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This school was opened today. Eighteen pupils were admitted. One in Standard 4. One in Standard 3. One in Standard 2. Three infants.

The remaining twelve are ignorant of the alphabet, with one exception.

Registers marked after school hours.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Registers marked at 9.50 am and at 1.50 pm

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled one pupil today who is upwards of nine years of age but knows the capital and small letters of the alphabet.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Three boys in the third class are beginning to show an aptitude for learning.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled two pupils who are in Standard 2.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Seven children are absent today owing to Penybont Fair.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Some children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> class cannot count twenty. Others can take down numbers up to twenty, and add a little.

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**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled eight pupils today. One in Standard 3. One in Standard 2. One in Standard 1. And one that can read a few simple words. The remaining four scarcely know the alphabet.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sewing taught this afternoon two hours by Mrs Williams.

Seven girls were in the sewing class.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Introduced a new song. The children have a taste for singing.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled nineteen pupils. Two in Standard 2. One in Standard 1. Six infants. The remaining ten whose ages are from 7 to 13 are in the Alphabet. Behaviour very bad.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Three girls withheld from sewing class owing to rude manners.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

One girl aged 10 does not know how to hold the needle properly.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted four pupils. One aged 16 and three infants.

The Reverend C W Lewis visited this school this morning and told the children to behave properly.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Thirteen children whose ages are from 5 - 13 in the school, who don't know the capital letters of the alphabet.

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**June 6<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

Some of the last admitted scholars resist the discipline of the school with sturdy obstinacy for which corporal punishment was inflicted.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled four pupils today. One in Standard 2 reads and takes down dictation very fairly. One in Standard 1 but has little notion at taking down numbers when dictated. One infant. And the other whose age exceeds 7 does not know the Alphabet.

The Sewing Mistress says that two girls sew pretty fairly.

Seven children whose names are in the third class Register form the third class. The rest - owing to their backward state - are taught with the Infants. Some of the Infants are more advanced.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

From 4.00 - 4.30 a lesson was given to the children on behaviour. They were also recommended strongly to attend some of the local Sunday Schools. Three children aged 11, 9 and 7 respectively said they had never been to a place of worship (all brothers).

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**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

One John Morris - a farmer - entered this school this morning abruptly and spoke to his son in a coarse, vulgar manner. The Master presently ordered him out.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

A big lad, aged 15, refused to hold out his hand for telling a lie.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Annie Dyke and Ann Lewis, who attend this school, are very well behaved.

Some of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class improve in Reading and taking down numbers.

A lesson was given on behaviour, and the necessity of obeying their parents and teachers.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Enrolled one pupil who is in his twelfth year and does not know the Alphabet.

The boys in Standards 2 and 3 don't learn Geography well.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**

The best learners in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class are beginning to read in the Primers.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Enrolled one pupil today who can read a little, but cannot take down numbers of three figures correctly.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been irregular. One big boy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class spells very badly. The scholars in Standard 2 learn Grammar pretty fairly.

**Page 5****1879****July 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Reverend C W Lewis visited this School today at 11.40.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

The girls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class are weak in notation, and Arithmetic altogether. The handwriting of the first Class is very much improved.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing not taken today - Mrs Williams being indisposed.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing today two hours - from 2 till 4.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Class has been practised this week in Notation and Addition.

They are slightly improved.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes take down dictation very fairly - rather slow.

Nearly all the children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class have learnt the Alphabet.

Manners of the children improving.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted today a big boy aged 11; who does not know the Alphabet.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Introduced a New Song.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Some of the most advanced children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class were practised a little this week in Simple Subtraction of this.

The greater part of the children require individual attention. Progressing very slowly.

**Page 6****1879****July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted three pupils today, all of whom have been to school elsewhere a little. Two of them can read easy words of three or four letters and take down numbers as far as hundreds. The other has learnt the alphabet.

Forty-nine present today.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Half the children absent this morning owing to heavy rain.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

The advanced section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class began to read in the Royal Reader No 1. The other section can read some of the easy words on the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sheets.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Fifteen children whose names are on the 3rd Class Register have made pretty fair progress in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic and they now form Standard 1.

The girls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class are very backward in the Multiplication Table.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Some of the children were kept at home this week to work at the haymaking.

A half-holiday was given this afternoon.

The school was broken up today for a fortnight.

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**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

The School was re-opened today after the holidays.

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 1 this week has read in the Primers as Nelson's Book No 1 is rather too difficult.

The Notation of this Standard is pretty fair, as also is their Addition, but they have very little notion at working Subtraction.

First Class absent this week and the greater part of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week was very bad.

The girls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class are backward in Notation, Multiplication and Division.

Discipline and behaviour improving. Standard 1 progressing fairly.

The backward section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class have all learnt the Alphabet and some of them can read easy words.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Today Harriet Watkins - aged 16 - began to sew.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

Children have attended very well this week. Standard 1 improves in reading.

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**Sept 19<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

One boy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class continues to spell very badly.

Geography and Grammar of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class begin to improve.

Geography and Grammar are weak in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

Particular attention has been paid this week to the Arithmetic of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - the girls being very backward.

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 1 is improving fairly. Reading and Spelling rather deficient.

Singing is pretty fair. Some of the children find it rather difficult to learn the words.

The handwriting of the girls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class is not neatly done - a little slovenly.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

School assembled this afternoon at 1 o' clock and dismissed at 3.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Several children absent today and yesterday owing to heavy rains.

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance very irregular this week owing to bad weather.

The boys in Standard 1 are making good progress.

Sewing taken this week in stages.

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**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 2 is improving in Writing and Arithmetic. One boy still continues to spell badly.

Standard 1 is progressing fairly - have now read once through the first book of the Royal Readers.

Attendance very irregular this week. Children kept at home to work at the grain harvest.

Geography in 1<sup>st</sup> Class is backward.

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Standards 1, 2 and 3 were examined twice this week - all the subjects rather weak.

Eight songs have now been taught.

The greater part of the backward Section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class are a little more advanced than the Infants - with whom they have formed one Class up to this time, but henceforth will be taught as one class, Infants excluded.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a big lad upwards of 12 years of age, who knows only the Alphabet.

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Children have attended pretty well this week - some are at home gathering nuts.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Attention has been paid this week to the spelling of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class which is backward - especially that of Edward Thomas.

Standard 1 read a little this week in **No 4 ??**

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**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This is the first day of the New School Year. Thirty nine children present.

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Class has read this week in the Sequels No 2 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in No 2 Royal Reader.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Class reads on the Sheets. Progressing very slowly.

A First Lesson on Nouns was given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on Wednesday at the time specified on the Time Table.

The singing is a little improved.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

The School assembled this afternoon at 1.20 instead of 1.50 as marked on the Time Table, and will continue to meet at that time during the Winter.

**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

This School was inspected today by E W Colt Williams Esq.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted one boy upwards of 15 years of age and admitted one upwards of 12 who is only capable of joining the 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard.

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

Particular attention has been paid this week to Standard 1, which is very backward in Reading and Writing.

Several children absent today owing to a snow storm this morning.

There was no singing this week as the teacher has had no new songs.

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
1	Amos Morris	deficient (ment)			194	8	79	4	4th		1
2	Aaron Morris	0	0	0	155	7	"	5	"		"
3	John Morris	0	0	0	132	8	"	5	"		"
4	William Duggan	0	0	0	177	8	"	4	"		"
5	Stephen Kinsey	0	0	0	186	8	"	4	"		"
6	Benjamin Thomas	0	0	0	149	7	"	5	"		"
7	Richard Watkins	0	0	0	132	11	"	5	"		"
8	Mariah Breeze	0	0	0	170	9	"	4	"		"
9	Margaret Vaughan	X	0	0	190	7	"	4	"		"
10	Annie Jones	0	0	0	130	10	"	4	"		"
11	Martha Morris	0	0	0	127	10	"	5	"		"
12	Jane Morris	0	0	0	149	8	"	5	"		"
13	Miriam Watson	0	0	0	141	7	"	6	"		"
14	John Wilson	X	X	X	213	9	"	4	3rd		"
15	William Thomas	X	X	X	237	10	"	4	"		"
16	Margaret Morris	X	X	X	221	11	"	4	"		"
17	Susan Vaughan	X	X	X	218	9	"	4	"		"

18	Annie Bufton	X	X	X	178	10	..	5	..		..
19	Margaret Lewis	X	X	X	135	8	..	5	..		..
20	Thomas Williams	X	X	X	176	8	..	5	..		..
21	Edward Palfrey	X	X	X	173	7	..	5	..		..
22	John Duggan	X	X	X	191	9	..	4	..		..
23	John Watkins	X	X	X	137	13	..	5	..		..
24	Owen Dyke	X	X	X	139	9	..	6	..		..
25	Thomas Palfrey	X	X	X	188	12	..	5	..		..

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
26	Keziah Jones	X	X	X	146	11	79	4	2nd		2
27	Ann Lewis	X	X	X	146	12	..	5	..		..
28	Edward Thomas	X	X	X	164	13	..	5	..		..
29	John Meredith	X	X	X	147	11	..	5	..		..
30	Edward S Meredith	X	X	X	148	12	..	5	..		..
31	John Kinsey	X	X	X	189	10	..	4	1st	2	3
32	Price Pugh	X	X	X	154	16	..	5	..		..
33	Alicia Jones				175	6	..	4			
34	Alice Wilding				129	5	..	5			
35	Annie Hardwick (1)				171	6	..	6			
36	Margaret Hardwick				163	5	..	6			
37	James Price				133	6	..	4			
38	Abraham Wilson				165	6	..	5			
39	John George				125	5	..	5			
40	Thomas Watson				137	6	..	6			
	No of Passes	20	19	19							

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**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the report of Her Majesty's Inspector E W Colt Williams who visited this School November 14<sup>th</sup> 1879.

It is as follows :-

"This new school has been open 6 months and I hope that the Board will be able to effect a very great increase in the average attendance and number of qualified children by next year. The premises are suitable and well arranged. Blinds are needed for the windows.

Mr Williams has made the best use of his time and if he will look well to the bottom of his School will, in time, have a very efficient School. Discipline good. The Registers should be regularly supervised by the Managers."

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Llanbister Cantal Board School

Staff 1879

William Williams Certified Teacher 1<sup>st</sup> Prob Year

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Introduced a New Song.

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

The girls in Standard 3 find Long Division very difficult.

Standard 2 is very slow learning the Multiplication Table.

The greater part of Standard 1 progresses but little John Morris and Aaron don't learn scarcely any.

Owing to the coldness in the one end of the School Room some of the children are obliged to go to the fire to warm, once or twice in the morning.

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

Readmitted Harriet Watkins (No 49)

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Kinsey - a Member of the School Board - visited this School this afternoon at 2.00pm and remained for 40 minutes.

Standard 2 is improving in Writing and Spelling. They take down dictation if given slowly.

Attendance very irregular this week - owing to the severity of the weather.

The most advanced section of Standard 1 progresses a little.

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**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a big boy upwards of 13 years of age, who has never been to school and consequently knows nothing.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 2 is making fair progress.

Standard 3 is backward in the Money Tables.

Standard 1 progresses a little.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Introduced a new song this week.

Attendance very bad this week - owing to the Xmas markets.

Particular attention has been paid this week to the bottom of Standard 1.

The School was broken up today for a week.

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

The School was reopened today after the Xmas vacation.

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

Only 10 children present this morning owing to very severe weather - wind and rain.

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**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

A holiday was given today for the boys to go New Year gifting.

**Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

There was no school today - because so few scholars came.

This has been a bad week - average attendance only 19.6.

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one pupil upwards of 19, and two others who have been to school at Llanbister.

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**

All the Standards are making ordinary progress. One or two exceptions.

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**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance has improved this week.

Standards 2 and 3 are making fair progress - rather backward in reading intelligently.

Price Pugh - a big lad upwards of 16 - won't or can't learn his Geography.

Standard 1 has begun to read in the Primers.

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Today received reading books for Standard 4, also a number of Exercise Books, pens and slate pencils.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Three boys were punished today for using profane language and swearing.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very slack this week.

A little improvement is apparent in Standard 1.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today, found correct.

William Morris Clerk to the Board

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

Some children have been at home all this week - owing to illness.

A ton of coals brought to the School today.

The girls in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class write very slovenly - notwithstanding constant supervision of the same by the Teacher.

Standard 2 is making fair progress in spelling.

Standard 1 improves in Writing and Arithmetic.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted today two pupils, one who has been to school at Llanbister, and one upwards of 16 who has not been to school anywhere.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ordinary progress in all the Standards.

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**Feb 6<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

The children have been unable to work sometimes this week, owing to the absence of blinds on the windows - the sun shining almost directly in their faces.

An improvement is visible in the sewing - great difficulty being experienced in getting the children to find their own thimbles and needles.

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

The average attendance this week is below that of last week - for which there seems no reasonable cause.

Standard 2 improves in Spelling, and also in taking down Dictation.

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Attendance Officer visited the School today to see if there was any improvement in the attendance.

This week shows an improvement to that of last week.

The boys of Tyllwyd are at home ill, and have been three weeks.

Ordinary progress.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted one pupil today upwards of nine - who has not been to school before. He does not know the Alphabet. Also one upwards of 25 who cannot write a word but reads a little.

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**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

A holiday was given today - owing to the Master being obliged to go to the Audit of the School Board books.

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

This week Standard 2 has had a few exercises in Short Division.

Standard 3 works money sums fairly - the mechanical part.

Standard 1 takes down numbers from Dictation pretty fairly; but cannot add the figures together.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

One scholar from Llanbister School came here today - he only came one day. The Master told him to keep to his own school.



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

No sewing this week - Mrs Williams being unable to attend to it - and no other person can be had in this place.

Standard 2 make very slow progress in Short Division.

Standard 1 learn Notation pretty fairly.

Standard 3 are backward in intelligent Reading - don't take enough interest in it. John Meredith is very backward in the mechanical part.

The Master today furnished the Board with the percentage of the attendances made at this school for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ended January 31st 1880 - in accordance with the Chairman's request. The number percent was 57.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 1 began to read this week in the No 1 Royal Reader.

The girls in Standard 2 are very weak in Short Division.

John Meredith in Standard 3 - does not improve any in Reading; and he is too obstinate to bring high pressure upon.

**Page 19****1880****March 12<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

Several children have been absent this week - owing to illness.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

The School has been reduced this week nearly one half on account of illness among the children. The average only 29.

Mr Meredith of Tyllwyd's children only made four attendances this week - no excuse could be given for their absence.

Mr Thomas Williams ??? Cantal visited the school this afternoon.

The Offices of the School are in a very filthy state, the pipes of the drain are completely stopped.

Sewing has been taken two afternoons this week.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Reverend C W Lewis - Chairman of the Board visited the school this morning.

Admitted an Infant today - ?? Lewis.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

The School was closed today for a fortnight - the reason being that 5 children attending the same have a contagious skin disease called the Itch.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Today being Good Friday there was no school.

Several children this week have removed out of this School District - and others have come in.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

The School was reopened today after the vacation, but a very few were present -the parents being afraid to send their children owing to the disease above referred to, and on which account the school was closed.

**Page 20****1880****April 12<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

Admitted today three pupils all of which have been to school at Llanbister.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been lower than at all this Quarter.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today three pupils, two of which have been to school elsewhere.

The attendance this week has improved.

The children who were afflicted with the skin disease have not yet returned.

All the Standards are making fair progress.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 1880**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Reverend C W Lewis visited this school at 11.30 and also inspected the Privies.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 1 had a few lessons this week in Simple Subtraction.  
The girls in Standard 2 are very backward in Arithmetic.  
Special attention has been paid this week to the handwriting of all the scholars - which is not as good as it should be.  
Introduced a few new songs. Singing is rather weak. A great part of the children have no ear for music.

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**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 2 boys learn Geography pretty fairly.  
The Arithmetic is very weak with the girls in Standard 2 and with H W Williams.  
Standard 1 progress in Notation, but not much in Addition and Subtraction.  
Attendance has improved this week.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one pupil upwards of 15 years of age. She can read a little.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Today was a holiday owing to Penybont May Fair - children being kept home to mind domestic affairs.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Average lower this week - progress and learning not so brisk on account of the slack attendance.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Today being Knighton May Fair, the attendance was very low,

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today an Infant, E A Morris?.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Average this week only 22.2.  
Owing to the very bad attendance scarcely any progress has been made this week. No spirit being in the work.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant - Eliza Griffiths.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today two pupils - one aged 23 and the other aged 5.

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**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance though improving has been most irregular. 47 present on Wednesday and about half that number on Thursday.

Standard 1 improves a little in all their subjects.

Spelling in Standard 2 rather backward.

John Morris has been present at one meeting of the school this week - having acted truant the other times. His father brought him by means of a very long big stick.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has improved vastly and consequently the progress more rapid, and work a great deal more vigorous.

Ordinary progress - rather better than ordinary.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been better than any time since the school has been opened. All the Standards are making fair progress. Some in Standard 1 are very backward. Annie Bufton's spelling in Standard 2 is very imperfect. The Board supplied a small quantity of sewing material to this School this week.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Arithmetic in Standard 3 is pretty fairly done - especially the mechanical sums. Have a fair notion at simple problems. The greater part of Standard 2 makes pretty fair progress. Margaret Morris excepted. Standard 1 is very slow in taking in Subtraction - a few of them can work it. Notation improving.

**Page 23****1880****June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted two pupils today.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

All scholars in the School under 18 years of age present this week have been marked according to the Amended Code 1880.

Number present this week 64. Average 53.8.

A great part of the scholars are making fair progress. Some in Standard 1 backward.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted today one pupil.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance this week very good.

Children have had 10 minutes recreation every afternoon this week - owing to the warmth of the room.

The handwriting of the scholars is not so good as it ought to be.

Standard 2 took down dictation today on paper.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

A few of the children in Standards 1 and 2 are weak in Notation.

Standard 2 has a pretty fair idea of Nouns and can do a little at naming simple verbs.

Reading of 1<sup>st</sup> Class not at all fluent, but fairish for intelligence.

Singing is not sharp enough - children won't sing together as they ought.

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

The greater part of the children absent today - owing to very heavy rain.

**Page 24****1880****July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Four children in Standard 2 are weak in Notation.

The handwriting of Margaret Morris is very badly done.

Annie Bufton's spelling is not good.

Progress not very rapid in any of the Standards - especially Standard 1 which is very heavy - numbering 27. Rather too large to give sufficient attention to their reading individually.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examined Register and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Time Table has not been rigidly adhered to this week - owing to the children having been examined twice in Arithmetic and Spelling.

The results were not very favourable, especially Standard 1.

The School was closed today for a fortnight.

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

The school was reopened today after the holidays.

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**

Few children present this week. Average 23. Kept at home to work at the hay harvest and to pick wimberries.

Blinds were put on the school windows this week.

**Page 25****1880****Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has improved this week, but all the children have not returned since the holidays.

The Attendance Officers visited the school today and took a list of all absentees.

John and Aaron Morris in Standard 1 learn very slowly - especially to Read. They commit it to memory instead of learning to recognise the words.

Spelling in Standard 2 pretty fair.

Handwriting of 1<sup>st</sup> Class improving.

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

All the Standards are making fair progress. There has been no singing this week, the teacher being unable to sing owing to an eruption of a blood vessel in his chest.

John and Aaron Morris - the most backward boys in Standard 1 - have made only 9 attendances between them - the reason alleged being want of food.

Infants have nearly all learned the Alphabet.

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

The teacher proposed to the scholars, that those of them who had plenty of victuals at home should bring a little more than they required for their dinners and give it to Martha, John and Aaron Morris.

**Page 26****1880****Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

Three children came to school this morning after the Registers were marked.

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Three children have fainted this week in the school owing to the extreme heat in the room.

Standard 2 work their Arithmetic very quickly but inaccurately. Great pains being taken to insure correct working.

Standard 1 improves pretty fairly.

First Class is making fair progress.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

The plan of giving John Morris' children each their dinner every day does no good in securing better attendance by them - especially the boys.

Spelling in Standard 2 not quite good enough but their Arithmetic is now a little more accurately worked.

Standard 1 now makes fair progress in Arithmetic - Addition and Subtraction. Some of them learn the Multiplication Tables well; others scarcely learn any of them.

Edward Thomas in 1<sup>st</sup> Class writes badly and spells incorrectly. The writing of the other boys is improving.

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 1 progresses pretty fairly in Arithmetic.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Class took Dictation this week on paper, and already the spelling improves.

1<sup>st</sup> Class goes on slowly.

**Page 27****1880****Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

The number of children present this week was 54 - average only 39.

The most backward children in Standard 1 cannot yet do Simple Subtraction correctly.

Annie Bufton in Standard 2 spells badly.

Reading of Standard 2 pretty fair - mechanical part and fluency.  
Special attention is paid to intelligent reading.  
Admitted a young woman this week who wants to learn to write.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

John Morris's children have been absent all this week. Providing dinner for them has had no good result at all on their attendance.

The working of Standard 2 in Arithmetic is not quite correct, especially Multiplication although they appear to know the Multiplication Table thoroughly.

Standards 2 and 3 have a fair knowledge of Grammar and Geography according to the attention given to these subjects - particular trouble has been taken to teach the three R's.

Standard 1 progresses favourably - that is those who were present this week, the most backward having been absent.

The Board were furnished with a list of defaulters. Twenty three this month have made less than 30 attendances.

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**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday and Thursday were very wet days and consequently only a few children were present each day.

Standard 1 have now read through their Second Reading Book - Sequel to No 1 Royal Reader. Handwriting of Standard 2 improves fairly.

1<sup>st</sup> Class improves - but very slowly, the greater number being absent this week.

John Morris's children have made three days this week. They learn very slowly.

Singing not good - children all got bad colds, and cough badly sometimes.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Particular attention has been paid this week to the most backward children and also to the most backward Subjects.

All the children can work Arithmetic pretty quickly, but it is not correct enough.

Reading of 1<sup>st</sup> Class is not so good as their Spelling and Arithmetic.

Spelling of Standards 1 and 2 pretty fairly. Notation tolerably correct.

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**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Ordinary progress this week in all the Standards - that is of the children present, the most backward having been out several days. Kept at home to pick potatoes

The Attendance Officer was furnished today with a list of Defaulters.

One mid-day this week six boys joined a company of gentlemen who were shooting over the Cantal Estate, and spent the afternoon out of school, for which, on the morrow, they received a beating.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been unusually low on account of the severe snowstorm which occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Arithmetic of Standard 1 is not good - the working being incorrect in some cases.

Standard 2 has made fair progress.

This is the last day of the School Year that the school will be opened.

The average attendance for the year has been 39, only 60% of the number of children on the Registers.

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**Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the report of H M I E W Colt Williams who visited this school November 12<sup>th</sup> 1880.

It is as follows

"Notwithstanding exceptionally bad attendance Mr Williams has, by dint of well applied work, succeeded in producing most successful results as all the qualified children passed an excellent examination in Elementary and Extra Subjects, while being well behaved. They are in low Standards and are likely to be so as long as the School Board allows them to come at a late age to school and attend it irregularly when there. But the children are sprightly and intelligent and write a good hand while their work was nearly free from errors.

A paid Monitor should be employed !!

Mr Williams will shortly receive his Certificate.

Llanbister Cantal Board School Staff 1880  
William Williams Certified Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Prob Year.

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
1	Aaron Morris	X	X	X	338	8	79	5	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
2	John Morris	X	X	X	295	9	..	5	..		
3	Benjamin Thomas	X	X	X	285	8	..	5	..		
4	Thomas Watson	X	X	X	333	7	..	6	..		
5	Herbert Evans	X	X	X	256	7	80	4	..		
6	John Davies	X	X	X	356	11	79	7	..		
7	William Duggan	X	X	X	345	9	..	4	..		
8	David Davies	X	X	X	359	12	..	10	..		
9	Abraham Wilson	X	X	X	318	7	..	5	..		
10	Stephen Kinsey	X	X	X	351	9	..	4	..		
11	Annie Hardwick	X	X	X	321	7	..	6	..		
12	Miriam Watson	X	X	X	305	8	..	6	..		
13	Mariah Breeze	X	X	X	335	10	..	4	..		
14	Martha Morris	X	X	X	308	11	..	5	..		
15	Jane Morris	X	X	X	304	9	..	5	..		
16	Alice Ann Jones	X	X	X	371	7	..	4	..		
17	Fanny Thomas	X	X	X	321	9	..	5	..		
18	Fanny Griffiths	X	X	X	267	8	80	1	..		
19	Sarah Jane Jones	X	X	X	262	10	79	7	..		
20	Margaret Vaughan	X	X	X	331	8	..	4	..		
21	Annie Bufton	X	X	X	331	11	..	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	2
22	Margaret Lewis	X	X	X	317	9	..	5	..	..	..
23	Sarah Watson	X	X	X	281	10	..	6	..	..	..
24	Margaret Morris	X	X	X	378	12	..	4	..	..	..
		24	24	24							

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
25	Susan Vaughan	X	X	X	361	10	79	4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	2
26	Thomas Williams	X	X	X	326	9	..	5	..	..	..
27	John Wilson	X	X	X	356	10	..	4	..	..	..
28	Edward Palfrey	X	X	X	308	8	..	5	..	..	..
29	John Duggan	X	X	X	373	10	..	4	..	..	..
30	William Thomas	X	X	X	433	11	..	4	..	..	..
31	Thomas Palfrey	X	X	X	294	13	..	5	..	..	..
32	Edmund Matthews	X	X	X	306	12	..	7	..	..	..
33	Keziah Jones	X	X	X	291	12	..	4	..	..	..
34	Edward Thomas	X	X	X	325	14	..	5	1st	2	3
35	John Meredith	X	X	X	316	12	..	5	..	..	..
36	Edward S Meredith	X	X	X	303	13	..	5	..	..	..
37	William Evans				259	5	80	4	..	..	..
38	Margaret Hardwick				318	6	79	5			
39	Winifred Hamer				367	6	..	5			
	No of passes	36	36	36							

Copy of Examination Schedule for the year 1880

100%

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**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

This is the first day of the new School Year.

Number of children present 50 - being an increase of 19 over the number present on the corresponding day of last year.

Mr Dyke, one of the members of the School Board visited the school today after school hours and expressed great surprise at finding that certain repairs which were ordered by the Board 3 months ago, to be done to the premises had not yet been begun.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

This School year has begun well - good attendance and ordinary progress have been made.

The average for the week has been 49.

Twenty eight 4<sup>th</sup> Standard Reading Books have been supplied to the school this week - they are to be read by the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Standard as one Class.

Also new books for Standard 2 and copy books.

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a big girl who can only do the work of Standard 1. Last school she attended was Glan-Ithon.

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

The different Standards have all this week begun of their work for the ensuing School Year.

The School today was examined by E W Colt Williams Esq, H M I of Schools.

The Reverend M Lewis, Messrs Meredith and Price, together with the Clerk were present.

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**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

The boys in Standard 3 are beginning to get a fair notion of Long Division - girls are not so quick in learning it.

Standard 2 are learning the Tables - some of them do it very slowly.

In the absence of Geographical Readers, the boys in Standards 3 and 4 have had oral lessons given them from the map; which were afterwards written on their slates and committed to memory.

Introduced a new song (The Farmer and his Wife).

The attendance which, for the last two weeks has been pretty good, owing to the annual examination, has again sunk to its old level.

The Attendance Officer visited the School to see who were absent.

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Some little progress is being made in Reading and Spelling. Arithmetic proceeds very slowly.

Standard 2 takes down words if slowly dictated.

Standard 1 is at present very backward, can't do scarcely anything beyond the Alphabet - one big boy, William Joseph can't even do that.

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a big girl - Hannah Layton - who has attended school at Llandewy. She is very backward in Spelling and Arithmetic.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Children have been well drilled this week in the Tables of the different Standards.

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**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been pretty good - particularly the Infants.

Four of the bigger boys - Edward S Meredith, John Meredith, John Duggan and William Duggan have not been in attendance at all this week. No reason has been given for their absence.

The boys in Standard 3 are making good progress in Arithmetic - the girls not so good.

Standard 2 has had a lesson on Nouns this week for the first time.

Standard 1 has a little notion at Notation of tens - Reading very backward.

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

The handwriting of Standard 2 shows but little improvement. A great deal of attention has been paid to the proper holding of the pen.

The boys in Standard 3 write well - girls pretty fairly.

The spelling of all the Standards is fairly correct - one or two exceptions.

Reading in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes not good - the Battersea Readers are rather too difficult.

The children were told today about the Ha- melting ?? and heat which is to be given to them on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> Instant.

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

The average attendance this week has been lower than at all this quarter - owing to the Christmas Markets.

Ordinary progress.

The school broke up for the Christmas Holidays.

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**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

The school was reopened today after the Xmas vacation. A low attendance.

Readmitted Evan Kinsey, who is a big boy, but can only work with Standard 2.

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted Sarah Jane Lloyd of the Wanen?? who left this school in October '79 and went to Llanbister. She is backward in Elementary Subjects - scarcely able to join Standard 2.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

The average this week is very low - although 52 children have been present.

The Schoolroom this week has been heated by the new stove in the centre; and it is now much more warm and comfortable than formerly.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

The school was closed yesterday evening owing to a snowstorm of unusual violence accompanied with fearfully cold weather.

No children came today; consequently there'll be nothing done while the present state of the weather continues.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

The school is yet closed; weather fairer.

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**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**

The school was again opened today after the close on account of severe weather - having been closed eight school days.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been pretty good. Fairish progress has been made.

Jane, Mary and Martha Davies are very weak in Arithmetic - Notation very bad.

Re-admitted this week Susan Griffiths.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been miserably low and irregular - partly on account of the roughness of the weather - although some of the children who live farthest from the school and have the bleakest road to come were present nine times out of ten.

No progress (scarcely) can be reported this week owing to the slack attendance.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>****1881**

Examined Registers, and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Page 38****1881****Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

First class attended very irregularly this week - Mr Meredith's boys having only been one day - consequently progress slow.

Standard 4 has had a Composition Exercise, each morning this week after Bible Lesson.

Standard 3 backward in Reading - the 4<sup>th</sup> Books being a little too difficult for the worst readers.

Standard 2 is very slow at Short Division - some of the children don't see through it the least.

Tables not good.

The boys in Standard 1 make good progress.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

Progress has been brisker this week than at all since the Christmas vacation.

Attendance, as usual very bad.

Sarah Watson, aged 10 last birthday and passed Standard 4 - 20 May - has gone to service now 3 months, and the School Board has made no attempt to as yet to cause her to again attend school - notwithstanding that the same has been brought before the notice of the Attendance Officer, and the Chairman of the Board.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

This case was considered at a meeting of the Board today; and as the child is sent into Beguildy Parish, the Board think that they and the parent are not responsible.

**Page 39****1881****March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week very low, only an average of 27. That is 45% of the number of children on the books.

Fair progress made by those present. Standard 2 is starting fairly in Short Division.

Reading in Standard 3 not as good as desired, the 4<sup>th</sup> Reading Books being rather too hard.

Standard 1 has been every one absent this week; and only one Infant present.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Standards 3 and 4 are progressing fairly with their Geography - using still small text books, and taught in the ordinary way and not according to the Scheme approved by H M Inspectors because the Board have not been able to supply these Standards with Geographical Readers, although ordered since early last November.

A great deal of time is taken up with Standard 2 in their Geographical Lessons in mastering the mechanical difficulties, with which the Readers abound, such as hard words being explained; the illustration of matter almost irrelevant to the subject according to Article 28.

A too slavish use of the Reader in this Standard does not produce the anticipated results, and without oral instruction and the blackboard scarcely any progress is made.

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**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Ordinary progress made this week.

Standard 1 began to read in Royal Reader No 1. The same Standard is also improving in Arithmetic.

The greater part of Standard 2 has a fair notion of Simple Division.

The girls in Standard 3 do not proceed fast enough in Arithmetic. Spelling fairly done.

Grammar in all the Standards backward.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Children come to school very late - sometimes after the Registers are marked. This week three children who came not in time were not admitted - the doors being fastened.

Attendance very slack, for no reason whatever.

Progress similar to other weeks.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**1881**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance this week has somewhat improved.

Standard 1 is progressing favourably.

Standard 2 is going on with Simple Division, but only a few of the children are able to work it.

Standards 3 and 4 are making fair progress. Girls rather weak in Arithmetic.

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**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

No school today - owing to the Teacher having been appointed an Enumerator for one of the Townships of Llanbister.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very low, and progress also slow.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two boys today - William and John Greenwood who have attended Bleddfa School.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Progress as usual this week - slightly improved.

The child, Sarah Watson, referred to on page 38, again came to school this week. Her attendance is entirely owing to the entry above referred to, and for which the Master is very unduly blamed.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

No school today - it being Good Friday.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today five children, one of whom has attended Llanbister B School - the rest not been to any school. Three are Infants.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance pretty good this week - owing to some of the parents having been summoned.

Progress pretty regular and steady.

Admitted two other children this week who have attended Llangunllo School.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today two pupils - one able to join Standard 4, the other the Infant Class.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted today, E Griffiths, Ddole.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very good this week.  
Progress pretty steady and sound.

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**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant - George Stephens.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance has been hindered this week by two very wet mornings.

Progress pretty good. John Richards, Herbert Evans and Annie Hardwick are very slow in taking Short Division.

Geography of all the Standards tolerably good. Grammar not so good.

Standard 3 can Analyse better than Parse.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Today the school was supplied with the Geographical Reader for Standards 3 and 4 - 13 of the former and 7 of the latter.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Today the above books were used for the first time, having taught Geography as usual before, and not according to the Scheme approved by H M I of Schools, E W Colt Williams Esq.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The children are evidently pleased with the Readers and are fond of reading them.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Today a holiday was given on account of Penybont May Fair.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Reverend C W Lewis visited this school last Monday - 9<sup>th</sup>, being the only member of the Board who has made more than one visit here. Mr Kinsey has been once.

Other members have been to the school on the day of the Annual Examination.

The attendance this week has been good considering that it is Penybont Fair Week.

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**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Today the Teacher of this school was requested by the Attendance Officer to furnish him - or rather the Board - with reasons for the irregular attendance of children at Cantal School and also in the whole district for the two months ending March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following was given as meriting fair consideration but not regarded as constituting the chief and particular reasons for the bad attendance referred to :-

1<sup>st</sup> - the supposed leniency of the Magistrates sitting in Petty Sessions for this District to defendants or parents summoned for breaches of Bye Laws.

2<sup>nd</sup> - the severity of the weather in February and the early part of March in conjunction with the very bad state of the roads at that time.

3<sup>rd</sup> - the poverty of some of the parents, and their consequent inability to provide proper shoes, food and clothing in order to send their children to school.

What the teacher considers the real reasons are withheld till the next Board Meeting.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

A holiday was given today on account of Knighton May Fair.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week has been very bad - partly owing to the wet weather, but principally because it is 'Maytime' and children are kept from school in order to enjoy the pleasures of the season.

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**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Progress pretty fair this week.

Standard 2 is rather weak in taking down from the blackboard - sums written thereon in words. If dictated the children do it tolerably well.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

John Kinsey, aged 12 last birthday and who passed Standard 3 in Nov 1879 at this school, is privily sent to service.

The child Sarah Watson referred to on pages 38 and 41, is again put out of the way of the Attendance Officer and the School Board.

The Master is informed by her younger brother and sister that they don't know where she is.

Admitted today 5 pupils - two have attended Glan-Ithon, the other three have been to no school.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

The average this week is 59.5. The highest yet recorded. The number of children on the books is now 70, and there are about a dozen of school age in the district who have not attended at all.

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**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

The first class is making good progress in Arithmetic; Spelling fair; Reading not good enough - the children have nothing to read at home, and only a very small number of them attend any Sunday School.

The same objection holds good as regards the Reading of the whole school.

Geography of Standards 3 and 4 progresses favourably - the children have a good taste for it.

Grammar not so good - although more attention is paid to it.

The Arithmetic of the two pupils admitted this week - from Glan-Ithon School is very weak.

Reading good.

The late children, after having been locked out a few mornings, attend now much more punctually.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A holiday was given today. The Teacher had to go to Llanbister to meet E W Colt Williams Esq. H M I.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance not so good this week although the weather has been exceedingly fine. Ordinary progress.

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**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today four Infants.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Two Infants also came today.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Martha Morris aged 11 last birthday - 27<sup>th</sup>/6 - and passed Standard 1 last November has been sent to service towards Presteigne.

The attendance this week has been good.

Owing to the large number of Infants in the school, some of the children have been alternately engaged this week as Monitors, for about 20 minutes at a time, leaving them more than two hours instruction for themselves.

Fairish progress is made.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two boys who have been to school at Norton, and one Infant, E A Lloyd.

Mary Jane Meredith of Tyllwyd came again to school today - been at home all the winter.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance low today owing to heavy rain.

Pretty fair progress made by Standards 2 and 3 in Geography and Grammar.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 2 is slow in working Arithmetic - especially Short Division. They are a heavy lot of scholars, numbering 28.

Standard 1 backward in Reading.

Spelling of the whole school pretty fair.

**Page 47****1881****June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Kinsey, Vice Chairman of the Board and Mr A Hamer R O visited the school today at 11.30am and stayed till 12.05.

The Attendance Officer also called today to see who were absent.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Standard 2 is very backward in working sums from 'Test Cards'. If dictated the children are quick at working them.

Standard 1 progresses favourably.

First Class write and spell tolerably well. Grammar is now improving.

No sewing taken today owing to the Sewing Mistress being very unwell.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

Today it was exceedingly hot in the school - children were unable to go on with their work, being very restless.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good this week. Average 65.

Standard 2 is still backward at Notation in writing or print, but if dictated to them they do it fairly.

Arithmetic of Standard 3 rather weak - particularly the girls.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

The doors were fastened today at 9.10 am and all children who came after that time were not admitted in the school.

**Page 48****1881****July 14<sup>th</sup>**

The children came better this morning.

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

And much better today, all punctual at 9.

Attendance not so good as last week.

Progress slow; the room has been uncomfortably hot different times this week; children getting restless and very thirsty.

Grammar of Standard 3 not good.

Greenwood's two boys are gone to Bleddfa School in order to complete their attendances so as to be eligible for Examination there.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Clerk of the School Board called today and examined the Registers.

The attendance this week is rather slacker.

Standard 2 is improving in working the sums from the 'Test Cards'.

Standard 3 progresses favourably in all their subjects with the exception of Margaret Morris who is very backward in Arithmetic, not able to learn Long Division and Margaret Lewis who is also weak.

Reading of Standard 4 not so good as it ought to be. Mr Meredith's boys are bad readers.

Children come much better in the morning.

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**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week somewhat better than last.

Progress much like usual.

**Aug 1<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted today one Infant.

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week very low.

Ordinary progress.

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is again falling back to its old condition, very bad. The impetus given to it by H M Inspector to this Parish in June last has now died out.

Fair progress is being made; Arithmetic not as good as it ought to be.

Singing improved a great deal lately.

Handwriting of some children in Standard 2, badly done.

**Page 50****1881****Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week has been hindered two mornings by very heavy rain.

Great attention has been paid this week to Geography, which owing to having been taught chiefly through Reading Lessons, does not appear to be so ready for answering as when the small text-book alone was used.

In all the other subjects the children are making a little progress.

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

Infants are learning pretty fairly - particularly two or three of them.

Reading in Standard 2 rather backward. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Standard it is better.

Grammar of all the Standards fair.

Handwriting of some of the children very good, while that of others is bad - not round enough.

Pen not held properly by all.

Arithmetic pretty good.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance continues to be very slack.

Ordinary progress made by most of the children.

The Sewing Mistress complains that the best sewers and those who are making garments for the Annual Examination are absent almost indefinitely - one week after another.

Singing pretty good.

**Page 51****1881****Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted this afternoon John Lloyd - Warren - a big boy upwards of 14, and is not capable of joining Standard 2.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

The deficiencies in Arithmetic do not disappear Quickly enough; not quite commensurate with the pains taken with that subject.

Herbert Evans cannot learn Short Division.

The Handwriting of Standard 2 is not neatly done. Standards 1, 3 and 4 are better.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

This week has been very poor both in Attendance and the payment of School Fees.

Children in Standard 2 know how to take down numbers from Dictation perfectly well, yet from carelessness, mistakes are constantly made - notwithstanding the amount of practice they have and also the strict supervision of the same by the Teacher.

**Sept 12th 1881**

Examined Registers today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance this week slightly improved upon that of last week.  
Standard 2 not quite perfect in Notation.  
Standard 3 fair in Arithmetic. Long Division is not always worked correctly.  
Singing pretty fair - some of the children have good voices, others cannot sing any.  
Children come very irregular in the morning.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Progress not good this week - some of the children of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class have been absent 7 times out of 10.

The Infant Class is improving - a few can read a little, others not learnt all the letters.  
The attendance is not so good as it should be because the process of "warning" practised by the Office involves the serving of too many notices which are now becoming to be regarded as a slight matter by the defaulting parents.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week is worse than last week - never so near to the Annual Examination has it been so slack.  
Ordinary progress made.  
Herbert Evans is still unable to learn Short Division.

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**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been hindered by bad weather - especially today.  
Progress sound - not fast.  
Geography fairly learnt by some of the children.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance again some improved. With improved attendance comes better and surer progress.  
A greater part of the work done on paper by the children is not done neatly and clean. Not as it ought to be.

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

Frequent examinations of the children this week on paper, have stimulated them to more accurate and neat work.  
Spelling in Standard 2, which is a large Standard - is not good.  
Geography of Standard 3 is pretty well learnt.

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

This is the last day of the School year. The attendance taken as a whole - is no improvement on that of last year.

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**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

This is the first day of the School Year of 1881 - 1882, and owing to a rough snowstorm this morning only few children are present. The Attendance Officer visited the School today.

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register and Summary today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

Today the school was examined by E W Colt Williams Esq. H M I and his assistant Mr Seer. Attention must be paid to the following points which were suggested by H M I: viz Holding of the pen. Cleanliness of books, and also of desks and children's hands, together with the manners of a few children.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

There was no school today, the Teacher feeling himself quite unable for the work. The attendance this week was good. Average 66.5 as against 49 last week.

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Distan -ce	Age last b'day	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Read	Write	Arith				Yr	Month		Last	Now
1	Elizabeth Morris				333		7	80	5	3 <sup>rd</sup>		1
2	Esther Thomas				339		7	79	5	"		"
3	Fanny Vaughan				292		7	80	5	"		"
4	Margaret Hardwick				361		7	79	6	"		"
5	Aaron Davies				319		8	79	5	"		"
6	Herbert Evans			O	417		8	80	4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	2
7	Aaron Morris		O		400		9	79	5	"	"	"
8	John Morris				326		10	79	5	"	"	"
9	Ben Thomas		O		341		9	81	4	"	"	"
10	John Richards				268		9	79	6	"	"	"
11	Thomas Watson				393		8	"	5	"	"	"
12	Abigail Wilson				364		8	"	7	"	"	"
13	John Davies				312		12	"	4	"	"	"
14	William Duggan				334		10	"	10	"	"	"
15	David Davies		O		377		13	80	6	"	"	"
16	John J Lewis				349		14	79	4	"	"	"
17	Stephen Kinsey				390		10	"	5	"	"	"
18	Fanny Thomas				302		10	"	6	"	"	"
19	Annie Hardwick				367		8	81	1	"	"	"
20	Sarah J Lloyd		O		266		11	79	6	"	"	"
21	Miriam Watson				339		9	80	6	"	"	"
22	Mary A Davies		O		339		8	80	6	"	"	"
23	Martha A Davies		O		373		10	"	11	"	"	"
24	Jane E Davies		O		313		12	79	5	"	"	"
25	Jane Morris				334		10	79	5	"	"	"

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Distan -ce	Age last b'day	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Read	Write	Arith				Yr	Month		Last	Now
26	Winifred Hamer				386		7	79	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>		2
27	Fanny Griffiths				336		9	80	1	"	1	2
28	Margaret Vaughan				395		9	79	4	"	"	"
29	Sarah J Jones				267		11	"	7	"	"	"
30	Margaret Morris				314		13	"	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	2	3
31	Margaret Lewis				241	6	10	"	5	"	"	"
32	Fran E Matthews	O			312		11	80	6	"	"	"
33	Annie Bufton				336		12	79	5	"	"	"
34	Mary Griffiths				321		12	80	1	"	"	"
35	Priscilla Evans				372		10	"	4	"	"	"
36	Susan Vaughan				373		11	79	4	"	"	"
37	Thomas Williams				299		10	"	5	"	"	"



38	Edward Palfrey				258		9	..	5	..	..	..
39	John Duggan				366		11	..	4	..	..	..
40	John Wilson				370		11	..	4	..	..	..
41	William Thomas				439		12	..	4	..	..	..
42	Edmund Matthews				382		13	..	7		3	4
43	John Meredith				313		13	..	5		..	..
44	Edward Thomas				307		15	..	5		..	..
45	Edward S Meredith				328		14	..	5		..	..
46	James Lewis				176	6	6	80	3		2	
47	William Evans				423		6	80	4		..	
		44	38	44								

Copy of Examination Schedule 1881 93%

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**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

This is the first week after the Annual Examination, and yet it is impossible to realise the fact by looking at the average attendance which is only 40.8 as against 66.5 last week.

No reason whatever can be given for this unsatisfactory state of attendance; because the weather has been mild and fine.

The children are beginning to pick up a bit of their new work.

No singing been this week - the teacher not hardly equal to it.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance still continues very irregularly; - people seem to think the Examination being over, nothing more now remains to be done.

The few children who were present are making fair progress.

The new books ordered some time back are not yet come.

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The new books are now had, and the children are beginning to peruse them eagerly.

Some of the children are beginning to learn their new work in Arithmetic.

Introduced two new songs.

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**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the Report of HMI E W Colt Williams Esq. who visited this school November 10<sup>th</sup> 1881.

"It is as follows"

"Although the average has increased 8 in the year, the attendance is most irregular.

Mr Williams has nevertheless taught his school with great credit to himself. A paid monitor should be employed. The children ought to read in a louder tone than they do, and I should like to see their books kept cleaner.

Steps should at once be taken to have a proper water supply at the school, either by having it brought down to it or making the pumps of use.

Much of the work done at examination was creditably free from error.

Sewing improved. The children should keep the garments lately made to show at examination.

Pence to be entered in

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in yearly totals in Summary"

Llanbister Cantal Board School Staff 1881

William Williams

Certified teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

The proceedings taken by the School Board last week - big summoning - have had a good effect upon the attendance, which has increased in average 12 of that of last week.

Children are slow doing their new work - especially Standard 3 which is a large and heavy Standard.

Introduced a new song this week.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

The average attendance this week is 11 below that of last week; so it is again fallen to its old level.

The weather this week has been rough which no doubt had something to do with the bad attendance, although one small girl, Margaret Vaughan, who comes a distance of two and three quarter miles has made 10 attendances.

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**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

The greater part of Standard 3 is making fair progress in Long Division - a part of the Standard not learning much.

Handwriting not improving fast enough.

First Class making good progress.

Infants have attended well this week and are learning pretty well.

Singing not quite as good as usual; some of the best voices absent this week.

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The attendance this week was very low; as is always the case preceding Xmas, owing to the Xmas Markets.

This evening Mr Meredith, Tyllwyd sent over a sack of apples for the children, which was quickly disposed of.

Not much progress made this week.

Today the school was closed for the Xmas holidays - one fortnight.

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

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**January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Today the school was reopened after the holidays.

The Registers were not marked today as the school was conducted by the Master's wife and some of the big boys.

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance has been pretty good this week, considering that it is the first week after the holidays.

The Registers were not marked this afternoon for the same reasons as above stated.

The teacher was obliged to be absent on each occasion.

The children are starting briskly to learn.

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance much improved this week.

Not much progress made; Teacher very ill.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

The teacher is not any better and as a consequence progress has been slow this week.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance worse this week.

The school was closed today on account of the illness of the teacher, who is totally unable to continue his work.

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**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

After being closed three weeks this school was reopened by Miss P K Wallace Ex P T from the National Schools, Knighton.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The School Fees were collected by the Master, who also has superintended a little of the work in school this week.

The attendance, owing to bad weather and whooping cough among the children - has been very low this week.

Today the School Board was furnished with a list of children who had not made 70% of attendances for the eight weeks ending March 3<sup>rd</sup> - the number being 23.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Miss Wallace works very energetically in the school. No singing this week.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Subtraction of money taught this week to Standard 3. Long Division not yet learnt.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

This is the last day for Miss Wallace, she having had charge of the school one month.

The attendance this week and the previous three weeks has been shamefully bad.

Whooping cough being in the neighbourhood advantage has been taken to keep children at home who were not any afflicted.

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**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Master resumed his work in the school today after an illness of seven weeks.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance slightly improved. Admitted on Monday an Infant (T L Davies) and another on Tuesday (M Greenwood).

Standard 3 is very backward in Spelling and Arithmetic.

The other part of the school is in a fair condition.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance bad this week.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today, being Good Friday, a holiday was given.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance worse this week than last.

Infants are taught in two classes - the one class being able to read a little, the other has not yet learnt the Alphabet.

Two big boys, Richard and Ben Jones, are taught with 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Infants.

Herbert Evans and William Evans - two brothers, cannot learn Arithmetic.

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**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted on Monday last an Infant - (E A Davies, Llwyn). She has attended the school at Llanbister for 3 months but has not yet learnt a letter.

John and Jane Richards are payable by the Knighton Union since the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Infants are regularly taught in two sections; by the Teacher and temporary Monitors alternately.

The school is now taught in five Classes; Standards 2 and 3 are taught together, but ought to be in two classes by all means for Reading.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

This week William Joseph came again to school - after an absence of 3 months. Standard 3 is backward in Long Division.

Admitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. Eleanor Bufton, a big girl who has been to school at Wigmore - she cannot work beyond Standard 1.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sarah Wilson came again to school today - has been absent about 6 months. Age 7.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance in the upper Standards very bad this week.

Standard 1 this week has begun of Simple Subtraction.

List of absentees sent in to Llanbister and Llanbadarn Boards.

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**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Alice Wilding has returned who has been absent since January 27<sup>th</sup> on account of illness.

Admitted an Infant Mary Anne Wilding.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted an Infant, David Thomas Jones.

Fanny Vaughan came again today - not been since last November. Is not able to do work that she could when left.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

In the midday two boys, John Richards (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) and Abraham Wilson, by throwing stones broke a pane in the west window of the schoolroom. For this hard corporal punishment was inflicted.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Today the delinquent John Richards is absent owing to the flogging.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted three children today - two of whom have attended Glan-Ithon School. The other is an Infant.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a girl who has been to school at Wigmore.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Today was a holiday on account of Knighton May Fair.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance bad this week.

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**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted today two children who have attended Llangunllo School lately.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Many children were hindered this morning by very heavy rain.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Infants this week have not been taught in Sections; but altogether under the Teacher - the backward ones going simultaneously over their lesson, and the forward ones going over theirs in like manner.

Discipline is better maintained by this method - notwithstanding that it is rather hindering to the best Infants.

The highest weekly average since January 27<sup>th</sup> has been recorded this week.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mr Kinsey visited the school this morning and stayed for nearly 20 minutes. Heard the children sing several songs.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Slight improvement made by John and Aaron Morris in Arithmetic.

The attendance this week worse.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance hindered today by heavy rain.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Received medical certificates for Alice and Mary Anne Wilding of Bryndyhova.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today Thomas Evans - has attended Llangunllo.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Progress not as fast as desirable.

Attendance still bad. 81 on the books. Average 52.

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**June 8<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

Amos Morris - an idiot - has been in school a fortnight. This poor boy has no idea of learning letters, manners, or cleanliness. For being unusually filthy this afternoon, he was turned out of the school.

Previously he attended this school 18 months and was not able to master one letter in the whole time.

To give him one more chance he has been readmitted.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance of the Infants is very irregular, and a great part of them don't know the Alphabet. Edmund Matthews and John Richards (1<sup>st</sup> Class) have had their school fees remitted for a certain time in lieu of their assistance given as temporary monitors. They are used alternately about half-an-hour each school meeting.

Composition is given to the 1<sup>st</sup> Class in place of Dictation as mentioned on the Time Table.

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**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Reverend Charles Watkins Lewis visited this school this morning.

Three lady visitors - Owenses of Lower Cantal - came in the school on Wednesday - quite a new thing.

Also one lady visitor this afternoon.

Attendance good this week. Average 63.6.

Progress pretty good on the whole this week.

Standard 3 seem puzzled at small problems in Arithmetic given to them this week.

Handwriting of John Davies good. Standard 3.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Standard 4 finds it rather difficult to work correctly easy problems in Arithmetic which involve quantities belonging to different capacities of measure or weight.

Standard 1 and Infants are very backward - all owing to indifferent attendance.

Standard 3 are improving a little, but they are a heavy Standard and many of them were crammed in order to pass former examinations and Standards - this pernicious method is now showing itself in confirmed obstinacy and inability as it were to proceed any further, with anything like creditable success.

Attendance again falling. This is not owing to a fall in the barometer because it has been a fine week, and not in the least hindering.

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**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Children are kept to work very steady but progress in Arithmetic is slow. The Infants have been unable to learn some of the afternoons this week, owing to the state of the weather.

Absentee List forwarded to Attendance Officer. Quarterly Returns for the Department prepared today.

The results are more unsatisfactory than ever, only 65 percent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 72.5 for the last 4 weeks.

There is nothing now to prevent good attendance, provided that everyone concerned does his duty.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Some of the boys in Standard 3 have been absent all the week, and they are the most backward ones too.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress made this week by the children who were present, only 65 out of 80.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Some of the children are learning pretty well.

Standard 1 do their work fairly well.

John Morris, Boundary, has made one attendance this week and Aaron has made three.

Average attendance this week 53. 66 percent.

The School Board has not taken legal proceedings against any parent since December last - notwithstanding the very bad attendance.

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**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been bad - worse than usual.

The attendance of the Infants has been good - older children have been kept at home to work at hay-making.

With such attendance no good progress can be made.

Reading and Spelling of the different Standards is fairly good, but Arithmetic is rather weak.

The school was closed today for three weeks - summer vacation.

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

The school was re-opened after the holidays.

Admitted one Infant - Edward Evans.

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress made this week.

Children have come back to school better than could be expected considering the irregular attendance which prevailed before the holidays together with the inaction of both Managers and Attendance Officer.

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**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today a young woman who wants to read and write - can't do either at present.

Fanny Thomas came today after being absent since May 12<sup>th</sup>. Her residence is situate about 500 yards from the school and she has continually and illegally employed since the above date, notwithstanding the numerous times her name has appeared in the Defaulter's List sent in to the Board.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

Progress much as usual.

Today was a holiday.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

Most of the children are making fair progress - there are few who are quite unable to learn Arithmetic. John and Aaron Morris, and Herbert Evans in Standard 3

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance for the last fortnight shows a marked improvement, but this is accounted for by the approach of the Annual Examination, and the inducement held out to the children in the shape of a substantial school treat, which today was given by the Chairman of the Board - Reverend C W Lewis.

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**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

The unwillingness of John R Davies of Brynllwyd to attend school has been overcome by the master inviting him to the Tea meeting on Friday last. This lad has been allowed to remain out of school about 2 years although all that time he has lived within half a mile of this school. His father was summoned for neglecting him - once - the only time it was brought before the Board. Today he was readmitted.

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Geography of Standard 3 is not as good as it ought to be - considering the great pains that the Teacher has taken with that particular Standard and Subject.

Attendance is now got up to a fair state of efficiency.

Standard 1 is using Royal Readers No 2.

Mary Anne Wilding does not know the letters of the Alphabet - she is a big girl upwards of 7 years of age.

Some of the big children in the Infants Class - several of them more than 8 years of age - are beginning to write fairly on the slate, and Read a little on the Reading Sheets. Some can't read any.

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**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

Returns for the Department were prepared today. 72 percent for the Quarter and 81 for the last 4 weeks - showing an increase of 9 percent to that of the last Quarter. Better attendance promotes progress.

Singing fairly good at times - when the children are free from colds and hoarseness.

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

Several of the bigger children were absent this week - working at the corn harvest.

Fair progress made by most of the scholars.

Sewing improved lately.

The Attendance Officer visited the school on Tuesday last.

The Union scholars have attended School better this year than in any former year - this is accounted for by the action of the Board last November towards the Relieving Officer, whom they reported to the Knighton Board of Guardians.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance has fallen off these two last weeks - no reason can be given for it.

Three children have been specially reminded this week, that unless they attend school every day for the ensuing fortnight they cannot be examined - ie won't make 250 attendances.

Geography is learnt rather better by the scholars this year than Grammar.

Arithmetic is weak with the girls in Standard 4. The boys in that Standard can do it pretty well.

The children have been examined twice - the results on the whole are pretty fair.

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

Half-holiday was given today owing to the harvest Thanksgiving Service at Church.  
Fair progress made now because the attendance is on the whole favourable.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

The average attendance for the Quarter ending today is 60; and for the year ending today 51, the former being 77 percent and the latter 64 percent of the number of scholars on the books.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Fire was made in the school this week.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

This has been an unusually wet week - still the attendance has been fairly good - very much better than what prevailed for the Quarter ended July 30th last.  
Ordinary progress.

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**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Examination of this school took place today by H M Inspector of Schools E W Colt Williams Esq and his assistant Mr Seir.

Although a snowstorm of unusual severity for November had occurred in the night before only nine children were absent.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

Edmund Matthews, Susan Vaughan, Thomas Williams, John Richards, Jane Richards today left this school. Winifred Hamer is leaving it for the winter months.

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

On Monday Annie E Davies and Martha J Davies came back again to school after attending Glan-lthon school - from which they came at May - in order to be qualified for Examination.  
The average attendance this week is 15 below that of last week.

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

Owing to the bad weather and the withdrawal of several children from school the average this week is very low - only 41.

Children are making fair progress.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today Margaret Smith aged 10 - has attended Llanddewy School and passed Standard 1.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today the school was closed by bad weather - snow and wind so that children could not come to school.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Today four scholars came, but as no more came the school is still closed.

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**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

The school has been closed this week by bad weather - snow that children could not attend.

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

The school was opened today again - the weather having become very much better, although the roads are streaming with water.

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance this week has been very bad - worse than usual at this period of the year, which being the week preceding Xmas is as a rule not good.

Children dismissed today for a week only - on account of last week's bad weather.

Total school fees paid this week 5d.

**1883**

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**



The school today again opened - only one boy present, not many girls.

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Children have not come back to school well - average only 37.

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Progress pretty well maintained this week. Teacher's wife appointed Monitor by the Board for one year - began this week.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

Books which were wanted three months ago for the different Standards, in order to progress favourably with their new work, have not yet reached the school.  
progress, as attendance, rather flat.

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**1883**

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

Copy of H M Inspector's Report of this school which was visited by him - E W Colt Williams Esq. - on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> 1882.

" I hope that the Board will not relax their efforts to obtain good attendance at this school, but sickness has interfered with it during the past year. It is indispensable that an efficient paid Monitor or Pupil Teacher should be engaged to assist Mr Williams who cannot teach an average of 51 children with justice to them or himself. A good deal of the work done at the Examination, bears marks of carelessness. Reading is hurried and attention is not paid to the stops, words are omitted and final letters are cut off in Spelling, and in the first Standard the Handwriting lacks finish. Grammar passes with great difficulty. Steps should at once be taken to make the Teacher's house damp-proof, to repair the wire fencing around the premises"

Llanbister Cantal Board School Staff 1882

William Williams      Certified: Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

William Morris

Correspondent

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**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

Today Historical and Geographical readers, together with other books were brought to the school. A new song "Hob y deri dando" was introduced this week.

Several boys were absent this week - having been engaged as beaters for Lord Ormathwaite.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

Registers examined today.

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

Not many children present today - this morning about 8.00 to 8.30 being unusually tempestuous weather, rain and wind very violent.

Historical Readers first used by Standards 3 and 4.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Standard 4 has had lessons this week in Avoirdupois M ; some of the children are slow in taking it.

At present several children are absent through bad colds and sore throats, the latter is also prevalent in the school and this week, on account of it, there has been no singing.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

Good attendance this week.

Fair progress made. Most of the children in Standards 3 and 4 work their Home Lessons pretty well:- a regular system of home exercises now for the first time provided for the upper classes.

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**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

Bad weather this week has interfered with the attendance.

Jane Evans (Infant) has been in school the last 11 months and has not yet learnt a dozen letters of the Alphabet.

Standard 4 learn the Reduction of Weights and Measures so far as they are gone pretty well, but the working is very inaccurately done.

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Improvement in the weather brings improved attendance, and also better progress.

Accuracy in Arithmetic is very slowly gaining ground in Standard 4

Several children in Standard 2 seem quite unable to learn any Short Division. Girls in this Standard are taught Geography because the girls of the school are nearly double the number of boys.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

All the classes are improving in Spelling - more care also is taken in the Dictation Exercise.

Standard 4 is still very inaccurate in the Arithmetic, notwithstanding a great deal of attention - more than ought to be given.

Standard 1 reads pretty well.

Reading improved.

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Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Although this has been a cold week the children have attended well.

Reading in most of the classes is fairly done - not very intelligent.

Handwriting is not improving as fast as some of the other subjects.

Grammar is being slowly learnt by most of the children - a few pick it up rapidly.

Admitted on Monday last - 5<sup>th</sup> inst - Fanny Smith.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Notwithstanding rough weather pretty good attendance prevails.

Accuracy in Arithmetic in Standard 4 is not what it should be - considering the amount of practice and teaching given to the Class.

Spelling is more pleasing at present than has been for some time - although handwriting is not finished neatly enough.

Singing has been dropped this week on account of hoarseness of both Master and scholars.

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
1	Sarah A Morris				301	7	81	6	3 <sup>rd</sup>		1
2	William Evans				384	7	80	4	"		"
3	Sarah Morris				252	8	81	4	"		"
4	Fanny Kinsey				253	7	80	6	"		"
5	Jane Richards				304	8	81	4	"		"
6	Charlotte Watson				340	7	"	"	"		"
7	Edith Griffiths				301	7	"	6	"		"
8	James Lewis				169:6	7	80	3	"		"
9	Thomas A Evans	not present			173:7	9	82	5	"		"
10	Eliza Griffiths				263	8	80	"	"		"
11	Esther Thomas				307	8	79	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	2
12	Margaret Hardwick				342	8	"	6	"	"	"
13	John Greenwood				319	8	81	4	"	"	"
14	Aaron Davies		0		296	9	79	5	"	"	"

15	Herbert Evans			0	384	9	80	4	..	2	3
16	Aaron Morris			0	308	10	79	5	..	..	..
17	Jane Morris				289	11	..	..	..	..	..
18	Annie Hardwick			0	327	9	..	6	..	..	..
19	Miriam Watson			0	312	10	..	..	..	..	..
20	Martha A Davies		0	0	310	11	80	6	..	..	..
21	Sarah J Lloyd		0		301	12	81	1	..	..	..
22	Thomas Watson				339	9	79	6	..	..	..
23	Abraham Wilson		0		330	9	..	5	..	..	..
24	John J Lewis		0	0	254	15	80	6	..	..	..
25	William Duggan		0	0	315	11	79	4	..	..	..

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No	Name	Examined and Passed in			No of attendances in year	Age last birthday	Date of admission		In what class of school	Under what Standard	
		Reading	Writing	Arith			Year	Month		Last	Now
26	John Davies		0	0	315	13	79	7	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	3
27	Mary A Davies				312	9	80	6	..	..	..
28	Mary Stephens			0	380	10	81	4	..	..	..
29	Winifred Hamer				353	8	79	5	..	..	..
30	Martha Davies				327	11	81	..	..	..	..
31	Fanny Griffiths				326	10	80	1	..	..	..
32	Margaret Vaughan				282	10	79	4	..	..	..
33	John Richards				384	10	81	4	..	..	..
34	Margaret Lewis	0		0	189:6	11	79	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	3	4
35	Priscilla Evans	0		0	357	11	80	4	..	..	..
36	Annie Bufton		0	0	287	13	79	5	..	..	..
37	Susan Vaughan				300	12	..	4	..	..	..
38	Frances Matthews				329	12	80	6	..	..	..
39	Thomas Williams				363	11	79	5	..	..	..
40	Edward Palfrey				264	10	..	..	..	..	..
41	John Wilson		0		310	12	..	4	..	..	..
42	John Duggan				362	12	..	..	..	..	..
43	William Thomas				367	13	..	..	..	..	..
44	Edmund Matthews				322	14	..	7	..	..	5
45	John Richards				316	12	81	4	..	4	5
46	Eleanor Williams				355	5	81	11			
47	Richard Thomas				253	6	..	6			
48	George Stephens				338	6	..	4			
	No of Passes	41	34	30							

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**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There has been no school this week due to inclement weather. The small number of children who came on Monday were sent back.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two children today - John and J Richards.

This being the week for moving in this district, three families have left the neighbourhood, which sent 12 children to this school - viz: 4 children each.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to rough weather and moving of families in the neighbourhood the attendance this week has been very slack.

The school is now considerably reduced in numbers; and the most regular attenders have disappeared among the names on the Registers.

The few children present this week have made fair progress.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A child - Mary Anne Wilding - who was in school yesterday morning is dead today. She went home at mid-day yesterday unwell.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted on Monday last an Infant aged 5.

Standard 4 this week has had several lessons on Relative Pronouns.

Reading in Standards 1 and 2 pretty good.

Attendance much better than last week.

Singing is not improving much - all the best voices have left school.

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**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good this week - the weather has been beautiful.

The children in the Upper Standards are fond of the Historical Readers yet they don't learn facts and dates as readily as may be wished.

The Geographical Readers are no purpose for teaching what is commonly regarded as the first notions of Geography - for instance Capes, Inlets, Plains, Counties, Mountain-ranges etc must all be taught from the map, and by oral lessons.

Handwriting is generally improving in the school.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been good - the weather still being very fine and dry.

Grammar on the whole is improving.

Singing is getting worse - if anything; no good voices being in the school.

School Fees have come in better lately.

Home lessons in Arithmetic are fairly done.

Geography not quite as good as desired.

Infants are beginning to learn a little.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Admitted an Infant this morning. H Lewis.

Mr Owens visited the school this morning.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Today the first half-year of the school ended. The attendance latterly has been good, and on the whole fair progress has been made. Average for last Quarter 48.

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**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

The average this week is considerably below that of last week - it generally falls off upon the approach of the Local May Fairs.

Standard 1 this week has had a few first lessons in Simple Subtraction - sums involving "borrowing".

Geography of Standard 4 is better than the Grammar of that Standard.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Part of this week has been nearly too cold for the children to do their work properly.

School closed today for a week, on account of Penybont and Knighton May Fair falling next week.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

School reopened today after May fairs. Admitted two children - two also have left.  
Readmitted Sarah Wilson who has been absent 9 weeks owing to illness.

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**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted William Thomas who is upwards of 13, and works in Standard 5.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lessons have been given this week to Standard 1 in Geography - giving them the situation of the school in regard to the four cardinal points of the compass. This will be continued for several weeks when a plan of the school will be next given.

Attendance pretty good.

Standards 1 and 2 have nearly learnt their pieces of Poetry given them according to the New Code.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week good.

It seems impossible to teach Short Division to Fanny Kinsey, Jane Richards and Sarah Morris, although they know the Multiplication Table pretty well.

Standard 1 not good at Notation.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today an Infant Edward Thomas. Two others were admitted on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Attendance good this week.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 4 (boys) are getting on pretty fairly with Geography.

Poetry is being fairly learnt in all the Standards.

Singing a little improved lately.

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**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Standard 1 has improved of late in Notation and Simple Subtraction.

The Grammar in Standard 4 is fairly done - parsing more particularly.

Standard 3, although a small number is backward in Arithmetic.

Attendance good.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted on Monday an Infant, Josephus Morris.

Attendance this week has been very regular - although several have been absent all the week.

Standard 2 writes badly: most all.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ordinary progress.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Weather being now rather warm the children are allowed a few minutes of recreation in the Playground in the afternoon about 3.30.

Fair progress is now being made.

On Tuesday Samuel Vaughan was admitted.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the indisposition of the Sewing Mistress no sewing has been taken this week.

Fair progress is made with Grammar in Standard 4, but Standard 2 is backward at it.

Great pains have been taken this week to obtain accuracy in Arithmetic, not with sufficient success.

Dictation of whole school is fairly good.

Standard 1 for the most part writes well.

Singing slightly improved.

On Monday Philip Richards was admitted - judging from his appearance it will be impossible to instruct him. Fair attendance.

House and School inspected on Monday by Mr Gough (Sanitary Inspector) and Mr Owens, one of the School Board.

#### **July 27<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week - although pretty good - indicates the approach of the Holy-days.

The school closed today for three weeks.

The average attendance for this Quarter is 48.

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#### **Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

The School was opened today after the Summer Holidays which owing to sickness in the neighbourhood, and death in the Teacher's family have been four weeks instead of three.

#### **Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**

Children have come to school pretty fair, but not as good as might be expected - considering the length of the vacation.

#### **Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bad weather this week has interfered with the attendance, the average being lower than it has been for a long time.

The Poetry in the different Standards is not well recited - too hurried.

Boys in the Upper Division (Standards 4,5) have drawn maps of England this week on paper for the first time. Not drawn well.

Multiplication Table not perfectly got up as yet by Standard 1, as far as the 4 times.

#### **Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

The beautiful weather this week has improved the attendance.

Coals for the winter brought to the School. Also New Registers.

Fair progress made; the different subjects are very far from perfect.

Inaccuracy is found in all the Standards more or less, even in simple and comparative easy lessons.

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#### **Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

Simple Geographical lessons have been given to Standard 1 this week - such as the four points of the compass, the four seasons, a plan of the schoolroom, days of the week and months of the year.

A little improvement in the Recitation of Poetry by the children.

#### **Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

John Richards - who has been absent nearly 12 months came again this week.

Also Annie E Davies whose name has been struck off the Registers twice during the last 6 months, was in school this week.

Ordinary progress made.

Standard 3 deficient in Notation.

#### **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

Price Hardwick admitted aged 5.

#### **Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance not as good as should be. Several children absent all the week - some through illness.

Fair progress made, Spelling in Standards 3 and 4 far from perfect.

The other Standards spell fairly. Singing improved.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

History is pretty well learnt by a few of the children who take delight in it.

Attendance fairly good.

All the children have nearly learnt the poetry given as part of "English".

Usual progress made.

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**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

Registers and Summary examined.

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

A Geographical lesson has been given to Standard 1 - boys and girls as follows.

[1] Points of Compass - illustrated by walls of schoolroom and roads outside.

[2] The Four Seasons - illustrated by reference to cold and heat, long days and long nights.

[3] Some idea of a map - that it is a plan or shape, and not a picture, illustrated by a diagram of room etc.

[4] Number and days of the week, together with months of the year.

[5] Differences between high and low ground.

[6] Flowing of water down hill and other simple matter familiar to children.

A part of the above Scheme is easily taught, but to convey to children of 7 years of age the meaning and use of a map seems at present rather difficult of attainment.

Usual progress made. Overt pressure put on.

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**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted today an Infant - John Jones.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

The near approach of the Annual Examination is the means of improving the attendance.

The children have been examined this week - work fairly good but not as free from errors as might be.

With great difficulty some in Standard 4 parse a simple sentence.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Today the school year ended.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance this week has been seriously interfered with by Diphtheria breaking out among several of the children; all the Griffiths' being ill. Others also are laid up with bad throats.

Progress as usual.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Heavy rain this morning hindered many children.

Margaret Hardwick, owing to illness last week is afflicted with blindness - unable to read the largest print.

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to heavy rain on Tuesday morning, Knighton Butter Fair on Thursday, and Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the Pound Chapel today, the attendance this week has been unusually irregular and low.

The children afflicted with Diphtheria are improving in their condition.

Ordinary progress. Grammar improved.

Fire made in the school this week.

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**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

All the children afflicted with Diphtheria have again come to school. Margaret Hardwick's eyesight continues bad - cannot see to read.

Fair attendance this week - considering one rough morning.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Today the Annual Examination of this school took place.

The Time Table (as altered) was approved by E W Colt Williams Esq, H M I of Schools - and also a Geography Scheme for Standard 1.

English too, was approved ie. Poetry for recitation.

The only member of the School Board present was Mr J Wilding.

Attendance good this week - although the weather has been unusually severe.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

John Duggan and Frances Matthews left.

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**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance not so good this week, as in part - several children having left.

Introduced two New Songs.

Yesterday was a holiday, but by mistake today's attendances are marked in Thursday's column.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

This week has been good for children attending school - having been a beautiful frost - nevertheless a great many were absent.

All the children are beginning to learn their new subjects - with fair earnestness.

Geography is now taken as a Second Class Subject all through the school.

Elizabeth Ann Davies continues obstinately in her bad habit of telling lies - notwithstanding the correction she got on Examination day from HMI.

Margaret Hardwick's blindness does not allow her to attend school.

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rough weather and the Xmas market of live poultry have interfered with the attendance.

Standards 4 and 5 are beginning to work Compound Rules and Bills.

The Report of last Examination received this week.

Singing getting on pretty well.

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**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the Report of H M I, E W Colt Williams Esq. who visited this school Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1883.

" Considering the disadvantages of a wild district and irregular attendance, Mr Williams deserves great credit for the way in which he has taught and disciplined his School. The fourth and fifth Standards are weak in Arithmetic, and Handwriting on slates lacks style; otherwise the work is very well done in Elementary and Extra Subjects, and the Sewing shows that it has been carefully attended to. Mr Williams should check the habit into which the children have got of



answering out of turn. An efficient paid Monitor should be employed as the average is too large for Mr Williams to do justice to without great strain"

Llanbister Cantal Board School Staff 1883  
William Williams Cert. Teacher. 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board.

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**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to lies repeatedly told at home by E A Davies - Llwyn - and false charges in consequence of the same brought against the Teacher by her father respecting her treatment at school, the child was this day expelled from the school until the case may be brought before the School Board.

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

In consequence of the Xmas Markets the attendance has been low - only an average of 34. School broke up today for the Xmas vacation.

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

The above case of E A Davies, was discussed at a Board Meeting today, and it was resolved that she should again attend Llanbister School - notwithstanding the fact that she was first sent from that school to this on account of her falsehood there.

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**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

School commenced today after the holidays. Re-admitted Mary J Meredith who has lately been in school at Pembridge.

Average very low this week.

Standard 5 has begun of "Practice" but progress is remarkably slow.

Standards 2 and 3 are going on fairly well but Standard 1 is very backward particularly in Arithmetic.

Singing fair.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
1	Davies Amelia M	7	-----	-----	----- E	1
2	Davies Ann E	7			0	"
3	Davies Louisa Fanny	7				"
4	Morris Ann Sarah	8				"
5	Lloyd P Martha	8				"
6	Wilding Alice	9				"
7	Vaughan Lucy	7				"
8	Griffiths Minnie	7				"
9	Thomas Richard	7				"
10	Stephens George	7				"
11	Thomas John	8				"
12	Jones Richard	13				"
13	Jones Benjamin	9				"
14	Lewis James	8		0		2
15	Kinsey Louisa Fanny	8			0	"
16	Griffiths Miriam E	8				"
17	Vaughan Fanny	9				"

18	Morris Sarah	9					"
19	Morris Elizabeth	9					"
20	Buften Eleanor	10		0			"
21	Richards Jane	9					"
22	Davies Jane Martha	9					"
23	Griffiths Eliza	9					"
24	Smith Fanny	12					"
25	Hardwick Margaret	9	-----	-----		E	3

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
26	Thomas Ann Esther	9				3
27	Thomas Benjamin	11		0		"
28	Davies Aaron	10				"
29	Morris John	12				"
30	Thomas Fanny	12			0	"
31	Lloyd Jane Sarah	13		0	0	4
32	Lewis Margaret	12			0	"
33	Morris Jane	12			0	"
34	Hardwick Annie	10			0	"
35	Stephens Mary	11				"
36	Griffiths Louisa Fanny	11				"
37	Vaughan Margaret	11				"
38	Morris Aaron	11			0	"
39	Wilson Abraham	10			0	"
40	Duggan William	12				"
41	Davies John	14			0	"
42	Richards John	11			0	"
43	Matthews Francis	13			0	5
44	Wilson John	13				"
45	Duggan John	13		0		"
46	Lewis Hugh	6				
47	Hardwick John	6				
48	Williams David	5				
49	Morris John	6				
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**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today James Meredith of Brynllwyd - aged 5.

Attendance improved this week.

Standard 2 has had a few lessons in Short Division.

New books ordered on Dec 28<sup>th</sup> last - not yet come.

Standard 1 and Infants are backward.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bad weather has interfered this week with the attendance.

Progress slow.

New books brought today.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today Thomas Meredith of Great Cwmllechwedd - aged 17 and passed Standard 5.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

Slow progress made this week.

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance pretty good this week.

Not much progress made this week owing to death of Teacher's eldest child.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

No school today - heavy snow.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

None today - funeral of above child.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Slow progress - Teacher ill.

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**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

School closed today for a fortnight on account of Teacher's state of health.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

After being closed three weeks the school was reopened today by the Teacher whose health has sufficiently improved to enable him to do so.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

The Clerk and Vice-Chairman of the School Board - Mr Kinsey - visited the school this afternoon - not both at the same time.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance pretty good this week. Fair progress made. No singing.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Number of attendances this week exactly the same as those of last week.

Fair progress made - especially with the "Poetry" - some of the children learn it quickly.

Arithmetic in Standard 1 is more backward now than any Standard 1 has been since this school was first opened - four of the boys in it are quite dull at figures.

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**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance rather irregular this week. Weather very cold.

Standard 1 with a great deal of care and teaching is beginning to show signs of improvement in Arithmetic.

A good part of the older children is making fair progress.

Singing not much attended to lately, on account of Teacher's state of health.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Singing more regular this week - also attendance slightly improved.

Admitted on Monday William and James Ruff - children who have attended Llangunllo School.

William is upwards of 10 years of age, is a Standard 3 boy - Spelling is very bad - Writing on a par with it and Arithmetic slightly better. He knows nothing of Geography and Grammar.

James is a delicate child and more than 7 years of age - is part of the Infant Class.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Steady progress made this week.

Thomas P Meredith learns Arithmetic pretty fairly.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday - no school.

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**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

No school today owing to Master attending the Easter Vestry at Llanbister Church.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance remains stationary for the last five or six weeks - average about 44 each week.

New Codes that were ordered some time ago, not yet had.

Progress fairly good - but Arithmetic through all the Standards is not good.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress and attendance.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Notwithstanding warmer weather, the attendance has been more irregular.  
Standard 1 has improved in Arithmetic lately.  
Standard 4 is weak in Arithmetic.  
Handwriting of Standard 1 and 2 require a great deal of supervision by the Teacher.

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The fees of the following children are remitted by the School Board for the six months ending October 31<sup>st</sup> next, viz:- Annie and Margaret Hardwick, James Lewis, Richard, Benjamin and David T Jones, George Stephens, James Ruff and Samuel Vaughan. (9)

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

The near approach of the local May fairs has diminished the average.  
School broke up today for a week owing to Penybont and Knighton May Fairs being next week.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Notwithstanding beautiful weather this week, the average is the lowest but one (Jan 11<sup>th</sup>) recorded during the year.

Several of the children in Standard 2 are backward in Short Division.  
Richard Jones aged 14 and Fanny Smith aged 12 last October are hired as servants and left school.

**Page 104****1884****May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today an Infant E L Evans.  
Attendance improved this week.  
Pretty fair progress made.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to illness and a well known skin disease in the neighbourhood the attendance is very low.  
Good progress made in English this week by Standards 4 and 5.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance continues low, and has been since the beginning of this Quarter.  
New Books - Historical Readers (6) - received at the school this week.  
Geographical Lessons were given to Standard 1 this week for the first time.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted today Jane and Annie Brick - New House, Llanvihangel.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is unusually irregular, notwithstanding most beautiful weather.  
Standard 3 is backward in Arithmetic.  
Standard 2 has progressed well lately, the Handwriting is not good.  
Infants are learning to read a little.  
Standard 1 moves slowly.

**Page 105****1884****June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Admitted an Infant - William J H Davies.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance slightly improved this week - but is far below what it should be.  
Measles, Itch and Low-fever hinder the attendance of several children.  
The first class is making fair progress with the Historical Readers No 5.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"  
William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Today - for the first time since this school opened - was corporal punishment on the naked body inflicted upon one of the children - Martha Priscilla Lloyd, Warren.

The offence was refusal - sturdy resistance - on her part to obey the Sewing Mistress.

The punishment was administered in presence of the Sewing Mistress and was very slight.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today the parent of the above child - John Lloyd - sent for his child's copy-books but being in arrears with school fees the books were refused. The teacher was also informed that the child

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is withdrawn from the School, and will in future be sent to Llanbister School.

Five years ago - for no reason worthy the name - the same person - John Lloyd - withdrew his children (2) from this school and sent them to Llanbister.

Afterwards they again attended here.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Children were sent home this morning, the few that came.

A thunderstorm prevented attendance. The average this week - 43 - is the highest registered this Quarter.

Richard Davies, Great Cantal, a weakly boy, who was withdrawn from school last September owing to his mother's death, came again on Monday last.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Today there was no school as the teacher had to appear at the Knighton Petty Sessions in answer to a summons charging him with assault founded upon the chastisement given to Martha Priscilla Lloyd as entered on last page (105).

The entry referred to contains the whole truth of what took place, and the charge is as unfounded and as untrue as it is possible to conceive.

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**July 10<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

The case referred to on page 106 was adjourned till August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance improved this week.

Fair progress made throughout the school.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Fair attendance this week and pretty fair progress made.

Illness still prevents a few children from attending.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Today ended the third Quarter of the School year; during which Quarter the attendance has been most irregular, owing to Low Fever, Measles, and Skin Diseases.

The average is 8 under the corresponding period of last year.

Progress on the whole has been steady but not so good as might have been, had the attendance been more regular.

The work usually accomplished by the children in this School at this season of the year, is not so far advanced as it has been on some previous occasions.

Holidays given for three weeks.

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**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

School reopened after holidays.

During the last three weeks two boys on the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Register have been sent to service:- John Richards and John Morris.

**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Some days this week the heat has been very oppressive, and the children thirsty and restless. Ordinary progress made.

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup>**

Children come very late to school in the morning - worse lately than usual. Fifty per cent of them are later than 9:30, and it is partly owing to the long distances many of them have to come, and also to the fact that they try to attend nearly at the proper age. This makes it difficult for the little ones to get in time, and they also hinder the bigger ones.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted today John Lloyd and William Lloyd, aged 8 and 7 respectively, who have attended various schools for years, but have not yet learnt the Alphabet thoroughly.

**Page 109****1884****Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to illness, nutpicking, and the gathering of harvest, the attendance is much below what it ought to be.

Standard 2 has not yet well learnt their Poetry.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

This morning being very wet only a few children came and those were sent back.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance fairly good this week after Monday.

The Infants are very slow in Addition:- some of them have no notion at adding such numbers as 1 and 1 and the like.

All the Standards are weak in Arithmetical problems and not at all perfect in the mechanical parts.

**Page 110****1884****Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

The weather being favourable, and the harvest gathered in, the attendance is a little more regular.

Fair progress made in most of the subjects.

Singing not good, and the Poetry is not well mastered.

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The boys William and John Lloyd admitted on 1<sup>st</sup> September attended only 3 weeks:- they are gone to Llanvihangel again.

Attendance regular but too low.

The Arithmetic - especially the mechanical part - of most of the children is worked incorrectly, although they know well how to do it.

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the backwardness of the Infant classes in the three R's, not any object lessons have been given them till this week.

A few were given on animals, pictures of which are in the school.

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Several children have left school since the holidays, several of which ought not to have done so, had they been look'd after properly.

**Page 111****1884****Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

This week shows the highest average recorded since last November:- the very beautiful weather is likely the reason.

Mary Stephens has been absent six weeks, and it appears that she is not going to attend any more, her name is struck off the Registers.

William Duggan continues from school; no reason being given.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Today the school year ended.

The Attendance Officer visited the School today.

The Infants are backward in Counting and Addition.

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

This is the first week of the New Year. Attendance good.

The two boys, John and William Lloyd - referred to on last page as left - have returned to this school.

It is apparently impossible to teach them:- they are not idiots nevertheless.

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**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week has been very good. Abraham Wilson - the only boy in Standard 5 - does his work badly, especially Arithmetic. On account of his general backwardness, he has had no exercises in Composition, nor in Analysis of Sentences.

His attendance has been most irregular:- his father threatening the Board that he would rather pay a fine than send his son to School in Harvest.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Chairman of the Board:- the Reverend Mr Lewis visited the school this morning, and gave out Dictation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

Mr Price of Bronllys also called at the school in the afternoon:- he heard the Infants read.

Attendance very good and fair progress.

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

The School was examined today by E W Colt Williams Esq, H M I, and his assistant Mr Seer. All the children present, save one Infant who was ill:- not qualified for Exam.

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**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

School closed this week, owing to a heavy fall of snow on Sunday last.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very low this week:- several children are now leaving school, some to go to work and some who live furthest from the School for the winter season. They'll return towards next April.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

The local Xmas markets and very rough weather have spoiled the attendance this week.

School broke up today for a fortnight.

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**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

School opened today after three week's holidays, instead of a fortnight.

The Teacher was advised to do so by the Chairman of the Board, on account of the ill-health of the former.

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

Terrribly cold weather has kept nearly half the children at home this week.

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The same remark as above applies to this week.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

A slight improvement altogether this week.

One holiday on account of bad weather:- 12 children only came.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

One holiday this week owing to bad weather.

Children are making good progress with their Poetry.

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance better this week, and progress a little firmer.

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**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance most irregular, a large part of the children being ill - the greater part.

Progress is slow on account of state of Teacher's health, which is very precarious.

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance better :- James and Hugh Lewis who live more than three miles from the school, and who left at the Exam: during the shortest days have again returned. Others who did the same have not yet come back.

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Report of H M Inspector E W Colt Williams Esq. who visited this School Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1884.

"Notwithstanding Mr Williams' state of health, which is, I fear, very precarious, he has done full justice to his School. Discipline is excellent and the examination has been a very satisfactory one in Elementary and Extra subjects. The children should not answer out of turn. Infants should be more advanced in Arithmetic and the Second Standard children should know their money tables better. A new set of books is required for the first Standard. Sewing is fair only."

Llanbister Cantal Board School Staff 1884

William Williams Cert. Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
1	Davies Amelia Mary	8				1
2	Hardwick John	7			0	"
3	Stokes Thomas John	8		0		"
4	Morris John	7				"
5	Richards Price	7				"
6	Jones Thomas David	9				"
7	Morris Ann Sarah	9				2
8	Wilding Alice	10				"
9	Vaughan Lucy	8				"
10	Davies Louisa Fanny	8				"
11	Griffiths Minnie	8				"
12	Ruff William	10				"
13	Stephens George	8		0		"
14	Thomas Richard	8				"
15	Jones Benjamin	10				"
16	Kinsey Louisa Fanny	9		0	0	3
17	Vaughan Fanny	10				"
18	Morris Sarah	10				"
19	Evans Ann	11		0		"
20	Buften Eleanor	11		0		"
21	Morris Elizabeth	10				"
22	Griffiths Miriam Edith	9				"
23	Davies Jane Martha	10				"
24	Richards Jane	10				"
						"



No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
25	Hardwick Margaret	10				3
26	Lewis James	9		0		"
27	Thomas Benjamin	12		0		"
28	Thomas Fanny	13			0	4
29	Hardwick Annie	11				"
30	Thomas Ann Esther	10				"
31	Morris Aaron	12				"
32	Davies Aaron	11				"
33	Davies John	15				"
34	Wilson Abraham	11			0	"
No of passes			34	27	30	81%

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**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

I, E J Whitaker Cert. formerly Master of Llangunllo National School took temporary charge of this school during the illness of the Master Mr W Williams.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard very imperfect in Subtraction, have not commenced Short Division and do not know their Tables.

3<sup>rd</sup> Standard had just entered on Compound Addition.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Standards fairly up to their work. The class subjects not known in any of the Standards.

Average attendance for the week 26.5.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to a snowstorm the attendance this morning is very small, only thirteen children being present. The attendance generally is far from what it should be, not more than 50 percent of those on the Registers being present. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard makes very slow progress in Short Division.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Taught a New Song "Home Sweet Home".

Average for the week 23.8.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

On Wednesday the school was closed, as on that day the late Master, Mr W Williams was buried at Llanbister. Two of the Scholars Martha J and Mary Amelia Davies were at the graveside with wreaths. The attendance during the week has been very small although the weather was fine, except Friday which was wet and stormy.

Standard 3 made good progress in Compound Subtraction.

Average 22.5.

Admitted one boy William Hardwick who does not know his letters.

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**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 35.2.

New admissions Boys 2 Girls 1

Standard 2 have, with the exception of one boy, fairly grasped Simple Division, and now require only practice to ensure accuracy.

I find the whole of the Lower Standards very deficient in Notation, attention to which is being given. Mrs Williams taught the sewing on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 34.1.

Weather stormy. Standard 1 progressing very slowly in addition. Sewing taken by Mrs Williams. School closed as usual for one week during May Fairs.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened School after one week holiday. As only ten children were present in the morning and the same in the afternoon, I gave a half holiday. This day I entered on duty as Master of the School, having been appointed at the Meeting of the Board on 9<sup>th</sup> instant.

**Page 121****1885****May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance for the week only 20. This extreme irregularity renders it impossible to make anything like steady progress.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

This morning, Richard Davies Standard 1 had just commenced reading in his class, when he suddenly fell backward without the slightest warning or cry, evidently in an epileptic fit. I immediately raised his head, unfastened his clothes at the neck, and sent for water. He recovered before the water came, and I sent him home in charge of another boy. On enquiry I found it was his first attack, but his sister had fits in the school formerly. He returned to school later in the week. One boy admitted. Infant Class.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 37.1. Fair progress made except in Geography. Sewing by Mrs Williams twice.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mr Kinsey, one of the members of the School Board visited the school this morning and stayed a few minutes.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.7. A number of children have a bad habit of coming late, not getting into the school until after the Registers have been marked in the morning. They have been severely reprimanded. Sewing twice.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

This morning twenty children came to school from 9.30 to 9.50 and one after 10. They were severely reprimanded and detained after the

**Page 122****1885****June 8<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

other scholars had left, in the evening, for half-an-hour. Re-admitted one girl Sarah A Wilson ten years of age who cannot read or count. Admitted one boy Arthur Stephens from Llandewy School who has passed Standard 1.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Elizabeth Jane Stephens from Llandewy School who is in Standard 5 and W J Stephens aged 7 years who does not know his letters.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 41.7. New Arithmetics received. The children have been more punctual in the mornings the latter part of the week. Sewing thrice.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39.3. Admitted one boy eleven years of age who does not know the letters. Sewing thrice.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**

A very wet day and only half the children present. The boys make very slow progress in Geography.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39.3. Sewing twice.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Owing to meetings held in the neighbourhood this week the attendance has not been quite so good, and on Friday a half-holiday was given, most of the children being absent to attend a tea-meeting at the Pound.

Average attendance 35.2. Sewing twice.

One boy, James Meredith, re-admitted after a very long absence.

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**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 41.5. Sewing thrice. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Standards make little progress in Geography, they seem incapable of retaining from one day to another what they have learned.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 41.9. Fair progress made except in Geography. Sewing thrice.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Only ten children came this morning owing to the Shropshire and West Midland Agricultural Show being held at Knighton. The school was therefore closed for the day.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 34.6. Standards 1 and 2 do their Geography very fairly. The higher Standards not at all well. Grammar weak. Fair progress has been made in Arithmetic. The 1s<sup>t</sup> Standard is very slow, the great majority being dull children. One boy, Philip Richards, has not the slightest notion of Subtraction and does not seem able to comprehend it either in the concrete or the abstract. Sewing twice.

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

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**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

Re-opened this week after three weeks vacation. A very small attendance. Average 26.6. Sewing twice. Fair progress made except the Upper Standards in Geography. The boys seem to have no retention.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.8. Children worked well and better progress made in Geography. James and Thomas P Meredith returned after a long absence. James will not be able to pass the first Standard this year. Sewing twice.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39. Fair progress made. Sewing thrice. Great inconvenience is felt owing to the failure of the water-supply, none being available to flush the offices.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 41.1. Sewing thrice. Several children in the 1s<sup>r</sup> Standard are exceptionally dull, including two boys referred to, by the late Master on page 111. It seems impossible to make any progress with them. Such children are an infinity of trouble and anxiety, and entail a loss to the school both in money and credit. They are not idiots, or even imbecile, but of excessively slow comprehension. James Lewis in the 4<sup>th</sup> Standard is another instance.

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**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

A very wet and stormy morning. Only eight children appeared and were sent back. In the afternoon no better and the school was therefore closed for the day.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36. Sewing twice.

Progress of the upper Standards in Geography very unsatisfactory. Three out of the five boys in these standards are very dull. Arithmetic generally fair. Coals for the School brought this week. Prepared a list of children who had been absent or attended irregularly during the last month and forwarded it to the Clerk to the Board. The majority had only made 25 per cent of attendances.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

A boy in the 1<sup>st</sup> Standard, Aaron Stephens, having played truant on Thursday afternoon last, and been absent on Friday came to school this morning in dread of the results of his delinquency.

When called upon to give an account of himself, he perpetrated a gross act of bribery and corruption, by offering the magnificent sum of one penny to the Master to forego punishment. He received a couple of stripes on the back and was placed on the form.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 30.6. Many children absent assisting at the harvest, and nutting. Sewing thrice. Paper work commenced this week. Children not doing so well as on slates.

**Page 126****1885****Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 39.2. Friday being Knighton Fair very few children came.

No paper work, as all the paper in stock had been used, and though the order had been given several weeks a fresh supply had not arrived. Great drawback to the children in consequence. Sewing twice.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39.4. There is still no paper and the children sadly want practice with the pen. The papers for inspection were received this week, and the approximate number for examination returned to the Clerk to the Board. The children, as a whole, are doing their Standard work fairly well, but the Geography in the upper standards is very weak. grammar is somewhat better. Sewing thrice.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38. A small supply of paper came this week. The children in Standard 2 do not do their work as well as on slates. Standard 1 very uncertain.

**Page 127****1885****Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

Small attendance on Friday, the morning being very wet. Sewing twice.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 39. Notice of date of Inspection received this week. The short time the children have had paper work, together with the earlier date of Examination will be somewhat disadvantageous. It seems impossible to make several of the children in Standard 1 understand figures. Sewing thrice.

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38.4. The weather during the week has been very wet and stormy and several children have been absent in consequence. The majority of the Infants have been extremely irregular in their attendance and are very backward generally. This day ends the School year.

Sewing twice.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

The school was examined by H M Inspector E W Colt-Williams Esq and Mr Sears. All the children present except two Infants not qualified. Mr Owen, Cantal, one of the members of the School Board and Mr W Morris, the Clerk to the Board, were present.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Very few children came owing to Knighton Fair. A whole holiday given.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 39. Work of the next year commenced today.

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**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance only 24. Many children absent, apparently without sufficient cause as the weather has been fine and mild.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.6 still less than it ought to be. There is no reasonable excuse for absence. The weather has been very fine and dry all week. Notices to parents were sent out by the Clerk to the Board. Fair progress made. Sewing twice, two hours each time.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

A very small attendance, several infants over six years of age absent who ought to attend. They do not know their letters and yet must be presented in Standard 1 next year. It is utterly impossible to do justice to them.

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance still worse. Gave a half-holiday as most of the children were going to Heartsease Tea-meeting. Standard 3 making fair progress with Long Division.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 28. There are 49 children's names on the Registers, so that there are little over 50 per cent in attendance. The majority are absent for no real reason, and although notices have been sent out, no effect seems to be produced. All the Standards making fair progress.

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**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 31.1. One boy admitted. He has been at Llanbister School, is 10 years old and can only read a few little words. He does not seem to possess any capacity. His name is William Jones and has been five years at school.

Fair progress made. Small attendance on Friday owing to General Election.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.1. Weather very cold but fine. A better attendance of Infants and good progress made. Sewing twice.

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.4. Standard 2 have made good progress in their work. Spelling weak throughout. Special attention being given to it. Sewing twice. Closed today for Xmas holidays, a fortnight given.

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**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the Report of H M I E W Colt-Williams, Esq who visited this school, November 4<sup>th</sup> 1885.

It is as follows:-

" I greatly regret that death has removed the late conscientious and hardworking Teacher, Mr Williams, and Mr Whitaker has doubtless had difficulties since the 6<sup>th</sup> April to contend with, in great irregularity of attendance and also that during the later part of his time Mr Williams was physically unable to teach. The Infants and first Standard need more teaching. New Geographical readers are needed throughout and ordinary Readers for the Second Standard. No blanks should be left in the attendance Registers. Sewing is good"

Llanbister Cantal Board School  
 Staff 1885  
 Edmund J Whitaker Cert. Teacher 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

William Morris  
 Clerk to the Board

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
1	Ruff James	8	1	0	0	1
2	Davies Richard	10	X	X	X	..
4	Lloyd William	8	1	0	X	..
5	Vaughan Samuel	7	X	X	X	..
6	Richards Philip	7	1	0	0	..
7	Morris Josephus	7	X	1	X	..
8	Lewis Hugh	8	1	0	0	..
10	Hardwick Price	7	X	X	X	..
11	Davies William J H	7	1	1	X	..
12	Williams David	7	X	X	X	..
14	Reece Mary Jane	8	1	1	X	..
15	Stokes John Thomas	9	X	0	1	2
16	Richards Price	8	1	X	X	..
17	Morris John	8	1	0	X	..
18	Hardwick John	8	1	1	0	..
19	Davies Mary Amelia	9	X	X	1	..
20	Meredith Mary Jane	10	X	X	X	..
21	Ruff William	11	1	1	X	3
22	Stephens George	9	1	X	1	..
23	Thomas Richard	9	X	X	X	..
24	Morris Sarah Ann	10	1	1	X	..
25	Wilding Alice	11	1	X	X	..
26	Vaughan Lucy	9	X	X	X	..
27	Griffiths Minnie	9	1	X	X	..

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
28	Davies Fanny Louisa	9	X	1	X	3
29	Kinsey Fanny Louisa	10	X	X	1	..
30	Lewis James	10	X	0	1	4
31	Hardwick Margaret	11	x	x	1	..
32	Evans Ann	12	X	0	1	..
33	Morris Elizabeth	11	X	X	X	..
34	Vaughan Fanny	11	X	0	0	..
35	Morris Sarah	11	X	X	1	..
36	Buften Laura Eleanor	12	1	0	0	..
37	Davies Martha Jane	11	X	X	1	..
38	Griffiths Edith Miriam	10	X	0	X	..
39	Richards Jane	11	1	0	1	..
40	Davies Aaron	12	X	X	1	5
41	Thomas Esther Ann	11	X	X	X	..
No of passes			38	26	32	84%

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**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened school after a fortnight Xmas holidays. Average attendance 29.5. In consequence of a heavy snowstorm on Tuesday night the children were not able to come to school on Wednesday, and, as the snow remained, rendering the roads impassable, the school was closed for the remainder of the week.

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

Continued severe snowstorms and roads impassable. School closed.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 29.5. Fair progress made.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

Again the roads were rendered impassable with snow and the school was closed all week. So severe a winter has not been felt for many years.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

School still closed.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 28.5. Roads still in a very bad condition.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

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Clerk to the Board

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**Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for week 33.6. Several children absent who might easily attend. Fair progress made.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.3.

Infants backward in Reading owing to want of easy books, which are ordered. The other Standards making fair progress.

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

School closed all week owing to severe snowstorm.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 26.9. New Sets of Reading Books received for Infants and Standard 2.

Weather still very cold, and many children absent. One girl, Sarah Morris ill with measles. I hope it will not spread. Very fair progress made during week.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 28.8. Weather remains cold. Two boys, William and James Ruff left this week. They are going to live at Llangunllo. Fair progress.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.9. Admitted two girls. One lately passed Standard 2 in Llanbister School. The other, aged six, knows her letters only.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 26. Weather very stormy, and several children absent through sickness. Progress irregular owing to bad attendance. I think there must be a number of children who ought to be in school, who have not yet

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**April 2<sup>nd</sup> (continued)**

been admitted. A holiday was given on Monday, the Master being engaged in moving his furniture from Llangunllo.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32. Admitted during week three boys and one girl last attending at Llandewy. The girl is over seven, and cannot read. Two boys also admitted from Stanage. Weather very stormy yesterday and today. Good progress made.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 33.3. The beginning of the week commenced with a full attendance, which fell off after the first day. Several children absent through measles. Good progress made.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 35. Friday, being Good Friday, a whole holiday was given. fair progress made, except in Geography, which the boys seem unable to remember. Mrs Williams' baby being very ill, there was no sewing.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 21.9. Measles having rapidly increased since the beginning of the week, the number in attendance has declined to almost half. Unless there is great improvement it will be necessary to close the school. This sickness, added to the long winter, will materially affect the work of the school. Sewing twice.

**Page 136****1886****May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

In consequence of the rapid spread of the Measles only a few children came this morning and the school was closed for the week.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened this morning after being closed three weeks. Almost every house has been visited by the Measles, which has been of a virulent character. Many children are still too ill to attend school, and those who have come are weak and listless. Average for the week 17.7. Sewing by Mrs Williams on Tuesday.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.2. Fair progress made, but, owing to the Examination taking place a month earlier combined with the serious loss of time incurred, and irregularity in attendances, I fear it will be necessary to drop the Class Subjects and concentrate all attention on the three R's. Sewing twice.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.4. Admitted one boy from Llanvihangel in Standard 5 one infant, and re-admitted Owen Lloyd after a long absence. This boy is over ten years old and does not know his little words. He lives over three miles distant. The children have worked well this week but many of them are far from strong after the measles. Sewing twice.

**Page 137****1886****June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 33.3. Fair progress made, although the attendance is more irregular than it should be considering the fine weather. Sewing by Mrs. Williams twice.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.1. Children are making good progress in Standard work but Grammar and Geography are weak. The Infants are very backward, owing to their extreme irregularity of attendance. Sewing by Mrs Williams twice.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance only 28.6 out of 54 names on the books. The weather is beautifully fine, therefore there is no valid excuse for many of the absentees. It is impossible to make anything



like regular progress; and those children needing the most attention are most frequently absent. Sewing thrice.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 37. Notices having been sent out by the Attendance Officer, to the parents a great improvement has taken place in attendance. Good progress made. More practice is required to ensure accuracy in the Arithmetic. Two days holiday were given at the end of the week. Sewing twice.

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**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38.9. Children now beginning to work fairly on paper. Fair progress made throughout, the Infants being the most backward. Sewing thrice.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 34.7. The weather has been very wet during the latter part of this week consequently the attendance has not been so good. Many children still suffer from the after effects of Measles. Better progress this week in the paper work. Sewing on Monday.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 31. A very wet week. Rather more than half the children only, present on Friday owing to the weather. Work on paper neater and more accurate. Standard 1 not always reliable in Arithmetic. The bulk of this Standard is of very low intelligence. Sewing thrice.

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.1. Weather very fine but children very irregular, helping in the harvest. It is a misfortune we cannot close for the usual holidays this year. Fair progress in ordinary subjects. No singing owing to Master suffering from hoarseness. Sewing twice.

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**Aug 13<sup>th</sup>**

Two boys, John and Price Hardwick received one stroke of the cane on each hand, for throwing stones at Abraham Evans when on the way home on Wednesday evening. James and Thomas P Meredith also punished for the same offence this afternoon.

Average for the week 29.1. Harvest and berry picking keeping some away. The latter part of the week was very wet.

The boys in the fourth Standard have had Arithmetic instead of Geography this week.

**Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 33.3. The Chairman of the Board, Rev Lewis, visited the school on Wednesday morning and stayed a few minutes. Better progress made, although Standard 4 is not as reliable in Arithmetic as could be wished. Sewing by Mrs Williams twice.

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32. Mr Kinsey, a Member of the Board, visited the school on Monday. Sewing thrice.

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 35.3. Much better progress this week. Infants class is very backward owing to extreme irregularity of attendance. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Standard William Jones is mentally deficient. He was at Llanbister School for some years previous to coming to this school, and yet cannot read.

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**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> (continued)**

Aaron Stephens, if not mentally deficient, is extremely dull, and makes very slow progress. Philip Richards is mentally deficient, and in addition, stammers painfully, so much so that at times he cannot read at all. Sewing twice.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 37.7. No sewing, owing to absence of Mrs Williams, this week. Friday being very wet little more than half the children were present. The Standard work has made much improvement, but the Geography of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Standards is very weak. The father of James and Hugh Lewis sent an impudent and threatening letter to the Master because the boys were required to come neat in dress, and had been detained in school during play-time on one day, for disobedience to the requirement.

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**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38.9. Children worked well during week. Fifth Standard Geography hopelessly weak. Sewing thrice.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.1. Notice of date of Inspection received. Sewing twice.

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 28. End of School Year. A very wet week causing many to be absent. Sewing once.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38.5. Sewing thrice. Standard 1 work very irregular. One boy is mentally deficient, and one exceptionally dull. Another has been constantly ill, and another has only made 151 attendances in the year. Only three children in this Standard have made over 250 attendances and the majority have made under 200. Four of the children though turned seven years of age are in the Infant Class, but, although quite unable to do the work must be presented under a rule which seems to me absurd, when applied rigidly in outlandish districts like this.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.3. A very wet and stormy week. Children, nevertheless, attended better than might have been expected. Sewing twice.

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**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39.6. Children have worked well during the week. They are not as accurate in Arithmetic as could be wished. Fair progress made in all subjects. Sewing thrice.

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

School examined this day by H M I, E W Colt-Williams Esq and Mr Seers. R Owens Esq. and Mr Morris, the Clerk to the Board were also present.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 38.75.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

School opened with a very small attendance. Four girls in Standard 5 and an Infant have left.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday given, the Master going to Knighton.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Very few children came this morning and in the afternoon only 11. The others had stayed away for a tea meeting at the Pound. A half holiday given. The weather is very wet, which probably accounts for the small attendance. Average for the week 24. Sewing by Mrs Williams once. Something ought to be done to secure more regularity in attendance. Matters, in this respect, seem to get worse.

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**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

The weather during the past week has been very wet and probably owing to this cause the attendance has been extremely low. Still, some of the children who live a long way off have attended very well, while those who live nearer have been most irregular. Notices are being constantly served on the parents but apparently without effect. Sewing by Mrs Whitaker once. Average attendance 21.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 24.2. A fine week on the whole. Tea meeting at Heartsease for the Sunday School children, caused many absentees in the early part of the week. With 48 names on the books there ought to be more than 50% of attendances. Standard 3 getting on well with Long Division. The other Standards also progressing very well. Sewing thrice.

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.2. Good progress made. Sewing twice.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 29.4. Standard 3 have now grasped the principle of Long Division and work it fairly well. Standard 2 making good progress and also the other Standards. Weather very fine, but cold with snow on the ground. Sewing thrice.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 20.125. Heavy snowstorm on Tuesday prevented the children from coming. School was therefore closed. Still, there ought to be much better attendance, the majority of children are absent without any reasonable excuse whatever. Standard 1, which needs most attention, is most irregular. Standard 3 have now mastered Long Division, with the exception of two boys, and will commence Compound Addition shortly after the holidays. Sewing twice. Closed for a fortnight.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
1	Evans Abraham	7	0	0	0	1
2	Thomas John	7		NE		"
3	Morris Sophia	7	0	0	0	"
4	Evans Fanny	7		E		"
5	Richards Philip	8	X	X	1	"
6	Lewis Hugh	9	X	X	X	"
7	Stephens William J	8	X	X	X	"
8	Meredith James R	8		E		"
9	Stephens Aaron	8	X	X	X	"
10	Jones William	11		E		"
11	Lloyd Isaac	8	X	X	X	"
12	Hardwick John	9	X	1	X	2

13	Davies Richard	11	X	X	X	..
14	Morris Josephus	8	X	1	X	..
15	Hardwick Price	8	X	1	1	..
16	Davies William J H	8	X	1	X	..
17	Evans Bryan	8	X	0	X	..
18	Stokes John Thomas	10	X	1	1	3
19	Richards Price	10	X	X	X	..
20	Morris John	9	0	0	X	..
21	Stephens Arthur	11	X	X	X	..
22	Evans Edward	11	1	X	X	..
23	Davies Mary Amelia	10	1	X	1	..
24	Meredith Mary Jane	11	1	X	X	..
25	Hamer Mary Jane	11	1	X	X	..

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
26	Lewis James	11	X	0	X	4
27	Thomas Richard	10	X	1	X	..
28	Stephens George	10	1	0	X	..
29	Evans Thomas	13	X	1	X	..
30	Lloyd Thomas	13	X	1	1	..
31	Bufton Laura Eleanor	13	1	1	X	..
32	Kinsey Fanny Louisa	11	X	0	X	..
33	Morris Sarah Ann	11	1	0	0	..
34	Wilding Alice	12	1	1	1	..
35	Griffiths Minnie A	10	1	0	X	..
36	Davies Fanny Louisa	10	X	1	1	..
37	Morris Elizabeth	12	X	1	X	5
38	Davies Martha Jane	12	X	1	X	..
39	Griffiths Edith Miriam	11	1	1	X	..
40	Richards Jane	12	X	1	X	..
41	Whitaker Edith Mary	12	X	X	X	..
42	Davies Aaron	13	X	1	1	6
No of passes			35	29	34	85%

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**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the Report of H M I E W Colt-Williams Esq. who visited this school on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

It is as follows:-

" Bad weather and epidemic have thinned attendance at this school during the past year. Mr Whitaker maintains good order and much of the work in Elementary and Extra Subjects was very well done. I should like to find answering more free and more care in pronouncing the syllables and letter H in reading; were this attended to it would probably be found that some carelessness in Spelling in the Third and Fourth Standards would disappear. Each girl should show knitting, otherwise the needlework is good. If Geography be taken next year a new set of Geographical Readers complying with the Instructions must be procured."

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**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Re-opened after holidays. Attendance very small.

**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Closed for the rest of the week owing to severe snowstorm.

**Jan 7 - 14<sup>th</sup>**

Closed owing to snow.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 21.9. Weather fine and mild. Clerk to the Board visited on Friday evening and took list of absentees.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 24.5. In spite of extraordinarily fine and mild weather the attendance remains very low and most irregular. Another census of the number of children of school age ought to be taken. I have every reason to believe that there are several who might attend who do not. Progress much hindered by the above state of things.

New sets of Geographical Readers and Map Books received this week.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**

Much better attendance this morning. 34 present.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

Severe snowstorm. Present 20.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 26.7. The compulsory clause of the Education Act is a dead letter as far as this district is concerned.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

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**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and Summary today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sophia Morris, who has been absent some weeks, met with an accident by which the forefinger on the right hand was cut off. The three Merediths have also been ill for the last ten days.

31 present today.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

Present 26. Intense cold. No First Standard present.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 26.6. Weather very fine but cold. Good progress made.

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 31. In consequence of the Master having to attend a funeral in Lancashire the school was closed on Thursday and Friday. Sewing twice.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 26.5. The week began with a good attendance but fell off afterwards although the weather was favourable. Some stayed away owing to sickness, but others without valid excuse. It is impossible for the results to be what they ought with the irregular attendance which is the constant state of matters in this school.

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**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.8. Weather very fine. One boy, Josephus Morris suffering from an infectious disease (Tinea) was sent home. Some of the second Standard are very slow in grasping Simple Division. First Standard is very backward owing to their extreme irregularity of attendance.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Only 23 present this morning. Weather fine and cold. Admitted one boy aged 5 years. Letters not known.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 26.9. Progress slow. Sewing twice.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Fall of snow during the night; no school in consequence.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 21.875. Sewing twice.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 25.5. Very stormy weather. Admitted 4 Infants. Sewing thrice.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 33. Admitted 2 Infants. A sale at the neighbouring farm on Wednesday interfered with the attendance. Sewing twice. Fair progress made.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.6. Admitted two girls over seven who only know their letters. Sewing twice. Friday being Good Friday school was closed.

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**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.2. Sewing once owing to illness of Mistress.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 29.5. Small attendance on Friday. Sewing thrice.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 21.2. Snowstorms in the early part of the week have kept many children away. On Tuesday morning no school was held owing to the severity of the storm. In the afternoon a number of children came and school was then opened. Sewing twice. Admitted one boy William Owens from Llanbister School whose Arithmetic is very weak.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.5. Sewing thrice.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

This evening Thomas Pugh and Alice Meredith were sent home as the girl had the itch, and others of the family were reported as infected.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 24.9. Sewing twice. Closed on Friday for Penybont May Fairs.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Closed during week for Knighton May Fairs.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 35.7. Admitted two girls, one from Franksbridge. Margaret Wilding has passed Standard 3, the other, Mary Elizabeth Davies from Beguildy has not passed Standard 1. Sewing thrice.

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**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Only 18 children present this morning. There is a club-feast at Llanbadarn which is supposed to furnish sufficient excuse for absence.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Only 15 children present today. The morning was very wet which accounts for the smallness of attendance. Average attendance for the week 22.5.

It is an utter impossibility to make anything approaching uniform progress in consequence of the fluctuating attendance. The extra Subjects are especially weak.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 33. Better progress made. Fifth Standard Arithmetic is very weak. The Rev. W Fulford, Vicar of Llanbister, called on Friday and stayed a few minutes.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.8. Good progress made, especially in Fifth Standard.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.725. Holiday given on Tuesday for the Queen's Jubilee which was celebrated in the School. Each child received tea and a medal. Mr R Owen and Mr J Bounds, members of the School Board, were present.

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**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 31.8. Children languid owing to intense heat. Fair progress. Sewing thrice.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 34.3. Admitted one boy Frederick Botwood aged seven from Llanbister School. He is very backward.

Geography of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class very weak. There are five boys in this class, and three of them seem unable to retain, from one day to another, what they have been taught. The girls, throughout the school, are the most intelligent by far. Sewing thrice. Closed for a fortnights vacation.

**July 8 - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fortnights Holidays.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 23.1. Commenced with paper work. Fair progress. Sewing thrice.

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

George Stephens a boy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Standard having been stealing apples in Mr Owen's orchard at Cantal Hall, during the dinner hour, was punished by receiving three strokes of the cane on each hand. Six in all.

Average attendance 37.1 Sewing as usual.

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**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 35.7. Good progress made in the three R's. Class Subjects are weaker this year than last. Sewing twice.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 34.2. No paper work this week as we are out of paper. Children have improved both in speed and accuracy in Arithmetic. Spelling still uncertain. Sewing thrice.

**Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 33.8. Paper work resumed. Fair progress made. Sewing twice.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 33.1. Sewing thrice. Weather stormy.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 32.1. Children's work now more accurate. Sewing twice.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 40.6. Good progress made in the ordinary subjects. Most of the boys in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class seem utterly unable to retain their Geography. Sewing thrice.

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 37.3. Paper work now being very fairly done. First standard is weak throughout. Their attendance has been very bad and some have not been long at school. Sewing twice.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.2. End of School Year. Sewing thrice.

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Average attendance 36.1. Sewing twice. Fair progress made.

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Heavy snow-storm. No school in consequence in the morning.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 35.3. Sewing thrice. Standard 1 spell very badly, in spite of constant repetition. They do not seem capable of retaining from one day to another what they have learned.

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Board had before them today the cases of Sarah Lewis, Mildred Bufton, William T Owen and Aaron Stephens, and considered them fit subjects for Exemption

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

The School was examined today by H M I E W Colt-Williams Esq and Mr Sears. There were present R Owens Esq., Treasurer, and Mr William Morris, Clerk to the Board.

Number of children present 45.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 32.5. Commenced work for ensuing year.

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 18.5. Weather rather rough. Tea Meeting at the Pound on Friday took many children. Closed in the afternoon.

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Average attendance 22.6. Owing to a severe storm on Tuesday no children came. The school was therefore closed. Standard 3 made fair progress in Long Division.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 28.8. Fair progress made. Sewing as usual.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
	Evans James Owen	7	0	0	0	1
1	Lewis Sarah	9	Exempt			..
2	Wilding Jane	7	0	0	0	..
3	Meredith James R	9	1	X	X	..
4	Meredith Thomas P	7	X	1	0	..
5	Hardwick William	7	Exempt			..
6	Morris Sophia	8	X	X	X	..
7	Davies Mary Jane	7	X	X	1	..
8	Bufton Mildred	7	1	0	0	..
9	Evans Fanny	8	1	1	X	..
10	Owen William T	10	Exempt			2
11	Reece Mary Jane	10	1	0	1	..
12	Richards Philip	9	1	1	1	..
13	Stephens Aaron	9	1	0	0	..
14	Lloyd Isaac	9	X	X	1	..
15	Lewis Hugh	10	1	X	X	..
16	Morris John	10	0	1	X	3
17	Hardwick John	10	0	0	0	..
18	Hardwick Price	9	1	1	1	..
19	Davies Richard	12	1	1	X	..
20	Morris Josephus	9	X	1	X	..
21	Evans Brian	9	1	0	X	..
22	Richards Price	11	1	1	X	4



23	Stokes John T	11	X	1	0	..
24	Evans Edward	12	X	X	X	..

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
25	Morris Sarah Ann	12	1	0	1	4
26	Hamer Mary Jane	12	X	1	X	..
27	Meredith Mary Jane	12	1	X	X	..
28	Stephens George	11	1	0	0	5
29	Lloyd Thomas	14	X	1	0	..
30	Davies Fanny L	11	X	1	X	..
31	Kinsey Fanny L	12	X	1	0	..
32	Wilding Alice	13	X	X	1	..
33	Griffiths Minnie A	11	X	X	1	..
34	Whitaker Edith M	13	X	X	0	6
No of passes			28	21	23	75

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**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

This day received from the Education Department the Report of H M I E W Colt-Williams Esq; who visited this school October 18<sup>th</sup> 1887. It is as follows:-

"Although the year has been so fine, the attendance has been very irregular, only one child having made 400 times at school. I am afraid that the attainments of this school are going down. The same faults of slurring and reading in a low tone are observable this year, consequently the spelling is deteriorating. Only one child in each of the first and second standards knew its Tables properly. This point will require close attention, or Arithmetic in the second and third standards will be poor next year. Grammar was much better done than Recitation, which was monotonous and careless. Geography passes fairly, about half the boys being good, half weak. Needlework fair; patching needs attention, and the second standard should cast off. The Infants should be more advanced, but they have been very irregular. They should show as much Needlework as the Code prescribes. Discipline good".

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 26.7. School closed on Tuesday the Master wishing to go to Penybont. Wednesday's attendances were marked in the column for Tuesday as it was intended to hold school on Saturday. As sufficient children did not attend that was not done. Sewing as usual.

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.2. Closed on Friday afternoon for a concert to raise funds for a Harmonium for the school.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 24.2. Very stormy weather. Only two girls present the greater part of the week.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 23.9. Stormy weather. Preparation for Xmas Markets kept some children away. Standard 1 have made good progress. Sewing as usual.

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**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 17. Closed on Wednesday for Xmas Holidays.

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup> to Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1888**

Fortnight's Holidays

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened school. Average attendance 26.7.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

Closed owing to storm.

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 20.5. Sewing as usual.

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Half-holiday given, the Master attending a funeral.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.7. Sewing thrice. Good progress made.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 26.8. Weather severe. Sewing twice.

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 31.7. Third Standard have almost mastered the difficulties of Compound Subtraction. Standard 4 rather backward. Sewing thrice.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Closed owing to the roads being impassable in consequence of deep snow.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 23.2. Weather very wet. Sewing thrice.

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**March 16<sup>th</sup>**

The week commenced with a fair attendance, but snow again fell, and the average was only 22. Standards 2 and 3 commenced working from Arithmetic Cards. Standard 4 is backward.

Standard 5 fairly advanced. Grammar weak. Sewing twice. Admitted Fanny Wilding, an Infant.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 22.3. Weather very severe at the beginning of the week. Still there ought to be a better attendance. Good progress has been made, but it is impossible to have uniformity of attainments with the extreme fluctuations in the attendance. Sewing thrice.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Heavy falls of snow again blocked up the roads, consequently there was no school this week.

The severe winter is having disastrous effect upon this school.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 23.5. A heavy fall of snow on Tuesday night again lessened the attendance.

Good progress is being made, considering the interruptions. Standards 2 and 3 are working from the Arithmetic Cards. The extra subjects are weak, especially Grammar. Sewing thrice.

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**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has been very much better this week. Average 36.9. Admitted Boys 5, Girls 3, all infants under seven.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Average 34.1. Admitted one infant girl. Sewing as usual.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average 28.2. Weather severe, consequently many of the infants absent. All Merediths are ill.

Received new Readers for Standard 1. Sewing.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average 28.4. Weather still rough, Merediths still absent. Standards 1,2 and 3 now working the Test Cards in Arithmetic very fairly. Standards 4 and 5 are backward. Sewing as usual.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average 25.5. The May fairs have now commenced, consequently the attendance is affected. Still, there are several children absent without reasonable excuse, notably Meredith's. Progress is most unequal owing to the irregular attendance. Sewing as usual.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 23.8. Holidays on Thursday and Friday for Knighton Fair.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 35.5. Fair progress made. Arithmetic in Standard 4 weak and spelling far from good, although copious exercises are given. Sewing as usual.

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**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 31.9. Good progress made. The upper Standards do not retain Geography well. Sewing as usual.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 34.5. Admitted two girls. One an infant; the other, over seven, from Llangunllo, is not able to do the work for Standard 1. Sewing as usual.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.5. Heavy rain on Friday morning caused many to be absent. Good progress made. Grammar and Geography weak. Sewing as usual.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 40.8. Good progress made. The following children are exceptionally dull and it seems almost hopeless to teach them Arithmetic:- Thomas P Meredith, Fanny Evans and Evan Griffiths. Sewing as usual.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38. Heavy thunderstorms somewhat interfered with the attendance. Good progress made. Geography better, but Grammar still weak, and, also Arithmetic in Standard 4. Sewing twice.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39. Closed on Monday in consequence of very heavy rain preventing the children coming to school. Work in all Standards more accurate and improvement steady. Grammar still weak. Singing not good. The greater portion of the boys seem to have no voice. Sewing as usual.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 36.6. Singing improved, as also generally in other subjects. Sewing twice.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 38.2. Children rather irregular owing to the very wet weather. Steady progress has been made, though there are several who seem unable to understand figures. Sewing thrice.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Only about half the children present this morning owing to rain.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

A very stormy week. Average 34.9. Children much more accurate in their work. Grammar weak. Sewing twice.

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Average 33. Hay making has now commenced and some of the children were absent the latter part of the week in consequence. Closed on Friday for a fortnight.

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**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 28.13. A wet week consequently small attendance. Friday, a regular downpour; no school was held. Sewing as usual.

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Grandmother of W T Owen, Standard 2, came to the school this morning, and reported that she had brought him part of the way to school, but was unable to induce him to come further. He played truant all last week. The boy is well-behaved in school, but is deficient in intellect. At certain periods this deficiency is more marked than others, and at these times arises the difficulty in getting him to attend school.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Today a very heavy rainstorm visited the district, lasting all day. No school in consequence. In the afternoon, owing to the stoppage of a drain in the Girl's yard, the school was flooded, the water being an inch deep all over the floor.

**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance very irregular this week owing to the weather. Standard work much more accurate, especially Standard 5. Sewing as usual.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

This morning, although a fine morning, there are only seventeen children present. There is a tea-meeting at Cwm-y-gaist this evening which accounts for the absence of a few, but the majority can have no real reason, as they are too small to be of use in the hayfield.

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**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

Average 31.3. Good progress made, but the Grammar of the 4<sup>th</sup> Standard is still weak. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard Thomas P Meredith and Fanny Evans are so dull that it is impossible to get them up to the necessary requirements. The former is deaf, has chronic croup, and has lost the thumb of his right hand. The boy, W T Owen, who has been truant, came to school on Wednesday and promised amendment, but stayed away on Friday afternoon. Examination Schedules received and the Approximate Schedule returned this week.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Average 36.2. W T Owen absent all week. Paper work now much more accurate. Attendance of several irregular as they are kept to help in the harvest.

**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

This week shows the highest average attendance for the year, viz 41.1.

The Standard work is much more accurate, Standard 1 is a little uncertain in Subtraction and Standard 4 generally backward in Arithmetic. This Standard consists of boys of a very dull character with small capacity. Sewing as usual.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 39.6. Standard 1 improved in Subtraction but still a little uncertain. Sewing as usual.

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

The first week of the school year commenced somewhat unfavourably. A heavy snowstorm on Tuesday morning kept the children away, and the school was closed. Attendance good the rest of the week, though cold and stormy. Sewing as usual.

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Board had before their notice today the cases of Sarah Lewis, Thomas P Meredith and Fanny Evans and considered them fit subjects to be with-held from the Examination.

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average 39.3. Good progress made. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard backward in spelling, and the 4<sup>th</sup> in Spelling and Arithmetic. Sewing as usual.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average 36.8. Two or three children have stayed away, presumably, owing to the Anniversary at the Pound, which event took more than half the children on Friday evening. Sewing as usual. The time-table was not strictly adhered to this week, examinations being held.

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**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

The school was examined today by Mr Seer, Assistant to H M I. There were present 47 children. R Owen, Esq, Treasurer, and Mr W Morris, Clerk to the Board were also in attendance.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This week the weather has been wet and stormy, consequently the attendance has been low. Mary Elizabeth and Hannah Davies have been withdrawn as their parents are going to reside in Beguildy. The work of the new year commenced.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Kinsey, the Chairman of the Board visited the school this morning at 11.30 and stayed a few minutes.

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average 25.5. Many children absent on Thursday owing to the Butter Fair at Knighton. Sewing twice.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	

1	Evans Brian	7	X	X	1	1
2	Hardwick Llewellyn	7	1	X	X	..
3	Evans James Owen	8	X	X	X	..
4	Hamer Abraham T	7	X	X	X	..
5	Botwood Frederic	8	X	X	X	..
6	Morris Ann	7	X	1	X	..
7	Meredith Alice L	7	X	1	0	..
8	Lewis Sarah	10	Exempt			..
9	Wilding Jane	8	X	X	X	..
10	Buften Mildred	8	X	1	0	..
11	Meredith Thomas P	8	Exempt			2
12	Hardwick William	8	X	X	X	..
13	Owen William T	11	X	1	X	..
14	Stephens Aaron	10	X	0	X	..
15	Meredith James R	10	X	1	X	..
16	Evans Fanny	9	0	0	1	..
17	Morris Sophia	9	X	0	0	..
18	Davies Mary Elizabeth	8	X	0	0	..
19	Reece Mary Jane	11	X	0	0	3
20	Lewis Hugh	11	X	X	X	..
21	Richards Philip	10	X	X	1	..
22	Hardwick John	11	X	X	1	..

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
23	Evans Brian	10	1	X	1	4
24	Hardwick Price	10	X	0	0	..
25	Morris Josephus	10	1	1	1	..
26	Morris John	11	1	0	1	..
27	Evans Edward	13	X	1	1	5
28	Richards Price	12	X	X	X	..
29	Stokes John Thomas	12	X	1	1	..
30	Wilding Margaret	12	X	1	1	..
31	Hamer Mary Jane	13	X	X	X	..
32	Meredith Mary Jane	13	X	X	1	..
33	Davies Fanny L	12	X	1	1	6
No of passes			30	24	25	85%

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Report of H M Inspector E W Colt-Williams Esq. who visited this School Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

" I am sorry to find that no child has attended 400 times in the year, though the School has been open 413 times. The snow was heavy in the Spring, but the school was closed at that time, whereby the attendance was not affected. Unless the Board enforce their Bye-laws better the infants now of six years of age will be a drag next year in the first Standard, as they are now backward in Arithmetic.

They, and the children in the first Standard should be encouraged to write more slowly than they do now. Discipline very good. Tables, complained of last year, have much improved in the first standard and are better in the second standard. The rest of the work was satisfactory in elementary subjects (though Arithmetic might be stronger in the third standard and upwards), as were English and Geography; while Needlework would have been good, had better finish been shown. The infants should be got to sing with more confidence, if possible".

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 22.25. Closed on Tuesday owing to heavy rain preventing the children from coming. Very wet all week. Sewing thrice.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance 26.2. Standard 2 have fairly grasped multiplication by two figures and the others made fair progress. Sewing twice.

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

The American Organ, purchased by the proceeds of concerts and donations, for the use of the school, was brought on Saturday by Mr Owen's cart.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

Richard Owens Esq., Treasurer of the School Board visited the school this morning.

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.7. Weather very wet and several children absent on Thursday. Good progress made. Sewing as usual.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance not so good this week. Weather very wet. Two of Meredith's children unwell. Sewing as usual.

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**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Markets commencing this week somewhat interfered with the attendance. Standard 2 making fair progress in Multiplication by hundreds. John Duggan and Keziah Lloyd in Standard 1 do not seem capable of comprehending addition. The upper Standards are progressing well. Sewing thrice. Lists sent to Attendance Officer.

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 22.4. Many children were absent helping to dress geese for the Xmas market. Closed for a fortnight's holiday.

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**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened after a fortnight's holiday. The treasurer of the Board, R Owen Esq. visited the school this morning. Attendance very small.

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance officer took list of absentees.

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27. Sewing as usual. Slow progress with Short Division in Standard 2.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27. This is only 69 per cent of the number on the books. There is some amount of sickness amongst the children, but the weather is exceptionally fine and mild. Very fair progress made. Sewing thrice.

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**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

The weather has been wet, consequently the attendance has not been so good. Several children are unwell. Fair progress has been made, but with difficulty, as many of the children are below the average in intelligence. Sewing thrice.

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

Severe storm. School closed on Monday. Opened on Tuesday and Wednesday. Again closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Heavy snowstorm. School closed all week.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Average attendance 25.4. Weather fine. fair progress made. Received 12 Geography Readers Standard 2, 36 Table Books and 12 Gray's Elegy. Sewing thrice.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

The weather has been severe, with snow, consequently the attendance has been low. Average 23. Fair progress has been made, especially in Standard 2, many of whom can now do the cards well. Standards 4 and 5 are backward. Sewing thrice.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

School closed owing to the snow.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Another heavy snowstorm prevented the children attending. Opened on Wednesday but closed again on Thursday

**Page 177****1889****March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27. Heavy snowstorm on Thursday prevented the children from attending. School was therefore closed. Good progress.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 29.8. Good progress made especially with Standard 2. On Thursday afternoon the master having to be away the school was managed by Mrs Whitaker and the Master's niece.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 27.2. Several very wet days kept many of the children away. Very good progress made. The upper standards are backward and unequal.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

A heavy storm of sleet all day. Only 5 children came. The school was therefore closed.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

A continuous downpour of rain prevented the children attending, consequently the school was again closed.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted this week three infants - Richard T Evans, Clifford P Meredith and Ophelia Hardwick. The first named does not know his little words; the others do not know the alphabet. Price Hardwick returned to school today having been absent through illness since December 11<sup>th</sup> last. He seems far from well. The majority of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Standard can now work test cards very fairly, as also Standard 3. The higher Standards are very unequal, consisting mainly of children whose attendance has been irregular, or who suffer under some physical or mental defect. Considering the many interruptions since Xmas, progress has been very fair.

**Page 178****1889****April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted one boy Edward Boundford who has attended Llangunllo National School. He is unable to work Standard 2 Arithmetic, but reads and writes fairly well, also admitted an infant - Verney Pugh who knows his letters. Much better attendance. Sewing twice.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday. Good Friday.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance not so good this week. Admitted one girl, Lizzie Williams aged 6 years only knows her letters. Good progress made, sewing twice.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Fluctuating attendance. Tuesday morning there was a severe rain-storm which lasted all day. Only eight children coming they were sent home. The elementary subjects are advancing fairly



but Grammar and Geography are weak. Singing also is weak. Many of the boys seem to have no voices. Sewing thrice.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rather better attendance and good progress made. Sewing twice.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Closed for the week. May Fairs.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has not been good this week some children staying away dropping potatoes. Sewing twice.

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**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

On Monday the Master was too ill to remain in school. The Registers were marked by him and his niece taught the children. The weather during the week was very wet and stormy and the children irregular in attendance. Fanny Evans re-admitted after an absence of seven weeks during which she had attended Norton national School. Good progress made. Sewing thrice.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance. Steady progress made. Singing not good. The bulk of the boys seem to have no voices and the rest are very weak.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has not been so good this week. The elementary work throughout is now fairly accurate, but the extra subjects are weak. Sewing thrice.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Philip Richards Standard 4 shows increasing mental deficiency and appears less able to comprehend instruction than he did six months ago. I fear it will be impossible for him to do his standard work.

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**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Brian, James and Willie Evans have been absent nearly all week. They were frightened by Mr Owen's bull, which was in the road near the school in the beginning of the week. The bull is usually quiet, but I think it is culpable negligence to allow so uncertain an animal near where there are little children. The owner will not believe any harm from it.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Yesterday four boys John and Edward Duggan and Brian and Richard Evans, played truant on the hill. They were all punished this morning, each receiving four strokes with the cane, except John Duggan who for an untruth received six. Attendance better but still several stay away without reasonable excuse, notably Evans's from the Brook. Progress in the lower Standards regular and good. Above the third very inferior owing to irregularity of attendance. Sewing thrice.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 28.9. Many children are irregular for no adequate cause. Sewing twice.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance low this week. All the standards below the 4<sup>th</sup> do their work very fairly; above the 4<sup>th</sup> it is very irregular, chiefly owing to bad attendance.

Closed for three weeks holiday.

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**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened school after three weeks holidays.

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 30.3. Good progress made. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Standards are not as forward as they should be. Sewing twice.

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance slightly better. Admitted one girl, Martha Owen, aged seven, who does not know her letters, and has never been at school. Standards 2 and 3 make good progress on paper this week. The higher standards are better, but very uneven, Their attendance, generally, has been bad. Geography somewhat improved. Singing only fair. A large proportion of the boys seem to have no ear. Sewing thrice.

**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Anniversary at gravel on Tuesday kept many children away that day. Good progress. Sewing twice.

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance this week. Standards 1,2 and 3 are fairly accurate in Arithmetic. The higher standards are very uneven and weak, mainly owing to bad attendance. Philip Richards in Standard 4 is so deficient, mentally and physically, that he ought to be excepted from examination. Singing is improved. Sewing thrice.

**Page 182****1889****Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

This afternoon Thomas P Meredith came after the registers had been marked. He had been sent on an errand for his mother. Fred Botwood was sent home for being late, arriving at 2.30.

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance during the week not good. The tea-meeting at Cwm-y-gaist keeping several away. Progress good. Sewing twice.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

Received today from the Clerk to the Board Approximate Return Forms which will be sent back by tomorrow's post.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Price, Llewellyn and Ophelia Hardwick came late this afternoon after the Registers had been marked. As they could give no explanation the first two were punished by two strokes of the cane each. The other was let off because the others were really to blame.

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance slightly better. Paper work much improved. Upper Standards very weak and uncertain. Sewing thrice.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

Several children absent unwell. Very much improvement in general accuracy. Upper Standards still weak. Sewing thrice.

**Page 183****1889****Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Three of Meredith's children absent, two unwell and one no shoes. The boys in the fourth and fifth standards are very irregular in attendance and consequently this work is most unsatisfactory. Sewing thrice. Man fixing the wire-fencing today.

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

Half-holiday given on Wednesday for the Knighton Michaelmas Fair. Several children absent unwell. Fair progress made. Sewing twice.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

The most violent storm we have had for years prevented the children attending today, therefore the school was closed.

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress made by the children present. Several in the upper Standards absent. With these boys it is hopeless to look for good results. Sewing thrice.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Thanksgiving at the Pound and Sunday School Anniversary at Cwm-y-gaist emptied the School this morning, consequently a half-holiday was granted.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

The children have worked hard this week. However it is impossible to make up for time lost by the higher standards, and this work is weak and uncertain.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

The time-table was not adhered to today. Examinations being held.

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**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Time Table was not adhered to on these days, frequent examinations being held.

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Examination was held today by H M I J C Colville Esq. All the children were present. There were no members of the Board in attendance. Time-table submitted and approved.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

The attendance has fallen nearly one half this week. A children's tea kept many away on Friday. Work of the year commenced.

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance a little better. Good progress made. Mildred Bufton has broken her leg, and will consequently be absent for some time.

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance better. Two children M Bufton and Jane Wilding ill. Also Brian Evans, Bank.

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
1	Morris Fanny Louisa	7			0	1
2	Hamer Sarah H	7				"
3	Wilding Fanny	7				"
4	Pugh Noel Kinsey	7				"
5	Griffiths Evan	7				"
6	Duggan John O	7			0	"
7	Davies John	7				"
8	Lewis Margaret	8				2
9	Morris Ann	8				"
10	Meredith Alice L	8			0	"
11	Wilding Jane	9				"
12	Bufton Mildred	9		0	0	"
13	Hardwick Llewellyn	8				"
14	Evans Brian	8		0		"
15	Evans James Owen	9		0	0	"
16	Hamer Abraham Thomas	8			0	"
17	Botwood Frederic	9				"
18	Boundford Edwin	9				"
19	Meredith Thomas Pugh	9		0		"
20	Reece Mary Jane	12				3
21	Hardwick William	9				"
22	Stephens Aaron	11	0			"
23	Meredith James R	11		0		"
24	Lewis Hugh	12				4

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No	Name	Age	Examined and Passed in			Standard now
			Reading	Writing	Arith	
25	Richards Philip	11		0	0	4
26	Hardwick Price	11				„
27	Evans Brian	11				5
28	Morris Josephus	11	0	\	0	„
29	Morris John	12	0			„
30	Wilding Margaret J	13		0	0	6
	For Proficiency Certificate	10	\	0	\	2
	Fanny Evans					
	No of passes		27	23	21	79%

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Report of Her Majesty's Inspector I C Colvill Esq. who visited this school October 24<sup>th</sup> 1889.

" The school is orderly and the tone appears to be good. The Elementary work is very fair. Reading and Recitation are deficient in style. Handwriting is fair, but spelling is weak. Arithmetic is fairly good in the second, third and fourth standards but shows weakness in other standards. Grammar was weak in the fourth, fifth and sixth standards. Geography was pretty good in the first and second standards but very weak in the third and fourth standards. The maps drawn were moderate. The infants are backward. Their object lessons need more attention. Needlework has been marked fair. Last year's merit mark is continued with some hesitation. The pavement of the girls' yard has sunk and should be relaid".

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Register today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance better. Fair progress made. Sewing thrice.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Today school commenced re-assembling at one o'clock pm.

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

Weather cold. Good progress made. The annual treat given by R Owen Esq was held on Friday when a whole holiday was given.

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

The weather has been unsettled and stormy, and the attendance irregular. Standard 3 have now made good progress in Long Division, and can do Compound Addition and Subtraction fairly.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Preparation for the Christmas Markets has interfered with the attendance this week.

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**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened after a fortnight's vacation. Attendance good.

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

Weather during last week very wet - attendance slightly worse in consequence.

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Snow storm on Tuesday lessened the attendance. The same with rain prevented the school being opened on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**

School was closed on Tuesday owing to a heavy snow storm. The attendance throughout the week was small. Much sickness prevails.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Commenced opening school at 1.30pm.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very irregular. John Duggan in Standard 2 and John Morris in Standard 1 are so dense that I fear there will be great difficulty getting them up to the requirements. Sewing as usual.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

The sewing mistress being ill from influenza there has been no sewing this week. Many of the children are absent suffering from the same cause and the Master himself is under the influence of a slight attack. James Meredith was withdrawn before time this afternoon to fetch the Doctor for one of the children.

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**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

A snowstorm, and the prevalence of sickness, has considerably reduced the attendance this week. The sewing mistress is still too ill to attend.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has been better, but many children are absent owing to influenza either in themselves or their families. The sewing was taught by the Master's niece, the mistress being still too ill to attend.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mr R Owen Treasurer of the Board visited the school this afternoon and gave away prizes of books, to fourteen children, for regular attendance during the school year ending Sept 30<sup>th</sup> last. Each child who had made 330 attendances and upwards received a prize.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance irregular. There is still a deal of sickness among the children. Fair progress made. Sewing as usual.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance worse. Sickness continues. The lower standards generally are now fairly forward in their ordinary work, but the upper standards are backward and are likely to remain so unless they attend more regularly. Sewing as usual.

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**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance rather better. Several absent owing to sickness. Poetry not commenced in consequence of books ordered some months ago not having been received. Sewing as usual.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

This day completed the period of my Mastership of this School, having been here about five years. (Signed) E J Whitaker.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

John Lacey Varcoe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Certified Teacher took charge of this School today. Small attendance.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

No school today Master being ill with influenza.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

School suspended till next Monday.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

School today as usual. Admitted 5 new scholars.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

2 new scholars admitted today.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance improving. Average for the week being 33.4.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress during the week. Average 36.5.

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**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Work as usual during the week. Fair progress.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Closed school until the 19<sup>th</sup> instant on account of the May Fairs.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

School today as usual. Several absent.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Fair progress made during the week. Average 31.7.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance this week. Average 38.7.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Work as usual during the week. Ordinary progress.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Miss Hughes undertook the Needlework for the first time on 21<sup>st</sup> May and has been engaged to do it regularly for some time at least until my wife is fit for duty.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Needlework twice this week as usual.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress made during the week. Fair attendance.

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**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress during the week. Sewing twice as usual.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Work during the week as usual. Fair attendance.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Closed school for a fortnight for Summer Holidays.

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened school this morning. Only 20 present.

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very good. Brian Evans appointed Monitor.

**Aug 15<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress made during the week. Work as per Time Table.

**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Work during the week as usual. Fair attendance.

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup>**

Good attendance this week and good progress made. Average 39.6. Number on books 46.

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

Work during the week as usual. Attendance not so good. Average 34.6.

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**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average for past week 36.1. Fair progress and work as usual.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

Work during the week as usual. Good progress made.

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week very good. Average 39.2. Last day of the school year.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Michaelmas Fair at Knighton. Very few children came to school this morning and the school was closed for the day in consequence.

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

School today as usual. Attendance good.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet weather today and very few children came this morning. No school in consequence.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Only 20 present this morning owing to bad weather. 33 present in afternoon, weather being somewhat better.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

All present this morning except 2 infants. Attendance not quite so good in the afternoon.

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**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

Mr Colvill, H M I suggests that every Friday afternoon shall appear on the Time Table provision for a collective lesson to the whole school, or to grouped Standards, on natural Phenomena, matters of common information and interest etc, etc, to be given by the Principal teacher or by subordinate teachers and under the Principal teacher's supervision and criticism - designed to enlist the interest of the children, stimulate their curiosity and add to their general knowledge and intelligence.

The subject of each week's lesson and the name of the Teacher who gives it to be entered in the Log Book each week. Credit will be given for such effort in estimating the Educational value of the school - also Musical drill and generally anything tending to relieve the Elementary work.

1<sup>st</sup> Class Subject - English. Scheme A or B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Class Subject - Geography.

Standard 4 - British Isles and Australia.

Standards 5,6,7 - British Empire and its political and commercial relations.

Different maps to be taken in each Standard.

(Signed) J W Williams

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**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Inspection today. Mr Owen, Mr Kinsey and Mr William Morris were present.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Many absent this week, average being only 27.8.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Fair at Knighton today, and very few came this morning. My time expiring here this week, I closed the school for the remainder of the week and for the whole of next week in accordance with the Board order.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

David Roberts, Second Class Certified Teacher took charge today. Number present 30. Mr Owens visited school this morning. Mrs Roberts assists with Infants and Needlework.

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

Number present Morning 33 Afternoon 32

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

35 present. Sent a list of absentees to Mr Morris.

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

Number on books 48, only 33.1 present for the week. Fair progress. Mr Owens visited the school this afternoon.

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

Re-entered in the Register the name of Bryan Evans, who had been a paid Monitor with the late Master.

Tried the working of a new Time table for this week.

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**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Punished Aaron Stephens for rudeness.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

Did not adhere to Time Table this morning owing to coldness of lower part of the room.

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

Very cold weather. Attendance poor. Mr Kinsey called in the afternoon. Standard 2 cannot work Subtraction.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Early afternoon meetings (1 - 3.20pm) commenced this week.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Owens, Treasurer of the Board called in the afternoon, and promised a 'Treat' to the children.

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

Price Hardwick, Philip Richards, Martha Owen and Lucy and Laura Matthews have been absent for 3 weeks. John George and William Hardwick also absent all this week.

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance small - 33.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week - 33. No sewing taken this week, the room being too cold for the mistress to attend. Standards 2, 3 and 4 have improved in Arithmetic. Singing much improved.

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

Ordered new Readers (Royal) for Standards 2 and 3, and also the necessary materials for teaching Drawing.

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Report of T Williams Esq., Sub-Inspector of Schools who visited this school on the 24<sup>th</sup> October :-



" The master has been suffering from a severe domestic affliction, and his school has consequently been worked under great disadvantages. Under the circumstances, the results of the examination are as satisfactory as can be expected. The new Teacher should pay much attention to audibility, distinctness, and expression in the Reading and Recitation; to accuracy in the Arithmetic; and to tunefulness in the Singing. English passes, but Geography fails to pass "

Staff:- D Roberts (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Mrs Roberts Sewing and Infants.

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Took singing the greater part of the day, to prepare for Entertainment.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

School closed on account of heavy fall of snow, also the next fortnight for the usual Xmas Holidays, to re-open on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1891.

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**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

Bad weather. School closed again for a week.

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened school this morning. Only 19 children present. Register marked, but Time Table not followed.

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

28 present. Roads very wet and dirty.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

Same number present. Slight progress in Arithmetic.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for week - 25.3.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mon morning. Very severe frost. Travelling very difficult. Number present 28. Fair progress.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

School closed today.

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Average attendance for the week - 27.3.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

This afternoon gave half hours playtime to the 24 scholars who had been present 10 times. Good progress in Writing and Arithmetic. Average attendance for week - 36.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Royal Story Books, Modulator and Drawing materials received.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress. Half holiday today, to prepare for Lantern Entertainment at 7.0pm. Average for the week - 42.

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good this week, and very fair progress made. Examination given today.

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fair progress. Several of the children are suffering with a cold this week and the average attendance is consequently lower viz: 38. Lesson given by the Prin. Teacher this afternoon on "Salt".

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**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Monday morning. Scholars who had made 10 attendances last week, had 15 minutes extra play this morning.

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

Received extra supply of Drawing Materials. Good progress. Average for week 41.5.

**Mar 6<sup>th</sup>**

As the attendance suffers from the Knighton Fairs and markets, I gave the regular children an hour's play this morning. Aaron Stephens and T Hamer have been kept from school to go to the fair at Knighton.

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>**

Punished Evan Griffiths in the afternoon for stealing penholders from school.

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**

Severe snowstorm. School closed for the day.

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress. Gave a lesson on Coal Gas this afternoon.

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**

Good steady progress. Average attendance for the week 43.6. Two boys are unwell. Lesson on Ships and Shipbuilding 3.30 - 4.0pm.

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Page 201****1891****Mar 27<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday. Holiday today and also Monday.

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted two infant boys this morning.

**Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Snowstorm. School closed.

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>**

School closed again today on account of storm.

**Apr 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted James Alfred Williams. Age 6 years.

**Apr 7<sup>th</sup>**

Aaron Stephens is absent today, having gone to the sale at Bryndraenog. This boy was reported to the Board for irregular attendance on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very good, 49 present. The Relieving Officer - Mr Lewis - called this morning and paid the sum of 12/3d being the pauper's school fees up to 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Apr 10<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 3 are slow at Long Division. The average attendance for the week is 47.1. This being the highest figure this year, half-an-hour's play was given to the 38 scholars who had been present 10 times.

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Alfred Palfrey and Elizabeth Hardwick, both Infants. 51 present out of 52 on the Books.

**Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Annie Wilding, aged 6 years.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Heavy rain. School closed for the day.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Eight scholars away this morning. Some of these are unwell.

**Page 202****1891****May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress made this week. The average attendance has fallen to 43.6. School is closed for the next week and Whit Monday on account of the Penybont and Knighton Fairs. Re-opens on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened today. Numbers low. A few cases of "Influenza" in the district. Left school at 2.15pm and left my wife in charge.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Six scholars are absent today. Reason given is "The Influenza"

**May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

School closed these days. Again on account of the "Influenza" and numbers kept at home to attend the Knighton markets.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers very low. Twenty two absent. Eleven of these are under the "Influenza"

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Nine girls and three boys have been absent all the week. One boy, viz - Richard Evans, Coxhead, reported ill, was at the Knighton markets yesterday. Those present have made good progress this week in Grammar and Arithmetic. Average - 35. Afternoon Lesson - "Wool".

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**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

The school was closed this week, owing to the "Influenza" epidemic.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened today. 36 present in the morning. Admitted Elizabeth Meredith, The Cwm - age 6 years.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

I find that Mr J Bound has engaged Aaron Stephens (Standard 5) to work for him. This boy is not 13 years of age for another month.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 4 have made good progress in Arithmetic this week. Fanny Evans (Standard 4) is very weak in Spelling, and Fred Davies in Grammar and Arithmetic. Number present at all 43, average 40.4.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Monday morning - number present 49.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted John Thomas, aged 6.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is unable to attend this afternoon, and therefore no Needlework or Drawing was taken. Good progress this week. Numbers improving. Average for the week - 47.5.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress this week and the attendance is improving. Average 47.3. No Collective lesson given today.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning** Examined Registers and found correct. William Morris pp H Williams

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**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Received 8/3d from Mr Lewis R O for pauper scholars for the Quarter ending 26<sup>th</sup> inst.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Good progress in Singing, Arithmetic and Grammar. Spelling appears to be weak in Standards 1 and 3. Master attended Annual Meeting at Heartsease on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, in the afternoon. Half holiday given. Average lower this week - 44.4.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Very heavy rain. Children unable to cross the brook and hill. School not opened until the afternoon, and then only 29 present. Drawing taken for two hours.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance better. 50 present.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ordinary progress.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance only fairly good. Average 46.1. Collective lesson on "Iron Smelting" at 4 to 4.20 pm.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

This morning Charles F Jones was admitted - a boy who has never been to school, although in the district and 8 years of age on 13 May last.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress in Grammar in the 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Attendance improved. Lesson given today on the "Kite". No sewing this week owing to mistress' illness.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah J Davies admitted (Infant)

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**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Fair progress. School closed for a fortnight to reopen on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**

School had to be closed for another week, as the repairs were commenced only on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened school. 53 present. Admitted Fanny Philips.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week is good. Average 48.4. Standard 3 is weak in Problems and Numeration.

**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Board, having decided to accept the Fee Grant (under the E E Act 1891), no fees are charged and henceforth this school will be a free school with exception of Books.

Left school at 2.0pm. Mrs Roberts takes charge.

**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All the school fees in arrear (10/6d) have today been paid in. The School Fees Book shows a deficiency of £2 . 0 . 7d owing to the great number of children who had an allowance from the Charities, and the sum received being only £2 per annum.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance for the week has been very good, the average being 53.3. Edwin Boundford has been absent all week. During the quarter he has been absent 32 times out of 68 possible attendances.

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**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Examination given today. Arithmetic good, but the Boys in Standard 3 all failed in Dictation. Standard 1 Reading was also poor. Good progress was made in Drawing. The Examination is to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst at 10.0am. Collective lesson on "Glove-Making".

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon Standard 3 second lesson Arithmetic was taken instead of Reading. Both Divisions also took Singing together, to afford time for a Geography lesson at 3.30.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

Returned Form 8M to H M Inspector.

**Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon. Time Table not followed as an examination was given in Drawing.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Ordinary progress. Attendance good. Lesson on Rain.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Frequent examinations given in Drawing today.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Drawing inspection at 10.0am.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Work as per Time Table. Mr Morris today informed me of the date of the Annual Inspection - viz October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress this week. Received new Register.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

Left school for a few minutes in the afternoon to go after F Boughswood (Botwood?) who went home without permission at dinner time.

Mr Williams checked Registers, found correct.

Signed H Williams

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**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Visit without notice. School orderly and an examination proceeding correctly. ??????

????? absent. (Signed) J C Colville ???

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

Extra Sewing and Geography taken in the morning.

Afternoon :- Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Per. H Williams.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Annual Inspection

Object Lessons

30 Lessons as per Royal Object Lesson Reader

Recitation

Standards 6 and 7 - Field of Waterloo and Young Lochinvar (Scott)

Standards 4 and 5 - Field of Waterloo (Scott)

Standard 3 - Napoleon and Young English Sailor (Campbell)

Standard 2 - Casablanca (Hemans)

Standard 1 - The Boy who told a lie.

Class Subjects

First - English, Alternative Course S.

Second - Geography, Boys in Standards 4 - 7 Europe

as per Sch 2 St 5

(Signed) C H Cowling Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1891

Singing

Infants Standards 1,2,and 3. Work of Division 2

Standards 3 to 7 Work of Division 3

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Half holiday in the afternoon.

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**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers low. Edwin Boundford and T Hamer are at home without permission. Took some to re-arrange the classes and speak to the scholars about their work and attendance.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts absent in the morning. Standard 1 is taught by Brian Evans. George Wilding was punished today for playing truant and keeping his two brothers away from school for two days.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is again absent in the afternoon.

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance poor. Average only 45 out of 58 on the Books. Edwin Boundford is absent all week and William Hardwick 5 times. Afternoon lesson on "Farming".

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Nellie Davies aged 5. No sewing in the afternoon, Mrs Roberts unable to be present on account of child's illness. The three R's were taken instead of Class Subjects.

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Half holiday in the afternoon. Thirty two scholars going to the Tea Meeting at Cwm-y-gaist.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Rough morning. 19 scholars absent.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers very low. School closed in the afternoon on account of the illness of Mrs Roberts and child.

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**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is likely to be absent all this week. School not opened in the morning. Registers closed at 2.15 in the afternoon instead of 2.0pm, dismissal at 4.15.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

Very rough morning. Five boys came in at 10.5 am and were marked absent. Gave each one stroke on the hand. Two more boys came in at 10.15. Timetable not adhered to as Teacher is unwell.

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs Roberts present and sewing taken.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This day received from John Heywood the following School Material :- Holmes Tot Board; 1 packet Townly Freehand Drawing Cards. Standard 4; 100 Quarterly Attendance Certificates. Lesson 3.30 "Pony".

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

Registers closed 10.15 Dismissal 12.15.

Received books from John Heywood, Manchester. Two dozen assorted books have been purchased for the first class. These are to form a nucleus of Lending library. Other volumes will again be added.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Returned Form 521 to Mr W Morris.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Guy Fawkes Day. Registers closed 1.30pm to dismiss at 3.30.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Lucy Palfrey's Medical Certificate received today. Average attendance for week 45.3. Good progress

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in Arithmetic in Standards 2 - 4. Standard 5 is backward, and their attendance is bad. Reading improving in the 1s<sup>t</sup> Class, also Spelling. Collective Lesson on "Seeds". 3.30 - 3.50.

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

No sewing. Child born on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs Roberts is therefore unable to be present.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

My wife very ill this morning. Closed the school in the morning to go for the doctor.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

Timetable not strictly adhered to this day. Great storm. Scholars taken in at 1 pm and dismissed at 3.15. Registers closed 1.15.

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

Lantern Reading given at 7.0 pm as a treat to Scholars for good attendance.

**Nov 16 - 20<sup>th</sup>**

School closed for the week owing to Master's wife's illness.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Re-opened this morning. Several scholars absent and reported ill. No sewing taken, Mrs Roberts being too weak to be present.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good. Slight progress.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

The bad weather has brought the average attendance down to 46.2 for this week. Afternoon 3.0pm took musical drill.

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**

This day the early time on the Timetable for winter months was commenced.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Master's wife very ill again. School closed in the afternoon.

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**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Friday. Average for the week 49.2. Ordinary progress.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

Great storm and flood. School closed for the day. Mrs Roberts has commenced duties.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Letter practice given to 1<sup>st</sup> Class in the morning. Attendance not so good owing to rough weather. Sewing was taken this week. Lesson on "The Horse".

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mr James Palfrey's children from Cwm-y-gaist have been absent since the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, their father keeping them away because they each received one tap with the cane for coming in after 9.30 am. The girl Lucy has only made 17 attendances this quarter.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

H M Inspector's Report received. The following is a copy :-

"The present teacher appears to have made a good start in restoring this school to a state of efficiency and the Discipline and Music by note are particularly creditable to him.

Much, of course, remains to be done and during the coming year attention should be especially paid to the work of the Younger Children, who should come to school at an earlier age, to the Arithmetic in all classes, and to

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**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

the general intelligence of the scholars.

English and Geography are marked fair, the written parsing must improve. Needlework has been reported on as being fair on the whole, attention is called to the fixing of the work in Exercise A of Group A, and in Exercise D of Group B, to Exercise B of Group B, and to Exercise C of Group C. Only one closet is provided for boys and one for girls. The separation of the two sets is incomplete. There is no drain to the boy's urinal. The level of the yards in both sets of offices needs readjustment. The ventilating gratings need renewal "

The Board should take immediate steps to carry out the recommendations of H M Inspector.

H M Inspector is unable to recommend more than £10 under Article 104. He is not satisfied that the population within two miles of the school is under 200.

He also states that at his visit to the school without notice, Mrs Roberts was absent. I am to state that if she is to be reckoned as part of the Staff for the purposes of Article 105, a qualified

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substitute should be provided in her absence. Mrs Roberts is recognized under Article 68"

1891 - 2 Staff :- D Roberts, C M Second Class, and wife, Article 68.

William Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress during the week.

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs Roberts left the room at the end of the sewing lesson.

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

H Williams

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mrs Roberts absent with leave in the afternoon.

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

Some time was taken to prepare for the Xmas entertainment.

Closed at 3 pm for the Xmas Vacation two weeks, to re-open on 11 January 1892.

**1892**

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Very deep snow. Not one scholar put in an appearance. The school is therefore closed for a week longer.

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

Snow still on the ground and again no scholars have been able to come. Closed again for a week.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened this morning with 43 scholars. Ada Eliza Williams admitted.

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**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has been fairly good, the average being 43.9 for the week. There are still some children who are just sent to school at their parent's pleasure. Sewing taken as usual this week and lesson on "Hay Making" as per Royal Object Lesson Book, 3 - 3.20.pm. Ordinary progress during the week.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted William Williams, aged 10, in the morning, and Aaron Hardwick, aged 5 years in the afternoon.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Master called away, his father having met with a fatal accident. The school closed for the rest of the week, and reopened on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. Later times taken.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

Opened with 46 scholars. Mrs Roberts absent with leave for the day, and time table not strictly adhered to.

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**

James Palfrey's children are present today.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

John Morris came in at 2.10.pm, the Registers having been closed at 2. He loses his mark.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 48.8.

The Board have allowed a Monitor to assist, Mrs Roberts being unable to give her whole time in school in future. Brian Evans appointed to assist.

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**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted John Evans aged 6 years 3 months. Arithmetic being a weak subject, some extra time was given to that subject today.



**Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Morning**

Examined Registers and found correct

H Williams

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

A fall of snow has brought the numbers down to 37 today. Time-table slightly altered.

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

Great snowstorm came on at mid-day, and several of the children were called for to be taken home, the half-holiday was given. Average for week 46.2. Progress is now slow, the attendance being not so good.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bad weather. Half-holiday again.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

Extra time given today to Arithmetic and Reading.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

Good progress in Arithmetic. Average for the week 43. The sewing mistress being unwell, sewing is deferred to Tuesday next, and Tuesday afternoon's work taken instead.

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

Numbers improved, average 46. Good progress in Arithmetic.

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>**

School not opened for last three days, the roads and hill paths being impassable on account of snow drifts.

**Page 216****1892****Mar 16<sup>th</sup>**

Half-holiday given, master unable to be present.

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup>**

The numbers are very low this week, viz 38.3 - the lowest during the present year, thirteen scholars not having put in an appearance. Slow progress owing to the irregular attendance.

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>**

John Woolridge having completed his 13<sup>th</sup> year has left school. John Davies, Castle Coch aged 6 admitted.

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers improved. fairly good progress in Arithmetic and Geography.

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance fairly good, and very fair progress. Sewing improves.

**Apr 4<sup>th</sup>**

James Owen Palfrey, Cwmygaist, aged 4 years and 9months admitted today.

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**

Elizabeth Hamer, Talky, admitted today. Monday's afternoon work taken this afternoon.

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good, work as usual with very fair progress. Average for the week 54.8. Lesson on "Pony".

**Apr 11<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted three infants.

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>**

Fifty nine present. Took Monday's work in the afternoon, Tuesday's work having been taken yesterday, as the sewing mistress was absent.

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup>**

Received following Drawing materials :- 1 dozen rulers, half dozen compasses, and 4 packets of Drawing Test Cards.

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**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fall of snow and poor attendance. 37 present out of 62. Better attendance in the afternoon.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing taken today, tomorrow being Good Friday a holiday given.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Martin H Pugh, aged 10 years 11 months who has never been to school, his home being about 4 miles distant.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Ann Morris, Black Ditch, about 9 years of age, who has never before attended school and has lived about 1.5 miles from school.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sixty one present today, and good progress seems to be made.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Only 45 present in the morning, and no great reason for the fall of numbers.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Good progress and fair attendance.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance has gone up. Standards 3 - 5 have much improved in their Tots, and 1<sup>st</sup> Class in Grammar. Standard 1 has also improved in Arithmetic, and the Infants in Writing. Edwin Boundford still attends badly and the Board still remains inactive with his case.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Examination given in the afternoon. Results fairly good, but Standard 3 was weak in Dictation.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Examined school again. Standard 3 is the weakest class. Today closed school for the May Fairs Vacation, to re-open on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

**Page 218****1892****May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Re-opened. 55 present. Admitted Bertha F Hamer, aged 4 years 8 months.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

One boy, aged 5 years 2 months admitted. Very fair attendance, number present in the morning 52, and in the afternoon 57.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

One infant girl admitted.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance suffers today, several scholars having gone to Llanbadarn. Average for the week 54.8. Ordinary progress. Standard 3 is backward in Geography.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted 3 scholars, one girl for Standard 3 and two infants.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted William Rees, aged 5 years.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Visit W.N. Registers and ??? right. Most of the recommendations of H M Inspector have yet to be carried out.

T Williams

School Inspector

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Average for week 66.2. Standards 3 - 5 have made good progress in Tots, Arithmetic Rules and Spelling. Geography is rather below the mark.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted an infant Annie L Davies. Afternoon meeting commenced at 12.30, dismissed at 3.0 pm. Master leaves few minutes earlier.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers. Found correct.

W Morris per ???

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**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday Market still interferes with the attendance, 8 scholars being away. Bad readers in Standard 1 sometimes take Reading instead of a Writing Lesson.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair progress, and good attendance. Average 64.8. Sent Time Table to T Williams Esq, Leominster, for signature.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted William Phillips, aged 7 years and Sarah Ann Adams aged 6 years. Attendance very good today, 71 present.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Received Timetable from T Williams Esq. Leominster.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

The higher Division being well up in their Music, Reading was taken in its stead.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 68.1. Very fair progress in three R's. Copy books show an improvement.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair progress in Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic. Attendance not so good. Average only 64.4. Today (Friday) being last day of quarter, some time was taken in the afternoon to distribute certificates of good attendance.

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**June 27<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

Gave an examination in Drawing in the afternoon. Results very satisfactory. One infant was admitted today, making a total of 74 on the books.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Meeting at Heartsease Chapel. Half holiday given in the afternoon.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Numbers lower this week, but a very fair progress is made.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Examination given in Writing and Arithmetic. Standard 1 is rather weak in Subtraction.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is much lower this week. Wrote to Mr Morris asking his attention to this matter.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sent to Mr Morris the attendances of Edwin Boundford as follows:-

Year ending	No. possible	No made	Percentage
30 September 1889	198 (from 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr)	120	60
30 September 1890	441	262	59
30 September 1891	401	259	64

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Today being the polling day for this county, the Board recommended that the school be closed for the day.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing, Drawing etc taken as per Friday afternoon's timetable to enable the sewing mistress to be free on the Friday when today's work will be taken instead.

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**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Poor attendance this week.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Elizabeth Jane Price Price.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Frequent examinations given this week.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance is still below the mark. School closed for the next fortnight for Summer vacation. To re-assemble on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Girls took Arithmetic and Reading in the afternoon instead of Needlework.

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened. Attendance very fair. Received notice of Drawing Examination which will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, at 2 pm.

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote to Mr W Morris, complaining of the attendance. 12 scholars have not put in an appearance this week, two have been away 4 days, and three for three days. Only 50 present today out of 74.

The case of Edwin Boundford (see p 220) has been dropped for the second time.

**Aug 15<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct.

William Morris per ???

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

Frequent exams given today.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance improved this week. Results of examinations given during the week show fairly good progress.

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**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Examination given today.

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

Received parcel from Mr J Heywood, Manchester, containing :-

6 Dozen Poetry Cards

2 Boxes Pens

1 Packet Drawing Examination Paper.

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup>**

Time Table not adhered to in the afternoon, in order to give extra practice in Drawing.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

Received notice of altered date of Drawing Examination, which will take place on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst at 10 am.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Afternoon meeting commenced at 12.30, Registers closed at 1.0pm, dismissal at 3 o' clock.

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

Today received from Mr Morris the Examination Schedules and Forms. Returned Form 8M to H M Inspector.

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**

Extra practice given to the boys in drawing.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Registers closed at 9.30am. Drawing Examination at 10.30.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Fairly good attendance this week.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

Left Mrs Roberts in charge from 4 pm.

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

A large number of the scholars are suffering from Whooping Cough, which is so troublesome, that the school work is carried on under a great disadvantage. The numbers are also slightly lowered.

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

The three boys from Tyllwyd are absent again owing to the presence of Scarlet Fever in the family.

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty three scholars absent, and about two thirds of those present are continually coughing.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance slightly better, examination given.

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Evans, the paid monitor, is absent this morning without leave. 22 scholars absent a few being kept to assist with market goods. Examination given in the afternoon.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Examination given in the afternoon and sewing is postponed. The attendance much lower again today and the average for the closing week of the year has fallen to 52.8.

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**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Registers closed at 2 pm dismissed at 4.

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

Today the notice of examination was sent on by Mr Morris, he having received same on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Drawing award "Good" also sent up today. This is also dated 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Attendance poor, much sickness prevailing. Ann Adams came in at 10.05, after the Registers were closed.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

The cough gives great trouble and the numbers are low. Work carried on under a great disadvantage.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board perWW

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Examination given today.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Great storm, and very heavy rain in the morning. At the closing of Registers there are only 32 present, most of these being very wet. Four more present in the afternoon. Average for the week 54.8.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

Lizzie Williams came in the afternoon having been absent since 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Owing to the Tea Party at Cwmygaist the afternoon meeting commences at 12.30. Registers closed 1.0pm. Dismissed at 3.0pm.

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**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

Government inspection at 10.0am. Registers not marked.

List

[a] Object Lessons for the coming year.

Bone	Wheat	Sugar
Garden	Flour	Bees
Bellows	Glue	Snail
Nests	Chair	Cow
Boots	Hands	Sun
Barrel	Bed	Moon
Umbrella	Bricks	Map
Saw	Cottage	Book
Teapot	Bedstead	Gloves
Besom	Tea	Biscuits

[b] Recitation

Standard 1 - Mary's little lamb

Standard 2 - ~~The beggar man~~

Standard 2 and 3 - We are seven

Standards 4 - 6 - Pied Piper of Hamelin

[c] Class Subjects

English - Course S. Supplement to Sch 2

Geography - Standards 1 and 2 in one group Sch 2

Standard 3 Sch 2

Standards 4 - 6 - work of Standard 6 in Sch 2

[d] Solfa

Division 2 - Infants, Standards 1 and 2

Division 3 - Standard 3 and upwards

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**Oct 24 - 28<sup>th</sup>**

Week holiday given owing to whooping cough in the neighbourhood.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Re-opened with 48 present. Admitted a girl - Ethel Pugh - aged 6 years. Registers closed 1.15pm. Dismissal 3.20.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tea Party at the Baptist Chapel, Pound today. An interval of 15 minutes given for dinner.

Registers closed 12.20 and dismissal at 2.30.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

Very stormy and wet; school closed.

The average for this first week after the examinations has fallen to 48.7. Sixteen scholars have not put in an appearance all this week.

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Mary Ann Phillips - aged 9 years, who cannot do the work of Standard 1.

Received today the Duplicate Schedule from Mr W Morris, he having received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

One third of the scholars away today, owing to the Fair at Knighton. Although the attendance is so bad, nothing is done to improve it. When a list is sent in nothing is heard of it.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week is 53.2. Ten scholars have been absent all the week. A great start has been made in the Arithmetic of all classes except Standard 6.

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**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance. 60 present.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance for the week is slightly better. The several classes are busy with new Rules in Arithmetic.

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bad weather, fairly good attendance. Average 54. Steady progress in Arithmetic. The Recitation is also taken up. Tables backward in Standard 2.

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Improvement in attendance, also in Arithmetic. William Rees has been present one day out of 7 weeks, and Elizabeth Jane Price one day out of 9 weeks.

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

School closed for the week owing to deep snow.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

The sewing mistress not being well, the work of Tuesday was taken and sewing left till the morrow.

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

First Class takes Arithmetic instead of Spelling.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

Time table not adhered to in the afternoon third lesson. Extra time given to Arithmetic in some of the classes.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

Verney Pugh came in after closing of Registers in the morning. Average for week 55.3. William Rees and Elizabeth J Price have not yet put in an appearance since their names were sent to Mr Morris.

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Steady progress. Average for week 54.

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**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Collective lesson in afternoon ; Subject - "Wheels".

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

The usual holiday was not given at Xmas this year owing to the school having been closed lately on account of deep snow. Two days were given as holiday viz :- 30<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1893. The first quarter of present school year closes this week, making an average attendance of 54.7 for 3 months.

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

H M Inspector's report received today. It is as follows :-

" Mr Roberts is doing satisfactory work here. The children's behaviour under inspection is excellent and their attainments are creditable on the whole. They might show more animation and intelligence in the oral part of the examination, but the written exercises are carefully done as a rule. The first class shows considerable improvement in Grammar, but the answering in Geography is not so good. Needlework is poor and it is with much hesitation that payment for this subject is recommended. It is gratifying to observe that the discipline of the school is maintained by kindly means, and that

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**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> (continued)**

the Master appears to exercise a wholesome influence over the children.

No grant is payable under article 105, as the requirements of that article as to a sufficient staff do not appear to have been fulfilled. The Board's claim for a grant under Article 104 is under consideration.

The attention of the Board is requested to Article 3 (small print note) of the Code, under which compulsory periodical payments for school requisites are now treated as fees"

Staff for 1892 - 93

Mr D Roberts. Certified 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

Mrs Roberts. Additional female, Art 68.

Brian Evans. Paid Monitor.

Signed

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Jan 5<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is steadily decreasing.

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

Snowstorm ; school closed for the day.

**Jan 9 - 20<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to very deep snow, the scholars have not been able to come for a fortnight and the school was closed for that time.

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**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Reopened with 46 present. There is now no reason why the attendance should not be much better.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

Singing was taken instead of Recreation from 10.45 to 11 am

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

The afternoon meetings will commence at 2 pm from this date to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Very stormy morning, only 24 present. Registers marked in the morning, but school was closed in the afternoon.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Collective lesson on the "Cow" from 4 - 4.30. Average for the week 54.8.

Received this week communication from Department granting £3 - 6 - 8 under Article 105 for first 4 months in past year, but raising an objection to Mrs Roberts as a Teacher under Article 68, owing to her prolonged absence from school duties last year.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Board Meeting held today had under their consideration the several communications from the Education Department. The Clerk was instructed to explain that Mrs Roberts was not absent during the latter part of last year through incapacity, but as a result of an arrangement with the Board. The Ordnance Survey Maps are ordered today to furnish

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necessary information to the Department with claim for grant under Article 104.

The Master's fixed portion of salary is now increased at the rate of £5 per annum.

Four boys were punished with two strokes of the cane for coming in at 10.20 am.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

Registers closed at 9.30 and 12.30 to enable the teacher to leave at 2.30pm.

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the rain, children were taken in at 12.30 again today, registers closed at 1 pm and dismissal at 3 pm. Mrs Roberts left at 2.0pm.

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**



Great storm, school closed for the day.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy. School closed again for half a day.

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

Week closed with an average of 50. Rough weather injures the attendances the two past weeks.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Poor attendance for the week, but very fair progress made by those present.

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jane Wilding was readmitted today ; the attendance is better. The work is rather in arrears, on account of the bad attendance.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

Children taken in at 1.30. Registers closed at 2 pm, - dismissal at 4.

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**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Very fair progress all round.

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>**

Very fine weather ; and the attendance is much better. William Rees came this week, having been absent four months.

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Ordnance Survey Maps received today. Half holiday given to enable Teacher to take census.

**Mar 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance is improving.

**Mar 24<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Mar 24<sup>th</sup>**

Received communication from Department re change of school year. The new school year to terminate Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1894 ; and the Examination to be held in March.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts away with leave today. Master assisted by two monitors. Numbers rather low today. Registers closed at 9.30 and 12 so as to free the teachers early in the afternoon and to avoid half holiday. Dismissed 2.30.

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is still improving, and some good progress is made.

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**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**

Good Friday - holiday given.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Teacher goes to Llandrindod Wells in the afternoon to purchase supply for the treat on Friday next, the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. Half holiday.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Frances G Palfrey, Cwmygaist Farm, died this morning.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

School closed today ; annual treat in the afternoon. The tea is kindly given by the Messrs J Wilding, Bron-y-garn-lwyd, and James Owens, Cantell, co-jointly. Average this week 63.5.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the general change among the tenant farmers of the neighbourhood, our number of scholars is gradually getting less. This will injure our average for the change of school year, and cause a considerable loss of grant. Four were crossed off the books today. Weekly average 56.6. Very fair progress is made all round.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Several scholars away through illness, most of them suffering from a throat irritation and sever cold. Mrs Roberts is also laid up today with the same complaint. Another boy left school today.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon. Examined Registers and found correct  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board per WW

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Although the weather has been exceedingly fine the attendance is not at all good. There are several cases of children not attending school, whose ages vary from five and a half to 8 or 9 years. have written several letters to parents today. Collective lesson on "Candles".

**Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**

Although several letters were written to the parents, not one child has been sent for admission.

**Apr 27<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon ; Registers closed at 2.0 pm

**Apr 28<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 53.8. Received communication from Education Department informing us that our school year is to remain unaltered, the Inspection to take place in October as before. See entry of March 24<sup>th</sup> (page 232).

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Two infant girls admitted.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Punished W Palfrey and J Botwood for fighting and stoning one another. Six strikes of the cane were administered to Palfrey and four to Botwood, the latter having been injured by a stone thrown by the former.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

One boy admitted to Standard 1 today, and four scholars leave for Llanbister today. Mr R Owens of Lower Cantell visited the school this morning.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is better this week.

**Page 235****1893****May 12<sup>th</sup>**

The school will be closed for the whole of next week, owing to the May fairs, to re-open on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Reopened school. 56 present.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Average has fallen to 50.7 for the week. Irregularity has retarded the progress during this week.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Martin Pugh, aged 12 years, readmitted today. He attended for about 3 months last year and then left, and has not been to any other school. He is unfit even for the 1<sup>st</sup> Standard.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Monday morning - wet morning only 39 present.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is granted leave of absence this afternoon. The two monitors take her place.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Baptist Association Meeting at Maesy rhelem ; the school closed for the day by order of the Board.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to indisposition of Master, the Registers are closed at 2 pm and dismissal taken at 4 pm. The attendance has suffered this week from the bad morning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> inst. Steady progress ; Geography appears to be the weak subject.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah Adams kept at home to carry turf.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Examination in Arithmetic given to 1<sup>st</sup> Class from 11.30 am to 12. Lesson on "Garden" at 4 - 4.30.

**Page 236****1893****June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two girls ; one of whom is over 7 years, but has never before attended at any school ; - placed her in the infants class.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is granted leave of absence today ; a monitor takes her place with the Infants ; the Master's sister also assists.

J C Colville Esq called today at 10.40 am. He made enquiries as to the distance of houses from this school and walked on from here to Gryfodig ; he expressed a doubt as to correctness of our measurements.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Agricultural Show at Knighton. Closed school in the afternoon.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Very poor attendance ; some illness about.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On account of the epidemic of measles that has broken out in the neighbourhood this school was ordered to be closed this day, not to reopen for at least 3 or 4 weeks, and until the disease has quite disappeared from the neighbourhood.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

As the epidemic has not yet cleared the school is further closed for a week.

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today received communication (dated 29 July) re keeping the school closed from Medical Officer of Health.

**Page 237****1893****Aug 7<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened school after a vacation of 5 weeks. Scholars have forgotten some of their work. We find that 33 of the children attending this school have been down with the measles during the past 6 weeks.

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted one 5 year old girl - Martha James. John Hardwick, Tower Hill has a boy of school age, whom he refuses to send.

**Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

Examinations given this week show an improvement on last week's work. The attendance is better and the children who have been ill are getting stronger.

**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**

Today a picnic is given to the scholars by the Teachers at 3.15 pm. The Registers are closed at 9.30 am and 12.30 in order to make the full attendances.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted one infant boy.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

The attendance is gradually improving. Frequent examinations were given during the week. Results show steady improvement in all subjects except Geography.

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance very good. Good progress in Recitation and English. Received examination schedules, and returned form 8M on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

The girl, Elizabeth Jane Price has put in

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an appearance this morning. has attended only 4 times during the school year, was crossed off the books last week, and is now re-admitted. She is over 10 years of age, and cannot do the work of Standard 1.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Received new Registers and Summary for the coming year.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance this week very good, and very fair progress all round.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs Roberts, having obtained leave of absence to visit a relative who is seriously ill - will be away tomorrow, 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. and returns in time for afternoon school on Monday. Consequently the sewing is taken today instead of Friday's work.

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Examinations given today in Three - Rs.

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

The day being wet, afternoon meeting commences at 1.30 and Registers are closed at 2 pm. Frequent examinations given to the boys in Drawing.

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Drawing (Government) Examination at 11 am. Registers closed at 8.40 am.

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board per WW

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

School year closes with an average of 55.5.

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**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Fair at Knighton. Poor attendance.

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy. The children were sent home after dinner.

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance much better. Examination given, and rewards given for best papers.

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

Average for week only 51.4.

Received notice of inspection which will take place the 26 inst at 10 o' clock conducted by Rev. S. Pryce, H M Inspector.

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Some illness about again, and the attendance is not good.

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Today received from Science and Art Department the award "Good" for Drawing, the examination for which was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. Form 521 Art. is sent to Mr Morris today for signature.

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board per WW

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

There are several scholars away the general complaint being throat affections. Attendance has suffered.

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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List of Object Lessons etc for 1893 - 4

Trades	Articles of Food	Common Objects	Natural History	Natural Phenomena and Geography	
Smith	Milk	A slate	Sheep	Rain	Hills & Mountains
Joiner	Butter	Ball	Goat	Snow	An island
Farmer	Cheese	Clock	Lion	Day & Night	A stream
Miller	Eggs	Wheelbarrow	Cat	Spring	A cape
Plumber	Bread	Boat	Wolf	Winter	A lighthouse

Recitation

Group A - Infants and Standard 1 - "Do your best"

Group B - Standards 2 and 3 - "Little Jim"

Group C - Standards 4 and upwards - "Arthur and Hubert" (King John)

Class Subjects

First :- English. Course S.

Second :- Geography. Course S (Boys) and Needlework (Girls)

Singing by Note

Group 1. Infants, Standards 1 and 2 - work of Division 2.

Group 2. Standards 3 - 6 - work of Division 3.

(signed) S Pryce  
H M I

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**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

Government Inspection conducted by the Rev. S Pryce, H M I. Registers were not marked, and a holiday was given on the morrow, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mrs Roberts is granted leave of absence to go to Knighton.

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance good, and some useful work done.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>**

The funeral of Mr E Kinsey, the late Chairman of the Board, takes place today. Board meeting held in the morning, when the school requisites for coming year were ordered. Received Duplicate Examination Schedule.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average for week 55.6. Mr W Deakins, Relieving Officer, keeps one of his children at home, as also does J Hardwick of Tower Hill.

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

Time-table slightly varied today, in order to prepare for Service of Song, in aid of establishing a School Library.

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**

H M I's Report to hand this day, which is as follows :-

"This school was in very good order and the scholars passed a very satisfactory Examination in the Elementary Subjects. The younger children should be taught

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**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

to add without counting. Very fair examinations were passed in Grammar and Geography, but these subjects should improve in the lower standards. The Singing by Note was very good "

Staff for the Year Ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1894

D Roberts. Certified Teacher

Brian L Evans. Pupil Teacher. First Year.

Signed William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers very low owing to the appearance of snow ; only 41 present, although the morning was mild, and the ground hard.

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**

The teacher being very unwell, the Registers were closed at 1 pm and the dismissal at 3 pm. 60 scholars present.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Received from Mr Heywood the annual supply of School Stationery, Books, Pencils, Maps etc.

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday given to avoid two journeys for children, - the Entertainment taking place in the evening in aid of establishing a school library.

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**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

The average attendance for this week is 57 ; there are one or two cases of illness.

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pupil Teacher's Form of Agreement duly filled and signed today. Master leaves at 1.30pm, to return by mid-day on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. School carried on by Mrs Roberts and Pupil Teacher. Registers closed at 1 pm Friday ; dismissal at 3 pm. Numbers very low today owing to stormy weather.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Received today a communication by post from William Morris with an unfounded charge as to keeping children after school hours. He also states that he is not inclined to take action against Mr Deakins, who keeps his girl at home.

**Dec 12 -14<sup>th</sup>**

Registers were closed during these days at 1.15pm as the weather was rough, the roads bad, and the brooks high. Dismissal each day at 3.15.

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy morning. About 30 children came, all very wet, and several wet to the skin. They were sent home, and school closed for the day. A few were allowed to remain to dry their cloaks.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Another wet and stormy morning ; about 13 children came, and were very wet. School closed for the day.

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Same as 19<sup>th</sup>. The Melenyd is almost impassable

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**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

School closed again today ; owing to the weather and the Knighton Xmas market, and will not again reopen until January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1894.

**1894****Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tuesday. Reopened with only 46 present. The weather is now very favourable, but the school attendance is neglected.

**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The first instalment of Library Books (25 volumes) have been in use this week. These books were bought with the proceeds of a Lantern Entertainment held on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Jan 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>**

The school was closed these two days owing to the severe weather, which prevented the scholars to attend. The average for the week being 47.5.

**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**

Owing the severe weather the school is not opened today.

**Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**

Children unable to come again owing to severe weather. Closed for the day.

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

The school is closed for the rest of the week, owing to the weather and the state of roads and footpaths.

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

Handed in my resignation today, having obtained an appointment under the Penmorfa School Board, Carnarvonshire. The Board have promised to release me at the earliest possible date.

**Page 245****1894****Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened today. Very fair attendance. There is some illness in the neighbourhood.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

A special meeting of the Board is held here today. Registers closed at 9.45 am and 1 pm in order to take dismissal at 3 pm.

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance rather poor today. Only 43 present.

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

Time Table not strictly adhered to in the afternoon. Attendance is still poor.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance is poor, only 44 present. Admitted James Hardwick, aged 5 years 7 months.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Evans - the Pupil Teacher - is granted a half-holiday to go to Cefncynfal.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mr R Owens, Lower Cantal, gives a Tea today to scholars and their parents. The school is closed for the day.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is lower again today. Several of the scholars are ill. Diphtheria has been reported to be present in the neighbourhood.

**Page 246****1894****Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Yesterday the school was closed owing to the rough weather. The numbers are low today.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Received today an order from the Board to close the school for a month, owing to the spread of Diphtheria in the neighbourhood.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

My time expires this day. (Signed) D Roberts.

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**

John Longton Lowe commenced duties in this school in succession to Mr D Roberts. Owing to outbreak of Diphtheria the school has been closed for five weeks. The weather is intensely cold, snow falling at intervals.

In consequence of change of staff, epidemic, and inclement weather, the attendance is extremely low, viz - 24.

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>**

Weather still cold and stormy - roads in a dreadful condition. Attendance 28.

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup>**

Sent out notes to parents of absentees. Average attendance for the week 30.6.

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**

Nellie, Mary J, and Philip Evans, and Arthur Deakins came in at 10.3 this morning.

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Registers marked and closed at 9.30 this morning and at one o'clock in the afternoon. Children dismissed at 3. Granted Brian Evans, Pupil Teacher, leave of absence in the afternoon to go to Llanddewy.

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**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Good Friday. School closed.

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Monday. No holiday given on account of time lost lately through epidemic. Registers marked and closed at 9.30 in morning, and at 1 in the afternoon. Dismissed at 3 o' clock.

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

Weather much more favourable. Attendance much improved. Average attendance for the week being 51.2.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Nellie, Mary J and Philip Evans left the school today in consequence of their parents leaving the locality and going to Presteigne.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance still improving. Average attendance for week 53.6.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Stormy weather - attendance low in consequence. Registers closed at 1.30 as weather did not permit children to leave the school after noon. Dismissal at 3.45.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance bad in first class although today the weather is fine. Received medical certificate for Lucy Palfrey.

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**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Frances and John Bound, and re-admitted Robert Deakins.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Rosa Jane Williams.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance still improving. The average for the week being 55.7.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**



Dreadfully wet and stormy day. About 23 children came in the morning. School closed for the day.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy in the morning before school time. A small number living near came and as they were not wet and the morning continued fine after nine o' clock I thought it wise to let them remain in school and amuse themselves quietly or read books till noon.

Registers not marked in the morning. In the afternoon many more scholars came and work was carried on as usual. Attendance 39.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance lower this week through wet weather. viz - 53.5.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Frances and John Bound unable to attend school owing to skin disease in the face.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Bad attendance in the first class. Eighteen on the register, five not present at all. Names given in to the clerk of the Board. Average attendance for the week 54.7.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Time table not strictly adhered to in the afternoon. Master took Standards 2 and 3 in numeration as this subject is very weak in both classes.

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**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Very heavy fall of rain during the morning. In consequence the attendance in the lower standards and infants is exceedingly low. Morning and afternoon attendance 30. Time table not adhered to. As eleven girls and one infant only were present no sewing was taken.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance today. Sewing taken instead of yesterday.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

School closed for the week. Annual Fairs at Penybont and Knighton.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Reopened school. Attendance not so good as it might be. Weather fine.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted John Owen, an infant had been to no school before.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fair-day at Knighton. The parents evidently do not think last week's holiday sufficient as many of them have again taken their children to the fair today. Attendance 43. Number on the books 63.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance today. Average attendance for the week 53.1.

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Club Feast and Sports held today in the vicinity. As more than half the children intended to be present at this feast a holiday was given. These Fairs etc have greatly interfered with the progress of the work in school.

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**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

In accordance with the Board's wishes and master's approval the school is for the future to be opened at 1.30 pm instead of 2 o' clock. Registers marked and time table worked accordingly. It is considered that two hours is too much for dinner time, especially as some of the boys wander some distance from the school during that time and very often get into mischief, trespassing, breaking fences etc. This alteration will only apply to the summer months. Very heavy thunderstorm. Six children came who lived near the school. School closed for the day.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Wet weather still continues, consequently the attendance in the lower standards and infants is very low - 39 present. Admitted Sarah Jane and Mary Greenwood Williams. The oral work of the first class, and in fact throughout the whole school is very unsatisfactory. Answers when given at all are given with great hesitation and in the first class especially the majority of the scholars give their answers in an inaudible tone. In order to remedy this the scholars of the first class take their reading lesson from the "School Monthly" and the teacher explains difficult words, allusions, etc, contained in the text, and throughout the lesson the children are required to give as many answers as possible.

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**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Rose A Morris, an infant who had not been to school before.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board per WW

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Received the new Code (1894 - 5) from the Clerk of the Board.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance not so good as it might be as the weather during the week has been favourable.

Number on books 66. Average attendance only 56.4.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

In order to meet the requirements of the new Code referring to a recreative interval for each school meeting the Time Table for the afternoons is slightly altered - viz - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the first lesson is postponed to the third, as this will enable the sewing lesson to be continuous till play time : recreation from 2.50 to 3.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Weather wet today - only five infants present out of thirteen.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance of the younger children has been very bad this week. Average attendance 51.9.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance throughout the school much improved, the weather being remarkably fine during the week. Average attendance 57.9.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Admitted Lucy Jane Evans, an infant.

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**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Meeting at Heartsease Chapel has interfered with today's attendance.

The usual holiday not given but school closed earlier. Registers marked at 1 pm - scholars released at 3.15 pm

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Today's attendance is the highest this year, viz - 64.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Readmitted Elizabeth Jane Price, a girl who has not passed any standard, is more than ten years of age, and yet has not been attending any school since leaving this in October 1892.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance this week has been very satisfactory. Average attendance 60.4.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Wet weather today interfered with the attendance. Too wet for recreation at playtime and dinner time. Registers marked at 1 o' clock. School closed at 3.15.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has fallen off this week, average attendance 56.2. School closed for Summer vacation - viz two weeks.

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened the school after a fortnight's holiday. Only 49 present. Bad attendance due to harvest.

**Aug 8<sup>th</sup>**

Punished James Botwood for coming two hours late this morning as he could give no satisfactory reason.

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week 51.8. No sewing taken this week owing to indisposition of sewing mistress.

**Page 253****1894****Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance still very irregular. Average 55. No sewing taken again this week owing to indisposition of sewing mistress.

**Aug 20 - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

School closed for these three days owing to death in master's family.

**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

A very wet day - only 13 scholars came to school. School closed for the day.

**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

Rain still continues - the same 13 children came to school. School closed for the day.

**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**

Attendance during the first part of the week was good but fell off towards the end. Sewing taken every day this week in order to make up the lessons omitted during the indisposition of the sewing mistress.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

Government Drawing Examination at 11 am. Registers closed at 8.40 am. Received the new Registers for the coming year.

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**

Many children absent to attend the annual Tea Meeting at Cwmygaist. Sewing lessons again taken every day during the week.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Gave examinations to Standards 3,4,5 and 6 in Arithmetic, Dictation, Grammar and upper Standards Composition during the week. Arithmetic very weak with the exception of Standard 3 who do fairly well.

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Sewing taken this week as usual viz Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Attendance in the first class has been exceptionally good.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Punished Richard Morris and John James who came in school together and were forty minutes late.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

Frequent examinations given throughout the school during the week. Arithmetic is the weakest subject. Sewing taken as usual. Attendance satisfactory - average 60.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has suffered owing to a heavy fall of rain - only 41 present.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

During the week unfavourable weather has interfered with the attendance. Average 53.1. School year closed with an average of 53.7.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Michaelmas Fair at Knighton - many children away in consequence.

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

Received the award of "Good" from the Science and Art Department for the Drawing Examination which took place on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Form 521 delivered to the Clerk of the Board for signature.

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct  
William Morris  
Clerk to the Board per William Williams

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List of Object lessons etc for 1894 - 5

Occupations, trades etc	Articles in everyday use	Common objects	Natural History	Natural and physical phenomena	
Diver	Soap	Steel	Frog	Amber	Ice
Cooper	Candles	Pens	Camel	Pumice	Iceberg
Pilot	Blacking	Needles	Reindeer	Coral	Glacier
Printer	Flour	Lead pencils	Silkworm	Fossils	Volcano
Potter	Starch	Paper	Whale	Coal	Glacier

Recitation

Group A - Infants and Standard 1 - "The Child's First Grief"  
Group B - Standards 2 and 3 - "Llewellyn and his dog"  
Group C - Standards 4 and upwards - "Julius Caesar (The Forum)"

Class Subjects

First :- English. Course S.  
Second :- Geography. As per Code (Boys) and Needlework (Girls).

Singing by Note

Group 1 Infants, Standards 1 and 2 - work of Division 2.  
Group 2 Standards 3,4,5 and 6 - work of Division 3

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Reading Books Standards 4, 5 and 6 -  
School Monthly ( 10 numbers)  
World at Home 4  
New History of England  
10 October 1894 T. J.

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

School examined today by T Jones Esq, H M I. Registers not marked.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Holiday given. Tea meeting at the Pound Chapel. Average attendance for the week - 58.1.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

For some unaccountable reason the attendance has fallen off suddenly. The weather is remarkably fine and yet one third of the children are absent. A full list of the absentees sent to the Clerk of the Board.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

Today the attendance is even worse than yesterday. Many children are absent from school on account of the Annual Tea Meeting at Cwmygaist Chapel ; their absence was quite unnecessary as the registers were marked an hour earlier in the afternoon and school closed an hour earlier

than usual. This would enable all the children to be present at school and yet give them ample time to attend the Tea Meeting. Brian L Evans absent through illness.

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Brian L Evans resumed his duties as usual.

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**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

Today the Harvest Thanksgiving has interfered with the attendance - only 39 present. During the week, although the weather was remarkably fine the attendance has been most irregular. Average attendance 42.3 whereas for the previous week it was 58.1.

**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance today is somewhat improved but still is not what it should be considering the weather is so fine.

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy. Attendance exceedingly low. Brian Evans (Pupil Teacher) absent in the forenoon. School opened at 12.30 in the afternoon and closed at 3 pm.

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

Wet weather has interfered with this week's attendance. Average 45.

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

Wet weather still continues, many of the roads are so bad that the children have to wade through them. Only 39 present.

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

Weather and roads still in the same condition. Only 37 present.

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In consequence of very wet weather the attendance has been very bad during the week. Average 46.

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted William Deakins, an infant who has not been to school before. Commenced school at 1 pm - this time will continue in operation during the winter.

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**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy, only 29 present. Average attendance for the week 43.1.

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

Received H M I's Report of which the following is a copy :-

" The scholars have passed fairly well in Elementary subjects, considering that there has been a change of teachers during the year, and that the school was closed for four weeks owing to sickness. Arithmetic was fairly good, except in the first and fifth standards. Attention should be paid to Mental Arithmetic and general intelligence. The answering in Grammar was on the whole good and in Geography fair. The needlework exercises were good. The instruction of the infants was satisfactory"

Staff for 1894 - 5

John L Lowe, Certified Teacher

Brian L Evans Pupil Teacher 1<sup>st</sup> year

Signed William Morris

Clerk to the School Board

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today "found correct"

William Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

The rainfall during the preceding night has been so heavy that many of the paths leading to the school are flooded and quite impassable. The children present, 24 in number, are those who live in the vicinity of the school and are mostly of the upper standards. Only one infant present and three in Standard 1. Time table not adhered to.

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to extremely wet weather the attendance during the week has suffered greatly. Average attendance for the week 41.1 which is lowest yet made in the quarter.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance still very low owing to wet weather.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The bad attendance greatly interferes with the progress of the work. Average attendance 46.5.

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted George and Pryce Jones who had been attending Llandrindod School before they came into this neighbourhood but had not been to school since the last examination and in consequence are very backward in their work.

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance higher this week owing to finer weather. Average 50.1.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Adaliza Williams recommenced school. Last September she went out of the district, just before the Examination of this school. In the interval she has not been attending any school.

**Page 260****1894****Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

Today, owing to bad weather the attendance is very low. Average of the week 49.9.

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Richard Owen, Lower Cantal, visited the school in the afternoon. Towards the end of the week the attendance fell off owing to the Xmas Market being held in Knighton.

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Weather wet and stormy - only 36 present.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Weather still wet and stormy - this with Xmas Fairs has lowered the attendance for the last two weeks. Average attendance for this week 41.1. School closed for the Christmas vacation.

**1895****Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

Expiration of holidays. many of the roads are completely blocked with snow. Two first class scholars presented themselves. School closed.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

School still closed. Owing to later falls the snow is much deeper.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**

School still closed. Snow deeper than ever.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

School still closed. A later fall has added to the depth of snow.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

The severe weather still continues. The snow is such a depth that it is impossible for the children to attend.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

No change in the weather. School still closed.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

With the exception of Thursday the Pupil Teacher has been attending school for instruction each day this week.

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**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

There is still no change in the weather. School closed.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

During the week three boys presented themselves. The previous week one boy came. During the whole time the school has been closed not more than three scholars have attempted to attend on the one day. It has been published about the locality that the school will be open next Monday.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

Considering the state of the roads the attendance today is fair. The majority of the children present is composed of older children. 28 present. Time table not strictly adhered to.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Since the beginning of the week the numbers have increased reaching today forty. Average for the week 36.5.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Received notes from the Clerk of the Board to advise the absentees to attend school. The list of absentees had been sent in by the master on February 25<sup>th</sup>. These notes were sent to the school that the children present might distribute them. As a matter of fact they are quite useless as messages had already been sent by the master during the previous week to all within reach of the children attending school and all those beyond reach had to be left, and yet the notes to these are sent to the school for distribution. The roads in the vicinity are still in a bad condition.

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**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

On inquiring the reason of many of the scholars being absent the parents inform that their children are unable to attend owing to their feet being sore with chilblains and thus preventing them from wearing their boots.

The attendance is much better this week than last but is still far from what it should be. There are 59 on the books and the average attendance for the week is only 45.4.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Annie Davies, a Standard 1 girl, who has only made twelve attendances during the school year recommenced school this morning.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

The weather now is remarkably fine but the attendance is far from satisfactory. Average attendance 46.5.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted George Hardwick, an infant - had not been to school before.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The attendance has much improved this week, the average being 57.4.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Wet and stormy. Attendance low in consequence. School opened in the afternoon at 1 pm - registers closed at 1.25. Dismissal at 3.30.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

A severe snowstorm. Attendance very low. School opened at one o' clock in the afternoon and closed at 3.30.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

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**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

John A Price, Sarah Ann Price, and Edward Thomas Price, late of Llanbister, admitted.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance much improved. Average 58.2. In reply to a note asking the reason of Ophelia Hardwick's absence, the following was received :-

" Ophelia is on a visit with her grandfather - she is only supposed to make half-time - she can make out next week"

As a matter of fact this girl has only made 50 attendances out of a possible 160 since the last examination.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Today the attendance has fallen off - especially in the first class. Tomorrow being Good Friday the school will be closed. Average attendance 58.1.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Bank Holiday. School opened as usual. Attendance fairly good. 55 present.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Knighton Fair today has interfered with the attendance.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Pupil Teacher absent this afternoon in order to attend his examination at Craven Arms tomorrow. Average attendance 53.1.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Owing to wet weather only an hour is given for dinner. Registers closed at 1.25 - dismissal at 3.30 pm.

**Page 264****1895****April 25<sup>th</sup>**

A steady downpour which continued throughout the day has lowered the attendance to less than one half. Afternoon opening at 12.30 - dismissal at 3 o' clock. A great number of the children are also absent through sickness.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Many of the children are absent through illness. Today the wet weather has interfered with the attendance.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers today and found correct

William Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Many of the children are still absent through illness - chiefly influenza. Average attendance 49.6.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

A sale in the neighbourhood has lessened the attendance considerably. The children were informed that the usual week's holiday for Penybont and Knighton Fairs would not be given next week as such a long time had been lost during the winter but that a holiday would be given on the Friday. Average attendance 48.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

School opened as usual but as less than one third was present school was closed at 9.45.

**Page 265****1895****May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Considering a week's holiday was given last week the attendance is not good.

Sarah Ann and William Adams came to school after being more than two weeks absent with the excuse that they had been away because their parents had moved to another farm.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Many children away again to go to Knighton Fair.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 51.1.



**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted John M, Sarah Ann, Arthur Edward, Hannah and Joseph Wilding of Lower Croescynon. These children are very backward in their work, - according to their ages they should be several standards higher.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Club Feast at Llanbadarn today - many absentees in consequence.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 59.3.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board per WW.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance improving - average for the week 61.9.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Many of the scholars of the upper standards are very irregular, especially on Fair Days (Thursday). Average attendance 61.4.

**Page 266****1895****June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Called this morning at 10 past 8 am and found Master instructing the Pupil Teacher.

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Elizabeth Jane Price, a girl of twelve years, came to school this morning after an absence of eight months - she has not yet passed any standard.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Brian L Evans (Pupil Teacher) absent this morning till noon - received a note to say he had gone on a very important journey.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Average attendance 61.4.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Considering the fine weather the attendance is not so good as it might be. The average attendance is 61.6 out of a possible 69. No sickness is reported.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Annual Meeting at Heartsease. Registers marked an hour earlier in the afternoon. Dismissal at 2.30.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

The highest attendance during the first three quarters of the year reached today viz 66. Average for week 64.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Brian LI Evans, Pupil Teacher, absent today - his brother reports a scalded hand as the cause.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance much improved - average 65.3.

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Fortune Phillips, an infant who had not been to school before.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Received the New Code today.

**Page 267****1895****July 19<sup>th</sup>**

School closed for two weeks holiday. Average attendance 65.3.

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>**

School opened today after two week's closure. Thirteen absent in the morning. Mr Morris, Clerk of the Board called for a list of absentees.

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to stormy weather and one or two cases of sickness the attendance has suffered. Average 59.8.

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**

Examinations given during the week to all classes. In Standards 5 and 6 Arithmetic is weak. Average 62.8.

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

Laying of the Foundation Stone of the Pound Baptist Chapel by Mrs Frank Edwards. Half holiday given in the afternoon.

**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The average attendance has fallen in consequence of the ceremony at the Pound Chapel on Wednesday. Although the children were informed that they would have a half holiday yet there were only twelve girls present in the morning. Average 58.8.

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance improved. Average 62.4.

**Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sarah Elizabeth Wilding came this morning after a fortnight's absence through illness. Elizabeth Jane Price also came after three weeks' absence. This girl, although twelve years of age, has not yet passed a standard, and so far has only made forty four attendances this year. She is not certainly very strong but might attend better than she does.

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**Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Drawing Examination this morning held by Colonel Le Bretton. Examination commenced at 11.15 am. School not re-opened till 2 pm. In the afternoon examination in Arithmetic and Dictation given to upper standards. Dismissal at 4 pm.

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

Received Examination Forms from Education Department. Average 63.1.

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

Brian L Evans, Pupil Teacher, absent today without permission. Several of the children are affected with whooping cough and are obliged to stay at home.

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**

Received complaints of the children stealing fruit on their way home from school. The offenders were punished. Average 61.7.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

A very wet morning - many of the children absent.

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

Several children still suffering from whooping cough. Attendance poor in consequence. Average 58.8.

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Three scholars still unable to attend owing to whooping cough. Average for the week 59.4.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Brian L Evans, Pupil Teacher, absent without permission. School year ends with an average of 53.9.

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Knighton Michaelmas Fair - one third of the children absent in consequence.

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance low owing to Fairs. Average 57.5. Several still absent through sickness.

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**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct.

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

Received the award of "Fair" from the Science and Art Department for the Drawing Examination which took place Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Form 521 forwarded to the Department.

**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Festival at Llanbister Church today. School closed at 12 am. Average for the week 60.5.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Anniversary and Tea Meeting at Cwmygaist - half holiday given.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

With the exception of two cases all the children who have been absent suffering from whooping cough are now recovered and are attending school. Average 64.1.

List of Object lessons etc for 1895 - 6

Natural History	Common Articles and objects		Natural and physical phenomena	
St Bernard Dog	Barrel	Cocoa	Air	Sun
Magpie	A coin	A flower	Water	Moon
???????	Lamp	Apple	Geyser	Eclipse
Bee	Salt	Chalk	Avalanche	Waves
Pelican	Sugar	Bone	Dew	Tides

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Reading Books for Standards 4 - 7.  
History - Standard 5  
Geography :- World at Home. Europe.  
New Reader

Singing by Note

Group 1 Infants, Standards 1 and 2 - work of Division 2.

Group 2 Standards 3 - 7 - work of Division 3

Recitation

Group A - Infants and Standard 1 - "The Shepherd's Dog"

Group B - Standards 2 and 3 - "Village Blacksmith"

Group C - Standards 4 - 7 - "Merchant of Venice"

Class Subjects

First :- English. Course S. (Old Code)

Second :- Geography. As per Code (Boys) and Needlework (Girls).

(Signed: D James)

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**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

In consequence of a severe snowstorm only a few of the older children who live near the school came this morning, and many of these were wet through; after warming themselves they were dismissed and school closed for the day.

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

Today being wet only half an hour was given for dinner and registers were marked an hour earlier. Dismissal at 3 pm.

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**

Government Inspection by D James H M I. Average for the week 64.4.

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Brian L Evans absent with permission to attend a funeral.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

Owing to change of residence Mr Hardwick's children, six in number, have left this school ; this, with bad weather, has lowered the attendance considerably. Average 44.7.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy - only 36 present. Time table not adhered to.

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**

Knighton Butter Market today - one half of the children absent. Sarah Ann Adams and Willie Adams punished for being two hours late.

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 45.

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

A heavy rainfall has rendered some of the roads quite impassable and many of the children are unable to attend school.

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 47.8.

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**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Attendance improving but still not satisfactory. Average 50.

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Received the following report of H M I's Examination of this school :-

" This school is in good order and has been fairly well taught. Spelling and Written Arithmetic were good throughout, but much of the Reading was monotonous and lacked expression. The Handwriting was not uniform, and the letters were not well formed. More attention should be paid to copy-book Writing and to Mental Arithmetic. Grammar was not sufficiently accurate in the upper standards, and must improve if the higher grant for English is again to be recommended. Needlework was fairly good and Geography fair. The small Infant's class has been suitably instructed. The Pupil Teacher passed a very poor examination "

B L Evans should improve generally.

Staff for 1895 - 6

John L Lowe. Certified Teacher  
Brian L Evans Pupil Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Signed :- John Morris  
Clerk to the Board.

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**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

For some unaccountable reason the attendance is exceedingly low this week. A list of absentees given to the Clerk of the Board. Average attendance 45.6.

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

Violent gale and heavy fall of rain - roads and paths flooded : only half the children present.

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

The weather still very bad. The younger and distant children unable to attend. Average 43.9.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Live market at Knighton held today - attendance very bad.

**Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

A heavy snowstorm today prevents many children from attending. Average attendance this week 49.6.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the severity of the weather nearly half of the children are absent.

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

Having received another appointment I tendered my resignation to the Board today.

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

Closed for the Christmas vacation.

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**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened after a fortnight's closure. The attendance is very bad - only 41 present. The sewing mistress is unable to attend through illness.

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing mistress still unable to superintend needlework - the girls, however, have been taking knitting, previously prepared, during her absence. Average for the week 43.

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**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

Frances and John Bound, absent since November 6<sup>th</sup> last with skin disease, recommenced school this morning.

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

The sewing mistress has not yet been well enough to be present to instruct sewing - the girls have been able to work at knitting during the sewing lessons. The attendance though an improvement on last weeks is still very unsatisfactory. Average 51.1.

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Many of the children are suffering from severe colds and sore throats. It is so bad that the children who are suffering from these colds are coughing incessantly. The sewing mistress is not sufficiently well to be present in school but when any difficulty arises the children take their knitting to the school-house and the mistress attends to them. Attendance very low - average 43.5.

Frances and John Bound are again absent this week.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**

Sewing mistress still unable to attend to the sewing. Many of the children are absent through sickness. Average 46.

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**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Admitted Sydney Lloyd and William A Bufton who had been attending Llanbister School. The sewing mistress, after four weeks absence through illness, is present today to attend to the needlework.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

Received Circular 367 re Suitable Occupations being now an optional subject.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

The majority of the children who have been absent through sickness are now attending school. Sewing has been taken this week as per Timetable. Average 57.4.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sewing as usual this week. Average 56.3.

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

Registers marked half an hour earlier in the afternoon owing to wet weather - school closed 3.30pm.

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

The attendance of the girls is not so good as it might be. Average 55.4. Sewing as per Timetable.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

Was informed today that the Pupil Teacher's Examination would take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Average attendance 53.4.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Schoolmaster was informed that the Board would release him from duty at the end of this week.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance has suffered owing to the severity of the weather. Average 49.3. Today, by consent of the Board the Schoolmaster is released.

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**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

I took charge of the Llanbister Cantal Board School today at 9 am under Article 82 C of the Code. The Pupil Teacher present and 44 scholars.

Mr A Hamer, member of the Board and the Clerk visited the School this morning.

(Signed) - Henry Price Jones

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

I visited the school this morning at 10.30 am and found Mr Henry Price Jones in charge under Article 82C assisted by the Pupil Teacher. The Registers were properly marked. 44 scholars present.

School in good order and progressing very satisfactorily.

John Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**

School closed - attending Audit.

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**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

School making fair progress. The attendance has been somewhat irregular owing to bad weather.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Good Friday - holiday given.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Willie Palfrey in Standard 6 has left school also Annie M E Williams Standard 3 has left and gone out of the neighbourhood. Admitted Mary Ann Wilding an infant.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Fanny L Jones. She has previously attended Knighton School and while there passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> standard.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Ann James, an infant.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Joseph Wilding a member of the Board visited this afternoon and stayed a short time. 54 scholars present. Henry Price Jones. Brian Evans, Pupil Teacher, Miss E A Evans, sewing mistress.

School in good order (Signed) Joseph Wilding

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted this morning - Mary Elizabeth Price, aged 10, Sarah Jane Price, aged 8, and Edith Catherine Jones, aged 7. These children have not previously attended any school. They know the alphabet but are unable to read.

**Page 278****1896****April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance today below usual viz Morning 45 Afternoon 46.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is lower again today. Morning 39. Afternoon 40. Several children in school are coughing incessantly.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

Average for the week 38.1 Most of the children absent are ill.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted David Bufton, an infant. Sewing taken today instead of Wednesday, the work for Wednesday afternoon on Timetable taken.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Received from the Clerk to the Board a medical certificate stating that Hannah, Sarah and Joseph Wilding are unable to attend school in consequence of Bronchial Catarrh.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance increasing.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week 40.2. Today closed school for a week owing to the May Fairs. Finished duties today as Temporary Master of this school. The sewing has been taken throughout during my time according to the Time Table, excepting one instance noted on the previous page.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Took charge of this school and premises today in succession to Mr Lowe. The school had been taught from March 9<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup> by Mr H P Jones and the Pupil Teacher, with Miss Lizzie Evans as Sewing Mistress. The sewing will henceforth be taught by teacher's wife - Mrs Kate Roberts.  
(Signed) David Roberts Certified Teacher

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

School reopened this morning, after a fortnight's closing owing to May Fairs and some illness. Admitted four infants.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Thomas J Morgan, Upper Coxhead. In the afternoon the old Copy Books were found to be in a much neglected and dirty state. Consequently new books were given out and dated.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

A new Time Table is in preparation and the old one is not strictly adhered to.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

An average attendance of 58.6 for the week.

**Page 280****1896****June 1<sup>st</sup>**

The school is closed by order of the Ministry of Health owing to the presence of Scarlatina in Master's house. The Pupil Teacher is instructed for an hour each day in the Schoolroom.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Received instructions to re-open school today, and a Certificate as to the total disappearance of disease from Dr Scott. Only 33 present in the morning.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Opening the New Baptist Chapel at the Pound. The school closed for the day.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted a boy and girl today ; all the scholars - 76 in number - are present. Received supply of Royal Copy Books from Mr Heywood.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Took up the first two lessons in the afternoon in introducing the New Copy Books.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The average attendance for the week is 68.1.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Minnie Wilde aged 7 years who is unable to read or write.

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**July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Received the approved timetable from H M I.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week is 66.8. Two boys who were very backward in Standard 3 work, viz Sydney Lloyd and William Hardwick, were put back to Standard 2.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 5 and 6 are very weak in Fractions and rather weak in Proportion. William Phillips in Standard 5 is very backward in Arithmetic, as also is Fanny L Jones in Standard 3. The freehand drawing of Standard 5 boys is somewhat poor. Standards 1 and 2 are also backward in Drawing.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is not very good. The average attendance for the week is 67.5. Two girls from the Heath attend very badly and cannot do the Infants work.. Their ages are 10 and 8 years.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Received Art Form E and posted same to Colonel Le Breton Butler, H M Drawing Inspector.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Frances Lewis is very backward in the work of Standard 6 and has been absent a week. A note has been sent to inform her guardian that she will be put back a Standard if she does not attend better.

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Brian LI Evans, Pupil Teacher is absent today owing to a cold.

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**July 29<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Evans is absent again today.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon meeting commenced at 1.15. Registers closed at 1.30 in order to take dismissal at 3.00. Brian Evans is better and resumed duties today.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Several scholars are kept away to assist their parents. The average for the week is 70.1. Standard 3 have made progress in Arithmetic, and the first class in Grammar. Spelling is rather weak in Standards 2 and 3.

**Aug 7<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance good. Average for the week being 71.8. Fanny L Jones is very weak in Arithmetic of Standard 3.

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>**

Thomas J Morgan is quite unable to do the work of Standard 2, and as he attends very irregularly, he has been put back to Standard 1.



**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah Jane Davies, a Standard 3 pupil, aged 11, is kept at home to assist her mother. Wrote to Mr Morris about it today. The attendance is very low today owing to a shower of rain in the morning.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Received from Mr Morris (Clerk), the notice of Drawing Examination which will be held on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Drawing Schedules also received.

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

The attendance is getting worse. The average for this week being only 63.1.

**Page 283****1896****Aug 24<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet morning, and very poor attendance. The Drawing and Sewing was left until the morrow, Tuesday afternoon's work taken instead.

**Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**

Half holiday given. Flower Show at Knighton and Sunday School treat at Heartsease.

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance 67.2 for the week. Standards 1 and 2 are improving in Arithmetic.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register and found correct.

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

Received form 8m from Mr Morris and returned same.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah Jane Davies has put in an appearance this morning after an absence of five weeks.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Extra time is given for Drawing today to prepare for the Examination on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

Drawing Inspection at 11 am conducted by Colonel Butler. Registers were closed at 9 am.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Thanksgiving at Llanbister Church and Heartsease Chapel. The customary half-holiday after the Drawing Examination was given today instead of on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is somewhat poor owing to the very wet weather. Frances Lewis (Standard 6) is irregular and backward. Standard 2 weak in Numeration.

**Page 284****1896****Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Received from Mr Nicholls of Llandewy a quantity of Sewing materials, as under :-

3 yds Calico	2 Doz Linen buttons
2 yds Flannel	6 packets Sewing Needles and 1 of Darning
2 yds Print	Half pound Knitting Cotton and 1 piece Webbing
12 cards Wool	1 Knot of Tape

*(actual receipt at end of Log)*

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bertha F Hamer - a bright Standard 2 scholar - died today, after an illness of only 24 hours.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

Today several children are unable to attend school owing to heavy rains and flood. Number present morning 47, afternoon 46. Average for the week 58.4. Steady progress. Standards 1 and 2 need attention to Numeration and Subtraction respectively.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bertha Hamer was interred today at the Pound. All the scholars attended the funeral, the school being closed for the afternoon.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Received notice of inspection, which will take place on October 7<sup>th</sup>. **End of School Year.**  
54.9

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Frequent Examinations were given this week and the results were fairly satisfactory except for the Arithmetic of Standards 2 and 5.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Government Inspection conducted by D James Esq. H M Inspector of Schools. Registers not marked for the afternoon.

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Syllabus of work for 1896 - 7.

Class Subjects :- 1 English

2 Geography for Boys and Needlework for Girls.

Standard 4 - 7 boys :- India, Australia, British South Africa and British North America.

Recitations

Standard 1 and Infants :- The Wasp and the Bee

Standards 2 and 3 :- We are seven

Standards 4 and upwards :- Dora by Tennyson

Object Lesson for Infants and Standard 1

Natural History		Common Objects	Natural and Physical Phenomena	Food Articles	Occupations
Dog	Tiger	Stool	Island	Cocoa	Farmer
Cat	Camel	Bellows	Mountains	Tea	Sailor
Pig	Wolf	Umbrella	Rivers	Sugar	Carpenter
Cow	Lion	Bed	Waves	Maize	Cooper
Sheep	Bear	Table	Snow	Rice	Cobbler

For Standards 2 and 3

Similar lessons to above but more advanced.

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Infants and Standards 1 and 2 :- Work of Division 2

Standards 3 to 7 :- Work of Division 3

(Signed) D James  
Inspector

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**1896**

**Oct 8 and 9**

Owing to the great storm and flood the school was not opened on these two days.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened school. 55 present. Arranged new classes.

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Numbers low owing to Sunday School anniversary at Cwmygaist P M Chapel. Registers closed at 1 pm and dismissed at 3 pm.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

William and Sarah Adams came in this morning after the Registers were closed.

**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is very unsatisfactory. Those present have begun this New Standard work well so far.

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Harvest Thanksgiving at the Pound Baptist Chapel. Half holiday in the afternoon. Notice of this was sent to H M Inspector. Progress is rather slow owing to the falling off in attendance.

Poetry - Tennyson's "Dora" cannot be obtained on cards or books for scholar's use. The first class will therefore take "The Building of the Ship" by Longfellow.

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

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**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Master is not well today, and the Time Table is therefore not strictly adhered to.

**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance is poor and progress retarded.

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**

Better attendance and fair progress.

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

Improvement in attendance and very fair progress.

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two new scholars - Amelia and John George.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>**

Progress is fairly satisfactory, and the attendance is fair. Average for the week 54.7. Half holiday. Pound Tea.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Stock of books and Stationery received today from Mr John Heywood, Manchester.

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup>**

The work is fairly satisfactory except the Arithmetic of Standards 2 and 3.

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

Good attendance. The result of monthly test was fairly satisfactory ; Standard 3 is rather weak in Long Division.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon meeting commences at 2 pm owing to the chimney having to be swept during the dinner hour.

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

H M Inspector's Report was received today, which is as follows :-

" This school has made fair progress during the past year. The Handwriting has improved, and some of it was good. Increased attention should be given to Spelling, Mental Arithmetic, and the working of problems. Grammar must be more accurate in the upper Standards if

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**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

the higher grant for that subject is again to be recommended. The answering in Geography was, on the whole, fair. Recitation and Needlework were fairly good. Boards should be placed under the ventilators as directed to prevent down-draught.

With reference to the rate of grant allowed under Article 101 (b) of the Code, I am to request your attention to the last sentence of Article 101 (b) 1.

B L Evans Handwriting \*, Arithmetic, Grammar \*, Composition \*, Geography \*,  
Failure History 0, Euclid \*, and Teaching (Knowledge of Method) \*.

I am to enquire whether the Board wish to retain his services ; if so, his Memorandum of Agreement should be forwarded duly cancelled, when my Lords will issue a new Memorandum of Agreement for him re-admitting him for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> July last. He could then take second year's papers again in April next".

Staff for 1896 -7

David Roberts Certificated Teacher  
Brian L Evans Pupil Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Resigned  
Kate Roberts Sewing Mistress

(Signed) John Morris  
Clerk to the Board

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**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Monday morning, 50 present. Bitterly cold ; the infants cannot work at lower end of room.

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The first school quarter closes today with an average of 53.9, and 69 on the books. The school is closed for Xmas Holidays from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> both dates inclusive, to re-open on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1897.

**1897**

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

Reopened today with 58 present. Frances Bound commences duties as Monitress, with a view to sitting her Candidate Examination in April next. She will take the place of Brian Evans whose resignation was accepted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct  
John Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair attendance and progress. The average for the week is 55.2.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Some illness prevails and the weather is severe - attendance consequently low. Average 47.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is poor. Average 44.5.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

The progress is not satisfactory owing to irregularity. The attendance has slightly improved this week. Average 51.3.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

There are several children of school age who are not yet admitted. Called attention of the Clerk to the fact. Louisa Palfrey of Cwmbank

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**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

lives only one quarter mile from this school and will be 7 years of age in June next.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Wrote Mr Morris (Clerk) re Louisa Palfrey and Fanny Davies, both of school age.

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance is 58.2 for the week. Some good progress has been made by Standard 2 and 3 in Arithmetic. The grammar of Standard 3 is their weak point.

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mary A Price - a Standard 6 scholar under the Guardianship of W Deakins (Relieving Officer) is kept away from school every sewing day.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

The school will be closed tomorrow for Mrs Hamer's funeral.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

Closed for the day. Average attendance for the week 57.8. Very fair work done. Standard 2 is now improving in Arithmetic, and Standard 3 in Writing.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

According to Time table the afternoon meetings commence at 2 pm from today.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Great snowstorm in the morning which kept nearly the whole of the scholars away. The school was not opened for the day.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Storm of wind, rain and sleet. Few children again ventured out, and were so wet that we deemed it prudent to send them home again. The hill is so wet that the few who came had wet feet.

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**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

School opened today. Present 48 out of 68.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Fanny Louisa Davies who will be 6 years of age in May next.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair progress. Average attendance for the week is 58.8.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Stormy morning - only 38 present.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

The rough weather and some influenza have caused a fall in the attendance.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

School treat today. School closed.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

There are eight children of school age in the district who have not yet admitted. Their names have been sent to Mr John Morris.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Master's wife very ill. School was closed in the afternoon.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Rough and wintry morning; only 47 present.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted David Joseph Price and Sarah Elizabeth Duggan, both infants.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Received from T Jones, Esq, H M I a letter stating that Fanny Bound will be examined at Llanbister School on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>; the School was closed in the afternoon in order to enable the teacher to alter arrangements for taking F Bound to Craven Arms.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two infants, viz Louisa Palfrey and John Thomas Williams.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

The school is closed for tomorrow (Good Friday) and Easter week. To reopen on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened with 60 present. Admitted May Bound.

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**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is fairly good. Average for the week is 58.2. The Arithmetic of Standard 4 is improving. Standard 5 do not appear to have mastered "Rule of three".

John C Hamer, Mary E Price and Sarah Jane Price were re-admitted this week, having been absent since the Examination in October last. They are very backward.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is improving, but there are a few scholars yet absent.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sent notice that School will be closed for the day on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah Ann Adams - who is backward and also irregular was put back from Standard 4 to Standard 3 today.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

On the recommendation of a Manager the school was closed today, it being useless to open owing to the Knighton Fair.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Opened this morning with 53 present.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct.

John Morris

Clerk to the Board.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Today being the children's pleasure fair at Knighton, the school is closed for the day.

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**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Knighton May Fairs have interfered with the attendance this week and progress has been slightly checked.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted H J James of Rhydhir, aged 5 years.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Standard 2 need attention in Arithmetic. Mental Arithmetic shows a fair progress. Average 58.9.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Admitted five new scholars, two of whom are 6 and 7 years of age, and three have lost school for 12 months.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Willie Davies - Standard 4 - is backward in Arithmetic, Spelling and English, and is very irregular.

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted David Richard Davies, aged 8 years.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Average for the week is 64.2.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is steady and progress is very fair except in the Boy's Arithmetic - Standard 6.

Willie Davies - Standard 4 - makes little or no progress.

Received from Mr John Heywood 20 new books for the Library at 11 pence each, bought by the proceeds of a Lantern Entertainment.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

School closed for preparation for Jubilee Treat.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Holiday - Jubilee Celebration.

**June 23 - 25<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the funeral of E Meredith Esq. and the Cwmygaist Sunday School excursion to Llandrindod it was recommended that the school be not opened for the week.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Heartsease Annual Meetings - school closed.

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**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

On examination Willie A Davies is found to be unfit for Standard 4. Willie T Davies is also put back from Standard 2 to Standard 1. Sarah Owens is weak in Reading and Arithmetic ; also J C Hamer, W Phillips and James Williams in Arithmetic.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

In consequence of the scholars being today grouped and photographed, the afternoon meeting was not commenced until 2.25. The Registers were closed at the usual time.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Sewing Mistress is unable to be present today, and consequently the work of Friday afternoon is taken today.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week is 61.9. The school will close for the next three weeks for the Summer Holidays. To re-assemble on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>**

The school is closed for the week owing to the illness of Master's wife ; and also to allow time for the completion of the drains.

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**

Re-opened this morning, after a vacation of four weeks.

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is good, average for the week 65.3. Standard 1 needs attention in Arithmetic and Standard 3 in Geography.

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**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**

Saturday. Received notice of Drawing Examination and Schedules for same from Col Butler. The examination to take place on Wednesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week is 67.9. The Recitation of Standard 3 needs extra attention. Standard 6 boys are not strong in Arithmetic.

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>**

The school was ordered to be closed today for at least a fortnight owing to the presence of Diphtheria in the Master's family.

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**

Received notice today from the Medical Officer of Health that the school cannot be opened before the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. ie. three weeks from the commencement of the disease.

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Dr Cox, Medical Officer of Health called today and gave instructions as to disinfecting, and recommended that the school should not be opened before Monday 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**

Received a letter from the Medical Officer of Health with the Certificate authorising the re-opening of the school today.

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Arthur Lloyd, who has been a pupil at the Knighton National School.

End of School Year.

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**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted Blanche Lloyd, sister to above. The afternoon meeting commences at 1 pm for today to enable Master to attend the Board

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**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> (continued)**

Meeting at Llanbister.

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

An examination was given this week. Standards 5 and 6 are weak in Arithmetic.

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the Sunday School Anniversary at Cwmygaist Chapel, there are several scholars away and in the afternoon, the registers are closed at 1.30 pm in order to release others at 3.30.

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup>**

Visit

(Signed) T Jones

H M Inspector

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**

Diphtheria has again broken out in the Master's family.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

Average attendance for the week was 67.3. Frequent examinations were given and Standard 6 is found weak in Arithmetic.

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**

Received an order from the Medical Officer of Health to close the school for 14 days.

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**

Order received from the Medical Officer to close for a further period of 7 days.

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

The school was re-opened today after an enforced closure of 3 weeks.

Form 170 was today received from the Education Department intimating the Inspection is waived for this year. Form 9 and Schedule was forwarded to H M Inspector on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is better. New work is fairly begun.

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**

The average attendance for the week is 60.2. New Books in Arithmetic, Poetry and Geography were procured, and distributed this week.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

The new work is progressing satisfactorily, and the attendance is very good. Sixty three scholars made 10 attendances each.

**Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**

The master is very unwell today. A few monitors are taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> Class to assist, and the Time Table is followed as near as practicable.

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The attendance is beginning to suffer, and progress is slower.

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

Annie Boundford still attends very badly, and no notice has been taken of the case.

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

Stormy weather this week, and the attendance is dwindling. Average for the week only 56.4 out of 78 on the books. The Report has not yet been received.

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Preparations for the Xmas Markets cause a fall in the attendance. Number present only 53.



**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Register today and found correct  
John Morris  
Clerk to the Board

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

Although Form 170 was received on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and Form 9 and Schedule were sent to H M Inspector on the 9<sup>th</sup> November nothing

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has yet been heard of a Report or Grants.

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup>**

Very rough day. Several absentees.

Received Form 17a - Annual Grants - which contained the following remarks :-

" H M Inspector has given his special consent to the admission of F Bound (article 39 of the Code).

Amount of Annual Grant - £72 - 10 - 0

Final instalment of fee - £ 7 - 7 - 6

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Total                    £79 - 17 - 6  
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**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

Very wet and stormy. The few scholars who came were so wet that they were allowed to go home after having dried their cloaks a little.

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

A finer morning. 52 present.

**Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**

Afternoon meeting commences 12.30. Registers closed at 12.45. Master leaves the school at 1 pm in charge of his wife and the Pupil Teacher. Dismissal at 3 pm.

**1898****Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair progress has been made, but the attendance has not been satisfactory.

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

The last lesson this afternoon was taken up with Distribution of Attendance Rewards.

**Page 299****1898****Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty four new volumes were bought this week for the School Library with the proceeds of a Lantern Lecture given by Master on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sent notice of closing school on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst to H M I.

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup>**

School closed this day. Opening of the Intermediate School, Llandrindod.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

There are several scholars absent owing to bad colds. There have been many cases of sickness in school during the past few days.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

There are several cases of sore throats in the neighbourhood and the attendance suffers very much.

New Infant Desks arrived today.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

Called to see Fortune Phillips who had been absent since Wednesday, and found that she was suffering with Diphtheria.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**

Only 41 present this morning. Several scholars are ill and the weather is severe.

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to Mrs Roberts - the sewing mistress' illness, the Sewing lessons have been superintended by the Pupil Teacher and mistress on four occasions. viz Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is still lower, the average being only 50.4 for the week. Very fair progress is made in Arithmetic and the Spelling of Standard 4 is improving.

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs Roberts came in for Needlework today.

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**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two children who have been at Trawscwm for about 12 months. The older child - a girl of 10 - cannot do the work of Standard 2, and the boy who is 7 years of age has to be put in the Infant's Class.

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**

John L James, who is very backward in Drawing and has attended irregularly, we put back from Standard 3 to Standard 2 in Drawing today.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

Two scholars under 13 years of age are kept from school without the necessary Certificate of Exemption. They are William Hardwick and Sarah J Davies, two roadmen's children.

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

Arthur G Deakins has now left to go to Llangunllo National School. He has stayed for some time at Frongarnlwyd Farm and now leaves for his home.

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**

The attendance is suffering, the average is 57.4 for the past week. There has not been any severe weather.

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Pupil Teacher was allowed all day for private study.

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>**

Funeral of Mr William Williams of Drainllwynbyr. Master leaves at 2.30 pm. Registers were closed at 1 pm in order to dismiss at 3. The Pupil Teacher and Mrs Roberts are left to finish the afternoon meeting.

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**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>**

Very fair progress. Attendance unsatisfactory.

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two scholars from the Heath, a boy and girl - aged 8 and 6 respectively - who have never before attended any school.

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup>**

A new Time Table (which changes the time of opening the afternoon meetings from 2 pm to 1.30) was posted to H M Inspector for his signature today. Average attendance for the past week 54.4.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Friday - intensely cold northerly gale in the morning accompanied with some snow. As there were only 3 scholars present at 9 o'clock the school was closed for the day.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

The new Time Table was received signed from H M Inspector.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Afternoon meetings now commence at 1.30 pm (as per new Time Table) instead of 2 pm. Only 45 present today. Master left school today at 2.30. Work finished by Sewing Mistress, Pupil Teacher, and Miss Sallie Hamer of Cantal.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Examined Registers today and found correct

John Morris

Clerk to the Board

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday. Holiday.

**April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>**

Fanny Bound - the Pupil Teacher - is absent for two days owing to death in the family.

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**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Owing to the School Tea being given today the school had to be closed, although notice of same could not be sent to H M Inspector before 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tea had once been arranged to be held early in May, but altered at short notice.

Average attendance for the week is 61.6. The two children from Trawscwm are still absent.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Three children from Cwmygaist (who had been absent for some months and had been struck off the Registers) were re-admitted this morning. One of them - Annie Davies - a girl of 8 years is unable to do the Infants work.

Several scholars are absent today with no apparent reason. The Pupil Teacher is allowed extra time for study during school hours this week, as her examination takes place on Saturday next the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Pupil Teacher's examination today at Penybont (Llanbadarnfawr) School. Master was unable to go with the Pupil Teacher owing to a severe cold.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two scholars today, viz Margaret and John Bufton of Boxtree, the former being in Standard 4 and the latter in Standard 2. They have up to present been attending the Llanbister School.

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County Stores  
LLANDEWY Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1896  
*Cantal School Board*  
BOUGHT OF E.NICHOLLS  
General Draper & Grocer  
DRUGGIST, IRONMONGER, OIL & SEED MERCHANT  
Tailoring & Outfitting, Millinery & Dressmaking in all its branches  
BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS, CHINA,  
GLASS, &c  
AGENT FOR BARNARD & ALGERS PRIZE MANURES, ALSO LAWE'S  
PRIZE  
MANURES  
FUNERALS  
COMPLETELY FURNISHED  
*5 per cent interest on all accounts over 6 months old*  
3 yds Calico @ 5 1. 3  
2 yds Flannel @ 1/1 2. 2

2 yds Print @ 5 ½	11
1 doz cards of wool @ 10 ½	10 ½
2 doz buttons @ 2	4
6 pkts Needles @ 1	6
1 pkt Darning Needles @ 2 ½	2 ½
½ lb Knitting Cotton @ 1/2	7
1 Tape @ 1	1

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6.11

(Webb's received  
on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - DR)