

# Extracts from the Log Book of St John's Infant School Seaham Harbour

## Book commences January 1868

**Jan 13th 1868** Commenced school duties, admitted 40 children in the morning, in the afternoon 15. Time throughout the day occupied in obtaining the names & age of children and also occupation of parents. Reverend D M Cust and Rev'd White visited school.

- **Jan 14th** Rev'd Cust and Rev'd Scot visited school.
  - 15th Holiday on account of a visit paid by the Prince & Princess of Teck to the town.
  - 27th Not so many children present owing to the stormy morning, obliged to dismiss school early owing to the smoky room.
  - 28th Men building chimneys higher.
  
- **Feb 5th** Got two sets of Block Letters and alphabet sheets.
  - 10th Was very glad to discover a new table on entering school.
  - 11th Got 3 dozen slates.
  - 13th Formal opening of school by Lord & Lady Vane.
  - 21st Had not sufficient slates for the little ones, got 12 more.
  
- **Mar 2nd** 140 present in the afternoon.
  - 19th Rev'd C W King HMI accompanied by Rev'd D M Cust & Rev'd Hunter visited school.
  - 24th Caroline Watson, one of the candidates left school - reason - "wished to be a dressmaker"
  
- **Apr 21st** One of the scholar's parents came to school to complain of one of the teachers beating her child - spoke to the teachers afterwards & told them not to strike any child.
  - 28th Got 3 dozen First Standard reading books
  
- **May 6th** Sent Theodore Wright home in the afternoon - reason - fell in the playground and cut his forehead.
  - 13th Punished 3 boys for throwing stones in the playground.
  - 21st E Colling gave a gallery lesson - subject - "Healing of the two blind men"
  - 26th E Colling absent from school - reason - "Wanted at home"
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- **Jun 9th** E Colling left school - reason - "Mother wished her to go to service"
  - 26th Mr Boggon visited school in the morning, children sang for him.
  
- **Jul 9th** Summer holidays commence, average for week 83
- **Aug 31st** Isabella Burwood commenced duties as a teacher.
- **Sept 14th** Children amused for half an hour by a ventriloquist.
  - 22nd Punished 4 boys for climbing on the playground gate
  - 30th Got 6 Progressive Reading Books.

- **Nov 5th** Holiday in afternoon - reason - Gunpowder Plot Day.
  - 24th Holiday - reason - Election Day.
- **Dec 8th** Dismissed children at 3-45 - reason - that the room might be prepared for the School of Art.

## 1869

- **Jan 12th** Holiday in the afternoon - reason - Marriage of Lord Ernest Vane Tempest.

## YEAR ENDING Feb 28th 1868-69

Full list of names of children in school (94) with age next birthday 4 yrs to 8 yrs. Occupation of only one parent given - Harry Gibbon (Father, doctor) List signed by the mistress - Elizabeth Anne Pickering.

- **Mar15th** School inspected by C W King HMI
- Jun 22nd Children in 2nd class allowed to read from books instead of cards.
- **Jul 6th** James Ash broke one of the new slates.
- **Oct 14th** Rev'd DM Cust & his sister Mrs Ditchfield & friends visited school.
- **Nov 8th** Absent from school - reason - To attend Cottages School in the absence of mistress
- **Dec 7th** Rev'd DM Cust in school for a little while - gave him the names of some children who were back in payments.
  - 23rd Christmas holidays commenced. Each child present had an orange given by the Rev'd D M Cust.

## 1870

- **Feb 22nd** George Boggon lost his glove in school - made enquiries but it could not be found.
- **Mar 11th** School inspected by HMI - "Miss Pickering will shortly receive her certificate"
- **Jun 27th** Sent after absent scholars - found many of them away through sickness and many children unable to pay their school pence owing to parents being out of work.
- **Aug 4th** Had a visit from Rev Collins
  - 25th Holiday - reason - Rev'd D M Cust's wedding day.
- **Sep 2nd** Holiday given - reason - Countess Vane's school treat.
- **Nov 2nd** Mrs Thorman, Mrs Sheridan & Rev'd J Sawyer in school. Children sang for them.
  - 21st School pence very low. Many children did not pay.
- **Dec 5th** Messrs Campbell and Watson in school to obtain length breadth etc for Education Board.

## 1871

- **Jan 16th** Admitted several children, some from the Foundry School.
- **Feb 7th** Schoolroom full of smoke due to high winds.
- **Mar 13th** School inspected by C W King HMI
- **Feb 24th** List of names and ages of children - 136 - 4 to 7

## STAFF 1871

**Miss E A Pickering**

**Isabella Burwood PT 2nd year**

**M J Cowell PT 2nd year**

**Margaret Rewcastle PT 1st year**

- **Mar 21st** Staff holiday in honour of Princess Louise
- **Apr 26th** Rev'd J Sawyer, Mrs Eminson and friend in school, gave nuts and sweetmeats to children.
- **May 11th** Half holiday - reason - took children to the circus

## 1872

- **Jan 8th** H Horsefall entered upon her duties as Mistress of St John's Infant School, Seaham Harbour. School visited by Rev'd DM Cust, Rev'd J Colling and Rev'd Williams.
  - Jan 26th The Countess Vane visited the school this afternoon.
  - 29th Mistress absent from sickness - School in charge of Pupil Teachers who had lessons from Miss Lambert.
- **March** Infants School inspected H E Oakeley
- **Jun 10th** Sent several notes to parents about the advance in school fee from 1d to 2d for younger children.
- **Sep 4th** Mr Musgrave, a former schoolmaster here, visited school this morning.
- **Oct 10th** J B Eminson visited school.
- **Nov 22nd** Rev'd J Colling came into school to announce a Magic Lantern at 6pm today.

## 1873

- **Feb 24th** Isabella Burwood gave 6 months notice to leave school in order to get married.
- **Mar 14th** Distributed tickets for Wombwell's Menagerie.
  - 18th School inspected by H E Oakeley

## STAFF

- Hannah Horsfall - Head Teacher, Certificated
  - Isabella Burford PT 5th year
  - Margaret Rewcastle PT 3rd year
  - Barbara Ferry PT 2nd year.
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- **Apr 22nd** Pupil teachers commenced having lessons from 7 to 8-30 am instead of 4 to 5-30 pm
  - **Jul 21st to 25th** Regatta, Agricultural Show, Bazaar etc - Registers not marked.
  - **Aug 5th** Had a girl from the Girl's School to assist this afternoon.
    - 25th Attendance fair, some stayed to see Volunteers start for the review.
  - **Sep 8th** Sent after back school pence - received some but not all.
    - 23rd Lessons continually interrupted by several big boys climbing to the windows, throwing stones at the

door etc.

- **Dec 12th** The Rev'd DM Cust kindly all the children to be taken to the Londonderry Institute at 11-30 to see the Christmas Tree.

## 1874

- **Jan 16th** New door out of the yard in Adolphus Street finished.
  - 23rd Mrs Kirk (R.C. Mistress) visited school.
- **Feb 6th** Pupil Teachers examination to take place Feb 28th
- **Mar 17th** School inspected

## STAFF

- Hannah Horsfall Head Teacher Certificated
- Margaret Rewcastle PT 4th year
- Barbara Ferry PT 3rd year
- Alice Hird PT 1st year
- Harriet Henderson PT 1st year

- **May 15th** Attendance slightly on the increase and would probably have been still higher had it not been for the strike among the pitmen

**Result of Pupil Teacher's Examination showed that their months work had been fairly done. Omitted to notice in two previous weeks entry that Mr Hamer gave all the pupils a music lesson - one hour a week**

- **Jun 12th** School visited on Tuesday by Miss James & Mr Waister - latter came to give notice of Mr Cust's presentation.
- **Oct 23rd** School visited by Rev'd J Colling & Miss Anderson, a student from Durham Training College who has been appointed Mistress of this school after Christmas.
- **Dec 11th** School Treat - Tea and Magic Lantern on Friday from 4 to 7pm
  - 23rd Miss Horsfall left her situation as Mistress

## 1875

- **Jan 11th** Mary Frances Anderson entered upon her duties as Mistress of this school.
  - 20th New classroom finished and used by children.
  - 22nd Easy homework now given to children who have slates of their own - result very gratifying for many children have bought slates in order to perform little tasks at night.
  - 27th Several children absent this afternoon owing to their following a large "Volunteer funeral"
- **Feb 10th** This afternoon school again visited by Lady Londonderry accompanied by her daughter, two ladies & Rev'd J Colling. Her Ladyship said she was much pleased with the children's counting, singing, needlework etc and

kindly desired the Mistress to grant them holiday tomorrow afternoon as a reward for their good behaviour.

- 24th Received cards from Board of Guardians to insert in the Attendances of children, to be paid for by the Board.

- **Mar 11th** School inspected R P A Swetterham

#### STAFF

- Mary Frances Anderson - Certificated Mistress
- Margaret Rewcastle PT 5th year
- Alice Aird PT 2nd year
- Harriet Henderson PT 2nd year

- **Mar 26th** Closed school for Easter Holiday, one week.

Apr 14th Received 16/2d (81p) from the Relief Officer as a yearly payment for ten children who have attended school without charge.

May 5th Rev'd J Colling visited school and examined writing in class 1

Jun 2nd Received 3 dozen slates and 4 dozen National Society's Reading Books.

Jul 7th Received payment for Parish children 19 shillings and three ha'pence

Sep 15th Taught children to sing "Auld Lang Syne" for Lady Londonderry's School Treat to be held on Saturday.

29th Rev'd J Colling visited school - brought college for Miss Rewcastle to fill up

#### 1876

Mar 3rd Received 5 books "Royal Readers" for Pupil Teachers.

8th This afternoon the school was visited by the Marchioness of Londonderry & Lady Edwards accompanied by the Rev'd J Colling & Rev'd A P Jollye. Number of children present - 204.

24th Allowed children in class 1 to draw a ship on their slates

30th Miss Rewcastle left school having terminated her engagement. Felt very sorry to lose her.

Apr 2nd Grace Aird entered school as a Candidate.

Sep 6th Holiday this afternoon - reason - Horticultural Show at Seaham Hall.

26th Results of Examination of PTs on Saturday showed only fair results with the exception of A Aird who did a very good paper.

Oct 4th School was honoured by a visit from the Marchioness of Londonderry & Lady Alice Vane Tempest.

10th School inspected - H E Oakeley

PRESENT STAFF Nov 23rd

Miss Wightman Head Mistress Certificated

Alice Aird PT 4th year

Harriet Henderson PT 4th year

Harriet Wood PT 2nd year

Oct 11th School visited by several ladies & gentlemen among whom were Mrs Eminson & friend, Miss James, Miss Rutherford, Rev'd J Colling, Rev'd J Wallis, J B Eminson

Oct 13th Large attendance - 308 children.

16th Helen Wightman commenced duties as Mistress of this school.

## 1877

May 18th Average attendance for the week 185. Teachers punctual. Teachers lessons changed from evening to the morning from 7-45 to 9-15.

30th The Rev'd J Colling visited the school, made enquiries about the "barring out" which occurred yesterday being the 29th of May.

June 29th to July 30th Midsummer Holidays.

Jul 31st School re-assembled after Midsummer Holidays. Miss Wightman was unable to return owing to illness & was obliged to give up her school duties altogether. School in charge of Pupil Teachers & regularly visited by Miss Lambert who also took the PTs in their various lessons

Aug 3rd Annual Sunday School Treat in the Dene

Sep 10th Kate Richardson commenced duties as Mistress of this school.

24th Made a list of absentees to be visited by the PTs

Oct 3rd Placed the boys and girls in separate classes

10th School visited by Rev'd J Colling who said he had ordered a new key for the front gate which has been broken since Monday.

12th Visitor - Miss Doherty.

Nov 19th School inspected Report.

## STAFF

Miss Richardson Head Mistress Certificated

Harriet Henderson PT 5th year

Harriet Wood PT 3rd year

Mary McArthur Boggon PT 2nd year

Grace M Aird PT 1st year

Nov 30th The usual weekly scripture lesson given on Thursday by the Rev'd J Wallace

## 1878

May 31st Mrs Stockdale said declined to get the Child's School Book Requisition sheet filled in saying that she would keep her little boy at home rather than pay for a Certificate of Birth.

Jun 7th Notice given to the Rev'd W H Walter, Principal of Durham Training College that Harriet Henderson will not be able to attend the Scholarship Examination which is to take place in July - cause illness.

17th Mrs Reed brought her two children to school this morning and stated that she could not pay for the Certificate of Birth necessary for the filling up of the first page of the Child's School Book.

28th Visitor Mrs Aird who gave the children nuts and sweets.

Harriet Henderson died this evening at 9 o' clock

Aug 5th Gave M Boggon permission to be absent from school to attend the funeral of Mrs G Boggon.

9th On Wednesday a little boy named Fred Allen fell in going home from school and broke his leg.

Sep 9th School visited by Mr Mason who filled up the pages of several school books and took away a list of absentees.

30th Pupil Teachers attended the annual exam in the Boys School

Oct 18th Got a number of children's ages from the Register entered in Family Bible in order to fill up the first page of the Child's Book as the parents objected to pay for the Certificate of Birth.

Oct 29th School inspected Arthur E Bernays.

#### STAFF

Miss Richardson Head Mistress Certificated

Harriet Wood PT 4th year

Mary McArthur Boggon PT 3rd year

Grace M Aird PT 2nd year

Nov 29th Half holiday granted to the children on Thursday on account of the Jubilee held in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of Seaham Harbour.

#### 1879

Feb 11th The Marchioness of Londonderry visited the school this afternoon accompanied by the Countess of Antrim and the Rev'd Jas Colling.

Feb 14th Holiday granted in honour of the Marchioness of Londonderry's visit.

Apr 22nd Attendance very much improved, a number of children having returned who were kept away yesterday because their parents were unable to pay their school fees owing to the miners strike.

Oct 7th School inspected Arthur E Bernays

#### STAFF

Headmistress (Vacant till Christmas)

Harriet Wood 5th Year PT

Mary Boggon 4th year PT

Grace M Aird 3rd year PT

Isabella White temporarily in charge of school

Harriet Wood (temporarily in Girls School) The change reported to Education Department.

#### DIMENSIONS OF INFANTS SCHOOL

School room, length 50ft, breadth 22ft, height 17ft.

Class room (built 1875) length 20ft, breadth 17ft, height 12ft 8ins

Class room (built 1885) length 21ft 5ins, breadth 19ft 7ins, height 16ft

Accommodation 240

#### 1880

Jan 9th reopened school on Monday January 5th M A Doherty

Feb 20th School visited on Tuesday afternoon by the Marchioness of Londonderry, Lady Anne Vane Tempest, Countess of Antrim and Lady Sarah Churchill.

Jun 4th School visited on Monday and Wednesday by Rev'd J Colling and on Tuesday morning by the Rev'd T Copley.

Mr Bulmer LAO called on Monday morning for a list of absentees. Gave him the names of 24 children.

Sent after absentees on Friday.

Aug 20th Average attendance for week 247.5

Sep 10th There was a half holiday on Wednesday as the Flower Show was postponed on account of the explosion at the Colliery. The Rev'd Colling called on Thursday morning and spoke to the children about the sad accident and told them that in consequence of it there would be no treat on Friday.

Nov 19th Holiday on Wednesday in honour of a visit paid to the Harbour by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh

Dec 3rd Miss Lambert has allowed A Aungle and Blanche Draper to come and teach alternately during the week as G Aird and A Brown are still away sick.

Dec 10th Closed school at 3-45 in the afternoon so that the room might be prepared for a Magic Lantern.

REPORT OF HMI - ARTHUR E BERNAY The ventilators should be kept open and it would be a great advantage if there were backs to the gallery seats.

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

H Wood ex PT

Mary M Boggon 5th year PT

Grace M Aird 4th year PT

Alice Brown Candidate



## 1881

Feb 25th Mr Bulmer called for a list of absentees - gave him a list of 25 names.

Mar 23rd The PTs were examined in secular work on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Apr 1st Sent for absentees as Mr Bulmer did not come on Monday.

May 6th A Brown has left school altogether this week not being strong enough for the work.

Jun 24th M Boggon called on Friday evening to say that Dr French thought she had better remain at home until after the Midsummer Holidays as the children were still sick.

Aug 12th G Aird knew nothing whatever about her history on Thursday evening.

Sep 19th G Aird at home on Wednesday and Thursday because she was spoken to about coming so often with unprepared lessons - Since Midsummer she has very seldom learnt her lessons properly.

Dec STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

Mary M Boggon (Assistant) Ex PT Art 79

Grace M Aird 5th year PT

Rebecca H(?) Stephenson

## 1882

May 12th M Marshall came to school on Monday morning with the intention of sitting as candidate at the annual examinations of PTs held in October.

May 26th G Aird absent on Monday morning for the absurd reason that she had the dinner to cook and when told that she must not stay away again for the same reason replied that she would have to stay away when required. Absent again from Tuesday to Thursday without sending any message to me as to reason for absence.

Jun 16th M Boggon received notice on Friday morning that the Scholarship[ Examination would commence on July 3rd

30th Gave M Boggon and G Aird the whole of the week for study as they sit for scholarship next week.

Dec 8th G Aird absent on Thursday to go to Pittington to see the school in which she has been appointed Assistant Mistress. She begins work there on 24th January 1883

Dec 15th Received my parchment on Friday morning.

## 1883

STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

Mary M Boggon (Assistant) ex PT Art 79

Rebecca H Stephenson 2nd year PT

Margaret H Marshall 1st year PT

\* Inserted copy of a statement written in 1922 by the Rev'd J Colling to the Board of Education referring to the service of Mary McArthur Daniels nee Boggon in the St John's Infant School to Dec 1882. She entered the Training College of St Hild's, Durham in January 1883. St John's Infant School replaced by Viceroy St School in 1898.

Aug 3rd Emily Richardson began work as Monitor in place of M Graham.

31st Received the Colliery Fund Money on Wednesday morning for the half year ending June 30th 1883

Dec 30th Jo(?) Eaves (Monitor) left school on Thursday afternoon to begin work in the New Cottages School after the holidays.

## **1884**

Jan 11th Miss A Park from the Girls School began work as Assistant Mistress on Monday.

### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated.

Miss Alice J H(?) Park (Assistant) Article 50

Rebecca H Stephenson 3rd year PT

Margaret H Marshall 2nd year PT

Feb 1st Gave the children a whole holiday on Friday in honour of a visit paid to the Harbour by the Duke of Albany.

Nov 14th School closed on Tuesday afternoon on account of the funeral of the Marquis of Londonderry.

## **1885**

Aug 4th Sent a list of absentees Mr Mason on Friday afternoon.

Sep 12th Rev'd J Wallis accompanied by Dr Dillon called on Thursday afternoon.

Oct 22nd Numbers present - Boys 133, Girls 172 Total 305, James Mackenzie

Nov 27th Mr Mason School Attendance Officer called for a list of absentees for the first time since October 21st

### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Alice J H Park (Assistant)

Rebecca Stephenson (Ex PT)

Margaret H Marshall (4th year)

Louisa Gibson 1st year

Margaret Alice Jameson (Candidate Art 40)

## **1886**

Jun 4th School closed on Thursday on account of the opening of the Parish Church

Sep 10th Half holiday on Wednesday on account of the Flower Show.

## 1887

Aug 5th Mr Pollock the new Attendance Officer called for a list of absentees on Friday morning.

### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Alice J H Park (Assistant) Art 50

Louisa Gibson 3rd year PT

Margaret Alice Jameson 2nd year PT

Henrietta J Braid 2nd year PT

## 1888

Jun 28th Miss Park left school on Thursday

Aug 3rd Miss G Aird began work on Monday as Assistant Mistress in place of Miss Park

Oct 5th Miss Chapman from St Hilda's Infant School, Middlesbrough began work as Assistant Mistress in place of Miss Aird who left school on the 15th of August.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT "The porch accommodation is insufficient and there is no fixed lavatory"

## 1889

Jan 25th The Rev'd J Wallis visited the school on Wednesday afternoon and presented 24 of the 1st class with picture books and the rest of the children with a packet of sweets each.

Apr 12th Half holiday on Wednesday - Confirmation Day

May 31st VISIT BY HMI Arthur E Bernays "The offices (toilets) require immediate cleansing and have been most improperly used. The boy's convenience too should be partitioned and ought to be enlarged. There appears to be a considerable down draught from the ventilation in the smaller classroom.

\*Referring to HM Inspector's observation on the offices on his visit (May 31st) the managers have arranged with Mr James Burrell, Sanitary Inspector, to clean out the ash-pits at short and regular intervals, he holding himself responsible for the satisfactory and cleanly condition of the same.....Jas Colling June 3rd 1889

October Report of HMI H Brown Esq.

"Gallery teaching is attended with creditable success, M A Jameson and H Braid have passed well, L Gibson (whose spelling and arithmetic need attention) should be informed that she is not qualified by this examination under article 50 or 52. She can be qualified for Article 50 only by passing the examination specified in Article 4B".

### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50 and 52

Louisa Gibson 4th year PT

Mary Alice Jameson 4th year PT

Henrietta Braid 4th year PT

Nov 29th Mr Pollock called with the new Attendance Officer Mr Mather, on Friday morning.

### **1890-**

Sep 26th Lady Helen Stewart and Franklin Shirenfels(?) accompanied by the Rev'd J Colling visited the school on Thursday morning.

### **STAFF**

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant)

Louisa Gibson (Article 68)

Miss A Jameson (Ex PT)

Henrietta J Braid (Ex PT)

Jean B Boggon 1st year PT

Margarety Campbell 1st year PT

Isabella Dawson (Article 33 candidate)

Dec 19th L Gibson left school to on Thursday to be Assistant at the Cottages School.

### **1891**

Jan 23rd M A Jameson and H J Braid left school on Tuesday to enter the Training College at Durham.

30th Isabella Dawson began work on Monday morning as Monitor.

Mar 6th Miss Walton began work as Assistant on Monday morning.

25th Miss Walton left school this morning to go to one nearer home (Grindon Mixed)

Apr 24th Miss Close from the Friends British Infants School, Old Shildon, began work as Assistant in this school (April 20th)

May 22nd Miss Close left school on Friday to go to Murton Colliery School.

29th Miss Atkinson from Harton Infants School began work as Assistant on Monday morning.

Jun 25th The Vicar has appointed Miss Tindale from Chilton Moor School to begin work as Assistant on Monday August 3rd

Aug 21st Miss Fishwick and Miss H Lewis visited school on Thursday afternoon and presented each child with a packet of sweets.

28th Holiday on Monday afternoon - Primrose League picnic to Wynyard..

### **THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT 1891**

The managers have decided to accept the fee of 10/- (50p) for each scholar in average attendance and to admit all scholars in the Infant Department free. The charge for books and other school requisites will be as heretofore. This arrangement to take effect from Sept 1st 1891. The charge before this date was 2d per week per scholar. Jas Colling, Correspondent Sept 14th 1891.

#### INSPECTOR'S REPORT - H Brown

The average attendance must not be allowed to exceed 232, the amount of accommodation for which the school is recognised.

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant)

Miss C Tindale (Art 50)

Jean B Boggon (2nd year PT)

Margaret Campbell (2nd year PT)

Oct 21st Holiday on Thursday in honour of the Church Jubilee

Nov 18th Rev'd J Colling posted a notice in school to the effect that free science lectures would be given on Saturday mornings at the Science and Art School, Newcastle on Tyne for the benefit of teachers in elementary schools.

#### 1892

Jan 11th Miss Tindale left school 23rd December - Gone to St Paul's School, Hendon.

15th M A Jameson acting as temporary monitor in school this week.

29th M A Jameson went back to college on Monday, since then I've had two monitors from the Girl's School .

Feb 12th Miss Eves from Murton Colliery Infants School began work here on Monday Feb 8th as Assistant.

Feb 26th Miss Dosset (Art 68) began work on this school at Monday

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50

Miss H T Dosset (Assistant) Art 68

J B Boggon (3rd year PT)

Margaret Campbell (3rd year PT)

Isabella Dawson (1st year PT)

Oct 25th Mrs Carse came to see the drill on Wednesday afternoon.

Nov 25th Miss Sheridan and Miss Thorman visited the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Dec 22nd A tea was given to the children on Tuesday afternoon by H B Wright Esq and a Christmas card to each child by Miss Fishwick.

### **1893**

April 28th The Rev'd F G Cole gave a scripture lesson to Class 1 on Thursday morning.

Jun 23rd Miss Eves has taken charge of the Ropery Walk Infants School this week as Miss Alcroft is sick.

Sep 1st Friday - Visit - A J Dawson

Oct 18th Inspection by HMI H Brown Esq

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress Certificated)

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50

Miss H T Dosset (Assistant) Art 68

J B Boggon (4th year PT)

Margaret Campbell (4th year PT)

Isabella Dawson (2nd year PT)

Dec 18th Tea given by H B Wright - Christmas card by Miss Fishwick.

#### **Jean Boggon left school on 20th December**

### **1894**

Aug 29th "Pleased to find the infants as usual perfect and am much pleased at the singing, the children sing with much experience" J Londonderry

REPORT HMI W Northrop Esq

J B Boggon has obtained a 1st class in the Queen's Scholarship and is recognised under Art 50, M Campbell is recognised under Art 68'

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50

J B Boggon Art 50

Margaret Campbell Art 68

Isabella Dawson (3rd year PT)

Abigail C Goode (1st year PT)

Dec 3rd Quarterly exam of PTs as requested by the Education Department.... Jas Colling

14th Closed school on Friday afternoon until Wednesday next, the school being required as a polling booth.

## 1895

Jan 11th Jean Boggon left school on 20th December 1894 to enter Durham College on January 16th 1895.

18th Miss Fishwick sent each of the children a bag of sweets.

Feb 1st Mr Dawson HMI called on Friday morning.

Mar 1st The annual scripture examination was held on Thursday morning. The Rev'd J Colling presented the prizes at the above examination in the afternoon.

May 31st Gave holiday on Thursday afternoon as only 36 children came to school - there was a circus in the town.

Aug 16th H B Wright gave a tea for all the children attending school.

Sep 13th Holiday on Thursday, visit of Channel Fleet to Sunderland.

Oct 21st INSPECTORS REPORT H Brown I am to remind you that the average attendance of the Infants Dept. should not be allowed to exceed 232. M Campbell is recognised under Article 50 of the code.

## STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50

Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50

Isabella Dawson (4th year PT)

Abigail C Goode (2nd year PT)

Dec 20th Miss Fishwick accompanied by Miss H Lewis visited the school on Thursday morning. The former presented each child with an orange. A Goode left school on Thursday morning - mother not able to do without her any longer

## 1896

Jan 31st Dora Ellemore began work as Monitor in this school on January 6th and Elizabeth Nicholson on Jan 28th

Jun 5th Mary Thompson began work as Monitor in this school on Friday last.

Aug 4th "Visited the school - 2nd visit Art 84(b). The school is very overcrowded and increased accommodation urgently needed. The galleries should be provided with desks. Excellent work done in the school and it ought to be helped by the most favourable conditions possible" H Holman..... Helen Stewart Aug 26th 1896

Aug 7th H B Wright Esq gave a tea to all the children on Thursday afternoon August 6th

28th Half holiday on Friday - Boys Brigade inspected by the Duke of Cambridge.

Sep 30th INSPECTOR'S REPORT - The excellent work of Miss A Chapman deserves special mention. After considering

the explanation contained in your letter of the 10th instant with regard to the infraction of Article 85(a) my Lords have consented to payment of the grant but no further grant must be looked for if the average attendance is allowed to exceed the prescribed limits.

The name of A C Goode, Pupil Teacher has been removed from the register

**.STAFF**

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50

Isabella Dawson (Last year PT)

Dora Ellemor 1st year PT

Elizabeth Dunn Art 68 (began 23rd November 1896)

Late - Isabella F Eves Art 50 left 1st November 1896

Oct 22nd Miss Eves gave a months notice terminating Nov 13th - leaving to be married.

Nov 20th Theresa Anderson began work as a Monitor on Monday morning.

Dec 23rd Miss Fishwick presented each child with an orange and a Christmas card this morning.

**1897**

May 14th First inspection under Art 84 (b) A J Dawson

Aug 20th H B Wright gave a tea tea to all the children on Wednesday afternoon.

27th Lady Londonderry accompanied by Sir M Hicks-Beach and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach visited school on Wednesday morning. Half holiday on Friday - Primrose League Fete.

Sep 3rd Miss Wedgewood (Wynyard) visited the school on Tuesday afternoon.

H Brown Esq brought the Pupil Teachers the papers done at the April examination to look at.

Holiday on Wednesday - Choir & Sunday School Teachers excursion.

Sep 10th The following visitors were at the school on Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Aird, Rev'd J and Mrs Short, Mrs Currie, Mrs Gray, Mrs Carse, Miss Bolam and Miss Brown.

30th HMI inspection - School overcrowded - The grant is paid on the understanding that the building of a new Infants School will be carried on with all possible despatch .

S Hall and T V Anderson are recognised under Art 33 of the code, E Dunn and J Dawson under Art 68.

**STAFF**

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50



Isabella Dawson Art 68

Dora E Ellemor 2nd year PT

Elizabeth Dunn Art 68

Theresa V Anderson (C) Art 33

S Hall (C) Art 33

Oct 22nd Children photographed on Thursday morning

29th Rev'd J E Wright gave a scripture lesson to Class1 on Thursday morning.

Dec 23rd Orange and Christmas card from Miss Fishwick.

31st Voluntary Schools Act 1897 - A grant of £194-11-4d has been made to this school for the purpose of meeting deficiency of income, providing furniture and improving premises. Form 17 A (V.S.) Education Department, 31st December 1897..... Jas Colling 11th January 1898

## **1898**

Feb 4th Holiday all day on Thursday - school required as Polling Booth.

Aug 5th Commenced school in the new building on Tuesday morning, there was a very good attendance.

12th Rev'd J Copley visited school on Monday morning.

26th This school was formally opened by Lord Londonderry on Friday afternoon.

Sep 30th Last entry.

Copy of the handwritten transcription from the original by H L Robson supplied by Norman Kirtlan.

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**Jan 13th 1868** Commenced school duties, admitted 40 children in the morning, in the afternoon 15. Time throughout the day occupied in obtaining the names & age of children and also occupation of parents. Reverend D M Cust and Rev'd White visited school.

**Jan 14th** Rev'd Cust and Rev'd Scot visited school.

15th Holiday on account of a visit paid by the Prince & Princess of Teck to the town.

27th Not so many children present owing to the stormy morning, obliged to dismiss school early owing to the smoky room.

28th Men building chimneys higher.

**Feb 5th** Got two sets of Block Letters and alphabet sheets.

10th Was very glad to discover a new table on entering school.

11th Got 3 dozen slates.

13th Formal opening of school by Lord & Lady Vane.

21st Had not sufficient slates for the little ones, got 12 more.

**Mar 2nd** 140 present in the afternoon.

19th Revd C W King HMI accompanied by Rev'd D M Cust & Rev'd Hunter visited school.

24th Caroline Watson, one of the candidates left school - reason- "wished to be a dressmaker"

Apr 21st One of the scholar's parents came to school to complain of one of the teachers beating her child - spoke to the teachers afterwards & told them not to strike any child.

28th Got 3 dozen First Standard reading books

May 6th Sent Theodore Wright home in the afternoon - reason - fell in the playground and cut his forehead.

13th Punished 3 boys for throwing stones in the playground.

21st E Colling gave a gallery lesson - subject - "Healing of the two blind men"

26th E Colling absent from school - reason - "Wanted at home"

Jun 9th E Colling left school - reason - "Mother wished her to go to service"

26th Mr Boggon visited school in the morning, children sang for him.

Jul 9th Summer holidays commence, average for week 83

Aug 31st Isabella Burwood commenced duties as a teacher.

Sept 14th Children amused for half an hour by a ventriloquist.

22nd Punished 4 boys for climbing on the playground gate

30th Got 6 Progressive Reading Books.

Nov 5th Holiday in afternoon - reason - Gunpowder Plot Day.

24th Holiday - reason - Election Day.

Dec 8th Dismissed children at 3-45 - reason - that the room might be prepared for the School of Art.

## **1869**

Jan 12th Holiday in the afternoon - reason - Marriage of Lord Ernest Vane Tempest.

YEAR ENDING Feb 28th 1868-69

Full list of names of children in school (94) with age next birthday 4 yrs to 8 yrs. Occupation of only one parent given - Harry Gibbon (Father, doctor) List signed by the mistress - Elizabeth Anne Pickering.

Mar 15th School inspected by C W King HMI

Jun 22nd Children in 2nd class allowed to read from books instead of cards.

Jul 6th James Ash broke one of the new slates.

Oct 14th Rev'd DM Cust & his sister Mrs Ditchfield & friends visited school.

Nov 8th Absent from school - reason - To attend Cottages School in the absence of mistress

Dec 7th Rev'd DM Cust in school for a little while - gave him the names of some children who were back in payments.

23rd Christmas holidays commenced. Each child present had an orange given by the Rev'd D M Cust.

## **1870**

Feb 22nd George Boggon lost his glove in school - made enquiries but it could not be found.

Mar 11th School inspected by HMI - "Miss Pickering will shortly receive her certificate"

Jun 27th Sent after absent scholars - found many of them away through sickness and many children unable to pay their school pence owing to parents being out of work.

Aug 4th Had a visit from Rev Collins

25th Holiday - reason - Rev'd D M Cust's wedding day.

Sep 2nd Holiday given - reason - Countess Vane's school treat.

Nov 2nd Mrs Thorman, Mrs Sheridan & Rev'd J Sawyer in school. Children sang for them.

21st School pence very low. Many children did not pay.

Dec 5th Messrs Campbell and Watson in school to obtain length breadth etc for Education Board.

## **1871**

Jan 16th Admitted several children, some from the Foundry School.

Feb 7th Schoolroom full of smoke due to high winds.

Mar 13th School inspected by C W King HMI

Feb 24th List of names and ages of children - 136 - 4 to 7

### STAFF 1871

Miss E A Pickering

Isabella Burwood PT 2nd year

M J Cowell PT 2nd year

Margaret Rewcastle PT 1st year

Mar 21st Staff holiday in honour of Princess Louise

Apr 26th Rev'd J Sawyer, Mrs Eminson and friend in school, gave nuts and sweetmeats to children.

May 11th Half holiday - reason - took children to the circus.

## **1872**

Jan 8th H Horsefall entered upon her duties as Mistress of St John's Infant School, Seaham Harbour. School visited by Rev'd DM Cust, Rev'd J Colling and Rev'd Williams.

Jan 26th The Countess Vane visited the school this afternoon.

29th Mistress absent from sickness - School in charge of Pupil Teachers who had lessons from Miss Lambert.

March Infants School inspected H E Oakeley

Jun 10th Sent several notes to parents about the advance in school fee from 1d to 2d for younger children.

Sep 4th Mr Musgrave, a former schoolmaster here, visited school this morning.

Oct 10th J B Eminson visited school.

Nov 22nd Rev'd J Colling came into school to announce a Magic Lantern at 6pm today.

## **1873**

Feb 24th Isabella Burwood gave 6 months notice to leave school in order to get married.

Mar 14th Distributed tickets for Wombwell's Menagerie.

18th School inspected by H E Oakeley

### STAFF

Hannah Horsfall - Head Teacher, Certificated

Isabella Burford PT 5th year

Margaret Rewcastle PT 3rd year

Barbara Ferry PT 2nd year.

Apr 22nd Pupil teachers commenced having lessons from 7 to 8-30 am instead of 4 to 5-30 pm

Jul 21st to 25th Regatta, Agricultural Show, Bazaar etc - Registers not marked.

Aug 5th Had a girl from the Girl's School to assist this afternoon.

25th Attendance fair, some stayed to see Volunteers start for the review.

Sep 8th Sent after back school pence - received some but not all.

23rd Lessons continually interrupted by several big boys climbing to the windows, throwing stones at the door etc.

Dec 12th The Rev'd DM Cust kindly all the children to be taken to the Londonderry Institute at 11-30 to see the Christmas Tree.

## 1874

Jan 16th New door out of the yard in Adolphus Street finished.

23rd Mrs Kirk (R.C. Mistress) visited school.

Feb 6th Pupil Teachers examination to take place Feb 28th

Mar 17th School inspected

STAFF Hannah Horsfall Head Teacher Certificated

Margaret Rewcastle PT 4th year

Barbara Ferry PT 3rd year

Alice Hird PT 1st year

Harriet Henderson PT 1st year

May 15th Attendance slightly on the increase and would probably have been still higher had it not been for the strike among the pitmen

Result of Pupil Teacher's Examination showed that their months work had been fairly done. Omitted to notice in two previous weeks entry that Mr Hamer gave all the pupils a music lesson - one hour a week

Jun 12th School visited on Tuesday by Miss James & Mr Waister - latter came to give notice of Mr Cust's presentation.

Oct 23rd School visited by Rev'd J Colling & Miss Anderson, a student from Durham Training College who has been appointed Mistress of this school after Christmas.

Dec 11th School Treat - Tea and Magic Lantern on Friday from 4 to 7pm

23rd Miss Horsfall left her situation as Mistress

## 1875

Jan 11th Mary Frances Anderson entered upon her duties as Mistress of this school.

20th New classroom finished and used by children.

22nd Easy homework now given to children who have slates of their own - result very gratifying for many children have bought slates in order to perform little tasks at night.

27th Several children absent this afternoon owing to their following a large "Volunteer funeral"

Feb 10th This afternoon school again visited by Lady Londonderry accompanied by her daughter, two ladies & Rev'd J Colling. Her Ladyship said she was much pleased with the children's counting, singing, needlework etc and kindly desired the Mistress to grant them holiday tomorrow afternoon as a reward for their good behaviour.

24th Received cards from Board of Guardians to insert in the Attendances of children, to be paid for by the Board.

Mar 11th School inspected R P A Swetterham

STAFF

Mary Frances Anderson - Certificated Mistress

Margaret Rewcastle PT 5th year

Alice Aird PT 2nd year

Harriet Henderson PT 2nd year

Mar 26th Closed school for Easter Holiday, one week.

Apr 14th Received 16/2d (81p) from the Relief Officer as a yearly payment for ten children who have attended school without charge.

May 5th Rev'd J Colling visited school and examined writing in class 1

Jun 2nd Received 3 dozen slates and 4 dozen National Society's Reading Books.

Jul 7th Received payment for Parish children 19 shillings and three ha'pence

Sep 15th Taught children to sing "Auld Lang Syne" for Lady Londonderry's School Treat to be held on Saturday.

29th Rev'd J Colling visited school - brought college for Miss Rewcastle to fill up

## 1876

Mar 3rd Received 5 books "Royal Readers" for Pupil Teachers.

8th This afternoon the school was visited by the Marchioness of Londonderry & Lady Edwards accompanied by the Rev'd J Colling & Rev'd A P Jollye. Number of children present - 204.

24th Allowed children in class 1 to draw a ship on their slates

30th Miss Rewcastle left school having terminated her engagement. Felt very sorry to lose her.

Apr 2nd Grace Aird entered school as a Candidate.

Sep 6th Holiday this afternoon - reason - Horticultural Show at Seaham Hall.

26th Results of Examination of PTs on Saturday showed only fair results with the exception of A Aird who did a very good paper.

Oct 4th School was honoured by a visit from the Marchioness of Londonderry & Lady Alice Vane Tempest.

10th School inspected - H E Oakeley

PRESENT STAFF Nov 23rd

Miss Wightman Head Mistress Certificated

Alice Aird PT 4th year

Harriet Henderson PT 4th year

Harriet Wood PT 2nd year

Oct 11th School visited by several ladies & gentlemen among whom were Mrs Eminson & friend, Miss James, Miss Rutherford, Rev'd J Colling, Rev'd J Wallis, J B Eminson

Oct 13th Large attendance - 308 children.

16th Helen Wightman commenced duties as Mistress of this school.

## 1877

May 18th Average attendance for the week 185. Teachers punctual. Teachers lessons changed from evening to the morning from 7-45 to 9-15.

30th The Rev'd J Colling visited the school, made enquiries about the "barring out" which occurred yesterday being the 29th of May.

June 29th to July 30th Midsummer Holidays.

Jul 31st School re-assembled after Midsummer Holidays. Miss Wightman was unable to return owing to illness & was obliged to give up her school duties altogether. School in charge of Pupil Teachers & regularly visited by Miss Lambert who also took the PTs in their various lessons

Aug 3rd Annual Sunday School Treat in the Dene

Sep 10th Kate Richardson commenced duties as Mistress of this school.

24th Made a list of absentees to be visited by the PTs

Oct 3rd Placed the boys and girls in separate classes

10th School visited by Rev'd J Colling who said he had ordered a new key for the front gate which has been broken since Monday.

12th Visitor - Miss Doherty.

Nov 19th School inspected Report.

#### STAFF

Miss Richardson Head Mistress Certificated

Harriet Henderson PT 5th year

Harriet Wood PT 3rd year

Mary McArthur Boggon PT 2nd year

Grace M Aird PT 1st year

Nov 30th The usual weekly scripture lesson given on Thursday by the Rev'd J Wallace

#### 1878

May 31st Mrs Stockdale said declined to get the Child's School Book Requisition sheet filled in saying that she would keep her little boy at home rather than pay for a Certificate of Birth.

Jun 7th Notice given to the Rev'd W H Walter, Principal of Durham Training College that Harriet Henderson will not be able to attend the Scholarship Examination which is to take place in July - cause illness.

17th Mrs Reed brought her two children to school this morning and stated that she could not pay for the Certificate of Birth necessary for the filling up of the first page of the Child's School Book.

28th Visitor Mrs Aird who gave the children nuts and sweets.

Harriet Henderson died this evening at 9 o' clock

Aug 5th Gave M Boggon permission to be absent from school to attend the funeral of Mrs G Boggon.

9th On Wednesday a little boy named Fred Allen fell in going home from school and broke his leg.

Sep 9th School visited by Mr Mason who filled up the pages of several school books and took away a list of absentees.

30th Pupil Teachers attended the annual exam in the Boys School

Oct 18th Got a number of children's ages from the Register entered in Family Bible in order to fill up the first page of the Child's Book as the parents objected to pay for the Certificate of Birth.

Oct 29th School inspected Arthur E Bernays.

#### STAFF

Miss Richardson Head Mistress Certificated

Harriet Wood PT 4th year

Mary McArthur Boggon PT 3rd year

Grace M Aird PT 2nd year

Nov 29th Half holiday granted to the children on Thursday on account of the Jubilee held in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of Seaham Harbour.

#### 1879

Feb 11th The Marchioness of Londonderry visited the school this afternoon accompanied by the Countess of Antrim and the Rev'd Jas Colling.

Feb 14th Holiday granted in honour of the Marchioness of Londonderry's visit.

Apr 22nd Attendance very much improved, a number of children having returned who were kept away yesterday because their parents were unable to pay their school fees owing to the miners strike.

Oct 7th School inspected Arthur E Bernays

#### STAFF

Headmistress (Vacant till Christmas)

Harriet Wood 5th Year PT

Mary Boggon 4th year PT

Grace M Aird 3rd year PT

Isabella White temporarily in charge of school

Harriet Wood (temporarily in Girls School) The change reported to Education Department.

#### DIMENSIONS OF INFANTS SCHOOL

School room, length 50ft, breadth 22ft, height 17ft.

Class room (built 1875) length 20ft, breadth 17ft, height 12ft 8ins

Class room (built 1885) length 21ft 5ins, breadth 19ft 7ins, height 16ft

Accommodation 240

#### 1880

Jan 9th reopened school on Monday January 5th M A Doherty

Feb 20th School visited on Tuesday afternoon by the Marchioness of Londonderry, Lady Anne Vane Tempest, Countess of Antrim and Lady Sarah Churchill.

Jun 4th School visited on Monday and Wednesday by Rev'd J Colling and on Tuesday morning by the Rev'd T Copley. Mr Bulmer LAO called on Monday morning for a list of absentees. Gave him the names of 24 children.

Sent after absentees on Friday.

Aug 20th Average attendance for week 247.5

Sep 10th There was a half holiday on Wednesday as the Flower Show was postponed on account of the explosion at the Colliery. The Rev'd Colling called on Thursday morning and spoke to the children about the sad accident and told them that in consequence of it there would be no treat on Friday.

Nov 19th Holiday on Wednesday in honour of a visit paid to the Harbour by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh

Dec 3rd Miss Lambert has allowed A Aungle and Blanche Draper to come and teach alternately during the week as G Aird and A Brown are still away sick.

Dec 10th Closed school at 3-45 in the afternoon so that the room might be prepared for a Magic Lantern.

REPORT OF HMI - ARTHUR E BERNAY The ventilators should be kept open and it would be a great advantage if there were backs to the gallery seats.

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

H Wood ex PT

Mary M Boggon 5th year PT

Grace M Aird 4th year PT

Alice Brown Candidate

#### 1881

Feb 25th Mr Bulmer called for a list of absentees - gave him a list of 25 names.

Mar 23rd The PTs were examined in secular work on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Apr 1st Sent for absentees as Mr Bulmer did not come on Monday.

May 6th A Brown has left school altogether this week not being strong enough for the work.

Jun 24th M Boggon called on Friday evening to say that Dr French thought she had better remain at home until after the Midsummer Holidays as the children were still sick.

Aug 12th G Aird knew nothing whatever about her history on Thursday evening.

Sep 19th G Aird at home on Wednesday and Thursday because she was spoken to about coming so often with unprepared lessons - Since Midsummer she has very seldom learnt her lessons properly.

Dec STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

Mary M Boggon (Assistant) Ex PT Art 79

Grace M Aird 5th year PT

Rebecca H(?) Stephenson

## 1882

May 12th M Marshall came to school on Monday morning with the intention of sitting as candidate at the annual examinations of PTs held in October.

May 26th G Aird absent on Monday morning for the absurd reason that she had the dinner to cook and when told that she must not stay away again for the same reason replied that she would have to stay away when required. Absent again from Tuesday to Thursday without sending any message to me as to reason for absence.

Jun 16th M Boggon received notice on Friday morning that the Scholarship[ Examination would commence on July 3rd

30th Gave M Boggon and G Aird the whole of the week for study as they sit for scholarship next week.

Dec 8th G Aird absent on Thursday to go to Pitlington to see the school in which she has been appointed Assistant Mistress. She begins work there on 24th January 1883

Dec 15th Received my parchment on Friday morning.

## 1883

STAFF

Miss Doherty Head Mistress (Certificated)

Mary M Boggon (Assistant) ex PT Art 79

Rebecca H Stephenson 2nd year PT

Margaret H Marshall 1st year PT

\* Inserted copy of a statement written in 1922 by the Rev'd J Colling to the Board of Education referring to the service of Mary McArthur Daniels nee Boggon in the St John's Infant School to Dec 1882. She entered the Training College of St Hild's, Durham in January 1883. St John's Infant School replaced by Viceroy St School in 1898.

Aug 3rd Emily Richardson began work as Monitor in place of M Graham.

31st Received the Colliery Fund Money on Wednesday morning for the half year ending June 30th 1883

Dec 30th Jo(?) Eaves (Monitor) left school on Thursday afternoon to begin work in the New Cottages School after the holidays.

## 1884

Jan 11th Miss A Park from the Girls School began work as Assistant Mistress on Monday.

STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated.



Miss Alice J H(?) Park (Assistant) Article 50

Rebecca H Stephenson 3rd year PT

Margaret H Marshall 2nd year PT

Feb 1st Gave the children a whole holiday on Friday in honour of a visit paid to the Harbour by the Duke of Albany.

Nov 14th School closed on Tuesday afternoon on account of the funeral of the Marquis of Londonderry.

### **1885**

Aug 4th Sent a list of absentees Mr Mason on Friday afternoon.

Sep 12th Rev'd J Wallis accompanied by Dr Dillon called on Thursday afternoon.

Oct 22nd Numbers present - Boys 133, Girls 172 Total 305, James Mackenzie

Nov 27th Mr Mason School Attendance Officer called for a list of absentees for the first time since October 21st

#### **STAFF**

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Alice J H Park (Assistant)

Rebecca Stephenson (Ex PT)

Margaret H Marshall (4th year)

Louisa Gibson 1st year

Margaret Alice Jameson (Candidate Art 40)

### **1886**

Jun 4th School closed on Thursday on account of the opening of the Parish Church

Sep 10th Half holiday on Wednesday on account of the Flower Show.

### **1887**

Aug 5th Mr Pollock the new Attendance Officer called for a list of absentees on Friday morning.

#### **STAFF**

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Alice J H Park (Assistant) Art 50

Louisa Gibson 3rd year PT

Margaret Alice Jameson 2nd year PT

Henrietta J Braid 2nd year PT

### **1888**

Jun 28th Miss Park left school on Thursday

Aug 3rd Miss G Aird began work on Monday as Assistant Mistress in place of Miss Park

Oct 5th Miss Chapman from St Hilda's Infant School, Middlesbrough began work as Assistant Mistress in place of Miss Aird who left school on the 15th of August.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT "The porch accommodation is insufficient and there is no fixed lavatory"

### **1889**

Jan 25th The Rev'd J Wallis visited the school on Wednesday afternoon and presented 24 of the 1st class with picture books and the rest of the children with a packet of sweets each.

Apr 12th Half holiday on Wednesday - Confirmation Day

May 31st VISIT BY HMI Arthur E Bernays "The offices (toilets) require immediate cleansing and have been most improperly used. The boy's convenience too should be partitioned and ought to be enlarged. There appears to be a considerable down draught from the ventilation in the smaller classroom.

\*Referring to HM Inspector's observation on the offices on his visit (May 31st) the managers have arranged with Mr James Burrell, Sanitary Inspector, to clean out the ash-pits at short and regular intervals, he holding himself responsible for the satisfactory and cleanly condition of the same.....Jas Colling June 3rd 1889

October Report of HMI H Brown Esq.

"Gallery teaching is attended with creditable success, M A Jameson and H Braid have passed well, L Gibson (whose spelling and arithmetic need attention) should be informed that she is not qualified by this examination under article 50 or 52. She can be qualified for Article 50 only by passing the examination specified in Article 4B".

STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated  
Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50 and 52  
Louisa Gibson 4th year PT  
Mary Alice Jameson 4th year PT  
Henrietta Braid 4th year PT

Nov 29th Mr Pollock called with the new Attendance Officer Mr Mather, on Friday morning.

**1890-**

Sep 26th Lady Helen Stewart and Franklin Shirenfels(?) accompanied by the Rev'd J Colling visited the school on Thursday morning.

STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated  
Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant)  
Louisa Gibson (Article 68)  
Miss A Jameson (Ex PT)  
Henrietta J Braid (Ex PT)  
Jean B Boggon 1st year PT  
Margarety Campbell 1st year PT  
Isabella Dawson (Article 33 candidate)

Dec 19th L Gibson left school to on Thursday to be Assistant at the Cottages School.

**1891**

Jan 23rd M A Jameson and H J Braid left school on Tuesday to enter the Training College at Durham.

30th Isabella Dawson began work on Monday morning as Monitor.

Mar 6th Miss Walton began work as Assistant on Monday morning.

25th Miss Walton left school this morning to go to one nearer home (Grindon Mixed)

Apr 24th Miss Close from the Friends British Infants School, Old Shildon, began work as Assistant in this school (April 20th)

May 22nd Miss Close left school on Friday to go to Murton Colliery School.

29th Miss Atkinson from Harton Infants School began work as Assistant on Monday morning.

Jun 25th The Vicar has appointed Miss Tindale from Chilton Moor School to begin work as Assistant on Monday August 3rd

Aug 21st Miss Fishwick and Miss H Lewis visited school on Thursday afternoon and presented each child with a packet of sweets.

28th Holiday on Monday afternoon - Primrose League picnic to Wynyard..

## THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT 1891

The managers have decided to accept the fee of 10/- (50p) for each scholar in average attendance and to admit all scholars in the Infant Department free. The charge for books and other school requisites will be as heretofore. This arrangement to take effect from Sept 1st 1891. The charge before this date was 2d per week per scholar. Jas Colling, Correspondent Sept 14th 1891.

### INSPECTOR'S REPORT - H Brown

The average attendance must not be allowed to exceed 232, the amount of accommodation for which the school is recognised.

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant)

Miss C Tindale (Art 50)

Jean B Boggon (2nd year PT)

Margaret Campbell (2nd year PT)

Oct 21st Holiday on Thursday in honour of the Church Jubilee

Nov 18th Rev'd J Colling posted a notice in school to the effect that free science lectures would be given on Saturday mornings at the Science and Art School, Newcastle on Tyne for the benefit of teachers in elementary schools.

## 1892

Jan 11th Miss Tindale left school 23rd December - Gone to St Paul's School, Hendon.

15th M A Jameson acting as temporary monitor in school this week.

29th M A Jameson went back to college on Monday, since then I've had two monitors from the Girl's School .

Feb 12th Miss Eves from Murton Colliery Infants School began work here on Monday Feb 8th as Assistant.

Feb 26th Miss Dosset (Art 68) began work on this school at Monday

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50

Miss H T Dosset (Assistant) Art 68

J B Boggon (3rd year PT)

Margaret Campbell (3rd year PT)

Isabella Dawson (1st year PT)

Oct 25th Mrs Carse came to see the drill on Wednesday afternoon.

Nov 25th Miss Sheridan and Miss Thorman visited the school on Wednesday afternoon.

Dec 22nd A tea was given to the children on Tuesday afternoon by H B Wright Esq and a Christmas card to each child by Miss Fishwick.

## 1893

April 28th The Rev'd F G Cole gave a scripture lesson to Class 1 on Thursday morning.

Jun 23rd Miss Eves has taken charge of the Ropery Walk Infants School this week as Miss Alcroft is sick.

Sep 1st Friday - Visit - A J Dawson

Oct 18th Inspection by HMI H Brown Esq

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress Certificated)  
Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50  
Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50  
Miss H T Dosset (Assistant) Art 68  
J B Boggon (4th year PT)  
Margaret Campbell (4th year PT)  
Isabella Dawson (2nd year PT)

Dec 18th Tea given by H B Wright - Christmas card by Miss Fishwick.

### **Jean Boggon left school on 20th December**

#### **1894**

Aug 29th "Pleased to find the infants as usual perfect and am much pleased at the singing, the children sing with much experience" J Londonderry

REPORT HMI W Northrop Esq

J B Boggon has obtained a 1st class in the Queen's Scholarship and is recognised under Art 50, M Campbell is recognised under Art 68'

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated  
Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50  
Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50  
J B Boggon Art 50  
Margaret Campbell Art 68  
Isabella Dawson (3rd year PT)  
Abigail C Goode (1st year PT)

Dec 3rd Quarterly exam of PTs as requested by the Education Department.... Jas Colling

14th Closed school on Friday afternoon until Wednesday next, the school being required as a polling booth.

#### **1895**

Jan 11th Jean Boggon left school on 20th December 1894 to enter Durham College on January 16th 1895.

18th Miss Fishwick sent each of the children a bag of sweets.

Feb 1st Mr Dawson HMI called on Friday morning.

Mar 1st The annual scripture examination was held on Thursday morning. The Rev'd J Colling presented the prizes at the above examination in the afternoon.

May 31st Gave holiday on Thursday afternoon as only 36 children came to school - there was a circus in the town.

Aug 16th H B Wright gave a tea for all the children attending school.

Sep 13th Holiday on Thursday, visit of Channel Fleet to Sunderland.

Oct 21st INSPECTORS REPORT H Brown I am to remind you that the average attendance of the Infants Dept. should not be allowed to exceed 232. M Campbell is recognised under Article 50 of the code.

#### STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated  
Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50  
Miss J Eves (Assistant) Art 50  
Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50

Isabella Dawson (4th year PT)

Abigail C Goode (2nd year PT)

Dec 20th Miss Fishwick accompanied by Miss H Lewis visited the school on Thursday morning. The former presented each child with an orange. A Goode left school on Thursday morning - mother not able to do without her any longer  
**1896**

Jan 31st Dora Ellemore began work as Monitor in this school on January 6th and Elizabeth Nicholson on Jan 28th

Jun 5th Mary Thompson began work as Monitor in this school on Friday last.

Aug 4th "Visited the school - 2nd visit Art 84(b). The school is very overcrowded and increased accommodation urgently needed. The galleries should be provided with desks. Excellent work done in the school and it ought to be helped by the most favourable conditions possible" H Holman..... Helen Stewart Aug 26th 1896

Aug 7th H B Wright Esq gave a tea to all the children on Thursday afternoon August 6th

28th Half holiday on Friday - Boys Brigade inspected by the Duke of Cambridge.

Sep 30th INSPECTOR'S REPORT - The excellent work of Miss A Chapman deserves special mention. After considering the explanation contained in your letter of the 10th instant with regard to the infraction of Article 85(a) my Lords have consented to payment of the grant but no further grant must be looked for if the average attendance is allowed to exceed the prescribed limits.

The name of A C Goode, Pupil Teacher has been removed from the register

.STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50

Isabella Dawson (Last year PT)

Dora Ellemor 1st year PT

Elizabeth Dunn Art 68 (began 23rd November 1896)

Late - Isabella F Eves Art 50 left 1st November 1896

Oct 22nd Miss Eves gave a months notice terminating Nov 13th - leaving to be married.

Nov 20th Theresa Anderson began work as a Monitor on Monday morning.

Dec 23rd Miss Fishwick presented each child with an orange and a Christmas card this morning.

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May 14th First inspection under Art 84 (b) A J Dawson

Aug 20th H B Wright gave a tea tea to all the children on Wednesday afternoon.

27th Lady Londonderry accompanied by Sir M Hicks-Beach and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach visited school on Wednesday morning. Half holiday on Friday - Primrose League Fete.

Sep 3rd Miss Wedgewood (Wynyard) visited the school on Tuesday afternoon.

H Brown Esq brought the Pupil Teachers the papers done at the April examination to look at.

Holiday on Wednesday - Choir & Sunday School Teachers excursion.

Sep 10th The following visitors were at the school on Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Aird, Rev'd J and Mrs Short, Mrs Currie, Mrs Gray, Mrs Carse, Miss Bolam and Miss Brown.

30th HMI inspection - School overcrowded - The grant is paid on the understanding that the building of a new Infants School will be carried on with all possible despatch .

S Hall and T V Anderson are recognised under Art 33 of the code, E Dunn and J Dawson under Art 68.

## STAFF

Miss Doherty (Head Mistress) Certificated

Miss Amy Chapman (Assistant) Art 50

Margaret Campbell (Assistant) Art 50

Isabella Dawson Art 68

Dora E Ellemor 2nd year PT

Elizabeth Dunn Art 68

Theresa V Anderson (C) Art 33

S Hall (C) Art 33

Oct 22nd Children photographed on Thursday morning

29th Rev'd J E Wright gave a scripture lesson to Class1 on Thursday morning.

Dec 23rd Orange and Christmas card from Miss Fishwick.

31st Voluntary Schools Act 1897 - A grant of £194-11-4d has been made to this school for the purpose of meeting deficiency of income, providing furniture and improving premises. Form 17 A (V.S.) Education Department, 31st December 1897..... Jas Colling 11th January 1898

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Feb 4th Holiday all day on Thursday - school required as Polling Booth.

Aug 5th Commenced school in the new building on Tuesday morning, there was a very good attendance.

12th Rev'd J Copley visited school on Monday morning.

26th This school was formally opened by Lord Londonderry on Friday afternoon.

Sep 30th Last entry.

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