev A Evans and Miss Evans each morning this week. Examined the Infants yesterday afternoon and found them progressing but slow in numeration.

Mar 8th Received H C Higgs' School Book today. Visited this morning by Miss Evans.

Mar 15th Made out the "Annual Regulation List" this week

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Mar 22nd Visited each day this week by Miss Evans Large number in attendance this week

[Mar 29th?] Received other School books this week. Visited yesterday and this morning by Miss Evans.

Ap 5th Not to many children in attendance this week. Visited this morning by Miss Evans.

[??] the I standard progressing more favourably In arithmetic

Ap 12th The Rev A Evans took IV and V Standards For Reading on Monday.

Visited Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mornings by Miss Evans.

[??] Broke up this afternoon for the Easter Holidays.

Emily Lavinia Roper.

May 3rd [Two?] scholars absent this week with the Measles. Average attendance 67.

Visited each morning this week by
Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper

May [?] Visited by Miss Evans each morning this
Week. Average attendance 66.

Emily L Roper

May 14th This morning [II?] Standard did their work on
Paper. Visited by Miss Evans and the Rev
A Evans.

Emily L Roper

May [2?] Visited each morning this week by
The Rev A Evans and Miss Evans
The IV and V Standards worked their
Sums on paper {today?} for [Miss Evans or their exams]

May 31st Visited by Miss Evans this morning
Also by J Sloper esq who bought

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one of the Government Returns to be filled in.

Emily L Roper

June 7th Visited on Monday in this week by the
Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

I have deviated from the timetable (for
I class) two mornings this week because
Miss Evans did not come to give their
Dictation and Grammar Lesson.

Emily L Roper

June 12th The children have a holiday being Whit
Tuesday.

Visited each morning this week by the
Rev A Evans.

E L Roper.

June 21st Visited every morning this week by the
Rev A Evans. Weekly average much less.
Punished the boys in II Standard for ill-using
one of the girls on her way home from
school this morning.

Emily L Roper

June 28th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev A Evans who took I and II Classes
for Reading.

Emily L Roper.

July 5th Average attendance this week 68.

Visited each day this week by the Rev
A Evans and Miss Evans.

July 1st Examined the Register in the quarter ending
30 June and found them correct. Arthur Evans Emily L Roper.

July 12th Visited by the Rev A Evans and Miss

Evans each morning this week.

Emily L Roper.

July 19th Admitted a new scholar this week
(Mary Ann Withers). Sent the Registers

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and Government Returns to the Managers
to be examined by them.

Visited each day this week by the
Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper

July 26th Weekly average 70.

Visited on Tuesday by J Sloper Esq.

Visited each morning this week by
Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper.

July 29th Visited by the Rev S.J.G Fraser,
HM Inspector during afternoon.

Number present 78.

Emily L Roper

Aug 2nd Broke up this afternoon for the
summer holiday. Visited this
morning by the Rev A Evans and
Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper.

Sep 2nd Recommenced school but many are
absent. Visited this morning by
Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper

Sep 7th Summary of the Inspectors' Report
on the school and remarks made

"The children have passed on the whole
a very fair examination, though they
need cultivation in their reading lessons.

It should however be noted, that on
comparing the average of passes in each
subject in 1876, 1877 and 1878, a
progressive falling off in each may be

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observed".

Only one of the Scholars for whom
Honour Certificates are claimed
satisfies the requirements of the
Regulations of the 9th February 1877.

Emily Lavinia Roper, certificated teacher

of the II Class.

John Sloper

Sep 13th This week have begun teaching IV Standard "Weights and Measures" and III Standard "Simple Long Division". Visited Monday morning (9th Sept) by the Rev A Evans.

Emily Roper

Sep 20th Visited each morning this week by the Rev A Evans from 10.0 to 12 o'clock.

E L Roper

Sep 27 Visited this morning by the Rev A Evans.

E L Roper.

Oct 4th Admitted a new scholar this week; not received her School Book yet.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev A Evans and Miss Evans.

E L Roper.

Oct 8th Not marked the registers this afternoon Because of Diocesan Inspection.

Oct 8 Examined the School in Religious Knowledge during the afternoon school-time.

Charles H Awdry – Dio : Inspector.

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1878

Oct. 19 Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Average for week 57.

Emily L. Roper.

Oct 25 Visited each morning this week by The Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

E. L. Roper

Nov 2nd More scholars in attendance this week. Visited each morning by the Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Nov. 4th A copy of Report of Diocesan Inspection "This school is in good order, and the teaching has been of a careful and accurate kind. The children in each group quite satisfied me as to their general acquaintance with Holy Scripture and the Catechism and there can be no doubt that a very useful work is going forward."

Arthur Evans

Emily L Roper.

Nov 15th Visited on Monday by the Rev. A. Evans,
also by Miss Evans each morning this week
Few boys in attendance this afternoon.

Emily Roper.

Nov. 29th Assembled at 1.30 this afternoon, and
dismissed at 3.45, as an entertainment
will be held here this evening, and the
room must be prepared.

Visited each morning this week by

The Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

E.L Roper

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1878

Dec 6th Visited this week, each morning by the
Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Weekly average much smaller.

E. L. Roper

Dec 13th Admitted a new scholar this week.

Reproved a boy on Wednesday for coming
to school dirty and untidy, and he has
not put in an appearance as yet.

Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A Evans and, Miss Evans.

E.L Roper

Dec 20th Broken up for the Christmas holidays.

Emily L. Roper

1879

Jan 6th Recommenced school after Christmas holidays.

Visited by the Rev. A Evans and
Miss Evans.

Emily Roper.

Janry 17th 1879

Examined the Registers for the quarters ending
Sept 30th v Dec 31st 1878 & found them correct

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

Jan 13th Punished three boys this afternoon for
Staying out snowballing until after the
registers were closed.

Visited in the morning by the Rev.

A Evans and Miss Evans.

E.L. Roper

1879

Jan. 20th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.

Mr Newman the school attendance officer, called this afternoon to enquire for any absent scholars.

E. L. Roper

Jan 28th This afternoon gave a dictation lesson to Standard II on paper, for the first time.

E. L. Roper

Feb 7th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans.

Filled in the Teacher Regulation form this week.

Very few present this morning owing to bad weather.

E. L. Roper

Feb 14th Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans. More scholars in attendance this week.

Emily Roper.

Feb 21st Visited by Miss Evans each day This, in morning school hours.

Average attendance this week 57. Less than That of last week.

Emily Roper.

Feb 28th Average attendance same as last week.

Visited all the week by Miss Evans, during morning lessons.

Emily Roper

Mar 7th Visited by Miss Evans each day this week in the morning school time.

Emily Roper.

Mar 12th Kept II Standard back after school this morning to finish their Geography lessons – very inattentive during the proper time.

1879.

Mar 13th WW very obstinate and naughty This afternoon. Must speak to the school Managers if it recurs again.

Visited this morning by Miss Evans.

Emily Roper.

Mar 21st Admitted 3 fresh scholars this week.

Visited by the Rev. A Evans and Miss

Evans each morning this week.

E. L. Roper

Mar 28th Visited each morning this week by
The Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans.

Quarterly average 59.

E. L. Roper

April 4th Visited by the Rev. A Evans and
Miss Evans each morning this week.

E. L. Roper

April 10th Broke up this afternoon for the Easter
holidays.

Visited by the Rev. A Evans and
Miss Evans this morning.

E. L. Roper

April 15th Examined the Registers for the quarter
Ending March 25th 1879 & found them
correct.

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

Ap.21st Reopened school today after Easter
Holidays. Good attendance.

Visited by the Rev. A Evans during
morning school time.

Emily Roper.

May 2nd Admitted a new scholar this week.
Visited three mornings by the Rev. A Evans.
Average attendance 64.

E. L. Roper

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1879

May 9th Not so many in attendance this week.
Visited by the Rev. A Evans this
morning. Average attendance 64.

Emily Roper.

May 16th Large attendance this week.
Visited by the Rev. A Evans each
morning this week from 10 o'clock till
12.o.

Emily Roper.

May 23rd Average attendance less owing to many
being absent with hooping cough.
Visited by the Rev. A Evans Monday
Wednesday, and Thursday mornings this
week. Took II Standard for Reading.

Emily L. Roper

May 30th Larger attendance this week.

Visited by the Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans each morning this week.

E. L. Roper

June 6th Received Government returns from J. Sloper esq this week. Gave a holiday on Whit. Tuesday.

The Rev. A Evans reprimanded the boys for trespassing in Mr Sloper's garden after balls flung there while playing with them.

Visited each morning this week by Miss Evans from 10 o'clock.

Emily L Roper

June 13th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans.

Emily L Roper

June 20th Large attendance this week.

Visited this morning by Rev. A Evans and Miss Evans. Miss Evans punished

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1879

3 boys for bad behaviour during lessons This morning.

E. L. Roper.

June 23rd Visited by J. Sloper Esq. to give notice of the inspection being fixed for the 5th of August. Also visited by Miss Evans.

June 30th Very full school This morning. Admitted a new scholar Today.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans this morning who took Standard II for their Reading Lesson.

Emily L. Roper

July 11th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans from 10 o'clock Till 12.

Punished one of the boys for using bad language to the girls.

Emily Roper.

July 18th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans each morning this week.

E. L. Roper.

July 25th Very full school this week.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans this morning and Miss Evans has visited each day this week.

Emily Roper.

July 28th Admitted a new scholar this morning. 72 in attendance Today.

July 30th. 1879 Examined the Register for the Quarter ending June 30th 1879 & found them correct
Arthur Evans
John Sloper
Aug. 2nd Visited each day this week by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.
Emily Roper.

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1879
Sept 9th Summary of Inspectors' Report
"The Standard of Elementary attainments has improved very much during The past year. The Reading is very fairly intelligent and fluent, Spelling good, Composition on The whole fairly good, Arithmetic very fair. Grammar of the second Standard is good, of the rest is fair. Geography fair in the second Standard only, moderate in the others. - Discipline good."

Emily Lavinia Roper, certificated Teacher of the II Class.
John Sloper

Sep. 15th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans this morning.
Visited this afternoon by Mr. Newman (School Attendance Officer) to enquire for absentees.
Emily Roper.
Sep. 22nd Standard VI commenced Vulgar Fractions This morning.
Visited by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.
From 10. o'clock Till 12 – Larger attendance This morning.
School Attendance Officer called this afternoon.
Emily Roper.
Oct. 3rd Visited each morning This week by The Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans.
Scholars more regular in attendance This week.
Standard III progressing very fairly in Simple Long Division.
Emily Roper.

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1879
Oct. 6th Visited This morning by the Rev. A. Evans who severely reprimanded two boys for Tearing another boy's book during divine service The Sunday before. Each boy had a Lesson to

recite after school hours This morning.

Admitted a new scholar Today.

Emily Roper.

Oct. 17th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans and Miss

Evans each morning This week.

Emily Roper.

- 23. Examination of the children in Religious Knowledge during the Afternoon School-time.

C. S. Taylor, Diocesan Inspector.

Oct. 24th Gave the children half holiday Today -

being day after Diocesan Inspection.

Emily Roper.

Nov. 1st A copy of Report of Diocesan Inspector:

"The tone and order of The School are

good, and the children Throughout The

School are carefully Taught.

Except in The highest group (where

the answering lacked life), the children

showed a very satisfactory knowledge of

Their subjects, and the portions of The

Catechism written out were accurately done."

Emily Roper.

Nov 3rd 1879 Arthur Evans.

Nov. 7th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning this

week who Took I Class for Reading and

Scripture. Visited by Miss Evans only

on Monday morning in This week.

Emily L. Roper.

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1879

Nov. 14th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning

this week who taught the I Class.

larger number present This week.

E. L. Roper.

No. 20th Miss Evans paid us a visit to thank the

children for a small present they had

given her as a slight Token of Their respect

on her marriage.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning

this week.

Emily Roper.

Nov. 26th Dismissed the children at ¼ to Twelve

this morning, on account of illness.

Very full school this week,

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans on Monday

and Tuesday morning this week.

E. L Roper.

Dec. 2nd Being Miss Evans wedding day, the children

have a holiday.

Dec. 3rd Visited by the Rev. A. Evans this morning.

E. L. Roper.

Dec. 12th Visited every morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans. Average attendance 57

Emily Roper.

Dec. 19th Not such a large attendance this week.
Broke up this afternoon for Christmas holidays.

Emily Roper.

1880

Jan. 5th Recommenced school after Xmas vacation.

Very good attendance. Visited by the

Rev. A. Evans this morning,

E. L. Roper.

Jan. 15th Assembled at 1.45 This afternoon to allow The
room to be prepared for Choir Tea.

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1880

Jan. 23rd Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning This week
who Took I Class for Reading and Scripture. Good
attendance this week.

Emily L. Roper.

Jan. 30th Average attendance 60 this week.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning This
week who Took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Feb. 6th Average attendance 62 this week, and have
spoken to The Managers about giving me more
Teaching powers.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning This
week who took I. Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Feb. 13th Weekly average 61 This week.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each day during
the past week.

Kept the I Class boys back after school hours this
afternoon to finish their Arithmetic.

Emily Roper.

Feb. 17th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans This morning.

Gave the children halfholiday Today.

Emily Roper.

Feb. 25th The Managers have appointed Emily Coles to assist
in school duties (as monitress). Will commence her
work on March 1st -

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans this morning.

Emily Roper.

Mar. 5th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans,
who Took I. Class for Reading and Scripture.

Emily appears to take much interest in
school work and I find her of great
help to me.

Emily Roper.

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1880

Mar 12th Good attendance this week
Examined II Standard in Arithmetic Today
and find them progressing but slowly.
Visited this morning by Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper

Mar 19th Visited each morning this week by the Rev.
A. Evans who took I Class for Reading & Scripture
Kept I Class boys back this afternoon for
not learning their lesson properly.

E. L. Roper

Mar 25th Broke up this afternoon for the Easter
holidays.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

April 6th The children had a holiday yesterday
nearly all went to Malmesbury owing to
the election.

Recommended work Today, had a fair
attendance.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans This morning.

E. L. Roper

April 16th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning
this week (except Monday)

Weekly average 62.

Punished two boys this afternoon for using
bad Language.

Emily Roper

April 19th Gave WW a lesson to ~~write~~ for
bad behaviour in Church yesterday.

April 23rd Called over the registers for the week
ending this day & found the entries correct
Arthur Evans

April 30th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans Average attendance 62

E. L. Roper

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1880

May 6th Being Ascension Day, the children attended
Divine Services, so did not mark the
registers this morning.

Emily Roper

May 14th Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning this
week. Average attendance 65.

Emily Roper.

May 19th The children had a holiday yesterday (Whit-Tuesday) being the village club day.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans and Mrs Blake Poole.

Emily Roper

May 24th Kept six boys in all the dinner hour Today. One for leaving the church before evening service, when told to change his seat; and the rest for insulting a little girl in the village on the same evening.

Emily L Roper

June 11th Large number present this week. Average 66.

Visited on Monday by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

June 18th Average number 64 this week.

Punished 3 of III Standard boys This morning for their disobedience in Talking during their Arithmetic Lesson.

Emily Roper

June 25th Average number not quite so large as that of last week. Kept I Class back after school hours this morning, to punish their Geography Lesson.

E. L. Roper.

July 2nd Commenced new registers on Thursday 1st July.

Gave a boy in V Standard a lesson to learn after school times this afternoon, for playing the Truant this morning.

E. L. Roper

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July 10th Prevented by illness from attending school duties yesterday afternoon, and Emily Took charge of the children, dismissing them at the usual Time.

E. L. Roper

July 14th Miss Sealy (one of our Sunday School Teachers) was married today and the Rev. A. Evans gave the children a holiday.

Emily Roper

July 20th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Kept II Standard back after school hours this afternoon, to write their Dictation Lesson over again.

Emily L. Roper

July 26th 1880

Examined the Registers for the Term ending June 30th 1880 & found them correct

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

July 29th Visited by H. M. Inspector and assistant in the morning. The children had a holiday

in the afternoon and on Friday.

E. L. Roper

Aug 6th Broke up this afternoon for the summer vacation. Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans.

Emily Roper

Sep 6th recommenced school this morning, but only a small number in attendance. Visited by the

Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

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1880

Sep 10th Summary of Inspector's report:-

"The children are in good order and maintain fairly well the progress They had made last year in the Elementary subjects. Grammar fair, Geography on the whole satisfactory, but weak in the third, fourth and fifth standards.

The elder infants have done their Elementary work on the whole fairly well.

The scholars numbered 31(a) and 32(a) on the Examination Schedule are disqualified under Article 20(a)2.

An Assistant Teacher (Art 79) should be engaged at once or one Pupil Teacher Transferred from some other school (Art 32(a)1.)"

Emily Lavinia Roper, Certificated Teacher of the II Class.

Emily Coles and Elizabeth Minty stipendiary monitors.

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

Sep 18th Visited each morning this week by the Rev.

A. Evans who Took I Class for Reading & Scripture. Larger number in attendance this week. Average 56.

E. L. Roper.

Sep 24th The Rev. A. Evans Took I Class for Reading and Scripture three mornings this week.

Average attendance 54.

E. L. Roper

Oct 1st Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans who Took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

Admitted a new scholar this week.

Emily Roper.

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1880

8th Oct Visited each morning this week by the

Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

Oct 11 Examined in Religious Knowledge during the
Aftn 'School time'

Charles H Awdry

D I

Oct 15th Visited each morning this week by the Rev.

A Evans.

E. L. Roper

Oct 19th W. Powell Esq kindly gave the children a Treat
this afternoon, so the managers gave half
holiday.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

Nov 5th Large number in attendance this week.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each morning
this week.

E. L. Roper.

Nov 12th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans

Average 61.

Emily Roper

Nov 16th A Copy of report of Diocesan Inspector:-

"All goes on satisfactory in this school- Though
the Highest Group appeared to be comparatively
less bright than the others – The Teaching has
been carefully attended to, and the results are
generally pleasing."

Arthur Evans

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1880

Nov 23rd Examined the Register this morning &
found the entries for the day correct. Arthur Evans.

Nov 26th. Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A.
Evans who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Dec. 3rd Larger number present this week. Average 60.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans
who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Dec. 10th Not such a large attendance this week.

Average 56. Several infants away through
illness.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Dec. 17th Punished two boys for disobedience during
morning school hours.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev.

A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

Dec. 24th. Broke up this morning for Christmas holidays.
Only a small number present.

E. L. Roper.

1881

Jan. 10th. Recommenced school today after Christmas holidays.
Few scholars are absent due to illness.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Jan. 11th Punished I and II Class boys for remaining out
marble playing until after prayers.

Jan. 21st Owing to the severity of the weather, we were
obliged to close the school on Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday of this week.

E. L. Roper.

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1881

Jan. 28th. Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans
Larger number present this week.

E. L. Roper.

Feb. 4th. Average attendance this week 55.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans

Admitted a new scholar this week.

E. L. Roper.

Feb 11th. Visited this morning by the Rev.
A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

Feb. 18th. Average attendance this week 59.

Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A.

Evans, who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Feb 25th Visited each day this week by the Rev. A. Evans,
who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 4th Visited each day this week by the Rev. A. Evans
from 10.30 till 12 o'clock. Average this week 61.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 11th Large number in attendance this week,
Average 64.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 17th Dismissed the children at 11.30 this morning
because the Vale W. H. Hounds met at
Little Somerford.

Mar. 18th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.
Weekly average not so large this week.

Emily Roper.

Mar. 26th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A.
Evans, who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

Larger attendance this week. Average 61.

E. L. Roper.

1881

Ap. 1st Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans
Elizabeth Minty (one of the stipendiary monitors) left
today.

E. L. Roper.

Ap. 8th Admitted two new Scholars this week.
Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans who
took I Class for Reading & Scripture. Punished
one of the boys for bad behaviour during
Scripture Lesson.

Emily. L. Roper.

Ap 14th Broke up this afternoon for the Easter Holidays.
Visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

Ap. 29th Reopened school this week. Good attendance.
Visited Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
mornings by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

May 6th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans,
Very large number in attendance this week.
Average 64.

E. L. Roper.

May 13 Visited each morning by the Rev. A. Evans
who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

May 26th The children in Standards commenced working
their Arithmetic on paper this week.
Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

May 27th Being Ascension Day the Children attended
Divine Service this morning, so did not mark
the Register.
Emily Roper.

1881

31st May Examined the Register and found them to be correct.
Arthur Evans.

June 7th On Whit Monday the children had a holiday.

June 10th **Yesterday afternoon the children had a half
holiday to go to Malmesbury to see Mr Powell's
ascent in a balloon.**

Visited this morning this by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

June 17th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans
who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

June 24th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans, who took I Class for Reading and Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

July 1st Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans, Commended the new Registers for the school year.

E. L. Roper.

July 8th Visited by J. Sloper Esq. to give notice of the inspection being fixed for July 14th at 2 o'clock.

Also visited by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

July 14th Visited this afternoon by H. M. Inspector, and the Rev. A. Evans has given the children a holiday tomorrow (Friday).

E. L. Roper.

July 22nd Rearranged the Standards this week after the receipt of Duplicate Schedule.

Average attendance not so good this week.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

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1881

29th July. Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

5th Aug. Broke up this afternoon for summer holidays.

Visited by the Rev. A. Evans

E. L. Roper.

Sep. 5th Recommenced school after summer vacation. Very few in attendance today.

Summary of the Inspector's Report:

"The Discipline is good, and but for the failure in Geography, the results of the instruction would have proved most satisfactory. The Reading was very fairly intelligent throughout, and a great part of the Arithmetic was thoroughly good. Grammar too has been very adequately taught. A portfolio for the safe custody of the school papers is urgently needed."

Emily Lavinia Roper, Certificated Teacher

Emily Coles, Stipendiary Monitor

Arthur Evans.

16th Sep Larger attendance this week. Average 56.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans

E. L. Roper.

Sep. 23rd Visited each morning this week by the

Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Sep. 30th Visited each morning this week by the

Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

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1881

Oct. 4th Examination in Religious Knowledge during the
Afternoon School-time.

C. J. Taylor, Diocesan Inspector

7th Oct. Gave the children half holiday as usual
after Diocesan Inspection.

E. L. Roper.

14th Oct. Large attendance this week. Average 59.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

18th Oct. Copy of Report of Diocesan Inspector:

"The tone and order of the school are good
and the two lower groups passed a good
examination; the older children have
been carefully taught, but did not answer
very brightly."

Arthur Evans

Oct. 26th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans
who took I Class for Reading & Scripture.

E. L. Roper.

Nov. 4th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Large attendance this week. Average 63.

E. L. Roper.

Nov. 11th Average same as last week, but very
few in attendance this afternoon.

Emily Roper.

Nov. 18th Visited this morning by the Rev. A.
Evans. Average this week 61.

Emily Roper.

Nov. 25th Average this week 61.

Visited this ~~by~~ morning by the Rev. A.

Evans from 10.30 to twelve o'clock.

E. L. Roper.

1881

Dec. 2nd Visited Monday and Friday morning
this week by the Rev. A. Evans.

Average less this week owing to a few
of the children being at home ill.

E. L. Roper.

Dec. 9th Visited Tuesday morning by the Rev.
A. Evans.

Average much less this week

E. L. Roper.

Dec 16th Visited each morning this week by
the Rev. A. Evans from 10.30 to 12.0.

Weekly average 59.

E. L. Roper.

Decr 23 Examined the Registers & found them correct.
Arthur Evans.

Dec. 24th Broke up this week for the Xmas
holidays. Visited this morning
by the Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

1882

Jan. 9th Reopened school after the Xmas holidays.
Very good attendance.

Visited this morning by the Rev.

A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Jan. 20th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans. Good attendance.

E. Roper.

Jan. 27th Visited by Mr A. Newman (School Attendance
Officer). Had to report Oliver Higgs for nonattendance.

E. Roper.

Feb 3rd Average attendance very good this week.
Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

1882

Feb. 10th Visited this morning by the Rev. A.
Evans. Weekly average 61.

E. L. Roper.

Feb. 17th Weekly average much less, many are
at home sick.

Visited this morning by the Rev.

A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

Feb. 24th Visited on Monday, Thursday and Friday
mornings this week by the Rev. A. Evans.

Punished a boy for playing the truant

today. Kept him back after school hours,
to do his Arithmetic and Spelling.

Emily Roper.

Mar. 3rd Average attendance 46 this week. Measles
have broken out in the village, so that
the attendance is considerably lessened.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 7th On opening school this morning, I found only
3 scholars in attendance (for Malmesbury election
took place today) so I did not mark the
Registers, but sent them home again.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 17th Very few in attendance this week. Average
only 41.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Mar. 24th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.
Better attendance this week. Average 54.

Emily Roper.

March 31st Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.
Average attendance this week 57.

E. L. Roper.

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1882

April 6th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.
Broke up this morning for the Easter holidays.

E. L. Roper.

Ap. 21st Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.
Good attendance this week. Average 62.

E. L. Roper.

Ap. 28th Large attendance this week. Average 63.
Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

May 5th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

Punished two boys this morning for
inattention during their Reading
Lesson with the Rev. A. Evans.

Emily Roper.

May 12th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

May 19th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans, who took I Class for
Reading and Scripture.

Emily Roper.

May 26th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

June 1st Gave a holiday on Tuesday, on account of
the village club, also on Wednesday, for the
choir children had gone by excursion to
Weymouth and on opening school found so
few in attendance, therefore sent them home.

E. L. Roper.

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1882

June 9th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

June 16th Good average attendance this week.
Visited each morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

June 23rd Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

Received this morning the notice of our
Examinations, to take place on 18th July.

Emily Roper.

June 30th 1882

Examined the Registers & found them correct.
Arthur Evans.

June 30th Visited this morning by the Rev. A.
Evans, who examined the Registers.

E. L. Roper.

July 7th Visited each morning this week by
the Rev. A. Evans.

E. Roper.

July 14th Average attendance less this week.
Visited this ~~mor~~ week by the Rev.

A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

July 18th Visited this morning by H. M. Inspector and
his Assistant, and the children were given a
holiday in the afternoon.

Passed 40 in Reading – 44 in Writing – 37 in Arithmetic.
The percentage was 87.7.

E. L. Roper.

July 28th On opening school this morning, I found about
19 in attendance, so sent them home again.
It seems that the children had gone on the
Malmesbury road to see a battery of

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1882

Soldiers pass by on their march to Swindon.

But the Attendance is better This afternoon

E. L. Roper.

Aug 4th Broke up this afternoon for the summer Holidays.

E. L. Roper.

Sep 5th This morning the managers of this school Received the

“Summary of the Inspector’s Report : -

“The Elementary Subjects have been well taught about 69.6 per cent of the qualified Scholars having passed in all three Subjects. Only 1 out of the 46 passed in one subject only, and only 1 failed altogether. The Grammar & Geography also are very fair. The elder Infants are somewhat backward in their Writing, but read fairly and work their sums very well. The Assistant needs practice in the various methods of Teaching”.

E. Coles is continued under

Article 84, [.....] of 1882.

Emily Lavinia Roper certificated teacher

Emily Coles assistant under Act. 84.

John Sloper

Arthur Evans.

Sep. 15th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Sept. 22nd Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans. Average attendance not so Good this week.

1882

Sep. 26th Visited this afternoon by Mr A Newman.

The school attendance officer

AC was reported for non –

Attendance.

E. L. Roper.

Oct. 2 Examined in Religious Knowledge during The aft. School time.

Charles H. Awdry

D. I.

Oct. 4th The children had a holiday yesterday (Tuesday) being the day after Diocesan Inspection. It was given by the Rev. A. Evans.

E.L. Roper.

Oct. 13th Visited each morning this week by
The Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Oct. 16th Visited this afternoon by Mr A Newman
The school attendance officer. Had no
Report to make.

E. L. Roper.

Oct. 19th A Copy of Diocesan Report received
Today : -

"A very good work continues to be
Maintained in this school. – Each
group has been carefully taught and
answered nicely. The elder children
Especially pleased me by their sensible
answers and by their accurate paper
work. – the order is good."

E. L. Roper

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1882

Oct 24th Only 12 in attendance this morning at the Time
of assembling, owing to the wet weather
and floods. Was obliged to close for the day.

E. L. Roper

Nov 3rd Visited by the Rev. A. Evans each
morning this week

Good attendance. Average 61.

E. L. Roper.

Nov. 10th Good attendance this week. Average 66.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Nov 13th Visited this afternoon by the school attendance
Officer (Mr A. Newman.) and reported WC.

E. L. Roper.

Nov 20th Mr A. Newman the school attendance officer
Called this afternoon. Reported AC.

E. L. Roper.

Dec 4th Visited this afternoon by Mr A. Newman
(school attendance officer). Reported WC.

E. L. Roper

Dec 15th Visited each morning this week by
The Rev. A. Evans.

Average attendance 60. This week.

E. L. Roper.

Dec 18th Examined the Registers this morning &
found them correct

Arthur Evans

1883

Jan 12th Reopened school this week after the Xmas holidays. Good attendance.

Visited each morning during the week by the Rev. A. Evans. Also on Monday in this week by Mr. A. Newman, (School Attendance officer).

E. L. Roper.

Jan 19th Good attendance this week.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans

E. L. Roper.

Jan 26th Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

Jan 29th Visited this afternoon by Mr A. Newman, (the School attendance officer.)

E. L. Roper.

Feb 5th Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans, and this afternoon by Mr A. Newman.

E. L. Roper.

Feb 16th Visited each morning by the Rev. A. Evans. Not such good attendance this week owing to the bad weather. Average 61.

E. L. Roper.

Feb 23rd Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans. Good attendance this week. Average 68.

E. L. Roper.

Feb 26th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans, And this afternoon by Mr. A. Newman,

E. L. Roper.

Mar 9th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans. Not so many in attendance this Week. Average 63.

E. L. Roper.

1883

Mar 16th Visited on Monday in this week by ~~Mr Rev~~ A. Newman the School Attendance officer.

Also visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E.L. Roper.

Mar. 22nd Examined the Register this morning & found them correct

Arthur Evans

April 2nd Reopened school today after the Easter holidays. Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans, and this afternoon by ~~Mr~~ A. Newman.

E. L. Roper

Apr 9th Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans &
This afternoon by Mr. A. Newman.

E. L. Roper.

Ap. 20th Visited each morning this week by the Rev.
A. Evans

E. L. Roper.

Apr 27th Very large number in attendance this week
Average 71.

Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper.

May 4th Visited this morning by the Rev A Evans

E.L. Roper

May 11th Visited this morning by the Rev. A Evans.

Several of the little ones away this week

Through illness. Average 70.

E.L. Roper.

May 18th Gave a holiday on Whit. Tuesday as
usual.

Visited this morning by The Rev.

A Evans.

E. L. Roper

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1883

May 25th Good attendance this week. Visited each morning
By the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

June 1st Visited each morning this week by the Rev. A.
Evans.

E. L. Roper

June 8th Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Also by J Sloper Esq who bought me

The Government Forms to be filled in.

E. L. Roper

June 15th Visited each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

June 18th Visited this afternoon by Mr A Newman the
School Attendance Officer.

June 22nd Visited this morning by the Rev. A. Evans.

Had New Arithmetic Cards for III, IV & V Standards.

E. L. Roper

June 25th Visited this afternoon by Mr A Newman the
School Attendance Officer. Reported AC.

June 28 Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans.

July 2nd Visited this afternoon by Mr A Newman, School

Attendance Officer. Also by the Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

July 12th Visited this afternoon by H. M. Inspector
who examined the infants and
all accounts.

E. L. Roper

July 19th Visited this morning by the Rev. A
Evans, also by Mr A Newman.

E. L. Roper

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1883

July 27th Visited Monday afternoon by Mr A Newman
And each morning this week by the
Rev. A. Evans.

E. L. Roper

Summary of Inspector's Report:-

"The order is good; though it is to be
regretted that more space is not at the
disposal of the Teacher as the floor is
inconveniently crowded, and the large
proportion of infants in attendance at
this time of year must suffer themselves
or interfere seriously with the instruction
of the elder children. The elementary ~~of~~
work of the latter is uniformly sound
and good; the Repetition too was good
throughout and the Grammar on the
whole fair. The elder infants proved
well prepared but it has not been
found easy to do much with the younger
ones"

E Coles is continued under Article 84-

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

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September 3rd 1883

School reopened this day. **Miss Croome**

Entered on her duties as school mistress

Arthur Evans

Sep 3rd Mr A. Newman (The Attendance Officer)
Called this afternoon.

Arranged the children in their standards for
The ensuing year and commenced new
Lessons.

Sep 8th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
Morning this week excepting Friday.

M. Croome

Sep 10th Mr Newman called this afternoon.

Sep 12th The following is a list of the pieces for
 Recitation; chosen by H. M. Inspector
 On the 12th July/83
 Standard I – “The Homes of England” Mrs Herman
 Standard II – “Little Jim”
 Standard III - “The Pet Lamb” Wordsworth
 Standard IV – Lay of the Last Minstrel
 Standard V - Lay of the Last Minstrel
 Standard VI - Lay of the Last Minstrel
Sep 12th Received notice of the Diocesan Examination
 Which is fixed for Oct 4th
Sep 14th School visited each morning this week
 Excepting Thursday by the Rev. A. Evans.
 M. Croome
Sep 18th Received new Reading Books for Standards
 I, II, III, IV, V (Royal Readers)
Sep 21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
 Morning this week excepting Monday and Friday.
 M. Croome

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1883

Sep 27th Standard IV are progressing favourably in arithmetic
 commenced Compound Division to-day.
Sep 28th The two extra subjects for the year are Geography
 and Grammar.
 The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
 morning this week excepting Monday.
 M. Croome
Oct 4 Examination in Religious Knowledge during the
 Afternoon School time.
 C. S. Taylor Diocesan Inspector
Oct 5th The Rev. A. Evans gave the children a
 Holiday to-day, being the day after the
 Diocesan Examination.
 M. Croome
Oct 8th Mr. A. Newman called this afternoon to
 enquire for the absentees- The attendance
 has been pretty good lately, only 4 boys
 away “Potato picking”
Oct 11th William and Charles Vines kept from school,
 as a brother is ill with Scarlet Fever.
Oct 13th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school Monday,
 Thursday and Friday.
 The Average attendance is not so good this week,
 Several children have been absent “Potato picking”
 M. Croome
Oct 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon,
 And cautioned the children against irregularity.
 Received a “Map of the Comparative ~~Z~~-Sizes
 of Animals” – also form and Colour for

the use of the infants.

Oct 17th Standard IV commenced "Reduction of Money"

Oct 19th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each Morning this week, and taught Standards IV, V, VI from 10:45 to 12.

M. Croome

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1883

Oct 23rd Copy of the Diocesan Report was

Received to-day:-

"The Religious Instruction has been well cared for. The Repetition was well said and the infants answered brightly and readily. In the two upper groups though many of the children answered really well the answering might well have more general The written work was carefully done"

(AB: second to last sentence doesn't make sense, did she miss a line?)

Oct 27th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Oct 29th Dr Tollerton called this afternoon to inquire after the health of the children.

Nov 3rd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

The attendance this week has not been so good – the average is only 60.7. Several children are absent owing to some one of the family being ill with infectious disease.

M. Croome

Nov 9th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

The children have attended very irregularly this week – average only 59.8

M. Croome

Nov 12th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and took the names of the irregular children.

Nov 13th Miss Evans visited the school during the afternoon.

Nov 17th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

The Average attendance for the week is 63.4.

M. Croome

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1883

Nov 19th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this morning.

The Attendance Officer also called.

Nov 21st The children of Stand IV are working "Weights and Measures" and are progressing favourably.

Nov 23rd Average attendance for the week 63.6.

M. Croome

Nov 26th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Nov 27th Albert and ~~Joh~~ Jonas Strange returned to school this afternoon, having received permission from a Doctor. They have been absent some weeks, owing to infectious disease.

Nov 30th Average attendance this week 66.4.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited and taught in the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Decr 3rd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Decr 4th Enos and Harry Cook came to school this afternoon, but were sent home again till the mother obtains an order from a Doctor for their attendance, as they have been ill with an infectious disease.

Decr 7th The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week not so good 63.5.

M. Croome

Decr 10th The "Cooks" having received the necessary order have returned to school. William and Charles Vines also returned.

Decr 15th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

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Dec 17th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

School closed to-day for the Christmas Holidays

M. Croome

1884

Jan 7th Re. Opened school after the holidays. Very good attendance.

12th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting Thursday

M. Croome

Jan 14th Examined the Registers & found Item correct

Arthur Evans

18th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each

morning this week excepting Wednesday.

The attendance has not been so good this week- children absent have severe colds.

M. Croome

21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

22nd Fanny Strange returned to school, after a very long absence.

The children in standards III, IV, V, have commenced working their sums from cards.

26th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, Wednesday Thursday and Friday.

M. Croome

28th The attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 1st Improved attendance this week. Average 65.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school every morning this week.

M. Croome

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1884

Feb. 8th Several children are absent with severe colds

Mistress absent this afternoon by the kind permission of the Rev. A. Evans; school opened as usual- and carried on by the Assistant.

M. Croome.

Feb 11th Richard Nelson Evans has left the school – parents gone from the village.

14th Very poor attendance this afternoon. owing to the Hounds having met in the village.

15th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting Thursday.

Improved attendance this week- average 66.3

M. Croome.

Feb 18th The attendance officer called this morning, and finding how very irregularly the “Carters” attend, he promised to call upon their parents.

The children in Standards III, IV, V, VI commenced working their arithmetic on paper.

21st Standard II commenced dictation on paper.

22nd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, each morning this week.

Improved attendance; average for week 71.5

M. Croome

Feb 25th The attendance officer called this afternoon

26th Walter Barnes re-admitted.

27th Ash Wednesday- The children attended Morning Prayer at Church instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson.

28th Very poor attendance this afternoon, owing to the Hounds being in the village.

29th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school Monday Thursday, and to-day.

M. Croome

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1884

March 3rd Clara Biddell. returned to school.

Standard II commenced Dictation on paper.

7th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

10th Very full school this afternoon- 79.

The attendance Officer called this afternoon and cautioned William Carter for his irregularity.

12th Standard III, and IV are making satisfactory progress in Geography.

14th Average attendance for the week 75.1.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday.

M. Croome.

March 17th Received new set of Copy Books- Darnell's

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

18th Examined Stand IV in Arithmetic; and found the children rather weak in Long Measure.

21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, and taught a class each morning This week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome.

March 24th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

26th Standard III are progressing favourably in Geography

28th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Wednesday, Thursday, and to-day.

M. Croome.

March 31st The attendance Officer called this afternoon.

April 2nd Standard II detained after school hours this morning to re-write their Dictation for carelessness

April 5th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school every morning this week and as usual took the upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome.

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1884

Ap. 7th Received new sets of Reading books for Infants, and Standards I and II. (The New London Readers)

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

10th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school every morning

excepting Tuesday.

Broke up for the Easter holidays

M. Croome.

Ap. 21st Resumed school duties. Very good attendance

25 The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each

Morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

Ap 28th Albert Strange has been attending very

irregularly – the Attendance Officer

called this afternoon, and promised

to see his parents.

30th The children are progressing favourably

with their lessons; but the Arithmetic

of Standard II is rather weak, and will

require ~~a~~ extra attention.

May 2nd Improved attendance this week- average 70.3.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on

Monday, Thursday and to-day; and took

Standards IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome.

May 5th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

6th Gave the Infants a lesson on The Lion.

7th Very full school; The children in the standards

are making satisfactory progress.

8th Examined the Infants and Standard I

this afternoon. The former were rather

backward in Number.

9th The Rev A. Evans visited the school, each

morning this week.

M. Croome.

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1884

July 7th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, but there was no complaint to make.

8th The Rev. A. Evans and J. Soper Esq called this afternoon.

11th The children Examined by H. B. Vines Esq-

They were given a half holiday and whole day on

Monday next

M. Croome.

15th Rather a poor school this morning, owing

to the rain which prevented the children

from a distance from attending.

18th The children have attended very irregularly this

week-average 58.5.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each

morning this week.

M. Croome.

21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

25th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning

this week excepting Thursday.

Average attendance for the week 67.5

M. Croome.

26th Received the Duplicate Schedule.

28th 53 children were presented in Standards for Exam. and 53 passed in ~~writing~~ Reading; - 52 in Writing and 44 in Arithmetic.

The percentage was 93.88. Besides those [pre.?] In stand there were 27 Infants

28th Arranged the Standards for the ensuing year; and the children have all commenced their new lessons.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Aug 1st The children have attended very well this week.

Average 65.9.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome.

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1884

Aug. 4th The attendance officer called this ~~week~~ afternoon.

The following is a list of pieces for Recitation

Approved by H. B. Rhines esq [?]

Stand

I The wind and the leaves

II Tale of the pet lamb

III The may queen

IV Llewelyn and his dog

V And upwards – The Deserted Village

Aug 8th Average attendance for the week not so

Good - 62.4

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting to day

M Croome

Aug 11th ~~18-28th~~ Fair attendance. The children are progressing with their new lessons.

Aug 15th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Broke up this morning for the holidays.

M Croome

Sep. 13th Re-opened school after the Harvest Holidays

Very good attendance.

The attendance officer called this afternoon

Received notice of Diocesan Examination which is fixed for Oct. 2nd in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

1884Sep. 15th Summary of H. M. Inspectors report: -

“The children are very well behaved and notwithstanding that there has been a Change of Teachers during the past year, and that every qualified scholar has been examined, the general percentage of passes In the Elementary subject is 93.7. Reading, Handwriting, and spelling have all been thoroughly well taught and it is only in the Arithmetic of the five children in the fifth, Sixth and seventh standards that any weakness whatever is observable. The two class subject (English and Geography) have also been successfully handled”

“The reading in the small upper division of Infants is good, the writing very good and the sums fairly good. In the lower division the Reading and Writing are fairly good, but very little progress has been made in Arithmetic. It has been found impossible to provide a regular course of object lessons and a proper variety of physical exercises without interfering with the instruction of the older scholars A class room is greatly needed”

E. Coles is recognised as qualified under Article 84

M Croome Certified Mistress

Arthur Evans

John Sloper

1884

Sep 19th The children have attended very well average for the week 65.5

The Rev A Evans has visited the school every morning this week excepting Thursday.

M Croome

Sep 22nd Received the time table with H. M. Inspector's Signature and commenced working by it.

The children were in school at 1:30.

The attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Sep 26th Several children have been absent this week potato picking

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each Morning this week

M Croome

Sep 29th Received two new maps – England and Wales
And Australia.

The attendance officer called this afternoon -
called his attention to the irregularity of
the “Carters”

Oct 2 Examined in Religious knowledge during the
Aft “School time” Charles H. Awdry
D. I.

Oct 3rd The Rev A. Evans gave the children a holiday
To day.

Improved attendance this week average 63.4
M Croome

Oct 6th The attendance officer called this afternoon
Standard I commenced working “Bills of Parcels”

Oct 8th The children are progressing forwardly with their
Arithmetic.

Oct 10th The children have attended very irregularly this week.
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning
This week excepting Wednesday.
M Croome

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1884

Oct 13th The attendance officer called this afternoon -
drew his attention to the irregular attendance
of the children and he promised to attend
to it at once.

Oct 17th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning
this week excepting today and as usual took
1st class for Reading and Scripture.
The attendance has been much better this week
Average 66.

M Croome

Oct 20th Received new sets of readers viz World at Home
No 6 for Stand IV V and VI also for Stan I and
Historical readers for stand V

The Attendance officer called this afternoon

Oct 21 Examined the registers & found them correct
Arthur Evans

Oct 24th Copy of the diocesan inspector's report:-
“This school continues to do creditably and is
in very good order – The children generally
gave proof in their answers of careful and
satisfactory teaching on Holy Scripture and
Catechism.”

The children have attended very irregularly this
week – average 62.6

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning
This week excepting Thursday

M Croome

Oct 27th Very few children in attendance today – a great

many are out gathering acorns.

The attendance officer called this afternoon and promised to call at once on the parents of the Absentees.

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1884

Oct. 28th Very ~~few~~ full school this morning – the results of the attendance officer exertions yesterday Standard V commenced working proportion by the rule of unity.

Oct 31st The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

Average attendance for the week 67.3

M Croome

Nov. 3rd Very good attendance this morning.

The attendance officer called this afternoon.

Nov 4th Standard IV commenced compound long Division.

Nov 6th The attendance this week has been very good Average 71.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Tuesday and Thursday.

M Croome

Nov 10th The attendance officer called this afternoon.

Nov 12th Standard II commenced Dictation on paper.

Nov 14th Several children are absent with severe colds, consequently, average attendance not so good – 66.8

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each Morning excepting Monday.

M Croome

Nov 17th The attendance officer called this afternoon.

Nov 18th Standard III are progressing favourably with their Geography.

Nov 21st The attendance this week has been good.

Average 68.2

The Rev A Evans visited the school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

M Croome

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1884

Nov 24th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon _ and drew his attention to the irregularity of Albert and Jonah Strange.

Nov 28th The attendance this week has not been so good several of the children (chiefly infants) are

absent with severe colds.

The Rev, A. Evans visited the school as usual this week, and took Standards IV V and VI for Reading and Scripture
M Croome

Dec 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 4th Dec The children were excused their Scripture Lesson this morning; on the occasion of the V.W. Hounds meeting in the village.

Dec 5th The average attendance this week only 54.2. so many children have been absent through illness.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M Croome

Dec 8th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and he promised to look up the children, and find out the reason of their absence.

Dec 10th Standard IV commenced Reduction, and Stand V are making satisfactory progress in Rule of Three by Method of Unity

Dec 12th The average attendance much better this week
Viz. 62. 9

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday.

M. Croome.

Dec 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

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1884

Dec 18th 1884

Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

Dec 19th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Closed the school this afternoon for the Christmas Holidays.

1885

Jan 5th Re-opened School. Very fair attendance.

Herbert and Ada Crees absent - ill with Scarlet Fever. Albert, Jonah and Fanny Strange absent with bad heads.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 9th The children were given a half -holiday – Miss Evans gave the choir children a tea, in the school room.

Several children have been absent this week suffering from severe colds; consequently the average attendance is only 59.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome

Jan 12th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jan 14th Standard V commenced Vulgar Fractions.

Jan 15th Standard II commenced Dictation on paper.

Jan 16th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting to-day;

and as usual took Standards IV, V and VI for Reading and Scripture.

M Croome

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1885

Jan 19th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Mary Withers, Alice Knight, Ambrose and Susan Carter have returned to school-~~they~~ their colds are quite well.

Jan 21st Very few children present this afternoon

Owing to the Stag - hounds meeting in the neighbourhood.

Jan 23rd The average attendance this week is a little better viz - 60.1.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Jan 30th

Miss Croome was absent this week having been summoned to attend the death bed of her father. The school was open each day under the Assistant teacher Emily Coles & visited each day with the exception of Thursday by myself Arthur Evans

Feb 2nd The attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 6th The Assistant (E. Coles) absent this week with sore throat and severe cold.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome

Feb 9th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

Feb 10th Edith, Mary Jane, and Henrietta Carter returned to school this morning, after an absence of five weeks through illness

Feb 13th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M Croome

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1885

Feb 16th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 18th Ash- Wednesday-the children attended

Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson.

Feb 20th The Standard III and IV are very much improved in Arithmetic.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday

M Croome

Feb 23rd Very full school to day. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; no complaint.

E. Coles returned to school.

Feb 27th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

Average Attendance this week very good
68.6

M Croome

March 2nd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to look up two or three children who had been very irregular in their attendance last week.

Mar 3rd HH has been very disobedient lately and has given great trouble to everyone. This afternoon his conduct was so bad, setting me at defiance, and encouraging the other children in disobedience that I was obliged to report him to the Rev. A. Evans, who after consulting J. Sloper Esq. decided that as it was not his first offence, it was better to expel him from the School. This decision was communicated to his parents by the Managers.

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March 6th The Rev. A. Evans has visited the School, as usual this week.

M Croome

Mar 9th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; and I drew his attention to Ambrose Carter who is away bean dropping.

Mar 12th The V.W.H hounds met in the Village and the Rev. A. Evans kindly allowed the children to go out at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson. There was no school in the afternoon.

Mar 13th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school and taught Stand. IV, V and VI for Reading and Scripture this week.

M Croome.

Mar 16th Ambrose Carter returned to School this morning.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

Admitted a new child _ Minnie Carter.

Mar 20th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual each morning this week.

M Croome

Mar 23rd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and several children were reported for irregular attendance.

Mary Teagle admitted.

24 Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

Mar 28th

Average attendance for the week 68.2

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday

M Croome

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(Note in the text VWH is the Vale of the White Horse hunt)

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1885 March 30th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon all the children (excepting Albert Stange) who were reported last week have returned to school.

Admitted two new children – MEB and her brother W.

They are both very backward; ME is 11 yrs old and is only in standard II and W scarcely knows his Alphabet; the reason given by their parents, who are just come to live in our Village, for their being so backward is that they had been living more than two miles from a school.

Ap 2nd The Rev A Evans has visited the school each morning excepting Monday. Broke up this afternoon for the Easter Holidays
M. Croome

Ap 13th Re-opened school. Fair attendance. Received ~~for~~ Certificate from Dr Tolerton that Ada and Herbert Crees are recovered from scarlet Fever, and in a fit state to return to school. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Ap 17th The Rev A Evans visited the school each Morning this week excepting Thursday. The average attendance for the week has been very good.

M. Croome

Ap 20th The attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Ap 22nd Very full school this morning. The children are progressing well with Arithmetic

Ap 24th The Rev A Evans visited the school each Morning excepting Wednesday.

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1885 Ap 24th The attendance this week has been very good average 73.6

M. Croome

Ap 26th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to look up Ambrose Carter, who only made 5 attendances last week out of 10.

Ap 28th Examined Stand II in Arithmetic and find that several children require great attention in Subtraction.

May 1st The Rev A Evans visited the school and took Standards IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture every morning excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

May 4th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and the following children were reported for irregularity – MJC, AC, GC, and SC.

May 8th Examined I Division Infants with following results – Reading good; but Arithmetic weak; the children with two or three exceptions have attended well during the week. Average 73.5.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday

M. Croome

May 11th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

May 14th Ascension Day – the children attended Morning Prayers at Church instead of having the usual Scripture Lesson at 11.30

May 15th The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual excepting Thursday

M. Croome

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1885

May 18th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

May 20th Very wet morning – the children from a distance unable to attend in consequence.

May 22nd Average attendance for the week not so good only 68 owing to the incessant rain of this morning and Wednesday

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

May 25th Very fair attendance this morning.

On opening school this afternoon found only 27 Children in attendance (owing to a club in the neighboring village); so I did not mark the Registers but sent the children home with the permission of the managers

May 26th Children had their usual holiday.

May 29th Received the government papers from J Sloper Esq.

The Rev A Evans visited the school on Monday and to-day.

M. Croome

June 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon - a great many children were absent owing to a club being held in a neighbouring village.

June 3rd Standard II commenced working their sums on paper from cards.

June 5th Received new set of Arithmetical test cards (Duplex)

Full school this week – average 75.2.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

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1885 June 8th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; notwithstanding the rain there was a good attendance.

Standards III, VI, V, IV commenced working their Arithmetic from the Duplex cards.

June 9th Examined Standard III in Geography.

June 12th The Rev A Evans visited the school Each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 75.

M. Croome

June 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

June 17th Examined 1st Division Infants in Arithmetic they still require great attention

June 19th The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday; and as usual took Standards IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture.

Average attendance for the week 76.5

M. Croome

June 22nd the Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

June 25th Examined Standard III in Arithmetic, - they are much improved but require attention in notation

25 June Examined the Registers I found them correct. Arthur Evans

June 26th The average attendance for the week is 76.2.

The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual
this week.

June 29th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

July 1st Commenced new registers.

July 2nd Examined Standards I and II in Arithmetic
Reading and Dictation;- GC
(Stand I) and FK (Stand II) very weak
in Arithmetic

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1885

July 3rd The Rev A Evans visited the school this week
and to-day heard Stand V recite the
“Deserted Village”.

Good attendance this week.

M. Croome

July 6th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

July 7th J Sloper Esq visited the school this morning
and brought the notice of H M Inspectors
visit on the 15th inst.

July 8th Examined Stand II in Geography; the children
answered brightly.

July 10th The Rev A Evans heard Stand III [could be IV] recite “Llewelyn
and his dog”

Average attendance for the week not quite so
good – 69.7

M. Croome

July 13th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon;
but there was no complaint to make

July 15th The children were examined by S J G Fraser Esq
H M Inspector

The children were given holidays till Monday.

Received the Duplicate schedule. 50 children

Were presented for exam in Standard I, II, III

IV, V, VI and 50 passed in Reading, 45 in Writing

And 48 in Arithmetic. The passes were 95.3 percent.

List of songs given to Inspector.

I wish I was a birdie

Sing out you girls

I miss them now those little feet

We're the school that's gay and happy

Up and do ye working people

I'm a merry little maiden.

Transcribed by Jo Forrester 3rd January 2026

The brook
I love the sunny days of spring.

Infants.
Come here little robin
The railway train
There was a little man.
Let us dance, and let us sing

The following are the pieces for
Recitation for July 1886, approved by
S. J. G. Frazer Esq.
Stand. I. Birds of Passage

" II. Casabianca
" III. Ginevra
" IV. }
V } King John- Hubert and Arthur
VI }

Geography for Stand. IV, V, VI – Physical and
Political Geography of British Isles, and of
British North America or Australia, with
knowledge of their productions.

List of Lessons for Infants. 1886

Tea	flowers	trees	sheep
Soap	sponge	milk	dog
silk	grass	Tiger	elephant
bread	kettle	bees	peacock
coffee	hills	bear	leopard
iron	flannel	shark	eagle
a bell	leather	hedge-hog	crocodile
finger-nails	rivers	mouse	ostrich
coal	cotton	donkey	

(continued)

lion	spider
lark	sheep-dog

M. Croome

July 20th Arranged the Standards for the ensuing year,
and commenced the new lessons; and
working the revised Time Table.

July 25th The children have attended very irregularly

this week – average 55.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

July 27th The Attendance Officers called this afternoon, and promised to look up the absentees.

July 29th The children are all progressing with their new lessons.

July 31st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, and as usual took Stand IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome

Aug. 3rd Very fair attendance this morning. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Aug. 6th The Rev. A. Evans gave the children half holiday this afternoon, on the occasion of a Rural Fete and Sports held in the Village.

Aug. 7th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday
M. Croome

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Aug. 10th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Several boys are absent.

Aug. 12th The children are all progressing with their [?] Standard work

Aug. 14th Broke up this morning for the holidays.
M. Croome

Sep. 14th Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

"The children are in very good order and have attained to great proficiency in the Elementary Subjects, in which they have secured the high percentage of 95.3. The Reading, Writing, Spelling, and especially the Arithmetic were all sound and efficient. The Recitation and Grammar have been effectively taught; but the children have not been successful in the Geography examination, in which the third and upper Standards failed to pass satisfactorily"

The infants are being well managed and considering that there is no Class-room (which should be provided at an early date for the due instruction of the children), they have been on the whole successfully taught. The elder Infants have passed fairly well, but the younger ones are very backward."

E. Coles is continued under Article 84.
Mary Croome, Certificated Mistress

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1885

Sep. 14th Re-opened School after the Holidays.
Attendance very good.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
and promised to look up the absentees.

Sep. 18th The Rev. A. Evans all visited the School
each morning this week, and as usual
took the upper Standards for Reading,
and Scripture

M. Croome.

Sep. 21st Received notice of the Diocesan Examination,
which is fixed for Oct. 13th. The notice was
as usual affixed in the School.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

Sep. 25th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 61.

M. Croome

Sep. 28th George Heal returned to school.

Sep. 30th The Attendance Officer called this morning,
while the Rev. A. Evans was taking Stand IV
for Reading; I drew the Officer's attention
to the irregularity of AC and
AB and it was decided, unless
they attended better, their parents must be
summoned.

Oct. 2nd Average attendance for the week 63.1

M. Croome

Oct. 5th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Oct. 6th Standard IV commenced Compound
Long Division.

Oct. 9th The Rev. A. Evans visited the School
each morning this week.

M. Croome

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Oct. 12th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Oct. 13 Examination in Religious Knowledge during the Morning
School-time. L.S. Taylor. Diocesan Inspector (AB: POSS C.S TAYLOR?)

Oct. 16th The children had half holiday this afternoon.

Oct. 16th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week excepting Wednesday

M. Croome.

Oct. 19th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Oct. 20th Standard IV commenced Reduction of Money.

Oct. 24th Average attendance for the week not so good 57.3; several boys have been absent part of the week potato-picking.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday, and as usual took Standard IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome

Oct. 26th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Several boys have been absent potato-picking and the Officer promised to look up them up.

Oct. 28th Standard III commenced Compound Addition

Oct. 30th The children have attended very irregularly this week – average 56.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning as usual and took Standards IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture

M. Croome

Nov. 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and after looking at the Registers, told the children they must attend better this week or their parents would be summoned

Nov 5 Examined the Registers & found them correct
Arthur Evans

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1885

Nov 5th Copy of Report of Diocesan Examination:-

“Except for some heavy answering in the highest group, and that the answering in the Infant Group had too strong a tendency to become simultaneous, the children answered readily and well: and the repetition and written work were good, Earnest, careful work is being done.”

M Croome

Nov 6th On opening school this afternoon only 23 children (mostly Infants) were present; the others having followed the Harriers which met at in the Village; so I closed the school for the afternoon.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome

Nov 9th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, but there was no complaint, as the children attended very regularly last week.

Nov 14th Average attendance for the week not so good.

58.3.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

M Croome

Nov 16th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Walter Bryant returned to school after being absent three weeks through illness.

Nov 17th The children are progressing fairly with their Standard work.

Nov 20th The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average attendance in the week not so good

53.9.

M Croome

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1885

Nov 23rd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon – several children were reported for irregularity.

Nov 27th The children from the “Mill” absent owing to the floods.

Several children are also absent with coughs.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday.

Average for the week 52.9.

M Croome

Nov 30th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 3rd The children were given half holiday this afternoon being “Election day.”

Dec 4th The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning excepting Thursday.

The attendance this week has been very irregular – average only 49.6.

M Croome

Dec 7th Poor school again this morning. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and took a list of the irregular children.

Dec 8th Received a Certificate from Dr White, stating that Mary Jane, Henrietta, and Minnie Carter were ~~unfit to~~ not in a fit state of health to attend school. Also received a Certificate to the same effect regarding Walter Scott.

Dec 9th The Attendance Officer called again this afternoon.

Dec 11th William Hall returned to school.

Average attendance for the week 50.7.

The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M Croome

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Dec 14th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

A great many children are absent with severe colds.

Dec 18th The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual each morning and took Standards IV and V for Reading and Scripture.

Average attendance for the week 50.4.

M Croome

Dec 21st Poor attendance this morning.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 23rd Examined the Register and found them correct. Arthur Evans

Dec 24th Broke up for Christmas Holidays.

M Croome.

1886

Jan 11th Re-opened school.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Mary Jane, Henrietta and Minnie Carter have returned to school.

Jan 15th The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Jan 18th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to look up the Absentees.

Jan 22nd Improved attendance this week. Average 59.1.

The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M Croome.

Jan 25th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

JS absent with Ringworms.

Jan 28th The Attendance Officer called this morning, to inquire if the children were attending

Better; and finding there were several still absent, it was determined to send their names to the Attendance Committee.

Jan 29th Average Attendance not so good this week owing to the snow.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Feb 1st JS came to school this morning, but as the ringworms were not cured, I sent him home again.

The Attendance Officer called this

afternoon.

Feb 3rd Stand. IV children are progressing with their Arithmetic; they have worked through Reduction of Weights and Measures.

Feb 5th The average attendance this week is higher than it has been for the last four mths. 61.7.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Feb 8th Jonah Strange returned to school; also Walter and Eva Scott.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and brought a Certificate stating that

“Mabel Ruth Clifford is unable to follow her studies at school”. The Certificate is signed by H Mackford Baylis LRCP.

Mabel Clifford is in Stand. I and has only attended 61 times, since July 1st 1885.

Arthur Evans.

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1886

Feb 11th I was prevented by a severe cold from attending school yesterday, therefore, the Assistant took entire charge; the Rev A Evans visiting as usual, and taking Stand. IV, V and VI for Reading and Scripture.

Feb 12th The Assistant marked the Registers both yesterday and today, for although able to be in School, I could not take an active part, on account of sore throat and hoarseness. Improved attendance this week – average 65.6. The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Feb 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 16th Attendance not so good this afternoon, on account of the ‘Harriers’ meeting in the Village.

Feb 19th The Attendance Officer called again this morning; reported LB, who still attends very irregularly.

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome.

Feb 22nd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; there was a full school.

Feb 26th Average Attendance for the week not so good – several children are absent with severe colds.

The Rev A Evans visited the school, each morning this week excepting today.

M Croome.

March 1st Only 31 children present this morning, owing to the deep snow. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

March 5th Average attendance for the week 53.9.

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1886

March 5th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual each morning this week.

M. Croome

1886 Mar 8th The attendance Officer called this afternoon. Several children absent with colds. Sent JS home this morning, as he had Ringworms.

Mar 9th Sent MAS home this morning with Ringworm.

Mar 10th The Registers were marked and closed at 9 'o'clock this morning; and the children went to Church (it being Ash Wednesday) instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson.

Mar 12th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Monday, Thursday and to-day. The attendance Officer called again this afternoon.

Average attendance for the week 55.6.

M Croome

Mar 15th Very poor school this morning. 15 children absent with severe colds. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Mar 19th The Average attendance for the week has been very poor – only 44.9
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Mar 22nd Improved attendance this morning. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and finding George Heal and Ambrose Carter were absent "bean dropping"; he promised to send to the farmer, who is employing them, and to send the boys into school.

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1886

March 26th Several children absent this morning.

The Attendance Officer called, and
promised to look up the absentees.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
as usual each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 58.6

M. Croome

Mar 29th Full school this morning. The Attendance
Officer called this afternoon, and was
Pleased to see such a good school; he
promised to enquire about Hannah Hall,
who is absent.

30 Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Ap. 2nd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as
usual this week.

The children have attended very well this
week. average 63

M. Croome

Apr 5th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon;
but there was no complaint.

Apr 6th Fanny, Edgar, and Edith Clifford have left
the school; their parents have left the
Village.

Apr 8th The children in the Standards are making
satisfactory progress with Arithmetic.

Apr 9th. The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, as
usual, and took Stand. IV, V, VI for
Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome

Apr 12th The Attendance Officer called this
afternoon.

Admitted a new child this morning –
Louisa Comley.

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1886

Ap. 16th. The Average Attendance for the week, is 65.9
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week.

M. Croome

Ap. 19th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon,
reported James Hatherall who was
absent 2½ days last week potato-dropping.

Apr 22nd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning excepting Monday.

Closed the school this afternoon for
the Easter Holidays. Re-open May 3rd

M. Croome

May 3rd. Re-opened school. The Attendance Officer called
this afternoon.

May 7th Average attendance for the week 66.6.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each day excepting Wednesday and to-day.

M Croome

May 10th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Good attendance.

May 14th The children in Stand III, IV are making satisfactory progress in Arithmetic.

Average attendance for the week very good – 67.4

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

May 17th Very wet morning. Small school.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

May 19th Examined Standard I in Arithmetic and Dictation – all worked well except Florence Bennet

May 21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

Average attendance not so good this week

64.6

M. Croome

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1886

May 24th. Good attendance this morning. The Attendance Officer called in the afternoon but there was no complaint.

May 26th Poor attendance this afternoon only 50; A good many of the children went on the Malmesbury Road, to see a detachment of soldiers go by.

May 28th Received the Government Papers from J. Sloper Esq.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 68.

M. Croome

May 31st. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to 'look up' Jonah Strange and Frank Knight who are both absent.

June 1st. Very wet morning. Children from a distance unable to attend because of the heavy rain.

Jun 3rd. Ascension-day. The children attended Morning Prayer at Church, instead of having their usual Scripture lesson.

Jun 4th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Monday and Tuesday.

Average attendance for the week 67.1

M. Croome

Jun 7th Good Attendance. The Attendance

Officer called this afternoon.

Jun 9th Examined Standards III and IV in Arithmetic; the children in Stand IV, are weak in Multiplication (Money).

Jun 11th Average Attendance for the week 68.1
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

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1886

June 14th. Very poor attendance this afternoon only 38
Owing to a club in the neighbouring village
The Attendance Officer called as usual.

Jun 15th Whit-Tuesday - The children had their usual holiday.

Jun 17th Standard IV are much improved in Arithmetic.

Jun 18th Average Attendance for the week not so good only 62.8.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual each morning this week.

M. Croome

June 21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, but there was a poor attendance, owing to a club being held in neighbouring village.

Jun 22nd. Examined Standards IV, V, and VI in Arithmetic
EC, AC, LB
worked badly.

Jun 23rd Poor School again this afternoon. A great many children are gone into Malmesbury to see a circus.

June 25th Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Jun 25th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

June 28th Walter Day and Alice Barnfield absent with sore throat.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

July 1st. The Attendance Officer called again this morning – drew his attention to the

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irregularity of Alice, Annie and Julia Barnes, neither of them was at school yesterday morning; Mr Newman promised to

find the reason.

July 2nd Several children have been absent this week with severe colds

M. Croome.

July 5th I received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit on Friday the 16th inst. at 11 o'clock.

July 8th Poor school this afternoon only 50. It being Election day, a great many of the children are gone to the neighbouring village.

July 9th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

Average attendance for the week 60.7

M. Croome

July 12th Good attendance. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Class Subjects for 1887

1. English. Poetry for

St 1. [...ds] of Passage

2. Casabianca

3. [Giri.ora]

4. [...] Shakespeare

2. Geography Upper standards if grouped taking course for St .5.

C.F Johnstone

List of Songs July 16th 1886

Soft is the morning dew

Hail thou merry month

Spring, spring

Summer days are coming

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See brothers see.

Stitch Stitch.

O merrily, merrily blows the wind

Springtime

¶ Infants

Mrs Bond

The duck and the drake

Three mice went into a hole

The train

July 19th The children were given a holiday

July 21st I received the Schedule; and arranged the Standards for the ensuing year.

July 22nd The following is a corrected list of the Class Subjects for 1887, approved and signed by the Rev C. F. Johnstone.

1. English _ Poetry for

Stand I. The child's first grief

- II. Dog at his master's grave.
- III Bruce and the spider
- IV)
- V) King John – Hubert & Arthur
- VI)

2. Geography

Stand IV, V, VI Europe physical and political. Latitude and Longitude
Day and night. The seasons.

Lessons for Infants

bow	water	ink	pig	coffee
bread	sponge	tin	glass	butter
wool	leather	iron	paper	wheat
cat	cotton	horse	sheep	rabbit
flowers	salt	cheese	whale	lion

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bees	river	slate	chalk	milk
potato	tiger	elephant	currants	tea
robin	gold	thimble	cheese	sugar

July 23rd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

M. Croome

July 26th The children are all progressing with their new lessons.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

July 30th The children have attended well this week

~~Average~~ Average 62.1.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school as usual this week excepting Monday.

M. Croome

Aug 2nd Fair attendance. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and at the request of the Managers, I drew his attention to LC, who has only attended 16 times out of a possible 40.

He promised to call at once.

Aug 5th J. Sloper Esq called this morning and brought the Government Report.

On the occasion of the Annual Sports being held in the Village, the Managers gave the children half holiday.

Aug 6th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week except to-day.

M. Croome

Summary of H. M. Inspector's Report:-

"The general result of The Examination is satisfactory. The Elementary Subjects are very fairly done, and the children answer to a certain extent in Grammar and Geography. Somewhat more intelligence in Reading and the Repetition of Poetry is desirable. The Infants appear to require more attention. Their work is less satisfactory than that of the older scholars. The contents of the Portfolio should be in order. Each item in the Cash Book should be numbered and have a corresponding voucher.

More advanced Reading-books are required for the first Standard."

E Coles ~~in~~ is continued under

Article 84

Mary Croome Certificated Mistress

Aug 9th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon to see if Louisa Comley was at school – he had cautioned the Parents

Aug 12th The Managers have decided that the holidays shall commence tomorrow the 13th. and the school re-open Sep. 13th.
M. Croome

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1886

Sep 13th School re-opened to day.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to look up the absentees.

The Rev. A. Evans kindly granted me leave of absence till Thursday afternoon (that I may stay with my brother who is dangerously ill) during which time the School was carried on by the Assistant and Monitors.

Sep 16th Resumed my school duties this afternoon.

Sep 17th The Rev. A. Evans visited the School each morning this week.

M. Croome

Sep 20th The Attendance Officer called this Afternoon and informed me he had cautioned the Parents of the children who attended so Irregularly.

Sep 24th Improved attendance this week.

Average ▪ 64

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, each morning excepting Monday.

M. Croome

Sep 27th Received notice of the Diocesan Examination which is fixed for the 22nd Oct at 2 o'clock.

The Notice was affixed in the School after being read to the Children.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon,

SAB, FB,

JH, TG, and

AC attended very irregularly

last week _ the Officer spoke to them, and

told them, their Parents would

certainly be summoned, unless they

attended regularly in the future.

Transcribed by J. O'Brien 15 January 2026

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1886

Oct 2nd LC has attended very irregularly this week; only 5 attendances out of 10.

The Rev. A Evans has visited the School each morning this week excepting Monday.

M Croome

Oct 4th The attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to call on the parents of LC once more.

Oct 8th Improved attendance this week. Average 64.4

The Rev. A Evans visited the school as Usual this week, and took Stand IV, V and VI for Reading and Scripture.

M Croome

Oct 11th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Florence Bennett and her sister Hannah are absent through illness.

Oct 13th Standard III and IV are making great progress in Arithmetic.

Oct 15th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this morning.

Average attendance for the week not so good

59.6 LC has been absent

all the week.

M. Croome

Oct 18th The Attendance Officer called this

afternoon, and promised to call once more on LC's parents.

Oct 20th Very few children present this morning owing to the heavy thunderstorm.

Oct 22nd The Attendance Officer called this morning to see if LC was at school;

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and was glad to find she had been all the week; Mrs C has promised him ~~of~~ her child shall attend regularly in future.

Oct 22. Diocesan Examination – Afternoon
Charles H Awdry
D.I

Oct 26th The Rev. A Evans gave the children a holiday yesterday after Diocesan Exam.

Oct 29th Received new Geographical Readers (Europe) for Standards IV, V and VI, also Graded Readers for Standard II. The Reading books of Stand I not being advanced enough for the children of that Standard, they were passed on to the 1st Division of Infants; the Stand I taking the Stand II books in use last year, and new ones were substituted in Stand II.
Average attendance for the week 60.3.

M Croome

Nov 1st Admitted three children viz-Fanny, Frederick, and Elizabeth Collett.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Nov 2nd FB returned to School after an absence of four weeks.

Nov 5th Received Medical Certificate from Dr. White, stating that H B is unable to attend School – Disease – Great Debility.

The Rev. A Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 64.5.

M. Croome

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1886

Nov 8th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Received the Report of the Diocesan Examination held on the 22nd Oct which was as follows:-

“The School has, as usual, done well. The knowledge of Holy Scripture and the Catechism was very satisfactory. The

general tone and order pleasing.”

~~Nov 12th~~ M. Croome

Nov 12th Several children absent this afternoon, owing to the weather. Average for the week 64.[?]

The Rev. A Evans visited the school, as usual each morning this week.

M. Croome

Nov 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, drew his attention to the following children Who attended very irregularly last week; Only making 7 attendances each of a Possible 10. SAB, JW, GC, EP and FP.

The Officer called them out and inquired the reason of their absence last week; and promised to call on ~~the children's~~ their parents.

Received Medical Certificate from Dr Kinnear stating that “MC of Somerford Parva is not able to attend school on account of illness.”

MC has only made 35 attendances since the 1st July and is at the present time 7 years 9 mths old; during the whole of the year ending June 30th 1886 she only

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Nov. made 61 attendances of a possible 434 times which the school was open; so that it will be necessary to put her name on the ~~sched~~ Exception Schedule at the next Examination in July 1887.

Nov 16th Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Nov 19th The Attendance Officer called again this morning to enquire after the children who attended so irregularly last week. Improved attendance all the week. No complaint. Average for the week ₦ 65.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

Nov 22nd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. No complaint.

Nov 23rd Standard IV commenced Reduction of Money. The children in Standards are progressing in Arithmetic.

Nov 25th The children were let out of School at 11.30 this morning instead of having their usual Scripture lesson; on the occasion of the Harriers meeting in the Village.

Nov 26th The Rev. A. Evans visited the School each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

Nov 29th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Called his attention to the irregularity of JH. He promised to send to the boy's father.

Dec 1st JH returned to school.

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Dec 3rd The children attended Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture lesson.

Mary Jane Carter has been absent all the week, owing to the serious illness of a sister.

The Rev. A Evans visited the school as usual each morning this week expecting to day.

M. Croome.

Dec 6th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; several children were cautioned for irregularity last week.

Dec 9th Very rough, wet morning; attendance small; the children from the Mill could not get to School owing to the floods. Owing to the wood work under the stove catching fire; it was found necessary to close the school to morrow Friday, so that the alterations should be made at once.

Dec 11th All the wood under the stove has now been removed, and replaced by a layer of bricks so that there is now no danger of anything of the kind happening again.

M. Croome.

Dec 13th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 15th Very poor school this morning owing to the heavy rain.

Dec 17th Average attendance for the week only 56.9 owing to the pouring rain on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Rev. A Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

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Dec 20th Very good school this morning. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Dec 22nd The Holidays will commence on Friday the 24th, and school re-open on Monday the 10th Jan 1887.

M. Croome

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Jan 10th Re-opened school. Poor attendance owing to the snow.

Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jan 14th Average attendance for the week 53.3

M. Croome

Jan 17th Poor Attendance again to-day. The

Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jan 21st The dangerous state of the roads, (which were a sheet of ice) in the early part of the week, made it quite impossible for the children from a distance to attend school.

The children were given a half holiday this afternoon; as Miss Evans gave the choir children a tea.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday & Thursday

M. Croome

Jan 24th Improved attendance this morning.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jan 26th Standard II commenced Dictation on paper.

Jan 28th The Rev A. Evans visited the school ~~on Monday~~ as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 63.4

M. Croome

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1887

Jan 31st Good attendance this morning.

Hannah Bennett returned to school after an absence of sixteen weeks through illness.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school this morning.

The Attendance Officer called

and was pleased to see such a good attendance.

Feb 2nd Standard IV commenced Square Measure.

Feb 4th Average attendance not so good this week only 56.7 several of the Infants are away with severe colds.

M. Croome

Feb 7th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 11th Average Attendance for the week only 54.4.

S, and GC,
and JH have attended
very irregularly this week.

M. Croome

Feb 14th Improved attendance this morning.

The children were given half holiday
this afternoon to allow of the school
being prepared for a Concert This evening.

The Attendance Officer called as usual.

Feb 15th Hannah and Florence Bennett
are ill with Measles.

Feb 17th Examined the Reports & found them
correct

Arthur Evans.

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Feb 17th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 18th The children were excused their Scripture
lesson this morning, on the occasion
of the V.W.H. hounds meeting in
the Village.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting
this morning.

Average Attendance very poor indeed
only 53.2.

Have sent a list of children to the
Attendance Officer, who have been absent
this week without reasonable excuse.

M. Croome

Feb 21st Great improvement in the Attendance
this morning – 64.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Feb 23rd Ash Wednesday – The children attended
Morning Prayers at 11.30 this morning
instead of having their usual
Scripture.

Feb 24th The ~~the~~ Attendance Officer called again

this morning; several children are attending very irregularly still.

Feb 25th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday
Average Attendance this week 63.2

M. Croome

Feb 28th Mabel Clifford returned to school after a long absence occasioned by ill health, she has not ~~be~~ attended at all since ~~the~~ Aug 13th 1886; and has only made 96 Attendances since the 1st July 1885

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The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
The Assistant (E. Coles) sent in her resignation to-day.

Standard III, IV, V and VI commenced working their sums on paper.

March 4th Average Attendance for the week 65.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

March 7th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

March 10th Several children absent to-day with severe colds.

March 11th Average Attendance for the week not so good – 61.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday

M. Croome

March 14th Poor school this morning (57); children absent with severe colds.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

March 15th Snowy morning – only 44 present.

School not opened this afternoon owing to the deep snow.

March 16th ~~No~~ Deep snow. School not opened.

March 17th Partial thaw. Resumed school duties. Only 39 present.

March 18th Average Attendance for the week 47.5.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

M. Croome

March 21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
Several children still absent with severe colds.

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March 24th The Attendance Officer (Mr. Newman) called at this morning.

March 25th The Rev A. Evans heard the 1st Division Infants read this morning,

Improved attendance this week – Average 56.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

March 28th Improved attendance this morning 64.

No Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Mr. Newman has resigned.

March 30th Standard II commenced working sums on paper.

Ap. 1st Average Attendance for the week 61.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

Ap. 4th Improved Attendance this morning.

Ap. 5th Good attendance this morning 68.

Ap. 7th The Rev A. Evans visited the school Monday, Wednesday and to-day.

Average Attendance for the week 63.1

The Easter holidays commence

M. Croome

Ap. 18th School re-opened. Good attendance.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. Pike) called this afternoon.

Ap. 19th Taught the children a new Song – Lightly row.

Ap. 20th The Attendance Officer called this morning to enquire if there was any complaint to go before the Committee on Saturday.

Ap. 23rd Average Attendance for the week 65.6.

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April 23rd The Rev. A Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday and to day.

M. Croome

April 25th Kate Higgs has commenced duty to-day as Monitress a month on trial with a view to being a pupil teacher.

April 27th Standard II are doing both Dictation and Arithmetic on paper very creditably.

April 29th 1887

Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

April 29th A great many children absent this afternoon.

Average attendance for the week 67.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
as usual this week.

M. Croome

May 1st Good attendance this morning, 68.

May 2nd Commenced teaching Infants a new
song – “Oh, where do you come from.”

May 6th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
Wednesday, Thursday and to-day.

Average attendance for the week 67.9

The following children have attended
irregularly this week, TG,
FS; and LB.

AB has not attended school
at all during the week.

M. Croome

May 9th I had such a severe head-ache this
morning, that I was obliged to leave the
school to the management of the
Assistant and Monitress; but I was

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better in the afternoon, and went
into School and helped with the sewing.

May 11th Standard III backward in Geography;
The children in that Standard attend
very irregularly especially SAB
and GC.

May 13th The Rev. A Evans visited the school
each morning this week, excepting
Thursday.

Average attendance not so good – 66.3.

The attendance of some of the children
is very unsatisfactory, especially

SAB, EP,

FB, JW,

RW, FK,

HB, each of whom only

Attended 7 times out of 10 this week;

JB, FS,

JH only 6 out of 10 possible

attendances this week.

M. Croome

May 16th Number present this morning 65.

May 17th The Attendance Officer called this morning
- drew his attention to the irregular
attendance of some of the children;
and at his request promised to send

him a list with full particulars at the end of the week.

May 19th Ascension Day – The children attended Morning Prayers at the conclusion of Secular Instruction instead of receiving Religious Instruction.

May 20th Average attendance for the week not so good 65.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning, excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

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May 23rd Improved attendance this morning.

May 25th The Managers have decided to write to H. M. Inspection for permission for Kate Higgs to sit as Candidate at The School Examination in July.

May 27th J. Sloper Esq. brought the Government Papers this morning.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

May 30th Very poor attendance this afternoon; a great many children are gone to the neighbouring village to a club.

The children are to have their usual holiday to-morrow – Whit-Tuesday.

June 1st The Attendance Officer called this morning – the children who were reported to the Attendance Committee have attended better; excepting SAB who has not been this week.

June 2nd ~~The~~ Standards III, IV, V and VI commenced workings their sums on foolscap paper.

June 3rd Harry Withers has not been to school since Monday; he has been kept at home to look after a younger child while his mother was ~~from~~ away attending the funeral of a near relation.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

June 6th Very poor attendance this afternoon, owing to a club being held in the neighbouring Village (40).

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June 9th Gave the Standard children new sets of Arithmetic cards.

June 10th Average attendance for the week 64.
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school, each morning excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

June 13th Mabel Ruth Clifford absent;- gone to Twyford for her health; received a Certificate from Dr Kinnear, stating that a change of air would be beneficial.

June 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; looked over Registers and took the names of some of the children.

June 17th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average attendance for the week 68.3.

M. Croome

June 20th Very good attendance this morning.

June 23rd The School was closed on Tuesday, on account of the festivities in connection with The Jubilee, which were celebrated in this village by giving a dinner to the men and boys of over 14 yrs and a tea to the women and children.

School closed also on Wednesday, on account of the Jubilee Festivities at Malmesbury.

June 24th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school On Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Average attendance for the week 56.2.

M. Croome

June 28th 1887

Examined the Registers & found them correct.
Arthur Evans.

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June 30th The Assistant (E. Coles) resigned to-day – She has left to be married.

July 1st Received notice of H. M. Inspector's visit fixed for 4 Thursday the 4th August at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

July 4th Good attendance. The children of Stand I are doing their lessons very creditably, with the exception of KB and

MC, who are very dull.

July 6th Standard IV are working their Arithmetic from a new set of cards.

July 8th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 67.

M. Croome

July 12th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

SAB has been absent yesterday and to-day – the Officer promised to call and inquire the reason she is not at school.

July 15th Average attendance for the week 66.4.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting to-day.

M. Croome

July 18th Mrs B came to the school this morning to say that her child

SAB fell from a gate and hurt her shoulder very much and that was the reason she had kept her at home at last week.

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July 21st Jessie Woodman and Edith Higgs absent this afternoon – fruit picking

July 22nd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 65.3

M. Croome

July 25th Very good attendance this morning. The children in Stand. III, IV, V with the exception of SC, LB, and HH, did their Arithmetic very creditably.

July 28th The Attendance Officer called this morning, and looked at the Register. SA B, still attends very irregularly.

July 29th The Attendance has improved during the last two months. The average attendance for the week is 66.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M Croome

Aug. 3rd List of songs for Aug. 4th 1887.

The Silent Spring.

Lightly row.
 I have heard thee speak.
 Hurrah, hurrah for England.
 The song-bird.
 Infants.
 The cobbler.
 Uh, where do you come from [Le]
 The mice.

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Aug. 4th Recitation approved by H.M. Inspectors
 Approval for the year ending June 30th 1888.

Stand I. Good night and good morning.

- " II Casabianca
- " III May Queen or Ginevra
- " IV Llewelyn and his dog
- " V
- " VI } The Lay of the Last Minstrel
- " VII }

Geography for Standard IV, V, VI, VII (if any)
 taking course for Standard VI.

Infant's Lesson					
Glass,	leather,	gold,	slate,	coffee,	duck,
coal,	house,	wood	sheep	lion	milk
tea	sugar,	mouse,	stone,	whale	silk
bread,	cheese,	flowers,	Iron,	goat,	fish
horse,	salt,	butter,	sponge	calico	table
harvest	pig,	water,	cow,	apple,	knife
rain,	dog,	book,	cuckoo,	hay	wool

The children were given a holiday tomorrow.
 M. Croome

Aug. 8th Received the Schedule and arranged
 the Standards.

Aug. 10th Very small school this morning only 36.

The Managers have decided that the
 holidays will commence to-morrow
 and the school re-open Sep. 12th.

M. Croome

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Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

"The school is taught with care,
 and the Elementary work is satisfactorily
 done, but in the Class Subjects there

is but little intelligence, and the Grammar should improve if a Grant is to be paid for it another year. The desirability of a Class-room for the Infants is very apparent, as their instruction is now carried on under difficulties”

Mary Croome, - Certified Mistress
Kate Higgs – Pupil Teacher, First Year
Mary Withers – Stipendiary Monitor
Signed
Arthur Evans

Sep 12th Re-opened school. Fair attendance
Received notice of the Diocesan Examination which is fixed for Sep. 30th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The notice was affixed in the school. Mary Withers commenced duty as Monitor.

Sep 15th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to enquire after FS
JH, MJC, and
AB.

Sep 16th J. Sealy Esq. called at this School this morning, to know what books would be required.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Wednesday.

Average Attendance 63.4.

Mary Croome

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Sep 19th Good attendance. AB and MJC have not returned to School.

Sep. 23rd Average Attendance for the week 63.9.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual and took the upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

M Croome

Sep. 26th MJC returned to school. The children are progressing with their Standard work.

Sept. 30 Diocesan Examination. Afternoon

Charles H Awdry

D.I.

Oct. 3rd The usual holiday after the Diocesan Examination is postponed.

Oct. 4th Good attendance this morning 68.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, drew his attention to the Absentees –

JH, TG, and
AB; the last has not been at
all since the holidays.
Oct. 7th The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school
each morning this week.
Average Attendance 65.3
M. Croome.
Oct. 10th Received new Geographical Readers,
"The World at Home" for Stand. III.
October 11th
Examined the Registers found them correct
Arthur Evans

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Oct. 14th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual
this week.
Average Attendance for the week 65.6.
M. Croome
Oct 17th Received the Report of the Diocesan Examination
which was as follows:-
"The tone and order of the School continue
to be very satisfactory, and there is no doubt
that the Religious ~~in~~ Instruction has been
carefully attended to. I think however that
the present elder Scholars are rather less
intelligent than those of some previous years.
the answering being less ready and less
even than I have generally found it. The
written work was done very fairly well"
M. Croome
Oct. 18th Alice Barnes returned to school.
Very good attendance. Number present 73
Oct 21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual
this week.
Average Attendance 69.7.
M. Croome.
Oct 25th The children were given a holiday yesterday
due to them after the Diocesan Examination.
Oct 27th The upper Standards commenced Geography
of Africa.
Oct 28th The Rev. A. Evans has not visited the
school this week;- he has been away from
home.
M. Croome
Nov 1st Very rough morning; children from
a distance unable to attend; only 32 present.

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Nov 2nd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to look up AMB, FS and JH.

Nov 4th Average Attendance for the week 57.

The rough stormy weather prevented a great many of the children at all.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

Nov 7th Good attendance this morning.

Nov 12th AMB has been absent again since Tuesday; have sent in her name to the Attendance Officer.

Average Attendance for the week 69.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each day excepting Friday.

M. Croome

Nov 14th Good attendance.

Nov 15th AMB came back to school this afternoon.

Nov 18th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance not so good; some of the children have been absent potato picking.

Average for the week 63.8

M. Croome

Nov 21st Very good attendance; number present 70

Nov 23rd Several boys absent this afternoon; owing to the V. W. Hounds going through the village.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; and promised to call on the parents of the following children,

AMB, GC and

MJC

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Nov 25th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 67.4

M. Croome

Nov 28th Standards V and VI are progressing fairly in Grammar

Nov 29th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Dec 2nd Average Attendance for the week 66.6.

AMB and her sister Sarah

Annie have attended very well this week.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week

M. Croome

Dec 5th Received new set of Exercise Books, ruled Narrow Double Small.

Dec 6th Very few boys present this afternoon; they have followed the Hounds, which passed through the Village.

Dec 9th The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 65.2

M. Croome

Dec 13th Gave Kate Higgs leave of absence this afternoon, on account of her Grandfather's funeral.

Dec 14th The Attendance of AB and F is very unsatisfactory.

Dec 16th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 66.1

M. Croome

Dec 21st The Attendance Officer called this morning, and promised to enquire after the Bs, also AB and her sisters

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neither of whom have been to school this week; their Attendance is so unsatisfactory, that they must be reported at the next meeting of the Attendance Committee.

Dec 22nd Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

Dec 23rd Christmas Holidays commence this afternoon; resume school duties

Jan 9th

M. Croome

1888 Jan 9th Resumed school duties.

FB returned to school after an absence of 9 weeks.

Jan 11th Very few boys at school this afternoon; gone after the Hounds which went through the Village.

Jan 13th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 65.7

M. Croome

Jan 16th Very good attendance this morning – 67
Ellen Heal absent – required at home, on account of serious illness of her Mother.

Jan 17th Standard IV with the exception of Georgina Carter, is progressing well with Arithmetic.

Jan 20th Average Attendance for the week 66.4.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

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Jan 24th AMB and JH

are attending very irregularly; the former has not been to school since Dec 12th so I have sent to the Attendance Officer calling his attention to it.

Jan 25th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and after looking at the Registers, promised to see the parents of AMB and to send to Mr H at once.

Jan 26th The children reported above are both at school this morning.

Jan 27th Average attendance for the week 65.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

Jan 30th Very good school this morning – 72

Feb 1st Standard III commenced Arithmetic from Cards.

Feb 3rd Average Attendance for the week 66.9

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Feb 6th Received notice from the Revd. C.F. Johnstone that the General Examination of Pupil Teachers will take place on Saturday the 21st April.

Feb 10th The Attendance Officer called this morning, JH still absent without any reasonable excuse.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 66.

M. Croome

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Feb 14th Very deep snow. Roads impassable even for vehicles. School closed.

Feb 17th Opened school this morning with 18 children from the families living in the immediate

neighbourhood of the school. Roads still very bad.

The Rev A. Evans came into school this morning.

The few children present to-day has reduced the average attendance for the week to 38.2.

M. Croome

Feb 20th Snow very deep. Only 33 children present this morning.

Feb 23rd The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Feb 24th Average Attendance for the week 49.8.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Feb 27th Improved attendance this morning.

Agnes Clifford returned to school – she was absent last week on account of the sad death of her Mother. Mabel Clifford is gone away for a time with a relative.

March 2nd The Attendance has been very good this week considering the state of the roads.

Average for the week 62.9.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

March 5th Ellen Heal returned to school after an absence of two months, owing to the illness of her Mother.

Standards IV, V, VI commenced working

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their Arithmetic from Cards on slates.

March 8th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

AB still absent – the reason of her absence given is the delicate state of her Mother.

March 9th Average Attendance for the week 69.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

March 12th Good school this morning. Number present 70.

March 16th The children were excused their Scripture lesson this morning as the V.W. Hounds met in the Village.

Average Attendance not so good this week 64.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each

morning this week excepting to-day.

M. Croome

March 20th Poor school this morning owing to the snow.

March 21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon;
and promised to look up FS,
who has not been attending well lately.

March 23rd Average Attendance for the week 61.7.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual
this week.

M. Croome

March 28th Very rough morning. Number present 31.

March 29th Examined the Registers &
found them correct.

Arthur Evans

March 29th The Easter holidays commence.

School re-opens April 9th.

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April 9th Resumed school-duties. Admitted two
new children – Infants.

April 13th Average Attendance for the week 68.7
The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting
Thursday.

M. Croome

April 16th Very good attendance this morning 75.

April 18th Attendance Officer called this morning.

April 20th Excused Kate Higgs this afternoon from
school duties.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting ~~Thursday~~
to-day.

Average Attendance for the week 68.8

M. Croome

April 21st Kate Higgs went to the P. Teacher's Exam
at Chippenham.

M. Croome

April 23rd Good attendance this morning 74.

April 25th Mabel Clifford has left the School; she
is gone to live with an Aunt at
Sevenoaks.

April 28th Average Attendance for the week 70.2

The Rev A. Evans has visited the School
as usual this week.

M. Croome

May 1st The Standard III worked their sums
on paper very well to-day excepting
TG, who is rather dull.

May 5th Average Attendance for the week 68.

The Rev A. Evans visited the School

each morning.
M. Croome

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May 8th I was absent from school yesterday owing to the death ~~fre~~ of my Brother; but the Rev A. Evans was in school nearly all the morning; and Miss Evans kindly attended in the afternoon; so the lessons went on as usual.

May 11th The children were given half a holiday yesterday – Ascension-day; lessons as usual in the morning; Miss Evans again kindly attended in the morning, during my absence at my Brother's Funeral.

Average Attendance for the week 64.1

The Rev A. Evans visited the school on Monday and Tuesday.

M. Croome

May 14th Good Attendance this morning 68.

May 16th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

May 18th Several children were reported to the Attendance Committee for irregularity.

Average Attendance for the week 67.7

M. Croome

May 21st Poor school this afternoon, owing to a Club held in the neighbouring Village.

May 22nd As there was nothing going on the Village -no club; the children attended school; they did not have their usual holiday: but are to have one later on.

May 25th

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week, excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

May 28th Mary Ann Strange returned to school this morning – has been absent nearly three weeks and is very backward.

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May 31st The Attendance Officer called this morning, he promised to “look up” MJ C, TG and HB.

June 1st The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week. Average Attendance for the week 66.1

M. Croome

June 4th Good attendance this morning 70.
Annie and Alberta Pickford are gone

from home for a short time during their Mother's illness.

Hannah Hall has been absent since last Wednesday to wait on her Mother who is ill.

June 6th Standard II commenced working ~~sur~~ sums from Cards.

June 8th Improved Attendance this week
Average 68.3

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

June 11th MJC still absent without excuse; so I sent to the Attendance Officer calling his attention to her case.

Admitted 3 new children this morning, James, William and Charles Reeves.

June 12th MJC came back to school this morning.

June 14th The Attendance Officer called this morning.
No complaint.

Good school this afternoon – 75 present.

June 15th Very wet morning – small school.

Average Attendance for the week good 69.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school Monday and to-day.

M. Croome

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June 18th Good school this morning – 72 present.

June 19th Received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit, fixed for Friday the 6th July at 10.30 o'clock.

June 20th Hannah Hall returned to school after nearly a month's absence.

June 22nd The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 73.3

M. Croome

June 25th 1888 Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

June 26th Gave the Standards III, IV, V, VI, VII new Arithmetic Cards. The Children worked well.

June 29th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

The children have attended well this week.

Average 74.6.

June 30th The Average Attendance for the year is 65.039

M. Croome

July 2nd Annie and Alberta Pickford returned to school after an absence of five weeks.

List of Songs for July 6th 1888

Welcome.

Come from toil.

Oft by the deep blue sea.

Flowers, wild wood flowers.

Child's wish.

Infants.

The pony.

The little wrens.

Wandering up and down.

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for the year ending June 30th 1889.

Standard I Birds of Passage

II The Village Blacksmith

III ~~We are seven~~ The May Queen

IV ~~Let Lady Clara~~

V]] Hubert and King John

VI]] ~~The Lay of the Last Minstrel~~

VII]if any]

Geography for Standards IV, V, VI, VII if any
taking course for Stand. IV.

H.R. Mines [POSS Vines?] 6.7.88

July 10th The children were given a holiday yesterday.

Received the Schedule, and arranged the
Standards for the year.

Commenced the New Lessons.

July 13th Average Attendance for the week 61.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

July 16th Good attendance this morning 65.

Arranged for the P. Teacher, Kate Higgs to
take Standard III for Geography and Grammar
taking them myself Friday afternoon
in each week for Recapitulation and Exam.

July 20th Commenced teaching the children New Song

Welcome, little stranger.

Average Attendance for the week 63.8.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school
as usual each morning this week.

M. Croome

1888July 24th Received the report:-

Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

Mixed School "The children appear to be taught with much care and kindness, and their attainments are on the whole very fair. The Grammar of the third and fourth Standards is, however, still weak, and there is a lack of intelligence and expression in the Reading of the higher Standards."

Infants' Class "The Elementary Subjects have been taught with fairly good results; but in the absence of a class room, the Mistress has found it impossible to give the scholars a good infant training without interfering with the instruction of the older children."

Plans of any new buildings (or alterations) that may be proposed, drawn in accordance with the enclosed Rules, must be submitted to the Department for approval, before the work is begun.

Kate Higgs has passed fairly

School staff for the year

Mary Croome - Certificated Mistress

Kate Higgs - Pupil Teacher Second Year

- Stipendiary Monitor

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July 26th The Monitor (Mary Withers) has given notice of to leave Sep. 29th.

Communicated her decision to the Rev A. Evans.

July 27th Average Attendance for the week 59.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual

M. Croome

July 31st Commenced teaching the children a

New Song "Little Fairy"

Aug 2nd The children are all progressing with their new lessons.

Aug 3rd Average Attendance for the week 59.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

Aug 7th Several of the boys are absent to-day.

Aug 9th The Attendance Officer called this morning; a great many children are absent but as

the holidays commence to-morrow, no steps were taken to send them to school.

Aug 10th Closed school for the Harvest holidays

Re-open school Sep. 10th.

M. Croome

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Sep 10th Re-opened school. Several children absent.

Sep 14th Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual

M. Croome

Sep 17th Received notice of the Diocesan Examination on Oct. 8th at 10 o'clock in the morning; read the same to the children, and affixed it to the Time Table.

Sep 18th The Attendance Officer called this morning gave him a list of Absentees; and he promised to "look them up".

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Sep 21st The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday.

The Average Attendance is very unsatisfactory, only 56.3.

M. Croome

Sep 24th Several of the Absentees who were reported to the Attendance Officer on the 18th have returned to school.

Sep 26th The Attendance Officer called. TG still absent.

Sep 28th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 62.9

The School Managers have arranged with Mary Withers to remain as Monitress.

M. Croome

Oct 1st Improved attendance – 63.

Oct 3rd The Attendance Officer called this morning and promised to look up the Absentees.

Oct 5th The Attendance this week has been very unsatisfactory - Average only 59. A great many children have been absent potato-picking.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday, and as usual took the upper Standards for Reading and Religious Instruction.

M. Croome

Oct 8th Diocesan Examination – Morning - Charles H. Awdry

D.I.

The children were given a holiday till

Wednesday.

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Oct 12th Several children have been absent this week.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

Oct 15th Improved attendance this morning 61.

Received two new Maps – Ireland, and Scotland also Reading Books for Stand. I, III.

Oct 19th The children have attended better this week.

Average Attendance for the week 59.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

Oct 22nd T. Sealy Esq visited the school this morning, brought the Reading Books for Infants.

Oct 23rd Florence Bennett returned to School this morning after an absence of three weeks caused through the severe illness of her Father.

Oct 26th Improved attendance this week. Average 62.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the School each morning this week excepting Tuesday & Wednesday and took the Upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

M. Croome

Oct 29th 1888

Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Oct 30th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and wished me to make out a list of Absentees, and those who attended irregularly and send to the Attendance Committee on Saturday.

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1888 Nov 1st Received the Report of the Diocesan Examination held on Oct. 8th and which is as follows:-

“The School has passed a very satisfactory Examination in each of the Groups – and I was altogether pleased with the good progress made - The Repetition was well said, and the Tone good.”

Nov 2nd The Undersigned School Managers met

this morning to consider the present School Accommodation; and the question of a Class Room. They visited the School and inspected the Buildings and adjacent land.

From 10.45 to 11.30 the Managers required my Services, but lessons went on during that time under the care of the Pupil Teacher and Monitress.

Arthur Evans

Thomas Sealy

William Teagle

Charles H. Pickford

Francis M. Clark

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1888 Dec 19th Improved attendance; very few children are absent now, excepting some of the Infants who are away with colds.

Dec 21st Average Attendance for the week 48.4
School closes to-day for the Christmas Holidays, to re-open on Dec. 31st 1888.

Owing to the recent epidemic of Measles, the children were only given a week's holiday.

M. Croome

Dec 31st Re-opened School. Fair attendance

1889 Jan 2nd Average Attendance for the Quarter ending Dec. 25th was very low only 51.313 owing to the out break of Measles.

Jan 3rd Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

Jan 4th The Rev A. Evans visited the school, each morning this week excepting Monday.

Average Attendance for the week 55.1

M. Croome

Jan 9th Standards III and IV commenced working their sums from the Triplex Cards on slates.

Jan 11th Average attendance for the week 54.9

The Rev A. Evans visited the School each morning this week excepting Wednesday

M. Croome

Jan 14th Fair Attendance this afternoon 59.

Jan 15th Standard I girls commenced their examination ~~pins~~ needlework viz. pinafore

Jan 19th Average Attendance for the week 58.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

M. Croome

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Jan 21st Good attendance this morning.

The Rev W. Evans visited the school and heard Standards IV, V, VI Read; and also took them for Scripture.

Jan 23rd The Attendance Officer called; drew his attention to the irregular attendance of FS and her sister MA

Jan 25th Average Attendance for the week 60.8

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday.

M. Croome

Jan 28th Standards III and IV commenced working Sums from Watson's Mechanical Arithmetic Cards.

Jan 29th The Rev W. Evans visited the School this morning.

Feb 1st Average Attendance for the week 57.8

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

Feb 5th The children of Standards III, IV and VI commenced working Arithmetic on paper; and Standard II commenced Dictation on paper.

Feb 8th The Rev W. Evans visited the School this morning, and took Standards IV, V, VI for Reading and Scripture.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting to-day.

Average Attendance 55.8

M. Croome

Feb 11th Only 36 children present this morning owing to the snow.

1889 Feb 15th The Rev A. Evans heard Standard III read and expressed himself as his pleasure at their improvement.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

Average attendance only 49.2 owing to the snow

M. Croome

Feb 18th Improved Attendance

The Rev. A. Evans heard Standard II children read; and was very pleased with all excepting KB.

Feb 20th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

Several children will have to be reported on Saturday for irregularity.

Feb 22nd The V. W. H. Hounds met in the Village; and the children were excused the Scripture Lesson. Only 40 children present in the afternoon.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting to-day.

M. Croome

Feb 26th The Rev W. Evans visited the school yesterday and to-day.

Feb 28th Received notice from the Rev C.F. Johnstone that the Exam. of Pupil Teacher will take place at the National School, Chippenham at 10 o'clock April 13th.

March 1st The Rev A. Evans visited the School, Wednesday Thursday and Friday.

Average Attendance this week 57.6

M. Croome

March 4th Poor Attendance to-day; deep snow.

March 5th Only 40 present this morning owing to the deep snow.

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1889 March 8th Only 37 present this afternoon owing to the floods.

The Monitress (Mary Withers) prevented by the weather and the Floods, (which were very deep all round her home) from Attending all day.

Average Attendance for week 48.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual excepting Wednesday, on which day the children attended Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson.

M. Croome

March 11th Good attendance this morning 62.

March 15th The Attendance has been good throughout the week - Average 61.1

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

March 20th The Attendance Officer called this morning. Several children are attending very irregularly.

March 22nd The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

Average Attendance for the week 59.3

The following children were reported for irregularity during the past month.

FB has only made 23 attendances

HB - - - 19 attendances

FS - - - 22 attendances

MAS - - - 24 attendances
in each case out of a possible 40 times
which the school has been open.
M. Croome

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March 26th 1889

Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

March 29th Improved attendance this week. Average 62.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday when the Rev W. Evans came and took the upper Standards for Reading & Scripture.

M. Croome

Ap 1st The children in Standards III, IV, V and VI commenced working Sums from the Economic Cards.

Ap 3rd Stand. II commenced Arithmetic from Triplex Cards. Fair results.

Ap 5th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance 60.4

Gave Kate Higgs (the Pupil Teacher) leave of absence to-day, on account of the Funeral of Agnes Clifford, a Stand II child whom [Mrs] Higgs had kept during the last year.

M. Croome

Ap 8th Very wet morning. Several children from a distance prevented from attending by the weather.

Ap 12th Average Attendance for the week 58.1

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Mary Croome

Ap 15th Kate Higgs attended the P. T. Exam. At Chippenham on the 13th.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon,

Ap 18th Closed school for the Easter Holidays – re-open

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April 29th.

Average Attendance for the week 62.3

M. Croome

April 29th Re-opened school.

April 30th Rev W. Evans visited the school; and took the Upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

May 3rd Average Attendance for the week 61.2.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome

May 6th Good attendance this morning.

The Standard children commenced working Arithmetic from Stanhope Cards.

May 9th Alice Knight still unable to attend school through illness.

May 10th Average Attendance for the week 63.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

May 13th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

May 14th Sent Mary Ann Strange home during the dinner time with sore throat.

May 17th The Average Attendance for the week 63.2

Three children absent with colds.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

May 22nd Very few children present this afternoon owing to the visit of a Circus, to the neighbouring town of Malmesbury.

May 24th Average Attendance for the week 57.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

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May 27th The Attendance Officer called this morning.

May 28th Examined the children of Standards III, IV, V VI in Arithmetic – gave them new sets of Cards (the Minerva). Results satisfactory with the exception of two children in Stand. III.

May 30th The children attended Morning Prayers instead of having the usual Religious Instruction, as it was Ascension Day.

May 29th Several children absent this week with colds.

Received the Government Papers this evening from W. Teagle Esq.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week excepting on Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 57.5

M. Croome

June 3rd

Alice Knight returned to School after an absence of 4 months through sickness.

June 7th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

The Rev W. Evans visited the school on Wednesday.

Average Attendance for the week 62.9

M. Croome

June 10th Small school this afternoon owing to a Club held in the next village.

June 13th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

June 14th Average Attendance for the week 57.3

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Edith Skull has been absent all the week with inflammation in her eye.

M. Croome

June 17th Received Certificate from Dr. Monatt Biggs stating that Alice Knight is still in a

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weak state and utterly unfit for school.

Owing to the critical condition of her eye

Edith Skull was taken to Bath on

Saturday and is now an in patient of the Hospital.

June 21st Average Attendance for the week 57.9.

The Rev W. Evans visited the school on Thursday.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

June 25th Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

June 28th Average Attendance for the week 62.7.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday.

The Rev W. Evans visited the school on Monday.

M. Croome

July 1st Commenced new registers.

July 2nd The Rev A. Evans took Standards I and II for Reading, and was very pleased especially with Stand. II.

July 5th Average Attendance for the week 61.8

Florence and Hannah Bennett have attended very irregularly this week owing to the indisposition of their mother.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

M. Croome

July 9th Received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit, fixed for Thursday the 18th inst. at 10 o'clock.

The Attendance Officer called this morning.

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July 10th Tom Potter absent from School with a bad arm through boiling water falling over it.

July 12th Average Attendance for the week 63.5.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week and heard the Standard children recite their Poetry.

M. Croome

July 15th Tom Potter returned to school this morning, his arm is so much better, that he was able to use it and do nearly all his lessons.

List of Songs for July 18th 1889

The Flower Girl

Welcome, welcome little stranger

Lullaby

The Queen of Night is shining.

The Village Bells.

Infants

There was once a little Kitty.

Oh, stay your hand my little boy.

As little Damp Crump.

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1.English.

Recitation for T. M. Inspector's Approval for the year ending June 30th 1890.

Stand. I The boy who told a lie

Stand. II We are seven.

Stand. III Napoleon and the sailor.

Stand IV]

Stand. V] Antony's Funeral Oration.

Stand VI]

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2. Geography

Standards IV, V VI taking the course for Stand. V.

Infants' Lessons

Cotton, horse, tin, carpets, bear, sugar,
camel, chalk tiger potatoes chairs sponge,

ostrich, paper, whale, salt, cuckoo, iron
the seasons, leather, a river, reindeer, tea wool
lion, gold, swallow, brushes, silk, fox
wolf, bread, elephant, water, eagle,
flowers, sheep, coal, giraffe silver.

C. F Johnstone.

July 17th Ernest Carter fell down while in the
playground this morning, and ~~brought~~
broke his thigh. I called the attention
of the Rev. A. Evans to the accident, after
I had directed the Monitress to carry the
poor boy into the school house; he was
taken home in a wheel chair obtained
from the Rectory, and the Doctor sent for.
The sad occurrence (on enquiry) was
found to be accidental.

July 19th The children were given a holiday to-day
after the Exam. yesterday.

M. Croome

July 22nd Received the Schedule and arranged
the Standards for the year.

Commenced new Lessons; working according
to the Revised Time Table

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July 26th Average Attendance for the week 51.4
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as
usual this week.

M. Croome.

July 29th The children are all progressing with
their new lessons.

July 3rd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week excepting Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 49.7

M. Croome

Aug 5th "Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report."

"The general character of the school
is good, and considerable care appears
to be given to the instruction. The
elementary work is accurate, and there
is some knowledge of Grammar and
Geography, though only moderate
intelligence in these subjects. The
prepared specimens of Needlework were
good, those done on the morning of
the examination were fair"

Kate Higgs has passed well.
School staff for the year
Mary Croome Certificated Mistress
Kate Higgs Pupil Teacher Third Year
Mary Withers - Stipendiary Monitor.

Aug 6th The Attendance Officer called this morning

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Aug 8th The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week

Closed school this afternoon for the Harvest holidays.

Re-open school Sep. 9th.

M. Croome.

Sep. 9th Re-opened school. Small attendance.

Sep. 14th Average attendance for the week 53.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Sep. 16th The Monitor (Mary Withers) gave notice to leave.

Sep. 20th Average attendance for the week 56.9

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week

M. Croome

Sep. 23rd The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this morning, and took the Upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

Sep. 25th Sent to the Attendance Officer to call his attention to the irregularity of S

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Sept 27th

Examined the Registers & found them

Correct

Arthur Evans

Average Attendance for the week 57.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday and Thursday

M. Croome

Sep. 30th The Attendance Officer called and stated that he had seen Mrs B about the

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irregular attendance of her child.

Sep 30th The Monitor (Mary Withers) resigned to-day

Oct 1st Laura Barnes commenced duty as Monitor.

Oct 4th Sent in list of Absentees to the Attendance Officer, who called on Monday, and requested me to do so; as he found it was no use to call on the Parents. Names sent in – SAB, MP MAS.

The Rev. W. Evans visited the School on Monday and Wednesday; and the Rev. A. Evans on Tuesday and Thursday. Received notice of the Diocesan Exam. fixed for Oct. 24th at 10.30. The said notice was read to the children; and affixed according to Clause 76 of the Elementary Education Act.

M. Croome.

Oct. 7th Alice Knight returned to school; she is still very weak.

Oct. 9th Stand IV children are getting on well with Reduction of Weights and Measures.

~~ex~~ JB and FS are very backward owing to their irregular attendance.

Received notice from the Education Department on Form 15a, that the month for Examination is altered from July to June; therefore the school year will end on the 31st May; and all returns required under the Code; must be made to that date.

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Oct 12th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting Friday, and took the upper Standards for Reading and Scripture

M. Croome.

Oct. 15th Received the New Map of Europe, exercise books, copy-books &c. which are required for the present year.

Oct. 18th Sarah Annie Barnes has attended regularly since she was reported ~~to~~ by the Attendance Officer on the 4th.

The average attendance for the week is 62.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Oct. 14th Several children absent to-day, gathering acorns.

Oct: 24 Examination in Religious Knowledge: 10.30.

C. S. Taylor. Diocesan Inspector.

Oct. 25th The children were given a holiday.

M. Croome.

Oct. 29th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon to enquire about the children who were reported at the last Meeting of the Committee. Sarah Annie Barnes has attended very well lately; but Maria Potter and Mary Ann Strange are still very irregular in their attendance. The Officer cautioned Maria Potter; and informed me that the Parents of the other two children were summoned to appear before the Magistrates next Tuesday.

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Nov 1st Sarah Annie Barnes has made 33 attendances out of a possible 36 during the last four weeks. therefore the summons against her parents has been withdrawn.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school
As usual this week.

M. Croome

Nov 5th Edith Scull has returned to school; ~~after~~
She has been absent nearly 5 months, with inflammation of the eyes; even now they are far from strong; she cannot keep at lessons all the time.

Nov 9th Average attendance for the week 65.

The Rev. A. Evans has visited the school
each morning this week.

Received certificate from the Master of Hilmarton School, stating that Edwd Smart was examined in Stand III in that school last July and failed in Reading & Writing.

M. Croome

Nov 11th Received the Report of the Diocesan Examination held on the 24th Oct which is as follows-

"A pleasant well-ordered School, where good earnest work is being done; there is, however too strong a tendency to simultaneous answering in the lower group"

Nov 15th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

M. Croome

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Nov 18th Good attendance this morning 69.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this morning and took the upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

Nov 22nd Average attendance for the week 65.3.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday.

M. Croome

Nov 25th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this morning and took the upper standards for Reading and scripture.

Nov 27th The attendance Officer called this morning.

-No complaint. Mary Ann Strange has attended better since the summons was issued against her Father.

Nov 29th Average attendance for the week 65.2

M. Croome

Decr 2nd Several children absent this morning.

Decr 4th Standard II commenced Division

Decr 6th Average attendance for the week 65.4

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

Decr 11th Several boys absent to-day gone to the Christmas Market at Malmesbury

Decr 13th Average Attendance for the week 64.1

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Decr 16th Standard III commenced working sums from Cards.

Stand II commenced their needlework (Pillow cases) for exam day.

M. Croome

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Dec 18th 1889

Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Dec 19th The Attendance Officer called the afternoon. No complaint. Several children absent with colds.

Dec 20th Closed school this afternoon for Christmas Holidays.

M. Croome

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Jan 6th Re-opened school – Good attendance.

Jan 8th Stand I and III commenced working their garments for exam day.

Jan 10th FS and her sister MA have attended very irregularly this week.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Jan 13th Standards IV, and V commenced their garments for exam day.

Jan 14th Several children absent with severe colds.

Jan 17th Average Attendance for the week only 53.5 owing to so many children being absent through illness.

Jan 20th Very wet morning - poor attendance.

Jan 22nd Several children absent with influenza.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon drew his attention to the irregularity of

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ES; the Officer promised to call on the parents.

Jan 24th Average Attendance 53.2.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday when the Rev. W. Evans visited.

M. Croome

Jan 27th Only 46 children present this morning.

Jan 28th The monitor (Laura Barnes) absent through illness.

Jan 31 Average Attendance for the week 43.2

Children absent with Influenza.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday and

To-day

M. Croome

Feb 3rd Improved attendance this morning 57.

Laura Barnes (The Monitor) returned to school.

Feb 7th The children were dismissed immediately after their Secular Instruction this morning, ~~on~~ as the V.W.H. hounds met in the village. No school in the afternoon.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school

As usual, excepting this morning.

M. Croome

Feb 11th received notice from R. F. Curry Esq that the Exam of Pupil Teachers will take place on the 19th April at 10 o'clock at the National School Chippenham.

The Rev. A. Evans Took Standard III for Reading this morning; and was pleased with all the children excepting E S.

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Feb 14th Good attendance this week. Average 62.7

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday when the Rev. W. Evans attended.

M. Croome

Feb 19th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
No complaint. The Children attended Morn. Pray. At 11:30.

Feb 21st Average Attendance for the week 63.4

Commenced teaching children new song "I'd rather be a daisy"

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday, when the children instead of receiving their usual instruction in Scripture attended Morning Prayers at 11:30

M. Croome

Feb 24th Good attendance this morning – 69.

Feb 26th The P. Teacher (Kate Higgs) came to school this morning, but was so unwell I sent her home for the day.

Feb 27th The P. Teacher resumed her duties.

Feb 28th Average Attendance for the week 65.2

The Rev. A. Evans attended the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

March 3rd Examined the children of Stand II in Arithmetic, and found them weak in Division.

Mar 5th Standards IV V VI commenced working sums from Minerva Cards.

They have also commenced learning their Recitation – The Death of Cesar.

Mar 7th Good attendance this week. Average 65.4

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week

M. Croome

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March 10th The children from a distance absent owing to the weather.

Mar 12th Examined Standard III in Arithmetic -
The following children require great
attention – KB, MC,
ES.

Mar 14th Average attendance not so good 62.1
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
each morning excepting Wednesday;
when the Rev. W. Evans attended.
M. Croome.

March 17th Examined the Registers &
found them correct.
Arthur Evans.

The children were given half holiday
to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, on the
occasion of a Point to point race
starting from the Village.

Mar 18th Very few children present this afternoon.

Mar 21st The children in Standards IV, V VI
commenced working sums from
Stanhope cards.

Average attendance for the week 56.6
The Attendance Officer called on Wednesday.
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
as usual this week.

M. Croome

Mar 24th Admitted four children to-day -
Frank Collar and Arthur his brother
in Stand II, and Walter Collar and
Charles Smart in the Infant Class.

Mar 28th Average attendance for the week 65.3
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning
excepting Wednesday.
M. Croome

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March 31st Good attendance this morning – 67
Received a certificate from Dr. Jennings
stating that MC was
not in a fit state to attend school

April 3rd The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 63.8

Closed school for Easter holidays -

Re-open April 14th

Mary Croome

Apr 14th Re-opened school; several children absent.

Apr 16th The Attendance Officer called, and promised
to look up the absentees.

Apr 18th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 66.2.

M. Croome.

Apr 21st Kate Higgs attended the P. Teacher's Exam at Chippenham on Saturday the 19th

Good attend to-day – 70

Apr 22nd The children in Upper Standards commenced working sums from "Schedule Cards".

Apr 25th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

Average attendance for the week 67.6

M. Croome

Apr 28th MAS is very backward in Arithmetic – owing to her irregular attendance.

Apr 29th Examined Stand I – Arithmetic and Reading are good but the writing poor.

May 2nd The attendance this week has been good.

Mabel Clifford has returned from her visit.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each

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morning excepting Tuesday.

M. Croome.

May 3rd Received the Government Papers this Morning from W. Teagle Esq.

May 5th Full school this afternoon – 73.

Minnie Carter returned to school after 5 wks absence through illness.

May 7th Standard IV detained after school hours to re-write Dictation for carelessness.

May 9th Very wet afternoon. Several children absent. Average attendance for week 68.5.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome.

May 12th A great many children absent this afternoon; owing to the visit of a Circus to the neighbouring of Malmesbury.

May 14th The Attendance Officer called this morning – he promised to "look up" MAS and HB.

May 15th Ascension Day – the children assembled at 8.45 and Registers marked and closed Bb 9 o'clock, according to Time Table and the children attended Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30.

May 16th Average attendance for the week 66.8

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

May 20th Received notice of H. M. Inspector's visit which is fixed for Friday, the 27th June At 10.30 o'clock.

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May 23rd The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this morning, and took the Upper Standards for Reading and Scripture.

The Average attendance for the week 67.9

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school

Each morning this week excepting to-day.

M. Croome

May 26th Poor attendance this afternoon, owing to A Club held in the neighbouring village.

May 27th Examined the Registers and found them correct. Arthur Evans

May 29th Examined Standards III, IV, V, VI, VII in Arithmetic – results satisfactory except in Stand III when the weak ones were KB and ED.

Stand IV. FS, Stand V MP

and AB.

May 30th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 66.7.

M. Croome

June 2nd Commenced New Registers.

Poor attendance this afternoon (39) owing to a Club in the neighbouring village.

Jun 4th Examined 1st Division of Infants this afternoon; results – satisfactory excepting Reading which is weak.

Jun 6th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average attendance for the week 65.5.

M. Croome

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June 9th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this morning.

Jun 11th The Attendance Officer called this morning, and promised to inquire the cause of Thomas Strange being absent from school

Jun 12th Received postcard from the Attendance Officer stating that Thomas Strange is absent through illness.

Jun 13th The average attendance for the week is 69.9.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday

and Tuesday.

M. Croome

Jun 16th Thomas Strange returned to school.

Two children in Stand III absent – Louisa Comley gone away on a visit, and Fanny Ponting through illness.

Jun 17th The P. T (Kate Higgs) absent through the dangerous illness of her brother.

Jun 20th Kate Higgs resumed her duties to-day; her brother still lies in a dangerous state, but no change is anticipated for two or three days.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, and took Standards IV V, VI, VII for Reading, and afterwards for Scripture.

The average attendance for the week is 70.3.

M. Croome.

Jun 24th Received certificate from Dr. Biggs; stating that Fanny Ponting is still unable to attend school; as she is still under medical treatment.

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List of Songs for June 27th 1890

I love the little rill.
Season follows Season.
Life is full of ups and downs.
The blacksmith.
The village-green.
Children join in singing.

Infants.
The Fireman.
Baby-land.
My little dolly.

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1. English.
Recitation for H. M. Inspector's
approval for the year ending May 31st 1891
Stand. I Good-night and good morning.

“ II The Pebble and the Acorn.

“ III Ginevra.

“ IV]

“ V] Julius Caesar.

“ VI]

“ VII]

Course C.

2. Geography.

Standards IV, V, VI, VII, (if any)

take that marked in Course A. for
Stand.VI.

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Infants Lessons

Baskets, coal, duck, dwelling houses, fish,
butter, gardens, chairs, boots and shoes, a tree,
haymaking, cow, books, kindness to animals,
needles, umbrella, ice, English coins, clocks,
cat, books, bread, caged birds, snow,
railways, elephant, rain, uses of water goat
birds' nests; the cow.

Approved [?]

June 30th Received the Schedule and arranged
the Standards for the year.

Commenced the new lessons working
according to the revised Time Table.

The children were given their usual
holiday after the Exam. to-morrow.

July 4th The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual
this week.

Average Attendance for the week 52.5

M. Croome

July 7th Improved attendance.

July 9th The Attendance Officer called this morning;
drew his attention to several children
who are attending irregularly.

July 11th The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 59.5

M. Croome

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1890 July 14th Summary of H. M. Inspector's Report:

"The children are in very good order,
and have passed a satisfactory examination
in the Elementary Subjects. The Class
Subjects are fairly known and
Needlework and Singing are good.
The Infants are making fair progress."
Kate Higgs has passed well.
Arthur Evans

School Staff for the year.

Mary Croome - Certificated Mistress

Kate Higgs - Pupil Teacher Fourth Year

Laura Barnes - Stipendiary Monitress.

Arthur Evans

July 18th The Average Attendance for the week is 62.5

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M. Croome

July 21st Fanny Ponting returned to school after an absence of six weeks through illness.

July 23rd ES detained after school hours to work his sums. (inattention).

July 25th Average Attendance for the week 62.2.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

July 28th Good attendance to-day; the children are progressing in Arithmetic.

Aug 1st Improved attendance this week; Average 63.8

The Rev A. Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

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Aug 5th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; very few children absent.

August 6th Examined the Register & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Aug 8th Closed school for the Harvest Holidays.

M. Croome

1890 Sep 9th Several children absent; sent to enquire the reason – they were helping their parents.

Sep 12th Average Attendance for the week 57.9

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Sep 15th Received notice of the Diocesan Examination fixed for Oct 1st at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The said notice was read to the children and affixed according to Clause 76 of the Elementary Education.

Sep 19th Average Attendance for the week 63.6

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

Sep 22nd Good attendance this morning.

Minnie Carter absent through illness.

Sep 26th T. Sealy Esq. called at the School this morning; brought the map, books etc. which are required for the year.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday, when the Rev W. Evans

attended and took the Upper Standards
for Reading and Scripture.

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1890 Sep 29th Good attendance this morning. Number
present 70.

Oct 1 Diocesan Examination – Afternoon.

Charles H. Awdry.

D.I.

Oct 2nd The children were given the usual holiday
after the Exam.

The Attendance Officer called and took
the names of Absentees. Hannah Bennett
and Minnie Carter have been absent
through sickness; Kate Barnes through
the illness of her Father, and Frank Withers
through illness of his sister.

Oct 3rd Average attendance for the week 64.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Oct 6th Good attendance this morning – 68.

Oct 7th Fred. Comley met with an accident
yesterday morn. and cut his face in
a dreadful manner; his father took him to
the Dr. to have it sewn.

Oct 10th Average Attendance for the week 63.2

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each
morning this week excepting Thursday
when the Rev W. Evans attended.

M. Croome

Oct 14th Standard V commenced Bills of Parcels.

Oct 15th Louisa Comley returned to school; she
has been absent the last days, looking
after her brother, who met with an accident.

Oct 17th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each
morning, excepting Monday when the Rev W. Evans
attended.

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Oct 17th Average Attendance for the week 62.6

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Oct 20th Sent Mary Ann Strange home at 11.45,
complaining of sore throat.

Oct 22nd Admitted SJP and her
brother JA. The Parents are
just come to live in our Village; their

former home was in a retired hamlet, some distance from a school. The Mother said the children had only attended school a fortnight; and then were prevented further attendance by illness, and the distance to walk. Both children are very ignorant, not even knowing the Alphabet, so I have placed them in the Infant's Class.

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Oct 24th Improved attendance. Average 66.9
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome

Oct 28th Fred. Comley returned to school; has been absent three wks – suffering from the effects of an accident. Examination Stand III in Arithmetic - results not satisfactory; the children will require great attention for the next month.

Oct 31st Average Attendance for the week 65.9
Reported the following children to the School Attendance Committee:-
WC made 23 attendances out of 40
FS - 26 - - - 40
The Attendance Officer called on the 29th. Oct.

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Oct 31st Maria Potter has been absent all the week through illness

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Tuesday: when the Rev W. Evans attended, and took the Upper Standards for Reading and Scripture
M. Croome

Nov 3rd Received the Report of the Diocesan Examination held on the 1st Oct.

“The children continue to be in very good order, and have again given proof of careful and earnest Religious teaching.”

Nov 4th Fanny Strange, and her sister and brother are absent through illness – the chicken pox.

Nov 7th Average Attendance for the week 63.2
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.
M. Croome

Nov 10th The Rev W. Evans visited the school this morning; and took the upper Standards for Reading.

Nov 11th The girls in the Standards have learnt their new stitches; and commenced their garments for Examination.

Nov 14th Average Attendance for the week 63.9
Evelyn Philipps absent since Monday,
also Eva Scott – both children have bad colds.

The Rev A. Evans the school on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
M. Croome

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Nov 17th The children in Standard V are getting on well with Composition. I was much pleased this afternoon, with their re. production of a story read to them twice.

Nov 20th Transferred Arthur Collar from Stand III to Stand IV for Arithmetic.

Nov 21st Average Attendance for the week 66.6.
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.
M. Croome

Nov 24th The children of Stand III are improving in Arithmetic.

Nov 25th The Attendance Officer called this morning, and promised to inquire if Fanny Strange and her sister and brother were recovered from chicken pox.

Nov 28th Snowy morning – several Infants absent

Average Attendance for week 64
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week
M. Croome

Dec 1st The Rev A. W. Evans visited the school this morning, and took the upper Stand. For Reading and Scripture.

Dec 4th Stand IV children are improving in Writing.

Dec 5th Average Attendance for the week 62.1
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Monday.
M. Croome

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Dec 8th Fanny Strange, and her Sister and Brother returned to school this morning after an absence of five weeks through illness.

Dec 10th Examined Stand III in Arithmetic - fairly satisfactory results.

Dec 12th Average Attendance for the week 65.
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week as usual.

M. Croome

Dec 17th Several children absent to-day with severe colds.

Dec 19th Deep snow. Very few children present.
Closed school for Christmas Holidays.

M. Croome

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Jan 5th Re-opened school. Poor Attendance owing to the snow.

Jan 9th Children living at a distance absent all the week, owing to the state of the roads.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week

M. Croome

Jan 12th Improved attendance. Several children living at a distance from the school, were present this afternoon.

Jan 14th Heard Standard II read – results satisfactory, excepting FC and AH

Jan 16th Average Attendance for the week 61.4
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday, when the Rev W. Evans attended,
M. Croome

Jan 19th 1891

Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

Jan 22nd The Attendance Officer called this morning; and promised to call on Mrs P and Mrs S, about their children's irregular attendance.

Jan 23rd Average Attendance for the week 63.9
The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.
M. Croome

Jan 26th FS and her Sister and Brother came into school at 9.40 consequently, their Attendances were not reckoned.

Jan 28th Examined Stand I, and found the children backward in Reading.

Jan 30th The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 64.3

M. Croome

Feb 2nd The Rev A. Evans heard Stand III children read, and expressed his pleasure at their progress.

Feb 3rd Full school this morning – number present 71.

Feb 5th Average Attendance for the week 62.3

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M. Croome

Feb 6th Received notice of Pupil Teacher's Exam. to be

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held at Chippenham on April 18th.

Feb 9th Good attendance 66. Took Stand I For Reading and Arithmetic

Feb 11th Ash Wednesday. The children ~~and~~ assembled and the Registers marked as stated on Time Table; instead of receiving their usual Scripture Lessons they attended Morning Prayers.

Feb 13th Attendance not so good this week
Average 60%

The Rev A Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Wednesday.

M Croome.

Feb 16th Eva Scott still unable to attend school through weakness.

Feb 17th The Attendance Officer called this morning and promised to inquire after FS and her sister MA

also WC; who have attended very irregularly during the last month.

Feb 20th The children were dismissed immediately after Secular Instruction this morning, as the V.W.H. hounds met in the Village.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting to-day.

Average Attendance for the week 61.1

M. Croome

Feb 25th Sent Mary Ann Strange home; she looked ill and complained of sore throat.

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Feb 27th Examined Standard III in Geography this afternoon-children answered very well.

Average Attendance for the week 60.1

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

M. Croome.

March 2nd The children are improving in Singing.

Mar 4th Took infants for Lessons from 10.45 to 11.30 instead of this afternoon; they will Require great attention in Writing.

Mar 6th Average Attendance for the week 60.1

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday, when the Rev. W. Evans attended
M. Croome

Mar 10th Deep snow-only 12 children present.

As the storm was still raging at 12 o'clock, when I dismissed the children I told them, the school would not be open this afternoon.

Mar 11th Deep snow - as paths had been made in the vicinity of the school; I resumed school duties. 25 children present.

The roads are still impassable in places, rendering it impossible for some of the children to attend.

I had omitted to draw a line down the space slotted for the attendance yesterday afternoon, and in marking the ~~resg~~

Registers this morning, I marked several attendances ~~be~~ in the said space, before discovering my mistake, thus making it appear that the school

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had been opened; which was not the ~~sch~~ case. The school was not

opened at all in the afternoon of the 10th.

Mar 13th Average Attendance for the week 39.5

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday.

M Croome

Mar 16th Good Attendance this morning - 64.

Mar 17th Received Certificate from Dr. Biggs stating that Eva Scott was still unable to attend to school; and must not be allowed to do so for some months yet.

Mar 19th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, but there was no complaint, the children have attended as regularly as the weather permitted

Mar 20th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average attendance for the week 61.2

M. Croome

The Pupil Teacher has decided to sit for Scholarship at a centre; and has chosen Swindon. The necessary form has been filled up and returned to the Department.

M. Croome

March 25th 1891

Examined the Registers & found them correct
Arthur Evans

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March 26th Average attendance for the week 61.5

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each Morning this week excepting Wednesday, when the Rev. W. Evans attended.

Took the Infants this week in the morning from 10.45 to 11.30 instead of in the afternoon; and let the Monitor help P.T. with the elder children.

Closed the school this afternoon for Easter Holidays - re-open April 6th

M. Croome

April 6th The Pupil Teacher opened, and with the Monitress conducted school to-day, during my absence; the P.T marked the Registers, and entered Berta Pickford's Attendances on the 1st line instead of her own.

I was absent from School to-day with the consent of the Managers.

Apr 7th Received Certificate from Dr. Biggs stating

That EP was suffering from weak lungs and unfit for school.

Apr 10th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each Morning of the week, excepting Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 62.3

M. Croome

Apr 13th Several boys absent this afternoon-must report to the Attendance Officer.

Apr 15th Attendance Officer called this ~~afternoon~~ morning, and took the names of the children who have attended irregularly promising to call on the Parents.

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Apr 17th Average Attendance for the week 61.7

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning as usual.

M Croome

Apr 20th Examined Stand III in Geography this afternoon; weak point-the rivers.

Apr 23rd The Pupil Teacher obtained permission to have a holiday to-day to go to Bristol.

The Rev. A. Evans brought to school

A daily paper, and heard Standards

V, VI VIII read from it.

Apr 24th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 62.

M. Croome

Apr 27th Took Standard I for all their lessons to-day, and sent P.T. to the Upper Standard

Apr 29th Gave the Upper Standards new set of Long Tots the Ajax this afternoon - results, fairly satisfactory.

May 1st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting Tuesday.

Average Attendance for the week 62.1

May 2nd Received the Government Papers This morning.

M. Croome

May 5th Took Stand II for all their lessons to-day AH and FC are weak in Arithmetic.

May 6th The Rev. A. Evans heard the Upper Standards read from a daily paper.

Long Tots=adding up long columns of numbers.

The Ajax=a publication about mathematics/Arithmetic.

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May 7th Ascension-day - The children attended Morning Prayers at Church instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson at 11.30.

May 8th Several children have been absent suffering from severe colds.

Average attendance for the week 60.4.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Thursday.

M. Croome

May 11th Commenced marking the Attendance in Registers, according to Revised Instructions.

May 12th Received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit – fixed for Monday the 22nd of June at 10.45.

May 13th Attendance Officer called this morning and promised to enquire after several absentees.

Sent the Monitress, (L. Barnes) home this morning; she was not well – sick head-ache.

May 15th Average Attendance not so good this week 57.4 owing to several of the children being absent with colds.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Tuesday; when the Rev W Evans attended.

M. Croome

May 18th Several children absent this afternoon; owing to a club held in the neighbouring village.

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May 28th The Rev A. Evans heard Standards III, V, VI their Recitation.

May 22nd Average Attendance for the week 59.1

HB has been absent three weeks, so I have written to the Attendance Officer, asking him to make the necessary inquiries.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting

Monday, when the Rev W Evans attended.

M. Croome

May 25th HB returned to school, very backward in her lessons, owing to irregular attendance.

Poor school this afternoon, a great many children gone to a club in the neighbouring village.

May 28th Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

May 29th Average Attendance for the week 57.8.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

June 1st Commenced New Registers & Drawing.

June 4th Received a Certificate from Dr. Higgins stating that Sarah Jane Perry was still unfit to attend School.

June 6th Average Attendance for the week 61.4

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week excepting Friday when the Rev W Evans attended.

M. Croome

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June 10th The Attendance Officer called this morning; and promised "to look up" the Absentees.

June 11th The children are given half holiday this afternoon on the occasion of the Agricultural Show being held at Malmesbury.

June 12th Average Attendance for the week 60.7

The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning as usual.

Several children have attended very irregularly during the past month so I have sent in list of the same to the Attendance Officer.

M. Croome

June 17th On making up the Registers for the past year, I found that Bessie Day had made 439 attendances in fact had been present every time the school was opened. I mentioned it to the Rev A. Evans.

June 18th This morning the Rev A. Evans came into School, and said He wished to speak a few words to the Children. He called up Bessie Day,

and after telling her she had been present every time the school was opened during the ~~pre~~ past year, and expressing his great pleasure at her regularity, he gave her 5/- as a present.

He also mentioned that he never remembered hearing of a similar instance in the school.

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List of Songs for June ~~27~~ 22nd 1891.

All hail, gentle Spring.
The Whale.
Beautiful butterfly
English children
Sporting on the Village green
I come creeping.
The meadow spring

Infants.

The doll's house
The miller
When we were little children.

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1. English – Course C.

Standards V, VI, VII (if any)
taking that marked for Stand V.
Recitation for H.M. Inspectors approval
for the year ending May 31st 1892

Stand I. Which loved best

- “ II. Casabianca
- “ III. Fidelity
- “ IV. The Wreck and Woodman
spare that tree
- “ V.]
- “ VI] The Deserted Village.
- “ VII]

2. Geography. Course A.

Standards IV, V, VI, VII (if any)
taking that marked for Standard V.

Infants Lessons

Milk,	coal,	jug,	flowers,	water	
sugar	clothes,	sponge	elephant,	paper,	
lion,	salt,	tea,	leather,	slate,	
house,	wool	bear,	ostrich,	cow	
rain	whale,	books,	bread,	birds' nests	
tiger,	oak,	clock,	garden,	kindness	
to animals,	wheat,	sheep,	garden,	eagle	
shark,	camel,	butter,	cotton,	dog,	cat.
Approved [K R Curry]					

June 24th The children were given their usual holiday after the Exam yesterday.

June 26th Received the Duplicate Schedule containing Labour Passes.

Average Attendance for the week 54.4

MAS and her brother T

have come to school each time this week

excepting Monday too late to have

their attendance marked; this afternoon

it was 27 minutes to 3 o'clock; so I

sent a note to the Mother asking

the reason.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school

each morning this week.

M. Croome

June 29th Admitted two children. Henry Porter, Richard Perry.

June 30th Examined children for Prizes, and arranged Standards.

The Rev A. Evans and Rev W Evans visited

School, and conducted Examination.

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July 3rd Average attendance for the week 56.6.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as

usual this week

M Croome

July 8th Kate Higgs is gone to Swindon to attend the scholarship exam.

The Attendance Officer called this

morning and promised to look up the

Absentees.

July 10th Average attendance for the week 56.1.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each

morning as usual.

M Croome

July 14th Received Government report.

July 13th Arranged the boys in Standards for Drawing.

Summary of the H M Inspection Report.

“The children are orderly, but they should not be allowed to answer out of turn. Their instruction is carried on with some difficulty owing to the crowded state of the room. On the whole satisfactory progress has been made in the elementary subjects. A fair knowledge is shewn of Grammar, but a grant for Geography is recommended with much hesitation. The infants are making fair progress”

Arthur Evans

School staff for the year: -

Mary Croome – first class certificated Mistress

Kate Higgs -

Laura Barnes – Stipendiary monitress

Arthur Evans

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July 16th Copy of balance sheet signed and put on the School Door, according to Code.

Jul 17th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual.

M Croome

July 20th Admitted two Infants this morning.

July 24th The children are progressing with their new lessons.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this week as usual.

M Croome

July 27th James Reeve and his two brothers returned to school this morning.

July 31st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

August 1st The fourteen days required by the code for the Report to be open to inspection expired to-day. The report has been at the Rectory. during that time, notice of the name with Balance sheet was fixed to school-~~dy~~ door.

The Form 520 relating to Drawing was signed by Correspondent, and sent to the Science and Art Department.

M Croome

Aug 3rd Received from Managers – New Sets of Reading Books for Stand II, copy books exercise books, Map, also Drawing Materials.

Aug 6th Examined the Registers and found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Aug 3rd Boys take Drawing from 1.45 to 2.55 on Mondays Wednesday and Thursday.

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August 7th Closed school this morning for Harvest Holidays

M Croome

Sept 7th Free Education. No fees taken from the children. Several children absent – working with their parents in the harvest fields.

Sep 11th Average attendance for the week 52.4

M Croome

Sep 14th Admitted two new children Eliza Reeve and John Reeve.

The children who were absent last week in the harvest fields have returned to school this morning.

Sep 18th Average attendance for the week 60.3

The Rev A Evans visited the school as usual.

The forms respecting Drawing arrived from the Department of Science and Art ~~arrived~~ during the holidays.

M Croome

Sep 21st Good attendance this morning.

Sep 25th The Rev W Evans visited the school each morning excepting Monday and Friday.

Average attendance for the week 58.4.

M Croome

Sep 28th Good attendance this morning – 63.

Sep 30th The Attendance Officer called this morning and promised to call on the parents of the following children ES, HB, A P.

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Oct 2nd Hannah Bennett called this morning to say they had measles in the house

so of course none of the family-a
were sent to school.

Average attendance for the week 57.5.

The Rev W Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting
~~Mon~~ Tuesday.

M Croome

Oct 6th Very few children at school today
owing to the heavy rain and floods.

Oct 8th William Reeve came into school, directly
after his name was called, and marked
absent, so his attendance was reckoned.

Oct 9th The Rev W Evans visited the school
this week instead of the Rev A Evans
who has been prevented by illness.

M Croome

Oct 12th ~~The Perry~~ Jane Perry's parents have left
the neighbourhood.

Admitted three children whose parents
are come to live at the Mill – Alice Vizor
and her sisters Lizzie and Annie.

The Bennetts returned to school this morning.
the baby having quite recovered from measles

Oct 16th The Rev A W Evans visited the school
again this week instead of the Rev. A. Evans.

Average attendance for the week 57.5.

M Croome

Oct 19th Admitted five children, whose parents
are come to live in the village, three
children of the Seymour Hewer, and two of
Dickox

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Oct 20th Received notice that Kate Higgs
Pupil Teacher 4th year, who sat at Swindon
on July 8th for Scholarship, had been successful
and was placed in 2nd Class.

Oct 23rd The Rev W Evans visited the school each
day this week excepting Thursday.

The floods which have been very deep have
prevented the children from the Mill from
attending.

Average attendance this week 58.2.

M Croome

Oct 28th The Attendance Officer called this morning
he promised to call on Mrs P and
inquire the reason of A's irregularity.

Oct 29th The following children at 1.55 after
the names had been called and the
registers closed, so that their attendances

were not reckoned;- Osmond Pickford,
William Comely, Fred. Comely.
Frank Bennett and Alfred Scott.

Oct 30th The Rev W Evans visited the school and
took Standard IV, V, VI for reading and
scripture. He also came on Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday.

Average attendance for the week 58.3

M Croome

Nov 2nd Maud Goddard and her sister Emily absent
on account of the death of their father.

Nov 3rd The girls of Standard I and II commenced
their Exam. needlework.

Nov 6th AP has only made 3 attendances
out of 10 this week; her name was
sent in to the Attendance Committee
last week.

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Nov. 6th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school
each morning this week excepting
Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 58.6.

M. Croome.

Nov. 10th Received notice of Diocesan Examination
fixed for Nov. 26th at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon.

The said notice was read to the children
and affixed to the school, according to
Clause 76 of the Elementary Education Act.

Nov 12th the boys of Standards III, IV, V, VI commenced
Drawing on paper.

Nov 13th Average attendance for the week 58.3.

Several children have been absent this
week with severe colds.

The Rev. W Evans visited the school
On Tuesday, Wednesday and again
to-day.

M. Croome

Nov 16th Attendance good this morning - 60.

Arthur Ponting absent with a severe
cold.

Nov 18th The children of Standard IV are getting on
well with Arithmetic.

Nov 20th The Rev. W. Evans has visited the
school each morning this week
excepting Thursday.

M. Croome.

Nov 23rd. Sent FS home this morning,

with ringworm.

Nov 25th. The Attendance Officer called this morning
-drew his attention to the irregularity of the
following children – HB,

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AP, MAS,
and WC.

Nov. 25th Examined the Registers and found
them correct.

Arthur Evans

Nov. 26th Diocesan Examination – Afternoon-
Charles H. Awdry

D.I.

Nov 27th The children were given their usual
holiday.

Average Attendance for the week 62.8

M. Croome

Nov 30th Mary Ann Strange absent, on account
of the death of her brother, Walter.

Dec. 5th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school
Thursday and Friday.

Average Attendance not so good this
week; several children have been
absent with colds. Average 59.

M. Croome.

Dec. 7th Received the Report of the Diocesan Exam
held on Nov. 26th: -

“This continues to be a very prosperous
school. The children are in good order,
are being well and carefully taught,
and have again passed a good
Examination.”

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Dec 11th A great many children have been absent
this week through illness.

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school on
Wednesday, Thursday & to day
M. Croome.

Dec 14th. WR refused to write the
words he had spelt wrongly in his
Dictation Lesson.

WR wrote his words and
expressed his sorrow for his disobedience.

Dec 18th The Average Attendance this week is
50.5, a little higher than last week;
~~there~~ a great many children are
still absent with bad colds.

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

M. Croome.

Dec 21st. The Attendance Officer called this morning, and after looking at the Register, promised to call on the Parents AP, FB and HD.

24th. Closed school for Christmas holidays.

M. Croome.

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Jan 11th Re-opened school. A great many children are absent.

Jan 16th Average Attendance for the week 52.4

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

M. Croome.

Jan 18th Examined Stand I – found the children required great attention in Reading.

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Jan 20th. The Attendance Officer called this morning and he promised on Mrs P, Mrs B and Mrs C.

Jan 22nd Improved Attendance this week, average 59.7

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

M. Croome.

Jan 26th The Rev. A. Evans and Miss Evans visited the school this afternoon.

Jan 27th Examined Stand I in Reading and find the children have improved very much since the 18th.

Jan 29th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 58.3

M. Croome

Feb. 1st Examined Standards III, IV, V, and VI In Arithmetic on paper- results fairly satisfactory.

Feb 3rd Admitted two children Arthur Stoneham and his sister Sarah, whose parents are just come to live in the village.

Feb 4th Received notice of P. Teachers Exam. to be held at Chippenham on April 30th at 10 o'clock.

Feb 5th. Average Attendance for the week 60.6
The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this week as usual.

M. Croome.

Feb 8th the children in the upper Standards are

work their sums on paper from cards.

Feb 13th On Tuesday the 9th the Assistant took charge of the school in the afternoon

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while I went to Malmesbury to consult A Dr. about my right hand which was very much inflamed. After examining it he pronounced it blood poisoning through a neglected cut; he at once dressed it, ordering me to carry it in a sling, and to rest it. During the remainder of the week, the Assistant marked the Registers. M. Croome.

Feb 17th With the consent of the Managers – Mr Cameron the Drawing Master from Malmesbury came out and examined The boys in Drawing. Results -Stand I - weak, Stand II and III -fair. W. Reeves marked absent by mistake.

Feb 18th The Rev A. Evans visited the school and took Standards V and VI for Reading and Scripture.

The Attendance Officer called -drew his attention to the irregularity of HB and MAS.

Feb 19th Very snowy morning – Poor attendance. Average Attendance for the week 56.

M. Croome

Feb 22nd Received post card from Mrs Hewer Stating that Mr Jenkins, Master of Highworth School, could not grant Her son Frederick, a labour certificate for which she had applied; as the boy was only examined by sample in Stand. IV last year – the stand of exemption in his school being Stand V. The mother has promised to send the boy into school again next Monday.

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Feb 23rd Stand III boys commenced simple Geometrical figures.

Feb 26th Average attendance for the week 59.9. The Rev A. Evans visited the school each morning this week and took the

upper standards for Reading & Scripture.

M. Croome

March 2nd Ash Wednesday. The children assembled and the Registers were marked and closed at the time mentioned on timetable; instead of receiving their usual Scripture lesson, they attended Morning Prayers at 11.30.

Mar 3rd The children were given a holiday on the occasion of a Point to Point Race taking place in the village.

Mar 4th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Monday and Friday.

Average Attendance for the week 56.

M. Croome.

Mar 10th Good attendance this morning.

Last week I proposed to the Rev. A. Evans, to hold an Exam. To ascertain how the children had progressed during the last nine months; he at once fell in with the idea; and to day was fixed for the purpose.

The Rev. A. Evans, and the Rev. W. Evans attended – the results were Stand I very weak in Reading, good in Arith. and Writing, Dictation throughout the School - good, Arithmetic of Stand. IV

weak.

Mar 11th Average Attendance for the week 61.6

M. Croome.

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March 15th The Attendance Officer called this morning, and promised to enquire after A P, HB and TS.

Mar 16th Reversed the lessons this afternoon, taking those marked on Time Table From 3 to 4 o'clock, the first part; and Sewing and Drawing the last, viz. from 2.30 to 4 o'clock.

Mar 18th average Attendance for the week 60.5
The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
As usual this week.

M. Croome.

Mar 23rd Mr Cameron, the Drawing Master, came out from Malmesbury this afternoon, and took the boys for Drawing.

Mar 25th Lily Woodward while playing with her brother and sister, Wednesday evening, fell from a gate and broke

her leg.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 61.5

M. Croome.

Mar 28th Good attendance this morning 66.

Apr. 1st Made a mistake in counting the
attendances of the boys, it should have
been 13 instead of 12.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
this week as usual.

Average attendance for the week 63.2

M. Croome.

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Apr 4th The Attendance Officer (Mr Bailey)
called for the first time this afternoon
and asked me to make out a list of
the Absentees and Irregular children
and he would call on the Parents.

Apr 6th Three children left the school: their
Parents have left the village.

Apr 7th James Reeve marked absent by mistake.

Apr 8th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
On Monday and Tuesday.

Average Attendance for the week 57.4

M. Croome

Apr 25th School re-opened after holidays.

Apr 26th WC ~~and~~ AP and

HB absent – must send
their names to the Attendance Officer.

April 27 1892

Examined the Registers & found them
correct

Arthur Evans

Apr 29th Received Government Papers

Average Attendance for the week 57.7

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as
usual this week

M. Croome

May 2nd On dismissing the children this morning

I noticed MAS's ~~were~~ hands
had sores on them, I therefore took her
quietly from the other children, and

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questioned her, she admitted having other sores about her body and using ointment, so I told her to stay at home two or three days, for from her answers, and the appearance of her hands. I suspected she had the Itch. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to look up WC, and AP.

May 3rd Received notice of the Exam in Drawing, to take place on Friday the 13th May at 2pm.

May 6th Improved Attendance this week, average 60.6

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Tuesday and Thursday; the Rev. W. Evans on the other days. M. Croome.

May 6th The Assistant (Kate Higgs) has ~~giv~~ signified her intention of resigning at the end of August.

May 9th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon to enquire after William Comely and Alice Potter; both had Improved in their attendance.

May 13th the boys were examined in Drawing by Colonel Palmer, this afternoon – number on schedule 18, number presented 17. Thomas Strange absent through sickness.

The Rev. A. Evans was present.
Average Attendance for the week 58.8.
M Croome

The Official Number of the school as known to the Education Department is 19329.

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May 17th Received notice of H.M. Inspector's visit fixed for Monday the 13th June at 10.40 o'clock.

May 20th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for the week 59.3
M. Croome.

May 23rd LW returned to school, after an absence of two months; through a broken leg; she is very backward in Arithmetic.

May 26th Ascension day. The children attended morning Prayers at church, instead of having their usual Scripture

Lesson at 11.30.

They were also given their half holiday
after their Drawing Examination.

May 27th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school
each morning excepting Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 59.

M. Croome.

May 31st 1892

Examined the Registers and found them
correct Arthur Evans.

May 31st The Monitress (Laura Barnes) has asked
for a rise in her salary, if the Managers
do not comply with her request, she has
given a month's notice.

June 1st Commenced new registers.

Jun 3rd The Rev. W. Evans visited the school
to-day and yesterday.

M. Croome.

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June 6th Mary Ann Strange and her brother are
still in an unfit state for school.

Jun 10th Average Attendance for the week 59.6
M Croome

List of Songs for H.M.I June 13th 1892

The Pedlar
Bitterly blows the wintry blast
The garment of truth.
Welcome bright and sunny spring
Scissors to grind.
X Haste all ye fairy
Music everywhere.
Signs of Spring.

Infants
Dolly's dresses
The Lambkin
Good-bye little birdie
Little by little

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Recitation for the Inspector's approval
for the year ending May 31st 1893
Standard I The boy who told a lie
Standard II The lost child

Standard III Bruce and the spider
 Standard IV The wreck of the Hesperus (52) and
 He never smiled again (32)
 Standard V } The Deserted Village
 Standard VI }
 Standard VII if any
 1. English – Course C
 2. Geography – Course A
 Standards IV, V, VI, VII (if any)
 taking that marked for Standard VI.

Infants Lessons

Wool,	iron,	sponge,	sugar,	fox,	a river
whale,	tea,	leather,	cotton,	camel,	coal
a tree,	coffee,	salt,	tin,	elephant,	silver
swallow,	bread,	flowers,	gold,	lion,	chalk,
cuckoo,	milk,	summer,	horse,	bear,	water
spring,	autumn,	winter,	pig,	slate,	glass,
cow,	dog,	butter,	meat.		

June 13th Examination – Number present 65.

The Rev. A. Evans who was present gave
 the children a holiday to-morrow.

June 15th Arranged Standards, and commenced
 working to by the New Time Table
 according to the advice of Mr. Norris the
 Sub-Inspector.

June 17th Average for the week 56.
 M. Croome

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June 21st Received Schedule of Labour passes. Several
 children have left school.

June 24th Average Attendance for week 54.8.
 M. Croome

June 27th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
 and ~~for~~ made a list of absentees; he also
 promised to call upon their parents.

June 29th The Rev. A. Evans, and the Rev. W. Evans
 held an examination this morning from
 10 till 12 o'clock for the purpose of giving
 the children prizes.

July 1st Average attendance for the week 54.7
 Laura Barnes left to-day; her place for
 the present has been filled by Stand V girl
 M. Croome

July 4th Poor attendance this morning (only 44,)
 owing to a case of scarlet fever in the

village. Several parents are afraid to send their children to school.

July 8th Average attendance for the week 44.8.

M. Croome

July 11th The children were dismissed this afternoon.

directly after their names were called, therefore their attendances were cancelled by ~~a~~ drawing a line through them.

The reason of their ~~dismal~~ dismissal, was the excitement caused by the declaration of the Poll for this division, and the anticipation that the New Member would pass the Village on his way to Malmesbury.

July 13th Another case of fever broke out in the village.

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July 14th In consequence of the last outbreak of fever. It was deemed advisable to send home Evelyn Barnes and her two brothers, as their mother had been attending to her sick sister on Tuesday.

July 15th Poor attendance this week. Parents have been afraid to send their children to school. Average 40!

M. Croome

July 21st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and looked at the Registers; he promised to call on the Parents of the Absentees on his rounds next Monday.

July 22nd. Poor attendance again this week - Parents have been afraid to send their children to school.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual, excepting to-day.

M. Croome

July 25th Examined the Registers and found them correct.

Arthur Evans.

July 25th Improved attendance this morning - a great many of the children have returned to school.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Copy of Balance signed and put on School Door, according to Code.

1892July 25th Received Government Report:------
Summary of H. M. Inspector's Report:-----
"The children are orderly. They read fairly well and are making very fair progress in Arithmetic, but the upper standards are weak in Composition and Mental Arithmetic is poor throughout the school. The class subjects are fairly known. Needlework and Singing are good. The Infants are making satisfactory progress"

School Staff for the year: -

Mary Croome – First Class Certificated Mistress

Kate Higgs – Assistant

The report for Drawing received on

14th June was "Excellent".July 29th Improved attendance this week.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school each morning the week excepting to-day.

Mary Croome.

Aug. 1st Improved Attendance.Aug. 5th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school on Monday and Thursday, and the Rev. W. Evans on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Closed school this morning for Harvest Holidays.

Mary Croome.

2041892Sep. 5th Re-opened school. Small school.The Assistant (Kate Higgs) resigned her duties Aug. 29th Miss Preece has been appointed to the vacant post, but cannot commence duties at present.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Sep. 9th Average Attendance for the week 44.7

The Rev A. Evans and the Rev W. Evans visited the school this week.

M. Croome.

Sep. 10th Copy of Balance was allowed to remain affixed to School door till to-day as the time allowed by Code had not expired when the school was

closed for Harvest Holidays.

M. Croome.

Sep. 12th Improved attendance. The attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to inquire for MAS and her brother.

Sep. 16th Average Attendance for the week 53.5

The Rev. A. Evans and the Rev. W. Evans visited the school this week.

M. Croome.

Sep. 21st The Managers have consented for Laura Barnes to come as Assistant till such time as Miss Preece can come.

Received notice of Diocesan Exam fixed for Oct. 6th at 2 o'clock.

The said notice was read and affixed according to Clause 76 of Elementary Education Act.

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Sep 23rd Rev. W. Evans visited the school each morning this week, excepting to-day.

Received a letter from Miss Preece, stating she can commence her duties Oct 24th

Average Attendance for week 53.3.

M. Croome

Sep 26th The Attendance Officer reported that Mary Ann Strange and her brother are still in an unfit state for school.

Oct 1st Average Attendance for the week 56.1

M. Croome

Oct 3rd Sarah Stoneham brought a message from Dr. Kinneir that they were not to come to school for two or three days as the mother was ill with sore throat.

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this morning and took upper Standards for Scripture at 11.30.

Oct 6 Diocesan Examination – Afternoon.

Charles H. Awdry. DI

Oct 7th The children were given their usual holiday. Average Attendance for the week 52.7

M. Croome

Oct 11th Standard IV and V are getting on well with Arithmetic.

Oct 12th Laura Barnes granted leave of absence this afternoon.

Oct 14th Average Attendance for the week 52.5

M. Croome

Oct 17th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and said Mary Ann Strange and her brother were still in an unfit state to attend school.

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Oct 18th Received Report of the Diocesan Examination which was held Oct 6th

"The children continue to be in good order, and are being taught with the same care and efficiency as in previous years. A good examination has again been passed."

Oct 21st The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

Improved attendance – average 59.3

M. Croome

Oct 24th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon

Oct 25th The Assistant Miss Peirce ~~cal~~ commenced duties this morning.

Oct 28th Average Attendance for the week 55.1

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual this week.

M. Croome

Oct 31st The Attendance Officer called this morning but there was no complaint

Nov 2nd Gertrude Buckland and her two brothers have left the school; their parents have left the village

Alice Hewer is sick with measles; therefore her brother is absent from school

Nov 4th Alfred Scott sick with measles

The Rev. A. Evans and the Rev. W. Evans have visited the school this week.

M. Croome.

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Nov 7th The Attendance Officer brought me a Certificate from Dr. Higgins, stating that MAS and her brother were suffering from Itch, and therefore unfit to attend school.

Two or three children are absent this morning with measles.

Nov 11th Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Arthur Evans

Nov 11th The Rev. A. Evans and the Rev. W. Evans visited the school this week

Average Attendance for the week 49.7

Several children are absent with measles.

M. Croome.

Nov 14th Received Copy books, exercise books & the new map ordered will follow

Two more children down with measles.

Nov 18th The Rev. A. Evans visited the school this week

Average Attendance for the week 42.8

M. Croome.

Nov 21st Received new map of Dominion of Canada.

Also the remaining books which were ordered.

Improved attendance this week. Several children who have been absent with colds have returned to school. Average for week 46.1

M. Croome.

Nov 28th Mary Ann Strange, Rebecca, and Tom, came back to school this morning; the Dr having declared them fit for school.

Dec 2nd Improved attendance this week. Average 53.8

The Rev. A. Evans visited the school as usual.

Mary Croome.

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Dec 5th Admitted two children Bessie Day and her sister Lucy.

Several children have return to school after absence from measles.

Dec 9th The Rev A. Evans has visited the school as usual this week.

Improved attendance. Average 56.7

M. Croome.

Dec 12th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to look up the absentees.

Dec 16th The Rev A. Evans has visited the school as usual this week.

Average Attendance 55.6

M. Croome.

Dec 23rd Closed school this morning for Christmas holidays. Re-open Jan 9th 1893.

Mary Croome.

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Jan 9th Re-opened school – small attendance.

The attendance Officer called this afternoon

EB and her two brothers suffering with Itch.

Jan 13th Average Attendance for the week 42.5

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school this week excepting Thursday when the Rev A. Evans came, and heard Stand. V and VI read.

Also took them for Scripture.

M. Croome.

Jan 15th Improved Attendance. A great many children still absent.

Jan 20th The school was visited this week by the Rev A. Evans and the Rev. W. Evans.

Mary Croome.

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Jan 23rd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and had a list of the Absentees, promising to "look them up". Several Parents have been afraid to send their children, fearing they would catch the Itch; but we are very particular to have no one in the school from the families affected; and also we look well at the children's hands every morning – so we hope it will not spread.

Dec 29th Average Attendance for the week 45.1

The Rev W. Evans has visited the school each morning this week.

Commenced afternoon school at 1 o'clock this afternoon to close earlier for the Choir girls to have their tea in the School-room

M. Croome.

Jan 30th Sent home MAS and her sister and brother – on looking at their hands this morning, my suspicions were aroused, and I questioned them, when they admitted they had other marks on their bodies; which made me think they had a the Itch.

Feb 3rd The Rev A. Evans has visited the school on Tuesday, and the Rev. W. Evans on the other mornings

Average Attendance for the week 46.1

M. Croome.

Received Certificate stating that Alice

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Mary Hewer who had Measles is still unfit for School.

Feb 6th Mrs B called to say she could not possibly send A to school, till she had bought him some new shoes, which she hoped to do this week.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to look up the Absentees.

Feb 10th Average Attendance for the week 42.9
Several children have been absent with sore throats.

The Rev A. Evans visited the school as each morning this week Tuesday.

M. Croome

Feb 13th Mrs B came to the School this afternoon, and told me, her children had been examined by Dr. Kinneir that morning, and he had declared them free from Itch, also that they were in a fit state to come to school. She produced the Certificate, which was satisfactory.

Feb 14th E, T, and GB returned to School.

Feb 15th Ash Wednesday – The children attended Morning Prayers at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson. Registers marked and closed at the time mentioned on Time Table.

Feb 17th Improved Attendance this afternoon - average 51.4

The Rev W. Evans visited the school this week excepting Wednesday and Thursday.

M. Croome

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Feb 22nd Mrs C sent her little boy A EW to school; but as some of the family were suffering with Itch, the Manager decided he could not be admitted ~~for~~ till they were well.

Feb 24th Average Attendance not so good 49.
Arthur Ponting and his brother Henry have been absent since Wednesday - with sickness.

The Rev A. Evans, and the Rev W. Evans

have visited the school this week

M. Croome

Feb 27th The Attendance Officer called and promised to look the Absentees up.

March 3rd The children were excused from their usual Scripture Lesson, on account of the V. W. H. Hounds meeting in the Village.

Average Attendance for the week 47.5.

The Rev W. Evans visited the School each morning this week, excepting to-day.

M. Croome

March 9th 1893

Examined the Registers & found them correct

Arthur Evans

March 10th Several children who have had Itch, and are now quite free, have returned to school.

Admitted AW, the Dr. has declared the family free from Itch.

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March 11th The Rev W. Evans visited the school on Monday and Tuesday; and the Rev A. Evans each morning the rest of the week.

Mrs Pickford has sent her children to school this week; ~~H~~ she has kept them at home for some time, being afraid to send them on account of Itch.

Average Attendance 55.7

M. Croome

March 14th Evelyn Phillips returned to school; she has been absent since Christmas; her Aunt being afraid to send her on account of the Itch.

March 17th The Rev W. Evans visited the school each morning this week.

Average Attendance for week 57.7

M. Croome

March 20th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to inquire after JB, who was absent to-day.

March 22nd Several children are absent to-day, with severe colds.

March 24th The Rev A-W. Evans visited the school Monday; Tuesday and to-day.

Average Attendance for the week 54.8

M. Croome

March 27th Joseph Belcher returned to school, after week's absence.

March 30th Closed school this afternoon for Easter Holidays. Resume duties

April 10th.

Mary Croome

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Ap 10th School re-opened after Easter Holidays.

It was with great regret we heard this morning of the death of the Rev A. Evans. who passed peacefully away during the night. He has for a great number of years taken a great interest in the School, to which he was a daily visitor, unless prevented by sickness. He generally took the upper Standards for Reading and Scripture, and his presence will be very much missed.

Ap 14th The children attended the funeral of the late Rev A. Evans at 12.15. They subscribed and bought a beautiful wreath to put on the coffin. School closed this afternoon

M. Croome

Ap 17th Good Attendance this morning.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Ap 21st The Rev W. Evans visited the school on Wednesday and Thursday.

Average Attendance for the week 60.7

M. Croome

Ap 25th Received notice of the Exam. in Drawing to take place on Friday the 5th May at 10 o'clock.

Ap 28th Average Attendance for the week 56.2

Mary Croome

Received Government Papers.

Miss Peirce sent in notice of her intention to resign at the end of May.

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May 1st The Attendance Officer called this afternoon drew his attention to the irregular

attention of FS.

May 5th The boys were examined in Drawing by Colonel Palmer. Number presented 24. Mr Pickford (one of the Managers) was present.

The children were given half a holiday in the afternoon.

Mary Croome

May 10th Received notice of H. M. Inspector's visit fixed for Wed. the 28th June at 10.40 o'clock.

~~May 12th The Re~~

May 11th The children attended Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30 instead of having their usual Scripture Lesson.

May 12th The Rev W. Evans visited the School on Mon. Tues. and Wed.

Average Attendance for the week 60.2

M. Croome

May 15th TS and his sister R returned to school; they have been absent since the end of January with Itch

May 16th Admitted 4 children named Dyer.

May 18th The Managers have asked Miss Peirce to remain till the end of June.

May 19th The Managers have decided there is to be a holiday on Monday, being Bank Holiday.

M. Croome

May 23rd Marked the attendances by mistake for Monday; cancelled the same and copied them for Tuesday. The

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school was not opened at all yesterday

May 26th 1893.

Examined the Registers & found them correct.

Walter Evans.

May 26th Miss Peirce having signified her intention of leaving, when her time expires; the Managers have appointed Miss Hanks to fill the vacancy.

Miss Hanks was formerly a Pupil Teacher in the Malmesbury Schools, and will commence duty here on

June 1st

The Rev. W. Evans visited the school

each morning this week.

Average for the week 66.5

M. Croome

May 29th Poor attendance this morning, owing to a club held in a neighbouring village.

As only 19 pupils presented themselves this afternoon, the school was not opened.

May 31st Miss Peirce left.

June 1st Miss Hanks commenced duties this morning. Commenced New Registers

June 2nd The Rev. W. Evans visited the school on Wednesday & Thursday

M. Croome

June 9th The Rev. W. Evans visited the school on Monday and again to-day.

Average attendance for the week 64.3

M. Croome

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June 12th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Mrs Bennett came to say that Emma was ill in bed with sore throat, and the Dr. had ordered her to keep the other children at home.

June 13th Received Certificate from Dr. Pritchard stating that Emma Bennett was suffering from Diphtheria and was unable to attend School.

June 14th Joseph Belcher left to go to work.

June 16th Average Attendance for the wk 63.6

M. Croome

June 19th MAS still absent with Itch.

June 23rd Average Attendance for the week 63.9.

M. Croome

June 26th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and stated he had called on Mrs. S; and MA was still unfit for school, having sores on her body.

June 27th **W. Teagle Esq. brought the Rector, the Rev. - Brown to school this afternoon;**

on my shewing him the new Time Table, he expressed a wish to have the Religious Instruction from 9 to 9.50.

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List of Songs for H.M.I. - June 28th 1893

A song of the Seasons.

Where the waxen lilies float.
 Give me the bonny Autumn days.
 Centuries three have slipped away
 The children's wishes
 Our working time is over now.
 Whatso'e'er you find to do
 See the merry pedlar man

Infants

The two squirrels.
 A fair little girl.
 O you thief with pretty face

Recitation for H.M. Inspector's approval for
 May 31st 1894.

Standard I Which loved best

" II The sparrow's nest

" III Napoleon and the Sailor

" IV The Spanish Champion (52) and
 Ship on Fire (34)

" V, VI, VII (if any) Wolsey's Fall.

1. English. Course C.

2. Geography - Course A. - Standards IV, V, VI,
 VII (if any) taking that marked for Stand IV.

approved. K.F. Curry.

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Baskets,	coal,	boots & shoes,	a clock,		
chair,	coins,	haymaking,	needles,		
gardens,	ice,	oranges,	flowers,		
paper,	a table,	uses of water,	tea,		
snow,	rain,	windows,	sugar,		
frost,	a tree,	ships,	milk,		
railways	Harvest,	beasts of prey,	duck		
elephant,	goat,	horse,	camel,	reindeer	
sheep,	cat,	pig,	clothing,	whale,	dog.

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June 28th The Inspector (K.F. Curry Esq) signed the
 New Time Table, and said the Religious
 Instruction could be taken from 9 to 9.50;
 then the Registers marked and closed,
 and the Secular Lessons commence.
 The children are given a holiday to-morrow
 (Thursday)
 M. Croome.

July 3rd Arranged Standards for the year; and commenced working according to the new Time Table taking Scripture from 9 to 9.50

July 4th Received Schedule of Labour Passes

July 6th The children were given half a holiday on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H.

The Duke of York.

July 7th Average Attendance for the week 55.4

M. Croome.

July 10th F, E and JB came

to school, this ~~afternoon~~ morning, but as

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they did not bring a Certificate from a Doctor, I wrote a note to Mrs. B, asking her to keep them at home till she could get one.

July 14th Average Attendance for the week 57.4

M. Croome

July 19th The Managers have kindly granted me leave of absence to-morrow the 20th on the occasion of the Choir (through the liberality of the Rev. W. Evans) having their annual trip to the Sea.

Miss Hanks will take the management of the School.

July 21st Received Government Report.

Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

"The children are orderly, but their work has greatly suffered lately owing to illness. Reading is fairly good; Handwriting and Spelling are good; Arithmetic is fair, the upper standards being very weak in this subject. The class subjects are fairly known, and Singing and Needlework are good. The Infants appear to be backward; and I do not see how their progress can be satisfactory so long as they are taught in the same room with the older children."

A class room properly furnished for the instruction of infants should be provided"

The special attention of the Managers is requested to H.M. Inspector's remarks upon the want of a class room, and I am to warn the Managers that no grant

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will be paid another year on account of the infants unless suitable accommodation has been provided for them.

H.M. Inspector also reports that the cloak room accommodation is insufficient.

The special attention of the Managers is requested to the enclosed Form 69.

The Registers must be tested by the Managers at least once a quarter, at irregular intervals, as required by paragraph 6 of Appendix II of Instructions to Inspectors. Attention is requested Article 85 (d) of the Code.

A. Hanks is recognized under Article 68 of the Code.

William Teagle.

School Staff for the year:

Mary Croome – First Class Certificated Mistress

Amelia Hanks – Assistant (Art. 68)

Hilda Higgs – Stipendiary Monitress

William Teagle

28th Copy of Balance Sheet signed and put on the School door according to Code.

Average attendance for the week 58.3

M. Croome

Aug 3rd The Rev R. Brown (the Rector) came into school this morning.

The children were given half holiday, on the occasion of a Foresters Fete in the Village.

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Aug 4th Average Attendance for the week 47.4

M. Croome

Aug 10 Examined the Registers & found them correct.

William Teagle

Correspondent

Aug 10th The children were given half holiday - on the occasion of the Malmesbury Flower Show.

Aug 11th The Rev R. Brown visited the school this morning.

Closed school for the Harvest Holidays.

Mary Croome

Sep 11th Re-opened school. Fair attendance.

On the 16th Aug. the Managers sent a letter to the Education Department containing Extracts from the Log Book showing that the Registers had been tested at irregular intervals during the past year.

Copy of answer received on Aug 25th.

"Adverting to your letter ~~of~~ received in this Department on the 16th instant, I am directed to state that my Lords regret that the remarks in ~~re~~ question were sent through inadvertance; and they may be expunged from the Report.

The testing of the Registers appears to have been carried out very satisfactorily."

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Sep 15th Average Attendance for the week 59.

M. Croome

Sep 18th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and cautioned several children for irregularity.

Sep 19th The Managers were at the school this afternoon, inspecting the land adjoining and taking measurements for the proposed class room.

Sep 22nd Average Attendance for the week not so good 55.7. Several boys have been absent potato picking.

M. Croome

Sep 26th Visited school during the afternoon.

(Article 21 of Code) – Found 3 of the 4 Registers correctly closed – 47 children were present out of 71 on books; of these 33 were marked present, and of the other 14, ten had come too late to be marked - There were two large holes filled with water in front of {the boys' offices. (NB: 'Offices' refers to toilets. AB)
{Sidney Norris

{A new Copy of Regulations "Section 7"
{was needed.

Sep 26th Ten children came to school this afternoon too late to have their names marked.

viz at 9 min. to 2 o'clock. On questioning them, I found they had loitered about, waiting for each other, as their homes were

near each other. I requested the Monitress to take down their names, and place the list on my desk; that I might enter

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it in the Log Book. I punished the children by standing them on the form till 3 o'clock. and keeping them after school hours to do their lessons.

Such a case had not occurred before, only ~~solitary~~ occasional lateness.

The children were on the form in disgrace at the time of the Inspector's visit.

Names of children. AH, MW,

SS, ES, LD,

WD, KD, ED, LD

BD (2).

The remaining 4 who were not marked were EP, LW,

F MS and EB-

they were not present when their names were called, ~~they~~ therefore they were not marked present; and as they came in singly they were not noticed by me; or they would have received the same punishment as the other ten.

Sep 27th The Rector visited the School yesterday morning, and again this morning, and took the upper division for Scripture.

Gave the children notice that Friday being Michaelmas Day, the Registers would be marked and closed at 9.5 and Secular Instruction commence at once till 11.20 when they would attend a Short Service in Church.

Sep 29th Michaelmas-day- Registers marked and closed at 9.5. Poor attendance. Children attended Morning Prayers at Church at 11.30.

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Sep 29th Mrs Bennett's children have been absent all the week, owing to one of them suffering from diphtheria.

Several children have been absent either potato picking or gathering acorns.

Average Attendance for the week very poor - 45.6

M. Croome

Oct 2nd The Rev R. Brown visited the school and took the Upper Division for Scripture

Oct 3rd Gave the Assistant orders to keep a slate on the mantelpiece with day of Month on it, divided for Morning and Afternoon, and immediately after closing Registers to put the total ~~of~~ children present on it; all figures ~~be~~ to be large and made with chalk.

Oct 4th Mrs Dyer's children (5) left – parents gone to live at Lea.

Oct 6th Some of the boys have returned to school from potato picking. Average for the week 52.7.

M. Croome

Oct 10th The Rev R. Brown visited the School, and took the Upper Division for Scripture.

He brought me new bell for school use, also Board to mark the daily attendance.

Received notice of Diocesan Examination fixed for Oct. 27th. 2 o'clock in the afternoon

The said notice was read and affixed according to Clause 76 of Elementary Education Act.

Oct 11th The Rev R. Brown brought two Ladies to see the children.

Oct 13th The Rev R. Brown has visited the School each morning this week excepting to-day, and taken the Upper Division for Scripture

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Oct 13th Average Attendance for the week 46.

The following children have been absent this week through bad colds -

Sarah and Emily Stoneham, Percy and Ethel Woodward, Albert Belcher; and Mrs Bennett's children with sore throats.

M. Croome

Oct 16th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to call on Mrs S, whose children were absent the greater part of last week.

Oct 17th Sent Mabel Ponting home as she was sick in school; and cancelled her attendance

Oct 20th Ada Barnfield and her sister have been absent since Wednes-day with sickness; also Tom Barnes.

The Attendance is rather better this week

average 47.3

The Rev R. Brown visited the school
on Monday and Tuesday.

M. Croome

Oct 23rd Charles Porter has been absent from the
17th with sore throat; the Doctor, to-day
advised the Mother to keep her other
children from school, for two or three days.

Oct 27th Diocesan Examination – Afternoon -
C.H. Awdry

D.I.

Oct 27th Average Attendance for the week 48.8.

M. Croome

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Oct 30th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Nov 1st Charles Porter died this morning. His
Sisters & Brother have not attended
school since the 23rd Oct.

Nov 3rd Average Attendance for the week 49.2.

M. Croome

Nov 6th Poor Attendance this morning – only 42.

Nov 8th Louisa Belcher and her brother Albert are
not at school, owing to the illness of
their Mother, (sore throat).

Nov 9th The children are to have ~~their~~ a holiday
to-morrow, as they did not have one after
the Diocesan Exam. The Managers have
kindly allowed me to leave the school
this afternoon in charge of the Assistant
(Miss Hanks).

M. Croome

Nov 13th Improved Attendance this morning

Mr. Cameron (the Drawing Master from
Malmesbury) with the consent of the
Managers, examined the Boys in Drawing
Received Report of Diocesan Examination
which was held Oct 27th.

“All goes on prosperously and well in
this School. The children are in good order,
and continue to be taught with care
and pains. A very satisfactory Examination
has again been passed.”

Nov 17th Mabel Ponting fainted during the
Scripture Lesson this morning; after she
recovered I sent her home.

Average Attendance for the week 44.7

M. Croome

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Nov 20th Mabel Ponting came to school quite well this morning.

Nov 23rd Kate Knight has been absent since Monday and yesterday the Doctor said she has

Diphtheria. Arthur Knight has not attended since Tuesday

Nov 24th The Average Attendance for the week is 44. Several children have been absent the last two days.

M. Croome

Nov 28th Gave the children notice that Thursday being St. Andrew's day, the Registers would be marked and closed at 9.10 and Secular Instruction commence immediately afterwards till 11.20. when they would attend Short Service at Church.

Nov 29th Several children are absent, their parents being afraid to send them on account of the late outbreak of

diphtheria.

Nov 30th 9.30 The Assistant called my attention to Ethel Woodward, who was very flushed and had an eruption all over her face, her eyes were also swollen. I at once sent her home, and her sister and brothers with a note, advising the Mother to send for the Doctor at once, and to keep them at home, till the result was known. Their attendances were cancelled. From the appearance of the child; I thought she had **Scarlet Fever**

Examined the Registers, & found them correct. Richard G. Brown Nov. 30. 1893.

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Nov 30th The Registers were marked and closed this morning at 9.10 and Secular Instruction commenced immediately till 11.20 when the children attended short service in Church.

Dec 1st Average Attendance for the week 42.4 The Average Attendance for the last qr. Was 48.57; a great falling off from the previous qr. owing to the sickness in the village, which ~~kept~~ prevented a great many children from Attending

M. Croome

Dec 4th Ethel Woodward's illness proceeded only from a severe cold, and the Rev R.G. Brown called on the Mother to-day, about her sending the children to School.

Dec 8th Dr. Pitt, Medical Officer of Health, called at the School this morning, and said he would call at Mrs Porter's, Bennett's also Belcher's, and were all fear of infection was over, would grant the children certificates to attend School.

Average Attendance for the week 39.7

M. Croome

Dec 10 11th Florence, Fanny and Henry Porter have returned to school with the Doctor's permission.

Dec 12th Very wet day. Poor attendance

Dec 13th Admitted Dorothy Woodman

Dec 15th Cancelled Arthur Stoneham's attendance and allowed him to go home at 11.10 to fetch medicine for his Mother, who is ill.

Average Attendance for the week 45.1

M. Croome

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Dec 18th The Assistant (Miss Hanks) went home ill this morning.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, no complaint to make as regards attendance.

Dec 21st The Rev R.G. Brown visited the school this afternoon and invited the children to tea and games at the Rectory on Tuesday the 26th.

Closed school this afternoon for holidays.

Miss Hanks has been at home, ill all the week.

M. Croome

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Jan 8th Re-opened school. Miss Hanks resumed duties. Number present only 38 owing to the snow.

Jan 9th Improved attendance 50! Frank Bennett, Louisa Belcher and her brother Albert returned to school; the former after 13 weeks absence through fever and diphtheria; and the two latter after 7 wks. absence from through diphtheria.

Jan 12th The children assembled and their names were marked and registers closed at

8.45. Secular Instruction commenced immediately; and the children were dismissed at 11 o'clock, as the V. W. H. hounds met in the Village. In the afternoon the children assembled and the registers were marked and closed at 2 o'clock instead of 1.45. Average attendance for the week 45.7
M. Croome

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Jan 15th Improved attendance. Numbers present 56.

Jan 16th Standard I, III and IV girls commenced their garments for Exam.

Jan 19th Average Attendance for the week 55.6

The highest average since Sep. 23rd /93

M. Croome

Jan 22nd Maud Goddard taken from the school by her sister Annie, who called for her.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and inquired into the absence of EC and FC last week

Jan 23rd Received Certificate from Dr Pitt that Kate Knight could return to School.

William Reeve also returned. the first time since Harvest Holidays he has not been well.

Jan 26th Average Attendance for the week 54.5

M. Croome

Jan 30th Examined Stand I in Reading - and found they will require great attention especially AW and EC.

Jan 31st Half Holiday given this afternoon by the Managers to allow of the Assistant and myself going by the Excursion to Bristol

Feb 2nd The Average Attendance for the week 51.8

M. Croome

Feb 5th Gave the children notice that on Wednesday the Registers would be marked and closed at 9.5 and Secular~~a~~ Instruction commence immediately, so that they could attend Morning Prayer at Church at 11.30

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Feb 7th Ash Wednesday. The Registers were marked and closed at 9.5., Secular Instruction commenced immediately, and the children attended Morning Prayer at Church at 11:30
Half holiday was given in the afternoon as it was feared the children would scarcely have time for dinner and to return by 1.30. Also a Meet of the Hounds in the neighbourhood, which would draw the boys away
Feb 9th Called over the Registers. I found them correct
Richard G. Brown

Feb 9th. Improved attendance this week -
Average 55.

M. Croome

Feb 13th The girls of Stand V, VI cut out their garments for Exam. under my superintendence: prolonged the lesson to 3.20, left out the Singing Lesson and I only took Drill till 3.30 when we took the usual lesson.

Received New Map of North America, also Copy books, Exercise books, Drawing Sheets etc.

Feb 17th This afternoon instead of the usual lessons from 1.45 to 3 - the girls of Stand V and VII VI finished cutting out their garments under my superintendence while the boys took Drawing. The lessons in the later part of the afternoon were in accordance to the Time Table.
Average Attendance for the week 56.7
M Croome

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Feb 21st Five children namely, EC and E; WW and his Sister K also AP came too late in the afternoon to have their names p marked; They were punished by standing them on the form.

Feb 22nd The Rev R. G. Brown brought the Rev. Lewis to see the children.

Feb 23rd Average Attendance this week 55.1
Osmond Pickford has been at home all the week with a bad foot.
M. Croome

Feb 26th **At a Meeting held on the 20th inst. the Managers accepted the tender of Messrs. Chambers of Swindon for the erection of the Class & Cloak Rooms.**

March 1st William Reeve went home through sickness at 11 o'clock: therefore his attendance was cancelled.

March 2nd The boys took Drawing this morning from 10.30 to 11.10 instead of their usual lessons.

Mr. Cameron Drawing Master came out from Malm. to examine them.

The girls went on with their lessons according to the Time Table.

Average Attendance for the week 54.

M. Croome

March 5th **Messrs. Chambers (builders) commenced the erection of Class & Cloak Rooms**

March 7th ~~8th~~. Error in counting the Infant Girls – should have been 9 instead of 8.

March 9th Good attendance this week. Average 57.2

Mary Croome

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March 14th Bessie Day (2) asked to go home at 3.30 therefore her attendance was cancelled.

March 16th The Registers were marked and closed at 9.40 this morning instead of the usual time, as the V. W H hounds met in the Village.

The School was closed in the afternoon, as the Hounds were still in the immediate neighbourhood.

George Lewis Barnes and his twin brothers, William and Walter have left the School this week; their parents have moved to Sutton.

Average Attendance for the week 55.3

M. Croome

March 19th The Registers were marked and closed 9.15 this morning, Secular instruction commenced immediately afterwards and continued till 11.25 when the children attended Morning Prayers at Church. Due notice had been given the children of the alteration of time of marking the registers; and that the same would be done on the 21st so that any did who not wish to go to Church could go home. William Crees

and Bessie Day (2) were the only ones who went home.

March 21st The Registers were marked and closed at 9.15 this morning. Secular Instruction commenced immediately afterwards and continued till 11.25 when the children attended Morning Prayers at Church.

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March 22nd The Managers have allowed me to go for holidays this afternoon and to leave the School in charge of Miss Hanks the Assistant
Resume duties April 2nd

M. Croome

April 4th Osmond Pickford (at the request of his father) left school at 3.45 in the afternoon. Therefore his attendance was cancelled. He also left yesterday afternoon; and his attendance was cancelled.

Mr Chambers (builder) informed me that as it was necessary to take off part of the roof of the school, to fit in that of the classroom; also they wished to make the communication between the two rooms; it would not be safe for the children to assemble. The Managers therefore determined to close the school till Monday or Tuesday.

April 10th School closed from Wednesday evening till Friday morning.

Sent Florence Scott sent home and cancelled her attendance, as she had a sore throat.

April 13th Poor attendance this week. Average 45.7

M. Croome

April 16th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to inquire after RS who has been absent since Feb 3rd.

Admitted three children, viz. Lousia, Elizabeth and Walter Pitts.

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Apr. 20th. Called the Register & found them correct.

Richard G. Brown

Apr. 20th. Very great improvement in the attendance

of the children since the Officer's visit on Monday. Ruth Scott returned to school on Wednesday.

Average attendance for the week 61.6.

The children assembled at 1.25 both yesterday and today; the registers were marked and closed at 1.30 instead of 1.45.

The children were dismissed at 3.30 to allow the Builder's men to put in the window over the door. By letting the children out earlier ~~it~~ we avoided closing the school.

Due notice had been given of the alteration of time of marking the registers on the two days ~~had been given~~

Mary Croome

Apr. 23rd. The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. No complaint.

The Registers marked and closed same time as on Friday, viz. at 1.30.

Apr. 24th. Registers marked and closed at 1.30. Drawing Exam. fixed for May 4th. at 10 o'clock.

Apr. 25th. The Registers were marked at the usual time this afternoon; and children dismissed at 4 o'clock.

Apr. 27th. Received Government Papers.

Average attendance for the week 60

M. Croome

May 1st. The children attended Morning Prayers at 9.15 instead of the usual Scripture Instruction; they were back at School at 9.45 and Registers marked and closed at the usual time.

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May 3rd. Ascension Day. Registers marked and closed at 9.15; and Secular Instruction commenced immediately till 11.30 when those who liked attended Morning Prayers.

Due notice had been given of the alteration of time of marking Registers.

Sent TB home yesterday morning

May 2nd during Scripture Lesson – he had breaking out on his face, which appeared to be ringworms; saw his mother afterwards and asked her to ~~show~~ take him to a Chemist.

May 4th. The boys were examined in Drawing by Colonel Palmer. Number presented 21. The Rev. R. G. Brown was present. Half holiday in the afternoon.

Average attendance for the week 62.4

M. Croome

May 8th. Registers marked and closed at 1.30; children dismissed at 3.30. Due notice of the change of time was given in the morning. The men were busy lay the floor in the Class Room and the smell from the preparation used was almost unbearable.

May 10th. Messrs. Chamber & Sons (builders) finished the erection of Class and Cloak Rooms.

From April 20th the instruction of the children was carried on under great difficulties, with scaffolding in the room and men working there

May 11th. Average Attendance for the week 59.1
M. Croome.

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May 14th. Bank holiday. School closed.

May 17th. Received notice of H. M. Inspector's visit fixed for Thursday the 28th June at 10 o'clock.

May 18th. Average attendance for the week 59.2
Children dismissed this afternoon at 3.50 instead of the usual time as it had been arranged that the Architect and managers would require to look over the Class and Cloak Room.

M. Croome.

May 21st. Poor attendance this morning (47) owing to a club held in the neighbouring village. School not opened in the afternoon, as only 17 children presented themselves.

May 25th. Average attendance for the week 56.
The Rev. R. G. Brown came into school this afternoon, and told the children that Mrs. Munday, a lady who had been staying in the Village for the last 6 wks. Had kindly invited them to tea on Monday afternoon.

M. Croome.

May 28th. Half holiday this afternoon that the children could attend the tea given them by Mrs. Munday.

May 30th. Called the Registers & found them correct.
Richard G. Brown

May 30th. Miss Hanks (the Assistant) away from School with a severe cold.

May 31st. The Architect (Mr. Ponting), the Rev. R. G. Brown

R. Tyler Esq. and Mr Pickford (Managers)
inspected the Class and Cloak Rooms in
the presence of Mr. Chambers (Builder).

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May 31st. The Managers afterwards informed me
I could use the Rooms at once.

Afternoon – Moved the infants into the
Class Room, and re-arranged the School-
room for the Standard children.

June 1st. Miss Hanks resumed school duties.
Commenced New Registers

M. Croome.

June 4th. Very wet morning. Only 40 children present.
The Attendance Officer called this
afternoon and promised to inquire
after TS and
FB.

June 8th. Average attendance for the week 56.9
M. Croome.

June 11th. Gave the children in Standards Arithmetic
from the Progressive Test Cards.

June 14th. Asked Mrs. B to keep T at home
for a time as he had a ringworm
coming on his forehead.

June 15th. Average attendance for the week 61.2
The Monitress H. Higgs absent to-day -
not well.

M. Croome.

June 18th. The Monitress resumed her duties.
TB still absent with ringworm.

June 21st. Received note from Mrs. Bennett stating
that Emma was not well; in
fact quite unfit for school

Received report of Science & Art Department on
Examination in Drawing held May 4th - Fair.

June 22nd. Average Attendance for the week 59.6.
M. Croome.

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June 25th. The Monitress (H. Higgs) absent to-day, on
account of her Cousin's marriage.

Instead of the usual lessons, examined
the children in Standards.

June 27th. The children were given half holiday.
List of Songs for H.M.I. June 28th.

The Spring

Happy childhood

Jack and the Birds
 The Bells
 Robin Hood
 Dawn upon the silent hills
 Oh Pretty Bird
 Autumn Leaves
 Infants
 The Thief
 Upon the swaying twigs
 The Lambkin
 Recitation for H. M. Inspector's approval
 for May 31st 1895
 Standard I – Birds of Passage
 Standard II – The ~~fox~~ Pebble and the Acorn
 Standard III – Fidelity
 Standard IV – Order for a picture
 Standard V and upwards – Hubert and King John

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Infants' Lessons

Lion,	horse,	cow,	elephant,	sheep,	camel
tiger,	bear,	reindeer,	whale,	eagle,	robin
pig.	Dog.	Coal.	Salt,	corn,	fur
tea,	sugar,	cotton,	wool,	ivory,	leather
bread,	birds nests,	seasons,	meat,	water,	river,
swimming birds,		kitchen furniture			
railway station,		flowers,	kindness to		
animals,	cleanliness,	haymaking.			

1. English – Course C.

2. Geography – Course A.

Standards II and III grouped – taking
that marked for Standard III.

Standards IV, V, VI, VII if any, taking
that marked for Stand. V.

Object and Animal Lessons for Stand. III, II
and I

Habits of carnivorous animals

Coverings of Animals

Beasts of burden

Parts of Human body

Birds nests,	the seasons,	Railways		
Sponge,	Ivory,	Milk,	Leather	
Silk,	Wool,	Cotton.	Rice.	Coffee
Sugar,	Spices,	Oranges,	Tea,	Flax
Books,	Coins.	Earthenware,	Leather.	

Approved K. F. Curry.

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June 28th The children are given a holiday to-morrow.
M. Croome.

July 2nd Received the Schedule of Labour Passes.
Arranged the Standard for the year,
and commenced working according the
new Time Table.

July 6th The children are given a half holiday this
afternoon.

M. Croome.

July 9th Improved attendance this morning.

July 13th Average attendance for the week 52.2

M. Croome.

July 16th Received Government Report

Summary of H. M. Inspector's Report:-

"The children are orderly, but they
show very little intelligence. Owing
to building operations the work during
a great part of the year was carried on
with great difficulty. Under the
circumstances good progress may be
~~and~~ considered to have made in the
elementary subjects. The class subjects
are fairly known. Singing and needlework
are good. The infants are making
fair progress. Two or three more desks
are needed for the older children."

A. Hanks is recognized under Article
68 of the Code.

William Teagle

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July 16th School Staff for the year:-

Mary Croome – First Class Certificated Mistress

Amelia Hanks – Assistant (Art. 68)

Hilda Higgs – Stipendiary Monitress

July 19th. Copy of Balance Sheet signed and put on
the school door according to Code Art. 89.

July 20th. Average Attendance for the week 53.8

M. Croome.

July 23rd. Good attendance this morning, 55.

July 27th. The Rev. R. G. Brown gave the school
children a tea on the Rectory Lawn
this afternoon; ~~a~~ which they thoroughly
enjoyed. A half holiday was
given.

Average attendance for the wk. 51.4

M. Croome.

July 30th Poor attendance this morning owing to the weather.

Aug 2nd The Managers allowed me Leave of Absence this afternoon, on the occasion of the Associates and Members of the Girls Friendly Society meeting at Broad Somerford.

Miss Hanks took charge of the school and marked the Registers.

The managers have decided the School for the Harvest Holidays on Wednesday the 8th Aug.

M. Croome.

Aug 8th Called the Registers & found them correct.
Richard G. Brown.

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Aug 8th Closed school for the Harvest Holiday.

M. Croome.

Sep. 11th The School was re-opened yesterday under the superintendence of the Assistant ~~the~~ Assistant Miss Hanks. The Managers kindly allowed me leave of absence till this morning.

Four new desks have been placed in the Class room for the use of the Infants and one long one in the large room; a large cupboard has also been provided.

Sep. 14th Average attendance for the week 51.6

M. Croome.

Sep. 20th The following children came late this afternoon, after the registers had been marked and closed. AH,

FS, AS, AB,

AS, FS, FB.

Gave them each one strike on the hand with the cane. FB on

being told to hold out his hand, refused so I sent him home.

Time they came to school 1.55.

Three more children came in at 2.10 viz

LP, SS and

AS.

Richard G. Brown.

Received notice of Diocesan Examination fixed for Friday the 5th Oct. at 2 o'clock.

Said notice read and affixed according to Clause 76 of Elementary Education Act, 1870.

M. Croome.

Sep. 21st Average Attendance for the week 53.8

M. Croome.

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Sep. 25th Very poor attendance owing to the weather.

Sep. 28th Arthur Ponting marked present by mistake which was discovered on counting the children before entering total present.

Average Attendance for the wk. 52.

M. Croome.

Sep 28th Mary Woodman and her sister Dorothy left the school; their parents are gone to live at Sutton.

Oct. 3rd Very poor attendance only 43. Children absent are engaged picking up potatoes.

Oct. 5th Diocesan Examination in Afternoon.

C. H. Awdry. D.I.

Oct. 5th Average attendance for the week 48.7

M. Croome.

Oct. 6th Called the attention of the School Managers to the irregularity of the children.

Oct. 8th The Rev. R. G. Brown came into the School, and asked the children to inform their parents that they must attend school regularly; also that after the end of October, the names of those who did not, would be sent to the School Attendance Committee, and proceedings taken to enforce their attendance.

Oct. 10th Florence Scott marked present by mistake which was discovered by recalling names.

Oct. 11th Lucy Day sick, sent home and her attendance cancelled, Ethel Barnfield's

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Attendance cancelled by mistake.

Oct 12th Slight improvement in attendance this week-average 50.9

M. Croome.

Oct 15th Admitted BS son of Mrs J

S, housekeeper to the Rev. R. G. Brown.

The boy is a cripple, and not strong. It is

doubtful whether he will be able to retain for any length of time what little he learns, as he is still suffering from injury to the head (through a fall) which affects his memory.

As his mother was anxious for him to attend, he was admitted, but placed in the Infants Class, as although he is 8 yrs old, he does not know his letters, nor can he write.

Oct 19th Improved Attendance this week.

Average attendance 55.4

The Attendance Officer called on Monday, and promised to 'look up' the absentees.

M. Croome.

Oct 22nd Emily Stoneham marked absent by mistake.

Oct 24th **The Managers gave the children half holiday in honour of the marriage of Miss Evans (the late Rector's daughter) to the Rev. F. Manley**

Oct 26th The Rev. R. Brown visited the school and brought the Report of Diocesan Examination which was held Oct. 5th

Average attendance 53.4

M. Croome.

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Copy of Diocesan Report:-

"As in previous years this school has again passed a pleasing Examination.

The knowledge of Holy Scripture and The Catechism was very fairly good, and there was some Elementary knowledge of the Offices of the Prayer Book. The written work was very fair, and the tone and order good."

Richard G. Brown

Oct 26th Average attendance for the week 53.4

M. Croome.

Oct 29th Mrs B brought her son T to School. The boy is a very bad cripple, obliged to crawl on his hands and knees from one place to another. Although she has lived in the village many years, and the boy is over 12 yrs. of age she had never made application for his admittance before. He has never been

to any school, and consequently is very ignorant. He was allowed to remain although his name was not entered, or his attendance reckoned; till the decision of the Managers could be ascertained as to his fitness to be with other children, as he was quite beyond control while in the Workhouse at Malmesbury for one month during the summer.

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Nov 3rd Average attendance for the week 53.6
M. Croome.

Nov 8th On Monday the 5th I was prevented by illness (stoppage) from being in school at any time during the day; on Tuesday and Wednesday I was able at times to be in the room, and see that the lessons were going on all right; to-day the 8th I have taken charge and resumed my regular duties.

Miss Hanks, the Assistant took charge during my absence, marked the Registers, and carried on the work of the school according to Time Table with the help of Monitor.

Richard G. Brown. M. Croome

Nov 8th Emily Carter did not answer to her name; it was discovered on counting the children, and Her attendance was marked and reckoned.

Nov 9th Average attendance for the week 57.9
M. Croome.

Nov 12th very poor attendance this morning owing to the rain. (43)

12 noon – very heavy floods; water deep below the school; the children were taken through in the Mill waggon.

School closed this afternoon owing to floods.

Richard G. Brown.

Nov 13th Very fine morning. The floods had gone down rapidly in the night so that the children could get to school; 56 present in the morning and 60 in the afternoon.

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Nov. 13th. TB behaved himself very well, when he was allowed to remain at school, and was eager to learn; so after consulting the Chairman of the Managers the Rev. R. G. Brown, he was admitted and his name entered on the Infant Register; but in the event of any serious act of insubordination or his presence in any way interfering with the discipline or work of the school, the case ~~was to~~ will be brought before a meeting of the Managers.

Nov 14th After a very wet night; the floods are again out, preventing the children from getting to school. School closed.

Nov 15th I called another Register this afternoon. I found it correct. Richard G. Brown.

Nov 15th I discovered this evening that I had Entered the total attendance for Thursday In the space allotted for Wednesday; corrected the error by drawing pen through the figures and entering In correct places.

Nov 16th During Recreation time to-day the children Were photographed by a travelling Photographer.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the School on Thursday and again to-day. Average attendance for the week 56. M. Croome

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Nov 19th. Good attendance this morning 65. Sent a list of irregular children to the Attendance Officer; also a copy of the same to W. Teagle Esq. the correspondent of the Managers.

Nov 20th Number present this morning 67.

Nov 23rd The Registers were marked and closed at 9 o'clock this morning and secular instruction commenced immediately, instead of the usual time. The children had no Scripture Lesson and they were dismissed at 11. As the † V.W.H. hounds met in the village.

The school was closed in the afternoon
as the hounds were still in the
immediate neighbourhood.
The attendance this week has been
Remarkably good – average 64.
M. Croome.

Nov 26th Ernest Carter was sent home - sick, and his
attendance cancelled.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Nov 28th. Gave the children notice that Friday, being
St Andrew's Day, the Registers would
be marked and closed at 9.10, and
Secular Instruction commence immediately
till 11.20, when they would attend
Morning Prayers at Church.

Nov 30th The Registers were marked and closed
at 9.10. Secular Instruction commenced
Immediately till 11.20 when the
children attended short service in the Church.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school this morning.
Average attendance this week not so good – 60.9

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Nov 30th Several children absent at different times
during the week with colds.

M. Croome

Dec 3rd The Rev R. G. Brown visited the school this
morning during the time given to Secular
Instruction.

Dec 7th ~~Florence~~ Fanny Porter has been absent all the
week with a cold; also Charles Bennett.
Average attendance for the week 60.2.

M. Croome

Dec 10th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.
No complaint. Full school.

Dec 12th Several boys absent to-day; gone to the
Market at Malmesbury.

Dec 13th Full school this morning 66.

Dec 14th Very wet morning; the children from
a distance unable to attend.

The Rev. R G. Brown visited the
School this afternoon.

The poor attendance both this morning
and this afternoon has pulled
Down the average to 58.8.

M. Croome

Dec 15th Received Drawing books, models,

Westminster copy books, etc which were ordered from National Society's Depository.

Dec 19th Several boys absent this afternoon, gone to the Meat Show at Malmesbury.

Dec 20th Gave the Monitress H. Higgs leave of absence this afternoon to go to G. F. P. bazaar. Closed school this afternoon for Christmas Holidays. Re-open Jan. 7th.

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Jan 7th Resumed school duties. Only 35 children present this morning owing to the weather.

Admitted Evelyn Cress. Charles Reeves very seriously ill, he has been under the Doctor's care all the holidays; The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school this morning.

Jan 11th Very snowy week. Poor attendance. Average for the week 41.6

M. Croome

Jan 14th Poor attendance this morning owing to the weather.

Jan 15th Improved attendance.

Jan 18th A thaw set in on Tuesday; and the attendance has increased; to-day the number present was 56.

Average attendance for the week 49.6.

M. Croome

Jan 21st The attendance Officer called this Afternoon; and promised to look up the absentees.

Jan 23rd Sent Ernest Carter home – sick, and cancelled his attendance.

Jan 24th Mrs Porter asked that Kate Knight should be allowed to go home as her mother was sick. Allowed her to go and cancelled her attendance.

Jan 25th From 1.30 to 3. o'clock the boys took Drawing and the girls Knitting instead of their usual lessons; as I wished to examine the boys.

Average attendance for the wk. 54.3.

The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school This morning.

M. Croome

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Jan 31st From 11.15 to 11.30 instead of the usual Lessons, we had Drill and Marching.

Feb 1st Drill and Marching from 11.15 to 11.30 instead of the usual lessons.

Average attendance this week 48.8.

The severity of the weather affected the attendance both yesterday and to-day.

The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school this afternoon.

M. Croome

Feb 4th Good attendance this morning.

The Rev R. G. Brown visited the school this morning.

Feb 5th Drill and Marching from 11.15 to 11.30 instead of the usual lessons both yesterday and to-day.

Feb 8th Although the weather has been very severe all the week yet the children have attended ~~remarkly~~ remarkably well - the average being 56.2.

Thursday and to-day the Infants have been in the room with the elder children, as owing to a defect in the classroom chimney the fire would not draw. The Managers have the matter under consideration.

Drill and Marching, on Wednesday, Thursday and to-day, for a qr. of an hour during the time allotted to Scripture. The Secular Instruction ~~is~~ according to Time Table.

The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school this afternoon.

M. Croome.

Feb 12th The Classroom chimney having been altered; the Infants were sent in there to-day as usual.

Feb 15th The weather has not been quite so severe this week; therefore lessons proceeded as usual ~~in strict~~ according to Time Table.

Several children have been absent with bad colds, ~~which~~

Average for the week 51.8

M. Croome

Feb 18th I have visited the school, & called the Registers

& I find them correct.

Richard G. Brown

Feb 18th Only 36 children present this morning and 33 this afternoon; on inquiring the cause, I find the Absentees have very severe colds, in some cases the children are obliged to remain in bed. At the close of lessons this morning Harry Porter fainted and was afterwards sick; when he was sufficiently recovered, I sent him home in ~~th~~ the care of his sister at 12.10.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school both in the morning and afternoon.

Feb 20th Harry Porter returned to school.

Very poor attendance only 28.

Went to see the Correspondent and the Rev. R. G. Brown, with regard to the advisability of closing the School for the rest of the week owing to the poor attendance. Both gentlemen were from home; and as the children were only absent with severe

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colds, I concluded to go on as usual with the lessons.

Feb 22nd Average attendance for the wk. 28.2

M. Croome

Feb 25th Improved attendance; a great many of the children who were absent last week have returned to school. Number present this morning 46. Gave the children notice that on Wednesday the Registers would be marked and closed at 9.5 and Secular Instruction commence immediately till 11.30 when they could if their parents approved attend a Short Service at Church.

Feb 27th Ash Wednesday – The Registers were marked and closed at 9.5. Secular Instruction till 11.30 when the children attended Morning Prayer at Church, instead of having their usual Religious Instruction.

March 1st Average attendance for the week 52.9

M. Croome

Mar 4th Improved attendance. Number present 57

Mar 6th BS son of Mrs S, housekeeper to the Rev. R.G. Brown has left the village with his mother.

Mar 8th The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the School this morning during Secular Instruction. He is in the habit of attending during

Religious Instruction, and taking a class.

Average attendance for the week 55.7

M. Croome

Mar 11th Average attendance for the Qr ending

Feb 28th was 51.57.

Hilda Higgs the Monitress absent to-day
through illness. Filled her place with

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temporary Monitors.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon
and promised to look up the Absentees.

Mar 13th Re-admitted Bessie Day (2.)

Mar 15th Cancelled Charles Day's attendance for
the afternoon, as his parents sent for him
before the expiration of time for Secular Instruction.

Average Attendance for the wk. 59.1

The Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school
and took part in the Religious Instruction
as usual this week.

M. Croome.

Mar 18th Good attendance this morning 63.

Mar 22nd Poor attendance this afternoon only 43
owing to the V.H. Hounds being in the
Village.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school
this morning.

Average attendance for the week 57.9

M. Croome.

Mar 25th The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school
this afternoon, and spoke to those
children who were absent last Friday.

telling them if they absented themselves
again for such a cause, some steps
would be taken to punish them.

Mar 27th Only 44 children present this morning,
owing to the weather, which was
very rough.

Mar 29th The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school
as usual this week.

Good attendance this morning, 60.

Average attendance for the week 55.2.

M. Croome.

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Apr 1st The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school this
morning during the time for Secular

Instruction.

Good attendance this afternoon 62.

Apr 2nd The boys took Drawing this afternoon (while the Girls were sewing) instead of their usual lessons.

Apr 5th The Attendance has been good this week the average has been 60.2.

M. Croome.

Apr 9th The Registers were marked and closed at 9.15 this morning, and Secular Instruction commenced immediately (instead of the usual time) and continued till 11.25 when the children attended Morning Prayer at Church. Notice had previously been given to the children of the alteration of time of marking the Registers; also that the same would be done on the 10th, and that any children whose parents objected to their going to Church would be allowed to go home at 11.30.

There was no Religious Instruction given this morning.

The Attendance Officer called yesterday afternoon. Tom Strange absent through illness.

Apr 11th The Registers were marked and closed at 9.15 this morning. Secular Instruction commenced immediately afterwards till 11.25, when the Children attended Morning Prayer at Church. Closed school for Easter Holidays.

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Apr 22nd Re-opened school after the Easter Holidays.

Florence, Fanny and Henry Porter have left school; their parents have gone to live at Seagry.

Apr 23rd Cancelled Elsie Ponting's attendance this morning, as she left school at the request of her mother, to see her sister.

Dr Pitt has given orders that neither T nor RS are to attend school without bringing a Medical Certificate as they are suffering from Skin disease.

Received notice that the Drawing Exam will take place on Thursday May 2nd at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Apr 25th Very wet morning! only 28 children present.

Apr 26th The average attendance for the wk. 50.8.

The weather throughout the week has been very stormy.

M. Croome.

Apr 27th Received the Government Papers.

M. Croome.

Apr 29th Charlie Reeves returned to School this morning. He has been absent through severe illness for the last four months.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon and promised to enquire after FC and EB

May 2nd The boys were examined in Drawing this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. R. G. Brown was present.

May 3rd Average Attendance for the wk. 60.5.

M. Croome.

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May 6th EB returned to school; she has been absent since Decr. 17th.

On examining her I found she had forgotten so much, I was obliged to put her in Stand. II

May 8th Mrs Day asked for Charles to be allowed to go home at 3.30, therefore his attendance for that afternoon was cancelled.

May 10th Average Attendance for the week only 55.2.

Four children of the family of Mr Decketts have been absent all the week: their Parents talk of leaving the Village.

M. Croome.

May 13th Called the Registers & found them correct.

Richard G. Brown.

May 13th The children of Mr Decketts left the village with their Parents on Saturday the 11th.

The Attendance Officer called this ~~an~~ afternoon – drew his attention to the irregularity of several children especially EB.

May 14th Admitted three children today, viz:

Philip Carter, Florence Carter and Wm Carter. On entering their Names in the Admission Register I discovered I had omitted to enter Evelyn Crees, therefore I did so at once.

May 17th Average attendance for the week 56.4.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the School
as usual this week.

M. Croome.

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May 20th Admitted Arthur Slade, whose Parents
have come to live in the Village.

The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the School
this morning during Secular Instruction
Gave the children notice that on Thursday, the
Registers would be marked and closed
at 9.15 and Secular Instruction commence
immediately till 11.25 when they could
attend Morning Prayer at Church.

The Rev. R. G. Brown brought the
Rev. – Ribbans and Mrs Ribbans
to see the School.

Received notice of the Inspector's visit
fixed for Thursday the 20th day of
June at 9.45.

May 23rd Ascension Day. Registers marked
and closed at 9.15 and Secular
Instruction commenced immediately
till 11.25 when those children
who liked attended Morning
Prayer at Church.

May 24th Average Attendance for the week 57.4
M. Croome.

May 27th Re-admitted Louise, Elizabeth and
Walter Pitts whose Father is come
to reside in the Village for a short
time.

May 30th Received new Registers and ~~h~~ wrote
the names of the children.

May 31st The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the
school this afternoon.
The school will be closed Monday the 3rd June,
Bank Holiday.

Average Attendance for the wk. 63.4
M. Croome.

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June 4th The children were given a holiday yesterday
Commenced New Registers. Good attendance
this morning 64.

June 5th RS came to school this morning: After marking the Register I discovered that her brother T was at home, still suffering from the Itch, so I cancelled her attendance, and ~~send~~ sent her home with a note to her Mother, asking her to get a Certificate from the Doctor, stating she was in a fit state to attend ~~se~~ school.

June 7th The Attendance has been good throughout the week. Average 63

M. Croome

June 10th The Registers were marked and closed at 9.15 this morning and Secular Instruction commenced immediately till 11.15 when the children were dismissed. They had no Religious Instruction. Due notice had been given of the change of time of marking Registers, The alteration was considered advisable as a Club ~~was to~~ paraded the Village at 11.45.

Poor attendance only 43.

Half holiday this afternoon.

June 13th Received the Report of the Science and Art Department on the Examination in Drawing, held May 2nd - "Good."

June 14th Average Attendance for the wk. 60.1

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June 14th The Rev R.G. Brown visited the school as usual this week for Religious Instruction.

The Rev R.G. Brown came into the School this morning during Secular Instruction.

M. Croome

June 17th Cancelled Alice Hewer's attendance as she left school at 11.15 at the request of her Mother to help look after her sick brother

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon; and said he would call again on FC's parents.

RS and T are

still absent, as the latter has the Itch.

Emma Bennett has been absent

for the last month owing to the serious illness of her Mother.

June 19th Emma Bennett returned to School this morning.

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List of Songs for H.M.I. - June 20th. 95

Lo! the sun is beaming.
Hark! The sweet church bells
Who on the wall is seated?
A tiny daisy
The Echo
Seek we the meadows
Good night to all
Welcome bright and sunny spring

Infants

In the Infant School
Sleeping in the sunshine
Merrily, merrily.
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Recitation for H.M. Inspector's Approval
for the year ending May 31st. 1896.

Standard I - The two little kittens
" II - The sparrow's nest
" III - Bruce and the Spider
" IV - {Ginevra (70) and the
{Dying Gladiator (17)
" V and upwards – The Deserted Villa
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1. English - Course C.
2. Geography – Course B.
Standards II and III grouped – taking
that marked for Standard III
Standard IV, V, VI and VII (if any) taking
that marked for Stand. IV.
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Object and Animals Lessons for Stand. I, II, III

Money,	Clouds	Natural Kingdoms
Coal	Paper	Animal “
Iron	Cork	Ruminating Animals
Cotton	A Plant	Carnivorous “
Wool	Roots	Varieties of Birds
Leather	Stems & Trees	Fishes
Tea	Fruits & Seeds	Reptiles
{The Year and	Sponge	Insects

{Day, and their Coffee Rivers
 {Divisions Earthenware Work of Rivers
 Sugar
 Rice

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Infants Lessons

	The <u>dog</u> ,	<u>Cat</u> ,	<u>Cow</u> ,	<u>Horse</u> ,	<u>Duck</u> ,	<u>Fowls</u>
	<u>Sheep</u> ,	<u>Fox</u> ,	Wolf,	Ostrich	Swallow	<u>Bees</u> .
about	Squirrel,	<u>Tiger</u> ,	<u>Pig</u> ,	<u>Camel</u> ,	Baskets,	Iron.
20 of	<u>Summer</u> ,	<u>Spring</u> ,	Autumn,	Winter,	A garden,	<u>Tea</u>
these	Money,	A Book,	Clock,	<u>Water</u> ,	<u>Salt</u> ,	<u>Leather</u>
	Rivers,	Corn,	Fur,	Wood,	a Chair,	Fruits
	a Kitchen,	<u>Coal</u> ,	Flowers,	<u>Milk</u> ,	Parts of Land	

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L. Norris

June 20th Number present at Examination 69

The children ~~were~~ are given a holiday
 to-morrow.

Average attendance for the week 64.8

M. Croome

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June 24th The Managers kindly allowed me
 leave of absence this morning. The
 Assistant (Miss Hanks) marked the
 Registers, and lessons were carried on
 as usual, with the exception that
 the children attended a Short Service
 in Church instead of having their
 Scripture Lessons.

Tom Bennett left the Village to go to a Home
 in London, where he would be taught a
 trade.

June 25th Arranged the Standards and commenc-
 ed New Lessons.

Received the Schedule of Labour Passes.

June 28th The Rev R.G. Brown has visited the
 school as normal this week.

Average attendance for the week 47.7

M. Croome

July 1st The Attendance Officer visited the school
 this afternoon, and promised to look up
 the Absentees.

July 5th Improved attendance this week. Average 54.6

M. Croome

July 8th The Attendance Officer called this
 afternoon.

July 9th Improved attendance this morning.

Several children absent with severe colds.

Received the Government Report.

Mary Croome

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Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

“The children are orderly, but they still show very little intelligence, and it is difficult to get from them any answer requiring thought. Reading is fairly good. Handwriting is satisfactory, but Spelling is weak and especially so in the fourth standard.

Arithmetic is fair, Grammar is fairly known and, on the whole, a very fair knowledge is shown of Geography, the upper standards doing much better than the lower ones in this subject. Singing and Needlework are good. The Infants are making fair progress.”

A. Hanks is continued under Article 68 of the Code.

A. F. B- Failure - Arithmetic

School Staff for the year:-

Mary Croome - First Class Certificated Mistress

Amelia Hanks - Assistant (Art. 68)

Hilda Higgs - Monitress

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Jul 12th The children assembled at 1.25 and

Registers were marked and closed at

1.30 instead of the usual time. Due notice of the alteration had been given.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Munday, the Children were given a tea on the lawn in front of her house, and afterwards had races and games in a field adjoining.

The lessons in the afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 were as usual; afterward the children marched to Mrs. Munday's residence, where a most enjoyable time was spent

M. Croome

Jul 16th Copy of Balance Sheet signed and put on the School door, according to Code.

Several children are absent with severe colds.

Jul 19th Cancelled the attendances of five children whose parents sent to the school for them to leave at 11.45.

The Managers gave the children half holiday this afternoon, on the occasion of the declaration of the Poll for this Division.

M. Croome

Jul 25 I visited the School, called the Registers, & found them correct.

Richard G. Brown

Jul 26th The Managers gave the children half holiday this afternoon, as several of the Girls belonged to the Girl's Friendly Society, which was holding a ~~Festival~~ Festival in Malmesbury.

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Jul 26th Average attendance for the wk. 42.6.

The lowness of the average is due to the fact that on Wednesday a Grand Circus, (Lord George Sanger's) visited Malmesbury, and a number of children went to see the Procession.

M. Croome

Jul 30th Improved attendance this morning 53.

Jul 31st Standard IV commenced Compound Long Division.

From 3 to 3.30 instead of the usual lesson, the upper Standards had one on Ruminating Animals - the third of the series of Animal Lessons approved by the Inspector.

Aug 2nd Gave the Upper Standards a lesson on Carnivorous Animals. Time from 3 to 3.30

Average attendance for the wk. 49.8

M. Croome

Aug. 6th Very wet morning. Only 32 children present; those living at a distance were prevented attending by the pouring rain.

Improved attendance this afternoon 48.

Aug. 7th Number present this morning 51

Aug. 8th Closed school for the Harvest Holidays

M. Croome

Sep. 9th Re-opened School after Harvest Holidays.
The Attendance Officer called this afternoon,
and promised to make enquiries whether
TS and his sister R
who have both been absent with Itch are in
a fit state to return to School.

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Sep. 10th The Monitress Hilda Higgs resumed
her duties this morning. She was
absent yesterday, through missing
her train at Paddington on Saturday.

Sep. 13th Received Notice of Diocesan Examination
fixed for Wednesday the 2nd day of October
at 2 o' clock. Said notice was read and
affixed according to Clause 76 of
Elementary Education Act of 1870
The Rev. R. G. Brown visited the school for
Scripture as usual this week.

Average Attendance for the week 46.6
M. Croome

Sep. 16th FB and his sister E
came to school 10 minutes after
the Registers were marked and closed.
I told them to stand in the middle
of the room till the close of the room,
when Frank at once went home.

Sep. 17th Called to see Mrs. B about
F's conduct yesterday afternoon.
She said she generally sent them in
time, and if they were late again,
she would rather I gave them a
lesson after school hours, than to
stand them out.

Sep. 19th The Diocesan Examination is postponed
from Oct. 2nd as the Rev. R. G. Brown
wishes to give the Choir a Treat
to London on that day by the Excursion,
and has kindly asked me to join the
party.

Sep. 20th Average Attendance for the week 49.5
Mary Croome

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Sep. 23rd The Attendance Officer called this after-
noon, and promised to enquire after
the Absentees.

Sep. 27th Very poor attendance this week; so

many have been absent picking up potatoes.

Average attendance for the wk. 45.4

M. Croome

Oct 1st The Managers have kindly granted me leave of absence to-morrow to join the Choir Excursion to London. School will be open as usual – Miss Hanks (the Assistant) will take charge.

Oct 3rd Very wet morning. Children from a distance unable to attend.

Only 29 present

Oct 4th Average attendance for the week 43.5.

Some of the ~~above-school~~ boys have been absent picking up potatoes.

M. Croome

Oct 9th Miss Hanks (the Assistant) was given leave of absence this afternoon to attend the Confirmation at Dauntsey, as she was a Candidate.

Oct 11th Improved attendance this week.

Average 46

M. Croome

Oct 14th Improved attendance this afternoon.

Oct 18th Average attendance for the week only 43.6.

Emma Bennett has been absent with a severe cold.

M. Croome

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Oct 18th The Diocesan Examination, which was postponed from Oct 2nd will be held on Thursday the 31st at 2 o'clock.

Oct 22nd Very wet morning. Poor attendance.

TS and his sister R

returned to School; they have been absent since Ap. 23rd with Itch. Received a Certificate from the Dr. that they were in a fit state to attend.

Oct 23rd TS has been placed in Stand III and R in Stand I. They are both very backward.

Oct 25th The average attendance for the week is 43.5.

The Rev R.G. Brown £ visited the School as usual this week for

Scripture.

M. Croome

Oct. 31. Diocesan Examination – Afternoon.

C.H. Awdry. D.I.

Nov 1st Improved attendance this week.

Average 48.1

M. Croome

Nov 4th Evelyn Barnes absent from school

through sickness – Mumps.

The Attendance Officer called this

afternoon, and promised to “look

up” the Absentees; especially

LB, SS and

FB.

Nov 5th Emily Stoneham absent this afternoon,

her Mother is afraid she is sickening

£ with Mumps.

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Nov 5th Copy of Diocesan Report:

“As in former years these children

have again passed a Good Examination

in Holy Scripture and the Catechism,

and have received some instruction on

the Order of Morning Prayer. They said

their Repetition well, and the

written work was generally correct-

The tone and order of the School

continue very pleasant.”

Richard G. Brown. M.A.

Nov 7th Very wet day. Poor Attendance.

Nov 8th Another wet day. Children from a

distance unable to attend.

Average attendance for the week 41.9

M. Croome

Nov 13th I have called over the Registers this

morning & found them correct.

Richard G. Brown M.A.

Nov 13th Having heard a report that one of

the school children – FS

was suffering from a contagious

skin disease for which she was

being treated by Dr. Romer, I wrote

him a note asking if ~~it~~ what

was the matter with the girl; and

the advisability of her remaining at home

for a time.

His answer was that she was suffering

from a kind of Eczema, which frequent

ly broke out in epidemics, and

though harmless in itself, was undoubtedly contagious, and it would

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be wiser for her to remain from school and be medically treated.

Nov 15th Improved attendance. Average for the week 46.5

M. Croome

Nov 20th Very poor attendance this morning. Several children are absent with Colds and Mumps.

Nov 22nd Average attendance for the week. 35.8

M. Croome

Nov 25th Several children have returned to School this morning.

Nov 27th Received New Map of England & Wales, also set of Reading Books for Stand III; besides Copy Books, Foolschap Paper etc.

Nov 29th Very wet day. Poor attendance. Average or the week 38.3

M. Croome

Dec 2nd Three more children are absent with Mumps

Dec 3rd Average attendance for the qr. ending Nov. 30th only 44.02.

Dec 6th Average attendance for the week 37.8

M. Croome

Dec 9th The Managers have given me leave of absence this afternoon to attend the Funeral of my Nephew.

Dec 10th Number 310 on Admission Register should have been Ivory not Ivry. The mistake was Mrs. Bridgeman's when she brought the child to school.

Dec 13th Improved attendance this week – 44.1
Mary Croome

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Dec 16th Hilda Higgs, the Monitress absent through sickness – Mumps.

Dec 18th Cancelled Ernest Potter's attendance this afternoon; his Mother asked that he might leave school at 3 o'clock to fetch medicine from Malmesbury for an invalid sister.

Dec 19th Average attendance for the week 43.1
Closed school this afternoon for

Christmas Holidays. Re-open Jan 6th.

Mary Croome

Jan 6th 1896

Resumed school duties. Fair attendance

As it was Epiphany, the children assembled and the Registers were marked and closed at 9.15, Secular Instruction commenced immediately till 11.30 when they attended a short service in Church instead of having their usual Religious Instruction. Notice had been given of the change.

The Attendance Officer called this afternoon to enquire if L

B, SS and

EB were at School. Their

Parents had received warning notices, that unless their children attended regularly, they would be summoned.

Jan 7th LB and SS

came to School this morning, for the first time since June 25th.

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Jan 7th The children assembled and the Registers were marked and closed at 1.30 this afternoon; they were dismissed at 3.30, to allow of the Assistant and myself attending the course of Lectures on "First Aid to the injured" which are being given at the Broad Somerford School at 4 o'clock. Permission was given by the Managers.

Jan 10th Average attendance for the week 42.1

Several children, including the Bennetts are still absent with Mumps

M. Croome

Jan 13th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Several children still absent with Mumps.

Jan 14th The Registers were marked and closed at 1.30; the children were dismissed at 3.30 for the same reason as on Jan. 7th.

Permission was given by the Managers, and notice was given to the children.

Jan 16th Sent Philip Carter home this afternoon and cancelled his attendance - he was not well.

Mrs. Hall came to the school soon after

the Registers were marked, and asked that Grace might be allowed to go home. She was wanted particularly. Attendance cancelled.
Jan 17th Average attendance for the week 44.4.
M. Croome

Jan 20th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Several children still absent with severe colds.
Jan 21st Registers marked and closed at 1.30; the children were dismissed at 3.30. Same

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as on the 14th. By permission of Managers.
Jan 22nd The Managers have kindly allowed me to leave the children after marking the registers; in order to go by the Excursion to Bristol. The Assistant will have charge, and lessons will go as usual.
Jan 24th Improved attendance this week. Average 47.6
M. Croome
Jan 27th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.
Jan 28th Registers marked and closed at 1.30, and the children were dismissed at 3.30 the same as on the 21st. By permission of the Managers.
Charley Reeve returned to school yesterday and his brother William was re-admitted.
Jan 31st Improved attendance this week. Average 49.6
M. Croome
Feb 3rd Several boys absent this afternoon, gone after the Hounds, which went through the village during the dinner hour, and were in the neighbourhood all the afternoon.
Feb 4th Registers marked and closed at 1.30; The children were dismissed at 3.30. Same reason as on previous Tuesdays. By permission of the Managers.
Feb 7th Average attendance for the week 46.9
M. Croome
Feb 11th Register closed and marked at 1.30 and the children were dismissed at 3.30. For the same reason as on the 7th Jan. This closes the last Lectures on "First Aid to the ~~yr~~ injured." The Managers kindly consented to the change of marking

the Registers, and dismissing the children at 3.30 to allow myself and Assistant to attend the course. Permission has been granted for the Monitress Hilda Higgs to be presented for Exam. in Stand VI at the school Exam in June, with the intention of her becoming a Pupil Teacher.

Feb 14th Average attendance for the week 47.1

M. Croome

Feb 18th Called the registers and found them correct

Richard G. Brown

Feb 19th Ash Wednesday. The Registers were marked

and closed at 9.5. Secular Instruction

commenced at once till 11.30, when the

children attended Morning Prayer

at Church instead of having their

usual Religious Instruction.

Feb 21st Improved attendance. Average for the wk

52.2

M. Croome

Feb 24th Good attendance this afternoon – 54

The Assistant Miss Hanks has intimated

her intention of resigning at the end

of March.

Feb 28th Average attendance for the wk 53.7

M. Croome

March 3rd Very good attendance 57.

Mar 6th Miss Hanks has decided to remain

till the end of June.

Average attendance for the wk. 51.3

M. Croome

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March 9th The Attendance Officer called and

promised to “look up” the Absentees.

Mar 10th Average attendance for the Quarter

ending Feb 29th was 46.29

Mar 13th The children have attended well this

week, with the exception of to-day,

when owing to the rain, the attendance

has been small. Average for the wk. 54.3

M. Croome

Mar 16th Very rough morning – only 41 present.

Mar 19th Examined the infants this morning;

fairly good results. EB backward in reading.

Mar 20th Owing to the stormy week, the average

attendance is only 49.2.

M. Croome

Mar 24th The children were given half a holiday on the occasion of a Point to Point Race. The starting place being in the village, it was considered advisable to give the half holiday.

Mar 25th Admitted two children, Ernest Walter Scott and his brother Arthur John.

Mar 28th Four children have left this week.

Their parents have left the village.

Average attendance for the week 50.3

M. Croome

Mar 30th The Attendance officer called this afternoon and promised "to look" up the Absentees.

Miss Hanks received notice from the W. Teagle Esq. the Correspondent, that her services would not be required after the end of June.

Mar 31st The registers were marked and closed at

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at 9.15 this morning, and Secular Instruction commenced immediately (instead of the usual time) and continued till 11.25, when the children attended Morning Prayer at Church. Notice had previously been given to the children of the alteration of time of marking the Registers; also that the same would be done on the 2nd Ap. and that any children whose Parents objected to their going to Church would be allowed to go home at 11.30.

There was no Religious Instruction given this morning.

Apr 2nd The Registers were marked and closed this morning, the same as on 31st March.

The children attended Morning Prayer at 11.25 instead of having Religious Instruction.

Closed school for Easter Holidays.

M. Croome

Apr 13th Re-opened school after Easter Holidays. Good attendance.

Apr 15th Examined the Upper Standards in Arithmetic from 11.20 to 12. Fairly satisfactory results.

Apr 17th Good attendance this week.

Average for the week 50.9

M. Croome

Apr 20th Called over the Registers & found them correct.

Richard G Brown

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April 21st The Assistant (Miss Hanks) took charge of the school this morning; while I went to Malmesbury to be re-vaccinated.

Apr 24th Received the Government Papers.

Average attendance for the week 54.1

M. Croome

Apr 27th Good attendance this morning 57.

Apr 29th Examined Infants this morning - results satisfactory.

May 1st Average attendance for the week 55.6

M. Croome

May 4th Received notice that the Drawing

Examination will take place on

Friday May 22nd at 2pm.

May 5th FB returned to school this morning, after a week's absence.

The Attendance Officer visited the school yesterday afternoon, and promised to call on the Parents of the Absentees.

May 8th FB has only made 5 attendances this week, and TS has

only made 6 out of 10. Must

call the notice of the Attendance

Officer to their irregularity.

Average attendance for the week 55.3.

M. Croome

May 11th Gave the children notice that the Registers would be marked and closed at 9.15 on Thursday the 14th.

On that day Secular Instruction would commence immediately after the opening of school and continue till 11.25, when the children would attend Morning Prayer at Church.

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May 13th Received notice of the Inspector's visit fixed for Tuesday the 16th day of June at 10.30.

May 14th Ascension Day. Registers marked and closed at 9.15, and Secular Instruction

commenced immediately and continued till 11.25 when those children who liked attended Morning Prayer at Church.
May 15th Sent Helen Day home this morning and cancelled her attendance; she was sick in school.

Emma Bennett sick this afternoon, sent her home and cancelled her attendance. The heat has been very great for several days, and was probably the cause of the children not feeling well.
Average attendance for the week 53.1

M. Croome

May 18th Good attendance this morning 57.

May 20th. Alfred Scott absent with sore throat, and a severe cold.

May 21st the Rev. R.G. Brown visited the school this morning during Secular Instruction, and informed me that Roper K. Tyler Esq. one of the School Managers would be present during the Drawing Examination to-morrow afternoon.

May 22nd The boys were examined in Drawing this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Roper K. Tyler was present.

Average attendance for the week 54.2

M. Croome

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May 26th. The children were given a holiday yesterday – Bank Holiday.

Small attendance this morning.

May 28th Examined and called the Registers & found them correct. Richard G. Brown.

May 29th Average attendance for the week 51.2.

Walter Pitts and his two sisters have left the school, they have returned to London with their father who is Coachman to H. Munday Esq.

M. Croome.

June 1st Commenced New Registers.

Poor attendance this morning only 38 owing to a club, being held in the neighbouring village.

The children had their usual half holiday this afternoon.

Jun 6th Average attendance for the week 48.2.

The average attendance for the year

ending May 31st – 48.37

M. Croome

Jun 8th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon, and promised to call on Mrs C about her two children R and S, who are both absent.

Jun 12th The Rev. R. G. Brown has visited the School as usual; this ~~h~~ morning, he brought two Ladies, who looked at the Girls' needlework.

Average attendance for the week 57.4

M. Croome.

Jun 13th The Exam. Will take place at 9.30 instead of 10.30 on Tuesday next.

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List of Songs for H.M.I. June 16/96

Up and away 'tis holiday.
Spring with its trees and its flowers
Our tasks now are o'er.
What is more glad and free?
O come and join us in our play.
Listen I hear a sound.
What does little birdie say.

Infants

Come, march, march away
Upon the swaying twigs.
What does little birdie say.

Recitation for H.M. Inspector's Approval

For the year ending May 31st 1897

Standard I. The child and the bird (24)

II. Somebody's Mother (28) and
Day and Night (12)

III. Wreck of the Hesperus (52) and
The Italian Boat Song (24)

IV. The Wreck (56) and
Woodman spare the tree (32)

V and upwards – Chevy Chase

1. English – Course C.

2. Geography Course B.

Standards II and III grouped – taking

That marked for Standard III.

Standards IV, V, and upwards – taking

That marked for Standard V.

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Object and Animal Lessons – Standards I and II
Leather Sponge Wool, Spring,
Autumn, Winter, Rice, Cotton,
Camel, Elephant, Iron, Gold,
Tea, Sugar, Coverings of Animals.

Summer.
Coffee.
Grain.

For Stand III and Upwards.

Animal Kingdom, flesh eating animals
Vegetable “ - Ruminating.
Mineral “ - varieties of birds.
Insects - Fishes
Work of rivers.

Infants' Lessons.

Cat,	Cow,	Horse,	Dog,	Sheep,
Pig,	coal,	Milk,	Trees,	Tea
Sugar.	Whale,	Lion,	Elephant,	Water
Fruits,	Flowers,	Bees,	Fox,	Birds

Approved H. R. Mines

16.6.96

June 16th Number present at Examination 58.

The children are given a holiday
to-morrow.

Jun 17th Received the Schedule of Labour

Passes – the children presented,
all passed excepting FB.

HH who was examined as

Candidate for P.T. failed in Arithmetic.

The managers have arranged with Miss Hanks

To remain till the Harvest Holidays.

M. Croome

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June 18th Re-arranged Standards and commenced
new Lessons according to the New Time Table.

Jun 19th The Managers have allowed me to leave

School at 2.30 this afternoon. Lessons
will go on as usual; Miss Hanks
(the Assistant) will have charge of the
Children.

M. Croome

June 22nd The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Notice was given to the children, that,
on Wednesday the 24th the Registers would
be marked and closed at 9.15, Secular
Instruction would commence immediately

and continue till 11.25, when the children would attend Short Service at Church instead of receiving Religious Instruction in School.

Jun 24th Registers marked and closed at 9.15. Secular instruction commenced immediately till 11.25, when those children whose Parents did not object, attended a Short Service at Church.

Jun 26th Average attendance for the week 40.
M. Croome

Jun 29th Improved attendance this morning.

July 3rd Evelyn Crees asked to be allowed to leave School at 3.30 this afternoon; she was permitted to do so, and her attendance cancelled.

Average attendance for the week 41.2
M. Croome.

Jul 6th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Jul 7th. Received the Report of the Science and Art Department on the Exam. in Drawing held on May 22nd – “Good”

10th Average Attendance for the week 40.6
M. Croome.

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July 13. Examined the Registers & found Them correct. Richard G. Brown.

July 16th Received the Government Report.
M. Croome

Summary of H.M. Inspector's Report:-

‘The general condition of this school is improving. The discipline is good and it is evident that during the past year, an attempt has been made to raise the level of the scholars’ intelligence. This attempt has in some measure been successful, especially in the third and upper standards. The elementary work is now of fairly good quality and the instruction in the class subjects has been very fairly effective. More attention should be given to the Reading and the Grammar of the First standard, and a blank map of England should be provided for The children in the third standard.’

I am to call the special attention of the Managers to the concluding sentence of H.M. Inspector's report.

A. Hanks is continued under Article 68

of the Code.

HH – Failure

Richard G. Brown.

Jul 21st. Copy of balance sheet signed and affixed
to School Door, according to Code.

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school staff for the year: -

Mary Croome - first Class Certificated Mistress

Amelia Hanks - Assistant Art 68

Richard G Brown

July 23rd The Managers held a meeting in the
School room at 6:30 this evening;
after consulting together, they asked
Miss Hanks to remain as Assistant
at an increased salary.

Jul 24th Average attendance for the week 39.3
M Croome

Jul 27th Fair attendance this morning.

Jul 29th The Managers have arranged with
Miss Hanks to remain as Assistant
The Rev R. G Brown visited the School
this afternoon and invited the
Children to tea and games on the
Rectory Lawn to morrow afternoon.

He also gave notice that the Harvest
holidays would now commence.

Closed school this afternoon for
The Harvest Holidays

M Croome

Aug 31st Re-open school after Harvest Holidays
Fair attendance.

HH having failed to pass as

Candidate for P.T. has ceased to be monitoress.

Admitted five children.

Sep 2nd Admitted three children

Sep 4th Very wet morning - only 26 children present
Average attendance for week 42.7

M Croome

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Sep 7th Good attendance this morning 52.

The attendance Officer called this afternoon
No complaint.

Admitted 4 children of Frank Woodward
a former parishioner, who works for
Mr Smith who rents the farm lately

Occupied by Mr Pickford.

Sep 11th Average attendance for the wk 47.7

M Croome

Sep 15th The Rev- Baskcombe visited the School

This morning, and took Division II for Scripture

Sep 17th Average attendance for the last qr 42.92

Sep 18th Average attendance for the week 52.

M Croome

Sep 22nd Very wet morning – poor attendance only 37.

Sep 25th Average attendance for the week only 48

Owing to the rough storms.

The Rev R G Brown has visited the school

and as usual taken the upper standards

for Scripture

M Croome

Sep 28th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon.

Sep 29th Michaelmas Day – The Registers were marked

and closed this morning at 9:15 and

Secular Instruction commenced

immediately till 11:20 when the children

attended a short service at Church; instead

of receiving Religious Instruction. Notice had

been previously given the children of the change.

Oct 2nd Average attendance for the wk 51.5

M Croome

Oct 5th Good attendance this morning 52.

Oct 7th Standard IV children are progressing well

with arithmetic.

Oct 9th Average attendance for the week 48.4

M Croome

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Oct 12th Received notice of Diocesan Examination

fixed for Friday Nov 6th at 9:15

The attendance officer called this afternoon; drew

to his attention to EP and AH; who

both passed Stand IV last June, but ~~were~~ are not 11 yrs old,

and who are absent from School.

Oct 13th EP returned to school this

Morning.

Received blank map of England,

New set of Reading books for Stand I

also Stationary, etc.

The Bennetts have left the school;

their Parents have removed to a

Village near London

Oct 16th Average attendance for the week 45.2

M Croome

Oct 19th Called the Registers & found them

Correct. Richard G. Brown

Oct 19th Alice Hewer returned to school.

Oct 20th Several children are absent with coughs.

Oct 21st Poor attendance to-day - some of the children ~~are~~ absent, are gone to Malmesbury to see the Circus.

Oct 23rd Average attendance for the week 40.4

A great many of the children are away with severe colds

M Croome

Oct 26th Only 35 children present this morning. Children absent have very bad coughs and colds. Sent home two children this afternoon and cancelled their attendance. They were sick and faint. The attendance officer called this afternoon

Oct 29th Only 29 children present this afternoon

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Oct 30th Only 27 children present this morning owing to the poor attendance this morning the children are given half a holiday this afternoon.

Average attendance for the week 31.8

M Croome

Nov 2nd Poor attendance this morning only 30.

A great many children absent with Coughs.

Nov 3rd Admitted four children this morning. Number. present 32.

Nov 4th Number present this morning 29.

Nov 5th Very poor attendance this afternoon - only 25.

Nov 6 Examined this school in religious knowledge – Charles J Parker

Diocesan Inspector

Nov 6th Only 32 present at exam this morning

Average attendance for the week 29.6

M Croome

Nov 9th The attendance officer called this Afternoon, and promised to inquire after AW, who has been absent several days potato picking.

Only 33 children present.

Nov 13th Average attendance for the wk 30.9

A great many children absent ~~w~~ with whooping cough.

M Croome

Nov 16th Very poor attendance again to-day - children are still absent with whooping cough.

1896Nov Copy of Diocesan Report:-

"This school has been inspected under somewhat disadvantageous circumstances as an epidemic of whooping cough has interfered with the regular attendance of the children for some time previous to the examination and at the examination itself. The amount of work attempted in all Standards was ample: and considering the circumstances the results were satisfactory and showed that earnest and careful work was done by all teachers.

Repetition was very good"

Richard G Brown MA

Nov 20th Average attendance for the wk 29.1

M Croome

Nov 23rd The attendance officer called this Afternoon. The children who are absent are suffering from whooping cough.

Nov 27th The Rev R G Brown has written to the Education Department with Respect to the low average attendance of the last six wks caused by the epidemic of whooping cough and has received an acknowledgement.

The attendance has improved this wk – average 36.2

M Croome

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Nov 30th The Registers were marked and closed at 9:10, instead of the usual time.

Secular instruction commenced immediately till 11:20 when the children attended a Short Service in the Church, instead of receiving Religious Instruction in School.

Notice had been given of the change.

Dec 2nd Several children have returned to School.

Dec 3rd Attendance this morning 46.

Dec 4th The Attendance has greatly improved

this week. Average 42.9

M Croome

Dec 7th The Attendance Officer called this afternoon. Improved attendance.

Dec 8th Number present this morning 52.

Dec 10th Average attendance for the last qr
Only 41.31

Re-admitted Arthur ~~Ston~~ Stoneham
who left School after the exam in June.

Dec 11th Average attendance for the wk 48.4

M Croome

Dec 14th Cancelled Charles Burdock's attendance
his mother sent a note asking that
he might be allowed to go home at 11:30

Dec 18th Average Attendance for the wk 45.8

Four children who were at School last
wk have been obliged to stay away
again this week, their coughs have
returned.

M Croome

Dec 21st Tom Strange absent with mumps.

Dec 23rd The Rev R G Brown visited the school this morning and said
Mrs Reynolds had kindly offered to give the children some buns.

Closed school this afternoon for Christmas holidays

M Croome

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