

—Monday Jan. 17th. 1881—  
 J. Hugh Gould Webb took charge of and opened  
 the Marlborough School Board School, this morn-  
 ing, and had an attendance of 60 children.

—Mon. Jan. 24th.—  
 On account of the severity of the weather,  
 the School was closed on Wed. Thurs & Friday.  
 Very little work was done on the two days  
 the School was opened. An inventory  
 of furniture & materials was taken &  
 entered into the Stores Book.

The children necessarily are very  
 backward, and only two can do any  
 arithmetic at all: the others cannot do  
 even addition or notation.

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On account of family affliction, I  
 was obliged to be absent from School  
 on Mon. Tues. Wed. The School was  
 conducted by Mrs Webb, with the help  
 of Miss King.

Miss Bensford, commenced duties  
 on Wednesday.

The Attendance has again been small.



Feb. 4.

The average for the past week is 67.2. and the number on the books 74, an increase of five. The av. would have been more, had it not been for a very wet & stormy day on Wednesday; Many of the children went home in the afternoon.

Mr. Albert Deacon, a Member of the Board visited the School on Wednesday.

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The Average for the past week is 54.6 very fair for the nos on books viz 86.

The children admitted during the week were <sup>twelve</sup> ~~thirteen~~, one boy & two girls on Tuesday, and the others, 4 boys, & 5 girls on Monday.

The Rev. — Warren, and three daughters, visited the School on Tuesday afternoon and expressed themselves, as being very pleased with the order of the School. Miss Warren heard the elder children read.

The children are gradually being placed in their proper classes.



Feb. 21st.

The average for past week was 75.1 and the number on Books 96, an increase of ten. Mr. Deacon visited the School on Wednesday.

The School was conducted by Mr Webb and Miss Pinesford on Friday Tuesday afternoon, myself having gone to Liddington to get the Time Table signed by H.M.I. and to make sundry enquiries. The T. T. was not approved, as it was not sufficiently large.

Miss Pinesford was absent from school the whole of Monday last.

Feb. 28.

Average for past week = 70.1 and number on the Books = 98.

Several children were sent home on account of a dispute as to the amt. of School fees; the parents refusing to pay the fee as directed by the Board.

On Thursday afternoon the Infant School was, by permission of the Board, for the <sup>use</sup> of a charitable distribution of Bread by the Vicar of the parish.



March 7.

Average for past week. \$2.5. Total on the Books. 106.

According to the "Terms of Agreement," on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> being Ash Wednesday, the School was closed, the premises being, for that day, not in the hands of the Board.

The number of Children admitted this week being 4 Boys. 13 Girls.

The whole of the Children were rearranged into their proper classes & Standards during the week.

Several children were again sent home on account of not bringing sufficient money for Sch. Fees. notably. Mary Reeves & the Bourtons.

March 14

On Books.

At the Board Meeting on Monday Evening the Question of the disputed School Fees were discussed, and it was resolved the Annie Selmon's money should be that of the 3rd Class; ~~perhaps~~ 2nd Class, the rest as at first proposed.



The School Fees for the following Children were remitted by the Board for one week viz: - James Nash, John North, Mary Reeves and Annie Salmon.

It was also arranged that no extra Subject should be attempted at present, & the Clerk was ordered to send for Books, Stationery, &c. as per list.

The Children, whose parents dispute the School fees are still away. Mary Reeves again brought 2<sup>d</sup> instead of 4<sup>d</sup>. & was again sent home for more money.

The attendance is improving; but the instruction is still impeded by the want of Materials, which have been ordered for some time, but have not arrived.

21st.

Average. 86.4 No on Books. 108

showing an increase; six having been admitted during the week.

The progress of the children is certainly satisfactory in all subjects except spelling



The Reading is improved with regard to emphasis, tho' still poor; the writing still bad; but arithmetic has advanced more quickly & correctly.

The Rev. P. Warren visited the school on Monday afternoon, and the Misses Warren on Tuesday - do -

Two or Three of the Children who were sent back for their penance, have not since attended: viz Mary Peever, M. Pickens & Eliza Bounton.

28th.

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On Books.

William Painter having been absent since Monday Morn<sup>g</sup>, brought, in answer to the Enquiry not, a reply from his Mother to say 'that "as he was sent home twice in one morning, she would not send him at all." This is incorrect, - The Child brought with him his usual fee, but as his Sister was not coming all the week, he ought to have brought 4. Lewis told of bringing the other penny. He went home dinner time & never returned.



The "Time Table Form" arrived during the week and was filled up & given to the Clerk of the Board to send H. M. S. for signature. The Names (as follows) of the children who had been absent from School a fortnight or more, was given to the ~~Clerk~~ <sup>attending Officer</sup> to look up

Bourton, Eliza 2 wks.

Fox, Ruth 2 1/2 "

Fisher, George 1 1/2

Literube, Williams 3 wks

" Annie "

" Martha "

Keen, Young 2 "

Lee, Henry 1 1/2 "

Richens, Fred 2 "

Reeves, Mary 6 "

Mabel Cox was reported to me for stealing flowers off the Prof. Musters table, & putting them in her pocket; and as she had before stolen something out of another girls pocket, she was punished by having two stripes on her hand & put into the corner. She was very impudent & did not come to school on Friday, the

next day. an absent enquiry sheet was sent.  
 Messrs. Bacon, Lawrence & Gibbs, members of the  
 School Board visited the school on ~~Mon~~  
 Friday Morning.

Some of the old copybooks have been used  
 this week by the children, as the new  
 ones have not yet arrived;

Miss Benesford was absent from School on  
 Tuesday & Wednesday thro' indisposition.  
 Miss King took the infants.

Mr Webb was also absent on Monday &  
 Tuesday Morning.

The Registers came to hand on Friday, and  
 the 1, 2, 3 & 4 Classes attendances  
 were copied in on Sat. also the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Infants.

The above copies of the Registers, were  
 examined by me, and found to be perfectly  
 correct.

W. Winchcomb

Clerk.



Op. 4<sup>th</sup>

Average. 106.

No on Books. Boys 63. Girls 61. Total 124

Mary Reeves, after an absence of 6 weeks, returned to school on Monday, and again brought 2<sup>d</sup>. the half of her sch-fee: she was sent home for the remainder.

The Time Table received on Sunday, signed by H.M.I. and hung up in school.

The work of the School was carried on according to its arrangements.

The Rev. J. Warren visited to school on the afternoon of Sunday & Prof. J. Warren on Wed. aft.

George Fisher has returned to school; he is no longer on the list of absentees since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. last week.

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Average. 105.

No on Books — Boys 65 Girls 61 Total 126

The School seems to be making steady progress both in Arithmetic & Reading. Spelling is very bad still, and Writing worse. Several of the children have come from a Davies school in the Village, where



writing was not taught at all, and very little of other subjects. The School cannot get on much better until proper stationery is obtained. This has been ordered at least two months.

The Rev. P. Warren visited the School on Wed. aft<sup>n</sup>.

18th

Average 105.8.

No. on Books - Boys 69 Girls 64 Total 133.

Friday being Good-Friday, the School was closed for the day.

The Rev. P. Warren visited the School on Thursday afternoon.

The Fee of Mary Reeves was reduced from 4<sup>d</sup> to 3<sup>d</sup> by the Board; also Wm Carter & Jo. Fiske was reduced from 2<sup>d</sup> to 3<sup>d</sup> class. Those of the Knapps were raised to first class.

25th

Average 113.5

No. on Books - Boys - 74, Girls 64. Total 138.

The School was closed on Wednesday aft<sup>n</sup>.



in the morning, secular study was commenced at 9 o'clock a.m. and the children were dismissed at 11 o'clock. The Registers were taken from a 9<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the stationery arrived on Friday, including  
 copy books, copy books, hat  
 pictures, slate pencils.

~~May 2~~  
 April 2

Average = 114.5.

Now on Books - Boys 74 Girls 67 Total 141.

The ~~amount~~ price this week, the amount of School Fees brought too little last week. Henry Lee & H. Johnson did not pay their full amount, also L. Reddy, again brought the lower rate.

On Wednesday Ernest and Charles Brunsden with others were kept in to write their dictation out; while my back was turned Charles went off, and did not attend School in the afternoon. He and Jesse Bathe went home. The next morning these two had four stripes with the cane on the hand, and



at 11 o'clock both these boys, together with the brother Ernest Rumsden, ran away from School.

On Tuesday the Schools were visited by the Rev. P. P. Warden and his family. The Absent Sheets (34) were sent out on Friday together with the School-Rev's Arrears Accts. The former having been omitted the week previous for want of time to write them. The First Qr of the School year ended on Friday last, and the Ar. was found to be £12.8.5. Today, the first day of the Second Qr. there are 95 children in the Mxd. School, and forty six (46) in Inf. School. 26 of these are over 7 yrs of age but do not know their letters, so have to remain. There are still about 25 children to come in, and out of this ~~no~~ 13 only are infants. This will make  
Mxd School = 133. Inf Sch. 38.

9th.

Average. 124.6

No. on Books. - Boys 45. Girls 70. Total 115.



May 16th.

Av. 124.4.

No on Books. — Boys 78. Girls 71. Total. 149.

Several of the children are now over 12 yrs of age, and have consequently left the School, but on account of the Board agreeing to take children under 5 yrs at the rate of \$1 each, the new admissions have more than made up the loss.

The Rev. P. Sleaven & the Rev. — Munn, & the Misses Warren visited the School on Tuesday afternoon.

During the week the weather being rather close, the schoolroom was exceedingly oppressive. More ventilation must be obtained very shortly.

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Thomas Tyler, Ellen Newman  
William Annie & Martha Titcomb  
absent from School

W. Wincomb.

attendance officer



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Louisa Bourton - absent from school  
W. Winchcomb.

attendance officer.

Clara Arman was taken on as Monitor on  
the 16th.

30th.

Average. 130.

No of Books - Borp - 80 . Sub 74 = Total 154.

Requisitions for copies of the Certificate of birth  
for the whole of the children were sent  
in last week, with the exception of  
of Louisa Bourton, from whose Mother  
no information could be gained; and  
of Clara & Edwin Arman, Walter Poole,  
W. & H. Webb, who brought their books  
with them. H. M. Spencer will  
bring their books.

Summonses have been taken out for the  
children mentioned on the previous  
page, but in the case of Ellen Newman  
the summonses will have to fall through  
as her age is undecided.



June 6

Average 129.4

No. on Books:- Boys 81 Girls 74 Total 155.

The want of proper ventilation was felt very much during this week. The Board will be asked to see that something is done to remedy the state of affairs also to supply some new furniture. The General improvement of the children seems to be fair, taking all things into consideration; the lower classes not having been to school before are the most backward, and require a good deal of hard work.

June 13

School closed for the Whitsuntide Holidays

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Av. 128.1

No. on Books:- Boys 81 Girls 77 Total 158.

The School was reopened on Monday after the weeks holidays, with an attendance of 129.

Tuesday, being the anniversary of one of the Clubs of the Village. The



attendance was small in the morning,  
so that it was not <sup>thought wise</sup> worth while to open  
in the afternoon, consequently a  
half holiday was given.

The names of the following children were  
given the Attendance officer to be  
looked up.

G. Fisher	asf Taylor	Kent Lyd
G. Lytle	R. Butcher	" Mary
H "	G. Warren	" Annie
Thos "	Al. Arnold	" William
Marika Mayr	W. Goddard	M. Lee
L. Boustou	J. "	Ans. —
L. Winning	Elc. "	Ans —
E. Yeates	H. Lucken	M. Smith
E. Peppence	M. Grubb	—

Of these:-

E. Yeates, H. Lucken, E. Peppence, J. Fisher  
the Goddards & Lees, L. Boustou, W. Barke  
L. Winning & A. Kent, stayed away  
all the week.



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Coverage. 136.6

No on Reg. - Boys 81, Girls 78 Total 159.

The Children away on Monday morning, whose names were sent in to the A.O. were

Puddy. Kate (measles)

Lee John. } (whooping  
Aunt } cough)

Goddard Alice (lung worm)

Winning Leah. (measles)

Johnson Ellen

Johnson Henry

Bourton Louise

Major Martha

Letcombe Eliza

Stallard Eliza

Collins Wm

Bourton Rhoda

Lucken H.

The School was visited on Friday afternoon  
by Miss G. Warren

The atmosphere of the Mixed School room  
is most oppressive, the ventilation  
being so defective



July 4

Average 142.4.

No. of Reg. - Boys 83 - Girls 79 - Total 162

The Av. this week is the highest the school has obtained since it has been opened; but considering that 153 attended in all it might have been better. Lists of absentees were sent to the Att. Off. on Monday, Wednesday, and again he was seen about them on Friday, but the result was nil, and this morning I have a list of 30 absent. If something is not done soon to the proper ventilating of the school room, I am afraid the effect will be felt by the children; as for the Teachers, I have already been suffering, partly I believe, from this cause. There will be a Board Meeting this evening and the Board will again be asked to see to this matter.

The furnishing of the Infant room, and some more desks for the Mixed room will also again be asked for.



Punishments. Edward Goddard was punished on Friday afternoon by four strokes on the hands for throwing a large stone at another boy. As it happens no harm was done, but it might have been very serious.

July 7.

The Litchbourns were sent home this morning with the fore. letter.

Mr. Litchbourn

Your children's heads are very dirty and full of lice. You must thoroughly clean them before they come to school again, and it must be done at once. I shall look into their heads when they come back to see if they have been done. Yrs H Webb

July 7.

I have today examined the Registers & found them correct.  
W. Winchcomb  
Clerk.



—July 11—

average 134.4

No on Books - Boys 83 Girls 80 Total 163

On Thursday, George Danose was punished with 4 stripes on the hands, for disobedience and trying to run home, and has not been since; his name with others as follows were given to the Attendance Officer:—

A. Taylor, H. Nash, W. Poole H. Lueker.  
 E. Heppner L. Spencer E. Goldard W. Morris  
 C. Lawrence C. Nash G. Danose M. Butcher  
 G. Lyle M. Reeves W. Goldard M. Major  
 H. Lyle A. Grubb W. Goldard M. Litchcomb  
 J. Lee M. Lee A. Wheeler H. Painter  
 E. Painter J. Peadar A. Lee B. Bourston  
 A. Goldard M. Lawrence.

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Av. 124.2.

No. on Books - Boys 83 - Girls 81 Total 164

The Attendance of the children has been gradually decreasing in regularity all the week, from 131 on Tuesday