

from the Infant Department this morning.

July 30th. The school was closed at the end of the afternoon session today for the summer vacation of four weeks.

Aug. 31st. The school was opened this morning as usual. All the staff present.

Owing to the outbreak of war with this country and Germany the troops assembled in this district have occupied the schools.

Comparatively little damage has been done to the building but the floors have been covered with grease stains. Owing to the short time since the school was available for cleansing this has not yet been thoroughly completed but it will be attended to with all speed.

Sept. 1st. School re-organised for coming year. Staff arranged as follows.

Class 1	Mr. Fitzjohn
" 2	Mr. Bunyan
" 3	Mr. Newman
" 4	Mr. Wheeler
" 5	Mr. Wells
" 6	Mr. Layfield
" 7	Mr. Wilson.

I have given out the new work to each teacher.

Sept. 3rd. Mr. J. S. Dymond, the newly appointed Chief Inspector for this district visited the school this morning.

Sept. 4th. It is with the greatest pleasure that I record the fact that two of the staff, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wells have decided that it is their patriotic duty to offer themselves for military service in defence of the liberties of this country. They have enlisted in the 24th. County of London Rifles during the week end

a member of the Education Committee visited the school this morning.

Feb: 1st. Mr. Walter Turnbull of High Wycombe commenced work here today as an uncertificated teacher. I have given him charge of class 5.

Feb: 5th. I have been able to give more assistance to the two top classes this week and have also given special attention to the reading and drill in the two lowest classes.

Feb: 8th. Mr. Day returned to duty this morning. As he is only staying here temporarily he is taking charge of class 6 and Miss Stevenson will take over a part of Std. I. (class 4.), Mrs. Bauer taking the lower portion.

About 20 boys were medically examined in the library by the School's Doctor this morning.

Feb: 10th. The School's Doctor examined a further 25 boys this morning.

Feb: 12th. The attendance this week has been

very poor 83.4%. I have given especial attention to the composition throughout the school this week. In Class II. it needs considerable attention and improvement.

Feb: 15th. A detective of police called at the school this afternoon and wished to question one of the boys. At first he asked to question him privately but I told him that I must insist on being present throughout the interview to safeguard the interests of the boy. At first the officer refused to question him in my presence but on being told that he could not see the lad otherwise, he consented, but he did not seem at all satisfied.

Mr. Carter visited the school this afternoon to arrange for the re-transfer of Mr. Day to Beech Hill school. Mr. Day concludes his work here this afternoon, as he will attend at Beech Hill in the morning.

Feb: 16th. Miss Stevenson resumes charge of Class 6 and Mrs. Bauer the whole of Class 1. It is very unfortunate that the staff after being complete last week for the first time since Midsummer should be so soon reduced.

Feb: 19th. The attendance this week is still very poor only 83.4%.

Feb: 23rd. Miss. Stevenson was absent today. She is ill.

Feb: 24th. Miss. Stevenson returned to school this morning.

Feb: 26th. This week I have been able to fit up the Library in a much more suitable way. I have been supplied with a number of tables and chairs so that the room is now properly and comfortably furnished. The boys take great interest in it and make full use of the room.

The attendance this week is a little better.

March 5th. The attendance this week shows a great improvement. It is to be hoped that now the fine weather is approaching this improvement will be permanent.

During the week I have given special attention to the Arithmetic from Stas III upwards. As a rule it is well done but a great deal of special attention appears to be necessary in Std. III.

March 9th. Mrs. Bauer was absent this afternoon. She is ill.

March 10th. Mrs. Bauer absent today also

March 11th. Mrs. Bauer returned to duty this morning.

Mar 11 Register checked. a.m. Court. ^{7.15} ^{1.15} ^{4.15}

March 12th. Mr. Bunyan absent today. He is ill.

I have given special attention to the writing this week: especially in the lower classes. Generally speaking the school is progressing satisfactorily but there are several weaknesses which I have pointed out to the teachers concerned.

March 15th. Mr. Bunyan returned to duty this morning.

March 16th. I received a letter this morning from Mr. Wheeler, who with Mr. Wells of this staff are serving in His Majesty's Forces, to say that he had left England for France to take active part in the dreadful struggle now raging there. I hope both may return safely to their positions in the school.

March 19th. Mr. C. G. Hyde who was on the staff of this school a few months ago and subsequently enlisted, visited the school this afternoon. He is a Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery at Portsmouth.

March 26th. The work of the school is now progressing well. I have spent practically all my time with Std. III. this week. This class is not as forward as I should like it to be. The arithmetic is now improving.

April 1st. The attendance this week has been very bad indeed - 82%.

The school closes at noon today for the Easter Holidays.

April 12th. The school opened this morning. All the staff present.

April 16th. The attendance this week is very poor - 86.5%. It makes proper progress with the work very difficult.

April 22nd. Mr. J. S. Dymond, the chief district inspector, and Mr. Fishwick, the Sub-Inspector visited the school today.

May 4th. Mrs. Bauer is absent today. She is ill.

May 7th. Mrs. Bauer has been absent since Tuesday. She is suffering from pleurisy and is likely to be away for some time. I am taking charge of her class Std. I.

On Wednesday morning from 9.45 to 10.30 a draft of 25 boys visited the baths for instruction in swimming. A draft will attend at that time each

Wednesday throughout the summer.

I distributed the certificates⁽¹⁵⁾ for proficiency in swimming, won last year by the boys, this afternoon.

May 14th. Mrs. Bauer has been absent all the week consequently I have been taking charge of Std. T. This has prevented me from properly supervising the rest of the school.

May 14th. Mrs. Bauer returned to duty this morning.

May 21st. "Empire Day" was celebrated in the school this morning. A special time table was followed, special lessons were given and the whole school assembled in the hall at the close of the morning and sang patriotic and national songs. The Steaswaster also spoke to the boys for a short time.

The school closed at noon today for the Whitsun Holidays.

May 31st. The school re-opened after the holiday this morning. All the staff present.

May 31st. Mr. Turnbull concludes his work here today. He considers it his duty to enlist and tomorrow commences training with the Highland Field Ambulance. Though I cannot but applaud his motive and sacrifice in so doing, I much regret for the sake of the school that still another change of staff is rendered necessary.

June 1st. No help has been sent today in Mr. Turnbull's place. I am taking charge of class 5.

June 4th. I have been with class 5 all the week in consequence of the shortage in staff. There is little prospect of any addition to the teaching strength of the school for some time. My work of supervision is thus rendered extremely difficult.

June 4th. Mr. Brunswick Glover of South Shields commenced duty here this morning. I have given him charge of class 5.

June 4th. Brunswick Glover No. 23592 - March 20th 1896

June 11th. I have had to spend the greater part of my time with class 5 this week. Mr. Glover seems quite unable to maintain any semblance of discipline in the school at all. The class is most disorderly and when I am away gets completely out of hand. I have been obliged to lay these facts before the Secretary to the Committee.

June 16th. The school was closed this afternoon in consequence of the military sports held in Stockwood Park.

June 14th. School open as usual this morning. All the staff present.
Registers checked a. m.

Correct
G. J. Martin

June 18th. I have been obliged to keep in Std. 3 room all the week to keep order. Mr. Glover is totally incapable of maintaining discipline. It is impossible to keep him on the staff of this school.

June 24th. Mr. Glover finishes his brief stay in

this school today. He has resigned his post under the Committee.

June 25th. I am taking complete charge of Std. 3 until such time as fresh help can be sent.

The attendance this week, has been very bad indeed 83.9%. This continued bad attendance combined with the shortage in staff is having a serious effect on the school.

July 2nd. I have spent the whole of my time this week with Std. III. This has been very necessary owing to the falling off in discipline and work caused by the extreme weakness of the last teacher.

July 4th. The school was closed today on account of so many boys wishing to attend school treats.

July 8th. School opened as usual this morning. All the staff present. Mr. William Frederick Neal of Westminster Training College commenced work here this

morning. I have given him charge of class 4 Mr. Layfield taking charge of class 5.

July 9th. The attendance is still very low. This is due to measles and several outbreaks that have taken place this week.

July 16th. Mr. Carter visited the school this morning.

July 20th. The attendance today is very low. There is a school treat being held and over 80 boys are absent.

July 23rd. The work for the year is now practically complete. Considering the handicap the school has been under the work done has been quite satisfactory. Mr. Neal has made a good start with his class. He seems a careful and extremely cheerful teacher, and manages the boys very well indeed.

July 26th. I distributed leaflets and notices of a meeting, to be held here this evening,

among the boys and asked them to take them to their parents. The object of the meeting is to interest everyone in the war loan and encourage thrift.

July 29th. The school closes this afternoon for the summer vacation. After the strenuous year we have had this respite is very welcome.

Aug. 30th. The school opened this morning. All the staff present.

I admitted the new draft from the Infant School this morning. School re-organised for coming year. Staff distributed as follows.

Class 1.	Mr. Newman.
.. 2	Mr. Bunyan.
.. 3	Mr. Neal
.. 4	Mr. Layfield.
.. 5	The Headmaster.
.. 6	Miss. Stevenson.
.. 7	Mrs. Baret.

Each teacher has his new work for the year ready to commence at once.

and consequently will be absent from school until the war is over.

I hope they will have a speedy and safe return.

Owing to this shortage in the staff Mr. Fitzjohn will take the two upper classes together in the hall, Mr. Bunyan will take class 5, and class 4 will be taken charge of by myself.

Sept. 11th. I have distributed a number of soup tickets to the poorer children during the week. There seems to be more than the usual distress among the children for this time of the year.

Sept. 15th. Mr. Warren the Chairman of the Education Committee visited the school this morning.

Sept. 18th. Mr. Tripp^{13/1033}, a member of the staff from Beech Hill School (which has been closed owing to an epidemic) commenced work here temporarily

this morning. I have given him charge of Class 4.

Sept. 18th. Mr. Brown, another member of the staff from Beech Hill School, commenced work here temporarily, this afternoon. He is taking charge of class 2.

The attendance this week is remarkably good 93%. This is the highest reached for over 12 months.

Sept. 24. Registers checked this morning. Forged
Perry Hunter.

Sept. 28th. Copy of Report made by Mr. J. S. Dymond after visit of May 9th and 11th. 1914.

"The school is well organised and capably and intelligently taught, and its general condition is very satisfactory. Order is excellent, and in all their work the boys make good progress, especially in the upper part of the school. Arithmetic is particularly good, Physical Exercises,

Singing, and Drawing are competently taught, and in the upper classes the careful attention which is given to the revision of the work of previous years is a noticeable feature.

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J. M. Carter
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came to help for this week. She is taking class 6 vice Mr. Layfield who will take class 4, and Mr. Fitzjohn will take classes 1 and 2 with assistance from myself. I shall be very glad when some permanent arrangement can be made to relieve the shortage in staff.

Oct. 16th. Miss. Rogers concluded her temporary work here today. She is returning to her own school on Monday.

During the week I have given several special lessons to the top classes on the causes of the war.

Oct. 19th. I have had no help sent today consequently Mr. Fitzjohn has had to take the top two classes alone and I have taken class 4.

Oct. 20th. Mrs. Alice Coupe of Leagrave came this morning to help until permanent appointments can be made. She will have charge of class 6 and for this week Mr. Layfield will

help Mr. Fitzjohn.

Oct. 23rd. I have continued the series of lessons to the top classes, on the causes of the war, during this week.

The attendance this week is very bad indeed 84.8%. This coupled with the shortage in staff does not conduce to the proper working of the school. I am convinced that all the members of the staff are doing their utmost to keep up the standard of work despite these difficulties and I am satisfied that real progress is being made, with the exception of class 6, in all classes; but as I understand that Mr. Wilson leaves next week and so depletes the staff still further a serious state of affairs will arise unless the Committee grapple with the matter at once.

Oct. 29th. Mr. Wilson concluded his duties here today. He has obtained a post at St. Albans.

Oct. 30th. Mrs. Ruby ^{Bauer} Bowet commenced work here this morning temporarily. I have given her charge of Std. I. the class taught by Mr. Wilson.

Nov: 2nd The school was closed today. It is being used as a Polling station for the Municipal Elections.

Nov: 3rd The school was opened as usual this morning. All the staff present. Particulars for Term 9E. Supplementary to p.p. 8, 44 and 126.

Date of Engage ^t	Reg. Num.	Birthday
June 15th. George Wells	$\frac{09}{1469}$	2nd Oct. 1884.
Sept. 17th. George Ed ^d Tripp	$\frac{13}{1033}$	left Oct. 9th.
Supply } Oct. 12th. Grace Maud Rogers	$\frac{11}{3698}$	left Oct. 16th.

Nov: 6th. The attendance is very bad again this week. I have given a little extra attention to class 6 this week. The work there needs improving.

Nov: 10th. Mr. J. S. Dymond, His Majesty's Inspector visited the school this afternoon. He was making enquiries on behalf of

the Board of Education as to the condition of the children, especially with regard to underfeeding. I told him I considered the distress was worse than in previous years and he took particulars of four cases that were very bad. He spoke to and questioned the boys concerned.

Nov: 11th. I have supplied four lads with new clothes today. Their own were in a shocking condition.

Nov: 13th. Mr. A. A. Oakley, a resident in the neighbourhood of the school, visited the school today, and discussed with me the best means of alleviating some of the distress. He has promised to send some milk etc. for distribution each morning.

Nov: 16th. Some of the children of all departments were fed with milk etc. this morning. A quantity of milk will be sent to the school each day for this purpose.

Nov: 17th. Some soup from the soup kitchen was

sent here today. This was heated and given to the needy children.

Nov. 20th. Mr. Warren, the chairman of the Education Committee visited the school this morning. He enquired into the arrangements for feeding the children and asked ^{me} to obtain all that was necessary for them.

Nov. 24th. Work progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected with a depleted staff. It is impossible for me to carry out my duties properly while I am tied to a class.

Mr. R. F. Briggs a member of the Education Committee visited the school this morning.

Nov. 30th. Mrs. Coupe terminated her duties in this school this afternoon.

Mr. Layfield is absent today. He is attending the certificate examination and will not attend this week.

This necessitates Mr. Litzjohn taking the top two classes alone while I am

taking Std. IV.

Mr. S. Hubbard a member of the Town Council and the Education Committee visited the school this afternoon. He promised to send some cocoa etc. for the poorer children, and enquired into the condition of the staff.

Dec. 1st. Miss May Stevenson of Holbeach commenced work here this morning, as I understand, permanently. She is taking charge of class 6.

Dec. 2nd. Time Table this afternoon altered to admit of classes 1, 2 & 3 being grouped together from 2 to 3 to receive a special lesson on "Alcohol & the Human Body". This was given by Mr. J. Barnett in a most interesting and instructive way; the boys followed the points well, and will, I hope, derive benefit from it. I shall be unable to allow the boys to write an essay on this lesson as we have so much other work on

hand owing to shortness of staff.

Dec. 4th. Mr. Layfield returned to duty this morning.

Dec. 9. Registrar checked this morning. Connet
Jan. 18th.

Dec. 18th. I have examined the school in the three R's only this term. We have concentrated on these because of loss of staff. I am quite satisfied that good work has been done this term but it has been very difficult of accomplishment.

The school closes this morning for the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately we are now faced with a still further depletion of staff. Mr. Fitzjohn leaves today to take up the Head-Mastership of the Widford Council School, Herts. His work on the staff of this school for the last 14 years has been most successful and creditable to him. He was presented with 6 volumes of the works of

Thomas Hardy from the top and staff, as a memento of his work here. Since Nov. 16th when the children were fed systematically each morning 1304 children have had breakfast given them.

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Jan. 4th. The school opened this morning. All the remaining staff present. No new teacher has been appointed in the place of Mr. Fitzjohn, consequently the two top classes are each without a teacher. I am taking charge of both these classes until some additions to the staff can be made. Mr. A. Arnold, the Chairman of the Staffing Committee, visited the school during the morning. I explained the position fully to him and he promised to see what could be done personally.

Jan. 5th. Mr. W. J. Day, ¹³⁰⁴ of Old Bedford Rd School, who has been temporarily

engaged at Beech Hill School came to work here temporarily at any rate. I have been again obliged to reorganise. Mr. Day will take charge of Class 5, which releases Mr. Bunyan to take over class 3, and this frees Mr. Newman to take the top classes 1 + 2 with such help as I can give him.

Jan. 8th. The attendance this week has not been good. There are many cases still of diphtheria.

Jan. 15th. I have devoted a great deal of my time this week to class 4, especially to the reading of that class.

The work of the school appears to be progressing in a satisfactory manner.

Jan. 18th. Mr. W. J. Day is absent today ill. He will probably be away for some time. I sent word to the office that the staff was two short and the Secretary

visited the school this morning and took particulars of the staff present and its disposition. He promised to consult with the chairman of the staffing committee and try to send some relief at once. I am taking charge of class 5 myself.

Jan. 22nd. Mr. Day has been absent all the week consequently I have been obliged to take class 5, leaving Mr. Newman to take the two top classes without help at all. No help or additions to the staff have been sent or promised. I have repeatedly urged on the responsible authorities that they should deal with the staffing of the school immediately and in a permanent manner but without avail. I cannot say that the school is progressing to my satisfaction.

Jan. 25th. I am still without help to relieve the shortage in staff. Mr. G. Lyson