

K. & G.
BOOK

1888.

Dec 20. Broke up to day for Christmas holidays.
Few boys in attendence this morn.

1889.

Jan: 11 Started the new year on Monday with a
good Master of Boys. Several boys in
Stand: II want special attendance to
get them up for the examination.

Jan: 16. Standard III want to make to do their
work more neatly. Figures are bad, and
paper dirty.

Jan: 25. This Standard is fairly intelligent. The
only draw-back is Macklady who is very
dull.

Feb: 1. This Stand: I makes little or no progress
notwithstanding the time and care bestowed
upon it. All the stupid ones appear to have
crept into it, and it is hardly possible to
teach them. They are the same in every
subject.

Feb: 5. Stand II is intelligent, and do their
work neatly. Composition is the worst.

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Feb: 15. Stand I. contains some nice sharp boys.
A few backward ones will have to be worked up.

Feb: 22. Stand II. spelling and writing on Lakes bad.
This Stand: will have to be well looked after.
or many will fail.

March 1. An improvement in Stand: III in writing
which is more regular and work neater.

March 8. Stand IV do their work accurately and neatly
but Stand V. is very bad. Thomas Fairclough
Geo: Shaw. W^m Marshall are the dullest, most
stupid boys I ever taught.

March 15. Stand VI. do their work neatly and correctly.
Stand: V. as usual are very slow in Arithmetic
and untidy in their work. This Stand:
has had the greater part of my time this
year.

March 22. Stands I - II appear up with their
work.

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March 29. All the Standards have been examined in their work this week. Stand V. is the worst. This Standard has attended very irregularly. The Registers were called over this week for the fourth time.

Poetry for the current year.

I. W. Merchant of Venice.

IV. Portion of Marmion.

I. II. III. Selections from poetry for the young.

T. Glover

5/4/89

April 12. As the Government examination took place last Monday the attendance has been irregular this week.

April 19th: The boys from the infant School were admitted last week. They were examined this week, and a very backward lot they are. They cannot put down figures from dictation, most of them cannot make their letters, and not one can read. It will require good and constant teaching to make them fit for the exam. next year.

May. 3. The New 3rd Standard is very backward in attainments. They cannot do their tables perfectly. The pence table and other money tables they cannot do at all. There ought to be a good teacher with this standard continually.

May. 10. Stand. ~~TII~~. has been given to the assistant to relieve the monotony of drumming at Standards I. and II.

May. 17. Standard III. have had transcription lessons on paper. They are wretched writers.

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- May 24. Standard I - VI. understand their work and are going on well.
- May 31. Standard VII have been exercised orally every day this week. These boys in this Standard are very dull. When they will be able to do their work on paper is hard to guess.
- June 7. Standard IV. work pretty accurately, and are fairly intelligent.
- June 14. Monday there was a holiday being Whit Monday. The Assistant is working well with Stand I. It is hard and very slow work.
- June 21. Stand III. have had an exercise in transcription on paper every day. They are backward in writing.
- June 28. The first half year came to a close on Wednesday. The School broke up for a month's holiday.

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The tone and discipline would, but for some evidence of copying in the papers for the sixth Standard, be quite satisfactory. Regarded as a whole, the elementary work is well advanced; the Reading being fluent and intelligent, the handwriting of very fair quality in all the Standards, except the 4th; and the written Arithmetic intelligent and accurate in all Standards except the 4th and 6th. There is room for improvement in the spelling in the 4th & 5th Standards. In Composition in the 6th, and moral Arithmetic in the 3rd and 4th Standards. The class subjects are successfully taught, though a better knowledge of both should be shown in the 2nd Standard, and of Grammar in the 4th. Having regard to the trying year the master has passed through, I am, I think, justified in saying that the Good Merit grant is well earned.

Wm Jones: Certified Teacher of 5th Class.
Wm Burton: Assistant. Certif. Teacher
1st Class.

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- Aug. 2. Commenced the second half year on Tuesday 30th July. There was a Pic-nic on Monday, and the schools were wanted for it.
- Aug. 9. School was closed on Monday owing to the anniversary of the Massall village Club.
- Aug. 16. Standard III. has had the greater part of my time in Reading and Arithmetic, and they don't appear to make any progress.
- Aug. 23. Standard I. is progressing but very slowly. It takes the assistant a day to get through a Reading lesson.
- Aug. 30. In Standards V. VI. VII. very little work has been done, owing to the very irregular attendance. It will soon be a difficult matter to get through the work for examination.
- Sept. 6. Standard IV. is going smoothly. The attend. and is good and the boys as a rule fairly intelligent.

Sept^{er} 13. Boys in Stand III. have improved in their Arithmetic. Their Tables are better. They are not accurate in Compound Addition yet.

Sept^{er} 20. The absence of boys in Stands V-VI. still continues. This is keeping the work in a backward state.

Sept^{er} 27. Stand III. has much improved in writing on paper. This is a result of much practice in writing from a copy set on the Black Boards.

Oct^{ber} 14. On Monday of this week there were no lessons in consequence of the day being so wet. Friday was a holiday being the Crants treat given to the School.

Oct^{ber} 11. Stand I. is improving faster in Reading and Arithmetic. Boys in Stand V-VI work their Arithmetic well. Their Composition is fairly done.

Oct^{ber} 18. The boys had a holiday this week. Standard III. is getting on slowly. The average intelligence of this Standard is very low.

Oct^{ber} 25. The Registers were called this week by the Canal and found correct.

Nov. 1

Visited the School and found everything satisfactory

D. Bostock

- Nov: 1: Standard VII. has been placed under the Assistant for Composition and Arithmetic. Shaw and Spencer are hopeless in composition. These boys have lost a vast amount of time from School.
- Nov: 8. Stand IV. have had examination from Cards in Arithmetic. Jupp and Abram and Miller are very backward. They will want great looking after.
- Nov: 15. Stand I. do their composition fairly well. Wm Higson is very backward. He loses more than half his time at home.
- Nov: 22. Stand VI. are very irregular in their attendance. Consequently they are behind with their work. These boys will never be worked up for examination.
- Dec: 29. Although Stand III. has had so much of my attention they don't progress as they ought in Arithmetic.
- Dec: 30. Heard Stand I. read this week in passing through the room: and they are very much behind in their reading.

Dec: 13. Stand II. do Arithmetic from cards. They do not write regularly on paper.

Dec: 17. Broke up for the Christmas holidays two days earlier owing to a sudden break out of Measles.

Jan: 6. 1890. Open school, but in consequence of measles prevailing it was closed for the week.

Jan: 13. The School opened again. A few more boys put in appearance and it has been kept on.

Jan: 17. Many boys still away. The Time Table has not been strictly followed.

Jan: 24. There has been a fuller attendance this week, but there are still many boys absent.

Jan: 31. There have been more boys this week. The sickness has thrown the boys backward with their work and it will be difficult to make them prepare for the examination.

Feb: 7. There several boys away ill in Stand: III. This Standard is very backward with its work, and the boys are low in intelligence.

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Feb. 14. The boys in Standards V. VI. VII. are very irregular in attendance. It is almost impossible to get the most irregular ones up for examination.

Feb. 21. There are only two boys in Stand: VI. all the rest have left. These two boys are so irregular that they will fail in the examination.
There was a half holiday on Tuesday afternoon being Shrovetuesday.

March. 7. Stand: VII. do their Arithmetic well. The boys in Stand VI. are bad both in Composition and Arithmetic..

March. 14. Stand VII. all the boys in this Standard are backward in everything except Henry Ayton. They have had the greater part of my time and attention. They are very dull and slow in learning anything.

March. 21. Boys in Stand: II are up with their work. Stand I. wants more Reading and writing.

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March. 28. Registers were called this week for the last time. There are very few boys in Standards V. VI. VII. for examination.

April 4th. Commenced the School year this week. All the Standards are working hard for the examination. Stand: III as usual very unsatisfactory.

April. 11. All Standards working up the Subjects for examination. Boys' attendance in the V. & VII. Standards bad.

April. 18. Sent out notes for the absent boys in Standards V. VII. to attend School. They are working out in the fields and the parents cannot spare them. Stand: III. Shaky.

April. 25. Stand: III has taken up the greater part of my time during the past year. Their intelligence ~~is~~ is low, and they came to me unprepared for the Stand: III work.

May

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~~May 1.~~ Admitted nine boys from the Infant School. There will be a holiday tomorrow (Friday) in consequence of the Government examination.

May. 9. The boys admitted have been examined this week, and have proved a better sample than last year.

May. 10. All the Standards have settled down to regular work, and are going on smoothly.

May. 23. Several boys who have just gone into Stand : I. are absent this week. Some have left. They are so young that their learning will be forgotten.

May. 30. Stand : IV. is going on satisfactorily with their work. The writing, however, wants improving. The turns are improperly made.

June 6. Stand : III. is a more intelligent sample than last year. They are going on well with their work. The writing is bad.

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June 14. Sutton is the only irregular boy in Stand IV. This Stand is brightening up. Last year in Stand III. they were all dull.

June 20. Examined Stand I. They are improving in Reading and Arithmetic. Their writing wants attention. Registers were called this week by Mr. Thomas.

June 26. Booked up to day for the Midsummer holidays.

Aug 5. Commenced the half year on Tuesday the fifth. Monday Bank Holiday.

Aug 15. Many of the boys who have just got into Stand I. have left altogether. Stand IV. is too early their learning will be of little advantage to them.

Aug 22. Most of the boys in Stand III have left. Those who remain are very irregular.

Aug 29. Stand II is very small. The boys in it are going on well.

Report on Chatsall Boys for 1890.

Discipline is well maintained, and the boys are intelligent and interested in their lessons. They should, however, answer individually when required to do so. The elementary subjects, except the Arithmetic of the fifth, and seventh Standards are worked correctly and neatly. The Reading of the fourth, fifth, and seventh Standards deserves great praise. In the class subjects Geography is good throughout, and very good in the highest group. Recitation is also generally good. Grammar is fair in the third and fourth Standards and good elsewhere. Singing, which is taught by note, is done tastefully as well as correctly. Map drawing is fair, and Mental Arithmetic good. Altogether the school appears to be a highly satisfactory example of a rural school. Some new Reading books seem to be required.

Wm Jones. Certif: Master 1st Class.

Wm Burton Assistant. Cert: May,

T B H Blundell.

Manager

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Sept 5. Reexamined writing in Stand: II. It wants much attention. The reading is fair.

Sept 12. Boys in Stand: II attend well, and are getting on with their work. Their writing, however, wants improving.

Sept 19. The backward boys in Reading Stand IV are beginning to pick up. Especially Sulme, and Wm. Moorcroft.

Sept 26 Boys in Stands V. VI. attend irregularly. This interferes with their progress. Most of them have left.

Oct 3. Attendance in Upper Stands: gets worse. They are engaged with the harvest in the fields.

Oct 10. Stand IV do their Reduction of weights and measures intelligently. The irregulars are a drawback.

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Oct^r. 17. Jamp, Critchley. Fortunately boys in Stand V. have all left. This is a relief, as they were a drag owing to their bad attendance.

Oct^r. 24. The writing in Stands IV. V. VI. has improved lately. More attention has been given to the formation of the letters. Writing more uniform.

Oct^r. 31. Looked over the paper work in Arithmetic of Stand III. Most of the figures were badly made, and there were many blots.

Nov. 7. Heard Stand I. Read and examined in Mental Arithmetic (Tables). As a whole they seemed sharp.

14. Stand I. want much attention in Reading and Spelling. Their writing, too, is bad.

21. Job Grimshaw (Stand I) is the most backward boy. He has been at home half his time.

28. Boys in Stand II. have not had sufficient exercise in writing on paper. When this Stand comes to the III. there will be hard work for the teacher to get them up for examination.

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- Dec. 5. Stand III. read carelessly. Many words are called wrongly, and many words are inserted. Writing and Spelling want improving.
12. Holiday, being the Count's annual Traparty.
19. Writing and figuring in Stand III very bad. and Carelessly done.
22. Christmas Holidays. Frost and Snow so severe that Scarcely any boys came. Otherwise the School would have been carried on until Wednesday.
- Jan. 8. 91. Broke up again for a week. School wanted for Rector's presentation, and Luncheon & Prisoners
23. Weather still very cold but lads mustered in good numbers. Av: 84.8.
- " 30. In the absence of an assistant my daughter M. A. Jones has been appointed temporarily. Examined Stand III. and found them very backward. They knew no poetry and only a little Geography. They don't appear to have had any lessons in writing by the late assistant, who left at Christmas.
- Feb. 6th. Standards I and II have been well worked in their subjects.

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Feb. 13. Stand II. had the first Lesson in Geography. The Assistant is working well with Stands: I and II. There is a decided improvement in their Reading, Writing and Spelling.

20. There is no Assistant appointed yet. The school is thus placed at a disadvantage. Dictation in the III. and IV. Standards wants most improvement. They make most Careless mistakes, although they have had large practice.

27. The Boys in Stand V. for the most part attend irregularly, and their work is not satisfactory. Bertram Blundell is hopeless in Arithmetic. He has lost much time through sickness. Some of the very irregulars have been put down.

March 6. Only two Boys in Stand: VI. Arithmetic is good, and Composition fair.

13. Stands: I and II. are progressing well under the Assistant. They can now say their poetry.