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Martha Taylor. Geography on Australia to Upper Group. Lower Group and Infants Object lesson on Ships. Marching on (Thursday) Friday afternoon, Singing on Thursday.

Feb. 14. Average for week 19.5. Geography, Upper groups. Object lesson Lower Group "Geyser".

" 11. Better attendance this week. Av. 25.

Jos. Hodgson still absent. Music to Upper Div. Mistress not well on Tuesday - school taught by Monitress.

" 18. Gave lesson on Cotton and Woolen Clothing to Lower Division. Divisions of Australia Victoria & N.S. Wales Av. 26.7 for the week.

" 25. Half Holiday on Shrove Tuesday. Children went to Church at How Ash Wednesday. No Scripture. Registers closed at 9. Object Lesson on "Hats".

Mar 14. Received Doctor's Cert. certifying that Martha Taylor, suffering from Bronchial Catarrh, is unable to attend school. Mr. Sykes is about to write to H.M. Inspector about Monitress being exp^d. in

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April as Candidate.

Mar 11.

On Monday Note arrived from P. Worley Esq. H.M.I. granting leave for Monitress to sit as Candidate Ap. 2. One absentee for week M. Taylor. Rev^d J. P. Sykes looked in on Thursday and Monday.

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Mary Jane and Anna Newbold have gone to Lettle this afternoon to an examination for Labour Certificates. Monitress has been absent all week, having gone from home for her health, School under own care for week. No Visitors. Have posted Notices in school for Protection of Wild Birds & Eggs.

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Percy Hodgson brought box containing tadpoles in the jelly like substance. This with lesson on frogs & toads formed our object lesson this week. Have poured it into glass vessel to watch progress for a short time. Children much interested. Infant Septimus Harrison, Cowlshaw, admitted - Cold, stormy, week but attendance has been good notwithstanding. Examination to whole school in all subjects.

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April 1st Mary J. and Anna Newbould absent all week. Measles. Mr. Parker att. officer brought on Thursday Labour Certificates (Duplicate Schedule) for above girls. Stephen Harrison had a severe blow on his head by falling. absent following day. Examined Upper divisions in Arithmetic & Dictation on Friday.

4 Registers found correct - 10.30. - J. P. Sykes.

" 4th Same girls absent this week. but improving. No fresh cases. 2 or 3 cases of headache with colds. Closed school 11.30 to day until Wednesday morning for Easter holidays.

" 15th 29 present on Wednesday morning. 2 more cases of measles. relatives of previous cases but not in same house. Thursday exceedingly wet only 15 present. 2 admissions.

" 22 11 absentees this week. The 4 cases of measles. 6 bad colds and 1 A. Hodgeson injured knee with falling out of a cart. Have recommenced a system of Marks which we left off a short time since because of dishonesty.

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April 25th" 29th

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Absentees for the week. The 4 Newboulds & A. Hodgeson. Tuesday Settle Fair. only 19 present. On Thursday morning as Registers were being marked P. Worley Esq. H. M. J. entered. Sent for Rev. J. P. Sykes. Mr. Worley heard singing one song. gave exercises in Arithmetic to Upper Div. conversational and word building lessons to Infants and Lower Division. after staying about an hour he expressed his satisfaction at the progress of the children and then departed.

May 6th

Mary Jane and Anna Newbould returned to school. Sarah and Samson still absent. Admitted 3 infants. Infants class now numbering 15.

" 13th

Sarah Newbould returned to school after 4 week's absence.

" 20th

Admitted 1 infant. Church on Ascension Day at 11. Holiday in afternoon. P. L. sick on Friday. Rev. J. P. Sykes brought up 3 New Maps of the World. British Isles & England. Received parcel of books &c from Stationer

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May 27th Attendance this week good. School closed on Friday dinner time until Thursday morning next. End of School Year.

June 3rd Meeting of Managers on Wednesday afternoon at which it was decided not to engage a Pupil Teacher at present, but for L. Parsons to remain as Mistress. Received Parcel of 1898 Year Books from Lever Bros. as presents to School. Sent Selections of Poetry for Approvals.

10 Registers verified (M.O.) J.P. Sykes.

10 Average 33 this week. Lessons according to Time Table. Removed children into Higher Divisions.

17 Received Note of Enquiry as to grouping & class subjects for past year from P. Worley Reg. H.M.S. Sent Approved dist for 97. Rev^d J.P. Sykes brought up Official Enquiry as to children employed for wages out of school hours. Answer done.

24. Wet week several absences in consequence. Object Lesson on the Mole. Geography Hindostan.

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For 1898 - 9 Poetry Object Lessons, Geography

Stage II

The Passing of Arthur

Stage I

The Green Cornfield
A Storm Song

Stage II

India & Africa as connected with Britain.

Stage I and Infants.

Lion

Liger

Cow

Mole

Mouse

Coffee

Tea

Sugar

Starch

Mustard

Salt

Silkworm

Snail

Butterfly

Whale

Shark

Herring

Cotton

Woollen

Linen

Silk

Leather

Straw

Truthfulness

Good Manners

Policeman

Post Office

Railway

Country walk.

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July 1. Good attendance. Taught New drill.
 Gave examination in all subjects
 " 5. Hay time having begun, closed school
 on Tuesday morning instead of Wednesday
 because so few children were present.
 gave each child a few sweets on
 going home.
 Midsummer Vacation.

Aug 15. Re-commenced school this morning.
 32 children present. Received
 "Report" from ^{Govern} Education Dept.
 during holidays. Copy of Balance
 Sheet posted on school doors the
 prescribed 14 days. School has
 been cleaned and beautified and
 this morning presents a very
 nice, clean appearance, and all
 the children look happy and
 pleased to recommence school
 work. Jane Mitton and Mary
 Jane Newbould, both girls just
 13 years of age have been taken
 from school to work at their homes.

Form 17A.

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Rathmell National School.
 Summary of the Inspector's Report and
 Remarks (if any) to be made.

"The children are nicely
 managed, and intelligently
 and carefully instructed."

Form 17/A.

Matilda Louisa Parsons
 Certificated Teacher of First Class.
 August 17th 1898.
 John J. Sykes

Aug 19 Average for week 35. No. on books 36.
 gave object lesson on the 'Elephant'.
 Geography Hindostan. Drawing +
 Singing
 " 22 There seems to be some kind of
 infectious sickness amongst the
 children. each day one or two are
 faint and sick. nine children have
 had to be sent home two a day or so.

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during the week. Object lessons on Tuesday and Thursday on the "Butterfly" to Lower Division and Infants. Geography to Upper Division.

Sep. 2 Attendance lowered by sickness still. Object lessons on the "Whale". Geography and Map Drawing Upper Division.

9th Rev. J. P. Sykes brought up Notice of Diocesan Exam. to be held Sep. 29 at 2.30.

Mrs. Goldard with Miss Johnson, London, visited on Wednesday morning - Children sang 2 songs & recited for them.

16th Object lesson for the week "The Orange" substituted for lesson on "Silks". Attendance good.

23rd Samson Newbould stayed away with sore eyes part of this and last week. No visitors this week.

Drill on Friday.

30th Owing to sickness 1st Quarterly examination postponed till this week. Held on Friday. Percy Hodyson aged 13. highest boy in school leaving this week to work on farm at home.

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Oct. 4 Received a Report from the Assistant Diocesan Inspector the Rev. W. H. Sturffrey, who examined the children on September 29th. Number present 36. Number withdrawn from Religious Teaching - none. "The children have passed a good examination in religious Knowledge".

Oct. 4 Registers verified (11.15.98) J. P. Sykes.

" 7th Object lesson on Cow. Geography on Position of Africa & Hindostan on Map of World &c.

" 14th Monitress absent this week; W. Walker had his fingers so seriously injured on Saturday morning that the upper portion had to be cut off. He has been absent all the week. Mr. Parker Att: officer called on Thursday afternoon.

" 21st Monitress absent; also W. Walker. Object lesson "the Cow. and Post Office".

" 28th Gave object lesson on "Tea" to Lower Division and Infants. Map drawing Upper Division finishing Map of Hindostan.