

## Mary E. GAMMON – May 1863 to July 1865

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The first mistress who kept the log book was **Mary E GAMMON**, Certified Teacher 2nd Class. The monitor appointed during her stay was Ann SAYERS, but at one point in 1864 she is referred to as a Pupil Teacher. She left a few days after Mrs GAMMON's departure.

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### May

1863

- 4 Commenced school with 32 chrn; briefly examined them in arithmetic & reading. In the afternoon gave holiday in order to buy apparatus to work with.
- 5 Finished the examination of chrn in reading and arithmetic, questions in Catechism & Scripture. Needlework in the afternoon for girls, boys said tables and wrote, printed &c. 36 present.
- 6 Examined in Writing and Dictation. The afternoon as before.
- 7 Worked according to timetable made the previous evening. Classified chrn.
- 8 Commenced regular lessons. One child sick.
- 11 Worked the same as Friday. Admitted one child **L SAYERS**; a monitor appointed.
- 12 Work as usual. Had to cane 4 boys for disobedience.
- 13 Work as usual. **Sarah WARD** admitted.
- 14 Worked for an hour then went to church being Ascension Day. Afternoon work as usual.
- 15 Had great trouble with a child who tore her work and did not like to own it. Work as usual.
- 18 Admitted 3 girls. Work as usual. [end of first page]
- 19 Began a series of lessons on the Catechism.
- 20 Holiday in the afternoon on account of the birthday of Mrs. B[LUETT]. Admitted 3 chrn.
- 22 Morning worked as usual till 11 o'clock. Examined by the Diocesan Inspector from that time till 5 o'clock p.m.
- 26 Work as usual. A very thin school. Chrn spoken to about the interference of parents.

### June

- 1 Altered the classification of chrn and admitted 3 chrn.
- 2 Work as usual. Admitted 1 child.
- 3 Work as usual. Admitted 1 child. Had considerable trouble with an obstinate child who wd not count as she was told.
- 5 Had to punish two boys for spitting by keeping them in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr after school hours.
- 8 Admitted 2 chrn. Had nearly all present at prayers. The day very wet.
- 9 Had 51 present in the morning. A boy who absented himself said he could not get up early enough to come.
- 10 Mrs BLUETT came and helped attend to the Needlework in the afternoon.

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### June

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- 15 A stubborn child upset the whole school with her screaming – had to punish her by caning and placing her out of doors. A woman, who had no business to, interfered and spread a fabulous report of the case.
- 16 Mr BLUETT visited the school in the morning and spoke to the child who had been troublesome the day before. Two chrn admitted.
- 17 Mr BLUETT punished a boy for being absent the day before without leave.
- 18 A great many of the chrn asked leave to stay from school.
- 29 One child crossed off the books on account of irregularity in attendance. First class went to church in the morn.
- 30 Commenced a series of lessons on the Commandments. Took the 1st Commandment.

### July

- 6 Had 51 present. Admitted 1 child and readmitted **Mary WATERS** on the promise of more regular attendance.
- 13 Admitted **Ann Maria DENNIS** and **Elizth ROBOLTOM**. **Sophia SYMONDS** sick. Chrn very fidgety during the afternoon, and one boy refused to do as the monitor directed. Had to punish him.
- 14 A child accidentally cut his eye while playing, a child throwing him down on the stones.
- 15 Had notice of Inspection. Mr BLUETT came to help do up the Government paper.
- 16 The monitor had leave to go for a holiday; a child pinched his finger in the desk. **Edwin** and **Verdon KING** away all the week sick.
- 17 Chrn very good in the morning. Mr BLUETT examined the I and II classes in Scripture. 43.
- 20 Admitted **Elizth PHILIPPO** in the afternoon.
- 21 **Walter JONAS** had to be punished 4 times during the day for sharpening his pencil on the desks. Attendance better 51–49.
- 22 *Inspected the school. M E GAMMON Certificated Teacher of the Second Class. F MEYRICK HMI*
- 23 Considerable trouble with **S WARD**, the school unable to proceed in consequence.
- 24 Gave first lesson in long division. Average for week better than last 49.
- 28 **John EASTWICK** well enough to attend. **Sarah WARD** a very naughty girl. Had to punish her.
- 29 Had the other porch opened and thus the chrn could leave the school undressed.

### August

- 3 Received Mrs FRANCES' account for **Ellen EMERSON**, **Wm BUCK**, **Elizth & Maria BELL**. Mr SWEET visited the school.
- 5 **Lucy PECK** sick.
- 7 Singing for 1 hour in the afternoon.

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### August

1863

- 10 A very thin school. Chrn required at home on account of the harvest work. 34 in the morning, 28 afternoon.
- 11 Let school leave at 4 o'clock as there were so few.
- 14 Dismissed at 3½ being so few, only 11 chrn.

### September

- 9 *Summary of Inspector's Report: The school promises very well under a trained mistress. The improvement since my last visit, three years ago, is very great. Signed on behalf of self and other Managers.*

*Wm J G BLUETT Secretary.*

- 14 Commenced school again after the summer vacation. Had 50 present in the morning and 52 in the afternoon. Admitted **Laura EMPSON**.
- 15 Worked according to timetable with the exception of singing. The chrn under 6 yrs of age out at half past 4 instead of 5 o'clock.
- 16 Taught "Little Star" for singing and marching.
- 17 Mr & Mrs BLUETT came in the morning to give notice of the annual school feast.
- 21 Admitted **Josiah EMPSON, Mary Jane EGGLETON, George EGGLETON, Maria DERWELL** [sic] and **Laura EMERY. Thomas and James EMERY** left for a private school.
- 22 The school treat so had holiday.
- 23 **Phoebe EMERSON** sick.
- 24 Gave first division a lesson in "Letter Writing".
- 28 Admitted **Mary Ann MASON**.
- 29 Gave first lesson in Geography to I and II classes.
- 30 Commenced History (English).

### October

- 6 Admitted **Mary Ann DREWELL**.
- 12 **Sarah EGGLETON** left – wanted at home.
- 22 Several obliged to stay at home on account of state of the roads.
- 23 Rev W J BLUETT took III class in the morning and Mrs attended to work in the afternoon.
- 28 Had a fire.

### November

- 3 Holiday on account of parents' club, school being used as sale room.
- 9 **A PYLE, V KING, M J EGGLETON** put into IV class.
- 11 Rev J B SWEET and Mrs SWEET with Rev W BLUETT visited school in afternoon.
- 12 Made the I class boys take the III class in Arithmetic.
- 16 **E ROBOLTOM** put into IV class and **S SYMONDS** left through a misunderstanding about her needlework on Mrs B's days.
- 18 Very few chrn owing to sickness in the village.
- 23 **A DENIS** left.

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### November

1863

- 25 Gave first lesson in Grammar (nouns).
- 26 A pane broken by a form falling.
- 27 Had to speak to chrn about a half penny being taken from the mantelpiece by someone; was put there for the sweepers to buy matches for fires.
- 30 **M WATERS** and **A MITCHELL** put into IV class.

### December

- 1 The Inspector of Nuisance visited the premises.
- 2 The second lesson in grammar. **E EMERSON** sent home with the fever. Taken ill in school.
- 4 **John EMERSON** ill with fever.
- 7 **Harry MERRISON** back to school after the fever.
- 10 **Margarett** and **Ann MITCHELL** ill with fever.
- 14 **A** and **Emily MERRISON** ill with fever. **M A & James EGGLETON** returned after illness.
- 15 **Fanny EMPSON** returned after her illness.
- 18 **A & H MALE** ill with fever.
- 21 Very few at school being cold and fever still raging.
- 23 Elder ones helped to decorate the church.

### January

1864

- 4 Returned after Xmas vacation. **John ABBS** and **Walter JONAS** removed to II class. **H MERRISON** sent home sick.
- 7 **E LAKE** obliged to be sent home ill in the morning, and the monitor in the afternoon. Had to cane several chrn for being late through sliding on pond.
- 8 Very low average, mothers not liking to send the chrn because of cold.
- 11 **Clara & George WADE** and **W BELL** returned after their illness.
- 12 **G WADE** obliged to remain at home again ill. **A MERRISON** sent home sick and **John EASTWICK** moved into II class.
- 13 **Josiah EMPSON** left.
- 15 **John EASTWICK** ill with fever and **L SAYERS**.
- 20 II & III classes taught subtraction.
- 25 **A & Lucy MALE** returned after illness and **Sarah EGGLETON** admitted.
- 26 **Tom MERRISON** left. Gone to keep one of the Toll bars.

### February

- 1 **R EGGLETON**, **H EGGLETON** and **L PECK** removed to III class and **E MERRISON**, **E PHILIPPO** and **James SYMONDS** into II class.
- 2 **A MALE** taught division of money and **E EMERSON** into compound subtraction.
- 8 Little ones kept at home because of the snow.
- 10 Ash Wednesday. Went to church after the first lesson and then returned for the last.
- 12 I & II classes went to church in morning.
- 15 Monitor returned. **Sarah WARD** ill.

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### February

1864

- 17 I & II classes went to church in the morning.
- 18 **E EMERSON** put in compound multiplication. **M A COZZENS** into 4 case of compound division.
- 19 I class attended church in the morning. Learnt to darn in the afternoon.
- 22 **M A MASON** removed to II class.
- 23 Several chrn being away with colds.
- 25 **M A COZZENS** had first lesson in reduction and **P EMERSON** in case 3 of multiplication.
- 29 **A MALE** put into case 3 of compound division and **P EMERSON** to case 2 of compound multiplication.

### March

- 2 Girls very idle with their needlework and had to be kept in to finish tasks. Attended church in the morning and were examined in Scripture there.
- 3 Got two boys to do the fires for next morning instead of girls.
- 7 **W BELL, J PHILIPPO & H MERRISON** put into III class for reading. Took womens' club during school hrs for Mrs **BLUETT**, she being ill.
- 9 Attendance low all day because of snow and state of the roads. Boy had his head cut through playing, had to punish the offender.
- 14 Several who have had the fever returned today.
- 16 I & II classes went to church in the morning.
- 17 **J ABBS** leave for a few weeks to go to work.
- 21 Admitted **M BALDWIN** and **H BELL** returned.
- 25 Holiday Good Friday.
- 28 **C BALDWIN** back to school
- 29 **M WADE** ill with fever

### April

- 1 Chrn examined by Rev T **GREEN**, Diocesan Inspector.
- 4 Admitted **F FELTHAM** and readmitted **M DENISS** and **L EMPSON**.
- 6 Chrn commenced prize work pm.
- 11 Continued lessons at 5 pm. Crossed off **M BALDWIN** and **M BALDWIN** from books for irregularity of attendance.
- 12 Several obliged to stay from school to go stoning etc.
- 13 Rev W **BLUETT** gave out the prizes for needlework.
- 18 Readmitted **M BALDWIN & M BALDWIN** on condition of their regular attendance, and admitted **George E ABBS**.
- 24 **Mrs BELL** called for **Elizth** to be punished for playing truant and telling falsehoods.

### May

- 5 3 I classes attended church am. (Ascension Day).
- 23 Returned after Whitsuntide holidays. 36 present in morning and same afternoon owing to the fair.
- 24 Admitted **R EGGLETON II**.
- 30 **M A MASON** left. Sister gone to situation, obliged to be kept at home.

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### June

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- 8 Admitted **P PHILIPPO**.
- 13 **M DREWELL** returned and **M BALDWIN** and **L EMPSON** spoken to on account of irregularity of attendance.
- 15 48 present, the highest number present since the fever.
- 20 **W JONAS** turned out of school for not asking for leave of absence.
- 22 Rev **BLUETT** punished several chrn for climbing the walls.
- 23 **Walter JONAS** received back again on condition of regular attendance.

### July

- 4 Moved the chrn into higher classes for reading to give more attention to lower classes where there were too many.
- 7 Holiday in afternoon being the School Masters Festival.
- 10 Punished some chrn for behaviour at church during Sunday service.
- 12 Gave the monitor leave to go to confirmation at Fakenham.
- 25 School staff **Mary E GAMMON** Certified Teacher of the Second Class.

### August

- 3 Few chrn in attendance – wanted because of parents being out to work and required their dinners carried to them.
- 5 **P PHILIPPO** left because made her clothes dirty playing during recreation time.
- 12 Break up for harvest holidays, a month.
- 31 *Summary of Inspector's Report. The school is doing very fairly but the children are somewhat inattentive.*

### September

- 12 Holiday today because of school not being ready. **E BELL** left to go to situation.
- 13 Commenced school after the harvest holidays. Had holiday on Monday because school was not ready. Pupil Tr away all the week, gone on holiday because she minded the chrn on Sundays during harvest.
- 20 Holiday for school to be whitewashed.
- 21 Holiday for school to be cleaned.
- 22 Very few chrn at school all having an idea there was holiday all the week.
- 23 Still very few chrn at school mothers not caring to send them so late in the week.
- 28 Kept chrn into 1 o'clock in consequence of Mrs **FRANCIS** being buried to keep them out of churchyard during the service [Eliza **FRANCIS** 64 bd 28Sep1864]. Left at 4 in the afternoon.

### October

- 17 Admitted **R BELL** and had to punish a child for making another's nose bleed during school time.
- 18 Admitted **E JAX** and allowed [blank] **BALDWIN** to come on trial for a week.

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- 19 3 Girls punished for refusing to sweep the room.
- 23 Admitted **W & M FROST**. **A M DENNIS** came again, has not been since the summer, been in London.
- 25 The eldest were tried as to their fitness for the church choir, more singers being wanted.
- 26 Received Rev P FRANCIS' account for the qtr for **M BELL**, **W BUCK & E EMERSON**.

### November

- 3 **A MERRISON** refused to remain to sweep school. Mother fetched her.
- 4 Mr MERRISON came and made a noise because of child being made to sweep school. His 3 chrn turned from school in consequence.
- 7 Several chrn away at field work. **BALDWINs** ill with smallpox and **DREWELLs** with fever.
- 8 Mrs BLUETT took choir in singing last half hour.
- 9 Holiday in the morning, only 6 present in the afternoon chrn thinking they would like holiday.
- 11 **M DREWELL** died [Selina DREWELL 7½ bd 09Nov1864].
- 22 Admitted **W BUCKINGHAM**.
- 23 Obligated to give over lessons for qtr hr in consequence of a storm, the school being too dark to see anything.
- 28 Received **E, A and H MERRISON** again into school on condition there is no interference on the part of parents and that **Ann** pays 3d per wk to exempt her from sweeping the school.
- 29 **M TIPPLE** has smallpox.

### December

- 6 **F FELTHAM** came this week after 5 weeks holiday at his uncle's. Boys did multiplication by 2 figs.
- 7 Some chrn obliged to remain at home because of their arms being painful effects of vaccination.
- 22 Holiday all day in order to prepare sch room for a concert in the evening "on behalf of the choir music lessons".
- 23 Rather a poor school; began late because of returning some of the seats which had been used for concert and which were in the way of sch business.
- 26 Gave boys in Standard III a lesson on simple multiplication by 3 figures.

**COMPULSORY VACCINATION ACT.**

(16 & 17 Victoria, Cap. 100.)

**SCHEDULE A.**

**Medical Certificate of Successful Vaccination.**

[To be delivered (pursuant to Section IV.) to the Father or Mother of every Child successfully Vaccinated, or to the Person having the Care, Nurture, or Custody of such Child.]

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, That

(<sup>c</sup>) William Emery Bell (aged (<sup>b</sup>) 8 years),

the Child of (<sup>e</sup>) William Bell of (<sup>d</sup>) [and residing at

No. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Street in]

the Parish of Stibbard

in the County of Warfalle has been successfully vaccinated by me.

Dated this (<sup>e</sup>) First day of December 1864.

(Signature of the Person certifying) W. E. Gammon

(Add Professional Titles) \_\_\_\_\_

[See Note on the other side.]

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2. Compulsory Vaccination Certificate for William Emery BELL

January

1865

- 9 Commenced school after holiday. Wm & Margt FROST left sch, father got a situation at Guist.
- 10 Worked with Standard III arithmetic on BB and Standard IV worked compound multiplication by 3 figures, Standard V worked with them. Standard II commenced to read in second bk, having previously read from a card.
- 13 Standard II had exercises in number up to hundreds.
- 16 Had new BB and some slates and pencils. Gave IV Standard an exercise in Av Troy and Sqr measures, and III an exercise in subtraction and addition.
- 17 Continued with Scripture proofs of the Commandments.

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1865

- 23 **M BALDWIN** and **M & M A DREWELL** returned after illness. **P PHILIPPO** put into IV class.
- 25 I & II classes attended the morning churcing at 10 o'clock. After service returned to school and lessons.
- 27 Only 20 chrn am 17 pm. Attendance so low owing to the state of the weather and the quantity of snow upon the ground.

### February

- 1 Gave chrn an exercise in Standards V IV & III in arithmetic to work at home. Several boys punished for breaking a form during the dinner hour.
- 2 The exercise given yesterday well done upon the whole. Great carelessness shown with some. Had a set of 24 pictures hung round room and for school purposes.
- 13 **P PHILIPPO** and **E JEX** put into IV class for reading. Chrns taught needlework by Mrs **BLUETT** and will continue to do so for some weeks, the work being wanted. Rev **BLUETT** going to New Zealand.
- 17 Didn't take attendance because of the few chrns, weather being so cold and having such a quantity of snow. Only 12 am and 14 pm. Kept them one hour and then dismissed them.
- 24 Average for week 21 owing to the state of the weather.

### March

- 6 Attendance low. School week commencing wet and several children having bad shoes are kept at home.
- 13 Scripture. Life of Samuel.
- 16 The whole school had 20m play in playground, it being fine and being unable to do so for some weeks.
- 17 Rev **BLUETT** asked permission for I & II Classes to attend church on the remaining Wednesdays during Lent.
- 23 Gave I Div spelling lesson instead of reading.
- 27 Mr **P KING** called to make arrangements for presenting the Rev **B[LUETT]** with testimonial of esteem from the village prior to his leaving Stibbard. Boys picked church trimmings to pieces.
- 29 Mr **P KING** called to see if the school could be decorated for the evening of presenting a testimonial to the Rev **W J G & Mrs BLUETT**.
- 30 Sent the elder chrn out at half after eleven to gather flowers and greens for trimming. All left at 3.45 pm to allow time to get schoolroom ready for the evening.
- 31 Examined I div in back Scripture. Found they had forgotten many facts which ought to have been remembered.

### April

- 3 Readmitted **R EGGLETON** who had been in Union during the winter.
- 6 Had but one fire instead of two.
- 7 Had no fire being warm enough without.

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- 10 Commenced leaving at 5 o'clock pm instead of 4 o'clock.
- 11 Had lessons for all the school after 4 o'clock.
- 12 Gave the III Standard their first lesson in division from the BB.
- 14 Good Friday. Chrn assembled to be taken to church both am and pm.
- 17 Several chrn crow and cattle keeping for a few weeks. Little chrn began their patchwork for showing at inspection to work on twice per week.
- 18 Gave lesson upon "Speaking the Truth" to three first classes.
- 19 Only few chrn in the afternoon because of a sale at the Rectory.
- 24 Admitted **Thos BUCKENHAM** and **John EGGLETON**. Had womens club at school.
- 25 Sent some of eldest chrn to take the younger ones, the monitor helping the Rev B[LUETT] pack his boxes.
- 26 Very few elder chrn, wanted at home either for stock keeping or washing.

### May

- 1 Admitted **C W WALLER**, **James RUTLAND**, **Thos BALDWIN** & **S WALLER** and crossed off books **S L WALKER**, **J RHOBOLTON**, the former gone home, the latter keeping the tollgate.
- 8 Admitted **Geo Clement WALLER** and crossed off **M A COZZENS** who is attending upon a sick person and **M A & Maria DREWELL** for irregularity of attendance.
- 10 A Geography lesson on map of world (I class).
- 16 Gave lesson to three first classes upon "Writing Paper".
- 22 Admitted **M BALDWIN**.
- 23 A great many chrn asked to leave early to attend "Ryburgh Gant".

### June

- 12 **A SAYERS** (monitor) away for holiday, had to manage the lower classes by appointing girls from 8th class.
- 13 Refused to admit 3 chrn unless they applied first to the Rector.
- 21 I class worked their sums on paper to be continued till after the examination.
- 22 The spelling in the dictation of I class was shocking this morning. Arithmetic better.
- 27 Received the notice for the Inspector's visit. Wrote to have it postponed.

### July

- 18 Arranged chrn in desks according to Standards and worked accordingly – found rather difficult to manage.
- 19 School examined. Average for year 43, and chrn present 43. There were 6 failures, 57 chrn usually were present.
- 20 On half holiday because chrn did so well at examination.
- 21 Lessons as usual with the exception of Scripture. Did not begin the Scripture for this year. Left it for new mistress.