

Beatrice Alice HIGNETT – July 1912 to April 1937

The appearance of stability in the school following the appointment of Mrs **Beatrice Alice HIGNETT** from Lancashire on 1 July 1912 is somewhat deceptive. She stayed in post until her death in April 1937, just under a quarter of a century. Unfortunately she suffered from chronic ill health, and people who were taught by her remember her frequent indispositions and absences. However, her pupils regarded her highly, and she was undoubtedly an asset to the village community. Her daughter Kathleen was a pupil in the school for a time. The report of Mrs HIGNETT's funeral is included. The inscription on her gravestone in Stibbard churchyard includes the phrase "God sent her peace".

Miss M L HOWLETT started work at the same time as Mrs HIGNETT, and took charge of the infants. Miss SOAMES was still working at the school in August 1912, and when school reopened in September a Miss HUBBARD was a temporary teacher. She returned to Hingham in October, the following week Miss RANDESOME arrived from Kelling and stayed till the end of October. Miss BROWN, who had been appointed monitress in the infants room, was taking a class under the supervision of Mrs HIGNETT by the end of October. Miss RANDESOME turned up again temporarily for part of a week since her own school was shut. On 20 November Miss LONG came as a supply teacher at 3 pm; she left on 22 November at 3 pm to go home to Downham.

On 7 April 1913 Miss NAYLOR, Certificated Permanent Supply Teacher, commenced duties with Standards I & II. By 11 o'clock that morning she had received word to leave for another school. Miss BROWN took over her role. HMI reported in May 1913 that since November last the staff has consisted of the head teacher, assisted by a monitor and a supplementary teacher; there were 85 children on the books.

In July Miss DODSON of Beetley came to assist with Standards I & II as her school was closed by an epidemic; she stayed till the beginning of August. A supply teacher, Miss PUGH, came in October. In February 1914 Miss V F E HOWLETT started working as uncertificated assistant with charge of Standards I & II; she stayed until the end of October 1914.

There is no direct reference to WW1 in Mrs HIGNETT's log book. There is however a mention in 1917 of the admission of 3 children over 5 from London; almost certainly these were evacuees. Miss BARTLE came in for a week in January 1915 to help out with Standards I & II. After the school had been closed in March when all the staff were sick, Emmeline BURCHAM, uncertificated, reopened the premises. Mrs HIGNETT and Miss HOWLETT returned in April. Their brief help was Miss CHAPMAN, a temporary supply teacher; she resigned in July. Her replacement the following week was Miss H BROWNE, a supply teacher from Downham infant school who did not stay for a whole week. The next week Miss WARD of Wimbotsham assisted for just two days, leaving because she could not find lodgings in or near the village.

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In the autumn term Miss SAMPLES taught Standards I & II until the beginning of December. Mrs WRIGHT replaced her as assistant mistress. She took a lot of sick leave, and a Miss GLASSPOOLE helped out for about a week in June. A Miss HANTON also filled in for a couple of days in November.

Elsie I SMITH, a supply teacher, took charge of the school when it opened in January 1918; she left at the end of March. When the new school year started after Easter Mrs HIGNETT was teaching Standards III-VII, Mrs WRIGHT Standards I-II, and Miss HOWLETT the infants. Mrs WRIGHT's departure is recorded on 31 October. Just before Christmas Wm R ENGLISH worked in the school for two weeks as temporary head. In March 1919 Miss Eva CLAXTON started work as Assistant Teacher with Standards I-II. In November of that year a Miss COOPER took charge for a week when Mrs HIGNETT was ill. Miss CLAXTON left in April 1922. In July Eric FOSTER's teaching practice lasting 3 weeks was recorded. In June 1923 during an influenza epidemic Miss HOWLETT was absent, and Miss RIX from Shipdham took her place for a week.

In April 1924 Miss HOWLETT was coping with the infants and Standard I while Mrs HIGNETT taught Standards II-VII. 56 Children were recorded as being on the registers in November of that year. The next month Eleanor CHILD took Mrs HIGNETT's place for 2 days. In January 1925 Mrs HIGNETT was unfortunate enough to have a motor accident, and was away for 3 weeks. Shortly afterwards the head teacher from Billingford, C TOMBLING, was in charge for two days, followed shortly after by A ALGAR, head teacher from Whinburgh, who similarly spent two days in Stibbard. By April 1928 there were 15 infants in Miss HOWLETT's class and 29 in the various Standards under Mrs HIGNETT.

Miss HOWLETT conducted the school on her own for a while in October when Mrs HIGNETT was ill, and was then assisted by a Miss PENDRY, a supply teacher. Bessie OSBORNE, uncertificated teacher, took charge in February 1929 when both permanent members of staff were sick. She was helped in March by Daisy FISHER, a certificated mistress. In April 1929 there were 18 infants, and 32 in the main room. Just before the harvest holiday Miss OSBORNE returned to take Standards I-III. At the beginning of December Miss E CARDER commenced duties as supply teacher with Standards I-II. However her attendance was sporadic and she eventually left on 31 March. Miss A MALLETT took Standards I-II as a supplementary teacher starting April 1930, and was teaching in the school until Easter 1932.

At the end of 1931 Patience BELL from Wood Norton was teaching in the school. There were 29 in the main room, and 13 in the infants and Standard I. When Mrs HIGNETT, Miss HOWLETT and Miss BELL were all absent together in February 1933 E M EDWARDS, uncertificated teacher, took charge of the school for 4 days. G L BELL came in on 21 February and left on 3 March. In November 1933 Mrs HIGNETT was suffering from neuritis of the spine, and Amy A TWITE took her place from 4-12 December. Mrs HIGNETT had an attack of shingles in February 1934, and Alice Daisy FLEGG, supply staff, took temporary charge, remaining until 23 March.

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July

1912

- 1 [**B A HIGNETT**] Commenced my duties this morning as Head Mistress. Found school stock very low indeed. No teaching material at all. Miss **HOWLETT** took charge of infants division. Attendance 60.
- 2 Wrote to Norwich to ask for requisitioned goods to be sent at once.
- 4 Have not heard from Norwich.
- 8 Received parcel of exercise books etc. from Jarrolds but only sufficient to begin work with.
- 10 Received notice that the Diocesan Inspection will take place on July 24th. Received small folding table.
- 12 I admitted on 8th a boy to the infant room aged 5 years. The Managers granted permission for me to allow regular weekly attenders to leave at 3.45 on Friday afternoons as a means to gain more regular attendance.
- 15 Miss **BARTLE** visited the school. I sent **Beatrice MEALE** and **Reginald MEALE** home at 11.30, the girl being covered with a rash. Reported the same to Dr **FISHER**.
- 16 Dr **FISHER** called this morning. I sent in names of children suffering from infectious diseases to Dr **NASH**.
- 19 Registers were not marked this morning. Only 25 children present owing to the bad weather.
- 23 Mr **KING HMI** was present all day. I received advice from Dr **NASH** to close school until weekend in case more cases of measles should break out. Closed school at 4 o'clock until Monday.
- 31 Opened school this morning. We were unable to open on Monday as stated owing to orders from Medical Officer to thoroughly cleanse the school.

August

- 6 School was closed yesterday. Bank holiday.
- 8 Only 32 children present this morning owing to the heavy rain.
- 9 Miss **SOAMES** asked for leave of absence this afternoon in order to go home by an early train. I gave her leave. We close today at 4 o'clock for harvest holidays. Attendance today is very poor.

September

- 16 School reopened this morning. Attendance only poor in mixed room owing to late harvest. Miss **HUBBARD** commenced duties as temporary teacher.
- 23 Many boys absent this afternoon to go to an auction sale. **Robert PAGE** left to go to Ryburgh school.

October

- 7 Received word from Miss **HUBBARD** that she had been instructed to return to Hingham. Am now without a teacher for Std I & II.
- 14 Miss **RANDLESOME** has commenced temporary duties this morning. I admitted 3 new children.
- 18 Attendance very good 97.9%.
- 25 Standards I & II have an average attendance of 23. Percentage 100.

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October

1912

- 28 Miss **RANDLESOME** left on Friday to return to Kelling school. Stds I & II are again without a qualified teacher as no supply has been sent. Miss **BROWN** taking the class under my supervision.
- 29 Miss **RANDLESOME** returned this afternoon for temporary duties until Friday, her school having closed for the week.

November

- 14 4 More children admitted, 3 in infants, 1 in mixed.
- 20 Miss **LONG** came as supply teacher on 3 o'clock this afternoon.
- 22 Miss **LONG** left to go home at 3 o'clock to go home to Downham.

December

- 11 I admitted a boy to Std III. There are now 78 on books.

January

1913

- 6 School reopened this morning. Only 3 children absent, sick. No teacher for lower division.
- 27 I admitted 2 children this morning. There are now 80 on books.

February

- 7 Miss **HOWLETT** absent sick.
- 10 Many children absent, suffering from severe colds.
- 21 Miss **BROWN** is absent today, suffering very severe cold.
- 24 Received word Miss **BROWN** is suffering from influenza.
- 27 I am teaching all the Standards single handed. Miss **BROWN** still absent.

March

- 10 Miss **BROWN** returned today. I admitted 2 scholars.
- 31 Beginning of new school year. There are now 61 children in main room and 21 infants.

April

- 4 Several children absent suffering from measles.
- 7 Only 42 children present. Many more cases of measles. Reported to MOH. Miss **NAYLOR**, Cert. Permanent Supply Teacher, commenced duties this morning with Stds I & II. Miss **NAYLOR** received word to leave at 11 o'clock for another school.
- 8 School is closed from today by order of Dr NASH owing to epidemic of measles.
- 19 Reopened school 76 children present. 83 on books. Miss **BROWN** monitress having to do Stds I & II as there is no teacher engaged.
- 26 I admitted a boy aged 5½ years and a girl aged 4 years. There are now 85 on books.
- 28 Mr MOORE HMI present all afternoon. 84 Children present.

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May

1913

28 HMI's Report: Staff Since 25 Nov last the staff has consisted of the head teacher, assisted by a monitor, and a supplementary teacher. The number on books is 85. Of these 83 were present when the school was visited. The head teacher is at present responsible for the instruction of 61 children in 6 grades (contrary to Art. 14) though as a matter of fact the monitor is regularly teaching 29 children in the lowest two standards (contrary to Art. 11f). The vacancy for an assisting teacher in the main room has apparently lasted since Oct 1911. This difficulty coming on the top of change of head teacher is now accentuated by the overcrowded state of the school, and is causing the head teacher no little concern. She is working hard and there are many indicators that, were an adequate staff provided, she would soon raise the school out of the rather unsatisfactory state into which it has fallen of recent years.

Premises Numbers have risen and the main room is overcrowded. As furnished at present there is no floor space in the infants room available for indoor games and other forms of movement necessary for young children. The light is poor in the middle of the main room. The lighting and ventilation of the infants classroom are altogether inadequate.

June

17 Many children absent this afternoon owing to a very severe thunder storm in the noontime.

July

11 School will be closed all day Monday for the Sunday School treat.

15 25 Children absent this morning owing to the wet weather.

23 Miss **DODSON** of Beetley school came to assist with Stds I & II today as her school is closed for the epidemic.

29 Registers were not marked yesterday as the Scripture examination was held.

August

1 Miss **DODSON** returned to Beetley school.

8 *Report of Examination in Religious Instruction: Considering the difficulties the school has had owing to the changes of teachers I was greatly surprised by the knowledge shown. The written work was rather weak. May I suggest a little more attention be paid to explaining more fully the meaning of the Catechism answers in the upper standards. F H TATHAM, Inspector*

September

22 School reopened after harvest holiday. I admitted 8 new children. Number on books now 92.

October

1 Miss **PUGH** supply teacher commenced her duties. I was absent this afternoon to attend a wedding. I left Miss **PUGH** in charge.

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October 1913

20 I admitted 6 new children. There are now 88 on books.

December

9 Miss **BROWN** absent this morning, sickness. Returned at noon.

January 1914

6 No assistant for Std I & II.

12 County Inspector present this afternoon.

February

3 Mr KEY HMI present.

3 *HMI's Report: Since the head mistress took charge of the school nearly 2 years ago she has had no qualified assistant to help her in the main room where 50 children in 6 different school years are at work. 13 Teachers have been sent on supply since Sept 1912 but only 2 of these have been in the school for more than a month, and 5 only came for a few days. It is understood that a regular assistant has now been appointed. It will however be some time before the work of the school as a whole reaches a satisfactory level, and probably a long time before it can be in as good a state as the head teacher would wish. As already, reported, she has done her best but there are serious weaknesses in the work in particular in the arithmetic, the written composition and the reading of the boys.*
A M MOORE HMI.

9 Miss **V F E HOWLETT** commenced duties as uncertificated assistant with charge of Stds I & II.

27 Attendance has been very good for the last 4 weeks, 95% having been made.

March

26 School was closed at noon today for a visit of the missionary exhibition.

April

3 4 Children are suffering from mumps which I have reported to MOH. Many other children are absent because of scare.

May

18 Miss **V HOWLETT** is absent owing to sickness. Miss **BROWN** is still absent.

25 Miss **HOWLETT** resumed duties.

June

8 School reopened this morning. Only 50 scholars present owing to Wesleyan Treat taking place.

19 School will be closed all day Monday for the Sunday school treat.

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July

1914

- 22 School will be closed at noon today for the Garden Fete at the Rectory.
- 24 *Report of Diocesan Inspection. I have no hesitation in giving the children of this school an excellent report. The infants did well and answered brightly, and obviously enjoy the Scripture lessons. The average of knowledge in the upper standards is good and the great difficulty of dealing with classes composed entirely of children of the agricultural class has been very well met. There is a good ground work of solid instruction. The tone and discipline of the school are excellent.* A R HOARE.

September

- 21 Admitted 2 children into infant room.
- 30 I shall be away this afternoon to attend a wedding and leave Miss V HOWLETT in charge.

October

- 31 Miss V F E HOWLETT left this afternoon.

November

- 6 Am without assistant in the main room, teaching the whole of the standards alone. 62 on books.

January

1915

- 11 Reopened school. Still without help in main room.
- 25 Miss BARTLE supply teacher came to take Stds I & II, not a standard teacher.
- 29 Miss BARTLE left today.

February

- 1 Am taking all standards alone, no supply having been sent.
- 18 Timetable is not being strictly worked by while the head teacher works alone.
- 19 Attendance has been very poor during the week, many children are suffering from influenza.
- 24 Attendance is falling every day - children suffering from influenza.
- 26 Only 32 present. Average only 42 for week.

March

- 8 Miss M HOWLETT is absent sick. Having to teach whole of school alone. Timetable cannot be followed.
- 18 Miss BARTLE, Manager, came in school this morning and gave orders for school to be closed at noon owing to the sickness of children and myself. Miss BARTLE notified HMI and also the Education Committee at Norwich.
- 23 Emmeline BURCHAM, uncertificated, reopened school 9 am. 6 Children present.

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March

1915

- 26 *Olive DREW* withdrawn at 10.30 to fetch doctor for Miss **BELL** [overwritten] also **Ellen MASON** to go for grandmother. Mrs **HIGNETT** & Miss **HOWLETT** both absent with doctor's certificates. Miss **BURCHAM** in charge. Attendance very bad 38 morning 37 afternoon owing to illness. *Anthony F FENN, Chairman.*

April

- 12 Reopened school this morning when Miss **HOWLETT** and Mrs **HIGNETT** both resumed duties.
- 19 Miss **CHAPMAN** temporary supply teacher commenced her duties with Stds I & II. I admitted **Claude BAKER** to Std I.
- 21 Sent home 5 children by orders from Nurse **WILKINS** as unfit through sickness to attend school.

May

- 13 School is being closed at noon today to recognise Ascension Day. Rev A **FENN** notified HMI.

June

- 1 Admitted an infant under 5 years. Now 81 on books altogether. Sent **Beatrice MEALE** home this afternoon covered in a rash. Nurse reports case as measles. Reported same to Medical Officer.
- 3 **Beatrice MEALE** not to attend school for 4 weeks.
- 14 I admitted a child under 5 years of age. I sent 4 children home at 9.30 this morning, each having a rash all over neck and face.
- 24 Miss **CHAPMAN** is absent. Had to return to London, her mother being dangerously ill. Head teacher teaching main room alone.

July

- 4 2 Other children have been sent home today covered with a rash. Reported to Drs **NASH** & **FISHER**.
- 7 Received word that Miss **CHAPMAN** has resigned her position under Norfolk Education Committee.
- 13 Miss **H BROWNE** supply teacher from Downham infant school commenced duties this morning teaching Stds I & II.
- 16 Miss **BROWNE** left this afternoon.
- 19 Miss **WARD** of Wimbotsham infant school commenced duties as supply teacher at noon today.
- 20 Miss **WARD** left at 4 o'clock owing to inability to obtain lodgings in or near village.

August

- 6 School is being closed at noon today for school treat.
- 9 Am still without help in main room.

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September 1915

20 Miss **SAMPLES** supply teacher commenced duties with Stds I & II.

October

30 **Mary & Maude NOBES** have to keep at home as their sister is suffering from diphtheria. **Ellen WRIGHT** is also a suspected case, so **Willie WRIGHT** is also kept away.

November

- 6 The child **Phyllis NOBES** who has been suffering from diphtheria has died [Phyllis Henrietta NOBES 8 bd 08Nov1915].
- 22 I have been absent since Thursday suffering from throat trouble. Miss **SAMPLES** was left in charge of the main room.

December

- 6 Miss **SAMPLES** supply teacher left on Friday to take charge of another school.
- 7 Mrs **WRIGHT** commenced duties as assistant mistress.

January 1916

- 11 I admitted a child of 5 years. Now 75 on books. 3 Children are absent suffering from scabia.
- 25 I sent **Olive GREEN** home today to see the doctor. She had a rash.
- 26 **Olive GREEN** must not attend school by doctor's orders as she shows signs of having contracted scabia.

February

- 3 **Olive GREEN** returned to school recovered. The other 3 children are still absent.
- 7 I had to take all the children into the playground for ½ hour owing to the smoke.
- 25 Owing to the very heavy snowstorm, the attendance for the last 2 days has been very poor. Only 37 present today.

April

- 4 Received word that **Muriel PRATT** is suffering from German measles. Have reported the same.

May

- 1 Admitted 2 scholars under 5.
- 8 **Marjorie BUNTING** is suffering from skin disease and must be absent for weeks to come.
- 15 Mrs **WRIGHT** is absent - she is suffering from neuralgia.
- 16 Mrs **WRIGHT** is back at school.
- 22 Mrs **WRIGHT** has sent doctor's note to say that she will not be able to attend school until after Whitsuntide. I am teaching all standards alone so cannot keep strictly to the timetable.

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June

1916

- 19 Mrs **WRIGHT** still absent.
- 20 Mr **DEEKES** present this morning.
- 22 Miss **WINTER** called to inspect needlework.
- 26 Miss **GLASSPOOLE** commenced duties as supply teacher with Stds I & II.

July

- 1 Miss **GLASSPOOLE** left today.
- 3 Mrs **WRIGHT** resumed duties today.
- 20 Several children are suffering from chicken pox.

September

- 26 Admitted **Florence JONAS**, now 72 on books.

October

Admitted 3 children.

November

- 6 Mrs **WRIGHT** is absent through sickness. Am teaching all stds alone.
- 21 Miss **M HANTON** supplementary teacher commenced duties as supply teacher with Stds I & II.
- 22 Mrs **WRIGHT** resumed her duties. Miss **HANTON** is staying over Thursday and I shall be away.

December

- 13 I had to send 3 children home at 9.15 as they came unwashed. As they did not return, their marks were cancelled.

January

1917

- 17 I have been absent on 15 & 16 suffering from influenza. Stds I & II taught in infant room. Many children are absent suffering from colds.

February

- 6 Owing to the severe snowstorm only 17 children in the morning of 5th and as many had wet feet. All were sent home for the day. Registers were not marked.
- 10 The school is still being closed as in winter months for month of February by consent of Education Authority.

March

- 8 I was absent this afternoon owing to sickness.

April

- 23 I was absent through sickness until 23. Children kept in old classes for the week. Std I worked with infants.

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June

1917

- 4 Readmitted 6 children **BIRDS**, also 1 boy under 5.
- 13 Had to punish **Frank MORTLOCK** for disobedience and insubordination.
- 18 The boy **MORTLOCK** has not attended school since 13. Managers met to discuss the case. Decided to write for the advice of Mr COX.

July

- 11 I was absent all day through sickness. Col. FRANCIS called and checked registers.
- 16 Registers were not called on this date as it was diocesan inspection.
- 18 Several children came in too late to be marked present owing to very wet morning.
- 19 Mr KEY HMI present this morning.
- 23 *Report of Diocesan Inspection. This school is more efficient in the repetition than in the general grasp of the subjects presented for Examination. The written work is slightly better than in the previous year. In the middle division one child **Norah ROBOTHAM** stood out well and in the upper division there were 4 children who gave very good answers indeed.*
*H M Elliott Drake BRIXOE, Diocesan Inspector, R D
G F FRANCIS Col, Chairman of Managers*
- 25 School is to be closed at noon for children's treat.

August

- 10 School is being closed at noon today for harvest holiday.

September

- 17 School reopened today with good attendance.
- 24 I admitted two children **Ellen & Alfred ABRAM**.

October

- 9 I admitted 3 children over 5 from London school. Mr DEAKS was present today.
- 25 The attendance has not been quite so good, many children having been absent collecting acorns.

November

- 2 School is being closed at noon today, a holiday having been gained for attendance.
- 30 The attendance for month of November has been very good.

December

- 7 A holiday having been earned for good attendance, school is being closed at noon today.
- 21 School is being closed today for Xmas vacation.

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January

1918

- 7 In the absence of the mistress I **Elsie I SMITH** of the Per. Supply Staff take charge of this school.
- 11 Av. att. 61.6 i.e. 85.5%.
- 16 Very deep snow. Only 11 chrn present therefore registers were not marked for morning session. Afternoon 13 chrn present, registers again not marked.
- 25 The rector visited.
- 28 School piano tuned.
- 31 Informed the Correspondent of Mrs GREEN's conduct. Received instructions from Dr NASH to exclude 3 children for verminous condition of heads. Nurse WILKINS visited and examined special cases.

February

- 7 Chrn excluded returned to school in a satisfactory condition.
- 8 Av. att. 64.7 i.e. 88.6%.
- 15 Av. att. 64.1 i.e. 86.5%.
- 22 **Mildred, Marshall & Mabel COOK** were withdrawn this morning therefore their marks were cancelled.

March

- 20 Miss **M HOWLETT** absent today suffering from bursitis. Her doctor's certificate covers 3 weeks. Miss WINTER visited and examined the needlework.
- 27 My duties here terminate. **E I SMITH**

April

- 8 School reopened this morning and I return to my duties. Miss **M L HOWLETT** is absent under doctor's orders. Mrs **WRIGHT** has charge of Infants with Std I. I am teaching Stds II-VI. New school year begins today but owing to Miss **HOWLETT**'s absence I have not put children into new classes. Number on books 65.
- 15 Miss **HOWLETT** is still absent. There are 3 cases of measles reported this morning **Mabel COOKE, Doris EGGLETON & David SYMONDS**. I have reported same to MOH and District Medical Officer. Nurse examined several children as to temperature. Several suffering from severe colds.
- 17 Have been advised by Dr NASH to exclude all children between ages 5-7 and to close Infant class below 5 years. Only 7 children present in infants, 9 in Std I & II, and 21 in upper class. Miss **HOWLETT** resumed duties.
- 22 Another child **Mildred COOKE** has contracted measles. Attendance in main room is improving. Infants v. poor. Miss **HOWLETT** teaching Std I. Staff for new year 1918-19 Mrs **HIGNETT** Stds III-VII, Mrs **WRIGHT** Stds I-II, Miss **HOWLETT** Infants. In Std I **Alfred ABRAMS** is kept back, in Std IV **Mary NOBES & Arthur PHILLIPO**.
- 26 Only 25 children present. Reported 9 more cases of measles.

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May 1918

13 13 Girls are attending cookery classes.

I visited the school this day and checked the registers. I also checked the cookery class. G F FRANCIS Col

27 School reopened this morning. Most children who were not absent for measles are returned. I have admitted 2 children over 5.

June

3 Girls now attend school full-time as cookery classes are finished.

17 Mrs **WRIGHT** is absent sick.

20 Mrs **WRIGHT** resumed duties this morning.

July

5 School is being closed at noon today, a holiday having been earned for attendance.

26 School is being closed at noon today for Sunday School treat.

August

2 School is being closed at noon today for attendance holiday and Bank Holiday.

September

17 Admitted 2 boys aged 5.

24 Admitted 2 boys aged 5.

26 By permission of Managers and Education Authority a short session is being worked today and tomorrow to allow children to gather blackberries for Food Ministry. Hours 9-11, 12.30-2.30.

October

3/4 A short session is being worked as last week.

31 Mr FEAR HMI present this afternoon. Mrs **WRIGHT** Assistant Teacher leaves today.

November

1 Std I are being taught in infant room. I am teaching Stds II-VI, not having any teacher in Mrs **WRIGHT**'s place.

15 Attendance has been very poor during the last two weeks, many children suffering from Influenza.

18 Only 31 children out of possible 62 present. Have reported to Dr FISHER MO also Dr NASH MO. Have been advised by Dr FISHER MOH to close at noon today. School closed until 9 Dec by order of the Education Committee.

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December

1918

- 9 *School reopened this morning. I visited the school at 10 am. The only teacher present was Miss **HOWLETT**, the infant teacher. The attendance of children was only 38 out of a possible 62. Under these circumstances I ordered the school to be closed until tomorrow when an acting head teacher is expected.*
G F FRANCIS, Col, Chairman of Managers
- 10 Today I commence duties as temporary head in the school. **W R ENGLISH**. Col FRANCIS visited the school this morning. One admission **Reginald MOY** making the number on books 63.
- 13 **Ellen WRIGHT** was inadvertently marked present both morning and afternoon today. It was rectified in the later register. 64.8%.
- 20 70.4%. My charge of the school terminates today. **Wm R ENGLISH**

January

1919

- 6 School reopened today after Xmas holiday. Most of the children present. Std I still working with infant class. Std II-VI in the main room.
- 24 Attendance for week has been very poor owing to sickness.

February

- 3 Returned to old time of closure as for summer time.
- 24 Received signed timetable from Norwich.
- 28 There were no fires in school today owing to coal shortage.

March

- 3 School was closed all day owing to coal shortage.
- 5 During Lent Scripture lesson will be given in church by Rector every Wed morning from 11.30-12 instead of 9-9.40.
- 10 Miss **Eva CLAXTON** commenced duties as Assistant Teacher Art. 5 with Stds I-II.
- 12 I have to leave school this morning owing to illness. Miss **CLAXTON** will teach Std III-VI and Miss **HOWLETT** Std I-II with infants.
- 24 I resumed my duties this morning after an attack of influenza.

April

- 11 I left school at 10 o'clock this morning to see my doctor, returning at 11.30. Miss **CLAXTON** was in charge. Miss **CLAXTON** is absent this afternoon to attend confirmation service.

May

Have admitted 3 children during the week.

July

- 25 School closed at noon for school treat.

August

- 13 School closed at noon today for school fete.

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September 1919

22 Admitted 2 children in infant room over 5.

October

- 17 Attendance has been very poor for the week owing to prevalence of colds.
29 Received notice that in future all requisitions will be sent in during the first 10 days of March.
31 School is being closed today until 10 Nov for Peace Holiday.

November

- 13 Have received notice from Secretary that in future the school must open for the afternoon session at 1.30. As we now open at 1.40, I have put the times on timetable for afternoon forward 10 mins.
20 Miss **CLAXTON** is absent today suffering from an abscess in the face. Have reported same to Norwich.
24 Miss **CLAXTON** resumed her duties today.

January 1920

- 12 I admitted 2 infants over 5. Received notice of medical inspection on 23 Jan.
23 Dr **CAMPBELL** was present all day. Timetable was not strictly followed.

February

- 18 Scripture is not being taken until 11.30 this morning. This being Ash Wednesday the Rector wishes the children to go to church at 11.40.
25 During the Wednesdays in Lent Scripture lessons are being taken from 11-12 in church by order of the Rector.

March

- 4 Sent off requisition to Norwich.
10 Attendance in the infant room is poor owing to prevalence of colds.

April

- 1 School is being closed at noon today. I shall not be present on this day having received permission to leave duties on 31st. Miss **CLAXTON** will have charge of main room. All girls in upper class still attending cookery classes.
Staff Head III-VI Mrs **HIGNETT**, I-II Miss **CLAXTON**, Infants Miss **HOWLETT**. Number on books 57.

June

- 4 School closed at noon today. Holiday for attendance.

July

- 2 School closed at noon today. Holiday for attendance.
23 School closes at noon today - school treat.

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September 1920

- 20 School reopened today with very good attendance. I admitted 3 scholars to the infants room. Miss **HOWLETT** was absent this afternoon having obtained Managers' permission to attend a wedding.

October

- 7 Miss **WINTER** present this morning.

November

- 8 Miss **CLAXTON** absent this afternoon, bilious attack.
24 From Nov 15-24 I have been absent through sickness. The school was closed at 12 on 15 Nov owing to my absence. On 16 Nov Miss **COOPER** came to take charge until Miss **CLAXTON** returned on 22 Nov.

February 1921

- 3 *HMI Report: Mixed General The bulk of the work which came under review was of a disappointing character. Many children read fairly fluently but there was almost an entire lack of expression and intelligence. The written exercises lack neatness and finish, and the many errors in arithmetic, spelling and composition are due to carelessness rather than to defective teaching. The dirty and untidy appearance of the rooms is to some extent responsible for the lack of refinement in the scholars, and the indifferent quality of much of their work. The infants are satisfactorily taught. Relatively their attainments are much better than those of the older children.*

M KEY HMI

April

- 4 Children put in new classes.
18 10 Girls are attending cookery classes.
19 Reported several suspected cases of mumps.

June

- 24 Miss **WINTER** present and examined needlework.

July

- 1 School Dentist called and examined children.
20 *Report of Diocesan Inspection: For a country school in a purely agricultural district I was agreeably surprised at the intelligence of the children, more particularly the babies and infants with whom I was delighted. The religious tone of the whole school is excellent and the children have evidently been well taught. A fuller knowledge of the meaning of names and terms would, I think, round off the excellent teaching.*

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August

- 2 School will be closed tomorrow for Sunday School outing.
15 Attendance has been very poor all week owing to some farmers beginning harvest.

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September 1921

- 12 School reopened today. Admitted **Jemima TEMPLE & Jack CURSON**.
Now 55 on books.

November

- 9 Dr CAMPBELL present all day.
14 Nurse JESSOP examined heads.
23 Mr READ County Inspector present.

December

- 7 I was absent this morning suffering from gastric trouble. Rev APPLETON took religious instruction.
22 School closed after the afternoon session for Christmas holiday. 3 Children left.

February 1922

- 1 I have been absent since 23 Jan suffering from influenza. **Percy BIRD** age 5 admitted.
17 **Davy SYMONDS** is absent having cut his head on the ice. Miss **HOWLETT** is absent suffering from influenza. Miss **CLAXTON** is teaching infant room with Std I while I teach Stds II-VI.

March

- 20 I admitted a girl **Alice LEE** aged 8. There are now 54 on books.
24 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent today owing to death of her father.
30 Miss **HOWLETT** returned today.

April

- 1 Today being beginning of new school year, I put children into fresh classes. **Fred BIRD, Cecil BIRD & Oswald & Ashley ROBOTHAM** I kept back owing to inefficiency.
24 Admitted **Laura ROBOTHAM** aged 5.
30 Miss **CLAXTON** left today.

May

- 16 *The children are distinctly intelligent and well trained for country children. Some very good written papers were done. The repetition was excellent but some further explanation of words seems desirable. It is very gratifying to find the upper standards with some knowledge of church history and that the whole of the Catechism is taught.* A A LINTERN DI

July

- 5 Closed at noon today for village fete.
18 Miss **HOWLETT** absent because of her mother's illness.
24 **Eric FOSTER** is attending for 3 weeks for practice in teaching.

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August 1922

- 2 School is being closed at noon today for a village fete.
- 7 School will be closed all August 8 for the children's treat to the seaside.

September

- 18 Reopened today. 2 Children readmitted.
- 25 Dr CAMPBELL present all day.

October

- 17 School dentist present until 19 Oct.

November

- 13 The drill instructor present all afternoon. Timetable was not followed.

December

- 14 Sent in requisition for books etc.

January 1923

- 8 School reopened today. 52 on books. 51 present. **Doris EGGLETON** absent suffering from severe cough.

February

- 26 Nurse WALKER called to examine children. She excluded **John & Herbert EGGLETON** as they had such severe colds.
- 27 25 Children absent suffering from severe coughs and colds. Notified Drs NASH and FISHER.
- 28 Received wire from Dr NASH advising closure of school until Monday.

March

- 5 Opened today but only 6 present.
- 12 Could not open, only 12 present. Closed until after Easter.

April

- 27 School is to be closed all day tomorrow. Duke of York's wedding.

May

- 28 Reopened after Whitweek holiday. Admitted 3 children under 5. 54 on books.
- 29 *Diocesan Inspector's report: The singing and repetition are both excellent and there is a most gratifying tone throughout the school. The infants are especially keen and gave wonderfully good answers. The school has suffered from compulsory closing for some time but, taking this into consideration, the work generally reflects great credit on the teaching. It has been a great pleasure to inspect the school.* *A A LINTERN D I*

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June

1923

- 4 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent suffering from influenza.
- 8 Have been teaching all classes alone all the week so was not able to strictly follow the timetable.
- 11 Miss **RIX** supplementary teacher is to take the infant class for this week. Attendance has been very poor all week as many of the children are suffering from influenza.
- 18 Miss **RIX** returned to Shipdam school on Friday. I am working alone, Miss **HOWLETT** still being absent.
- 25 Miss **HOWLETT** returned to school this morning.

July

- 19 Dr **CAMPBELL** present all day.

September

- 24 Reopened after harvest holiday. Admitted 2 children over 5.

October

- 8 7 Girls are attending cooking classes for the next fortnight.

December

- 7 Only **F ROBOTHAM** absent all the week - waiting for spectacles.

January

1924

- 7 Reopened today. Admitted boy under 5. 54 on books.
- 14 Have reported all the cases of influenza to Dr **NASH**.
- 21 Received orders from Dr **NASH** to close school for week owing to prevalence of influenza. Have notified HMI and Secretary.
- 28 Reopened today. There are still 14 absent.

February

- 8 Very poor attendance during the week, many children suffering from chickenpox.

March

- 20 Mr **SUMPTER** school dentist present.

April

- 1 Children put into new classes. **Norah HOLSEY**, **Ashley ROBOTHAM**, **Edith BIRD** kept back in same class as unfit for new class. Infants and Std I Miss **HOWLETT**. Stds II-VII Mrs **HIGNETT**.

May

- 6 Dr **CAMPBELL** present all day.
- 8 Nurse **WALKER** examined children's heads.

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May

1924

- 9 *HMI's Report: The condition of this school has definitely improved since the last visit and much of the work now reaches a very fair average. Good progress has been made by the children of the upper division in reading and oral arithmetic: the written work both in English and Arithmetic however still leaves much to be desired. In History and Geography lessons too little is expected from the children. They would no doubt take a greater interest if their progress were more frequently tested. The infants are responsive and happy and are on the whole carefully trained and taught. E D FEAR HMI*
- 22 *Report on Diocesan Inspection: The standard of this school, considering the numbers and the material of the scholars and the inadequate staffing, is certainly very good. Everybody seems to take a great interest in the religious teaching and there is a general desire to do very well at the inspection. Much good work has been done, and the really essential parts e.g. Catechism and what has been done of the Prayer Book are thoroughly well known. C M LINTERN, Diocesan Inspector*

16 Mr J WILKINSON drill instructor present.

September

22 Reopened today. 2 Boys admitted and 2 left. 55 still on books. Transferred 3 infants to Std I.

October

24 Had 100% attendance.

November

- 7 Had 100% attendance.
17 Admitted 2 boys. Now 56 on registers.
25 I shall be absent on leave until Dec 1. A supply teacher is being sent.
26 I have taken temporary charge of this school today. **Eleanor CHILD**
28 My temporary charge of this school ceases today. **E CHILD**

December

1 Returned to duties today.

January

1925

- 5 I took charge of this school this morning on its reopening after the Christmas vacation. **E NELSON** (Supply Staff)
26 I resumed my duties this morning having been absent since Xmas through a motor accident. On the advice of Mr READ the first lesson on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon will be changed from Arithmetic to History and Nature Study.

February

4 In the absence of the head mistress I took charge of the school this morning. **C TOMBLING** Head Teacher Billingford

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February

1925

- 6 My temporary charge of the school ceases today.
- 12 In the absence of the head teacher I am taking temporary charge of this school. A **ALGAR** Head Teacher Whinbergh
- 13 My charge of this school terminates today.
- 16 I returned to my duties this morning after my illness.

March

- 13 Admitted **Marjorie WALKER** age 6 yr 11 mth, never attended school before. There are now 55 on books.
- 16 Acting on advice from the office we began afternoon session at 1 pm and closed at 3 pm to allow children to witness the steeplechase held in the village.
- 24 30 Cases of influenza.
- 25 Received notice to close school until 30th owing to epidemic of influenza.

April

- 1 Have not been able to examine this term ending owing to influenza epidemic and the girls having had cookery class. Have put children into fresh classes. There are now 42 in main room and 13 in infants and Std I.
- 3 **Bernice EGGLETON** has left to go to the Royal Soldiers Orphan School at London.

May

- 8 Had a perfect attendance 100%.

June

- 8 Admitted boy under 5.
- 12 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent this afternoon, her mother being ill.
- 24 Mr **FEAR** HMI present this afternoon.
- 31 School nurse present this afternoon.

July

- 10 Received books for library.
- 13 Commenced library for the village.
- 15 Have sent **Jack CURSON** home with sick headache.
- 17 **Herbert EGGLETON** was withdrawn this morning and **Doris EGGLETON**, both having sick headaches.
- 20 School will not open tomorrow as the children are having the annual treat.

September

- 14 Reopened today. 3 Children have left - **Mabel COOK & Ethel NOBES** are 14 years, and **Fred JONAS** has gone back to his home at Runton. 2 Children are absent - **George ROBOTHAM** sick and **Jack TANN** is away from home.

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October 1925

12 3 Children have left, having removed from the district. Now 49 on books.

December

3-5 Dentist present during these days.

16 School is very cold today. 35° at 9 o'clock.

February 1926

8 Mr WILKINSON drill instructor present this afternoon.

9 School is being closed at noon today as the children are having a party at Sennowe to celebrate Mr COOK's wedding.

10 School is very cold today. We have no fires - no coal.

11 Fires lighted this morning.

March

1 Had to take infant room fire out owing to smoke.

15 Half holiday granted for steeplechase.

23 I was absent yesterday to attend a funeral. Miss HOWLETT took charge.

25 On the advice of the village nurse I sent **Fred BIRD** home as he had a temperature of 102.6 and sore throat.

April

12 4 Children have left, having reached 14 years of age. I have admitted 3 children under 5.

26 Have admitted another boy 5 today. Now 49 on registers.

May

4 Registers are not being marked today, this being Scripture examination.

31 Admitted 2 children under 5. Now 53 on books.

June

16 *Diocesan Inspection Report: The fact of this school taking the Winchester Syllabus renders it difficult to examine satisfactorily. The Catechism is however thoroughly taught. Std I told some quite good Bible stores and Std II-III wrote some, in many cases quite well. The upper standards did some good written work on the syllabus and appear to have done it pretty thoroughly. All the children seem very keen and considering the difficult classification, and the general mental standard, the results achieved seem to reflect great credit on the teaching given. The singing in both classes was good and the repetition very full and thorough. It is always a pleasure to note in a small village school the conscientiousness with which the religious instruction is given to only moderate material, and with little hope of any brilliant results.*
Rev A A LINTERN, Diocesan Inspector

28 Admitted 2 children to infant class, now 56 on books.

29 Closed at noon today as older children are to visit missionary exhibition at North Walsham.

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July

1926

- 2 2 Children in infants left to day, returning to their home at Stoke Holy Cross.
- 23 School will be closed on Monday as it is the Sunday School outing.
- 27 2 Children have left to go back to their home at Runton.

August

- 3 Mr SMITH HMI present.

September

- 20 Reopened today. 4 Boys away who have not finished harvest.
- 22 3 Boys returned today.

December

- 20 Several children absent through sickness, one or two having impetigo.
- 23 Closed after afternoon session for Xmas holiday. Many children absent, gone to Fakenham.

January

1927

- 10 Reopened today. Only one absent.
- 11 Admitted **Clifford SCOTT** aged 5. Now 54 on books.

February

- 7 Reported to MOH absences through colds and sore throats.
- 8 18 Absent this morning. Received word from Dr NASH advising closure till 14.
- 14 Reopened today. Still 15 absent through sickness.
- 22 Many of children are quite recovered and attendance is improved. 2 **ROBOTHAMs** and **Arthur TANN** still very ill.

March

- 2 **Mina CURSON** has gone to Ryburgh school for a few weeks as she is living with an aunt.
- 21 Only 6 children present - the rest having gone to see the races. I telephoned Mr DAVIS who replied that school must be opened as usual.

April

- 1 Children moved into new classes. 13 Infants, 39 in standards.
- 25 Reopened. 7 Children left. Now 45 on books.

May

- 11 *Report from Diocesan Inspector: The school remains very similar to last year. The singing, repetition and general knowledge of the Syllabus are all very good. What is done is done thoroughly, and the children are quite definite in what they know, showing a very definite system of teaching. The tone and general interest are all that can be desired, and the religious education on the whole is very good.* *A A LINTERN, Inspector*

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May 1927

- 18 Have been advised to keep **Dorothy** at home as her brother is suffering from measles.
- 23 Advised Drs NASH and FISHER that **Catherine EGGLETON** is suffering from measles.
- 24 Acting on Dr CAMPBELL's advice I have sent **John, Herbert & Gordon EGGLETON** home as their sister has measles.
- 30 Acting on advice from Dr NASH all infants are excluded for a week.

June

- 13 Admitted a child under 5 years. Children returned who had measles. No more cases. **Grace HILL** absent through sickness. Admitted **Ronald BIRD** 5 years.
- 30 *Report of HMI: The head mistress has made steady efforts to raise the level of efficiency of this school. In some ways, mainly in connection with the instruction of Geography and English, improvements have been effected, but the attainments of the older children except in reading do not yet reach a sufficiently high standard. The Arithmetic is distinctly weak. The aims and methods should be carefully reviewed, the fundamental work revised and a simpler syllabus attempted with special regard to needs of the girls. The usual reticence of the children under inspection suggests that the means of encouraging the children to be confident, self-reliant and natural might be more thoroughly explored. The infants are relatively more forward than the seniors, they are receiving a useful general training. Praise must be given for the neat and tidy appearance of the children and the quality and orderly tone of the school.*

J B REYNISH, HMI

September

- 19 School reopened today. Several boys are absent owing to wet harvest time. 3 Girls have left, two 14 years and **Kathleen HIGNETT** to go to a secondary school.
- 21 Have transferred Std I into main room to work with Stds II & III as there are 19 infants in infant room.

October

- 3 Admitted 3 children from E Barsham school, 3 boys 14 years left.
- 31 **Jack LOADES** has been taken off the register as he has gone out to stay.

November

- 25 **Jack LOADES** readmitted.

December

- 5 **Jack LOADES** taken off register, gone out to stay at Stoke Holy Cross.
- 22 Several children absent. Gone shopping.

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January

1928

- 16 I have admitted a boy aged 5 years. Now 43 on books.
- 19 **Ethel ROBOTHAM** is suspected of having mumps.
- 23 Have sent **Arthur CURSON** home today. He was suffering from yellow jaundice.
- 23 Readmitted **Jack LOADES**.

February

- 15 Mr WILKINSON drill instructor present.

March

- 7 **Gwennie & Grace** have gone to stay at Snoring and will attend Little Snoring.
- 19 Have readmitted **Grace & Gwennie HILL**.

April

- 1 Children moved into new classes. Closed at noon, election. 15 Infants under Miss **HOWLETT**, 29 Standards under Mrs **HIGNETT**.
- 16 Reopened today. Now 43 on books. **Chrissie ROBOTHAM** being 14 years, **Clifford SCOTT** chickenpox.
- 24 Dr CAMPBELL present. Sent 3 children home suffering from chickenpox. Notified MOH.

May

- 7 The **EKEs** 3 children have returned better from chickenpox.
- 14 All children are better from chickenpox.

Report of Diocesan Inspection: The school maintains its general high standard as regards work and achievements. The lower division are especially keen. The upper division are perhaps wanting in individual thought and expression but they are very thoroughly grounded. With only 2 teachers and so many standards it is surprising that the religious education is as good as it is.

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- 24 Rather altered lessons from timetable to take Empire lessons and Dancing.

June

- 4 Reopened today. Admitted 4 new scholars to infant room.
- 19 School was closed yesterday for Sunday School treat.

July

- 11 Closed at noon today for fete.
- 16 Wrote Bird & Tree Competition papers.
- 25 Closed at noon for Prince of Wales holiday.

September

- 17 Reopened today. Found several children had been suffering from mumps during holiday and reported 2 new cases. Admitted 2 new children 5 years.

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September 1928

20 Reported another case of mumps.

October

5 There are more cases of mumps among the children in the top class.

15 Admitted 3 new children.

17 There are now 13 cases of mumps in the main room.

22 *Owing to Mrs HIGNETT's illness, Miss HOWLETT was left to carry on the school alone. I advised the closing of the school for the day, awaiting instructions from the NEC.*
J A APPLETON

November

5 I resume my duties today after being out for 2 weeks through illness. During my absence Miss PENDRY Supply Teacher has been in charge.

6 There are 4 new cases of mumps.

December

12 I was absent from noon suffering from gastritis.

February 1929

20 I Bessie OSBORNE Uncertificated teacher take charge of this school from today, the school having been closed through sickness. The head teacher and infant teacher are still absent through sickness.

March

1 I Daisy FISHER (Cert. Mistress) take charge of this school today. The head mistress and assistant are still away and a supply uncertificated teacher who has taken the school for the last 1½ weeks is now in charge of the infants.

8 As both the head teacher and assistant are resuming duty on Monday, Miss OSBORNE and I are finishing today.

11 Mrs HIGNETT and Miss HOWLETT resumed duties today. School was closed by medical officer from 4-15 Feb owing to influenza epidemic. Could not open until 20 Feb owing to teachers being unavailable.

26 I have given term's examination as usual, but owing to sickness and closure have not a very high standard of marks, not having finished term's work.

April

8 There are now 32 in main room, 18 in infants. Mrs HIGNETT and Miss HOWLETT.

22 Admitted a child under 5 years.

30 *Diocesan Inspection report: The work this year has been considerably interrupted by sickness but the standard of attainment is very good. Some of the Stds II-VII wrote quite good answers to Bible questions. The infants were as keen as ever. Singing and repetition were both very good. The teachers are to be congratulated on so good a result under difficult circumstances.*

A A LINTERN Diocesan Inspector

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July

1929

- 19 School is being closed for the day on Monday for the Sunday School outing. Have received prizes for **Terence ROBOTHAM** and **Philip NOBES** in connection with the Bird & Tree Scheme. 6 Boys have again entered for this year's prize.

August

- 1 Miss **OSBORNE** supply teacher commenced duties as assistant taking Stds I-III, the head teacher taking Stds IV-VII.
- 9 Closed at 3.45 for harvest holiday. 2 Boys 14 years leave today.

September

- 16 Reopened this morning. I admitted 2 scholars. Now 50 on books. Supply teacher did not attend so have all standards as formerly.

October

- 26 Have had to complain to a mother about a child's head.

November

- 12 Nurse **WALKER** called and examined heads. Two children were sent home for a week to be cleaned.
- 20 Nurse called, examined children's heads and found all clean.

December

- 2 Miss **E CARDER** commenced duties as supply teacher, teaching Stds I-II.
- 5 Miss **CARDER** is absent this afternoon suffering from toothache.
- 6 Miss **CARDER** returned this morning. The boy **Sam BORRETT** has returned, making 51 on registers.
- 19 I have invited parents to an open school during the afternoon.

January

1930

- 6 Reopened this morning. 49 on books. **John EGGLETON** has left being 14 years. **Sam BORRETT** has gone to London for a time.
- 7 **Miss CARDER** was absent Monday seeing her doctor.
- 9 6 Children are absent suffering from swollen glands.
- 27 Miss **CARDER** is absent

February

- 3 Miss **CARDER** returned to duties.
- 24 Miss **CARDER** did not arrive at school until 9.30.

March

- 3 Miss **CARDER** went home sick at 11.
- 5 Miss **CARDER** asked the Rector for leave to go to Norwich.

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April

1930

- 1 Miss **CARDER**'s duties ended on 31. I have now main room alone.
- 9 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent as her mother is ill. Am teaching school alone.
- 28 Reopened today. Miss **HOWLETT** has returned today. Miss **A MALLETT** commenced duties today as supplementary teacher taking Stds I-II. Have admitted 2 children under 5 years. One boy has gone away for a few weeks so there are now 50 on books.

May

- 5 Have admitted a boy from London in Std II.
- 16 **Sam BORRETT** returned and readmitted. Now 52 on books.

Diocesan Inspection Report: This school carries on in the good work of religious instruction in the same way as in former years. I was impressed by the infants dept. They have improved in numbers and in the standard of intelligence. They sing very well, repeat what they have learned correctly and are desperately keen in answering questions and in telling Bible stories. All this they do in a happy spirit which speaks well of their instructress.

It was unfortunate that on the day of inspection the elder girls should have been absent at cookery instruction, but the boys gave a good account of themselves. They wrote very good answers to the questions set in Holy Scripture and would have done very well in a written examination in the paper in the Catechism set for the year for seniors. They appear to know the Catechism very thoroughly and to take great interest in their work. It is a pity they did not take the prayer book subject as set but for this year the subject of confirmation should be easier or the book on church history of Norfolk should prove attractive. It has been a great pleasure to inspect the school.

A A LINTERN Diocesan Inspector

- 21 *HMI's Report: The conscientiously sustained efforts of the head mistress to improve the condition of the school have met with a fair measure of success. She is loyally supported by the supplementary teacher in charge of the infants division, who spares no pains to improve her knowledge of modern infant method, and has not allowed her long service in this rather remote school to deaden her interests. The infant room is a place of happy activities. The work in the main room in spite of the absence of a teacher for the middle division was carried out quietly and effectively. The physical exercises indoors on a wet day were well conducted in a way that indicated normal procedure. The school has held an open day for parents, and a play in which all the senior scholars took part with enjoyment has had good effects upon the speech and self-confidence of the children.*

J B REYNISH HMI

June

- 16 **Hazel & Clifford SCOTT** are suffering from influenza.
- 23 **Jack CURSON & Stanley FARROW** are absent attending the summer school in connection with Sunday School.

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July 1930

- 7 Miss **MALLETT** is absent.
- 8 Miss **MALLETT** returned today.
- 18 School will be closed all tomorrow for Parliamentary Bye Election
- 21 School will be closed all tomorrow for Sunday School outing.
- 24 Miss **MALLETT** returned. Had been absent because of bad weather.

September

- 15 Reopened after harvest holiday. Admitted 3 infants. **Philip NOBES** left.

October

- 14 The 3 **FARROW** children have left the village and now attend Bintry school.
- 27 Miss **MALLETT** absent nursing her parents.
- 30 Miss **MALLETT** has returned to duty.

January 1931

- 5 Reopened school today. **Jack CURSON** left at end of term, 14 years old. Now 48 on books.

February

- 19 Only 22 scholars present. Rector reported to Medical Officer.

March

- 5 School will be closed all day tomorrow for County Council elections.
- 23 Miss **MALLETT** suffering from tonsillitis. Will be absent for another week.
- 30 Miss **MALLETT** returned to duties. As Miss **MALLETT** has been absent for a fortnight I have given an oral examination in the main room instead of written. **George DREW**, one of the infants, died on March 22. [George Henry DREW 7 bd 25Mar1931].

April

- 1 Have put children into new classes and they are as follows: infants 13, class II 12, class I 21. 2 Children left, being 14 years of age.
- 13 Reopened today. 1 Child has left and 1 boy admitted. There are 4 absent through sickness.

May

- 4 *Report of Diocesan Inspection: The school has suffered quite a lot from sickness this past winter, consequently the repetition is not quite up to the usual standard, nor was the Old Testament (a difficult period) as well known as usual. In every other item the school acquitted itself extremely well. The addition of a teacher for the middle standards has improved that part of the school. I was impressed by their repetition of the Catechism and their enunciation in the repetition of the Psalm. The infants are very good as usual.*
A A LINTERN Diocesan Inspector.

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June 1931

10 Reopened today. 1 Child absent.

July

14 School will be closed tomorrow for the Sunday School outing,

16 Dentist attending today.

22 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent, having had an accident with her bicycle. Miss **MALLETT** is in infant room. I am teaching all the main room.

August

7 Miss **HOWLETT** is still absent.

September

14 School reopened. 4 Boys are absent at harvest work. 2 Boys have left being 14 years. **Roy CHADWICK** and **Joan CHADWICK** have left for a time owing to mother's sickness. **Patience BELL** commenced duties this morning as pupil teacher. Miss **HOWLETT** returned to duties after her illness.

October

16 Have attendance of 100% for this week.

28 School closed for General Election yesterday.

November

26 **Ethel & Everard ROBOTHAM** are absent with very severe sickness. Both had to be sent home.

30 **E & E ROBOTHAM** returned to school better.

December

6 Miss **BELL** is coming to school Wednesday and Thursday this week as she has to be medically examined.

January 1932

11 School reopened today. Readmitted 2 scholars. All children present.

14 I have rearranged classes. 2 Children from infant room now in Std I. 3 Std 4 now 5B.

February

26 **Jack CRABB** broke his leg in school yard during play time.

March

3 **Patience BELL** P.T. absent sick.

7 **Patience BELL** returned to school.

April

4 Miss **A MALLETT** left at Easter vacation. Am working Std I lower division with infants.

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May 1932

23 **Jack CRABB** has left, gone to live at Drayton.

June

13 **Dennis DACK & George ROBOTHAM** suffering from measles. Have reported **Irene WRIGHT** as absent with measles. **Frank NOBES** is suffering from measles.

17 Received word from Dr WEST to close today for 2 weeks.

July

4 Reopened today after 2 weeks closure. There are 3 new cases of measles which I have reported to the MOH.

18 **Irene NEALE** returned to school today. I sent **Jack WRIGHT** home as he had a rash.

August

9 School was closed yesterday for Sunday School outing.

September

19 Reopened today. Children all present but one. 2 Admitted. 3 left, now 42 on book. There are now 29 in main room Std II-VI, 13 in infants and Std I.

October

1 **Joy ALLEN** is suffering from chickenpox.

11 There are two more cases of chickenpox.

31 Miss **P BELL** is absent as her mother is ill.

November

4 Miss **BELL** returned to duties. Admitted 2 children.

9 4 Children have left today having left Stibbard. 2 Admitted a few days ago have also left as they are travelling concert people.

January 1933

9 Reopened. All children present. Now 37 on books.

16 2 Children absent suffering from influenza colds.

17 *The head mistress and her assistant, who have taught in this small school for more than 20 years, know the individual characteristics of the children thoroughly, study their needs and general welfare, and work as far as possible in co-operation with the parents. As a rule, attendance is very good but it was very badly affected during most of last term by a severe epidemic of whooping cough. The administration is quiet and conducive to steady work, and the standard of efficiency may be regarded as satisfactory on the whole. In both divisions the children seemed anxious to do their school credit during the inspection, their friendliness and good behaviour being most pleasing.*

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January

1933

As there are very few infants at present, the lower division should probably now include the children who are classified as Std II. This would give the head mistress a better opportunity of improving certain difficulties of which she is well aware in English and Arithmetic. Special mention is deserved of the thrift rugs the boys are making, of the little plays acted by the children with self-assurance and of the happy introduction to school life gained by the infants in their bright little classroom. Miss E E BARTON HMI

- 20 Miss **BELL** absent.
- 26 Miss **HOWLETT** absent sick.
- 30 Miss **HOWLETT** returned.

February

- 13 Miss **BELL** absent. Miss **HOWLETT** absent.
- 14 **I E M EDWARDS** Uncertificated teacher take charge of this school, the head teacher being absent through sickness.
- 21 **I G L BELL** UA took charge of this school in absence of the HT (Miss **E M EDWARDS** left on Friday 17.2.33).
- 28 Visit by Dr **DOBSON**.

March

- 1 Visited by Mr **J WILKINSON**, organiser of physical training.
- 2 Miss **P BELL** P.T. absent due to knee injury.
- 3 **I G L BELL** UA finished duties at this school at 4 pm today.
- 6 Have returned to duties today. Miss **BELL** still absent.
- 27 Have admitted 2 children under 5 years. Now 43 on books.

April

- 24 Miss **BELL** returned to duties. 2 Boys left.

May

- 17 **Irene WRIGHT** has to stay home as whooping cough is suspected.
- 18 Sent **Clifford SCOTT** home suffering from severe cold.
- 24 **Clifford SCOTT** has whooping cough.

June

- 2 School will be closed at noon today for the Whitsun holiday. Attendance is very poor owing to prevalence of whooping cough.
- 7 Reopened today. Only 20 present, reported new cases of whooping cough. At noon 2 more absent not feeling well, only 18 present.
- 12 Received word from **MOH** to keep school open although there are only 16 present. Only 1 infant. Reported another case of whooping cough.
- 28 The 3 children **D LOWE**, **M LOWE** & **T LOWE** have left to go to Thetford.

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July

1933

- 11 **Irene & Norman WRIGHT** have returned after having been absent for whooping cough.
- 20 Scripture examination is being held on Friday 21 so registers will not be marked.
- 25 School will be closed all day tomorrow for the Day School outing.

August

- 11 School closed today for harvest holiday. Attendance has been exceptionally poor owing to prevalence of whooping cough. No term examination taken.

September

- 18 Reopened today. All present except **Edward LOADES** who is still unable to attend. **George ROBOTHAM & Sydney COOPER** have left. **Eric GRIMES** is enrolled.
- 20 **Raymond WADE** has left, having passed the entrance exam. into Fakenham Secondary School.

October

- 2 Miss BARTON HMI called.
- 4 Miss MITCHELL called and looked at needlework.
- 6 *Diocesan Inspection Report: The school has been seriously handicapped through an epidemic of whooping cough. The inspection could therefore not be very thorough. I have marked all sections "Good" and, considering the state of matters, both teachers and scholars have done very good work. I was agreeably surprised to find the work so good.*
A A LINTERN Diocesan Inspector

November

- 28 Mrs **HIGNETT** absent suffering from neuritis of the spine. Miss **HOWLETT** was left in charge of the school for the rest of the week.

December

- 4 I **Amy A TWITE** (Supply Staff) took charge of this school today.
- 5 Miss **Patience BELL** P.T. absent today owing to a very bad cold.
- 8 Miss **Patience BELL** returned to duties this morning.
- 11 **Margaret Isobel DAWSON** aged 8 Std I admitted.
- 12 My duties in this school terminate today.
- 13 Have returned to duties today.
- 15 Miss **HOWLETT** is absent with a bad cold.
- 18 Miss **HOWLETT** has returned.
- 21 I have to go home as I am suffering from influenza cold.

January

1934

- 8 Reopened this morning 3 Children have left, 1 admitted. I have on the advice of Miss BARTON HMI reorganised the classes having Std II to work in infant room. I have now Stds III-VII in main room.
- 23 **Teddy LOADES** has returned to school after a long absence.

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- 20 Mrs **B A HIGNETT** absent suffering from shingles. Miss **HOWLETT** in charge.
- 21 I **Alice Daisy FLEGG** (Supply Staff) take temporary charge of this school today.

March

- 1 Closed this afternoon at 3.45 pm for the council election tomorrow.
- 12 Nurse **WALKER** examined all children present this afternoon. **Margaret DAWSON** excluded.
- 19 **Margaret DAWSON** returned today. Scholarship examination conducted by Rev **J APPLETON**.
- 23 My duties in this school terminate today. **A D FLEGG**
- 26 I returned to duty having been absent through illness.

April

- 9 Reopened after Easter. Admitted 3 infants. Std II now in main room as infants numbers have gone up. 2 Boys have left.
- 27 Attendance has been very good. **Teddy LOADES** has left to go to the Kelling Sanatorium.

May

- 27 **Katherine EGGLETON** is suffering from measles so **Peggy & Phyllis** are also excluded.

June

- 4 **Phyllis BURLINGHAM** has influenza cold.
- 12 **Joan CHADWICK** has measles so **Roy & Doreen** are excluded.
- 13 **Sylvia DACK** has measles so **Marion** is excluded.
- 19 **Eileen ROBOTHAM, Victor & Everard** are excluded as measles contacts.
- 20 **Irene & Norman WRIGHT** have to stay at home as their sister has spots on the body.

July

- 9 School has been closed for 2 weeks by Dr **WEST**'s orders as many of the children are suffering from measles. Reopened today but still 7 cases.
- 18 School will not be opened tomorrow afternoon as it is Diocesan Inspection in the morning and it will be closed on Monday for the children's outing.

September

- 17 Reopened today. Admitted 2 children under 5 and 1 over.

October

- 18 Have admitted 2 boys, 1 over 5 and 1 under.

November

- 6 Received 6 dual desks.

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STIBBARD

Funeral of Mrs B A Hignett. A large number of parishioners and former pupils attended the funeral at Stibbard on Saturday of Mrs Beatrice Alice Hignett who died on Wednesday week, aged 55. Mrs Hignett was headmistress of the school at Stibbard, and next July would have completed 25 years in that position. Before coming to Stibbard Mrs Hignett was headmistress at Fence, near Burnley. On coming to Stibbard she became actively associated with the village life and was a prime mover in the formation of the Women's Institute. She was its first Secretary and held that position for six years. Mrs Hignett was Treasurer of the Stibbard branch of the Conservative Association. The service in the church was conducted by the rector (the Rev J A Appleton) who also read the committal sentences. Miss B Boulter at the organ played "Angels ever bright and fair", and "O rest in the Lord". The hymns "Let Saints on earth" and "Holy Father cheer our way" were sung. The coffin was carried by four former scholars, Messrs R Bunting, R Meale, A Abram and J Robotham. Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes were those from the past and present scholars, Managers and Staff, the old girls, the old boys, the Conservative Association and Coronation Committee. The family representatives were the widower, Miss K Hignett, and Mrs A Woodcock (Bolton). Amongst those present were Miss Howlett (Assistant Mistress), Mrs J A Appleton, Mr & Mrs D C Jarvis (Colkirk), Mr A Norwood, Mr & Mrs R H Wood (Shipdham), Mrs A Thompson, Mrs R Neale, Mrs A Allan, Miss Cook, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr & Mrs A Cook, Mrs J Mitchell, Mr & Mrs A Abbs, Mrs J Robotham, Mrs M Jones, Mrs J Bell, Mrs R F Wright, Mrs T S Ashworth, Mr J M Coe (representing Mrs Coe), Mrs J Claxton, Mrs W Furlong, Mrs W Loades, Mrs W Creed, Mr W Hutcherson, Mr & Mrs M E Scott, Mrs J Todd, Mr D Holsey, Mrs L Abram, Mr J Wright, Mr H Chapman, Mr & Mrs R Curson, Mrs J Howard, Mrs C Burlingham, Mrs F Tuck, Mr & Mrs E Chapman, Miss G Voutt, Mrs W J Ruddenham, Mrs H Holsey, Miss F Davy, Mrs E M Symonds, Mrs A Toll, Mr A Stuart, Mr H Mele [sic], Mrs A Dack, Miss C Robotham, Mrs W Myhill, Mrs J Ebbage, Mrs J Helldrup, Mrs C Myhill and Mr L Abram.

Mr Hignett and Kathleen wish to thank all friends for sympathy and kindness shown in their recent sad bereavement, and also for the floral tributes.