THE

SCHOOL LOG BOOK,

Mingulay School.

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A B C D E F G H J K L M Mc N O P Q R S T U V W Y

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING LOG BOOK.

Extracted from the New Scottish Education Code, May 1873.

Art. 34. "In every School receiving Annual Grants, the Managers must provide, out of the School Funds, besides Registers of Attendance,—

(a) A Diary or Log Book.

(b) A Portfolio to contain Official Letters, which should be numbered in the order of their receipt.

" **35.** "The Diary or Log Book must be stoutly bound, and contain not less than 500 ruled pages.

" **36.** "The Principal Teacher must make at least once a week in the Log Book an entry which will specify Ordinary Progress, and other facts concerning the School or its Teachers, such as the Dates of Withdrawals, Commencements of Duty, Cautions, Illness, &c., which may require to be referred to at a future time, or may otherwise deserve to be recorded.

" **37.** "No reflections or opinions of a general character are to be entered in the Log Book.

" **38.** "No Entry once made in the Log Book may be removed or altered otherwise than by a subsequent Entry.

" **39.** "The summary of the Inspector's Report, and any remarks made upon it by the Department, when communicated by the Managers, must be copied *verbatim* into the Log Book, with the names and standing *(Certificated Teacher of the ——— Class, or Pupil Teacher of the —— year, or Assistant Teacher)* of all Teachers to be continued on, or added to, or withdrawn from, the School Staff, according to the decision of the Department upon the Inspector's Report. The Correspondent of the Managers must sign this Entry, which settles the School Staff for the year.

" **40.** "The Inspector will call for the Log Book at every visit, and will report whether it appears to have been properly kept. He will specially refer to the Entry made pursuant to Article 39, and will require to see Entries accounting for any subsequent change in the School Staff. He will also note in the Log Book every Visit of Surprise (Art. 12), making an Entry of such particulars as require the attention of the Managers."

SPECIMENS OF SUCH WEEKLY ENTRIES.

As have been approved by H. M. Inspectors.

March 21. School opened on Monday morning with praise and prayer. The Rev. Mr Milne, and Messrs Thomson, Arnott and Brown, School Board Members, were present to introduce as Head Teacher to the School, Mr Andrew Brodie, Certificated Second Class, from Free St Peter's Schools, Edinburgh, employed seven years in teaching. The most of the week has been occupied in understanding the arrangement of Classes, &c. Attendance fair. School opened and closed with prayer at the usual hours.

March 28. Attendance irregular this week, chiefly owing to bad weather. On Wednesday afternoon the II. and III. Standards had special drill in Arithmetic. Other Lessons according to Time Tables. Ordinary progress made.

April 4. Easter Week. Holidays.

April 11. Charles Ross, Pupil Teacher, absent on Thursday from sickness. A Monitor employed in his place. Commenced the Shorter Catechism in the Fourth Class this week. Lessons according to Time Tables. School opened and closed with prayer at the usual hours.

April 18. Attendance much better this week. Extra drill has been given this week in preparing for the Government Examination. Progress good. Visit from Mr Duff of the School Board on Friday afternoon, who waited until dismission. Nothing else worthy of remark.

SUGGESTIONS WORTHY OF NOTE.

The yearly date should be at the top of each page. The Log Book must be kept *in* School. One or two lines should be left as a space between each Entry. No special rule can be given as to the length of Entries, but three average Weekly Entries on a page have been accepted in England by Her Majesty's Inspectors. Personal opinions or reflections, such as "unpleasant visit from ———, who gave me much impertinence," are not permitted, and may cause forfeiture of Certificate. Epidemics, fairs, &c., having influence in the attendance,—and new subjects or Books introduced should be noted.

Managers would do well to observe particularly Art. 17, *e*, of Scottish Code, which runs as follows :—"Notice "should be immediately given to the Department of the date at which the Teacher enters on the charge of the "School, from which date the Grant is computed." By inattention to this the whole Grant, or portions thereof, have been frequently forfeited.

A B C D E F G H J K L M Mc N O P Q R S T U V W Y

Dimension of School Rooms.

	Length.	Breadth.	Height.
School Room,.....			
Class Room,.....			
Infant Room,.....			

Record of Changes in the School Staff.

Name. *Whether Head Teacher, P. T., or Assist.*	Name of Former Teacher.	Date of Leaving.	Name of New Teacher, and Where From.	Date of Appointment.	Class of Certificate.

Novbr 9th	1895
November 16	This is a new school. The children 30 in number are all beginners-not one of them knowing the Alphabet. I find all the children quite willing to learn
November 23	The most of them are now able to master the Alphabet
November 30	This week a few of the children are combining letters to form words
December 7	Same as above
Decmber 14	Same as last week
Decmber 21	This week, the cleverest of the children I formed into what I call the first class, and are beginning to read, though not without the aid of spelling

1876

December 28	Same as on last week
January 4	I find that cold weather, together with the want of proper accommodation keep the children uneasy, and thereby impede the progress of the scholars.
January 11	The second class is drilled up to follow in the rear of the first.
January 18	The first class is preparing hard for to receive the Second Book. This day, they have finished and mastered the first Book. Writing and Arithmetic are daily practised The second class is also engaged in Arithmetic and Writing.
January 25	The First class after a weeks experience of the Second Book seems to come up to the point expected and makes good progress.

1876

February 1 — The children are quite obedient and attentive. show some aptitude to learn, and make ordinary progress. Nothing to say worthy of remark.

February 8 — Same as last week.

February 15 — This locality being a remote Island of the Atlantic, our school is seldom visited by the managers or any member of the School-Board.

February 22 — The second Class is making ordinary progress and received the second Book of reading. There is a Third Class, having a number of eleven pupils, all of them up to reading the First Book, but very slow to comprehend the meaning of sentences.

February 29 — In some Highland districts, where Gaelic is the mother tongue, the correct pronunciation of the English is very badly articulated, from the idiom of the one being different from the other. Such is our experience in this remote Highland locality.

1876

March 7 This week, the attendance has been more irregular. We had to apply to the parents and inquire why such was the case. We showed its bad effect upon the other children.

March 14 Attendance better this week
Ordinary progress made

March 21 Some of the elder children withdrew for spring service

March 28 This week, we had a visit from the Revd J. Mc Donald of the School Board He remained with us while going through the ordinary work of the day, and expressed great astonishment at the progress made by children, placed under so many disadvantages and whose average experience of school life does not exceed 180 attendances, the school having been opened for the first time on the 9th of November 1875

1876

April 4 This week the weather having cleared up and sun-shine set in, the aspect of the School is more cheerful. The first Class prepared hard for the Third Book

April 11 No remarks to make, only that the school has been open all the week, and that we have gone through the usual routine,

April 18 Attendance rather irregular, noticed its injurious effect and dulness upon the other children.

April 25 The first Class received the Third Book on Wednesday, Their progress is encouraging, A few, in the Third Class received the Second Book

May 2 Good progress is made by the First & Second Classes, Attendance more regular Strict inquiry made after the cause of absence of a few boys and notice thereof given to parents or guardians

1876

May 9	Attendance fair, progress, ordinary, Nothing more worthy of remark.
May 16	Same as last week.
May 23	The Third Class is making good progress and will in a short time be raised to the second Book. Figuring and writing are practised by all the Classes
May 30	During this week attendance more irregular and the weekly average is the least since the opening of the School in November 1875. The First Class is making very fair progress
June 6	The Third class received the second Book and seem very eager in preparing the tasks and lessons for the day. There is always a cry against irregularity of of attendance!

1876

June 13 The usual routine has been gone through this week. The First Class, standard second are writing on copies for the first time. They are making every progress in the reading and spelling.

June 20 We have had only eight schools this week, a Holiday having happened on Thursday last, nothing more to remark.

June 27 This week, the Second Class received the First Standard Book, a few of the members are very slow and making little progress.

July 4. A visit from the Reverend Archibald McDonald of the School Board on Friday, He expressed satisfaction at the progress made by children having so few advantages. Good progress made in Arithmetic.

1876

July 11 — Attendance good this week and a fair proficiency made by all classes of children. First class making special progress.

July 18 — The usual course of instructions gone through. Attendance good.

July 25 — This week, we are preparing for the Examination which is to take place on Monday the 31. All the children that are to be examined are to be represented in I and II standards. Hopes of their doing well are entertained

August 1st — The Examination is over. The children seemed to enjoy well the activity and pleasant manners of the Examiner. A vacation of four weeks is to follow.

1896

September 5 This school, after 4 weeks of vacation has been opened on the 29th September The children appeared to have been no thing the worse of it. A few of the weaker intellects among them would soon be getting rusty.

September 12 Attendance good, fair progress made. Those who passed in standard II are getting on fairly with the subjects for standard III.

September 19 Attendance very regular this week. The ordinary routine of instructions gone through and marked proficiency made by the Higher Classes, Long time occupied In Arithmetical drill.
Those of the Second class who passed in standard I are taking up the subjects for standard II

1876

September 26	Attendance regular, progress encouraging. All the classes going through their work with a wish to learn, Good control.
October 3	Same as above, only attendance less regular, harvest operation conducing to it
October 10	Attendance still less. An epidemic confining many of the children. Already the First Class is up to the arithmetical standard required for standard III no progress whatever is made in the grammatical exercises required
October 17	The attack of Epidemic is still worse making this weekly attendance, the least since the opening of the school in November 1875

1876

October 24 — Attendance still irregular. The Epidemic still confining some of the pupils. Fair progress made by the First & second classes. Dictation and Arithmetical drill engage a good deal of our time. School ten times a week.

October 31 — Ordinary progress made by all classes. The First class making special progress. The Attendance is still irregular. Some of the houses visited to make inquiry about absence, result favourable. The weekly average for this last week is higher than the preceding.

November 7 — It is just about a year since the opening of this school, it being opened on the 9th November 1875. The progress made since that time is very encouraging. In July last we had two classes examined. the one on standard II. the other on the First.

1876

November 14 Attendance more regular since all harvest work is over, we are daily waiting the arrival of more advanced books All the children are to get new ones. Good progress made by all the classes.

November 21 On Friday afternoon the teacher had occasion to go to Barra and deputed an assistant to teach in the afternoon. This week, all the children received more advanced books and seemed to enjoy the change well.

November 28 This week, the First Class received their first Grammars, ordinary progress made and attendance regular, nothing more worthy of remark but that the usual routine of instructions have been exercised and that the children are almost all keen to learn

1876

December 5 The population in this locality being entirely Roman Catholics, a holiday occurred on Thursday so that the number of schools during this week, is, eight.

December 12 Attendance very good, ordinary progress made, more time given to Reading and translation of English into Gaelic. Children very slow to give the meaning of sentences

December 19 No change in the school routine. Attendance very regular, the average being nearly so high as the number on the Roll, progress fair. All the classes eager to learn, The First Class making rapid strides.

1876

December 26 Monday last being Christmas, a Holiday occurred, nothing to remark of any importance.

1877

January 2 Some irregularity of attendance this week owing to the severity of the weather. However, fair progress is being made. Monday January the first being new-year is another Holiday.

January 9 Attendance very regular and ordinary proficiency made in all the departments the usual routine of instruction gone through. The children are very keen to learn.

January 16 Same as above

1877

January 23 — Attendance very regular, fair progress made by the First and Second classes. The ordinary course of instructions gone through.

January 30 — School open during every day of the week Drill in Arithmetic as usual.

February 6 — Attendance good, writing from dictation is daily exercised, all making fair progress. Good proficiency in Arithmetic. The Third Class to be presented in Standard First, is beginning Subtraction and Addition

February 13 — Attendance strictly regular, Average equal to the number on the Register No remarks of any importance to be made

1877

February 20 Usual routine of instructions gone through. The Third Class which is to be presented in standard I after finishing the Addition required, is this week having drill in subtraction of numbers.
Attendance very regular and fair progress by all the classes.

February 27 On Monday and Tuesday the severity of the prevented the opening of the School

February 27 On Tuesday and Wednesday the severity of the weather prevented the opening of the school on any of those days. so that the number of attendances for the week is confined to six
ordinary progress made.

March 6 Attendance more regular, Good progress made by the First Class, which is to be presented in standard Third. The other classes are also making ordinary improvements,

1877

March 13 — On this week, some irregularity of attendance owing partly to bad weather
One boy who kept away all last week as refusing to come, has been taken in by force, He is now showing willingness to attend,
Ordinary progress made by all classes

March 20 — Attendance good, progress fair,
Nothing to say worthy of remark,

March 27 — The Third Class to be presented in standard First is drilled and making good progress in Arithmetic, During last week four new pupils were registered, Attendance good,

April 3 — On Wednesday and Thursday the school was kept by an assistant, the Teacher having had to go to the mainland on some message. The attendance for the week very fair, ordinary progress made by all the classes, the First making special progress

1877

April 10 Attendance very regular.
The first-class is having drill in Arithmetic daily, the most of them doing it right

April 10 The Third class is having drill daily in Arithmetic, the most of them doing the Questions quite right
Good progress by the First Class.

April 17 A change of school-room on this week seems to make the children more cheerful and keener to learn, A change for the better is expected as a consequence. Attendance very regular
progress ordinary

April 24 Some irregularity of attendance as the result of cold weather Good progress made by the First class
no more remarks worthy of mention

1877

May 1st — The second class to be presented in standard II received copies this week. Great difficulty in handling the pen. Attendance promises to be irregular as the spring work calls out some of the stronger children

May 8 — Attendance more irregular
Fair progress made by the First class
No remarks of any importance to be made. The usual routine of instruction gone through.

May 15 — On Thursday happened Ascension Thursday in consequence of which a holiday occurred.
Attendance not regular. Good progress made by the First class.

May 22 — Great irregularity of attendance, the weekly average being less than for some time back. The usual drill in Arithmetic on Friday
Good attendance by the First Class.

1899

May 29	Attendance good. Ordinary progress made by all the classes. New pupils added to the number to be presented in standard First
June 5	Attendance not regular. Those who do attend regularly are making very great proficiency. The First Class give most satisfaction by their regular attendance. The usual routine of weekly instructions given.
June 12	Great irregularity of attendance occasioned by home circumstances nothing more worthy of remark
June 19	Attendance very irregular. Good progress made by the First Class. The usual extra drill on Arithmetic on Friday

1877

June 26 Same as last week.
Nothing more worthy of remark.

July 6 No school on monday or Tuesday the teacher being called over to Barra to see the papers of the school filled at the end of the year.

July 13 Attendance not very regular, ordinary progress made by Third class.
Notice of the Examination of the school on 30th July received this week,
It is reported that one of the pupils on standard II is to be withdrawn from school, her Guardian refusing to provide her

July 20 Attendance good during past week children cheerful at the prospect of being examined.
Ordinary progress made by all the classes,

1877

July 27 Attendance during past week very satisfactory
The cheerfulness of the children is peculiar at the prospect of the annual examination.
The work of this week is chiefly devoted to revisal and practice in standards.

Sept 7 The school has been opened on monday, after four weeks vacation that is from 6th August to 3d September. the attendance is as yet very thin
Introduction to new standards as usual after the time of the annual examination
No examination of the school on this year the weather preventing the arrival of the Inspector,

1877

September 14	Attendance rather irregular. standard I has new pupils, those who were on it last year are now raised to standard II. All the classes change books. ordinary progress made.
September 21	Irregular attendance. Good progress made by the First class. now raised to standard Fourth
September 28	Ordinary progress made by all classes Harvest operations interfere very much with the work of the school
October 5	Good progress made by the First class, the attendance on the second is very irregular. The average attendance for this week is rather low
October 12	Same as last week

1877

October 19 Ordinary attendance and progress, extra drill on Friday

October 26 Attendance not regular, in consequence of which little progress is made. Those who do attend regularly are making very good progress,

November 2 Attendance during last week more regular ordinary progress made.
Extra drill on Friday. No attendance on Thursday, as it happened to be the first day of November held as a fast day by the population who are all Roman-Catholics,

November 9 Attendance very regular during past week The Classes in standards Second and Third received third and Fourth standard books respectively, ordinary progress mad

1877

November 16 Good attendance during past week, ordinary progress by all the classes. No school on Monday, the severity of the weather prevented any attendance on that day.

November 23 No school on Monday or Tuesday, the Teacher having been absent on business at Barra. Good attendance on the other days, and very good progress made by the First class in their preparation for the Fourth standard

November 30 Good attendance during week. no school on Friday, being a fast-day among Roman Catholics.

Very good progress made by all the classes

1877

December 7 Attendance good, progress ordinary Special drill in Arithmetic on Friday. The usual weekly routine gone over.

December 14 Attendance fair progress good, Extra exercises in Arithmetic on Friday

December 21 ordinary progress. The First standard commenced the subtraction of numbers on Monday

December 28 No school on Tuesday being Christmas day and the extraordinary severity of the weather prevented any meeting of the School on either Wednesday or Thursday so that the number of meetings for this week is four.

1878

January 4 ordinary attendance during week, no school on Tuesday being new-years day. The usual routine and the extra exercises on Friday were gone through, Good progress made by the First Class in the subjects of Standard Fourth,

January 11 Very good attendance during past week. Fair progress by all the classes

January 18 The attendance during this week better than for sometime past and marked progress made by the First class, The usual extra work and revisals on Friday Fair progress by all the children Nothing more to mark for this week.

January 25 Fair progress made, attendance fair. An unusually severe snow-storm and rough weather prevented any meeting of the school on either Friday or Wednesday

1878

February 1 Attendance ordinary.
Good progress made and the usual extra drill on Friday together with revisals.

February 8 Very good attendance, the average being the largest for some time back.
Decided progress in Arithmetic

February 15 No school on monday as the teacher has been absent. Fair attendance and progress good. Fine weather contributing much to the regularity of attendance.

February 22 Attendance regular, ordinary progress
Extra work on Friday.
Nothing more to remark upon worthy of notice

1878

March 1st — Attendance during past week very regular, Good progress made The usual revisals on Friday

March 8 — Good attendance during week Fair progress made. The classes for presentation in this year are now made up and arranged

March 15 — Ordinary attendance. Fair progress by all the classes of which there are now four.
Extra work and revisals on Friday. The usual routine of instructions given

March 22 — The attendance during the first days of the week has been very poor. but this day Friday being snowy and stormy prevented many from attending.
The progress made by all the classes is very good

1878

March 29 Fair progress made this week.
Attendance ordinary. The usual extra work on Friday, and revisal of weeks work.
The work of week comprised the usual routine of instructions.

April 5 Attendance during week very good progress by all the classes. ordinary and steady
A change of weather from cold to mild makes the attendance more regular

April 12 Attendance less regular. some of the children absent from want of proper control on the part of parents
Good progress by those attending with regularity

1878

April 19 Ordinary attendance, progress good, no school on monday The usual extra work on Friday an revisals of weeks work.

April 26 Fair progress made by those who attend more regularly The average attendance on this week is in excess of last weeks

May 3 Good attendance by the second and third classes, progress fair nothing more to make a remark upon

May 10 Ordinary attendance, Good progress The usual routine work gone through

1878

May 17 Good attendance during past week and ordinary progress
New pupils were registered on Monday
They are all infants therefore mere beginners.

May 24 Ordinary progress made by all the classes. Attendance fair.
No school on Friday

May 31
June 1st Two attendances only on Thursday, it being Ascension day, a Roman Catholic Festival none of the children are allowed to attend. Therefore, the average for this week is the least for a long time back.
Progress fair

1878

June 7 Very irregular attendance during past week. busy times at home causing the irregularity. Ordinary progress made by all the classes

June 14 Ordinary attendance, progress fair
The usual revisals on Friday
Nothing more worthy of remark

June 21 Attendance during past week quite unsatisfactory.
Those attending with regularity make good progress. Six attendances only on Thursday, it being a Roman Catholic festival none of the children of that persuasion put in an appearance.

June 28 ordinary progress made during last week. Attendance good.
This week is the last of the school year.

1878

July 5	Good attendance during past week, no school on Wednesday Fair progress made, The usual revisals on Friday
July 12	Attendance very good during past week and ordinary progress made The usual routine of instruction gone through and the extra work on Friday
July 19	The attendance during the past week is the highest since the opening of the school, Consequently fair progress is made, The ordinary revisals on Friday closed the work of the week.
July 26	Good attendance for last week owing to its being the week before the time of the Annual Examination Ordinary progress made by all the classes.

1878

August 2 Good attendance during past week
None of those to be presented for Examination
were absent on either Monday or Tuesday
being the days on which the Annual
Examination was expected to take place

August 9 Very good attendance during past week
Ordinary progress made,
Extra exercises on Friday and revisals of
week's work. The usual routine work
on the other days of week,

August 16 No attendance on Thursday, being a
Roman Catholic Festival
The attendance on the other days of
week, satisfactory, ordinary progress made

August 19 Examined & Cleared
Present: 19 B } 3/6
17 Ct }
Staffi John Hilington C.C.

William Jolly
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Cons Ct.

1878

September 20	School opened on Tuesday after a vacation of four weeks dating from the day of the Examination to the 16th of September inclusive. Attendance very thin during week.
September 27	Very thin attendance during last week. ordinary progress made by regularity of attendance
October 4 ~~September 4~~	Ordinary progress made, Irregular attendance. Sewing commenced on monday.
October 11.	All the Classes receive new books and a change of Standards Attendance and progress very good.
October 18	Very good attendance during the whole week. School kept by an assistant, Teacher storm staid at Barra.

1878

October 25 Good attendance during last week
Fair progress made by all the classes
The usual revisals on Friday

November 1st Good attendance on three days of last week. The inclemency of the weather prevented any meeting of the school on Monday and Friday being a Roman Catholic Festival also came in the way of any meeting on that day.
The Sewing is carried on daily

November 8. Good attendance. Fair progress in consequence. Some difficulty in the introduction of new subjects
Girls are duly engaged in the sewing

November 15 Very good attendance and consequently fair progress
Sewing forms part of the daily routine
No more remarks worthy of mention

1878

November 22	Good attendance and fair progress on past week, Revisals of weeks work on Friday
November 29	Ordinary progress made during last week. Irregular attendance. Fair progress by Second Class.
December 6	Last weeks attendance is the highest since the opening of the school in 1875. Fair progress made by the First and Second Classes Sewing duly conducted and earnestly handled by the girls.
December 13	Very good attendance for last week ordinary progress by all the classes Revisals on Friday, The usual routine on the other days of week

1878

December 20	Fair progress made by the second class in the heights and measures. Sewing regularly by the girls. Ordinary attendance
December 27	Ordinary average attendance No school on either Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday being the Christmas week.
1879 January 3	No school on Wednesday being New-years day, ordinary attendance on the other days of the week. and fair progress made by the Second Class The ordinary revisals on Friday
January 10	Good attendance. The usual routine of Instructions, Fair progress by all the classes
January 17	Very good attendance for last week, Geography lessons taught to First class Herbs also forms part of the ordinary work

1878

October 21

Summary of the Inspector's report

This School was examined for the first time on the Island. It is taught with Good ability and very creditable results. Children tidy and very earnest and smart. The tone was very good and pleasant. The work was ready and very accurate. Reading very fluent from all, distinct from many. Meaning very creditable Grammar good. Dictation very good. Writing good on slate. Fair on copy, but creditable considering the accommodation. Arithmetic very good. Sewing should have been taught during last year and should be begun at once

C. McLellan's name has been struck off the Examination paper under article 19 (13).

Mr. Finlayson will shortly receive a certificate under article 59.

1879

January 24	Fair attendance for last week. Good progress made by the Second class The usual revisals on Friday Instructions in Geography and History for the First class.
January 31	Last weeks attendance is the highest since this School was opened in 1875. Good progress in all the Standards Revisals on Friday.
February 7	Good attendance by all the classes. Fair progress by the Second class in the subjects for Standard IV The usual revisal on Friday.
February 14	Fair attendance for past week, ordinary progress by higher Standards. Cold weather minimised attendance.

1879

February 21 — Cold. unwholesome weather prevented a high average for past week.
Good attendance by the First class.
ordinary progress by all the classes.
usual routine gone through

Febrnary 28 — Good attendance on last week and fair progress in Standards.
Special attention paid to correct spelling in grouped classes

March 14 — Very thin attendance on Friday, the effect of a snow storm,
Ordinary progress by those who attend with regularity.

March 21 — Good attendance on all the days of the week Fair progress by all the classes, the First class making special improvement in History and Geography

1879

March 28 — Fair progress by all the classes.
Average attendance not so high as on previous week. Revisals on Friday

April 4 — Good attendance on last week and fair progress in all the branches.
Sewing daily conducted by Mistress
Revisals on Friday

April 11 — Same as above

April 18 — Fair attendance during week and good progress by regular attendants,
Irregular attendance by many
The number now on Register comes up to Thirty eight. The usual work on Friday

1879

April 25 Ordinary attendance, progress fair. The usual routine gone through. Revisals on Friday.

May 2 The attendance not so good as usual, as some of the elder boys are kept at spring work. Good progress by those who attend

May 9 The attendance for past week, rather thin, spring work interfering very much Good progress on the whole Revisals on Friday

May 16 Ordinary attendance for past week. Fair progress made. Few left for spring work but they are to return soon again.

1879

May 23 — No school on Monday or Thursday, Thursday being a Roman Catholic Festival. Attendance irregular, but fair progress made by those who attend

May 30 — Ordinary attendance on all days of week. Good progress in writing. The usual routine of Friday revisals.

June 6 — No school on either Thursday or Friday. Attendance still irregular on account of gathering sea-ware, nothing to mention of any importance

June 13 — Same as above

June 20 — Irregular attendance for part week. The usual routine gone through

July 11 Good attendance on past week. New names added to the Register of Attendance, the number now on roll amounting to nineteen Fair progress made in all the standards There are now on roll thirty nine.

July 18 Very good attendance on past week. Fair progress by all the standards. Children very lively at the prospect of being examined The usual routine, Revisals on Friday

July 25 Good attendance on past week. Very busy preparing for the annual inspection Revisals on Friday.

August 1st Average attendance not high this week ordinary progress by First class. The usual routine gone through

1879

August 8 — Ordinary attendance on past week
Fair progress in Fourth Standard
Regular attendance by the First and Second classes.

August 15 — Ordinary attendance on four days of week,
No attendance on Friday, the 15th day being a Roman Catholic Festival.
Children very attentive and are making fair progress. Revisals on Friday.

August 22 — Very regular attendance on past week.
Good progress in Arithmetic,
Classes grouped for spelling on Friday

August 29 — Good attendance for week, except on Tuesday, when a great number was absent, engaged in home circumstances
Usual revisals on Friday

1879

September 5 Average attendance for past week was ordinary, peat-making keeps back some of the stronger children.

September 12 Fair progress by the First and second Classes Attendance more regular. Very busy preparing for the Examination Revisals of Standard work

Sept 22d Recommenced School

Present: 20 B } 39
19 G

Trustees: John Finlayson Cl.
Mrs Finlayson Clk.

William Jolly
Teacher

1879

October 31	School opened on 27th october after a vacation of five weeks, Ordinary attendance, Change of standards after the annual Inspection, very slow progress.
November 7	Ordinary attendance for past week, Great difficulty in the introduction to new standards.
November 14	Irregular attendance during past week, Ordinary progress in standards, The usual routine of Instructions.
November 21	Ordinary attendance on past week, slow progress in new standards.
November 28	Fair progress in new standards — specially in Arithmetic average attendance less than previous week

1879

December 15	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress in all the standards. The usual routine. Revisals on Friday
December 22d	Fair progress by Fifth standard. Ordinary attendance. Revisals on Friday
December 24	Ordinary attendance fair progress No school on Thursday being Christmas Festival
January 2nd	Irregular attendance owing to cold and severe weather. No school on Thursday as it turned out to be the New-years day
January 9	Ordinary attendance for past week

1880

January 16	Very irregular attendance for past week, No progress by absentees. The usual revisals on Friday
January 23	Good attendance for past week. Fair progress by the Fifth Standard
January 30	Ordinary attendance for past week usual revisals on Friday
February 6	Fair progress by standards Jun. and Fifth Irregular attendance by Paupers and others, Ordinary average

1880

December 2nd 1879 Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

This school continues to be taught in the same miserable premises, with very great care and geniality, and very creditable work. Order and tone very good, pupils tidy and earnest, Class drill requires more practice, Reading very fluent - except in some of the second Standard, but monotonous, Meaning backward throughout. Gaelic should be less used, especially in the higher classes; the matter should be better known. Grammar moderate in the second Standard, pretty good in rest, Dictation good in the third Standard, pretty good in rest. Writing fair on slate, very creditable on copy. Arithmetic very good in lower Standards, fair in higher
History and Geography little known.
The failures were chiefly from inattention to the requirements of the Code, a copy of which should be furnished

Sewing fair, more should be shown and darning and mending regularly taught

The scholar numbered 19 on the examination schedule is disqualified under article 19 (B) John Finlayson Certificated Teacher of the third Class. AC

1880

February 13	Fair progress on part week. Average attendance higher than on previous weeks Revivals on Friday
February 20	Ordinary attendance. No school on either Thursday or Friday The usual routine and Arithmetical exercises
February 27	Good progress for part week. Regular attendance by First Class Nothing more of any importance
March 5	The average for part week pully up to an average Examination on Friday. Good knowledge shown.
March 12	Same as above

1880

March 19	Ordinary progress by Fifth Standard The usual routine, Revisals on Friday
March 26	Good progress in Arithmetic Fair Average attendance in past week
April 2	Regular attendance during last week Fair progress in Standard work No particulars to mention
April 9	Very irregular attendance on past week, Good progress by Standard Fifth Spring work interferes with attendance
April 16	Fair progress by Standard Fourth. Irregular attendance by girls Revisals on Friday

1880

April 23d	Very irregular attendance on past week. Good progress made by those who make up the Complement of attendances.
April 30th	Low average attendance for past week Good progress by all who attend regularly, Revisals on Friday.
May 7th	No school on Thursday. being a Roman Catholic Holiday Very irregular attendance by the bulk of the children and consequently progress very slow, Revisals on Friday Average weekly attendance as low as 20.5
May 14th	Attendance very irregular for past week Weekly average still less. Spring work stops progress

1880

May 21st — Attendance very irregular during the past week.
The Average is the lowest on the yearly Register
Fair progress by those who attend

May 28 — Very irregular attendance as on the previous week
Ordinary progress
Revisals on Friday.

June 4th — Attendance quite irregular during past week.
Average attendance getting lower and lower
Fair progress by those in constant Attendance

1880

June 11th	Very bad and irregular attendance during past week. Absentees losing much. Revisals on Friday
June 18th	Same as above
June 25th	The attendance for last week was a little better but very irregular. Revisals on Friday
July 2nd	Very irregular attendance in past week.
July 9th	No attendance on Friday. A fatal accident to one of the neighbours kept all the children from making any attendance

1880

July 16th,	Attendance more regular during past week, Fair progress by those whose attendance gives satisfaction. Revisals on Friday.
July 23d,	Better attendance in past week, Fair progress in standard Five, usual revisals on Friday
July 30th,	Ordinary attendance. Received notice of annual inspection.
August 6th	Very regular attendance in past week, Ordinary progress made. Revisals on Friday.
August 13th	Attendance quite regular in past week, Fair progress made. Extra drill on Friday.

1880

Aug 16 School Inspected
Present — 21 Boys 12 Girls
Staff { John Finlayson C.T.
Jane Finlayson Ass.
J. McLeod

1880

September 27 Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

This school is taught in a hovel with appliances more in harmony with the premises than with present requirements, much allowance is made therefore in some things, especially writing.

There are, however, good results which indicate earnest teaching.

Reading is good and ready throughout, and the intelligence of the Fourth and Fifth would do credit to a more favoured school

Notation is behind in the lower standards but Arithmetic as a whole is pretty good.

John Finlayson Certificated Teacher of the 3rd class

My Lords trust that no time will be lost in providing more suitable accommodation

Article 17. C)

The Registers should be carefully checked by the Board at uncertain intervals throughout the year and on occasion an entry should be made on the Log Book and on the Registers themselves

AC

1880

October 1st — This school was opened on the 27th September after a vacation of six week
The attendance for past week was quite thin
Children backward in some things

Oct 8 — Ordinary attendance in past week. Children forgot many thing during vacation However there are hopes of improvement. They shew great earnestness

October 15 — Good progress in Fifth and sixth Standards
Better attendance on this week.

October 22 — Ordinary attendance in past week
Fair progress by Second Standard

1880

October 29 Ordinary attendance in past week
Fair progress in Arithmetic
Revisals on Friday.

November 5th Fair attendance on past week.
Slow progress in lower standards.

November 12th Fair progress in Arithmetic in all the standards.
No school on either Thursday or Friday

November 19th Fair progress by all the classes
Attendance ordinary
Revisals on Friday

November 26th Ordinary attendance on past week
Fair progress in standard work

1880

December 10th	Fair attendance by all the children. Good progress by the sixth standard in Arithmetic Revisals on Friday.
December 17	Ordinary attendance on past week some progress in Arithmetic
December 24	Good attendance on past week Fair progress in Arithmetic
January 12th	Very low attendance for past week severity of weather thinned the number Good progress by the Fifth and Sixth Standards

1881

January 28th	Severity of weather prevented any meeting of the School on past week Very irregular attendance this week
February 4th	Very irregular attendance this week Good progress in Arithmetic Revisals on Friday
February 11th	No school on Monday owing to severity of weather Attendance very irregular. progress by Fifth and Sixth standards Fair in Arithmetic
February 18th	Fair progress in Arithmetic Very regular attendance in past week Revisals on Friday

1881

February 25	Ordinary attendance on past week Fair progress in Arithmetic
March 4	Average attendance on past week Severity of weather thinned the number of pupils Fair progress by Fifth Standard
March 11	Fair attendance. Good progress by all the classes
March 18	Fair attendance on past week Ordinary progress by all classes Revisals on Friday.

1881

March 25 — Very irregular attendance on past week. Severity of weather and snow-storms operated against the attendance of the younger pupils.

April 1st — Fair attendance on past week. Ordinary progress by Higher standards. Revisals on Friday

April 8th — Irregular attendance all the well through
Very good progress by a limited number

April 15th — Ordinary attendance during week.
Revisals on Friday

April 22nd — Attendance very irregular in all the standards
Fair progress by all those that attend regularly

1881

April 29th — Very irregular attendance on past week. Average far short an average
Fair progress by the few whose attendance gives satisfaction

March 6th — Very irregular attendance still
Spring work keeps away many of the older children
Very good progress in Arithmetic
Revisals on Friday

May 13 — Attendance still quite irregular
Usual work on Friday

May 20th — Very great irregularity in the attendance of most of the Children
Good progress by those who attend

1881

May 27th — Extraordinary neglect of attendance on past week. The younger children liable to forget all they have acquired in winter. Usual revisals on Friday

June 3rd — Very irregular attendance on past week. Week by average very low

June 10th — Attendance always irregular and uncertain. No school on Thursday being a Roman Catholic Festival Very slow progress

June 17th — Very irregular attendance on past week. Fair progress by those who attend regularly Usual revisals on Friday

1881

June 24th	Fair progress only by a few Attendance always irregular
July 1st	Attendance more regular in past week. Very good progress by the few pupils in standards Fifth and Sixth
July 8th	Better attendance on last week Fair progress made by all the classes. Usual revisals on Friday
July 15th	Always irregular attendance
July 22nd	Good attendance on Friday Fair progress in Arithmetic Revisals on Friday

1881

July 29th — Fair attendance on past week
Ordinary progress in standard
work Revisals on Friday.

August 5th — Ordinary attendance during past
Fair progress in Arithmetic
Good progress by second standard

August 12th — Attendance more regular therefore
more progress by standard second
The usual revisals on Friday

August 19th — Very irregular attendance on past
week. Ordinary progress.
No school on Monday being a
Roman Catholic Festival day
Revisals on Friday.

1881

August 26th Attendance always irregular and broken
Good progress by the advanced classes. Revisals on Friday

September 2nd Very irregular attendance by all the classes, progress slow in lower standards. The usual revisals on Friday.

September 9th Ordinary attendance but irregular
Fair progress made by those who attend

September 16th Better attendance on past week, more regularity owing to its being the one previous to the Annual Examination

19 Sept.r 81 — School Examined

Present 18 B. 10 G.

Staff same as last year

L. Robertson Hd. M.

1881

September 19th	This school is to reopen after a vacatin of six weeks
September 19th	This school is to re-open on the 31st of October after a vacation of six weeks
November 4th	School opened on monday the 31st day of ~~Novem.~~ October after a vacation of six weeks. Most of the children put in an appearance Slow progress as yet made in new standards.
November 11th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Slow progress by the younger classes Revisals on Friday.

1881

November 11th Summary of the Inspectors Report on this School.

In many respects, the work in this remote school, is very commendable in the circumstances. The new buildings which are occupied for the first time on the day of Examination are well built, fully lighted and fairly spacious, circumstances which will no doubt affect favourably the general efficiency of the School. Additional forms, blinds and a ball frame should be provided. The present supply of maps is quite inadequate and must be at once increased by the addition of at least a large map of the World and maps of England and Ireland. Reading is too rapid and monotonous and hand-writing should be more distinct and better formed. The Teacher should make a liberal use of his Gaelic in imparting an intelligent knowledge of the meanings and matter of the lessons and the practice of bi-lingual instruction should be a marked feature of the work. Owing to an alleged unacquaintance on the part of the Teacher with the

requirements and pecuniary advantages of the Code, no infants were presented though probably a considerable number probably made the attendances and the History and Geography were not sufficiently taught. In this Connection the attention of the Managers is called to Art. 19(3) 2(a) and 19(6) 2 of the Scotch Code, so far the Organization of the School is somewhat defective especially since a rather injudicious presentation in specific subjects was made though with very fair results. The want of singing is much felt. The children are remarkably tidy and of manly demeanour but the discipline is rather slack and needs regular Class drill. The highest Grant for discipline is hereover recommended in anticipation of improvements next year. John Finlayson Certificated Teacher of the 3rd Class.

Hall, Inspector states that no separate privy is provided for

the Boys, This must be done before next Inspection.

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November 18th No school on past week, The Teacher storm staid at Castle Bay,

November 24th Fair attendance by all the classes

1881

December 2nd Ordinary attendance

1882

January 6th — No School on Friday, being a Roman Catholic Festival
Ordinary attendance during week.

January 13 — Good attendance on past week.
Fair progress in new standards

January 20 — Very good attendance
Fair progress by all
Revisals on Friday

January 27 — Very regular attendance.
The highest since the beginning of the year.
Ordinary progress
Revisals on Friday

February 3rd — Good attendance.
Fair progress in Arithmetic

1882

February 10	Very good attendance on past Fair progress by all the standards Revisal on Friday
February 17	Fair attendance by all classes Good progress in Arithmetic The usual routine Revisals on Friday
February 24	Ordinary attendance More absentees on past week Good progress in Arithmetic
March 3rd	Very fair attendance on past week Ordinary progress The infant class making good progress

1882

March 10	Good attendance. Good progress in Arithmetic
March 17th	Very good attendance by all the pupils. Good progress in standard work.
March 24	Average attendance higher than on previous week. Good progress by all the Classes.
March 31	Fair progress in standard work Ordinary attendance.
April 7	Average attendance less than on preceding week. Fair progress made

1882

April 14	Ordinary attendance, Less attendance on Thursday owing to severity of weather, Fair progress
April 21	Fair attendance on last week, Good progress in junior division
April 28	Attendance becoming more irregular as spring work advances Very good progress by regular and constant attenders
May 5	Ordinary attendance

1882

May 12	Attendance getting more irregular Ordinary by Beginners Ordinary progress made by Beginners
May 19th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress
May 26th	Better attendance last week Good progress by Standard one
June 2	Very irregular attendance on past week, progress. slow in some classes
June 9	Attendance still irregular progress slow

1882

June 16	Attendance better in past week. ordinary progress
June 23	Attendance, always irregular, progress unsteady and slow,
June 30	Very irregular attendance progress slow
July 7	Better attendance on past week
July 14	Attendance most irregular progress unsteady

1882

July 21	Very irregular attendance on past week. Many losing former acquirements
July 28	Ordinary progress in standard third Attendance very irregular
August 4	Attendance more regular in past week. Fair progress by all. Revisals on Friday
August 11	Ordinary attendance on past week
August 18	Only four attendances on Tuesday being a Roman Catholic Festival. Fair attendance on the other days of the week,

24 Aug. 82 School examined
Present 19 B. 18 G.
L. Mortenson A.M.

1882

October 13	School opened on 9th october after a vacation of six weeks. Average attendance very low on past week
October 20	Attendance still very irregular.
October 27	Improvement in attendance
November 3rd	More regular attendance
November 10	Fair progress
November 17	Good attendance in past week and ordinary progress in new standards
November 24	Ordinary progress by beginners but attendance irregular.
December 1	Another Roman Catholic Festival occurred on Thursday, preventing the the full complement of meetings on past week.
Deamber 8	Irregular attendance on past week Good progress by standard Second
Deamber 15	Very irregular attendance on past week Slow progress by Fourth standard in Arithmetic.

1882

December 15th

Summary of the Inspector's Report of this School

The organization and Discipline of this School have both improved, and the proficiency in elementary subjects is, on the whole fair. The Teacher is again advised to keep steadily in view the Code requirements for the several Standards. The Reading is generally correct, but is far too rapid, and the pupils do not seem to understand the significance of punctuation. Constant use should be made of the Gaelic language in cultivating an intelligent comprehension of the Reading Lessons. Hand-writing, both on slates and copies, should be more carefully supervised, and parsing and analysis should be more fully and methodically taught.
The pupils in the fifth and sixth standards shew a very indifferent knowledge of the rules of Composition, and the results in

History and Geography are far from satisfactory. The Grant under article 19 (c) 2 is recommended with very great difficulty, and only on the distinct understanding that decided improvement will be shewn next year. The full number of Songs must be presented in future if the corresponding Grant is to be earned.

The Industrial work is fairly satisfactory. Blinds are much needed.

The attendance is quite unnecessarily very irregular.

Their Lordships trust that the School Board will use their best endeavours to improve the attendance.

AC

John Fulayson Certificated Teacher of the Third Class

1883

January 5	School opened on Tuesday after a vacation of one week and one day Ordinary progress by pupils on IV Standard
January 12	Ordinary attendance on past week Fair progress made by all the Standards
January 19	Some absentees on past week, Ordinary average attendance
January 26	Fair progress in ~~Arithmetic~~ by standard IV. Less attendance on Friday on account of a snow-storm
February 2	Very regular attendance in past week. Good progress by children in Standard IV
February 9	Good attendance on last week Ordinary progress.
February 16	Ordinary progress made by all.
February 23	Attendance less regular Fair progress, Revisals on Friday.
March 2	Good attendance on past week, Highest average since the quarter commenced. Fair progress.

1883

March 9	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress in Arithmetic
March 16	Ordinary attendance.
March 23	Severity of weather prevented a meeting of the School on Monday.
March 30	No School on either Monday or Tuesday owing to a snow-storm
April 6	Fair attendance. ordinary progress
April 13	Attendance not so good as last week.
" 20	Average still less. Good progress by those who attend regularly.
" 27	Very irregular attendance on past week. Fair progress by regular comers.
May 4	Attendance still very irregular progress slow
May 11	Attendance always most irregular, No progress in consequence

1883

May 18	More regular attendance in past week. Fair progress in lower standard
" 25	Slow progress by pupils in St IV
May 1st	Ordinary progress
" 8	Average attendance very low and progress slow
" 15	Higher average attendance on past week
" 22nd	Attendance most irregular in past week.
" 29th	Attendance still very irregular.
July 6	An improvement in last week's attendance
" 13	Attendance again very irregular
" 20	Ordinary progress in Arithmetic,
" 27	Better attendance in past week.
August 3rd	Average attendance. Fair progress. Revisals on Friday

1883

August 10th Fair attendance in past week.
Ordinary progress made

" 17th Good attendance. Fair progress

" 24 Ordinary attendance on past week.

31 Aug. 83. School inspected.

L. Moberton A.M.

1883

October 15th

Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

This School continues to make steady progress. There is a decided improvement in the Discipline, and the elementary branches are now taught with more intelligent methods. Parsing, Composition and Geography still require attention, and the School-Board should supply sufficient material for the Industrial department.
A few English songs should be taught. The passes in Reading Writing and Arithmetic of the Scholars numbered 20. 21. 22 on the Examination Schedule have been disallowed.
John Tinlayson Certificated teacher of the 3rd Class.

1883.

October 19th School opened on fifteenth October after a vacation of six weeks. Half the children only put in an appearance. New standards introduced

Visited the School on the 13th Nov. and found present 11 boys and 14 girls.

Revd James Chisholm M. S. B.

November 16th Ordinary attendance, progress slow in the new standards.

November 23 Attendance very irregular

" 30 Ordinary progress.

December 14 Very regular attendance

" 21 Fair progress in higher standards

good attendance

" 28 Ordinary progress. Fair attendance

Janry 4 Good attendance in past week

Fair progress

January 11 Stormy weather made our average attendance less in past week. Fair progress made.

" 18 Ordinary attendance and progress

" 25 No attendance on Friday. Severity of weather prevented any attendance on that day.

1884

February 1	The average attendance less on past week. Inclemency of weather keeping back many.
February 8	Better attendance on past week. Fair progress made.
February 15	Good progress in Arithmetic ordinary attendance
" 22	Fair attendance in past week. Good progress made.
February 29	Fair progress in all the Standards. ordinary attendance
March 7	Better attendance in past week, Fair progress.
March 14	Good attendance & fair progress in past week
March 21	Better average in past week. Good progress in Arithmetic
" 28th	Ordinary attendance. Fair progress.
April 4	Good progress.
April 11	Good attendance, ordinary progress.
" 18	Attendance more irregular in past week. Fair progress
" 25	Average attendance less in past week.
May 2	Attendance more irregular in past week
" 9	Irregularity of attendance since summer set in

May 12th	Visited the School on this day and found 32 present. Revd James Chisholm M.A.B.
May 16	Fair progress in Arithmetic, Attendance, better than in week previous.
" 23	No school on Thursday, being a Roman Catholic Festival
" 30	Very irregular attendance by all classes of pupils
June 6	Attendance still very irregular
" 13	Very irregular attendance & slow progress
" 20	Attendance very irregular & progress slow.
" 27	Warm weather, prejudicial to regularity.
July 4	Better attendance on past week.
July 11	Very few attendances on past week
" 18	Good attendance, Fair progress.
" 25	Improvement in the attendance
August 1st	Good attendance on first day of school year.
" 8	Ordinary attendance
" 15	No meeting of the school on Friday, being a Roman Catholic Festival
" 22	Ordinary attendance, Fair progress.

29. Aug. 84	Official inspection. D. McIntosh H.M.I.
October 17	School opened on Monday 15th october, after a vacation of six weeks. Fair attendance. Bad effect of so long idleness on the junior standards.
October 31	Fair progress, ordinary attendance
November 7	Few attendances on Friday, owing to bad weather many were absent,
November 14	Very great irregularity in the attendance on past week, Slow progress in new standards

1884

November 21 Summary of the Inspectors Report on this School

This School has in most respects very fairly satisfied the usual tests of Examination. Owing to the Teacher having reverted to a rather exclusive use of Gaelic in addressing the children, the latter have not made the expected progress in English during the year. There is still room for improvement in Hand-writing and I have again to recommend the practice of written exercises in the Composition and Arithmetic of the higher classes

The Barra-head Sub-School made a very fair Appearance indeed

John Finlayson Certificated Teacher of the Third Class.

The Scholar numbered 21 on the examination Schedule is disqualified under article 19 (b)

AC

November 14th	Visited the School on this day and found 19 children present Revd James Chisholm M.S.B.
November 21	Ordinary attendance, progress slow.
" 28	Irregularity in the attendance
December 5	Slight improvement in attendance in past week. Fair progress in Arithmetic No School on Monday. A Roman Catholic Festival prevented any Meeting
December 12	Fair attendance, good improvement.
" 19	Fair attendance on past week
" 26	Thursday was Christmas. then no school on that day. Fair attendance
January 2	Thursday being New year's day caused another vacancy. ordinary attendance
" 9	Ordinary attendance, Fair progress.
" 16	Attendance not in keeping with the cold weather Good progress.
" 23	Good attendance, Fair progress
" 30	Fair attendance, ordinary progress.
February 6	Attendance as usual, Good progress
" 13	Ordinary attendance, Fair progress
" 20	Very irregular attendance in past week.
" 27	Better attendance in past week and more improvement

1885

March 6	Ordinary attendance, Fair progress.
" 13	Fair progress
" 20	Good progress, ordinary attendance
" 27	Fair attendance during week. Good progress
April 3	Same attendance as on past week
" 10	Irregular attendance on past week
" 17	Attendance as on past week. Good progress.
" 24	Fair progress, ordinary attendance
May 1st	Good progress in Arithmetic. Average attendance same as last week
May 8th	Average attendance less than on past week.
" 15th	No school on Thursday, being a Roman Catholic Holiday
" 22	Fair progress and ordinary attendance
" 29	Average attendance same as last week. progress, ordinary,
June 5	The average less than on preceding weeks.
" 12	Better attendance on past week. Fair progress,
" 19	Ordinary progress, Attendance still irregular,
" 26	Fair progress, Good attendance,
July 3	Ordinary attendance
" 10	Average attendance higher than on past week.
" 17	Fair progress.
" 24	Attendance pretty fair
31	The school year ends on last Friday. Fair progress made

1885

Aug 7	End of the first of the school year Good attendance. Fair progress.
Aug 14	Improvement in attendance. Good progress expected.
Aug 21	Very regular attendance on past week.
27 Aug. 1885	Annual inspection. L. Roberton M.A.

1885

October 15 Summary of the Inspectors Report on this School.

The intelligence of the various classes has been very creditably developed, and the efficiency of the instruction has been greatly stimulated by the adoption on the part of the Teacher of improved methods. Hand-writing, though slightly better than formerly, is still far from what it should be, and the figuring and arrangement of the paper-exercises are rather careless. Writing should be largely taught by illustration on the Black board. A ready and interesting knowledge of History and Geography was shewn. The vernacular is now used with more educational effect than hitherto. The Sub-school passed well.

AC

John Finlayson certificated Teacher of the Third Class.

1885

October 16	School opened after a vacation of six weeks
Oct 23	New pupils entered on the Register
October 30	Attendance very regular
November 6	Very regular attendance. Slow progress in new standards.
" 13	Good attendance, very slow progress in the new stages
Nov 20	Average attendance less than that of last weeks, slow progress in New standards
Nov. 24th	Visited the School to this day, and found the attendance very good. James Cochrane, M.S.B.
" 27	Average attendance in past week less,
December 4	No school on Monday being a Roman Catholic Festival, Attendance good
" 11	Very regular attendance in past week
" 18	No absentees on past week Fair progress
" 25	
Janry 8	No school on Wednesday, being a Roman Catholic Festival.
January 15	Ordinary attendance. Fair progress

1886

January	22	Good attendance. Fair progress.
January	29	Attendance always good. Fair progress.
February	5	Good attendance, and good progress.
February	12	Attendance continues regular and progress steady.
February	19	Attendance still very regular, progress slow.
"	26	Attendance slightly less. Fair progress.
March	5	Fair progress in all the standards.
"	12	Attendance less regular this week. No school on Wednesday being stormy and intensely cold
"	19	No school on Thursday owing to extraordinary states of the weather.
"	26	Fair attendance. Ordinary progress.
April	~~9~~ 2	Ordinary attendance by all classes
"	16	Better attendance in past week.
April	23	Very fair progress in Arithmetic. Attendance less regular
"	30	Attendance fully an average one
May	7	Very irregular attendance in past week.
"	14	Better attendance in past week.
"	21	Ordinary attendance. Fair progress
"	28	Fair attendance. Good progress
June	4	Average attendance in past week is, the least of any as yet
June	11	Attendance continues very irregular
"	18.	Better attendance than on past week. Fair progress in all standards

1886

June 25	No school on Thursday being a Roman Festival, Fair progress made
July 1	Another Roman Catholic Festival prevented a meeting of the School on Tuesday, Fair progress done.
July 9	Ordinary attendance. Good progress.
" 16	A larger average in part week, Steady work.
" 23	Fair progress in all the classes. Good attendance,
" 30	Very good average on part week, Good progress
Aug 6	Very good attendance again and fair progress.
" 13	Attendance continues regular

17/8/86

Inspection.

A. Robertson H.M.I.

1886

October 8 School opened on 4th october after a vacation of six weeks, All the children on the Register have not come back during this first week, Very little progress done.

" 15 Attendance keeping very irregular, slow progress.

" 22 More regularity in the past months attendance, Great difficulty met with in the introduction of new standards

" 29th Better attendance in past week, some progress made.

November 5 Very irregular attendance during the past week. Only 11 pupils attended on Friday this has been caused by a slight Epidemic or Influenza.

" 12 Ordinary attendance, slow progress

" 19 Better attendance in past week, great difficulty in New standards

" 26 Better attendance on this week, progress still very slow.

December 3 No school on Tuesday being a Roman Catholic Festival, Severity of weather on Thursday kept back a large number of the younger children

" 10 Very regular attendance on past week Ordinary slow progress made.

" 17 Severity of weather obstructed the past week's work, Good progress by the V and VI.

1886

December 17	Severity of weather prevented a full house on Friday. Good progress by V and VI.
" 24	Better attendance on past week. Fair progress
" 31	A snow storm kept many of the pupils back on Monday and Tuesday, Ordinary progress
January 7	Severity of weather prevented any meeting of the School on Monday and on a R.C Festival
1887	did the same on Thursday. Good attendance on the other days of the week.
" 14	Good attendance on past week. Ordinary progress
" 21	No school on either Thursday or Friday Teacher on a visit to Barra and Stornoway for two days
" 28	Very good attendance in past week. Fair progress
1887	
Febuary 4	Fair progress in all the Standards. Very good attendance in past week.
" 11	Good attendance in past week
" 18	Fair progress in the past week. Few absentees.
" 25	Ordinary attendance in past week. Good progress
March 4	Regular attendance in past week.

1887.

Summary of the Inspector's Report on the School

The results as a whole are very creditable. The arithmetic of the fifth standard, especially the working of an ordinary Bill of parcels, is defectively understood, and there is still room for improvement in the Hand-writing and arrangement of the exercises on paper. The native language is judiciously and successfully used to promote an intelligent comprehension of English, and there is much in the oral examination which merits great praise.

Gaelic was presented for the first time as a specific subject and with very commendable results. The sub-school did not arrive when it should have; its scholars passed pretty fairly.

My Lords desire to point out that in noting the numbers on the Registers at the end of each week no children of school age who have not passed the fifth standard should be struck off the Register unless they have actually left the district or are known to be attending another school.

My Lords have considered the Teachers

statement with regard to the marking of the Registers. They are willing to believe that there has been no fraudulent intent on the part of the Teacher, but they would point out that it is necessary that all the rules of the enclosed circular should be strictly observed, more particularly in an outlying district, where it is possibly difficult for the managers to exert as much supervision as is desirable. Care should be taken to insert the true dates of birth, as ascertained from a Registrar's certificate in the Admission Register when the child is admitted.

My Lords observe that it is stated in Form IX that the Registers were invariably marked at each meeting, but from the Teacher's own statement it is clear that this was not done.

They have accordingly ordered a deduction of one-tenth to be made for faults of Registration and they are unable to allow the higher grant under article 19A for this year, as doubt has been thrown on the accuracy of the returns on which that grant is based.

My Lords trust that the managers will exert such supervision in future as will prevent a recurrence of similar irregularities, which might lead to the whole grant being refused, and to the Teacher's Certificate being suspended or cancelled.

The passes in Gaelic and physical Geography of the Scholars numbered 21 and 24 on the Examination Schedule are disallowed under Article 21(f).

T.S.R.

1887

March 11 Owing to severity of weather, there was no meeting of the School on Thursday.
Good attendance on other days of week.

" 18 Ordinary progress made
Average attendance in past week less than the previous one.

" 25 Better attendance than in past week.
Fair progress in all the Standards

April 1 Average attendance higher than in past week. ordinary progress

" 8 Ordinary attendance on past week.
Slow progress by IV.

April 15th Visited the School on this date, called the register and found it correct.
The attendance is good, The School seems to be well taught.

James Chisholm M.L.B.

" 15 A few absentees on past week,
Fair progress in Standards

" 22 Absenteeism still continues and causes some drawbacks. Good progress,

1887

April	29	Irregular attendance in past week. Progress, is, however made.
May	6	Attendance generally irregular.
"	13	Fair progress, ordinary attendance
"	20	No School on Thursday, being a Roman Catholic Festival. Very irregular attendance during past week.
"	27	attendance continues irregular, among the elder children
June	3	Many children absent altogether and others quite irregular. progress is, therefore, slow.
"	10	Many absentees on past week
"	17	Attendance continues irregular and progress slow.
"	24	persistent irregularity in the attendance.
July	1st	Irregularity still prevails
"	8	Better attendance in past week. Ordinary progress made.
"	15	Better attendance in past week.
"	22.	Ordinary attendance. Fair progress.
"	29	Good attendance on past week.

Aug 5th — Fair attendance in past week, ordinary progress.

" 12th — Good attendance in past week being week before the Inspection

13/8/87 — School inspected.

A. McDerkow M.A. I.

1897

"	19th	The school is open for another week after the Examination, Introduction to new standards, Vacation given on 19th August,
October	14th	School opened on 10th October, An Epidemic prevented opening at the end of the sixth week
	21st	Fair attendance but difficulty in the introduction to new standards
	28th	Ordinary attendance and slow progress
Nov	4th	No school on Tuesday, being a Roman Catholic Holiday, Progress still slow in New subjects
	11th	Better prospects in store, Attendance good.
	18th	Attendance still good. A new pupil entered on Wednesday, No school on Monday,
"	25	Good attendance on past week ordinary progress made
Dec	2	No school on Wednesday being a Roman Catholic Holiday: Good attendance the rest of the week.
"	9th	Very good attendance all the week through,
"	16th	Attendance very good again, progress fair in all the standards

1887

~~Aug 5~~	Fair attendance in past week, ordinary progress
" ~~12~~	Good attendance in past week, being the week before the Inspection.
Dec 23	Very good attendance on last week. Fair progress made.
" 30	Good progress made in Higher standards
January 6	Very good attendance except on Friday which was a Holiday
" 13	Attendance very good through the week
" 20	Good attendance and fair progress
" 27th	Boys' attendance complete in past week; the girls not so regular. Good progress made in Arithmetic by Standard IV
Feby 3d	A sweeping storm prevented any meeting of the school on Tuesday.
" 10th	Very good attendance during the week, with the exception of three pupils. The attendances were complete. Good progress by VI.
" 17th	A snow storm prevented any meeting of the school on Monday. Fair attendance on the other days of week. Ordinary progress made.

1887

Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

"The standard work is on the whole good, but an effort should be must be made to improve the Hand-writing from the initiatory stages upwards; and to cultivate distinctness and modulation in Reading. The class work of the Senior scholars is rather disappointing, especially in regard to the attainments in Grammar and History and a decline in the efficiency of the bilingual instruction of the lower classes must be noted. For this year the relative grants are recommended, but the Teacher must distinctly understand that the requirements must, in future be more definitely satisfied. The order is good. A small summary and Admission Register to suit the Regulations of the 26th March, 1887 should be furnished and these regulations must be scrupulously observed by the Teacher.

A very eligible opportunity is now presented for the employment of a native pupil Teacher under the Highland Minute (articles 19B and E and first

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schedule.

The discontinuance of the sub-school in Bernera is to be regretted.

J. S. R.

John Finlayson, teacher of the third class.

Art 39

1888.

Februarry 24	Average attendance behind that of previous week, Ordinary progress made.
March 2nd	Ordinary attendance, Fair progress by all the standard classes.
" 9th	Fair progress made. Ordinary attendance
" 16th	No school on Wednesday. being a Snow-storm Fair progress.
" 23rd	Good attendance on past week. Very good progress by all the Standards.
" 30th	Good attendance on past week and ordinary progress.
April 6th	Irregular attendance on past week.
" 13th	Very good attendance on past week.
" 20th	Fair progress in Standards, ordinary attendance
" 27th	Attendance fair and progress good,
May 4th	Fair progress in Standard works, Ordinary attendance
" 11th	Ordinary attendance. No school on Thursday - being a religious Festival. Fair progress made
" 18th	Good attendance during past week Fair progress made.
" 25th	Attendance very regular by most of children, progress, therefore, very good.
June 1st	No school on Thursday - being a Roman Catholic Holiday. Fair attendance on the other days, Good progress made.

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June	8th	Good attendance on past week Fair progress in standards.
"	15th	Attendance not so well as last week, progress fair.
"	22nd	Attendance less regular in past week. The average being much less than that of previous weeks, Fair progress,
"	29th	No school on Friday, being a St's day Fair progress
July	6th	Ordinary progress made. Attendance fair.
"	13th	Average attendance, better in the past week, Illness keeps back three boys, Fair progress made,
"	20th	Average attendance less than in the previous week, Good progress made
"	27th	The two averages of the past two weeks are equal and very good. progress good also
Aug	3rd	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made

This error has been caused by the fact, that, two days of the last quarter of the past year, entered into the first quarter of the next and that in adding up the weeks attendances, the said two days of the past year have been by a mistake included, This error is corrected in the

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Summary in the end of this Register, where the correct figures are given.

" 10th Very good attendance during the past week. The approaching examination improves the attendance.

" 17th No school on Wednesday - being a Roman Catholic St. day. Fair attendance during the other days of week.

" 24th Children very attentive in the past week. All the girls, except two, making complete attendances.

31/8/88 Annual inspection

C. McCarron N.M.S.

Note: The teaching of Composition and the requirements in Reading and in Spelling (as a Specific subject) need the immediate attention of the Teacher. Further instruction in needlework is an urgent necessity; that a new ~~Lady~~ Sewing mistress shd be engaged, if the present one be unable to present better specimens at the annual examination.

The Registers are not signed by Correspondent (v. Rules, March 1886) and their supervision is totally neglected. Arts. 39, and 32(b).

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1888.

October 16th Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

The general condition of the School may be reported as pretty fair, but there are very considerable deficiencies in a large part of the work. In particular, the spelling, penmanship and composition of the older scholars are backward and in the oral examination much less than the usual readiness and intelligence is shown. Faulty methods of teaching are accountable for the latter defect.
A decided improvement in the Needlework must be insisted on, and the attention of the Head-master is again called to the terms of article 28.
The attention of the managers is particularly requested to the general rules on page 4 of the Regulations relating to school Registers.
If, after this warning, H.M. Inspector report that the keeping of the Registers is not duly supervised by the managers, the grant will be in danger of being reduced (article 32 (b)) T. S. R.
John Finlayson, certificated teacher of the 2nd class.

1888.

October	19th	School opened on 14th, after a vacation of six weeks. A large number of the children did not put in an appearance.
"	26th	A large number of the pupils left the Island for home. Attendance is still irregular.
November	2nd	Better attendance during past week. Slow progress in new work.
"	9th	Irregular attendance on past week. No school on Thursday, because of severity of weather.
"	16th	Fair attendance on past week, progress slow.
"	23d	Very regular attendance in past week. Fair progress made in Arithmetic.
"	30th	No school on Friday, being a Saints day. There were only two days of school in the past week.
Dec	7th	Very regular attendance and fair progress in past week
"	14th	Attendance very regular during week.
"	21	Great regularity of attendance in past week Good progress.
"	28th	A severe storm prevented any meeting of the school on Thursday, Tuesday was Xmas, then there were only three days on which school was held during the past week
Jany 4th 1889		No school on New-years day. Attendance very regular. Progress. fair.

1889

Janry	11th	Very good attendance on past week. There was one boy absent all the week, because he was sick.
"	18th	Attendance continues regular, Good progress in Arithmetic
"	25th	Attendance less regular than on past week, Fair progress made
February	1st	Owing to illness, some of the children were absent during the week. Fair progress made,
"	8th	Fair attendance on past week, ordinary progress
"	15th	A great storm kept our door closed on Monday
"	22d	Very good attendance on past week. Good progress made
March	1st	In consequence of a snow-storm on Wednesday, there was no school on that day. The other days of the week have been attended, Progress good
"	8.	No school on Monday owing to storms. The attendance was very regular in the past week,
"	15th	It has not been so regular this week. Progress fair,
"	22d	Ordinary attendance in past month Fair progress,
"	29th	Good attendance in past week. Ordinary improvement,

1889

April 5th Good attendance during the past week.
Fair progress made.
" 12th Attendance not so regular as on previous week
Ordinary progress made.
" 19th Fair progress on past week.
Good attendance.
" 26th Average attendance, a little below that of previous week, Ordinary progress in Standard work.
May 3d Attendance still very good, progress fair,
" 10th Attendance, not so regular on past week.
Progress, fair.
" 17th Attendance less regular in the past week,
Ordinary progress made.

May 18th Visited the School on the above date, found Register correct and Summary book up to date

James Chisholm

" 24th Very irregular attendance on past week.
Progress, ordinary
No School on Friday.
" 31st Ordinary attendance on past week
No school on Ascension day

1889

June 7th	Ordinary attendance during the week. Fair progress by all the Standards.
" 14th	Very irregular attendance on past week. No attendance on Thursday. This is the season busy in manuring the potatoes, the attendance is then very irregular.
" 21st	
" 28th	Better attendance during the past week.
July 5th	Fair attendance on past week. Ordinary progress made
" 12	Very irregular attendance made by many of the pupils
" 19	Attendance still irregular, some pupils far behind in consequence of irregularity
" 26th	Fair attendance by the best pupils Ordinary progress.
August 2nd	Very irregular attendance during the past week, progress slow then.
" 9th	Better attendance on past week.
14th Augt	Visited this School today. and compared the Register with the number present and found them correct.

Dow. Paterson.

Member.

1889

Aug 16. Attendance very irregular on past week.

" 23d. Better attendance this week.

" 30th. Attendance as on past week.

Sept 6th. Examination on Tuesday the 3rd.

Vacation on Monday the 9th Sept. After six weeks play the School is to open on 21st October.

October 25th School reopened on Monday, after a vacation of six weeks, Fair attendances on the first day.

November 1st. No school on Friday being Saints day.

Little progress made in new standards.

Attendance very regular.

8th Ordinary attendance on past week

Slow progress in new Standards.

1889

November 21st

Summary of the Inspectors Report on this School

The arithmetic of the older scholars is decidedly good, but this is almost the only commendable feature in this part of the School. Their writing and Reading exhibit all the old faults. No grant can be recommended for History and Geography but that for English may, however, with a warning as to the state of the Grammar.

In the junior classes the conspicuous faults in the higher standard instruction are seen in their early development. Class drill for the improvement of the general discipline is again recommended. The Singing is execrable and the Industrial work is hampered by the insufficient supply of material.

John Linlayson Certificated Teacher of the 2nd class.

1889

" 22nd Good attendance during past week.
Ordinary progress made by a few.
" 29th No school on Tuesday being a Saints day.

December 6th No school on any day of the past week.
The Teacher was storm-staid at Castlebay.
" 13th Very good attendance on the past week.
" 20th Attendance again very good. Fair progress made
" 27th No attendance on the 25th being Christmas day
January 3rd Fair progress made, No school on 1st January.
" 10th There was no school on Monday - being a St. Day.
1890 School unavoidably closed on Friday.
Then we had school open on three days.
" 17th Some irregularity in last week's attendance.
The weather was the cause
Fair progress in Arithmetic
" 24th Severity of weather prevented any meeting of the school on Monday.
Fair progress made in Arithmetic
" 31st Good attendance on past week.
Fair progress made.

February 7th Good progress in Arithmetic
Ordinary attendance on past week.

1890

February 14th — Owing to cold weather a large percentage of the pupils was absent on Thursday. Good attendance on the other days of the week.

" 21st — Better attendance on this week. Ordinary progress made.

Feb. 22 — Visited the school on this date examined the registers & found them correct —

J. Mackey

Feb. 24. Visited the School on this date examined all the School Registers and found them correct and made up to date

James Christison

1890

February 28th Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made in Arithmetic.
Through Mr Robertson's instructions and suggestion Mary Campbell a native of this Island has been appointed Sewing-Mistress to this School—it being found that Miss Glang by only paying short occasional visits to the School, failed in fulfilling the approved Conditions.

March 7th Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made. Sewing Mistress commenced work on Monday.

March 21st Visited the School on this date, examined the Registers and found them correct and up to date.

Mrs Chisholm.

" 28th Attendance less regular in the past week. Good in Arithmetic in the higher standards.

April 4th Very good attendance on past week. Fair progress made by VI.

" 11th Attendance, not so regular as during the previous week.
Ordinary progress made

1890

April 18th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made
" 25th	The attendance continues pretty fair
May 2d	The attendance has been less regular in the past week. Ordinary progress made.
	Annual Inspection W. Macleod H.M.I.S. 9/5/90
" 9th	Annual Inspection on Friday. One pupil has been absent. This was owing to a severe sickness.
" 16th	Attendance less regular,
" 23d	Attendance falling back.
" 30th	Great irregularity in the attendance of the seniors
June 6th	Attendance still very defective
" 13th	Ordinary attendance on past week.
" 20th	Average attendance, higher than on previous week.

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June 24th. Visited the School on this date, Examined all the School Books and found them correct:

James Scholing.

" " 27th Very irregular attendance on past week.
Vacation till Monday the 11th August when the school will be reopened after six weeks vacation,

August 8th Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School.

Except in penmanship, a considerable improvement in standard work can be reported, and the class subjects may, in the special circumstances of this year's inspection, be rated as fairly taught. A better grasp of grammatical analysis and further acquaintance with the History prescribed will be expected next year. And the teacher is warned that continued deficiency in the matter of hand-writing will be noticed under article 32 (b). In the oral examination, the scholars were rather inert and could not be induced to speak distinctly. Only the lower grant for discipline can, in consequence be recommended. The Needle work has improved considerably. The scholars marked 8, 29, and 32 on the examination schedule are disqualified by article (19 B)

John Tomlinson Certificated teacher of the 2nd class

1890

August	18th	School re-opened on Monday. Fair attendance on all days of week Friday being a Saint's day, no openings recorded Two warnings
"	22d	Ordinary attendance on past week. Slow progress in the new standards. Two warnings in past month
"	29th	Good average attendance on past week.
Sept	5th	The average of the past week is higher than the previous one. one warning last week
"	12th	A little decrease in this week's average
"	19th	Better attendance on past week, Fair progress made in Arithmetic
"	26th	The attendance continues very regular, the progress is, then, good.
October	3d	Ordinary progress made in the standard work and the attendance is very regular by most of the pupils,
"	10	Average attendance on past week has been very high – the percentage being above 87
"	17th	No school on Thursday. A severe storm prevented any meeting Fair progress made. Very good attendance.

1890

"	24th	Fair attendance on past week. A warning on this week.
"	31st	Attendance still very regular. Good progress made
November	7th	Fair progress made in Arithmetic. Good attendance
"	14	Severity of weather prevented any meeting of the school on Tuesday
"	21	Very high average for past week.
"	28	Good average attendance on past week Fair progress in Arithmetic.
Dec	5th	Attendance still very regular
"	12th	Severity of weather prevented any meeting of the School on Tuesday. Good progress made.
"	19th	No school on Thursday. The weather was severe.
"	26th	No school on Xmas. Ordinary attendance on the other days of the week.
1891		
January	2d	The school was closed on New-year's day
"	9	The School was closed on Epiphany
"	16th	Good attendance on past week. Ordinary progress made
"	23	Fair progress made and regular attendance during the past week.
"	30th	Owing to illness, some of the children were absent on past week. Enquiry made
Feby	6th	Because of an Epidemic, the School was open for only one day during the past week.

1891

February 13th	Very low average attendance for past week. Many of the children are confined, warnings.
" 20th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made
" 27th	
March 6th	Cold weather prevented any meeting of School on Thursday. Fair progress made. Two warnings on past week.
" 13th	Fair attendance in the past week.
20th	Attendance good. progress fair. one warning given on past week.
27	No School on Thursday. A snow storm prevented any meeting. Fair progress made
April 3	Good attendance on past week.
" 10	A great majority is regular. One parent has been warned.

Annual Inspection

D. Macleod H. M. I. O.

25th May 1891

1891

27th June Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School.

The arithmetic has gone back since last inspection, and the Reading continues to be halting and expressionless. In other respects the school makes a creditable appearance.

Map-drawing should be practised.

The passes in Gaelic of the Scholars numbered 1, 2 and 4 on the examination schedule are disallowed under article (21. b).

Attention is directed to article 21 (e)

John Tintayson certificated teacher of the 2nd class.

1891

July	10th	School opened on 6th July after a vacation of six weeks. Fair attendance made during week. A visit of Compulsory Officer on 8th July
"	17th	Good attendance on past week Three fresh entries made.
"	24th	Very good attendance on past week and fair progress made.
"	31st	Attendance still regular Fair progress made.
Aug	7	Good attendance recorded for past week Very slow progress in New Standard work.
"	14	Attendance still very regular by the majority Progress very slow.
"	21st	Severity of weather prevented a meeting on Tuesday. Ordinary attendance on the other days.
"	28th	Good attendance on past week, Fair progress made in Arithmetic
Sept	4th	Very regular attendance in past week.
"	11th	Fair progress made in standards.
"	18th	Attendance still very regular and good progress made.

1891

September	25th	The attendance less regular in past week. Good progress made in Arithmetic.
October	2	A high average attendance can be recorded for the past week. Good progress is made.
"	9th	Great storms and severity of weather prevented any meeting of the School on Friday
		Fair progress made in Standard work.
"	16th	Attendance satisfactory.
"	23d	Average attendance less than on previous week.
		Fair progress made in Arithmetic.
"	30th	Good progress made. Attendance regular
Nov	6th	Ordinary on past week attendance on past week. Good progress in Arithmetic
"	13th	Very good attendance on past week. One boy entered
		Fair progress made
"	20th	Weather prevented any meeting of School on Wednesday.
		Fair attendance on the other days of Week.
"	27th	Very good attendance on past week. Ordinary progress.
Dec	4	School open, on only three days of past week, Tuesday was a Sports day and a great storm on Thursday prevented any meeting of School.
"	11	Fair attendance on past week. Ordinary progress.
		made. Parents warned for irregularity
"	18	A great storm on Tuesday closed our day.
"	25	Regular attendance. No School on 25th Dec being Xmas day.

1892

January 1st	Good attendance. No school on New years day.
" 8th	School open only on three days of this week. There was a st. day on Wednesday and Thursday was a day of exceptionally great snow storms. A general of visit by the Compulsory officer
" 15th	Fair attendance on past week. Good progress
" 22	Weather prevented any meeting of school on Thursday
" 29	Better weather on past week. Attendance then was very regular
February 5	Weather again prevented a meeting on Tuesday Attendance good on the other days of week.
" 9th	Paid hurried visit to School today & found Registers correct. Angus Macdonald
" 12th	Irregular attendance on Monday and Tuesday Fair progress made
" 19	Severity of weather prevented any meeting of School on either Thursday or Friday
" 26th	Good attendance on past week Fair progress made

1892

March 4 Very irregular attendance on past week. Cold weather affects attendance

" 11th No school on either Tuesday or Wednesday as a snow storm of great severity raged on these days
A warning to parents on 9th March

March 11. Visited the School and examined the registers and found them correct-

John MacPhee M.D.
Member

" 18th Severe weather prevented any meeting of School on Wednesday. Fair attendance on the other days of week. Ordinary progress made.

" 25th Fair attendance on past week. Progress. Fair.

April 1st The presence of Hooping Cough lowered our average attendance in past week.

" 8th Our average attendance in past month is pretty high. Hooping Cough confined to one house, three pupils are then absent

" 15th Excepting those pupils who are sick, the attendance in the past ~~w~~ week has been fairly large

1892

April 22d

Very irregular attendance in part owing to the prevalence of Hooping Cough
Ordinary progress made.

April 25. Visited the School on this date, and examined the Registers, and found them Correct.

Samuel Nicholson
M. L. S. B.

" 29th " The Epidemic among the children closed our doors on 27th April

May 6th We opened on Monday 2d day of May. 30% of children attend.
No much progress made

" 13th Owing to cold weather there was no opening on Monday
27 pupils present on Friday
Very little work done in past month.

May 1892

17. 5. 92. School inspected
D. Maclor H. M. I. C

20th Exe on 17th
Fair attendance during week
A vacation of six weeks School to
re-open on 4th July

July 8th School opened after six weeks vacation
Attendance poor

" 15th Attendance not regular in past month
" 22d Fair attendance & slow progress in new
standards work
" 29th Good attendance in past week
Fair progress made

Aug 5th Fair attendance in past week

" 12 Good attendance and ordinary progress
made in past week

1892

August — Summary of the Inspectors Report on this school

The handwriting and figuring continue to be open to adverse criticism and the composition of the older scholars is not well taught. In other respects the school gives evidence of devoted and creditably skilful teaching. The needle work is not satisfactory and the premises need overhauling.
No grant can be allowed for the specific subjects as article (21 c) is not satisfied
John Finlayson certificated teacher of the 2nd class.

August 19th — Ordinary attendance and progress

" 26th — Very regular attendance in past week, Ordinary progress made,

1892

Sept	2d	Attendance satisfactory on past week and the progress fair.
"	9th	The average attendance on past week is less than that of the previous week. Fair progress in Arithmetic
"	16th	Good attendance on past week. Ordinary progress made
"	23d	Attendance less regular than in previous week. Fair progress made
"	30th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made
Oct.	7.	Attendance still fair and progress good
"	14th	Attendance less regular than on previous week. Fair progress made.
"	21	Attendance more regular
"	28	Very good in past week. Fair progress made.
Nov	4	Attendance less regular in past week. No school openings on Tuesday being a Saints day.
"	11th	Ordinary attendance during past week. Fair progress in Arithmetic

1892

Nov 18th	Good attendance on past week Ordinary progress made.
" 25	Severity of weather allowed no meeting of School on Friday. Fair attendance on other days of week
December 2	No school opening on Wednesday being St Andrews day and cold weather on Friday kept back a number of the infants, Progress in Arithmetic fair.
" 9th	Owing to a severe snow storm, no opening was possible on Tuesday. The progress is fair and the attendance good.
" 16th	Fair attendance on past week and ordinary progress made
" 23d	Owing to cold weather the attendance has not been so regular as it was in the previous, Fair progress made
" 30th	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made in Arithmetic Warning given in past week.
January 7th 1893	No school on Friday being St.s day parents warned on Wednesday

1893

" 13th Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made. A parent warned on Thursday and the child came to school on Friday

" 20th Attendance very regular, steady progress is then made

" 27th Ordinary attendance and fair progress on past week.

February 3d Fair attendance on past week. progress ordinary

" 10th No school on Friday as weather was very severe. One pupil died on Friday morning.

" 17th Fair progress made on past week. Ordinary attendance

" 24th Good attendance on past week.

March 3d Owing to severity of weather there was no opening on Wednesday. Ordinary progress made

" 10th Attendance continues regular and the progress is then steady

1893

March 17 Severe weather prevented any meeting of School on Friday. Attendance fair. Progress ordinary

" 24 Very good attendance on past week. A fair percentage shewn

" 31 Attendance again good - the average for week being 26.4 and for previous it was 27.2

April 7 Good attendance on past week. My illness is a great ~~back~~ draw-back in school work.

April 14th Visited the School on this date, Examined the registers, and found them correct, and up to date.
Samuel Nicholson

" 21 Attendance not so regular as on previous weeks

28 Progress fair.

May 3d - Visited the school - Examined the registers and found them correct -
John Mackay

1893

April 5th Fair percentage of attendance on past week. Progress, ordinary.

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" 16th Examination on this date, Vacation given on 15th. School will be opening on Monday 26th June after a vacation of six weeks.

June 30th After a vacation of six weeks, work was resumed on Monday. The average is behind for first week.

July 3d The summary of the Inspector's Report for the year ended 30th April 1893.

Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School

The school continues to be taught most faithfully and the success of the teaching this year is very fair in the circumstances. The managers contemplate the erection of a dwelling house for the teacher.

John Finlayson certificated teacher of the 2nd Class.

The annual grant is £46.12.6

1895

30th June	School opened on Monday. The attendance was fair, but below the maximum of percentage
July 7th	Attendance better this week. Except one pupil, all the children have passed on to higher standards.
" 14th	Fair attendance on past week. Some difficulty in the introduction of new pupils to ~~standards.~~ new standards
" 21st	Ordinary attendance on past week Fair progress made in new standards
" 28th	Fair attendance on past week. Slow progress in new standards.
August 4th	Good attendance on past week Ordinary progress made.
" 11	Attendance still good.
" 18	No school on Tuesday being St Mary's day
" 25th	Progress fair in V & VI standards. Very attendance on past week. The percentage being 87. Fair progress made.

1893

Sept 1st A good percentage made in past week. Fair progress made in Arithmetic.

" 8th Some pupils very irregular, the majority are regular. Very good percentage on past month and the progress in Arithmetic fair.

" 15th Except on Monday, the attendance was very regular on past week. Fair progress made.

" 22nd Attendance less regular in past week. The usual routine on past week. Fair progress by all the standards.

" 29th Fair attendance on past week. ordinary progress made by all the standards

October 6 Fair attendance on past week, but less regular than in previous one.

" 13 Better attendance and average on past week. Good progress in Arithmetic Some parents warned

" 20th Good attendance on past week.

" 27 Attendance more regular than on previous week. Progress very fair

Nov 3rd No school on Wednesday being All Saints day

1893

Nov	10th	Attendance less regular in past month. Ordinary progress in Arithmetic.
"	14th	Good attendance on past week. One parent is warning for irregularity.
"	24	Good attendance is the order and the progress is favourable.
"	31st	No school on Thursday being a Sts day and cold weather on Friday kept back many of the weaker children.
Dec	8	A great storm on Friday, prevented any meeting of School, Weather kept back many of the weaker children on Wednesday
"	15	Better attendance on past week Fair progress made in all the Standards
"	22nd	Ordinary regularity in past week. Progress fair, Cold and stormy weather on Tuesday kept back the younger children
"	29th	to school on Monday being Christmas
January	5th	to school on Monday being New year's day and severity of weather prevented a meeting of school on Wednesday
"	12th	Very good attendance on past week. ordinary progress made.
"	19th	Good attendance on past week, ordinary progress made

"	26	Attendance less regular in past week. ordinary progress made.
Feby	2d	owing to a severity of storms, there was no opening on Tuesday.
"	9th	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made.
"	16th	Ordinary progress made. The attendance was fairly regular
"	23d	Good attendance on past week and fair progress made in standard work.
March	2nd	Attendance less regular on past month. Severe weather kept back a number of the younger children.
"	9th	Cold weather still interferes with regularity. Fair progress made in Arithmetic.
"	16th	Small attendance on Wednesday. Cold weather keeps back the younger pupils Fair progress made.
"	23d	Attendance pretty regular in past month. ordinary progress made.
"	25th	Visited the School on this date, examined the register and found it correct. James [illegible]olm

1894

March 30th	A fairly high percentage on past week. Ordinary progress made in standard work. Maria Campbell appointed sewing mistress on 1st April
April 6th	Ordinary progress made and a fair attendance on past week.
" 13th	Better attendance than on previous week. Ordinary progress by all the standards. Warning notice to parents
" 20th	Attendance less regular than on previous week. Fair progress made
" 27th	Good attendance through week. Ordinary progress made.
" 27th	Visited the School on this date and examined the registers which I found correct. The teacher reports very satisfactory progress on the part of the children. William A. Mackenzie.
May 4th	No school meeting on Thursday – being a Saints day. Good attendance on the other days of week.
" 11th	Good attendance on part week Fair progress made.

1894

June 25th Summary of the Inspector's Report

With the exception of the Arithmetic of the third and fifth standards, the school has made a very fair appearance and there is every evidence that the teacher continues to work diligently. The needlework is of fair quality.

" 25 School on 25th June after a vacation of six weeks.

" 29th No school on Friday being a saints day. A fair portion of the children made their appearance and standards for ensuing year have been fixed.

July 6 A reported typhus kept door closed on Wednesday Thursday and Friday

13 School open all days of week
Typhoid is isolated and confined to one house

1894

July	20	Fair attendance on past week Ordinary progress in new standards
"	27	Very irregular attendance on past week
August	3d	Fair progress made, owing to an epidemic there was a low figure of attendance on Monday. Warning in past week.
"	10	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made
"	17th	No school on Friday being a St.'s day Ordinary attendance made
"	24	Attendance less perfect in past week. Ordinary progress made.
"	31st	Very ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress made Warning given to Marion Gilling
Sept	7th	No school on Friday – the Teacher being ~~called~~ suddenly called away Fair progress done by all Standards.
"	14th	Ordinary attendance and fair progress in past week.
"	21st	Average attendance for past week still below maximum requirements Ordinary progress made

1894

September	28th	Very irregular attendance in past month.
Oct	5th	Ordinary progress
"	12th	Fair progress made and good attendance percentage less than that of last week.
	19th	Fair progress made in Arithmetic
"	19	Some pupils very backward in attendance Those who are regular make fair progress. Marion Gillis warned.
"	26th	Ordinary progress and attendance on past week
Nov	2	No opening on Thursday being a sti day.
	9th	Ordinary attendance on other days of week.
"		Good average on past week. Fair progress made in each standard.
"	16th	Owing to illness, no school on either Wednesday or Thursday
		Fair attendance on other days of week
"	23	Good attendance on all days of week Fair progress made
"	30	No school on Friday being a sti. day Fair progress done
Dec	7	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made

1894

Dec	14	Good attendance for week on Thursday, some of the weaker children were kept back by weather
"	21	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made
"	28th	No school on Tuesday being Xmas day A great storm prevented any meeting on Friday. ordinary progress made
January	4	No school on Tuesday being New-years day. Marion Gillies again warned
"	11	Great severity of weather prevented any meeting on Monday. Fair progress made
"	18	Good attendance on past week
"	25	Owing to severity of weather no meeting of School on either Tuesday or Friday
February	1st	Fair attendance during past week Ordinary progress made
"	8th	Snow storms prevented any meeting on Thursday
"	15th	Cold weather still a drawback to school work Fair progress made

1895

"	22d	Good attendance on past week and fair progress made. Weather more genial
March	1st	A change of weather from cold to genial has increased the attendance in past week. Fair progress made.
"	8th.	Cold weather on Friday reduced the average attendance; ordinary attendance on other days of week. Fair progress made.
"	15th	An epidemic of cold thinned our numbers on the past week. Ordinary progress made
"	22d	Better attendance in past week Fair progress made
"	29th	Cold weather thinned our numbers on Thursday. Better attendance on Friday. Ordinary progress made
April	1st	Visited the School on this date, examined the Registers and found it correct. James Chisholm M. S. B.
"	5th	Very good attendance on past week Ordinary progress made in all standards

1895

April	12	High average on past week. Fair progress made
"	19th	Good average for past week. Ordinary work done.
"	26th	Good attendance on past week.
May	3rd	Ordinary attendance for past week. Fair progress made in standard work.
"	10th	Good attendance on week previous to the Examination.
July	5th	School opened after a vacation of six weeks and three days. Very good attendance during week. New standards are fixed.
July	12th	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made
"	19th	Attendance still good, progress fair
"	26th	Good average in past week and fair progress made.

1895

July 6th — Summary of the Inspectors Report on this School. –

The school has in most points acquitted itself very fairly and the accuracy of the Higher arithmetic merits special mention. The hand-writing needs the benefit of further methodical teaching, and the Composition has not yet attained a creditably passable standard.

The whole Reading of the school is fluent, and the junior division may be rated as good in the circumstances. The needle-work is very fair. John Finlayson, certificated Teacher of the 2nd class. Grant £44.16.6

August 2nd — Fair attendance. No openings on Friday

" 9 — Good average on past week and fair progress made in Arithmetic

" 16 — No opening on Thursday being a Holiday as St Mary's day

" 23d — Fair progress in Arithmetic.
Attendance good.
parents warned on Wednesday

1895

Aug	30th	Ordinary attendance on past week
		Fair progress made
Sept	6th	Attendance irregular in past week
		Fair progress made
"	13th	Ordinary attendance on past week Good progress made in arithmetic
"	20th	ordinary attendance on past week.
		Fair progress made in Arithmetic
"	27th	Good progress in Arithmetic
October	4th	Ordinary attendance
		Less regular attendance on Friday. weather kept in some of the younger children. Ordinary progress made in Arithmetic
"	11th	Ordinary attendance on past week
		Fair progress made.
"	18th	Irregular attendance on past week, Harvest work does interfere.
"	25th	Good attendance on past week
		ordinary progress made
		parents again warned by officer

1895

Nov 1st Fair attendance on past week. Good progress made in arithmetic.

" 8th Good attendance during during past week ordinary progress made. One pupil entered last Tuesday.

" 15th Attendance more regular on past week Fair progress made in Arithmetic

" 22d ordinary attendance on past week. Some pupils are absent from sickness Nothing compulsory offices

" 29th Very good attendance on past week. Fair progress made in all the Standards

Dec 6th No school on Thursday. Severity of weather prevented any meeting Cold Storms are a great drawback

" 13th Good attendance on past week Fair progress made.

" 20th Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made

" 27th No school on Wednesday being Xmas. Good attendance on the other days of week. Fair progress made

January	3	No school on Tredneis-day being New years day. Fair attendance on the other days of week. Ordinary progress made.
"	10th	No school on Monday being all's day Fair progress in Arithmetic ordinary attendance Received from Clerk a Navigation syllabus
"	17th	Very irregular attendance on the part of some pupils. Ordinary progress made.
"	24th	Fair attendance in past week ordinary progress made
"	31st	Fair average in past week. Ordinary progress made.
February	7	Good attendance on past week ordinary progress made
"	14	Only 20 pupils came forward on Friday This is owing to a whim of the parents that two or three other children are infected with a harmless rash on ~~their~~ hands. It is all a want of control by the Board

1896

" 21 $\frac{1}{3}$ of children only attended during the past week. This is a great hitch in the matter of instruction and needs immediate interference on the part of the School authorities

28th Only 15 pupils out of 35 on Registers have attended any of past week's school days. School work is painfully retarded.

March 6th 15 pupils only appeared during all the days of the past week. Work is therefore seriously impeded.

" 13 Work is still obstructed by the absence of 20 pupils. No progress, then, can be reported

" 20 7 pupils withdrawn on account of sore hands. All the other pupils Came back on Wednesday. These fell back sadly during their absence

" 27th 7 pupils are still absent. This is a great back

April 3d Very ~~progress~~ slow progress made. Irregularity still prevails and the children

" 10th dismissed have not come back yet. Still working without the seven pupils who were dismissed. This is a drawback

1896

April 19th — Good attendance on past week. Ordinary progress made.

" 21st — Visited School on this date that the Register of attendances called over examined the other registers which I found to be correct. The School attendance has been much interrupted with owing to a prevalence of sickness amongst several of the children in the months of July & March. This of course must tell considerably against the proficiency of the School. The children are neat & clean results are good in case of those who were able to make full attendance.

Wm A Mackenzie 21-4-96.

" 24th — Good attendance on past week. Slow progress made.

1896

June 13th Summary of the Inspector's Report on this School and remarks if any to be made.

This School continues to be very faithfully taught and the results in the Higher Arithmetic continue to be decidedly above the average. A change in the style of the handwriting promises well in the lower division; but in the upper both penmanship and spelling are very backward. Reading is fluent but rather inexpressive. The class subjects were well known and special care had evidently been given to parsing and grammatical analysis. Navigation had been carefully taught as a specific subject. The discipline is very good. Singing is fair. Needlework should improve. John Finlayson Certificated teacher of the Second class.

1896

June 26	School opened on Monday, after a vacation of six weeks. Very few of the children came forward in past week
July 3d	Fair attendance on past week Little progress done as yet in new standards
" 10th	Ordinary attendance on past week Fair progress made in new standards
" 17th	Very ~~atten~~ irregular attendance by some pupils others attend to perfection. These latter make good progress in all the work of the school
" 24th	Some pupils far behind in regularity Very little progress still in New standards
" 31	Ordinary attendance on past week. Fair progress is made
August 7	Very irregular attendance by the infants. Slow progress is the result
" 14	A larger percentage than on the previous week Ordinary progress made

1896

" 21 Very irregular attendance on past week
Slow progress is the consequence
" 28 Very irregular attendance on past month
Slow progress then made in Standards
Sept 4th Attendance still very irregular, but fair
progress is made by regular pupils.
" 11th Very irregular attendance again this last week.
No great progress can be reported.
" 18th Better attendance on past week and the
progress is fair
Angus McNeil Sen. earned
" 25th Very irregular attendance in past week. the
average below that of any preceding week
Oct 2 Better attendance and improvement in past week
" 9th Ordinary attendance in past week.
Fair progress made
" 16th Very irregular attendance in past week and the
improvement is behind the ordinary
" 23 Ordinary attendance in past week.
" 30th Fair progress in Arithmetic, Irregular
attendance
Nov 6th Fair attendance on past week.
good progress in Arithmetic
" 13 Attendance still irregular and progress
slow

1896

Nov	20th	Fair attendance on past week. Good progress made in arithmetic
"	27th	Ordinary progress made, Fairly good attendance on past week.
Dec	4	Good attendance in past week Ordinary progress made
Dec	11	Good attendance on past week parent warned
"	18	Not so regular as on the past week. Fair progress done
"	25th	No school on Friday being Xmas
Jany 1st 1897		No school on New years day. Fair attendance on other days
"	8th	No school on Wednesday being a saints day ordinary progress made
"	15	Good attendance on past week and fair progress made
"	22	Cold weather kept ~~back~~ many of younger pupils, the average for the last month is less
"	29	Owing to heavy storms there has been no openings on either Tuesday or Friday. Little progress done then

1897

February 5 owing to cold weather, the attendance in past week has been very irregular. Little progress done.

" 12 Better attendance on past week Fair progress made by all classes.

" 19 Good attendance in past ~~wo~~ week Fair progress made

" 26 Regular ~~attendance~~ in past week. Good progress made

March 5 Fair attendance on past week and good progress made in arithmetic

" 12 Fair attendance during past week Ordinary progress by all

" 19 Severity of weather prevented any meeting on Monday

" 26 Very low percentage on past week. An epidemic of cold confined many of the children Slow progress than made

Angus McNeil named

April 2 Illness and weather reduced the average on past week. No school on Monday as weather was severe

" 9 No school on past week - the teacher being unwell and unable to work.

" 16 The teacher still prostrate. No opening

1897

Excerpts from minutes of a meeting of Barra School Board held on 22/2/97

Mr John Finlayson teacher Minglay tendered his resignation dated 3rd Feby 1897 as teacher of Minglay public School, same to take effect on 14th May next.
The Board accept Mr Finlayson's resignation with great regret and wish to record the high estimation entertained by them for his valuable services and their great appreciation of the increasing care and assiduity with which he faithfully applied himself to the duties of his position.
The clerk was instructed to send a copy of this minute to Mr Finlayson,

1897
April

April	23	School open on all days of week Sickness of children still keeps the attendance very irregular.
April	27th	Visited the school on this date, Examined the Registers & find them correct. James Thompson M. E. B.
"	30th	Fair attendance and good progress made
May	7th	Good attendance on Friday. Ordinary progress made
"	14th	Good attendance on past week and progress fair
May	19.	Visited the school & examined the registers which were found correct. School premises clean & tidy and attendance good. J. McKenzie
June	7th	A vacation of six weeks from 7 June 1897

1897

May 21	Good attendance on past week. Fair progress made in Standard work.
" 28	Good attendance. No School on Thursday being a Ct's day.
June 4	Examination on Tuesday first day of June. School closed for vacation on Thursday to meet again on Monday the 19th day of July.
19th July	School opened on 19th July.
24th July	Good attendance during past ~~year~~ week but slow progress from want of books. I find it hard to give them a clear understanding in English of the matter read, ~~in English~~ from their lack of English. After reading a paragraph fluently they have little idea of the meaning.
31st July	Good attendance, fair progress made. No School on Monday owing to my being on the main Island in Battlebay for my luggage.
August 6th	School not opened on Monday owing to my being ~~on~~ in Battlebay.

1897

4/8/97 Barra, Minglay Public School,
Inverness.

"The results brought out by this examination, which brings to close a long career of faithful service on the part of Mr. Finlayson are on the whole very creditable. As usual Arithmetic is well taught, but handwriting is still backward in many respects. Satisfactory attainments are shown in the other subjects. Discipline is kindly, but the higher grant cannot be allowed on account of the absence of drill"

(Ind.) J. S. R.

August 13th " Good attendance, fair progress made

" 20th Attendance better than on past week good progress made.

" 27th " Attendance still satisfactory, consequently a good portion of the work is ~~x been~~ got over.

Sept. 3rd " Attendance still satisfactory, fair progress made

1897

Sept 10th	Good attendance as usual on previous weeks. consequently good progress. A half holiday ~~being~~ was given on Friday the teacher being away to Castlebay.
Sept. 17th	Good attendance, and fair progress made.
" 24th "	Attendance still good, ordinary progress made
Oct. 1st.	Attendance not so good as on previous weeks. good progress made, on Friday afternoon a holiday was given, the teacher having to go to Castlebay.
Oct. 8th.	Attendance as usual. fair progress. There was no opening on Monday owing to the teacher not getting from Castlebay
Nov. 24th	Visited the School on this date, examined the Registers and found them correct. James Cuthbert M.S.B.

1897

Oct. 15th.	7 air attendance, fair progress made. There was no opening on Friday owing to storm & rain.
Oct. 22nd.	7 air attendance, and fair progress made.
Oct. 29th.	Attendance better than on previous week, fair progress made.
Nov. 5th.	7 air attendance; Church holiday on Monday; I marked the attendance of Tuesday Morning in the Monday column through mistake.
Nov. 12th.	Good progress, and good attendance made.
Nov. 19th.	Good attendance, and good progress made.
Nov. 26th.	7 air attendance, and fair progress made.
Dec. 3rd.	There was a church holiday on Tuesday. Good attendance during the rest of the week. 7 air progress made.
" 10th.	Attendance better than on previous weeks, and good progress made.
" 17th.	Good attendance, and good progress made
" 24th.	Good attendance, and fair progress made.
31st.	Attendance more irregular than on previous week. 7 air progress made.

1898

January 7th. Attendance was better than on previous week, and fair progress was made. There was a church holiday on Monday, but I, through mistake marked the attendance on Tuesday in the the Monday column, and so the holiday is marked on Friday in the register.

" 14th. School was opened for only two days this week. The teacher had to go to Castlebay on Wednesday, and was storm-stayed till Monday.

" 21st. School was opened on Tuesday, but I marked it Monday with the intention of taking them in on the Saturday, but the outbreak of the epidemic prevented this.

" 23rd. School closed on Medical Authority. Measles fast spreading in the island.

Feb. 27th. Received from Clerk Medical Certificate and Department letter.

April 14th. School opened, the teacher having previously sent a list of names

of those who had taken the disease to the medical officer, and also the dates on which they had taken the disease. The Medical Officer said he would send a certificate to reopen in a short time. But those last to get ill were up for four weeks and more, the houses were fumigated and the clothes washed with disinfectants, and I did not see any apparent reason for keeping school shut. So I opened the school on Feb. 14th. I looked for medical certificate by next boat

April ~~Feb.~~ 16th. To get three days I marked the attendances for Thursday in the column for Wednesday, and took them in on the Saturday. There was fair attendance, but little progress made, as they were sadly behind. Received Forms from Clerk.

April 23rd Good attendance, but they are sadly backward on account of their long absence

" 29th Good attendance and good progress made

May 6th Good attendance and good progress made.

May 12th Visited the School on this date and found 15 boys and 17 girls present; I examined the Register and found child No 15 marked present in mistake.

James Nicholson

May 13th Attendance is regular, and progress fair

" 20th Attendance more regular than on previous week and good attend. made.

" 27th Attendance has not been so regular as on previous week, but good progress has been made.

May 31 Notes for the teacher

St I Broaden the letters man not mm (too sharp & narrow)

St II In this St. and in St I getting an addition table. 5+2, 5+3, 5+5 } 7+6, 8+7, 9+8 } to be learnt.

" " be careful with figures 5 {not 4, not 5} 3 not 2

Teach Geography mainly from the Map.

Use the Blackboard frequently, especially in Grammar, Composition and Arith

Never talk ~~English~~ Gaelic except when absolutely necessary for explanation

Graphic Readers for Sts I & II

Royal Crown Readers for III, IV & V.

DMD

July 22nd Fair attendance and fair progress

" 27th Better attendance than on previous week and fair progress made

Aug. 5th Attendance more irregular than ~~on~~ past week.

" 12th Attendance better than on past

" 19th week, better progress made.

No opening on Thursday or Friday, the teacher being in Castlebay. Fair attendance on Tuesday and Wednesday.

" 26th Better attendance than on

" any previous week, and good progress made

1898

Sept 2nd Good attendance and good progress made.

" 9th Attendance was not so regular as on previous week, the children being kept away for working at the harvest.

" 16th Good attendance and good progress made.

Barra Mingly Public School
(Inverness)

The recent closing of the school for about three months by medical order has naturally impeded the progress of the pupils, especially in the lower division of the school, and in awarding the grants, a lenient view has been taken of certain parts of the school work, notably of the Arithmetic of the first and second standards, and the Dictation of the second and fourth. Clear and distinct articulation, especially of the consonants, should be aimed at both by Teacher and pupil. The Arithmetic of the fifth and sixth

1898

is very creditable. Grammar and Geography are taught with fair results. Writing is too angular and should be modified in the direction of a rounder and more legible style. Fingering in Arithmetic should be abolished.

Sewing is very good. Drill is satisfactory but the teacher should issue his commands in firmer and crisper tones.

(Sgd) H.L.

Sept. 23rd. More irregular attendance than on past week

" 30th " Better attendance than on past week and better progress made

Oct. 7th " Attendance more irregular than on past week, slow progress made

" 14th " Good attendance, a fair progress made

" 21st " Attendance not so regular as on previous week and the progress not so good.

" 28th " Better attendance and better progress made.

Nov. 8th " Being storm stayed from Monday for Bernera, I took them in on

1898 & 99.

	Saturday and made week end 8th. Attendance continues fair.
Nov. 14th	By taking them in on Saturday & made week end 14th. Better attend. than on previous week, fair progress made
Nov. 19th	I had an opening on Saturday in order to gain the three days lost. Fair attendance and fair progress made
Nov. 28th	Attendance not so regular as on previous much, fair progress made
Dec. 2nd	Attend. came as on previous week. fair progress made.
Dec. 9th	Attend. in a backward state on account of the severity of the weather. poor results.
" 16th	Attend. better than on previous week I was storm-stayed at Castlebay for two days.
" 23rd	Fair attendance and fair progress made.
" 30th	Good attendance and good progress made.
Jan. 6th	Good attendance on the part of elder pupils; irregular attendance of weaker children on account of stormy weather. Ascension Epiphany on 6th

1899.

Jan. 13th Very good attendance, fair progress made. By mistake Attend. for Mond. as marked in column provid.

" 20th Attendance not so regular on account of stormy Weather; fair progress made.

" 27th Attendance better than on previous week, fair progress made.

Feby 3rd Good attendance, and fair progress made.

" 10th Better attendance than on previous week, good progress made.

" 17th Good attendance, and fair progress made.

" 24th Fair attendance, and fair progress made.

March 3rd Good attendance, and good progress made.
Received from Clerk & Committee Schemes for Secondary and Technical Education.

March 10th Very good attendance made, and fair progress.

March 17th Fair attendance and fair progress made.

Mch. 20th. Cold weather prevented a meeting on the forenoon of Monday & Tuesday. Fair progress made.

" 31st. The 5 children offence July. brings down the average very much.

April 7th. Attendance better than on previous week. Rain prevented a meeting on Friday afternoon.

" 14th. Better attendance and better progress made.

" 21st. Attendance not so regular as on previous week. No meeting on Tuesday afternoon on account of rain.

" 28th. Very irregular attendance. Springwork keeping them off.

May 22nd. Examination. D Munro Fraser

All remarks made on May 31st 1898
Copybooks to be dated

1899

July 21st	Attendance rather irregular, six senior boys stay off; being one fortnight
" 29th	Not opening on Monday or Tuesday, owing to teacher being in Castlebay on business.
Aug. 4th	Fair attendance, and fair progress made.
" 11th	Attendance a little lower than on previous week, fair progress made.
Aug. 18th	Church Holiday on Tuesday, attendance much more regular than on previous week.
Aug. 31st	Teacher could not get from Castlebay on previous week, owing to no boat being across. Took the children in on each of the three following Saturdays, and changed the week endings accordingly
Sept 4th	Attendance far more irregular than on previous week, but fair progress made
Sept 9th	Attendance better than on previous week, fair progress made.
" 15th	Attendance better than on previous week fair progress made.
" 22nd	Good attendance, and fair progress made
" 29th	Very irregular attendance, progress therefore impeded.

1899.

Oct. 6th. Severe weather makes the attendance very irregular, therefore progress slow.

Oct. 13th. Epidemic of Mumps, aggravated by an epidemic of harvest work keep the attendance in a backward state.

Report. Barra, Mingay Jt. School.
(6.10.99)

The attention of the teacher is called to get yearly report and to the entry made in Log Book on the cession of the last annual Examination.

An addition table should be required in the first and second standards and fingering and other mechanical expedients should be abolished. Figures are not well formed.

The upper division gave a better account of itself than the lower, and the "good" grant is awarded in respect of this part of the school, though with considerable hesitation.

The teacher has unusual difficulties to contend with in imparting instruction to children who never speak a word of English outside the schoolroom

1899.

Report — Navigation is taught with Creditable success. Sewing is in the main good.

J. J. Johnston
P. Certificated

William A. McKenzie M. S. B.

Oct. 27th — Attendance better than on previous week, fair progress made.

Oct 28th — I visited this School on the above date & examined the registers which I found to be correct. The attendance is not at all very satisfactory & the reason given is an epidemic of mumps. The premises are well & kept.

William A. McKenzie.

Oct. 29th — Fair progress made, fair Attendance,

Nov. 3rd — though an Epidemic of Mumps prevail. Attendance better than on previous week fair progress made.

Nov. 10th — Attendance very irregular. progress slow.

" 17th — Fair Attendance, fair progress made

" 24th — Better Attendance, better progress made

Dec. 1st — Fair Attendance and fair progress made

" 8th — Good Attendance and good progress made

15th — Fair attend. good progress made.

Dec. 22nd Fair attendance, fair progress made
" 29th Christmas Day on Monday, but through mistake I marked the attendance for Tuesday in column for Monday.

Jan. 5th Fair attendance, and fair progress made
" 12th Attendance same as on previous week, fair progress made
" 19th Fair attendance and fair progress made
" 26th Better attendance and better progress made
Feb. 2nd Fair attendance and fair progress made
" 9th Influenza raging in the island, attendance very irregular; teacher laid up on Thursday with it.
" 16th Children are laid up. Teacher opened the school on Thursday and Friday, ~~with~~ but only three children attended on Thursday and four on Friday.
" 23rd School opened on Monday, but attendance was very backward, had to return to bed on Thursday owing to Pleurisy.
Owing to the severe weather which prevails no boat has left the island for Castlebay, but I expect to go to Castlebay myself to inform the doctor of the prevailing epidemic of Influenza.
March 2nd Went to Castlebay ~~on the~~ etc, saw the doctor, but did not get a certificate for the recent closing

of the school, but expected to get it.

Mch. 13th — Came back on ~~Friday~~ Thursday from Castlebay, and kept school for the following four Saturdays. Good attendance and good progress made.

" 30th — Better attendance than on previous week, good progress made.

April 6th — Attendance, same as on previous week, good progress made.

" 13th — Fair attendance and good progress made.

" 20th — Attendance better than on previous week. Good progress made.

" 27th — Good attendance and good progress made.

May 4th — Attendance still better, good progress made.

May 11th. — Called at school & looked over the attendance Register &c: & found to be correct &c. Children (Junior) attending well but some of them are very irregular.

W. A. McKenzie.

May 18th — Good attendance & fair progress made. Revd W Mackenzie paid hurried visit to the school ~~to~~ to day. He had not time to look up the summary register, but signed Daily Register.

May 25th — Good progress, fair attendance.

1900
29th May

D Munro Fraser
Visited school.

Notes for work of next year:

I Order of teaching. Arithmetic (before slate).

(1) 2+2, 3+3, 4+4 &c (by heart) (Infants)

(2) { 3+2, 4+3, 5+4 &c " I and II
7+6, 8+7, 9+8 &c "

(3) 13+2, 23+2, &c &c " "

7+6, 17+6, 27+6, 37+6 &c " "

(4) 4 8 3 2 5 / 8 7 6 (practise the ring) " "

II Practise "th" sound

(1) The smith has a thousand lambs

(2) The smith went ~~with the~~ to the smithy &c &c

III Answer in sentences in order to give practice in speaking English (not always but frequently) in Geog, English, History &c lessons.

IV Always illustrate Nature Knowledge by the real article (if possible).

1900

Aug. 13th Report on Bassa, Mindaj P. School.

The teacher is doing his best under difficulties. Writing, however is far too sharp and Spelling, as tested in the second, fourth, and fifth standards, is by no means strong

Geography should be taught with reference to the requirements of real life. The note-books written by the pupils during the session should be kept for inspection.

The teacher's attention is specially directed to the remarks made in the Log-Book on the occasion of the present visit, and at previous examinations.

Drawing is to be commenced forthwith. Some wall diagrams are required. Greater proficiency in Modulator exercises will be expected next year.

A Merit Certificate is enclosed for J. Macneil.

John Johnston
Prov. Certificated.

Aug 17th 7 in attendance, Boys of first std have left, leaving only 24 on roll.

Aug 24th	Fair Attendance and fair progress made
" 31st	Better attendance and better progress made
Sept. 7th	Attend. still better, better progress made
" 14th	Attend. fair. fair progress made.
" 21st	Attend. better. fair progress made
" 28th	Fair attendance, and fair progress made
Oct 5th	Attend not so regular as on previous weeks. progress fair.
Oct 12th	Attend better than on previous week. fair progress made.
Oct 19th	Attend. better than on previous weeks. fair progress made.
Oct 26th	Fair attend. and fair progress made. Teacher being in Castlebay for Coals, school was kept for two days by J. Macneil.
Nov. 2nd	Attend. not so regular as on previous week. fair progress made.
Nov. 9th	Good attend. and good progress made.
Nov. 11th	Attendance satisfactory, fair progress made
Nov. 23rd	Fair Attendance, and fair progress made
to Dec 6th	Teacher storm staged at Castlebay for the week. changed the week endings, and worked on the following four Saturdays.
Dec 13th	Fair attendance, and fair progress made
Dec. 18th	Fair Attendance and fair progress.

Dec 20th	Good attendance, and good progress made
Dec 22nd	Fair Attendance, and fair progress made
Jan 4th	Good attendance, and good progress made
Jan. 11th	Irregular Attendance, progress fair.
Jan 18th	Very irregular Attendance, unsatisfactory progress.
Jan 25th	Attendance in a very backward state owing to an epidemic of Influenza among the children
Feby 1st	Mr Macaulay called on this date, and thought it better to close the school.
Feby 16th	Owing to ~~severe storm~~ bad weather school was not kept on Friday.
Feby 23rd	Work them in on Saturday to make up for the day lost on previous week.
Feby 28th	Fair attendance and fair progress made
March 1st	Fair attend. and fair progress made.
~~March~~ April 8th	Fair attend, good progress made
" 23th	Fair attendance, fair progress made
" 30th	Fair attendance, good progress made
April 6th	Fair attendance, good progress made
May 29	Visited School D. Munro Fraser

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July 29th	School opened, poor attendance.
July 31st	Attendance backward. Teacher storm stayed a Castlebay for 3 days.
Aug. 2nd	Attend still backward, peatwork keeping off children
Aug 9th	Attendance still backward. progress fair.
" 17th	Attend. Fair. Fair progress
Aug. 25th	Visited this school on the above date found the Attendance Register into correct. Attendance is fairly good only. Progress satisfactory. W Mackenzie.
Aug 23rd	Attendance Fair, Fair progress made
" 30th	Fair progress made on the two days school met Teacher storm stayed at Castlebay till Wedensday.
Sept 6th	Good attendance, Fair progress made.
" 13th	Fair attend, Fair progress made. Teacher had occasion to go to Castlebay on Monday afternoon, but managed to get back that night.
Sept. 20th	Fair progress, good attendance
" 27th	Fair attendance, fair progress made.

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Oct 2nd Margaret Haggarty C. Teacher 1st Class takes charge of school.
24 children on Register.
Two New pupils admitted.

Oct. 11th Four girls re-admitted.
Attendance good, & children working with spirit.

" 18th 2 Girls re-admitted.
Children seem anxious to improve, but are very backward, especially in the lower division.
Reading throughout the school, is very careless, no attention being paid to the endings of words, or the full stops!

Week ending Oct. 25th Slight improvement in the reading of 1st standard; but pupils have not the slightest idea, of working a sum in simple addition.
Attendance fairly good.

Week ending Nov. 1st Bills of Pence commenced in 5th Standard. Holiday on Nov. 1st.
Attendance good: Average 30.

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Wk. ending Nov. 8th

Special attention given this week, to the Arithmetic & spelling of the 4th standard, the latter being far below the mark.
Taught two new songs.
Average 30.

Nov. 15th

Time Table not followed exactly on Tuesday, teacher being obliged to give extra time, to the reading in the lower division of the school.
Stormy weather. Average 27.

Nov. 22nd

Maggie Campbell 4th St., who went to Eastbay last week, is remaining there, for the Winter.
Poor attendance on Tuesday, owing to the storm. Average 28

Nov. 29th

Simple Practice commenced in 5th standard, & Reduction of Money in the 4th.
Instead of the ordinary dictation the teacher gave a letter, each child drawing an envelope, & addressing it,

after finishing the letter.
32, on the register, Average 30.

1901 W. H. Inspector's Report.
"The scholars are making only fairly moderate progress.
There is room for very much improvement in elementary and class subjects. Sewing is satisfactory.
Mr Johnstone, under proper direction, would, no doubt, give satisfaction as a teacher, but in this remote island, with other claims on his attention, the difficulties of his task are too much for him. He teaches Physical Drill well, and succeeds best in instructing the older pupils of the school, especially one clever boy of sixteen.
"In all the circumstances, regard being had also to the fact that Mr Johnstone has given four years of the best period of his life to this school, the Board are recommended to transfer him

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to the main island.

The services of a female teacher should be secured.

The record of work kept by the teacher ceases at the end of the year 1900, and the Registers have not been verified by the Managers since last inspection.

A deduction of one-tenth has been ordered under Article 32 (b) for faults of instruction.

The scheme of instruction in Drawing, showing details of the work proposed for each class of each division, together with a statement as to present qualifications of the teacher in this subject, should be submitted annually to the Department.

Margaret Haggarty C. 1st class.

Week ending Dec. 6th

Notwithstanding the stormy weather, children have attended well during the week. Spelling very weak in the third, and fourth standards.

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Week ending Dec. 13th — Usual routine of work. Owing to the very severe weather, children under seven, have attended very badly. Average only 26!

Week ending Dec. 20th — Very slight improvement in the elementary subjects. Reading is still very careless, & Arithmetic, far from being accurate. Taught a new song. Average 29

Wk. ending Dec. 27th — Holiday on Christmas Day. A Box containing Models for the Drawing, received this week. Average 28.

Wk. ending Jan. 3rd 1902 — Third Standard, commenced Addition of Money this week, & the 1st, simple Subtraction. Holiday on New Years Day.

Week ending Jan. 10th — Holiday on Monday being the Feast of the Epiphany. Weather being severe, several of the younger children, suffering from colds. Average 26.

1902

W. ending Jan. 17th — A supply of coals received for use of school.

Fifth Standard commenced Simple Proportion this week.

Extra time given to Mental Arithmetic, which is very poor, especially, in the Junior Division.

Average 27.

W. ending Jan. 24th — Usual routine of work.

Children very backward, but working with great spirit.

Average 30.

W. ending Jan. 31st — The very severe weather, has caused a serious falling off in the attendance - many of the older children, being laid up, with severe colds. Average only 20.

W. ending Feb. 7th — Received this week, a supply of Exercise Books, pens, blackleads, & chalk; also 11 cwt. of coal.

Circulars sent by Department, regarding School Age, (5 to 14). Leaving Certificates etc.,

1902

received from S. Board Officer, on the 1st of February.

Average 20.

W.E. ending Feb. 14th — Sickness still among the children. Ten pupils out of 32 on the register, absent all week. Average 19.

W.E. ending Feb. 21st — Slight improvement in the attendance this week.

Special attention given to the spelling of the 2nd & 3rd Standards, which is very weak.

Average 24

W.E. ending Feb. 28th — Four of the older girls left school this week. Two were in the sixth Standard, 1 in the 5th, & one in the 3rd, the latter, has gone to live at Castlebay. Two had completed their sixteenth year, the others were over 15. Average 25.

W.E. ending March 7th — Usual routine of work. Improved Attendance. Average 27.

1902

W/E. ending March 14th

Examined the Upper, & Lower Divisions, on Tuesday, & found Composition very weak in the 5th standard, while, the Dictation, written by the 2nd, & 3rd standards, does quite a failure.

March 12th

Visited the school on above date that attendance Register called over & found it to be correct. Attendance of children is very much better of late & the children make very satisfactory progress in the circumstances. School premises are exceedingly well kept & children are tidy & well behaved. Have arranged that drawing be taken first up.

W. A. Mackenzie.

W/E. ending March 21st

Attendance good.

Reading slightly improved in the third standard. but poor in the fourth. Girls working hard at the sewing lesson, anxious to finish their garments.

Maggie Gillies St. IV re-admitted.

W/E. ending March 28th

School closed on Wednesday, for the Easter Vacation.

1902

April 4th. School re-opened. 26 children present.
Maggie Campbell re-admitted.

W.E. ending April 11th. Owing to illness among the children, the attendance is very poor this week. Children much interested in drawing on the linoleum, which was placed on the walls of the school, during holidays.
Average 23.

April 18th. Attendance still below the mark. Some of the pupils have returned to school, & others present last week, are now ill.
Average 22.

W.E. ending April 25th. Three Prizes sent by the London, and Inverness Association awarded, after examination by teacher, to Marion Macneil, & Mary A. Campbell, Senior Division, Catharine Mullen, Junior.
Average 25.

W.E. ending May 2nd. New Registers commenced on Thursday. Received Form from Clerk of Board, on May 2nd. & filled in. Approx. No. to be examined.

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Wk. ending May 9th	Usual routine of work. Holiday on Thursday, being the Feast of the Ascension.
May 15th	Visited School, M. Beaton.
May 16th. Sch	School closed at 1 p.m. for Summer holidays.
Wk. ending July 11th	School re-opened. Five of the upper standard girls have left school. Four are over 15, & one over 14. A New pupil admitted
Wk. ending July 18th	Attendance good. Children who have been raised to higher standards, are much interested in their new work.
Wk. ending July 25th.	School could not be opened on July 23rd, the teacher being laid up, with influenza.
Wk. ending August 8th	School re-opened on the 4th of August. Attendance fair.

W.E. ending August 15th. Usual routine of duties.
Half Holiday on Friday, being the Feast of the Assumption.

August 16th. Visited the School on this date examined the Register and found it correct.
James Johnson.

Week ending Augt 26th. Particular attention given to spelling, which is very weak, in the lower Division.
26 pupils on the register, Average for week 24.

W.E. ending Augt 29th. Time Table not exactly followed this week, extra time having been given, to Composition in the 5th Standard.
Average 24.

W.E. ending Sept 5th. Slight falling off, in the attendance this week, some of the children being sick.
A new song taught.
Average 22.

1902

W.M. ending Sept. 12th	Sickness still among the children. Attendance poor, in consequence. Average 21.
W.M. ending Sept. 19th	Fresh cases of illness. Average 20.
W.M. ending Sept 26th	Very little work done in Lower Division of the school, 8 pupils being absent all week, owing to illness! Average 17.
Week ending Oct. 3rd	4 Graphic Readers St. III, and 2 Royal Rd for 5th St; received this week; also, exercise books, blotting paper, & sewing, & knitting materials. Average 20.
W.M. ending Oct. 10th	Fresh cases of sickness this week, which is much more serious, than was thought at first, being a mild form of Scarletina. No means of communicating, with the Doctor, or Members, of the Board. Average 18.
W.M. ending Oct. 17th	Sent two children home who returned to school — afraid of the infection spreading. A

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boat went to Castlebay, on Saturday the 11th, but the teacher did not know, till it was on the point, of sailing. No one, from whom to ask advice.

Average 19

W.E. ending Oct 24th

A few fresh cases of illness, this week. A girl in St. 4 who, had been absent a month, returned to school on Monday, also a boy, in the 6th standard.

Average 21

Oct. 31st

Improvement in the attendance this week. The Revd. Father Campbell from Glasgow, visited the school on Tuesday. Average 23.6

W.E. ending Nov. 7th

Finlay MacKinnon, & Maggie Campbell in the Senior Division, left the school this week, having gone to live in Castlebay. Average 22.

W.E. ending Nov. 14

Sickness still in Mingulay 3 fresh cases among the children this week. Average 20,5

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Wk. ending Nov. 21st

Very little improvement to be noted, so many pupils being sick.

Average only 18.6

Wk. ending Nov. 28th

Usual routine of school duties.

Average 18.1

Wk. ending Dec. 5th

No meeting of the school could be held on Monday, owing to the storm.

Two of the sick pupils, who had been absent, some time returned on Tuesday. Average 20.9

Wk ending Dec 12th

Received Report of School on Tuesday, of which the following is a copy.

Report

The new teacher found the school in a very backward condition.

The appearance made by the pupils on the day of inspection though still leaving much to be desired, shows a

Austrian adherence on the work of previous years.

Singing has much improved, and it is hoped that instruction by note, will be shortly introduced.

Drawing receives satisfactory attention. A certain definite style of writing should be taught.

Discipline requires bracing. The record of work done, should be noted some a month at least.

The teacher would do well to consult previous reports, as well as certain remarks made in the Log Book, for the benefit of her predecessor on May 31st 1898, and May 29th 1900.

Grant £45-19-9

Margaret Haggarty 1st Class

W. A. MacKenzie
20-4-03.

W.E. ending Dec. 19th. All the children are now well, and attending regularly. Average for week, 23.5.

Wk. ending Dec. 26th	Particular attention given to the composition of the 5th St., which is very weak, indeed. Holiday on Christmas day.
Wk. ending Jan. 2nd 1903	Holiday on New Year's day. Owing to the stormy weather, the Infants have attended badly this week. Average only 20,4.
Wk. ending Jan. 9th.	Slight improvement in the attendance. Holiday on Jan. 6th. Feast of the Epiphany. 25 on the register. Average 22.5
Wk. ending Jan. 16th	The spelling, & Arithmetic, in 3rd Standard, is very poor, the 2nd, show greater signs, of improvement.
Wk. ending Jan. 23rd.	Attendance good, considering the stormy weather. Composition in the 5th & 6th Standard, slightly improved. Taught a new song. Average 23.2.

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Wk. ending Jan. 30th

Reading rather careless; in the 4th Standard, attention given to word endings.

Infants attended badly this week. owing to the terrible, stormy weather.

Average 21. 7

Wk. ending Feb. 7th

Usual routine of school duties.

Attendance good. Average 23, 8.

Wk. ending Feb. 14th.

Time Table not exactly followed this week, composition being so poor in the 5th Standard, that the teacher after correction, had to see it written again.

25 on Register. Average 24, 8

Wk. ending Feb. 20th.

Attendance good, considering the weather. Average 23, 9.

Wk. ending Feb. 27th

The attendance, is very low this week, the younger children being unable to attend school owing to the rough weather.

Average 19.

1903

W.E. ending March 6th — Finlay Mackinnon left this school Nov. 7th, went to reside in Castlebay, & attended school there, for a fortnight. He returned to Mingay, 4 months later, and was re-admitted on the 7th of March.

Twenty six on Reg. Average 23.

W.E. ending March 13th — Received from Clerk to Barra Board, Circulars sent by S. Department.

Usual routine of work.

Average 23.

W.E. ending March 20th — Composition, shows very little improvement, and 4th standard, very careless this week, with their Arithmetic.

Good Attendance. Average 24.2

W.E. ending March 27th — Returned Circulars to Mr. McLeish, on Tuesday. Third Standard finished the garments, made for examination, this week.

3 children suffering from severe colds.

Average 22.8

1903

W.E. ending April 3rd — Two girls in Senior Division, finished their garments, for examination this week. Notation very weak in 3rd Standard — particular attention given to it.

Average 22, 6

W.E. ending April 10th — A fresh supply of exercise books, drawing books, blotting paper, blackleads, & slate pencils, received on Thursday. Average 23, 5.

W.E. ending April 17th — New Registers received on Wednesday.

The composition in 5th St., a total failure this week.

Average 23,5

April 20 — I called at the School on the above date & had the different registers examined & found them the Correct. Progress is very satisfactory especially considering sickness prevails. Premises are well kept & children look bright & interested in their work.

M. A. MacKenzie.

1903

Wk. ending April 24th — The Revd. J. W. Mackenzie, visited the school on Monday afternoon, and tested the registers. There were 25 children present – 26 on Roll. Average for week 24.2

" 30 — Visited School

D. Munro Fraser
Hunter.

26 present

Advice to teacher –

(1) Composition to be begun in III by each pupil writing down one or two sentences of what he can remember of a Reading or other lesson. e.g. "Bobby was a brave dog. He saved a child from drowning." This to be continued in Sts IV & V & VI, – only these classes can write at greater length what they remember. Nature Knowledge lessons & History lessons can be largely used ~~for~~ in this way. eg. Signs of Spring – Birds building nests, bushes beginning to bud, farmer ploughing & sowing &c.

(2) Practice need not be taught, except in so far as it is useful in real life – eg 420 @ £1.10/. £1.10/6 £2.6/8 &c

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Complex sums & involved sums to be avoided.

(3) A little done well is much better than a large amount done imperfectly. Eg Infants to write little words like là, lay go, got &c before they get bigger ones & to keep to the line.

Good figuring & Mental Arith^c. to come before slate Arithmetic. Multiplicⁿ table thorough before sums tried

Eg. | 7 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 | × 2 (rally)

or thus

	2
7	14
2	4
8	2
9	
6	
5	
4	

} good figures to be insisted on: one lesson thus assisting another (by the principle of coordination)

DMD

May 1st New Registers commenced to day. 26 children attended - being No. on Register.

W. ending May 8th Senior Division boys have attended badly this week - being busy setting potatoes.

Third standard placed in Upper Division, raised the others.

to higher standards. Pupils all pleased at being promoted, & interested in their new work. School closed for Summer Vacation, at 4 p. m. on Friday, May 8th.

W. ending June 26th — School re-opened on Tuesday 23rd. Attendance poor, some of the older boys and girls working at the peats. Average 16.6.

W. ending July 3rd — Holiday on Monday, being the Feast of St Peter & Paul. Improved Attendance. Two Infants admitted. Average 21.5

W. ending July 10th — Attendance still below the mark, children being kept at home when parents are working out, weeding etc. Average 21.3.

W. ending July 17th — The Revd Father McMaster, visited the school on Wednesday afternoon, and heard some of the children read. Average 21.9

1903

Wk. ending July 24th

Usual routine of work.
One of the older boys returned to school this week.

Average 21. 3

Wk. ending July 31st

The children in St. E., have shown a decided improvement in their Composition this week.
Spelling very weak in the 4th Standard.

Average 21. 6.

Wk. ending August 7th

Special attention given to the reading in Senior Division, which is rather unexpressive.

Average 22. 4

Wk. ending Augst. 14th.

Attendance is still low, many of the older children failing to make their 10 attendances, being kept by parents, to assist with the crops.
Arithmetic weak in the lower part of the Junior Division.
Addition Table practised daily.
Third Standard working simple short Division and Fourth, Compound Multiplication, & Compound Short Division.

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August 14th 1903

H. M. Inspector's Report of the School
August 14th 1903

"The teacher is working hard and, on the whole, successfully under difficult conditions.

"The intelligence of the children is cultivated much better than it used to be. Writing and Composition are, however, susceptible of improvement, especially the former subject.

Allowance must be made for a certain amount of weakness in the latter subject, in an island where "nothing but Gaelic is spoken.

An Addition table should be practised in the Junior Division.

Attention should be concentrated on the great events of History, and on the main points of Geography.

By attempting too much, little may be effectively done.

"The children sing well (by ear), and a satisfactory amount of good work is done in Drawing.

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Modulation exercises should be begun."

The attention of the Managers is particularly requested to the "General Rules" on page 6 of the Regulations relating to School Registers.

If after this warning H. M. Inspector report that the keeping of the Registers is not duly supervised by the Managers, the grant will be in danger of being reduced. (Article 32 (b.)).

My Lords should be informed of the causes for the irregular attendance of the pupil Finlay McSimon.

Grant £ 4 . 4 . 9

William Macmarkes

Dec 13th 1903.

Margaret Hyland C. T.

W/E. ending August 21st — Holiday on the Friday, the teacher having to cross to Oban, on business. Permission given, by the Revd. W. Mackenzie.

W/E. ending Augst 28th — School duties commenced on the

over

1903

Tuesday. Usual routine of work during the week. Average 22.

W.E. ending Sept. 4th.

The attendance not so good, this week, a few of the younger children being ill.

Average 20.

W.E. ending Sept. 11th

Nothing worthy of note occured during the week.

W.E. ending Sept. 18th

Fifth Standard working simple Proportion this week, & the fourth, reduction of money.

The attendance is below the mark at present, several of the older children being kept at home, as parents are working out, trying to get in the crops.

W.E. ending Sept. 25th

The lower part of the junior division, make very little progress in counting, although the addition tables are said daily.

The composition of the 5th Standard, much improved.

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W.E. ending Oct. 2nd — The spelling in the Senior Division much improved this week.
Heresies given in words pronounced alike, but spelled differently.
Average 21.5.

W.E. ending Oct. 9th — Poor attendance again this week, parents keeping older children to help with getting in the potatoes.
Average 20.

W.E. ending Oct. 16th — 1 dozen A. Readers for S. Division received, also exercise books, pens, pencils, and rulers. The necessary sewing materials, also arrived, having been for some time in Castlebay.

W.E. ending Oct. 23rd — Particular attention given to the writing, in both Divisions this week.
Reading throughout the school improving.
Average 21.5

W.E. ending Oct. 30th — No meeting of the school could be held on Monday, or Tuesday, – the Teacher being too ill to attend!

Week ending Nov. 6th — Nothing worthy of note occurred during the week.

Average 22.5

Week ending Nov. 13th — Third Standard commenced working Compound Subtraction, & 4th Measure of Capacity. Writing of both Standards, very careless.

Wk ending Nov. 20th — Three children of 8 years of age, preparing for 1st Standard, progressing very nicely in reading, and Arithmetic. Particular attention given to History in the S. Division.

Wk. ending Nov. 27th — Considering the stormy weather, the attendance has been good.

One girl in S. Division absent all week, owing to illness at home.

Average 21.4

Week ending Dec. 4th — Holiday on Monday being the Feast of St. Andrew.

The teacher when marking register on Tuesday, marked by mistake in Mondays column.

1903

Week end. Dec. 11th — Owing to the very severe weather. the attendance this week is very poor. Average 19.4.

I called at the School on Dec 19th 1903 Examined the Registers found them correct - everything in good order & satisfactory.
Sig William Macmaster

Week ending Dec. 18th — School visited by the Revd W. Macmaster, on the Monday, & Wednesday.
Average 20.6

Wk. ending Dec. 25th — Holiday on Christmas Day.
Weather very stormy during the week, Average only 19.4.

Wk. ending Dec. 31st — Margaret Haggarty resigns charge of Mingley School. this day Dec. 31st 1903

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Jan 18 — "I" Mrs S. McShane take charge of this school today. January 18th 1904

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Jan 22 "I find school much behind. (See record book for notes.) Commenced Tonic Solfa for the first time. Grammar entirely unknown. Consequently the composition is very weak. Commenced to teach the various parts of a sentence Arithmetic also much behind. Discipline is weak. Children seem bright and active enough if firmly handled."
Attendance excellent.

Received about two cwts of coal for school use

Jan 29 Taught definition & work of a verb. also commenced fractions with St IV & V. Revised the work of St III. Gave Tonic Solfa Lesson. Children attending fairly well. Attendance very good.

Feb 5th Taught addition of fractions also preliminary exercises. eg L C M. G. C. M. etc to IV & V St. Kept St III working hard at multiplication and division (simple)

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continued parts of speech viz verb, noun, pronoun. Practice in finding these. Gave Tonic Solfa lessons. Attendance fairly good.

Feb 12th Received usual dole of coals. Gave demonstration lessons on writing from blackboard to whole school simultaneously. Continued fractions, taught subtraction of. Attendance fairly good, considering the coldness of the school and severity of the weather. Received about two cwts coal for use of this cold school

Feb 19th Gave lesson on writing to whole school. Formation of looped letters. St V completed multiplication & division of vulgar fractions. Taught definitions of adjective and adverb. St IV taught lineal measure. Trying to impart subtraction to St I "very difficult task. Slow progress. Attendance fairly good.

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Feb 26th Continued Blackboard lessons on writing. Marked improvement evident. Taught Lt IV long & capacity measures. Lt V working from test cards. Continued parts of speech. Attendance good throughout. Gave special attention to drill and singing. Sewing progressing. Received two cwts coal for use of the school.

March 4th Attendance very good. Usual Routine Writing & arithmetic progressing Reading fairly improved. Received new Registers and some other stationery.

March 11th Attendance splendid all week. Gave demonstration lessons on writing and composition. Reading & writing vastly improved. Received a larger portion of firing (viz. 14 cwts of coals.) this week.

March 18th Attendance good in spite of stormy weather. Continued writing lessons. Otherwise usual routine.

1904

March 25 — Attendance good. Usual routine Children working hard at lessons, in preparation for Examination. some Children finished garments for exam; this week.

April 1st Perfect attendance all week. Children much improved in all stages of their work. Unfortunately however I can't record anything like perfection yet.

April 8th Attendance lower this week, owing to very stormy weather and scarcity of firing. Percentage being 96% as against 100% last week. Usual Routine. Children working hard. Reading & Writing much improved. Finished all the parts of Speech this week.

April 15th Attendance 96% this week. Began to revise most of the class subjects in anticipation of exam. Received forms this week, from Clerk of Board.

1904

April 22	Usual Routine. Extra attention given to drill this week. Attendance good, although some children stayed at home; the parents being busy planting potatoes.
April 29th	School Year ends today. Weather very stormy. Consequently attendance not so good as usual. Four hours attendance today. School visited by Fr MacMaster
April 29th	Visited School - called the Register & found things in good order W. Macmaster
May 3rd.	Called at School; found attendance good & things in order W. Macmaster.
May 6th	School visited by Rev W McMaster. on Tuesday, who called the new roll & examined the children Reading Drawing & Arithmetic. Expressed himself satisfied with results, which showed great improvement.

1904

May 13th Weather severe this week. Many of the children very sick. Attendance only fair. Usual Routine of work principally revision. Four hours attendance today in consequence of severity of weather.

May 20th Attendance lower this week. Children kept at home to work at crops Usual Routine gone through.

May 24th School visited

Jas Macdonald

May 27th this No School on Thursday & Friday of week as the examination took place on Tuesday, when the children presented a very neat appearance.

June 3rd Attendance very good. Admitted four new scholars this week. Holidays on Thursday being the Feast of Corpus Christi. (~~Admitted four new Scholars~~)

June 10th Attendance very good. Usual school work gone through. Children interested in the new work. School closes for vacation today.

1904

August 5th School opened on Monday after seven weeks' holidays. Attendance good. Four hours attendance on Thursday on account of storm.

August 12th Attendance only fair. Some children kept at home to assist in getting peats saved.

August 19th. Usual Routine of School work. Holiday on Monday 15th August, being feast of assumption

Aug 22 Visited the School on this date, & found the attendance good, & satisfactory work being done. William Macmaster.

Aug 26th Usual Routine of School Work. School visited on Monday and Tuesday by Rev Fr Macmaster Member of the Board who called the Roll and examined some of the children in Reading etc No school on Wednesday, teacher being called to Castlebay on business of importance.

1904

Sept 2nd Usual Routine of School duties. Good attendance all week except on Friday afternoon. Several children staying away in order to work at peats.

Sept 9th Good attendance this week. Usual work. Children much improved in Reading & Writing. Composition still very weak however, in both in first and second class.

Sept. 16th Usual work gone through. attendance good in both divisions. Four hours' attendance today. One girl leaves school today, being over fourteen years of age. Leaving for service in Castlebay.

Sept 23rd Attendance very good. St IV finished compound multiplication and short division and commenced long division this wk. Received copy of regulations, with regard to Physical Drill etc from Clerk.

1904

Sept 30th Attendance fairly good.
Children anxious to progress in their respective classes. Juniors much improved in Reading and especially Writing.

October 4th Summary of A. M. I's Report on the School. 20/9/04

The new teacher has made a promising start.
The pupils are creditably intelligent, and in the special circumstances, the efficiency of the work may be regarded as quite satisfactory.
Improvement in certain subjects indicated to the teacher will be looked for next year.

William MacMaster.
Dec 19th 1904

Grant £4 6 17 9.
Sarah McShane
Art 79.

1904

October 7th attendance fairly good all over. Usual Routine of School work gone through. Four hours' attendance today Friday in preparation for a concert in the island.

October 14th Good attendance this week. Good progress made. Ordinary Routine. Four hour attendance on today Friday. Teacher being sick. The girl who left school two weeks ago returned to school on monday. Admitted one new scholar.

October 21st Good attendance this week. Four hours attendance on Wednesday, as teacher was distracted with Neuralgia. Otherwise ordinary routine.

October 28th Good attendance all week. Usual Routine of work. St VI working at Decimals. St III Reduction. Little ones making good progress. Preparatory much improved. Second quarter ends today.

1904

November 4th Attendance very good all week. Children competing for pictures for perfect attendance Progress good in consequence. Holiday on November 1st being Feast of All Saints.

Nov. 11th Attendance still good. Usual school work performed. Children working well in their respective standards.

Nov 18th No school opened this week; Teacher storm stayed in Castlebay for four days. Friday was the only school day left so did not open at all.

Nov 25th Attendance lower this week A storm of snow keeping the younger children at home. Usual routine of school work. St IV commenced Avoirdupois weight St VI completed Decimals.

1904

Dec 2 Almost perfect attendance all week. Usual school duties performed. Children making progress in writing and arithmetic.

Dec 9th Attendance lowest this week on account of rough weather. Children working diligently.

Dec 16th Good attendance. Work as per time table. Fair progress in all branches of the school routine.

Dec 19th. Called the Registers & found them correctly marked. W. MacM.

Dec 23. Good attendance during past week. Per J. & MacMaster called at the school, in order to verify registers etc. Prizes & Christmas Cards awarded to children, by teacher.

1904

Dec 30th Good attendance during the week, ending this date. Good progress in all branches of the school work.

1905

Jan 6th No school today, Friday being festival of Epiphany. Attendance less than on previous weeks. Stormy weather prevailing.

Jan 13th Attendance slightly behind, on account of stormy weather. Junior Division suffers most at a time of storm. Attendance in senior division good. Children working well.

Jan 20th Attendance splendid all week except Friday afternoon, some of the babies, remaining at home on account of heavy rain. Work progressing.

1905

Jan 27th — attendance very good all the days of the week, except Friday afternoon; younger children staying away on account of very stormy weather; ~~It~~ the children have commenced to work test cards, having mastered all the rules allotted to them; Third quarter ends today.

Feb 3rd — a holiday occurs today. Children are going to give a concert, for a charitable purpose. Poor attendance yesterday on account of stormy weather.

Feb 10th — attendance fairly good. Children working industriously. Weather is better this week, than it has been for a long time, now.

1905

Feb 17th — Attendance this week is very much reduced; children presumably suffering from an epidemic of Influenza. Only seven children presented themselves at school on Friday. Even these showed symptoms of illness; and I judiciously sent them home, to try and avert such an attack.

Feb 24th — Attendance still backward. Junior division very much reduced. Storms of wind, & hail showers prevailing. Little children poorly clad for stormy weather, hence the epidemic of colds, etc.

March 3. — Attendance better than last week. Children all working hard. Progress very fair.

March 10th — Attendance very much improved this week. St IV commenced vulgar Fractions, St VI also

beginning Interest. Children all working well.

March 17th Splendid attendance this week. Children working hard at lessons. Progress in all stages of work very good.

March 24th Good attendance. Children working hard at lessons. Revision of work beginning for Exam.

March 31st. Extra Good attendance. Five year olds commenced First Primer. Six year olds. Second Primer. Fair progress. Writing receiving special attention in Junior division; St. IV mastered addition & subtraction of vulgar fractions.

April 7th Attendance poor this week. Some children sick. Others working hard at lessons.

April 14th Children still sick. Consequently poor attendance. Other children working hard. Progress accordingly.

1905

April 21st — Better attendance this week. Two of the sick children returned to school this week. Attendance of the baby girls splendid. Revising all work in anticipation of inspection.

April 28th — School year ends today. Girls attendance below the mark of perfection. Two of them staying away all week. Others attending well.

May 5th — New Registers marked on May 1st. All scholars present. Roll is Daily expecting H. M. I. Revising all work.

May 12th — Attendance good. Average 25.6 Children very attentive in view of H M I appearing in the school.

May 18th — Visited school

Isa Macdonald

1905—

May 19th Examination took place yesterday. Children had half holiday in consequence. School closes today for summer vacation.

July 10th School opened, after vacation of seven weeks. Admitted four new scholars.

July 14 Usual school work gone through. Want of new supply of books retards progress. Fair attendance all week.

July 18th Summary of H M I's Report. 10/7/05.

The children attend with great regularity; and their progress, especially in English Composition is highly satisfactory.

"A very good standard of general intelligence is reached." Grant £50. 9. 3

Staff. Carol McShane.

W. Mackenzie
16. 8. 05

1905

July 21st Received Report of A M I. This week. Attendance fairly good. Usual Routine of school work gone through

July 28th First quarter of school year ends today. Usual work done all week. Attendance good.

Aug 4th Usual Routine of School work. Attendance fairly good.

Aug 11th Received new books & stationery for school use. Attendance as usual. Usual work done.

August 16. Visited school on this date & found Registers correct. Parents well Repd & children attending tracking good progress.
W. A. Mck.

Aug 18th Holiday on Tuesday 15th being Feast of Assumption.
Rev Fr. J. McKenzie visited school on Wednesday & verified the various registers.

1905

Usual school Routine. Fair Progress by all classes. Admitted one new scholar.

Aug 25th Attendance, pretty good all week. One girl of fifteen years left school. Usual routine of work gone through.

September 1st. Attendance on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday very poor. Children staying away to assist in the process of Sheep-dipping. Attendance on other days good. Usual school work gone through

Sept 8th Good attendance this week. Progress good in consequence Usual school routine performed Children are brisk and attentive.

1905

Sept 15th	Attendance fairly good. Usual Routine of school work. Nothing unusual to note.
Sept 22nd	Attendance fairly good only. One girl staying away all week. Presumably suffering from toothache. Usual work done.
Sept 29th	Good attendance all week. All children attending well, excepting one boy who had a sore foot. Usual school work gone through.
October 6th	Only fair attendance this week. Usual school work gone through ~~Stormy~~ weather prevailing
October 13th	Attendance worse this week than usual. Some children presumably sick? Cold weather & want of fire has a bad effect on attendance.

1905

October 20th Received small paraffin stove instead of coals to heat the school for winter months. Also a barrel of paraffin oil. Attendance during past week fair. Stormy weather prevailing. Usual work done.

October 27th Fair attendance all week. Two or three children sick during whole & part of week. Usual work of school done.

November 3rd Attendance somewhat similar to previous week. A Holiday occurred on Wednesday 1st Nov being Feast of All Saints.

Nov 10th Attendance very good in spite of stormy weather. Standard V. mastered proportion & bills of parcels. All children improving in their different classes.

1903 –

Nov 17th — Girls' attendance lower than the boys. Very little girls staying away on account of stormy weather. Children in all classes working well.

Nov 24th — Attendance better this week. St V commenced to work decimal fractions. Preparatory & St I "advanced" working steadily out of Blackie's Concentric Arith. Book I. Progress slow in Preparatory Class.

Dec 1st — Only six meetings this week. Thursday being Feast of St Andrew a holiday was observed. Storm prevented any meeting on Friday.

Dec 8th — Attendance only fair. Stormy weather prevailing. Younger children staying away in consequence.

1905

Dec 15th Attendance very good indeed. Children attentive and eager, but make slow progress, especially the preparatory class. Both boys who constitute the class, being exceptionally dull.

Dec 22nd Attendance still better. Children eager to obtain Christmas gifts which have been promised for attendance, for some weeks.

Dec 29th Attendance good indeed, considering weather, which is very inclement. Holiday on Christmas day, Monday 25th Dec. In marking registers, teacher marked in the column for Monday instead of Tuesday in Girl's register.

1906

Jan 5th In school on Monday or Tuesday (or Tuesday) of this week. Monday 1st of January was observed as a Holiday. Teacher was indisposed on Tuesday. "Stormy weather"

1906

Jan 12th Stormy weather prevalent. One girl stayed away all week. other little ones irregular on account of cold & storm. Seniors attend very well.

"School open today for four hours only

Jan 19th Attendance very poor this week. Three boys absent all week. Little girls irregular. All suffering from coldness & severity of weather. Teacher prevailed on children to bring peats on Thursday 18th (~~to bring peats~~) to make a fire.

Jan 26th Better attendance this week. One girl sick most of the week.
School visited on Wednesday, by the Rev Fr Martin;

Feb 2nd Attendance only fairly good. Weather very cold & stormy. Younger children irregular in consequence. Progress fairly good

1906

Feb 9th Attendance during first three days of week good. Weather so severe on Thursday; teacher did not take in school in the afternoon, almost half of the school being absent. Friday still very severe. Consequently four hours attendance.

Feb 16th Good attendance all week. No school this afternoon; in preparation of school for concert this evening Feb 16th.

Feby 21st Called at the School on above date & the register of attendance called over & found it to be correct. Everything in order about premises.

W. A. Mackenzie.

Feb 23rd. School visited on Wednesday by Rev. W. Mackenzie member of School Board, accompanied by Doctor from Castlebay, who called the roll and expressed satisfaction, at the

general state of affairs.—

March 2nd Attendance good considering inclement weather. Usual School routine gone through.

March 9th Attendance fairly good. One little boy absent through sickness Usual School work. Children working steadily in anticipation of examination.

March 16th. Attendance only fair. Stormy weather caused School to be closed Monday afternoon. Fair attendance only on other days of week.

March 23rd Attendance fairly good. Stormy weather prevalent. Usual school routine followed. Children attentive & eager to learn.

1906

March 30th

Attendance good all week. School routine strictly followed. Children working eagerly. Inspector anticipated. Progress in all branches. Spelling class No II commenced with Infant Reader. "Waverley Series"

April 6th

Very good attendance all week. All pupils in Junior Division being present. Slight falling off of older scholars. Kept at home to work with parents on croft. Usual school work gone through. Half holiday today - Friday.

April 13th

School closed on Thursday Friday and Monday for Easter vacation. Usual school routine strictly followed.

April 17th.

School opened today Tuesday at 10.30. Instead of 10. a.m. P.T.O

26 A ball having taken place in schoolroom on Easter Monday the room was not fit for school habitation until that hour. School dismissed half an hour later.

April 20th School opened on Tuesday after Easter vacation. Consequently only eight markings. Girls finished all their Specimens of needle-work for Examination this week. All garments with exception of St I & II finished Splendid attendance this week

April 27th Boys attendance a little irregular Parents keep children at home to help with Spring work. Girls attend well. Usual school routine. In school on Friday afternoon, as school was to being cleaned.

1906.

May 4th Commenced new Registers on Monday morning. Fair attendance only during first part of week. Children eager for Inspection.

May 8th School inspected
J. A. Macdonald

May 11th Examination took place on Tuesday Children presented a nice appearance. No school on Wednesday. Teacher being sick.

May 14th Called at School and had register called. & found all correct: premises in order.
D. Martin

May 18th School visited on Monday by Per D. Martin Member of the Board, (who verified the attendance registers. Four pupils over fourteen years of age left school, leaving number on roll 25.

1906

May 23rd — School closes to-day for vacation. Reopens on 9th July.

1906
June 16th — Summary of the Inspector's Report on the school. 6/6/06.

"The general condition of the school continues to reflect much credit on the teacher. A rearrangement of the scheme of work in Arithmetic is promised, with a view to giving greater prominence to the practical side of the subject"

Grant £30. 9. 6

Staff. Sarah McShane
Head Teacher
16/6/06.

Jonas Martin
27/7/06

July 9th — School reopened after summer vacation. All scholars of school age being present. one child

admitted. Sent home two scholars one in the Senior division, and one in the Junior division suffering from ringworm.

July 13th Only fair attendance. Usual school work commences. Little progress on account of indifferent attendance, and lack of materials. Lists sent to Clerk of Board for renewal of school materials for year 1906.

July 20th No school Friday afternoon on account of wind & rain. Fair attendance on other days of the week. Usual school routine. One child returned to school this week.

D. McAulin

July 27th/01

July 27th School visited today by Per D Martin member of School Board who called the rolls; and found them correct. Attendance only fair. Children irregular on account of peat-gathering.

1906

August 3rd — Better attendance this week. The boy who was out of school suffering from Ringworm returned to School on Monday. School visited on Monday by Rev Dr Rogan from Glasgow. Children received present of sweets on Wednesday. Usual school work gone through.

August 10th — Splendid attendance all week. School visited on 9th Inst by Rev W MacKenzie Member of the School Board. Four hours day on Friday on account of heavy rain and thunder storm. Received school materials on Thursday for current year.

Aug 17th — Holiday on Wednesday 15th August being Feast of Assumption. Good attendance on other days of week. Usual school ~~attendance~~ routine Received intimation this week, re grant of Free Library from

1906 Mr Coats Paisley. Application was made on July 29th last.

Aug 24th Attendance during week very good. Children attending eagerly to lessons. Progress fairly good. School routine strictly followed.

August 31st Splendid attendance all week. Good progress in all work. Girls received needle work materials for current year. One girl received prize of 6/- from teacher for regular attendance, not having missed once for a whole year.

September 7th Attendance on Monday & Tuesday only fair. Children absent peat-gathering. Other days of week full attendance. Fair progress. Usual school routine.

Sept 14th Girls' attendance splendid, boys below the mark. Usual school routine strictly followed. 3rd & 4th class working at compound addition of money;

1906

Sep. 19th. 1906 Called at School and Examined Register and found all correct - premises in order.
John Macdonald

September 21st Attendance fairly good all week. School visited on Wednesday by Mr Macdonald. Member of Board, who verified attendance registers, and heard children sing. Usual school work performed.

26. 9. 06 School Visited
A. McDonald
James R. Hood

September 28th Indifferent attendance during week ending this date. Particularly one girl and one boy missing several marks. School visited and partially examined by A M. I.

1906

October 5th Poor attendance during week. About twenty per cent of children absenting themselves. Usual school work performed. Infants received Primer No I & II this week.

October 12th Girls attendance poor. Kept at home to assist in potato-lifting. Stormy weather prevalent. Usual school routine strictly followed. School very cold.

October 19th Better attendance this week. Weather very stormy, and school very cold. Usual school routine performed. Junior division making good progress, especially in counting. Seniors working hard also.

October 26th Four hour's attendance to-day in consequence of storm. Splendid attendance all the rest of week. Usual routine of work performed according to time table

Ave 23.1

Oct 31st 1906	I examined the Pupils Summary Mon'd all correct. — D Mallin
Nov 2nd	Only eight openings this week. School visited on Wednesday by Rev D. Martin Member of Board who verified register & summary; Nov 1st Feast of All Saints observed as a holiday; Usual routine of school duties on other days of week. School still without firing. Aver 21.8
Nov 9th	Good attendance this week in spite of stormy weather, and want of firing. Usual routine of school duties according to time-table excepting today (f) Friday. Four hour's day on account of extra storm. Aver 23.2
Nov 16th	Four hour's attendance on Wednesday & today Friday on account of prevailing storm.

1906

Duties according to time-table
"No firing for school, yet
arrived;" Aver 23.2

Nov 23 School closed for two weeks on
" 30 account of teacher's illness.

Dec 7th. Poor attendance on part of the
younger scholars. School opened
on Monday after vacation of two
weeks Weather very cold and
stormy. No firing for school
up to this date. Four hour's
day on Tuesday and Thursday
Aver 21

Dec 14th Weather very stormy. Attendance
consequently poor. Four hours'
day on Tuesday & Friday.
Work on good footing. Juniors
progressing at number lessons.
Aver 21.5

1906

Dec 21st Girls attendance poor in the beginning of week. Improved towards end of week. Boys attend well. Four hours day on Wednesday on account of storm; Aver 23

Dec 28th Very stormy weather prevented any meeting of school on Thursday afternoon or Friday. Attendance poor on other days of week. No firing for School. Prevailed on Children to fetch peats. Number of Scholars present too few to provide adequate number of peats to make a one good fire. Tuesday 25th Dec being Christmas was observed as a holiday. Aver 15.6

1907.

Jan 4th Attendance during earlier part of week poor on account of stormy weather. Tuesday First of January was observed as a holiday. Better attendance

1907.

on Friday. Girls finished part of their needle work this week. Junior & Infant divisions progressing with counting.

Aver 21.2

Jan 11th Good attendance this week. Weather still very stormy. One boy absent all week. Work according to time-table.

Aver 22.8

Jan 18th Better attendance beginning to prevail. Usual School routine strictly followed. Weather still stormy.

Aver 23.5

Jan 25th Attendance still better, weather cold & stormy. Arithmetic of Infant & Junior division received great attention. Improvement in this department.

Aver 23.2

Feb 1st No meeting of school could be held on Monday on account of storm. Tuesday only half of the number on roll could attend. Better progress towards end of week. Full attendance of scholars on Friday 1st Feb. 19.5 Aver

1907

Feb 8th Better attendance this week. Weather just a little improved. Juniors progressing with number lesson. Usual school routine.
23.8

Feb. 15th Much improvement in the attendance this week. Usual school routine strictly followed. Children working very hard at their lessons.
Aver 23.3

Feb 22 Four hours day on each of four days. No School on Wednesday at all on account of storm and cold. This is the second occasion within a month that no school was possible. Teacher opened school on both occasions but no one put in an appearance Weather is sorely against children attending. Average for week 18.4 out of 24 on roll.

1907.

March 1st Improved attendance this week in consequence of better weather. Received some books and new Registers per Clerk this week. Supplied scholars of upper class with Arnold's number lesson.

March 8th Boy's attendance very good indeed. Sickness amongst some of the children prevented girls from making perfect attendance. Received 5 cwts coal to heat the school. Four hours day today

March 15th Girls still attending poorly. Improvement towards end of week Boys attend splendidly. Usual routine of school work Progress very good.

March 22 Boys attendance perfect. Good firing seems to affect them. Good progress. Girls still sick.

March 26th Received another twelve cwts coal.

1907

March 29 Good attendance this week. Weather just a trifle better. Children working eagerly in anticipation of Inspector's visit. Good progress in all departments.

April 5th Better attendance prevalent. Children eager for examination Usual school routine Progress in number lessons very evident.

April 12th Received another 3cwts coal for School use, this week. Usual school routine carried out. Marked improvement in attendance due to better weather. Everyone working well.

April 19th School visited by Rev D Martin Member of Board today He called roll and examined the scholars in general intelligence in gaelic.

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Registers & summary examined and found in order. A Martin

April 26th School year ends this week. Progress in all branches good also attendance. Usual school routine followed.

May 3rd Only four days' openings this week new registers commenced on Tuesday. Attendance good. Teacher was unable to have school on Monday owing to sickness.

May 10th Splendid attendance this week. Thursday being Ascension day was observed as a holiday: Inspector eagerly anticipated by Children.

May 15th Received Telegram to-day to close for summer holidays. Closed accordingly. School to reopen on July 1st.

1907

July 1st School opened to day after summer vacation. Scholars all present excepting some who have gone to reside in a neighbouring island (Vatersay).

July 8th Attendance good all week. Usual School routine carried out. Scholars working diligently. Long day to-day (Friday) on account of storm.

July 12th Attendance lower this week. Children kept at home to assist in sheepshearing. Usual school routine. Weather very indifferent.

July 19th Good attendance towards end of week less in beginning of week. Children working very well. Usual Routine followed

July 23rd Visited School on this date. Returns attendance register to be correct. Children make good progress. School premises well kept.

W. Macleod.

1907

July 27th Attendance good. Children attentive. Usual School Routine. School visited early, this week, by the Rev W McKenzie. Board Member. He verified school registers, and entered visit in Logbook. Received fuel for School use this week. Received Library kindly given by Mr. Jas. Coats. Paisley.

August 2nd Usual School work strictly followed. Children eagerly looking for Exam. attendance as usual, fairly good.

Aug 9th Attendance good. Usual school work. Received Books and Stationery for current year this week.

Aug 16th School was not opened on Monday or Tuesday of this week, on account of Teacher' being severely ill. Wednesday being the first opening, Friday was was the only school day of the week left, as Thursday was Feast of the Assumption a holiday was given. Little work could be

1907

accomplished.

Aug 23rd — Good attendance during the week. Usual school work. Children striving hard for promotion.

Aug 30th — Fair attendance this week, Stormy weather prevalent. Four hours day on Wednesday on account of severe wind and rain Children who lived farthest away unable to attend.

Sept 6th — Attendance good. One girl left school this week; Mother required her to assist at home in nursing. She was fourteen years on last day of year 1906. Progress of children fairly good.

Sept 13th — Attendance lower this week. Stormy weather all four last days of week. Four hours' attendance today, and yesterday Progress good.

1907

Sept 20th Boys attend splendidly. Attendance of all scholars good. Children work well under strict guidance. Scholars making progress with English and Number Lessons. Special attention paid to Mental Arithmetic. Girls all commenced to work on new garments.

Sept 27th Boys Attendance poor this week. Some suffering from sore feet. Usual school duties performed. Progress marked.

Oct 4 Visited school with Mr McDonald
Isa macdonald

October 4th Examination took place today. All children on the roll present Inspectors expressed satisfaction at the progress the children make in English.

Oct 11th Usual School routine. Children working eagerly. Attendance good. One boy left School this week.

1907

October 18th School as usual. Working according to time table. Weather broken consequently fires have to be lighted.

October 25th Four hours attendance on Tuesday on account of stormy weather. Children working hard at lessons. New song taught.

Nov 1st Usual school work during first four days of week, but today Friday being Feast of All Saints no school was in progress.

Nov 8th Good attendance all week. Children working eagerly. Taught a new song. Four hour's day today Friday. Christina Mc'Neil left, to reside in Pabbay an isle close to Mingulay.

1907

Nov 11th Copy of Report on school. "Inspection 4th October '07"

In the special circumstances of the school, a creditable state of efficiency is maintained.

Staff. Sarah Mc Shane

Nov 15th School Routine as usual. One little girl absent all the week. Received School Report on Saturday last. "See Above."

W. Mck. 29. 5. 08.

Nov 22 School Routine as usual. Timetable strictly followed. Children anxious to progress.

Nov 29th Attendance good. All scholars present at all, except one little girl suffering from a sore eye. School work as usual. Admitted one boy from Castlebay this week.

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Dec 6th. Usual school work performed. Stormy weather. Attendance good; although one girl was absent all week. Progress good.

Dec 13th. Better attendance this week. Progress in all classes good. Time Table strictly followed.

Dec 20th Attendance good. Children eager to progress. Usual School Routine strictly followed.

Dec 27 Christmas vacation began on Wednesday. Good attendance for the two days school was open.

1908
Jan 3rd January 1st was observed as a holiday. Good attendance on other days of the week. Children progressing.

1908

Jan 10th School closed on Jan 6th. which was observed as a Church holiday. Usual work on other days of week.

Jan 17th. Weather very stormy; still children attend well, One boy sick nearly all week.

Jan 24th Children regular, except one boy who is sick. Progress in all classes fairly good. Meeting of four hours from closing registers on Friday on account of storm.

Jan 31st Weather very stormy. Children attend in spite of adverse circumstances. Progress in all classes evident.

Changed class-book this week, and practised Map of England.

1910

March 29th Weather a trifle better. Attendance consequently improved. Progress good. School cleaned all through this week.

April 1st Usual school routine gone through. Progress fairly good. School offices overhauled

April 8th School routine as per usual. Boys' attendance perfect this week. Weather much improved consequently attendance is also better. Progress good. Needlework finished this week.

April 13th No school was kept today, on account of the stormy nature of the day.

April 15th Very stormy weather all week. Only 8 openings took place this week. One boy sick first two days of week. Good attendance on days suitable. progress good.

1910

April 22nd Usual School Routine during week
Fair attendance. Progress good.
Received Forms from Clerk yesterday
Re Examination. And a telegram dated
29th Inst to send for Salaries.

April 27th Last attendance in this
School completed today,
Teacher being taken ill at
11 p m on above date, hence
School closes prematurely.

21/6/10 J. McS

Feb 7th

Boy from Castlebay left for home this week. Other Children of School attend well. Weather has been better during past week.

Children making progress.

Received Papers Re Cert Exam this week. Despatched Form 26 extra leaflet to Department to-day. 8th February.

Feb 14th — Attendance very good. Children eager to progress. Commenced new reading-book with Class IV.

Feb 21st — Children attend well, although weather is very stormy. Progress evident.

Feb 28th — Slight falling off in attendance on account of the extra stormy weather. Four hours attendance to-day, Friday.

March 6th. — Usual School Routine strictly followed. Weather very indifferent, consequently four hours' day, on Tuesday, & Friday.

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March 13th — Usual School Routine. Attendance very good. Progress good. Weather a trifle better.

March 20th. — Attendance poorer this week. Two boys absenting themselves on Thursday & Friday. Girls attend well. Progress good.

March 27th — Splendid Attendance this week. Children not seemingly affected by the very stormy weather. Progress good.

April 1st — Maggie Mc Neil, witharawn at 11.45 a.m.

April 3rd — Attendance good in spitt of stormy weather. Children strong well. Two girls finished garments this week. One girl witharawn

April 10th — Good attendance and progress accordingly. Two children taken away to Waterson, which completes the removal of that family from School.

1908

April 17th School closes today for Easter holidays. Good attendance this week. Children working well. (what is left) Progress fairly good.

April 30th School year closes today. School was opened on Tuesday, consequently only six openings for this week.
One girl less on roll. She left for Waterway on Monday. Received Schedule of Enquiries & Forms 9b etc from Clerk today.

May 8th Returned Forms 9b etc & Enquiry Schedule Another girl left for Waterway this week on Wednesday, leaving 13 children on roll. Children working well.

May 15th Another girl left for Waterway on Tuesday, followed by her sister on Friday. Children who remain attend well. Number on roll 10.

May 22nd School Routine as usual. Progress only according to the abilities of children left. The brighter children seem to have

1908

left. However what is here strive hard.
Two boys intend to leave for Bateman
tomorrow (Saturday) weather permitting.

May 29th Called at school on the close date & found registers to be correct. only eight children (full ~~on~~ number on roll) present.
W. Mackenzie.

May 29th School closed today for Midsummer Holidays. Register verified by Board Member, who initialled Register, and entered visit in Log Book

July 20th School opened today after seven weeks vacation. Readmitted 3 children and admitted 3 fresh scholars bringing on roll 14.

Summary of H. M. Is Report
17a/1382.
28/6/08 Barra, Kingulay Public School
Inverness.

38: 7: 9 The registers should be checked by the Managers, at least once in every quarter. G.F.
W. A. Mackenzie. 23. 8. 08.

Staff
Sarah Mc Shane.

July 23d — Visited school on this date, examined registers found them correct. Sign annual report. 15 children present. W. A. Mackenzie.

July 24th — Readmitted another scholar during week making number on roll 16 scholars also one little boy who has not been to any school before.
School visited during week by Rev W. MacKenzie who called roll and endorsed report

July 31st — First quarter ends today. Supplied highest class with new Reader this week. Also lowest class had their Primers changed. Readers etc for other classes not arrived yet. Children attend well.

August 7th — School decreasing in numbers again. Two boys less on Roll.
School work as per time Table.
Progress fairly good considering condition of school. "Big Boats"

1908

August 14th — Attendance good. Three scholars left for Sanderay, an adjacent island. No. on Roll – eleven. Usual school routine.

August 21st — School Routine as usual. Received some needlework materials and Season Readers for Juniors. Received and returned Schedule of Enquiries to H. M. I.

August 28th — School Routine as usual performed. Attendance fairly good. Younger scholars somewhat irregular. Changed juniors Reader for Season Reader "Autumn" Progress good all over the school.

Sept 4th — School Routine as usual. Received Cleansing Register and Annotated Code for 1908 today Friday.

Sept 11th — School Work as usual strictly performed. Attendance fairly good Progress fairly good.

1908

Sept 18th — Usual School Routine gone through. Progress fairly good. Nothing of special importance to note.

Septr. 24th — Visited school.
Isa a macdonald

Sept 25th — School work as usual.
Inspector's Annual visit took place, without notice, yesterday. He examined some of the children only, and all school books, etc.

October 2nd — Daily Routine performed. Children anxious to learn. Weather very stormy all week.

October 9th — Very Stormy weather prevalent. Children attend well, however. School work as per time table. Progress fairly good

October 16th — Four hour's attendance today on account of storm. Splendid attendance all week. Progress good.

1908

October 23 Stormy weather all week.
Children however attend well
except one little boy who was
sick during part of the week
Usual school work
Progress fairly good.

October 30th 2nd ~~3rd~~ quarter of School year ends
today. One girl left this week
leaving number on roll 9 souls.
Storm today caused four hour's
meeting.

November 6th Usual school routine strictly
performed. Attendance good. Progress
fair. One girl leaves today.

Nov. 13th Perfect attendance of all scholars
during first 4 days of week. One boy
however absented himself today. Friday.
One Scholar less on roll
than last week.

1908

November 20th Very stormy weather affected attendance this week. Youngest boy in school absent on Tuesday through storm. Old boy absent to day through sickness caused by storm. Usual school routine gone through. Storm today caused four hour's attendance to be necessary.

Nov 24th School opened at usual hour. Only two scholars present. Teacher therefore sent them home to change their clothes and remained in school, but no more scholars appeared. Consequently no marking was recorded.

Nov 27th Very stormy weather all week. No school on Tuesday as already recorded on account of storm One little boy absent all week, present today. Usual school work performed. Four hour's day today.

1908.

Dec 21st School opened today. It has been closed since Dec 3rd on account of teacher's illness. Seven children present.

Dec 24th to School tomorrow 25th being Festival of Christmas. Only seven children on roll. Jonathan McLean left the Island for Waterson, where his people have been since Midsummer.

1909
Jan 1st Holiday on January First. Attendance better than last week, but one little boy still continues to be irregular.

Jan 8th Only six openings this week. Jan 6th being observed as a holiday of the Church. Storm prevented meeting on the 7th.

Jan 12th School opened, but village children remained at home. Consequently teacher closed again, and went home.

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January 15th Only eight openings took place, on account of storm; no opening was recorded for 12th inst. One little boy absent all week. Progress fairly good.

January 22nd Weather just a trifle better, attendance fairly good, all scholars being present all week, except one little girl, who suffered from toothache.

Jan 29 Usual School Routine
Better attendance this week
Progress fairly good.

Feb. 2. Inspector school.
Steph Cameron

Feb 5th Attendance better this week in consequence of improved weather.
Member of Board called at school on 2nd Inst and verified Registers
Otherwise usual school Routine

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Feb 12th

Weather trifle better Attendance not quite full. One boy sick since Monday and Consequently absent.
School work performed as usual.
Received, and returned to Clerk Schedule of Enquiries

Feb 19th

Very poor attendance this week. All children in the village absent most of the week. An epidemical cold afflicting them. Two children only present during first part of week, and three towards later end.

Feb 26th

Attendance still poor. Two girls being absent the whole of the week This constitues 25% of the number on roll. School work as usual.

March 5th

Attendance a little better this week. One boy readmitted from Bateiray on Monday. Each child in School received present of schoolbag from Mr. J. Coats of Paisley, this week
Usual school work performed.

1909.

March 12th Received new Registers new Readers and some Supplementary Readers for School this week. Received notices to be affixed to School and Church doors "Re School Board Election"

Good attendance during the week. School work as usual new books seem to brighten up the children considerably.

" 16. Visited school.

Hugh Cameron.

March 19th Good attendance all week.

School Routine as usual

Children all eager to get on at their lessons.

School visited during week by member of Board who called Roll and overlooked premises.

March 26th School work as usual. Better attendance this week. Children working with renewed energy.

1909

April 2nd Usual School Routine gone through
Attendance fairly good.
Stormy weather prevented full attendance of all scholars, babies remaining at home.

April 9th Splendid attendance during first four days of week. Teacher was unable to open school on Friday owing to sickness. Otherwise usual school routine.

April 16th ~~Good~~ attendance during the week. Usual school work performed. Four hours attendance today, Friday.

April 23rd Slight reduction in attendance this week on account of stormy nature of weather. Juniors & babies absent for part of week.

April 30th School year ends today. Splendid attendance this week. Usual School work performed. Four hour's attendance today Friday.

May 7th

Splendid attendance this week.
All scholars working well
in anticipation of H. M. I's visit

May 14th School attendance very good all week. Received Forms for examination this week. Completed them and await instructions from Clerk regarding them. Usual School Work.

May 18th School closed for Holidays today. 18/5/09

July 12th School reopened today after Summer Vacation.
All scholars on roll present.

The following was issued during vacation and ordered to be entered in Log Book and Notice to be placed in Conspicuous place in Schoolroom.

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Parish School Board
to Parents and Guardians
and all concerned:—

July 10th 1909 Notice is hereby given,—

That the School Board of this Parish, in virtue of Section 7 (2) of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1908, have with the approval of the Scotch Education Department, fixed and prescribed the First Day of June and the First Day of December in each year as the dates of commencing and terminating School attendance for children within their district; and for these purposes a child shall be deemed to attain the age of five years on the date prescribed above, next succeeding the fifth anniversary of the child's birth, and shall be deemed to attain the age of fourteen years on the prescribed date, next succeeding the fourteenth anniversary of the child's birth.

And. McElfrish, Clerk
Lochmaddy
1/5/09

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July 16th Splendid attendance all week.
Children fresh after vacation although several of them contracted cold during vacation, and traces of same still evident amongst some of them
Usual School routine followed during week.

July 23rd Attendance good. Children try hard, but school is composed chiefly of one family who are naturally very dull, and although teacher and taught, exert all they can still progress does not satisfy teacher. The other four scholars do well but the dull ones are a great hinderance.

July 30th First quarter ends today. Attendance below average on account of sheep shearing. Some attention has to be given to the Sheep instead of School at these times.
Progress fairly good.

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August 6th School Routine as usual all week except today Friday when School was kept for four hours only.

Boy who was absent all week with tooth-ache returned to School today.

10/8/09 Received from Clerk today copy of Schedule of grants for Barra, Mingulay School. Dated July 30th '09

Grants amounting to £26. 5. 9 have been allowed as set forth in the accompanying Schedule, and payment will be made in course of a few days

Gross total of claim £26. 5. 9.

No examination took place.

S. Mc Shane
Teacher
10/8/09

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August 13th — Usual School Routine. Received Copy of Report to be engrossed in Log Book on the 10th Inst. One child absent on Monday with sore foot

August 20th — Usual School work. Boy absent on Thursday working at peats. No notice given to Teacher.

August 27th — No school today Friday. Teacher had to go to Castlebay on business of importance. Usual school routine on other days of week except Thursday when teacher made four hour's attendance in order to get off to Castlebay in the evening.

31st August — School opened today Teacher having returned from Castlebay.

Sept 3rd — Only eight openings this week as school was only opened on Tuesday. Usual routine on other days of week. Received Cleansing Reg. Received & returned Schedule of Enquiries

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Sept 10th Usual School work performed. Received from Clerk of Board Regulations of Cleaning for 1910

Sept. 14 Visited school with Mr McDonald & Mr. Hood.

Jas a Macdonald

Sept 17th School attendance good. Inspection took place on Tuesday. All children present.

Sept 24th School work as usual per timetable. Attendance good. Received invoice of school materials for current session.

October 1st Good Attendance all week School work as per usual. Received School materials today. School visited by Mr Macintosh & Mr Dr. Buchanan.

October 8th Harvest work interfered with perfect attendance. School routine followed. Children had all class books changed

October 15th Good attendance during past week, although stormy weather prevailed during the whole time.

October 22nd Good attendance. Usual School routine followed. Weather very stormy Had fire commenced. Teacher supplying fuel as school fuel has not arrived

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October 29th School routine as usual, Fairly good attendance in spite of storm and cold.

Policeman visited school on Monday in order to make enquiries Re "Buell" which was interfering with children ~~not~~ for school. Parents threatened to keep children from School, and teacher had to report the business to the Police.

Nov 5th School coals not arrived yet

No school on Monday, being Feast of all saints Usual school work on other days of week.

Nov 12th Coals still in Castlebay Good attendance during week and progress accordingly. Work as per timetable

Teacher still supplying fires.

Nov 13th The following Report has arrived today with instructions to engross in Log Book.

(Copy) Barra Schools

20/10/09

The Infant divisions in all the schools are conducted on sound lines with satisfactory success. In Castlebay Public School, which is the most important centre, a higher

standard of attainment in Arithmetic should be aimed at especially in the highest class.

The junior divisions are as a whole in a very fair state of efficiency. It would be well, however, to give further attention to Written Arithmetic and to phrasing and expression in Reading.

The standard of attainment in the highest Senior Class in Castlebay, Northbay, and Craigston Public Schools is good, the pupils showing for the most part creditable fluency in Oral English and intelligent comprehension of the meaning of what they read. As regards the other Senior classes — due allowance being made for the bilingual difficulty and for the fact that the pupils have been promoted recently — the general proficiency is fairly satisfactory. The lowest Senior class in Castlebay Public School does very good work. In examination of the reading lesson free English paraphrase of the meaning of a group of words should be encouraged,

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especially where it is difficult to give an exact and more familiar synonym for one word.

So far as the present equipment allows, the work in the Supplementary Classes is reasonably good. Instruction in the principles of Mechanics is given in Northbay Public School. In future this should be based on the working of simple machines with which the pupils are familiar. Drawing is satisfactory as regards form but some attention should now be paid to light and shade and colour.

It is highly desirable that there should be an intimate connection between the Schools under the Board and the nearest Higher Grade School. With this end in view, the head teachers should make themselves acquainted with the details of the Intermediate Curriculum there, and model their preliminary instruction of promising pupils on it. The Board has already supplied

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simple apparatus for instruction in Experimental Science in Castlebay Public School, and there appears to be no good reason why a pupil who desires to continue his education at an Intermediate or Secondary School should not have an opportunity of making a beginning at his own school.

Nov 19th School Routine as usual. Good weather. Attendance good. Progress satisfactory. Received Report 18th Inst.

Nov 26th. Nothing special to note. Good attendance Usual school Routine. Still without coal.

Dec 3rd School work as per usual. Attendance good.

Dec 10th Usual school routine. Progress good. Stormy weather. Good attendance considering.

December 17th Weather fairly good. Attendance good. Progress fairly good. School routine as per usual except today Friday when School was kept for four hours only. The day being very wet.

Dec 24th Stormy weather prevalent. Attendance only fairly good. School Routine per usual. Four hours attendance today. No coal. Teacher still supplying peats.

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Dec 31st — Very stormy weather. Attendance of babies consequently poor. School work as usual. No fuel arrived

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January 6th — Holiday. Friday no school

Jan 7th — was kept to facilitate school cleaning.

Jan 14th — Very stormy weather. Little ones attend poorly. They cannot encounter the extra strong wind which prevails during storm. Still supplying peats

Jan 21st — Better attendance, towards end of week. School work as usual.

Jan 28th — Frost and snow and high wind, with hail showers kep little ones back from school a good deal. Better attendance this week than last however. Third quarter ends today. One boy left for a holiday in Waterway this week. 25th Inst made best attendance. Teacher supplying fires.

Feb 4th — Good attendance this week in consequence of improved weather. Progress good. Supplied Class V with new Readers.

Feb 11th — Better Attendance. Weather improving. No fiering for school.

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Feb 18th

Very stormy week. Little ones made poor attendance this week on account of storm and want of fires. The teacher's own fuel now being exhausted. Teacher notified school Commr regarding want of fuel on the 8th Inst.

Feb 25th

Very stormy weather. No fire in school yet. Received intimation today from R. H. Cameron Commr. of his regret, at merchants failure to supply ~~to supply~~ fuel, which regret wont fill the grate.

March 4th

Only eight openings this week. Teacher was unfit to keep school on Friday on account of cold & storm. Not one Infant presented themselves. No fire in school yet.

March 11th

Only six openings this week. Teacher was confined to bed on Thursday & Friday, "the result of a chill." Received one cwt of coal for school use on the 7th Inst

March 18th

One boy readmitted on Monday. No on roll 9. Received intimation from Clerk on 13th Inst of the intention of Board, to discontinue this school, after the 30th April 1910.

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