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Excerpts relating to Schools

January

The Day and Night Schools will re-commence on Monday, January 3rd. We would earnestly impress upon the parents the importance and necessity of sending their children regularly to school. No child will be admitted by the Government Inspector to the Examination who has not attended the Day School 200 times and the Night School 24 times during the year. The Inspection will be held towards the end of February.

February

The Rev. H. M. Capel, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, arrived a month earlier than we had anticipated. The result of the Examination is not yet known, but as much pains were taken to prepare the children, we have every reason to hope that the report may be a favourable one. Parents have great reason to be thankful that the Schools are under inspection. It is a guarantee to them that they are properly conducted, and that their children are receiving a really good education. If the Schools are not properly inspected, both teachers and Managers are apt to relax in their efforts.

This year a number of children through one cause or another could not be presented. This chiefly resulted from the children having been kept at home so frequently during the course of the year. Consequently they were either very backward, and so were unfit for presentation, or had not been present the number of days required by the government, and so could not be accepted. We hope parents will see the advantage of keeping their children regularly at School. They may be certain that when, through either of the two above reasons, the children are not presented, that they have met with a heavy loss. During the next years the teachers at the Schools will be:

	Pupil Teachers	
BOYS' SCHOOL	Mr Crump	F. Keddell; W. H. Hartwell
GIRLS' SCHOOL	Mrs Crump	Minnie Eden; Emma Hancock
INFANT SCHOOL	Miss Groves	Rose E. Hartwell; F. Griffin'

Certificates were given by H. M. Inspector, Rev. H. M. Capel, to every boy and girl who was over 12 years of age, and had been present at the school three consecutive years, satisfying the Government requirements as to regularity of attendance and to moral character. These certificates will be, we hope, of value to them through life.

It is required by the government Inspector that children should leave the Infant School when they have passed a certain standard. Boys to the Boys' School – girls to the Girls' School. We hope parents will assist the managers in carrying out these requirements.

March

The following is a scale of school fees at the three National schools:-

At the Infant School each child will be charged 1d a week.

At the Boys' School and the Girls' School – 1d a week whilst in the lowest class; 2d a week when promoted into the 2nd Class; 3d a week when promoted into the 1st Class.

The Blue clothing is given away at this season. By the new rules, which have been adopted by the Trustees, any child who is kept away from school except by illness, or misconducts herself, or does not strive to improve will forfeit her clothing.

Also that the clothing shall in future be given away to those girls who by regularity of attendance and good behaviour prove themselves most deserving of assistance. During this year the extra subjects which will be taught in the Boys' and Girls' Schools will be Geography and Drawing.

May

The report of our Schools has been received from Government, and we are glad to say that the Pupil Teachers satisfied Her Majesty's Inspector. The following is an extract from the report:-

“BOYS' SCHOOL This School is in good order, and Mr Crump is, I believe, working very hard and successfully to improve its efficiency.

GIRLS' SCHOOL The discipline in this school is good. I believe Mrs Crump to be a fair teacher.

INFANTS' SCHOOL Discipline very fair. Religious Knowledge and Reading fair.