1908 Dec 17 Miss H. Wright & Olive Russell are being examined to-day and tomorrow at the Stimson Road Schools, Northampton.
– I have Std III in my room, & am having the assistance of the Monitress (L. Davis) for the time being; Miss Lane is taking Std I & II.

Dec 21st Examined the Registers & found them quite correct.

Charles Lovell.

24 Closed School to-day for the usual fortnight's vacation at Christmas

1909 Jany 11 (Monday): Re-opened school to-day.

Jany 12 W. Harrison, H.M.I., visited the schools to-day, remaining all day.

Present School Staff: (Upper School)

Staff: Upper Dept

Head Master: Frank H. Wright St IV–VII
Asst: Martha Lane: Supp St III
" Kathleen Wright: Supp. St II & St I
" Pupil Teacher: Olive Russell, with St I on Monday & Friday. Each Teacher responsible for her own class needlework.

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Present School Staff

Staff

Infant Dept. (Mrs) Alice E. Wright: Cert. Head.
Infant :- Flora MacIver. Un. cto
Babes (3-5) Lucy Davis: Monitress

Mrs Wright supervises the needlework of the whole school, which is at the present one department

25 (Monday). - This morning, the Rev Gs W. Harrison, and other members of the School Committee - with Mr Lewis, C.C Architect. - visited the School, overlooked the buildings, and also inspected the schoolhouse premises, and specified certain repairs to be made

24 (Tuesday). - This afternoon Mr Elliott, C.C. Inspector, visited the schools and examined the furniture lately supplied to the new class-rooms, and also took account of the staff, numbers on class registers, &c.

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Jan 29 (Friday) W. Elliott, C.C. Insp., called this morning.

Feb 2 (Tuesday) Have received Circular 210 (with reference to Children crossing the road in front of Motor Cars); Circular 211 (Marking School Material with Official Stamp); & 212 (Instruction in Swimming).

I gave the Children a brief lecture on the Stupidity of risking their lives by ~~Foolhardiness~~ foolhardiness in venturing too close to Travelling motors, etc.; and

(Cond: 212) wrote, explaining that as we had no convenience for Swimming the Managers did not propose to take up the Instruction.

Feb 2nd Have absence of leave for a short time this afternoon, on school business.

1909

Report.

Feb 4

Report of N. M. I. is as follows:—

1— The school has been carried on at a disadvantage during the past year, owing to extensive alterations for improving the premises, which are now fortunately approaching completion

For some months the older scholars were taught in other premises. Much more convenient accommodation has at length been provided, and as the work of instruction is carefully carried on, the discipline is good, and the scholars are interested and painstaking, improvement in the attainments will no doubt soon follow.

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Feb 4

Report (continued)

2.– The development of the scheme of work is still however left too much to the unskilled staff, for whom the syllabus should furnish closer guidance.

3– A suitable desk for the Master is required

4.– As the Infants have been deprived of their class=room the youngest scholars are now taught in the main = room with two other classes. If it is proposed to continue to admit children of such tender years better ~~accommodation~~ provision should be made for their accommodation

Signed
Chairman Ernest W. Harrison.
Local Managers

Staff

Upper (Mixed) Room

Head: Frank H. Wright

Supp: Martha Lane (St III)

Dr: Kathleen Wright (St I & II)

P.T. (Mon. & Fri): Olive Russell

Infant Room

Head: Alice E. Wright

Un: Florrie MacGirr

Mon: Lucy Davis.

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Feb 9th Supervisor of Needlework: Wm A. E. Wright

Signed E

Feb 11th Have filled up and returned the Official Post Card relative to the numbers of Children 7½–8½ & 11½–12½ to be medically inspected.

18 Have received the brass Standard for measuring the height of the children. Have placed the carpentry work in connection with the suspension of the weighing machine in the hands of Wm Pearce – Have applied for a short leave of absence to-day

1909

Feb 24 (Ash Wednesday). — The School was closed, in accordance with instructions from the Local Managers.

Have received the Rubber Stamp as specified in Circular 211.

26 Board Meeting held to-night. — To the best of my knowledge I have "stamped" all the School material, — the property of the Education Committee. —

I watched the two teachers (of St III & St II) give their object lessons on Bread making, — and The Annual Motion of the Earth.

March 3 (Wednesday) There is a great deal of sickness about just now amongst the children. I have eighteen away (Upper Mixed) from colds and coughs.

March 8 I was too ill on Friday (all day) to be in School.

10 I have only 59 present in my Dep^t to-day. The rest are (mostly) in bed, ill.

Received 9. N. 32 relating to the Teacher's Pay Sheet, — one for the whole School.

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March 11 Mr. Elliott (C.C. Insp) visited this afternoon.

15 The numbers in attendance are rather higher, but there still remain a number of bona fide sick cases among the children of the village.

17 I posted off all the various Schemes of work, the classification, the suggested organisation, etc., to the Secretary of Education, in accordance with Circular S. M. 26.

22 I have been giving much attention this last three weeks to the creation of Schemes of Instruction suitable to this School - (divided into Three Terms) - and have sent them off to the Ed. Cont. to day

23 Have sent off my Requisition List duly signed to day

25 Have been engaged for the last two days in preparing the Cards for the Medical Officer, who visits here on Thursday, the 25th

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March 25

Medical Inspection. – The Inspection took place to day, and, in view of the future, I think it best to make the following entries:– No. (39 children)

1) The Instructions do not say so, but it will save the time if, (instead of arranging the Cards in order of number) each child may go to its own card before entering for consultation.

2) Col IV is intended for the last medical examination of the child's school life, which therefore means the children aged 11–12

With regard to the time occupied in preparing the Cards for the inspection, it took me the greater part of the two previous days. To be worth anything at all the cards must be complete and fully entered. Several children were absent, ill, at the official "weighing" and I have every thing "thought" I had them weighed at the butcher's. The "vision testing", to do it justice, takes

two or three minutes a child. Reversely, if the testing, etc., is done carlessly and with no eye to accuracy, it may be got over in two or three hours

March 29 The desk for the master, and the cutting out table, have been received, and are being used to-day for the first time.

April 1 .- We commence the New School Year to-day with the following numbers

Upper School St IV - VI (Class I) 59 - FMW
III (Class 2) 20 - M.L.
II Class 3 (Up) 17 } - R.W.S.
I " (Low) 20 } (P.T.)
116 Total.

Infant School

Infant Class I		21
Do	2	25
Babies		6
		52

Totals: 5 - 14 = 161
Babies 6
167

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1909
~~Ap~~ 5 Have filled up the Quarterly Returns, being specially instructed to include Thursday & Friday, Ap. 1st & Ap 2nd ..., so as to finish the whole week

Have written to the Secretary, reporting that the oak-cutting out table, (and also my school desk) are opening out at the joints, showing signs of having been constructed of new wood

Have finished the Returns for the School year, ending March 31st - 1 and also completed Form IX

A carpenter from Messrs Adam (of Daventry) called this evening to examine the desks, and says they will have to be returned to Daventry for repair.

6 Have received directions from the Secretary; and Dr Hulbert, to carry on the Medical inspection in respect to Form M.I. 11, and also to send out the Cards M.I 10; and to carry on further enquiries as by Instructions.

1909

Ap 6 Have sent off the List of Honours and First Class Certificates. (Form S.A. 10). to W Brown.

Have received Circular 184 @ "Return as to number of Scholars of various ages" relative to Form 171.

8 Closed school at noon time for the usual Easter vacation.

Ap 19 Re-opened School. Posted off Invoice to Office - Received box of Chemicals from Kirkby, Chemist, Nottm for Nature Study.

20 I have been for the second time to Chapman (the Blacksmith) to see why he delays repairing the desks in the Infant School. He promises to commence them to-day - Wrote to Rev S.W. Harman in reference to the Medical treatment of the Barnardo ~~s~~ children (M.D 11)

22 Have received notice of the arrival of the Stationery "to follow"

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~~Apr~~ 22 Chapman (Blacksmith) has repaired the desks in the Infant School.

24 W. Lewin (C. C. Architect) visited the Schools this morning, with W. H. Lovell. — The Blackboard renovators called to-day, and, with W. Long's permission, I had the school Blackboards renovated.

May 3 The Shirleys have left the Mill

10 W. E. Broom (A. C.) visited

11 This afternoon I took the boys out a Nature Study walk. The girls did needlework, as they will have a holiday tomorrow.

12 The schools were closed to-day

13 I find that Ruth Westle is to be sent to the Barnardo Home, and that she is therefore leaving to-day

17 Have arranged with W. Craven to give his Lecture at 11 a.m. to-day.

20 School closed to-day.

21 Good attendance this morning

Through circumstances, I am often obliged to devote a.m. on 11 to 11.30 in working out the Arith^tic of either St. III or St. II or of having one class work at a quiet lesson while I teach the other a mental

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1909

May 28 Closed this afternoon for the usual Whitsuntide vocation. – Lucy Davis (Monitress: Infᵗ Babies) leaves to day

June 7 Re-opened the School. During the week, several youths have been on the premises at night, committing damage, breaking down ~~to~~ my telescope, and annoying and insulting the care-taker who followed them in the dark to try to recognise them.

9 A carpenter came this morning and replaced the tops of the desk in my room, and of the table in Stanᵈ III room (See Log Book: Ap 5)

14 At the conclusion of the afternoon we presented Lucy Davis (who has left School in her capacity as Monitress) with a small present from the children and teachers of the Schools.

23 Wm E Brown (Attendance Officer) visited the Schools.

July 5 Filled up Form S. M. 11. – Miss K. Wright absent ill (two days)

9 Wm E Brown (A. O.) visited the Schools.

14 It has been a very wet week, and it has been difficult for some of the children, living at a distance, to get to School

1909 July 26 Mr. E. Brown (A.B.) visited

27 Mr. Elliott (C.C.I.) visited; I received directions to have the lock of the front door attended to

28 Received letter and photograph from Pt. J Clark (Poonah) for use of scholars. This is the third interesting instalment from an old scholar.

29 Miss Noble, of the Barnardo Homes, visited the school. — Miss MacGirr absent to day ill.

Olive Russell, P.T., leaves to day — time expired

Aug 1st 2 School closed for Bank Holiday.

Received letter from John Wilkinson, (Barnardo boy) from Ontario, for edification of children

3 Received letter from the MacGirrs, from Paw-Paw, Mich-U.S.A., (formerly scholars here), replying to a round-robin from their old school-mates in my 1st Class.

Returned Domestic Economy Form to Office for Daisy Eales, and (by order) applied for another form for Elsie Billingham.

To-Day (Tuesday) a large number of my 1st Class Boys, who belong to the Church Choir, are absent, on an excursion to Worthing.

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Aug^st 9 I fear the Governess (of St James' End) have left for Northampton. — Miss Lane absent unwell in the afternoon.

10 W- E. Brown (Attendance Officer) called to day.

11 Miss K. Wright absent A.M. unwell. — The heat just now is very great, and children are constantly falling with sickness.

14 The "Team" is now engaged in reading their Nature Study notes to be prepar from for the Annual Competition

18 The Nature Study (Bird and Tree) work is now completed. — Have received some further Indian Post-cards from Poonah, &c, in return; the children have sent Pte Jas Clarke three Weekly Letters.

20 Closed school to-day for the usual Harvest vacation of four weeks.

Sep 20 Re-opened School to-day.

23rd. Examined the registers found them quite correct.

Chs Harrison

1909

Sep 30 (Thursday) – The schools were closed this afternoon by instructions, to permit of over a hundred of the school children to visit an exhibition in Northampton.

Oct 11 (Feast Monday): School closed for the day. The A.O. called in the afternoon.

18 Had the Surface-Drain attended to on Girls' play gm. Also, had the Dust-place emptied and removed. – Ret^d the Requisition Forms, (corrected) to office.

20 My supply of St Line Ex: Books has been gradually reduced from 3 gr. per ½ yr to 2 gr. and now 1½ gr. – As ½ gr. are taken up by Nature Study, the 1 gr. left is quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the classes using them. My children have for weeks been writing on paper of all kinds, and naturally producing untidyness in their work.

26 Medical Exam. – Filled up & returned Card M. I. 3.

29 Mr E. Brown, attendance officer, visited this morning during school-time.

Nov 2 I have ~~ba~~ an hour's leave of absence on school business to-day... The Jeffs have left for Kistingbury.

1909 Nov 8. The Duplicate Registers (for the nth time) did not reach me on Friday night till too late for postage. I therefore sent them on Saturday

Nov 9th Examined the registers and found them quite correct. Ernest W. Hanson.

Nov. 11 I intend to report to the Attendance Officer on his next visit that there are now two families in the village where the children, who are of the full school age, are not in attendance here, and who, to ~~the~~ common knowledge, are not receiving any education whatever.—

Sent in the following "Tradesmen's" Bills: Ellen Bates (cleaning £1); Henry Lovell (cleaning 17/-); W. J. Avery (set of measures roof o/c 2/11).

Nov 13 Stationery arrived

15 Wrote to Leeds re Pen nibs @ Turvey Forks

18 Received reply to above: items not in order

24 Sent George Joyce home: he is suffering from a ring-worm.

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Nov 25

School examinations are being carried out this week, as nearly as possible in accordance with the Time Table

I am about to commence the Visual examination of the children who will come before the Medical Officer next Thursday. As mentioned on page 37 (this Log Book) this work will take me two or three days to carry out, and the school-work will have to be carried on in my compulsory absence as well as it can be. It is impossible to perform the Instructions properly without considerable interference with the school-work for the two or three days in question.

Medical Inspection

21 Wm Enoch Gartner, a respected member of the Parish Council, suddenly expired of heart failure in the Board-room this evening at 7.30. Wm J. Gilkes, Wm R. Moore, and myself being present at the last moment, while the Chairman, the Rev. W. Harrison, hurried for medical assistance.

~~Work~~
Nov 29 During the day I shall be engaged in the Board-room in weighing 30 (~~odd~~) children preparatory to the Medical Insp. next Thursday. In the case of the girls, Mrs Wright will be present to assist me.

Dec 2 Medical Inspection.

I have special leave of absence for one hour to attend the funeral of the late Enoch Farmer (see previous page). - Several choir boys are absent for the same reason.

3 I have sent in the 37 Cards of the children medically inspected yesterday.

6 I have received from M.I 11, containing the names of six children requiring immediate medical attention, with the request that it be sent in, with the Result only filled in, on March 7/1910

13 Several children are absent ill.

15 W. Harrison, H.M.I, visits the Schools to-day.

17 Only 73 out of 99 children are present to-day in the Upper School. The rest are away through illness. - Kathleen Wright is also unwell.

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Dec 23 Thursday (Noon) .. School closed for Xmas Vacation. — I have been absent since Monday, Dec 20, suffering from Influenza ... Half the children are absent from the same cause.

1910

Jan 10 Have re-opened to-day.

17 Have sent in the usual Quarterly bills, etc

21st Election Day (General) ... The Schools being used as a Polling Station, are closed for educational purposes.

25 W. J. Brown visited

Feb 2 Wm Wright absent half-a Day on School Inspection

9 Lily Paton is absent through illness, after a medical operation

16 Gertrude Joyce is absent, suffering from a scalded foot.

19 The Schools were required for an Election meeting to-night.

25 Both Schools were hired to-night for an Election Meeting