

LILLINGTON C of E SCHOOL : INSPECTION REPORTS 1881-1911

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These Reports are from the Education Department, Whitehall, and are addressed to the Vicar of Lillington. They follow the Annual Inspections of Lillington C of E School No.16555* in the County of Warwick. They assess levels of attendance, performance, and examination results. Grants to the School are calculated upon the combination of these attendances and results. Each Report concludes with a Summary and Remarks in which the Inspector makes his own observations about the School with any necessary recommendations.

From the earliest Reports the School is designated as "Girls or Mixed under Mistress" rather than "Boys or Mixed under Master" and is often referred to as "The Mixed School".

There are Reports from the Ministry from 1882 until 1895, but Reports for 1896-1899 are missing. In 1899, while there is no Report, there is a "Return and Claim" by the Managers of the School. They supply information similar to that which had been in Reports, but in far greater detail.

There are Reports from 1900 until 1904 and in 1904 there is also a Managers' Return. In 1905 there is no Report, only a Managers' Return. In 1906 there are no documents at all. In 1907, 1908, 1909 there are Managers' Returns, and in 1910 there is a Report and a Managers' Return. In 1911 there is a Managers' Return and, uniquely, two Reports following two Inspections.

* This numbering indicates that it is likely that the School is identified on a National basis, with a cross reference to the County of Warwick. From 1907 the numbering on the Report changes, indicating that the Inspections and Ministry involvement becomes more County based.

1881

The oldest document is dated 25 April 1881 and is a note on the reverse of a Certificate for 1881. This, when compared with Reports from later years, is the Inspector's Summary and Remarks.

"There is at present only one approach to the Offices. A door must be opened out of the corner of the School Room to the Girls' Offices and it would be well to build at the entrance to the door a small porch for coats and hats. A Teacher's desk, large cupboard for needlework, Registers of Admissions and Summary, a second set of Reading books throughout the School, a set of Infant Reading books, Child's School books in proof of age, and an improved Time Table must be provided. I am much pleased with the work of this little School, and there is every promise of efficiency in the future."

1882

The Report dated 21 April 1882 relates to School Year/Ending 28 February 1882, so describes most of 1881. It states that the School has been examined for the 11 months ending 28 February 1882. The School is regarded as "Girls or Mixed under a Mistress" and the payment of Grant is based on Average Attendance: 32 at rates for "General" at 4/-; "Music" at 1/-; "O and D" (Order and Discipline) at 1/-. In addition, "Examinations in Standards" where "Presented": 26 "Passes": Reading 26, Writing 20, Arithmetic 19, Total 65,

from which are deducted "Passes Article 19B3" (not explained) 2, Total 63; Classes Article 19C 1 the "number for payment in one subject", Grammar, 23. Separately, for "Infants 4 to 7 years of age" Average Attendance : 8 at 8/-. Upon these figures, the Grant Claim is: Average Attendance £8.16.0 Infants presented £2.18.8; on Examination in Standards £8.13.3., in Classes £2.2.2., making a Total Claim for £22.10.1. From this sum "Article 32 (d) - months" (not explained): £4.1.10. is deducted and so the Total Grant : £18.8.3.

The Report concludes with a Summary and Remarks by the Inspector: *"Since the last Inspection, a separate approach has been made from the Schoolroom to the Girls' Offices and a lobby for coats and hats provided. The apparatus required in the last Report has also been supplied. The present Mistress * has only been in charge since January, but her work has been efficiently done. The discipline, results of the Examination and Needlework are good. The Registers should be under more regular and frequent supervision on the part of the Managers. A Certified Teacher should be appointed without delay."*

* If this refers to Catherine Cutter, it is significant since she remains Mistress for many years. Curiously, there is a later undated document, at least 1903/4, which states that Catherine Cutter was appointed in 1883.

1883

The Report dated 10 May 1883 relates to Y/E 28 February 1883, so most of 1882. The Average Attendance: 38 for the same Grants at same rates; Infants 4 to 7 years "presented": 12. "Examinations in Standards": Presented: 25 Passes Reading 24, Writing 14, Arithmetic 12, Total 50 from which, again, "Passes Article 19 B 3": 8 are deducted leaving a Claim for payment : 42. "Classes in one Subject", Grammar, 23. School Claim on Average Attendance: £11.8.0. + Examination in Standards : £6.6.0. + Examination in Classes: £2.6.0.; Total claim for £24.16.0. but, again, "Article 32(d)- months" : £4.2.8. is deducted; Infants presented: £4.16.0. Total Grant £20.13.4.

Summary and Remarks: *"A gallery and a group of low writing desks are needed for the Infants. The change of teacher* in the middle of the School year has been a drawback to the general efficiency. The present condition of the School is pretty fair. The Discipline is very fair, and the Grammar is nicely done."*

* The "change of teacher" does not specify one leaving or starting but it may be cross referred with the Report for 1882 which recommended that a new teacher should be appointed without delay.

1884

The Report dated 10 April 1884 relates to the Y/E 29 February 1884, so most of 1883. It is in a new format. Actual Average Attendance of "Over 3" in School: Boys 10.6 Girls 12.4 Total 23; Infants Class: Boys 7.9 Girls 10.1 Total 18. School Fixed Grant 4/6; "Merit" 2/- (not 1/- nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d; "Elementary Subjects % of passes, at 1d per %" 6/11; Class Subjects, English, 1/- (not 2/-). Grant on Total Average Attendance: 14/11 plus Needlework at 1/- on Average Attendance by Girls 12/-. Presented for Examination: 25 Passes Reading 23 Writing 21 Arithmetic 18 Total 62. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); "Merit" 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Singing "Ear" 6d.; Total 11/6 + 10/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £17.15.1. Infants' Claim £10.17.0. Total Grant £28.12.1.

Summary and Remarks: " *This School is going on well and promises to become thoroughly efficient. The children are well behaved and much of their work is good. Copy books and poetry perhaps need some extra attention. The Girls' sewing is creditable. The improved Offices and furniture are of great advantage. The Infants have been very fairly taught and are satisfactorily forward.*"

1885

The Report dated 31 March 1885 relates to the Y/E 28 February 1885, so most of 1884. Actual Average Attendance of children "over 3" in School (no separate Infants Class): Boys 20.5 Girls 23.8 Total 44. Fixed Grant remains 4/6; Merit 2/- (not 1/- nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d; Elementary Subjects on % of passes at 1d for 1 per cent 6/7; Class Subjects, English, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 15/7 + 24/- Girls' Needlework. Presented for Examination: 30 Passes Reading 29, Writing 25 Arithmetic 17 Total 71. School Claim £35.9.8. Total Grant £35.9.8.

Summary and Remarks: "*The children are in good order, and have passed a fairly good examination, but the Arithmetic need attention and Handwriting in most cases. Mrs. Cutter will shortly receive her Certificate.*" *

*This might mean that Miss Cutter was certificated on the basis of experience rather than attending a training institution. See 1893 and 1899

1886

The Report dated 19 April 1886 relates to the Y/E 28 February 1886, so most of 1885. Actual Average Attendance of children "over 3" in School (no separate Infants Class): Boys 22.4 Girls 26.6 Total 49. Fixed Grant remains 4/6; Merit 2/- (not 1/- nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d.; Elementary Subjects on % of passes at 1d for 1 per cent 6/10; Class Subjects, English, 1/- (not 2/-). Grant on Total Attendance: 14/10 + 27/- for Girls' Needlework. Presented for Examination: 38 Passes Reading 36, Writing 29 Arithmetic 31, Total 96. School Claim: £36.6.10. + £1.7.0. Girls' Needlework . Total Claim £37.13.10. Grant £37.13.10.

Summary and Remarks: "*I am glad to find an improvement in the Elementary Work. Spelling is not good, nor is much intelligence shown in the Reading; but Writing has improved and Arithmetic is intelligently done. English is not so good. The Girls sew nicely and knit well. Order is good. The Infants do but fairly.*"

1887

The Report dated 20 April 1887 relates to the Y/E 28 February 1887, so most of 1886, and is in a new format. Actual Average Attendance of children "over 3" School: Boys 15.9 Girls 19.6 Total 36. Infants' Class Boys 10.9 Girls 9.2 Total 20. School Fixed Grant 4/6; Merit 2/- (not 1/- nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d; Elementary Subjects on % of passes at 1d for 1 per cent 7/5; Class Subjects, English, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 16/6 + 20/- for Girls' Needlework. School Claim £30.11.0. Presented for Examination: 40 Passes Reading 38, Writing 36 Arithmetic 33 Total 107. Infants Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); Merit 2/- (not 4/- nor 6/-); Singing "Ear" 6d. Grant on Total Attendance 9/6 + 9/- Girls' Needlework. Infants' Claim £9.19.0. Total Grant £40.10.0.

Summary and Remarks refer, for the first time, separately to the Mixed School and to the Infants Class: "*Mixed School. The School has increased somewhat in numbers. The*

Instruction, though nowhere brilliant, is generally sound. Writing is very fair; Reading and Spelling fair; Arithmetic seems to have been well taught, but the children work inaccurately. English and Needlework are pretty good, and knitting is well done. The children are orderly and sing nicely. Infants Class. The Infants have been fairly and kindly taught, but their instruction does not go far."

1888

The Report dated 5 April 1888 relates to Y/E 29 February 1888, so most of 1887. Actual Average Attendance of children "over 3" School: Boys 14.2 Girls 23.0 Total : 37. Infants' Class Boys 16.5 Girls 14.2 Total 31. School Fixed Grant 4/6; Merit 2/- (not 1/- nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d.; Elementary Subjects on % passes at 1d for 1 per cent 7/5; Class Subjects, English, 1/- (not last year's 2/-). Grant on Total Attendance 15/5 + 23/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £29.13.5. Presented for Examination 41 Passes Reading 39 Writing 36 Arithmetic 35 Total 110. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); Merit 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework 1/-; Singing "Ear" 6d. Grant on Total Attendance 12/6. Infants' Claim £19.7.6. Total Grant £49.0.11.

Summary and Remarks: "Mixed School. The School is in good order and well taught. The lower Standards do well, and Arithmetic is intelligent though somewhat inaccurate in the fourth and fifth Standards. Writing and Spelling are weak in the fourth Standard, and good in the first, second and fifth Standards. Singing is pleasing. Knitting is very good, and the plain needlework fair. Reading is not very strong and is poor in the third Standard." Any Remarks for the Infants' Class are missing.

1889

The Report dated 16 April 1889 relates to Y/E 28 February 1889, so most of 1888, and is again in a new format. The Report Front sheet states that the Department agrees to the engagement of Kate Ablett as a Pupil Teacher, to commence on 1st. March 1889. Actual Average Attendance, "over 3"; School Boys 17 Girls 26.6 Total 44; Infants Boys 14.4 Girls 8.9 Total 23. School Fixed Grant 4/6; Merit 2/- (again not 1/-nor 3/-); Singing "Ear" 6d.; Elementary Subjects on % of passes at 1d for 1 per cent 7/10; Class Subjects, English, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 16/10 + 27/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £38.7.8. Presented for Examination 45 Passes Reading 45 Writing 42 Arithmetic 40 Total 127. Infant Class Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); Merit 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework 1/-; Singing "Ear" 6d; Grant on Total Attendance 12/6. Infants' Claim £14.7.6. Total Grant £52.15.2.

Summary and Remarks: "Mixed School. The children are in good order and the examination gives unusually good results, and yet the quality of the work is by no means brilliant. It all shows careful teaching and is fairly good throughout. Knitting is very good and Needlework very fair, though some of the specimens are below the average. If the children showed a little more quickness, neatness and accuracy in their work, I should have no hesitation in recommending the highest merit grant. T he Infants Class. The Infants are in good order and have been well taught on the whole."

1890

The Report dated 24 April 1890 relates to Y/E 28 February 1890, so most of 1889. Actual Average Attendance School Boys 23.2 Girls 28 Total 51 Infant Class Boys 11.9 Girls 11.5 Total 24. School Fixed Grant remains at 4/6; Merit 3/- (first highest rate); Singing "Note" 1/- (was "Ear" at 6d, again a first); Elementary Subjects on % of passes at 1d for 1 per cent 7/8; for Class Subjects, English, 2/- (was 1/-, another first). Grant on Total Attendance 18/2 + 28/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £46.6.6. + £1.8.0. + an extra Grant of £2.0.0. under Article 110 for Pupil Teacher required by Article 83. Presented for Examination 53 Passes Reading 49 Writing 50 Arithmetic 47 Total 146. Infants' Class Fixed Grant remains at 7/- (not 9/-); Merit 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework 1/-; Singing "Note" 1/- (another first). Infants' Claim £15.12.0. Total Grant £65.6.6.

Summary and Remarks. Mixed School. *"The School is in good order and the quality of the work has improved, and but for illness amongst children and teachers would no doubt have been still better. The Reading is not yet very good, but Dictation and Arithmetic are good throughout but for the sums in the fifth standard, and the papers are more neatly done. Needlework and knitting are good and the specimens are much better than last year. Note – singing has been added with very fair success. The new porch is an improvement. Infants' Class. "The infants do pretty(discontinued at this point).*

1891

The Report dated 26 March 1891 relates to Y/E 28 February 1891, so most of 1890 Actual Average Attendance School: Boys 24 Girls 27.2 Total 51 Infant Class Boys 11.3 Girls 8.8 Total 20. For the School there is now a "Principal Grant" at 14/- (not 12/6); instead of "Merit" the Report reverts to "Discipline and Organisation" 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing "Note" 1/-; Class Subjects, English, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 18/6 + 27/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £49.10.6. There are no figures for Passes in Specific Subjects. Infants Class: Fixed Grant at 7/-, (not 9/-), "O and D" 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-) Needlework 1/-; Singing "Note" 1/-. Infants' Total on Attendance 13/-. Infants' Claim £13.0.0. Total Grant £62.10.6.

Summary and Remarks: *"Mixed School. The School is in good order, and the children are well behaved. Their work is well done and tidily, but Reading should improve to ensure the recommendation of the higher Principal Grant another year. Needlework and knitting are good and Singing is good too. Infants Class. The infants have somewhat improved. Their instruction is fairly good." The Report concludes: K. Ablett has passed fairly but should attend to Knowledge of Method.**

(There is no explanation for this asterisk but it is repeated in later years.)

1892

The Report dated 20 April 1892 relates to Y/E 29 February 1892, so most of 1891. Actual Average Attendance School : Boys 26.4 Girls 27.8 Total 54 Infant Class Boys 14.3 Girls 9.4 Total 24 School "Principal Grant" 14/- (not 12/6); Discipline and Organisation 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing "Note" 1/-; Class Subjects, English, 1/- (down from 2/- last year.). Grant on Total Attendance 17/6 + 28/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £48.13.0. Again, there are no figures for Passes in Specific Subjects. Infants Class: " Fixed Grant" 7/- (not 9/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework and Drawing 1/-; Singing "Note" 1/-. Grant on Total Attendance 13/-. Infants' Claim £15.12.0. Total Grant £64.5.0. At this point in the calculation

there is some Accountancy activity, under the Elementary Education Act 1891, which results in £10.12.6. being added making the Total Grant payable £74.17.6.

Summary and Remarks: Mixed School. *“Discipline and Singing by note are good. Songs very good. The work of the lower Standards is well done and the writing on paper is of good quality. Arithmetic good in the lower Standards and pretty good in the third, fourth and fifth Standards, very moderate in the sixth Standard. Grammar pretty good in all the Standards except the fourth, where it is scarcely fair. Needlework fair. General Efficiency just good enough to deserve the Higher Principal Grant”* Infants’ Class. *“Discipline and Singing by note satisfactory. Instruction in elementary subjects pretty good. Object lessons, Needlework and Kindergarten work very fair. General Efficiency good.”* K. Ablett Arithmetic* History* Grammar Music* and Knowledge of Method* she has failed to pass her Examination. With reference to future Examinations, the Managers’ attention is requested to Article 41(b). (sic) (The asterisks are not explained).

L. Slater Grammar. She is not qualified by age for admission as a Pupil Teacher (Article 39).

1893

The Report dated 11 May 1893 relates to Y/E 28 February 1893, so most of 1892. Actual Average Attendance School: Boys 26.8 Girls 26.5 Total 53 Infant Class Boys 11.3 Girls 9.3 Total 21. School Principal Grant School 14/- (not 12/6); “D and O” 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing Note 1/-; Class Subjects, English, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 18/6 + 27/- for Girls’ Needlework. School Claim £50.7.6. Once again, there is no information about Specific Subjects. Infants Class: Fixed Grant Infants 7/- (not 9/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework and Drawing 1/-; Singing “Note” 1/-. Grant on Total Attendance 13/-. Infants’ Claim £13.13.0. Total Grant £66.0.6. Once again, there is some accountancy calculation including “Add underpayment for last year” resulting in £8.0.0. being added. Total Sum Payable £74.0.6.

Summary and Remarks: Mixed School. *“The children are under a healthy discipline as a whole and do their work well. The Reading is perhaps the worst subject, although the upper Standards read fluently. The Composition leaves room for improvement. The Arithmetic has been well taught, the Spelling is good the Needlework is tolerably good. The first class Singing is good. Infants’ Class. “The Infants seem happy and do their work fairly well. The room in which they are taught needs ventilation. The room in which the infants are taught must be properly ventilated. Art 85(a).*

K Ablett has passed fairly. E.K.Cutter is recognised under Article 68 of the Code. L. Slater Grammar. Two additional documents state: 1. That Louisa Slater has fulfilled the preliminary conditions be a Pupil Teacher and will be engaged from 1 March 1893. 2. K Ablett should be told that if she passes the Queen’s Scholarship Examination, she will be recognised under Article 50 and if she passes First Class she will be recognised under Article 52. The Dept. wants to know if the School wants to extend her employment so that she can sit the Examination next July.

1894

The Report dated 9 April relates to Y/E 28 February 1894, so most of 1893. Actual Average Attendance School: Boys 29.3 Girls 31.4 Total 59 Infant Class Boys 9.7 Girls 12.5 Total 22. School: Principal Grant 14/- (not 12/6); “D and O” School 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing Note 1/-;

Class Subjects, Geography, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 18/6. + 31/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £56.2.6. There is an additional £5.0.0. Grant to the School "under Article 102" (not explained). Once again, there is no information about Specific Subjects. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework & Drawing 1/-; Singing "Ear" 6d (was "Note" 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 12/6. Infants Claim £13.15.0. Total Grant £74.17.6. Once again, there is some accountancy calculation under the 1891 Act which results in a further £12.15.0 being added so that the Total Sum Payable is £87.12.6.

Summary and Remarks. "Mixed School. This is a pleasant school and has done well. The writing exercises deserve praise. The Reading, although monotonous, is generally fluent and accurate. A good first year's work in geography has been taught." Infants' Class. "In spite of a change of teacher, the attainments of the children are fairly good. The children are interested in their work but the discipline should be more exact."

K. Ablett has obtained a second class in the Queen's Scholarship Examination. She should be informed that she is now qualified under Article 50 of the Code, but not under Article 52. L. Slater has passed fairly, but should attend to Grammar, Geography, History and Music*. C.E. Lamsdale is recognised under Article 68 of the Code.*

1895

The Report dated 17 April relates to Y/E 28 February 1895, so most of 1894, is to the Vicar, at Hill Farm, Cublington. Actual Average Attendance School: Boys 21.3 Girls 35.3 Total 57 Infants' Class Boys 15.7 Girls 13.5 Total 29. School Principal Grant 14/- (not 12/6); Discipline and Organisation 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing "Note" 1/-; Class Subjects, Geography, 2/- (not 1/-). Grant on Total Attendance 18/6 + 35/- Girls' Needlework. School Claim £54.9.6. Once again, there is no information about Specific Subjects. There is an extra £1.0.0. Grant under Article 102, (which is not explained) School Total Grant £55.9.6. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 7/- (not 9/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework and Drawing 1/-; Singing "Note" 1/-. Grant on Total Attendance 13/-. Infants' Claim £18.17.0. Total Grant £74.6.6. Once again, there is some accountancy calculation under the 1891 Act which results in a further £12.12.6. being added so that the Total Sum Payable is £86.19.0.

Summary and Remarks. Mixed School "Good work is being done on the whole. Perhaps the attainments fall below last year's standard in some respects, but due allowance has been made in assessing the grants for the effect of the late severe weather on the attendance. Reading has improved in style, and Composition and Arithmetic are above the average. More attention might be profitably be given to Mental Arithmetic and to Recitation. The obsolete gallery should be taken out to make room for some additional desks for the first standard children".

Infants' Class. " The Infants' Class is going on very well. The children are in good order and do their work very creditably considering the crowded state of the room. Recitation is said rather too fast, and the Reading is not so so good as the other subjects. The Object Lessons are intelligently done. The room is too small to accommodate first standard children, they should be taught in the Mixed School. The clothing should be taken out of the room, and some suitable desks are wanted." HM Inspectors' recommendations with regard to the accommodation of the first standard children should receive attention at once, and desks should be provided as he suggests. The clothing should not be in the room used for teaching. L. Slater has passed fairly but she should attend to Geography, History*, Music*, and Knowledge of Method*. C.E. Lamsdale is continued under Article 68 of the Code. (The*

asterisks are not explained.) Notice is given that Elizabeth Dilks has fulfilled the conditions of Post of Pupil Teacher and the engagement is to commence on 1 March 1895.

Reports for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, are missing.

1899

There is no Report from The Education Department Inspector to the Vicar.* There is, however, a "Return for the Y/E 28 February 1899. Visit due in March 1899.", by the School Managers.

In the opening paragraph of this Return the Managers certify that "the School is, and will, during the year ending 29th. February 1900, be conducted as a Public Elementary School within the meaning of the Elementary Education Act 1870".

The Return supplies highly detailed information about the dimensions, finances, and staff of the School for most of 1898. It shows no academic syllabus or results. Whom it is addressed to is not shown. The Managers supply the School Accounts of the Income and Expenditure which have been Audited by a Bank Manager. These accounts show that the Income of the School is £240.17.0., and the Expenditure is precisely the same amount. The Income shows Annual Grant from the Education Department £78.11.0.; Fixed Grant £48.2.6; Aid Grant £15.0.0.; Voluntary Contribution from Individuals £72.1.0.; Income from the Department of Science and Art £2.5.0.; somewhat remarkably, "Interest on Spanish Bond" £9.4.0.

The first item in the Expenditure shows Salaries: Teachers £102.10.0.; Assistants £42.10.0.; Additional Teachers £20.0.0.; Articled Pupil Teachers £13.4.8. making a total of £178.4.8. The remaining outgoings are, as would be expected: Books and Stationery £20.18.3.; Apparatus and Furniture £21 13.0.; Fuel Lighting and Cleaning £12.10.5.; Rates Taxes Insurance and "Commission" £4.12.2.; and Cheque Book £2.18.6.

The amount of information given in this Return is remarkable and only a flavour can be shown here. **It gives the dimensions of the School Room for the Mixed School and for the Infants' Class and also for the Class Room and recent alterations there.** Number of mornings when the school opened, 207, and afternoons, 204, Total 411. Resulting from this the number of attendances is Boys 15,077, Girls 14,555, Total 29,632; the Average Attendance Boys 36.68 Girls 35.41 Total 72.09. In the Infants' Class the children over 3: Boys 4,414 Girls 5,562 Total 9,976; with average Boys 10.7 Girls 13.5 Total 24.2. There are details of the number of children aged "3 and under 4" and , surprisingly, up to "7 and under 8" in the Infants' Class, and as much detail for children "7 and under 8" up to "14 and under 15" in the Mixed School.

One of the small details given in the Return is that there is a School Library which has 230 books. Of more significance, details are given about the Mistress, Catherine Cutter, her salary (£102.10.0 p/a), certification, training ("not trained"), starting date; all of which show that she gained her teaching certificate at age 20, took over as Mistress six months later, while still under 21. (Which detail cross-refers with the points raised in the Reports of 1882, and 1883, but differs from the detail shown in 1885.) The Return shows that there are now three other teachers at the School: Elizabeth Dilks "4th. Year PT" (Pupil Teacher), Mary Ellen Entwistle "3rd. Year PT" and Annie Alice Duggins "1st. yr PT". In the Infants, Hannah Elizabeth Field. Additionally, Elsie Emma Tubb (born 14/4/1885) is a candidate for engagement as a Pupil Teacher. There is an extra document from the Education Department, Whitehall, which

notifies the Vicar* that Ellen Entwistle passed her Examination "Fairly" and that Alice A Duggins also passed.

* the Vicar is now Rev. W.B.Tracy, 18 Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington.

1900

The Report dated 25 May 1900 relates to the Y/E 28 February 1900 so most of 1899 and is in familiar format. Actual Average Attendance School: Boys 32.6 Girls 33.6 Total 66 Infants' Class Boys 9.1 Girls 18 Total 27. School Principal Grant 12/6 (not 14/-); Discipline and Organisation 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing Note 1/-; Class Subjects, Elementary Science and English, 1/-. Total 16/-. There is a "Grant for Drawing at 1/9 on separate Average Attendance of Boys": 33 @ 1/6; and Girls' Needlework 34 @ 2/-. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 9/- (not 7/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework and Drawing 1/-; Singing Note 1/-. Total 15/-. School Claim £52.16.0 + £2.17.6. + £3.8.0. + £4.0.0. "Under Article 102" £63.1.9. Infants' Claim £20.5.0. Total Grant £83.6.9. Once again there is some Accountancy activity which adds £10.10.0. so that the Net sum payable is £93.16.9., from which £1.16.8. "Deduct contributions of Certified Teacher under the Elementary school Teachers (Superannuation) Act 1898. Total Sum Paid £92.0.1.

Summary and Remarks. Mixed School "The School is well equipped and the children are happy and in good order. The instruction is maintained at its usual level." Infants' Class "In the main, the instruction may be considered fairly good. Better methods are being introduced, but a more kindly method of keeping order is greatly to be desired." Attached to the Report is a Receipt for Catherine Cutter's Pension contribution from April 1899 to February 1900.

1901

The Report dated 19 April 1901 relates to Y/E 28 February 1901, so most of 1900. Average Attendance School: Boys 26.7 Girls 35.2 Total 62. Infants' Class: Boys 13.6 Girls 16.2 Total 30. School Principal Grant 12/6 (not 14/-); Discipline and Organisation 1/6 (not 1/-); Singing Note 1/-; Class Subjects, Elementary Science and Geography, 2/-. Total 17/- + Boys' Drawing 27 @ 1/9; + Girls' Needlework 35 @ 2/-. Infants' Class Fixed Grant 9/- (not 7/-); Variable Grant 4/- (not 2/- nor 6/-); Needlework and Drawing 1/-; Singing Note 1/-. Total 15/-. School Claim £52.14.0. + £2.7.3. + £3.10.0. + £6.0.0. "under Article 102" £64.11.3. Infants' Claim £22.10.0. Total £87.1.3. Once again there is some Accountancy activity which adds £11.2.6. so that the Total sum is £98.3.9. from which £2.0.0 is deducted for Mrs. Cutter's Pension contribution. Net Sum payable £96.3.9.

Summary and Remarks. (Typed, not handwritten; a first.) Mixed School. "Capital Order is maintained and a very creditable year's work has been done. The school is well provided with teaching aids. Infant Class. "The class has improved in several respects and there is now more variety in the work, and the children are brighter." E. Entwistle has obtained a Second Class in the Queen's Scholarship Examination. The Contributions of £2.0.0. for Catherine Cutter's Pension are shown from 1 Mch '00 to 28 Feb '01.

1902

The Report dated 26 April 1902 relates to Y/E 28 February 1902, so most of 1901 and is addressed to the Vicar*. The Report is in a new format giving much less information. Average Attendance School: Boys 33.5 Girls 37.9 Total 71. Infants' Class: Boys 18.7 Girls 17.1 Total 36. School Principal Grant 22/-. Infants' Class 16/- (not 17/-). School Claim £78.2.0.+ £3.0.0. "Grant under Article 102". A.A. Duggins. Infants' Claim £28.16.0. Total Claim £109.0.0. Once again, Accountancy activity adds a further £19.0.0. to the Grant so that the Total Grant is £128.18.0. but from this £2.3.8. is deducted as Pension contribution for Mrs. Cutter with a Final Grant £126.14.4.

Summary and Remarks. Mixed School. "The School has a stronger staff this year and there is a gratifying improvement as regards style and general intelligence in the work. The efficiency of the school now entitles it to the higher rate of Principal Grant." Infant Class. "This department is diligently taught. The Varied Occupations now form a very creditable feature and in other directions progress can be reported." A.Gibbs is recognised under Article 33 of the Code till 14 August 1902 and L. Summers till the 30 July 1902. A letter of 7 January 1902 from the Board of Education, Whitehall, notifies the Vicar that Alice A Duggins has passed her Examination well. A letter of 25 June 1902 from the Board of Education notifies the Vicar that Ada Gibbs and Lottie Summers had each passed her Examination. A random document, dated 21 July 1902, is a duplicate certifying that William Taylor, aged 13, passed his Examination in Standards for Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. Apparently, the effect of this certificate is that he can obtain total or partial exemption from School Attendance.

* The Vicar is Rev. L. Parry, The Limes, Kenilworth Road, Leamington.

1903

The Report dated 11 May 1903 relates to Y/E 28 February 1903, so most of 1902. It is addressed to the Vicar.* Average Attendance School Boys 39.6 Girls 38.3 Total 78. Infants Class Boys 21.5 Girls 17 Total 39. School Principal Grant 22/- Infant Class Grant 16/- (not 17/-). School Claim £85.16.0. +"Grant under Article 102" (A.A.Duggins) £5.0.0., (A Gibbs) £2.0.0. £2.0.0. (1902); (L. Summers) £2.0.0., £2.0.0. (1902). School Total Claim £98.16.0. Infant Class £31.4.0. Total Grant £130.0.0. Accountancy activity adds £18.7.6. making a Total sum payable £148.7.6. From this sum £2.4.0. is deducted for contribution to the Pension for Catherine Cutter. Net Sum Payable £146.3.6.

Report and Remarks. Mixed School. "The educational value of good surroundings is fully realised by the managers of this well kept school, and the instruction is very soundly given." Infant Class. "There is more life and brightness in the conduct of the class than formerly, and if expectations of the new departure are satisfied next year, this class will qualify for the higher rate of grant." The Teacher A. Bastock does not appear to be engaged under a written agreement. I am to refer you to Article 71 of the Provisional Code of 1903. Attached to the 1903 Report is a copy of the School's Audited Accounts showing Total Income and Expenditure are exactly the same at £309.5.3. Included in that Income is "Voluntary Contributions from Private Individuals" amounting to £78.17.6.; "Rummage Sale" £10.0.0.; and "Interest on 4% Spanish Bond" £8.18.7. There is a "Return as to the Teaching Staff in the Lillington Public Elementary School", which is undated, but is likely to refer to this year or shortly afterwards. The Principal Teacher is Catherine Cutter (Appointed June 1883);

"Certified Assistants" none; "Other Assistants": Hannah Elizabeth Field (8/6/97), Annie Bastock (6/5/1901), Edith Winnifred Short (29/7/03); "Pupil Teachers"; Ada Gibbs (1/1/02), Lottie Summers (1/1/02); "Candidates or Monitors": Rose Elkington (Monitor).

* The Vicar is Rev. L. Parry, Arlington House, Leamington.

1904

The Report dated 10 June 1904 relates to the Y/E 29 February 1904, so most of 1903. It is in a very condensed form. Average Attendance School 89 Infant Class 51. School Claim 86 @ 22/- £94.12.0. Infants 43 @ 16/- (not 17/-) £34.8.0. Total £129.0.0. There is an "Apportionment of Grants" and under this "To former Managers 6 months 29 days" £74.17.10. and "To New Authority 5 months 1 day" £54.2.2. Again there is some Accountancy activity resulting in Total sum payable £83.1.9. with £1.5.8. deducted for the Pension for Mrs. Cutter, so Net sum payable £81.16.1 to former Managers., and £66.10.9. with £0.18.4. deducted for Mrs. Cutter's Pension with a Net sum £65.12.5. payable to New Authority. This is the last such breakdown amounts of Grants paid to the School in any of the documentation. There is no mention of the syllabus nor results.

Report and Remarks. Mixed School. "The scholars are accustomed to kind but firm handling, and both tone and attainments are equally satisfactory." Infant Class. The infants are making fair progress, but methods are not applied with sufficient intelligence to justify the recommendation of the higher grant. In addition to the Report, there is a Return from the School's Managers including the Audited Accounts showing Total Income of £220.5.2. This includes 28 Voluntary Contributions from Private Individuals totalling £35.14.5., made up of 20 Contributions from £1 to £5 and 8 for less than £1. Total Expenditure also amounts to £220.5.2. The information given in this Return is similar that given in the Return of 1899 and is as detailed. The Teaching Staff in the School are: Principal Catherine Cutter; Other Teachers Annie Bastock, Ada Gibbs, Lottie Summers, Edith Short; Infants Other Teachers: Hannah Elizabeth Field. There is a further Entry showing that the Pupil Teachers have received "21 hours per week" Special Instruction at "Central Classes" Leamington. There is a separate document, undated but containing a reference to "July 1903", which states that the date of appointment of Catherine Cutter as Mistress was 1893.

1905

There is no Inspector's Report, but there is a "Return and Claim for the School year ended Feb 28 1905." This Return supplies details relating to School opening times, age groups of the children, attendance numbers and the Teaching Staff. There is no mention of the Syllabus nor of academic results, nor of money for the School.

The School had 435 "Meetings". The Infants Class has a total of 15,109 attendances, 6058 of children over 3 and under 5 years and 9051 of children over 5 and under 15 years, an Average of 35 per "Meeting". In the Mixed School 38,225 children over 5 and under 15 attended, an Average of 88 per "Meeting". One particular detail supplied is the number of children on the Admission Register on the last day of the School year. Infants: aged 3 and under 5, Boys 9 Girls 8; 5 and under 7, Boys 15 Girls 13. Total Boys 24 Girls 21. School : aged 7 and under 12, Boys 25 Girls 38; 12 and under 15, Boys 10 Girls 8. Total Boys 35 Girls 46. Teaching Staff: Head Teacher Catherine Cutter. Assistant Teachers Mellissa Ann

Wormington, who came to the School 4 July 1904, Mrs. Boulter, nee Elizabeth Shearsby, who came 20 June 1904, Ada Gibbs, Lottie Summers, Annie Bastock, who left on 14 June 1904, Edith Short, who left on 9 May 1904. In the Infants Class : Annie Woodward, who came 2 May 1904, Vida Wyatt, Hannah Field, who left on 29 April 1904. There is a supplementary Claim for an unspecified Grant for "Cookery" taught in "Leamington". Finally, the Return notifies any alteration to the Premises: "Playground asphalted".

There is no documentation for 1906.

1907

There is no Inspector's Report but there is a Return and Claim for the School Y/E 28 Feb. 1907, so most of 1906. This Return is headed "Royal Leamington Spa Local Education Authority" and refers to the School, for the first time as "C. of E. No.3 School". This implies a much more local flavour.

As with previous Returns, this gives details about attendance levels, age groups of the children and the Teaching Staff. There is no mention of the syllabus nor academic results, nor of money. "Meetings": 426 with the details of the holiday dates when the School was not open. In the Infant Division, attendances aged 3 and under 5, 4,743; over 5 and under 15, 10,771. In the Mixed School, attendances over 5 and under 15, 38,356. Infants' Total attendance "Which may be reckoned for Grant": 15,514. Average Attendance School 90 Infants 36. Average Number of Children on the Admission Register during the Year: Infants 3 and under 5, 15.4; 5 and over, 27.4 Total 42.8. Mixed School : 5 and over, 97. Number of Children on Register on last day of School Year: Infants, 3 and under 5, Boys 10 Girls 7; 5 and under 7, Boys 15 Girls 11; 7 and under 12 Boys 3 Girls 0 Total Boys 28 Girls 18. Mixed School: 7 and under 12, Boys 30 Girls 45; 12 and under 15, Boys 13 Girls 12 Total Boys 43 Girls 57.

The details of the Teaching Staff: Head Teacher Catherine Cutter. Assistant Teachers Melissa Wormington, Ellen Grant, Marian Ward, who came to the School 27. 8.1906, Lottie Summers, ("awaiting result of King's Scholarship Exams.") who left the School on 31.8.06. There is a small note at the end of the Return that none of the Teachers is supplied with house rent free. Teaching Staff in the Infants: Annie Woodward, and Isabel Bull, who is a Pupil Teacher.

1908

Again there is no Report but there is a Return and Claim for the School Y/E 28 February 1908, so most of 1907. There is no mention of the syllabus, academic results, nor money. "Meetings": 426, dates of the holiday closures given. Attendance in the Infants', aged 3 and under 5, 6,617; 5 and under 15, 11,158. School : 36,641. Totals "which may be reckoned for Grant" Infants 17,775 School 36,641. Average attendance for purposes of Grants: Infants 42 School 86. Average numbers on the Register during the year: Infants aged 3 and under 5, 21; 5 and over, 28.3. Total 49.3. School 5 and over, 90.8. Numbers on Register on the last day of the School year: Infants 3 and under 5, Boys 14 Girls 6; 5 and under 7, Boys 16 Girls 12. School: 7 and under 12, Boys 35 Girls 36; 12 and under 15, Boys 7 Girls 16. Totals Infants Boys 30 Girls 18 School Boys 42 Girls 52. Details of the Teaching Staff. Head Teacher Catherine Cutter. Assistant Teachers: Melissa Wormington, Ellen Grant, Lottie

Summers, who started 1/7/1907, Ethel Pengelly, who started 2/9/1907, Marian Ward, and Elizabeth Boulter was a Supply Teacher for June 1907. In the Infants, Annie Woodward, and Isobel Bull.

1909

Again there is no Report but a Return and Claim for the School Y/E 28 February 1909, so most of 1908. There is no mention of the syllabus, academic results, or money. "Meetings" 416 with dates of Holiday closures. Attendances: Infants, 3 and under 5, 5602; 5 and under 15, 12,013. School, 5 and under 15, 35,652. Attendances by scholars who attain 15 who were not 15 at the start of the School Year, 175. This detail is significant since the School Total for "Annual Grant", 35827, includes this figure, while the Total for "Fee Grant", 35,652, does not. Average Attendance 86. Infants Total Attendance, 17,615. Average Attendance 42. Average number on the Register during the School Year: Infants 3 and under 18.6; 5 and over, 32. Total 50.6 School 5 and over, 90.7. Total numbers of Scholars on Register on the last day of the School Year: Infants 3 and under 5, Boys 11 Girls 9; 5 and under 7, Boys 15 Girls 12; 7 and under 12, Boys 3 Girls 0. Total Boys 29 Girls 21. School: 7 and under 12, Boys 35 Girls 29. 12 and under 15, Boys 11 Girls 14. Total Boys 46 Girls 43.

Teaching Staff. Head Teacher Catherine Cutter. Assistant Teachers Ethel Pengelly, Lottie Summers,

Marian Ward, who both "left the School" as a Pupil Teacher and "started as an Uncertificated Teacher" on 1/9/1908. Infants Annie Woodward, and Isobel Bull, who left on 1/9/08.

1910

There is a Return and Claim for the School for the Y/E 28 February 1910, and no Report. In the Return and Claim the School Manager certify, for the first time, that the Attendance Registers have been verified on four occasions as correct. Once again, there is no mention of syllabus, results or money. The number of Meetings 421, with holiday closure dates specified. Attendances, Infants: 3 and under 5, 4476; over 5 and under 15, 11,035. School: over 5 and under 15, 35,655. Totals Infants 15,511 School 35,655. Average Attendances (for purposes of Annual Grant and Fee Grant): School 85 Infants 37. Average number of children on the Admission Register during the year: Infants, 3 and under 5, 13.5; 5 and over, 28.5. Total 42.1. School 5 and over, 90.8. Total number of children on Register on last day of a school year: Infants 3 and under 5 Boys 11 Girls 10; Boys 16 Girls 15. Totals Boys 27 Girls 25. School 7 and under 12, Boys 35 Girls 24; 12 and under 15, Boys 9 Girls 12. Totals Boys 44 Girls 36.

Teaching Staff Head teacher Catherine Cutter Assistant Teachers Ethel Pengelly, Lottie Summers, and Marion Ward, who left on 31 December 1909. One Supply Teacher Louise Summers who came on 31 Aug. 1909. Annie Woodward taught in the Infants.

1911

There are two copies of the Annual Return and Claim for the School year ended 28th. Feb. 1911. One is marked "Duplicate Copy for managers" while the other is marked "Duplicate" and, separately, in red pencil, "Incorrect". There are, uniquely, two Reports for this year, one marked "After Visit of 19th. Sept 1910" , and the other marked "Inspected on 17 February 1911." No documents refer to syllabus, results or money. The Return states that the Attendance Register has been examined and verified on four dates. The Return no longer refers to "Infants" but instead to age groups. Accordingly, the total number of "Meetings", for aged under 5, 411; for 5 and over, 428. Attendances: 3 and under 5, 4,038; 5 and under 15. 45,243. Average for Annual Grant, 3 and under 5, 10; 5 and under 15, Average for Annual Grant 107. Details of holiday are shown when the School was not open. Average number of scholars on Register during the School Year: 3 and under 5, 14.1; 5 and over, 118. Total 132.1. Number of Scholars on Register on last day of School Year: 3 and under 5, Boys 4 Girls 10, (14); 5 and under 7, Boys 19 Girls 15, (34); 7 and under 12, Boys 33 Girls 22 (55); 12 and under 15, Boys 10 Girls 17, (27). Total 3 and over, Boys 66 Girls 64.

Teaching Staff: Head Teacher Catherine Cutter, Assistant teachers Ethel Pengelly, Lottie Summers, Emily Payne, (Student Teacher) came to School 29 Aug. 1910, Isabella Comley, (S T) came to School Aug 29 1910, Louisa Sumner, (S T) left the School 31 July 1910, Violet Maud Campbell (S T) left 31 July 1910. Supply Teachers Elizabeth Boulter, nee Sheasby, Gertrude Blower, nee Sheil, at various dates. Annie Woodward, for the Infants left on 22 December 1910, and Jeannie Rees came to the School 1 Feb. 1911.

The first of two Reports for this year Mr. E.H. Carter, "After a visit of 19 Sept. 1910", supplies Remarks which are highly detailed. In 3 pages of closely typed script, he opens with the positive observation that: *"This is a pleasant School with orderly children and hardworking teachers. The Head Mistress has a genuine concern for the welfare of her scholars."* The remaining Remarks are complimentary in only a few places and in general critical of the teaching method, syllabus, premises and the equipment.

The second Report of Mr. E.H.Carter, after Inspection on 17th. February 1911, and marked as "Despatched" on 12 April, is in contrast, only 6 typed lines long. Headed "Needlework", it concerns only sewing and knitting, which in themselves are complimented, while the Planning and Teaching are regarded much less favourably.

From 1883 onwards the School taught reading, writing and arithmetic. It also taught English/Grammar, and Singing. From at least 1884 Needlework was a speciality for the girl students and this continued in 1894 the School introduced Geography into the Syllabus. In 1900 the School introduced Elementary Science and Drawing for the boy students. In 1901 both Geography and Elementary Science were available. Sadly, there is no information available from these documents about the academic progress of the School after 1902.

Date	Attendance		Grants	Teaching Staff
1882	School 32 Infants 8	Infants 8	£18.8.3.	Catherine Cutter + ?
1883	Sch. 38	Inf. 12	£20.13.4.	ditto
1884	Sch.23	Inf. 18	£28.12.1.	ditto
1885	Sch. 44 Boys 20 Girls 24.		£35.9.8.	ditto
1886	Sch. 49 Boys 22 Girls 27		£37.13.10	ditto
1887	Sch. 36	Inf. 20	£40.10.0.	ditto
	B 16 G 20	B 11 G 9		
1888	Sch. 37	Inf. 31	£49.0.11.	ditto
	B 14 G 23	B 17 G 14		
1889	Sch. 44	Inf. 23	£52.15.2.	ditto + 1
	B 17 G 27	B 14 G 9		
1890	Sch. 51	Inf. 24	£65.6.6.	ditto + 1
	B 23 G 28	B 12 G 12		
1891	Sch. 51	Inf. 20	£62.10.6.	ditto + 1
	B 24 G 27	B 11 G 9		
1892	Sch. 54	Inf. 24	£74.17.6.	ditto + 2
	B 26 G 28	B 14 G 10		
1893	Sch. 53	Inf. 21	£66.0.6.	ditto + 3
	B 27 G 26	B 11 G 10		
1894	Sch. 59	Inf. 22	£87.12.6.	ditto + 3
	B 27 G 32	B 10 G 12		
1895	Sch. 57	Inf. 29	£86.19.0.	ditto + 3
	B 21 G 36	B 16 G 13		
1899	Sch. 73	Inf. 24	Budget	Ditto + 5
	B 37 G 36	B 11 G 13	£240.17.0.	
1900	Sch. 66	Inf. 27	Grants	Ditto + 5
	B 32 G 34	B 9 G 18	£92.0.1.	
1901	Sch. 62	Inf. 30	£96.3.9.	Ditto + 4
	B 27 G 35	B 14 G 16		
1902	Sch. 71	Inf. 36	£126.14.4.	Ditto + 4
	B 33 G 38	B 19 G 17		
1903	Sch. 78	Inf. 39	£146.3.6.	Ditto + 6
	B 40 G 38	B 22 G 17		
1904	Sch. 89	Inf. 51	Budget	Ditto + 6
	B 46 G 43	B 25 G 26	£220.5.2.	
1905	Sch 88	Inf. 35	-	Ditto + 9
	B 40 G 48	B 20 G 15		
1907	Sch. 90	Inf. 36	-	Ditto + 6
	B/G data not given.			
1908	Sch. 86	Inf. 42	-	Ditto + 7
	B/G data not given.			
1909	Sch. 86	Inf. 42	-	
	B/G data not given.			Ditto + 5

1910	Sch. 85	Inf.37		-		Ditto + 4	
	B/G data not given.						
1911	Sch. 107	Inf. 10		-		Ditto + 6	
	B/G data not given.						