

Earls' Colne Church of England Boys' School.

This School, after being for many years under an unsanctioned Master, Mr William Mantle, was visited by H. M. Inspector, the Rev. Neville Gream, on the 24th Feb. 1868. And the following Report was received in a letter from the Committee of Council bearing date 14th March 1868:

"Boys' School"

This School is fairly taught. The order also is good."

Mr Mantle kept the School for the last time on the 12th March 1869. And on the 15th the school was placed under a Master qualified to obtain the Government Grant for maintenance.

The first Master, so qualified, was Mr Henry Hartland, trained at Battersea. He was engaged only for a time. And on the 26th April in the same year he was succeeded by Mr Alfred Nickels, of St Mark's College, Chelsea, also qualified to obtain the Government Grant for the School.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of May 1868

Samuel Blackall

Vicar of the Parish & Manager.

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- April 26 Commenced duties as Master of Pauls Colne Boys School - Inspected the several Classes in order to become acquainted with their respective acquirements
- " 27 Gave a Lesson on Notation and Numeration to Class II and one on Dictation to Class I - Introduced the system of Home Lessons.
- " 28 School visited by the Rev. J. Blackall - Gave a Singing Lesson in the afternoon
- 29 arranged the boys in Standards - found that there were 10 boys fit for Stand. I, 6 for Stand. II, 11 for Stand. III, 1 for Stand. IV and 3 for Stand. V -
Informed that Alfred Williamson is playing truant.
- " 30 The girls attended for the usual Church Practice in the afternoon
Average attendance for the week 32.4.
- May 3rd School visited by the Rev. J. Blackall
Gave the First and Second Classes a Dictation Exercise on Paper.

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- May 4 School visited by the Rev. S. Blackall
Very wet all day - attendance not
affected by the state of the weather
" 5 Learnt the boys Hymn No. 12 from
" Hymns Ancient and Modern".
- " 6 Ascension Day - Took the boys to
Church in the Morning - Holiday in
the Afternoon.
- " 7 The usual Church Practice in the
Afternoon. Gave a Paper Examination
to 1st and 2nd Classes.
Average attendance for the week 32.8
- " 10 Readmitted Walter Andley and
Edward Saunders
- " 11 Learnt the boys a new song - "The Fox"
- " 12 Gave Classes I and II a Drawing Lesson
in the Afternoon
- " 13 Thin attendance all day several boys
being ill. Three boys also had special
leave
- " 14 School closed for the Whitsuntide Holiday
Average for the week 36.6

- May 24 Reassembled after Whitentide's Holiday
admitted two boys - School visited
by the Rev. S. Blackall
- " 25 School visited by the Rev. Jew
- " 26 Wet day. Attendance rather thin.
Gave a Lesson on Simple Subtraction to
Standard II.
- " 27 Received a supply of Copy Books. Pens
and a new Summary Register for the
school.
- " 28 Very wet all day. 15 boys away in
the morning and 13 in the afternoon
mostly boys who come from a distance
Average for the week 34.4.
- " 31 Admitted one boy.
- June 1 The Rev. S. Blackall visited the
school and examined Classes I and II
in Dictation and Arithmetic.
- " 2. Gave a Drawing Lesson in the Afternoon.
- " 3. Examined the whole school in
Reading in the Afternoon as part of
an Examination for places in each class
- " 4 Continued the Examination - 7 failures
in Arithmetic in Standard III.

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 Sun 4 (cont) French fest. in Class I. M. Junant
 in Class II and Cutting and Prob.
 equal in Class III. - Holiday in the
 Afternoon on account of my playing
 in a Cricket Match.
 Average for the week 38.7.
- " 7 The Rev. S. Blackall visited the
 school - He admonished the boys
 respecting behaviour in Church.
- " 8 The Rev. Jew visited the school -
- " 9 Learnt the boys "Song should breathe"
 Gave a Lesson on Compound Practice
 to Class I.
- " 10 Sent to Enquire after several absent
 Gave a Drawing Lesson in the Afternoon
- " 11 St. Barnabas' Day - Took the
 boys to Church in the morning -
 The usual Church Practice in the
 Afternoon - Average for the
 week 33.4.
- " 14 Wed day - Thin attendance
- " 15 Enquired into the cause of the
 continued scant attendance.
 A number of the boys at work in

- June 15 (cont) the fields.
- " 16. School visited by Mrs Blackall -
Practised the Psalm for the Accession
Service to be used next Sunday.
- " 17 Gave Standard II a Lesson in
Simple Subtraction.
- " 18 The usual Singing Lesson in the morn-
ing instead of the afternoon.
Gave the fortnightly Examination.
Standard VI all failed in Arithmetic
and all Standard IIIrd in Dictation.
The first boys in each Class are A. French-
M. Dumant. C. Bridge and W. Collar
Average for the week 33.9
- " 21 Admitted two boys - attendance
slightly improved.
- " 22 The Rev. Jew visited the school -
spoke to the boys on irregular attend-
ance.
- " 23 Gave a Drawing Lesson in the
Afternoon
- " 24 St. John the Baptists Day - Took the
boys to Church in the morning.
- " 25 Average for the week 35.8

- 6 June 28 The Rev. Jew visited the school and gave a Scripture Lesson to Classes I and II
- " 29 St. Peter's Day. Took his boys to Church in the morning. The Rev. J. Blackall and - Jew visited in the afternoon
- " 30 Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II in the afternoon
- July 1st Gave a Lesson on Virgins' Paction to Standard VI. The Rev. J. Blackall visited in the morning
- " 2nd Fortnightly Examination. Slight improvement in the Dictation Papers of Standard III. The first boys in their respective classes are W. Kentfield - J. Bailey - C. Briggs and H. Collan. Average for the week 34.
- " 3rd Attendance slightly improved. A. Williamson returned after four weeks' absence
- " 6th The Rev. J. Blackall visited in the morning - gave a Music Lesson in the Afternoon

- July 7th Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II in the afternoon.
- " 8th School as usual.
- " 9th The Rev. Jew visited in the morning -
Average for the week 33.9 —
- " 12th Great improvement in the attendance
viz 38 present in the morning and
37 in the afternoon.
- " 13th Gave a Music Lesson to Classes I and II in
the afternoon on the names and places of
notes.
- " 14th The Rev. Jew visited in the afternoon -
Gave a Drawing Lesson in the afternoon.
- " 15th The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation
Lesson to Classes I and II in the morn-
ing.
- " 16th Fortnightly Examination - Arithmetic of
Standard iii much better. Other standards
improved. First boys - Kentfield & French
equal - J. Bailey - W^m Crabb and Lacey
Average for the week 36.4
- " 19th Admitted three boys from the Infant
School.
- " 20th Worked Standard vi in "Rule of Three"

8 July 21

The Rev. S. Blackall visited the school - informed me that he intends examining the school on Friday next.

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The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited the school - gave the boys two prayers to learn as Home Lessons.

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The Rev. S. Blackall visited and examined the whole school in the morning. The usual singing practice in the afternoon. Average for the week 34.9

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admitted one boy from the Infant-School. The Rev. S. Blackall visited in the morning.

" 27

admitted another boy from the Infant-School. The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited in the morning.

" 28

The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a dictation lesson to Classes I and II in the morning - drawing lesson in the afternoon.

" 29

Mrs Blackall visited the school - allowed Classes I and II Exercise Book for dictation exercises and Home Lessons.

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The boys only practiced singing in the afternoon - Average for the week 40.4

- August 2 Admitted one boy from the Infant School.
- 3 Worked up Standard vi in Double Rule of Three
- 4 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Scripture Lesson to Classes i and ii in the morning - Mrs Blackall visited in the afternoon
- 5 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes i and ii in the morning - The school treat in the afternoon
- 6 Mrs. Blackall attended to practice the Hymns for Sunday - Average for the week 43.5
- 7 Attendance thin - sent after absentees
- 10 School as usual
- 11 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited the school - A great many boys away - several having gone to the "Chapel Treat"
- 12 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes i and ii
- 13 Mrs. Blackall attended in the afternoon and heard the boys sing some of their songs - Average for the week 38.8.
- 16 Attendance very bad - Numbers of the boys fleeing
- 17 School as usual

- August 18 School as usual
- " 19 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited the school
- " 20 School closed for the "Harvest Holidays"
- September
- " 20 School reopened after the "Harvest Holidays"
Admitted two boys
- " 21 St. Matthew's Day. Took boys to Church
in the morning. Admitted one boy.
The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited in the afternoon
- " 22 Taught the boys the first verse of "All
among the barley". The Rev. E. L. H. Jew visited
in the afternoon
- " 23 Ordinary Progress
- " 24 Thanksgiving Service for Harvest.
Took the boys to Church in the Afternoon
Average for the week 38.9
- " 27 Readmitted James Saunders. Good
attendance
- " 28 The Rev. S. Blackall visited the school
and examined the ~~sch~~ Standard II in
Arithmetic
- " 29 St. Michael's Day. Took the boys to Church
in the morning. Dismissed at 4 P.M.

- Sep. 30 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to the First and Second Classes in the morning. The Rev. S. Blackall visited in the Afternoon
- October 1. Mrs. Blackall practised the hymns with the boys in the morning. Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II in the Afternoon
Average for the week 41.6
- " 4 Readmitted two boys and Admitted two others.
- " 5 The Rev. S. Blackall examined Classes I and II in Arithmetic, Scripture and Dictation
- " 6 Gave a Singing Lesson to the whole School
- " 7 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes I and II
- " 8 Mrs. Blackall practised the hymns with the boys in the afternoon.
Gave a Paper Examination in Arithmetic and Dictation to Classes I and II
Average for the week 47.2
- " 11 Admitted one boy - Readmitted Joseph Ellis
- " 12 The Rev. S. Blackall gave an Arithmetic

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October 12 (con). Lesson to Standard II.

" 13 Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II in the afternoon

" 14 The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes I and II in the morning. Very thin attendance

" 15 Mrs. Blackall attended in the afternoon. Average for the week 47.6

" 16 Very bad weather and thin attendance in consequence

" 19 Numbers still very low. Gave a Lesson on the Parable of the Sower to Classes I and II.

" 20 Commenced fires in the schoolrooms

" 21 Attendance much improved. The Rev. E. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes I and II.

" 22 Mrs. Blackall attended in the afternoon - Average for the week 42.1

" 25 Gave a Scripture Lesson to iii and iv Classes

" 26 The Rev. S. Blackall examined Classes I and II in Scripture and Arithmetic

" 27 The Rev. S. Blackall visited in the Afternoon

- October 28 St. Simon and St. Jude's Day. Took the boys to Church in the morning.
- " 29 Mrs. Blackall attended in the afternoon
Average for the week 43.3
- November 1 All Saints Day. Took the boys to Church in the morning
- " 2 The Rev. S. Blackall gave an Arithmetic Lesson to Standard II. Good attendance all day.
- " 3 Gave a Lesson on Vulgar Fractions to Class I
- " 4 Several of the boys away on account of illness
- " 5 Mrs Blackall attended in the afternoon
Average for the week 46
- " 8 Several boys away on account of the wet.
- " 9 Gave a Lesson on Vulgar Fractions to Class I and a Lesson on Simple Addition to Standard I
- " 10 Gave a Drawing Lesson in the Afternoon
- " 11 School as usual
- " 12 Mrs Blackall attended in the Afternoon
Average for the week 44.7

- 14 Nov: 15 Attendance not so good as usual on Monday
- " 16 Ordinary Progress
- " 17 Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II
- " 18 Examined Class IV in Reading and Writing
- " 19 Mrs Blackall attended for the Singing - Average for the week 45.2
- " 22 Gave the verses recorded in the Gospel of St. Mark as Home Work to the first two classes
- " 23 The Rev. S. Blackall gave an Arithmetic Lesson to Classes I and II
- " 24 Gave a Drawing Lesson in the Afternoon
- " 25 School as usual
- " 26 Mrs. Blackall attended in the Afternoon Average for the week 45
- " 29 The Rev. S. Blackall visited the school - elected W. Kenfield and W. James as Candidates for the two prizes for good conduct given by Mrs. Hills
- " 30 St. Andrew's Day. Took the boys to Church in the Morning - Restoration of the Church Bells. Holiday in the Afternoon
- Dec: 1 School as usual

- Decr. 2 Attendance very poor. Gave a Lesson on
Vulgar Fractions to Class I
- " 3 Mr. and Mrs. Blackall visited in the
Afternoon. Dismissed at 2.30 on account of
the Ploughing Match. - Average for the week
43.2
- " 6 Sent to inquire after the numerous absentees
Several boys aye.
- " 7 Attendance very much improved. 46 present
Gave a Singing Lesson to the whole School in
the Afternoon
- " 8 No. present 44. Gave a Drawing Lesson to
Classes I and II. Gave the principal characters
in the first 35 Chapters of Jeremiah as
Home Work
- " 9 Gave a Notation Lesson to Class III. also a
Reading Lesson to the same Class in the
Afternoon
- " 10 Mrs Blackall attended for the Singing in the
Afternoon. Average for the week 45.7
- " 13 Gave a Singing Lesson to the whole School.
George Williamson & William Brown returned
after several weeks absence
- " 14 School as usual

- 16 Dec. 15 Dictation Exercise on Paper to Classes I and II
 " 16 Drawing Lesson in the Afternoon - Attendance good
 " 17 Learnt the boys Hymn N^o 4 (Hymns Ancient and Modern). Average for the week 48.2
 " 20 Ordinary progress
 " 21 St. Thomas' day. Took the boys to Church in the Morning. The Rev. S. Blackall examined Classes I and II in Scripture (Book of Jeremiah and Gospel of St. Mark)
 " 22 Attendance poor. Bad weather - Gave a Drawing Lesson to Classes I and II
 " 23 School as usual
 " 24 Closed the School for the Christmas Holidays
 Average for the week 46.6

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- Jan. 10 Reopened School after the Christmas Holidays
 Admitted one boy.
 " 11 The Rev. S. Blackall visited the School.
 " 12 Examined Class III in the Multiplication Table and found it deficient. Gave 1. 2. 3. 4 and 5 times as Home Work
 " 13. The Rev. F. L. H. Jew gave a Dictation Lesson to Classes I and II. Gave an Arithmetic Lesson to