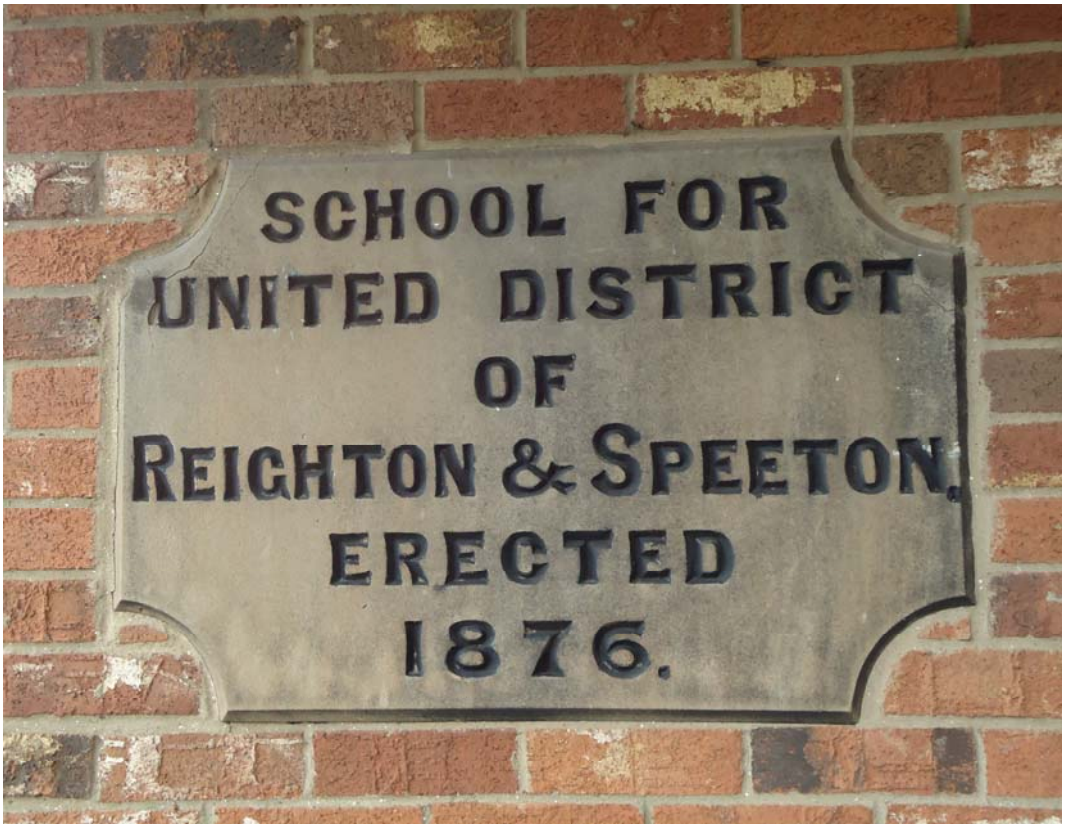
# REIGHTON AND SPEETON

# BOARD SCHOOL RECORDS

# 1877 TO 1903

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# Introduction

Prior to the 1870 Education Act only the very poorest children were obliged to attend school, these being paupers in the workhouse and child labourers working half time in factories. No one else was forced to have their children educated. In practice this meant that only the children of relatively well to do families received an education, for not only did have schooling have to be paid for, the parents lost any wages that their children might have earned – a vital consideration in large families of poorly paid industrial or agricultural labourers. Parents who themselves were uneducated may have been indifferent to the benefits of education, reluctant to have their children educated beyond their class and given unattainable aspirations, or simply to have been unable to afford school fees. Because of this they were disapproved of by employers, both in the country and in cities, as it was felt that an educated workforce was more likely to prove rebellious and to be aware of its rights. However, it also meant that the workers were better able to understand instructions and communicate with others. In any case, it would seem likely that many people simply did not see any point in giving any more than the most rudimentary education to girls who had little expectation in life than domestic service and marriage. What schools were available cheaply to poorer people often offered little more than a childminding service.

The main impetus behind the 1870 Education Act was the 1867 Reform Act. This gave the vote to all men living in towns who either owned property worth £10 or more or who had lived at the same address for a year and paid £10 or more a year in rent. This gave the vote to about 20% of the entire population of Great Britain – the 80% who remained voteless being accounted for by women, men living in towns but not having the financial qualification, and men who lived in the country who did not own vast estates. However, men living in towns who passed the financial qualification could now vote even if they were illiterate and the government obviously did not want to have MPs elected by men who did not understand what it was all about. It was only with the 1884 Reform Act that the franchise was extended to men living in the country and even then this was still subject to the same financial qualification as men living in towns. Still no woman and 20% of men could not vote.

Contrary to popular belief the 1870 Education Act did not provide free, compulsory education for all children in England – it merely ensured that a place was available in an elementary school for every child under the age of thirteen, although local authorities could pass by-laws to make attendance compulsory. It was only with Sandon's Education Act of 1876 that attendance at school became compulsory for every child under the age of thirteen unless a child had already reached a standard of education higher than that provided by Board schools, had already made a certain number or attendances, had an offer of paid employment, or had some

physical or mental infirmity which made it impossible for them to attend[1] (one boy in Reighton was excused school because his lameness made it impossible to walk the mile or so to and from school each day), in which cases a child could leave school at the age of twelve. The new schools also provided a means by which the health of the children could be supervised. Epidemics of infections diseases could sweep through a school and lead to the Local Authority Medical Officer closing a school either to prevent an illness spreading, or because so many children were absent through illness as to make opening the school pointless. It was through the school medical service that many children received their first regular medical attention, if only from the nit nurse and school dentist. It may be noted that a school was only built to serve Reighton and Speeton after this date, and it is likely that prior to this the children of the villages were employed in agriculture from an early age, as they continued to be to some extent even after the school opened – see the references to the school being closed for a week every June to allow the children to be employed pulling 'ketlocks' in the fields. It was only after the 1876 Education Act that parents were liable to prosecution for failing to send their children to school without a reasonable reason, and employers could be prosecuted for giving work to children under the age of thirteen. The Reighton Board school records are full of instances of action being taken against parents who refused to send their children to school. Rural education was, in any case, perhaps less rigorously monitored than that in towns, a laissez faire attitude being taken to absences due to children being required to help out at home, for instance a girl being kept from school to look after younger siblings while their mother helped with the harvest.

Education had to be provided for all children aged five to thirteen, although the education provided by the Board schools did not become compulsory until the 1880 Education Act when it became so for all children up to the age of ten. However, a by-law could be passed in a Board's area making attendance compulsory subject to such exceptions as illness, living more than one mile away from the school or having already attained a level of education beyond that which the school provided. After 1880 attendance was compulsory for five years until the age of ten even though this might lead to a family's poverty due to the loss of the children's wages. Hence rural Boards often turned a blind eye to absence when children were required to work in the fields.

The 'Board' schools were set up as supplementary schools to those faith and private schools already in existence. A Board covered an area, not just one school – those in urban areas might be responsible for running more than one school. The schools were financed either by a specific municipal rate or as an addition to the local Poor Rate, and they were run under the

[1] The Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act of 1899 made education compulsory for children for children in poor mental or physical health or who suffered from some kind of handicap. The Reighton School received offers from both a school for the deaf and a school for the blind to accept pupils suffering from these handicaps.

auspices of the Poor Law Unions, as well as an Education Department grant which was made after the school's annual inspection, and a small levy of up to 9d per child per week. In cases of extreme poverty school fees could be waived. Until 1891 a fee of up to 9d per week could be charged for education at the Board's school. An average farm worker's wage in 1870 was about twelve shillings a week, which translates in today's terms to about £27.50. Ninepence in 1870 equates to about £1.70 nowadays. At the School for Reighton and Speeton the actual charge was only 3d per child per week. A School Board was made up of elected local worthies, and no respectable person was automatically debarred from sitting on the Board. Hence, woman, non conformists and representatives of every political persuasion could have a say in running the local school. The Education Act of 1891 provided for free universal primary education which was paid for by an annual grant of 10s per pupil. The government, incidentally, found the money to fund this by putting an extra tax on whisky. The schools were Christian but non-denominational, although parents could withdraw their children from lessons in religion. Pre-existing schools could still be run under their own rules. School rules or by-laws covered such matters as hours of attendance, dress, valid reasons for absence etc. All schools had to be inspected regularly.

The initial expense of erecting the school which served Reighton and Speeton was covered by a loan of £1,000 which the Board took out from the Public Works Loans Committee. An additional loan of £150 was taken out three months later to cover setting up costs such as the purchase of desks and books. These loans were to be paid off at a rate of 3½ % a year in 49 annual instalments of £4 – 5 – 3. The loan repayments were to be a major draw on the Board's funds for years to come, the interest being greater than the amount of the initial loan actually paid off in any instalment. The school serving Reighton and Speeton received funding from three sources: a rate levied on the ratepayers of the parish (usually about 3d in the pound per year), an annual grant from the Education Department following the annual inspection (usually about £40 a year), and a charge of 3d per week for every child attending the school (this ceased in 1891). The 'rates' produced the regularly recorded income of about £28 from each of the villages. It is interesting to note that although Speeton is smaller than Reighton and sent fewer pupils to the school, because its rateable value was higher its contributions to the funding of the school were higher. (Bulmer's Directory of 1892 states that the rateable value of Reighton was £1,809 and that of Speeton was £1,995.)These contributions appear a month or so after a rate has been authorised. The school fees varied according to attendance, which must have been, in part, the reason for the Board's zeal in pursuing the parents of children who were regularly absent without good cause. The school fees must have caused resentment among those paying as not only were they deprived of the wages which their children would have earned had they not been required to attend school, but a family with several children of school age would have had to pay a relatively large proportion of the

family's income (the average agricultural labourer's wage of £1 a week) and would have been fined even more for not sending their children to school - five shillings in one case. In addition, those ratepayers without children at school may have resented having to pay a levy for a service they did not receive. Holidays, it should be noted, were not given for the children to enjoy, but rather to free them for employment working in the fields whether at harvest time or for pulling weeds at midsummer.

As well as providing an education for the children of Reighton and Speeton, the school also served as a village hall. Lectures, political meetings and fund raising events for the church were all held there. In the First World War the local militia drilled in the school playground (see William Sellars' Diary, available to read online and well worth a look). There was probably no venue big enough for such events in either village, or the school was the most conveniently situated place for events involving the inhabitants of both villages, or the Methodist chapels were considered inappropriate for political meetings or events to raise funds for Anglican churches. The schoolroom was available for hire to anyone prepared to pay the fee for cleaning and rearranging the furniture before and after an event.

In 1881 school attendance was made compulsory up to the age of 10 and in 1893 this was raised to 11 and in 1899 to 12, although, of course, children whose parents wished them to remain at school longer could continue to do so even though only primary education was provided by Board schools.

The 1891 Education Act made education both compulsory and free. Hitherto a charge of up to 9d (4½p) could be made for each child who attended school. The actual amount charged varied from school to school, some charging according to the parents' income and also to the number of children in a family attending. The parents of Reighton and Speeton were charged 3d per child per week. This went towards paying the Master's salary. When the fee was abolished the parents were encouraged to put the money which would have been spent on school fees into savings accounts made available through the school to give the children a financial reserve to draw on when they left school and entered employment. Eg to buy an apprenticeship or pay for any special tools or clothing they might need. It is unknown how many parents took advantage of this scheme. The shortfall in the Master's salary resulting from the Act was made up by a government grant.

The Balfour Education Act of 1902 brought all publically funded schools under the control of Local Education Authorities who were responsible for all the schools of all levels in an area. Such matters as recruiting staff, provision of books, furniture for each school etc were brought under the Local Education Authority for each area, rather than each individual school having control over such matters. It also provided for the expansion of secondary education.

Board schools were established following the 1870 (Forster's) Education Act. They were the first time that primary education was universally provided in Great Britain and resulted in an immense improvement in literacy rates among the ordinary working people Some idea of the effect that the 1870 Education Act had on literacy rates in the villages can be gained by comparing the number of people who had to make their mark rather than sign their name in the wedding registers. At the twenty one weddings that took place at Reighton in the ten years 1860 to 1869 six of the grooms and ten of the brides were unable to sign their names as well as five male witnesses out of 23 and five female witnesses out of nineteen. By contrast none of the participants at the seven weddings which took place at Reighton in the decade 1890 – 99 had to make their mark, and only one participant (a male witness) at one of the fifteen weddings which took place at Reighton 1900 to 1909 was unable to sign the register. Essentially, the Board schools provided a sound course in basic numeracy and literacy (both reading and writing) as well as other subjects such as religion, needlework and drawing which were considered useful at the time. Provision was made for the establishment of schools in areas where no schools already existed. It became a legal requirement for every child to have access to a basic education, not matter how remote their home or how poor their family might be.

# REIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD RECORDS

The minutes of the Reighton School Board meetings are preserved at the East Yorkshire Archives, catalogue numbers SB 28/1, SB 28/2 and SB 28/3.

Meetings originally took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Speeton but later at the schoolhouse itself unless otherwise indicated. The original Board comprised five members: Matthew Cranswick (snr), Robert Crowe (snr), Joseph Holtby, Richard Mayman and Robert Wilson. All these members attended each meeting unless otherwise indicated.

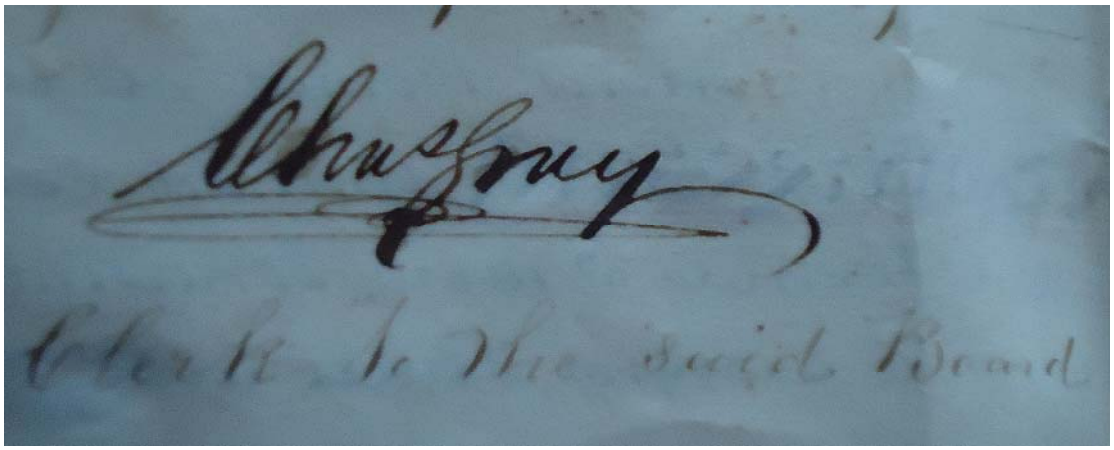
Some of the more obscure details of Education Department and financial administration have been omitted. Any footnotes or comments enclosed in brackets are my own.

Abstracts from the Board's letter book (SB 28/10) have been inserted at the appropriate dates. These have been put into italics (see below). I also went through the school's cash book (SB 28/5) which provides more detail of exactly what the school's funds were spent on. The cash book was published by Haddon, Best & Co of 227 The Strand, London.

*SB28/10*

*REIGHTON BOARD SCHOOL LETTER BOOK*

*All letters were written by Mr Charles Grey, clerk to the Board, from his office at 26 High Street, Bridlington. Only information missing from the Guardians' Minute Book has been abstracted. Un-itemised stationery orders have also been omitted.*



The signature of Charles Grey (taken from a document in my possession).

SB 28/1

25 July 1875

Inaugural meeting.

Mr Charles Grey, Clerk to the Guardians of the Bridlington Poor Law Union, had previously organised the election of the Board[1].

The Board was appointed as above. Robert Crowe[2] was elected Chairman of the Board for the next three years.

Mr Charles Grey of Bridlington was appointed as Clerk.

Elections to the Board were to be held every three years.

Three members had to be present at any meeting to form a quorum (the number of members necessary for the Board's actions and decisions to be legal).

Ordinary meetings were to be held on the third Monday in every month at the Wesleyan Chapel, Speeton, at 6pm.

23 August

Robert Crowe – chairman, Matthew Cranswick[3] – vice chairman. Robert Wilson[4], Joseph Holtby[5] and Richard Mayman[6] also present.

It was resolved to write to Henry Strickland Constable of Wassand Hall regarding the Grass Field which contained about 17 acres and was

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[1] Taylor's Bridlington and District Directory 1888 shows that in that year Charles Grey was also Secretary toThwing School, Bridlington Urban Sanitary Committee, Bridlington Poor Law Union, Bridlington Burial Board, Bridlington Agricultural Society, the Band of Hope Union, President of the Bridlington Temperance Society at the Temperance Hall, and Almoner to the 'Londesborough' lodge of Freemasons.

[2] Robert Crowe (the elder)B 1819, Speeton. D 1889, Speeton aged 69. s/o Robert and Jane Crowe. Never married. Farmer of 600 acres. Also sometimes Poor Law Guardian for Speeton. (NB: Robert Crowe's brother George married Matthew Cranswick's sister Ursula.)

[3] Matthew Cranswick B 1832, Lowthorpe, s/o Thomas Cranswick of Burton Agnes. M 1861 Anne Eliza Bowser (1841 – 1920), d/o Edward H Bowser (after her husband died in 1862 Anne Eliza's mother, Elizabeth (nee Duggleby, B 1817) ran the farm in her own right until her death in 1887). 14 children. D 6 April 1892 aged 60. Farmer of 350 acres. Also sometimes Poor Law Guardian for Reighton and for churchwarden for 20 years. His children were educated by a live-in governess.

[4] Robert Wilson B 1803, Wetwang. M 1840 Margaret Ward. 7 children. D 1883 aged 80, Speeton. Farmer of 489 acres. Also sometimes acted as Poor Law Guardian for Speeton.

[5] Joseph Holtby B ca 1818, Reighton. M (1) Elizabeth Farthing (ca 1815 – 1877) 1839. M (2) Sarah Walker (widow) (ca 1826 – 1890) 1879. D 1897 aged 79, Reighton. 4 children (no grandchildren). Joiner and wheelwright. Also churchwarden. (NB: Joseph Holtby's daughter Mary (1844 – 1893) married Matthew Cranswick's brother in law Edward Henry Bowser.)

[6] Richard Mayman B ca 1818 Appleton le Moors. M 1842 Elizabeth Oman (widow, nee Welburn). 1 child (Thomas Welburn Mayman B 1843. Elizabeth had two children by her first husband). D 1897 aged 79, Reighton. Tailor.

situated on the north side of the highway leading from Reighton to Speeton, to ask him to give a plot of about half an acre for the erection of the proposed school buildings.

The letter was to ask Henry Strickland Constable[7] on what terms he would be prepared to sell the land and to bring to his attention the fact that two thirds of the children attending the school would be from Reighton and thus the children of his own tenants.

20 September

Charles Grey, the Board's clerk, had written to Henry Strickland Constable requesting the land as it was considered the most suitable. If he agrees the Board is willing to pay him an amount equal to its value.

25 September

Meeting held at the Clerk's office in Bridlington. Present: Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Wilson and Joseph Holtby.

A letter had been received from Henry Strickland Constable saying that he was prepared to donate arable land but not grassland. The Board resolved to write back to Henry Strickland Constable to thank him for his offer but to state that arable land was not acceptable and that they still wished to have the plot originally asked for, also to point out to him that the donation of the original plot of land would cause least depreciation in the value of his land.

18 October

The Board had received a letter from Henry Strickland Constable saying that he was not prepared to give the plot of land the Board originally asked for as it was of double the value of that which he proposes to give.

The Board then resolved to write to Lord Londesborough[8] to ask him for a quarter of an acre of land in the field situated at the west end of the parish of Speeton and adjoining the parish of Reighton for the purpose of building a school on it. They were also to tell Lord Londesborough that Henry Strickland Constable had refused to donate land which adjoined his but that he had offered other land in Reighton. However, as the latter would be inconvenient for the children of Speeton to attend the Board could not accept it.

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[7] Henry Strickland Constable B 18 March 1821, Hildenley, Yorkshire. D 20 March 1909 aged 88, at Wassand, Yorkshire, of pneumonia resulting from spinal injuries sustained in the hunting field. Heir to the Strickland family of Boynton who owned most of the land in Reighton and Speeton in the early nineteenth century

[8] William Henry Forester Denison: 1834 – 1900. MP for Beverley 1857 – 59 and for Scarborough 1859- 1860. On his father's death in 1860 he entered the House of Lords. In 1887 he became Viscount Raincliffe and Earl of Londesborough.

15 November

The Board had written to Lord Londesborough, whose steward, Colonel Grattan, replied that Lord Londesborough will give the land requested and will refer the matter to his solicitors.

The Board resolved to write to Lord Londesborough expressing unanimous thanks.

The Board then resolved to write to the Public Works Loan Commission requesting terms for a mortgage of £800 to purposes of erecting the school buildings, the loan to be secured by a Mortgage of School Fund and by rates chargeable to the ratepayers in the district of the Board.

They also resolved to write to the Education Department in Whitehall requesting plans for school buildings, Master's house etc suitable for the district.

*16 November 1875*

*CG to the Public Works Loan Board*

*The Board initially only wanted to borrow £800 for the construction of the school.*

20 December

The Board decided to apply to the Public Works Loan Commission for a loan not exceeding £1,000.

The site of the proposed school had to be approved before any plans could be sent and a plan of the site must be produced showing boundaries, abbuttals and the position of the plot in the District. It must also be stated if any material change had taken place in the population of the place since the 1871 census. The Clerk was instructed to write and say that the population had not increased since 1871 and that accommodation for 80 children will be needed[9]. Plans were to be prepared.

**1876**

17 January

It was agreed not to apply for a loan to build the school until all plans had been approved. Also a distinctive name was to be given to the school and written on all letters and plans.

The next meeting was to take place on at 3pm on 23 January at the Clerk's office in Bridlington.

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[9] The 1881 census shows that there were 36 children in Reighton aged 5 – 12 inclusive and 30 children in Speeton of the same age, giving a total of 66. In addition there were 4 children in Reighton and one child in Speeton aged 13 or over and described as 'scholar'. Bulmer's Directory for 1892 states that the average attendance was 58 pupils.

22 January

Letters and plans were written and sent.

21 February

It was found that the rules and plans provided by Whitehall were not suitable for the District, so Mr Joseph Henry Carroll of Scarborough was to be instructed to draw up plans and specifications.

The Grant of Land had been received from Lord Londesborough and a Common Seal had to be attached to it.

28 February

The Board accepted Mr Carroll's plans and decided to forward them to Whitehall with an estimate of the costs.

20 March

Whitehall approved the plans and costs forwarded to them.

Adverts to be placed in the Bridlington Free Press, Driffield Times and Scarborough Express on 22 and 29 March and also hand bills to be printed inviting tenders for the erection of the school buildings. The tenders to be received no later than 15 April and to be opened at the next Board meeting.

A Common Seal was attached to Lord Londesborough's grant of land.

17 April

One tender had been received by the Board for building the school. As it was not acceptable adverts were to be put in the Bridlington Free Press, Hull News, Leeds Mercury, Malton Messenger and York Herald seeking further tenders. These were to be received by 13 May.

15 May

Two further tenders had been received for building the school. Neither of these was acceptable as they both would have cost too much. It was resolved to write to Whitehall accordingly and for the Board to meet Mr Carroll to decide on the best course of action to take.

20 May

Present: Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe and Robert Wilson.

Mr Carroll was to obtain tenders from builders in Scarborough by 3 June.

5 June

The Board determined to wait until the present stagnation of trade in this part of the country had passed before proceeding to build the school.

Mr Carroll had received one tender, from Mr Henry Parker of Falsgrave, Scarborough, to build the school for £1,050. This offer was to be accepted.

19 June

The Clerk was to write to the Public Works Loan Commission to request a loan of £1,150. He was also to be instructed to write to Mr Parker accepting his tender and to have a contract drawn up.

24 June

A draft contract was drawn up.

17 July

The contract was accepted. The Public Works Loan Commission had written with various queries which the Clerk was to write and answer these.

*19 August 1876*

*CG to Mr Williamson Willick Esq*

*The rateable value of Reighton and Speeton for the last two years was as follows: Reighton £2584, Speeton £2387, Total £4971*

*Letters for CG had been being sent directly to the Reighton Board school and received by the chairman of the Board, which had been causing delays in them being dealt with.*

21 August

The school buildings were now being erected.

A Treasurer was to be appointed: Mr Harding of Harding, Mortlock & Co[10] of Bridlington was appointed.

28 August

A loan was offered by the Public Works Loan Commission of £1,150 at a rate of 3½% p a in 49 annual instalments of £4 – 5 – 3 p a. No more than £1,000 was to be advanced in the current financial year. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Public Works Loan Commission to accept the offer.

18 September

The loan offer was to be accepted.

Mr Parker had done £400 worth of work and was to be paid £300 towards this. The brickwork of the Master's residence and outbuildings was in a very forward state. If the weather continued good the woodwork of the roof

[10] Market Place, Bridlington.

was to be fixed within a week and iron gates and palisading was in hand. The work was likely to be completed in time.

£300 was paid to Mr Parker.

*9 October 1876*

*CG to Mr Henry Parker*

*Cheques could only be signed at Board meetings.*

16 October

A mortgage of £1,000 plus a further £150 if necessary had been obtained and £1,000 had been paid into the Treasurer's account.

Mr Parker had written for a Certificate of Order so he could get another instalment of the payment due to him paid into his account. The buildings were to be inspected on Saturday 14 October (sic) and if agreed, then a further instalment was to be paid into Mr Parker's account at a meeting on 21 October at the Clerk's office in Bridlington.

21 October

Meeting held at Mr Grey's office in Bridlington.

It was agreed that Mr Parker was getting on well with the building considering the unfortunate weather currently being experienced. Mr Parker was therefore to be paid a further £300.

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| Debit Treasurer's account: | £ 27 – 7 – 9 |
| Total remaining with the Treasurer: | £699 – 15 – 10 |

Matthew Cranswick called the attention of the Board to the position of the privies being erected in the yards adjoining the school buildings. The seats had been placed against the north and south walls instead of against the east and west wall as agreed. Mr Carroll was to be told to move the privies to their proper place to prevent them causing inconvenience.

20 November

Mr Carroll to be told to call in at the next Board meeting so it can be explained to him what alterations need doing to the privies. The alterations had not been made, as Mr Carroll had promised.

Plans and specifications to be prepared for the internal fittings.

The Board to apply for the rest of the loan of £1,150.

A schoolmaster is soon to be appointed. Therefore the Board is to ascertain the salaries paid to schoolmasters in rural districts.

18 December

Several members of the Board had inspected the school buildings and the alterations still had not been made. Mr Carroll said he had told Mr Parker to make the alterations and that they would be done before the week was out. Samples for internal fittings to be obtained with costs – this to be deferred until the next meeting.

Re: Salaries. Replies had been received from Brompton, Cayton, Huttons Ambo, Hutton Cranswick, North Burton, Rillington and Walkington and the replies were read.

The school buildings were to be insured against damage by fire for £800.

The next meeting to be held at the Clerk's office on Saturday 30 December at 3.

30 December

Present: Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick and Robert Wilson.

Mr Parker to be paid a further £300.

Balance remaining: £372 – 8 – 1

**1877**

15 January

Specifications for the internal fittings were produced, read and accepted. Mr Carroll was to obtain them as soon as practicable.

Advertisements were to be placed in the Bridlington Free Press, Hull News, Leeds Mercury and York Herald on 20 and 27 January inviting applications for the post of schoolmaster. The Master would be required to start work on 1 April and have use of the Residence attached to the school and an allowance of coals.

The next meeting to be held on 5 February at 5:30 to consider applications.

*16 January 1877*

*CG to Mr J H Carroll*

*Mr Carroll was to order the following the Messrs Sidebotham of Manchester:*

*3 National Desks 7½ ft long Size No 2 in pitch pine @ 29/1*
*3 National Desks 7½ ft long Size No 3 in pitch pine @29/1*
*3 National Desks 6 ft long Size No 2 in pitch pine @24/6*
*3 National Desks 6 ft long Size No 4 @24/6*
*3 doz inkwells @ 1/6*
*1 Master's Desk No 7 including Locks and Varnish @ £4*

*1 Master's Chair No 30 in birch @ 16/-*
*1 Easel No 10 @ 6/6*
*2 Blackboards 30" x 36" @6/-*

*The tops of the desks to be fast instead of turning up to form back for seat.*

5 February

Eleven applications were received. The Board decided to write to Mr Cotterell Dormer of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough and Mr W Watson of Bempton to ask whether Mr J H A Lee[11] currently residing at Flamborough, formerly Master of the school at Bempton and then Assistant Master at Flamborough, is a sober, industrious and respectable person and likely to make a good schoolmaster at Reighton. If the replies are favourable Mr Lee to be invited for interview on Saturday 10 February at 3:30 at the Clerk's office in Bridlington.

A letter had been received from Messrs Sidebotham of Manchester regarding the supply of six No 2 sized desks and six No 3 or 4 sized desks with fixed tops. The Board accepted the number and types of desk offered to be supplied.

10 February

Meeting held at the Clerk's office, Bridlington. Present: Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick and Robert Wilson.

Messrs Cotterell Dormer and W Watson had replied in the affirmative regarding Mr Lee. Mr Lee attended this meeting, answered questions and asked for a salary of £60 a year if he took the post.

*14 February 1877*

*CG to Mr J H Carroll*

*The order for the school equipment was to be altered to 6 desks No 2 size and 6 desks of No 4 size. Everything else will suit as ordered.*

19 February

Mr Lee had called on the Clerk and said that he had made a mistake at the previous meeting and that £60 is less than he was currently earning, so he would require a salary of £70 a year.

It was resolved that Mr Lee be appointed Master of the School at £70 a year plus the use of the Residence and Garden attached and an allowance of £5 a year in lieu of coals.

Another applicant, Mr R Young of Hunmanby, had withdrawn his application as he had got another situation at the National School in Bridlington.

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[11] John Herbert Absalom Lee. B ca 1828, Raistrick. M: Emma (B Burniston Nr Scarborough ca 1828) ca 1864. Three children (?)

*20 February 1877*

*CG to Mr J H Austin, Fair Feversham's school, Bilsdale, Northallerton.*

*The testimonials brought to interview were returned. Mr Austin was thanked for attending interview but had not been appointed.*

*13 March 1877*

*CG to Mr J H L Lee*

*Mr Crowe will send a wagon to fetch his (Mr Lee's) furniture from Flamborough any day next week after Tuesday. (The next Tuesday would have been 20 March.)*

*13 March 1877*

*CG to Mr J H Carroll*

*The iron framework for the school desks has arrived but no shelves or seats. Please would he attend to the matter as soon as possible so that the school can be opened and teaching commence on 2 April. (Although the school did open on 2 April no teaching was done until 23 April due to lack of books – see 19 August 1878. 2 April was a Monday.)*

19 March

A letter had been received from Mr Carroll saying that he had asked Messrs Sidebotham & Co to forward the seats and fittings to Speeton as soon as possible. The letter also said that he had got the division rails in hand and he would forward an estimate for the erection of a porch over the door in the Girls Yard as Mr Parker was very ill.[12]

Another letter had been received from Mr Carroll promising to get the school and residence ready for occupation within the past week.

The Clerk reminded the Board of the necessity of providing proper books and stationery in time for the school opening. A committee was to arrange with Mr Lee to get proper books and stationery.

16 April

Some books and stationery had been provided.

The Board was to apply for the last £150 of the mortgage.

The Board was to prepare precepts for the payment of a contribution by the Parishes of a rate of 3d in the pound rateable value towards the expenses of the Board.

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[12] Henry Parker. B Wadsworth Old Town, Yorkshire 1838. Death June ¼ 1877, Scarborough, aged 40. (Free BMD)

A charge of 3d is to be made for the admission of each child to the school and a circular letter to be sent to the parents of each child attending to inform them of this. A letter was also to be sent to the parents of every child or children covered by the Education Act who was not attending school that they must send the children at once to avoid the paid and expense of proceeding being taken against them.

The Clerk to prepare a Code of Bylaws for the governing of the school to be put before the Board.

21 May

The outstanding £150 to be paid to the Board. An account of how the previous instalment had been spent to be sent to the Public Works Loan Commission.

The precepts regarding the rate of 3d in the pound were signed.

A letter was to be sent to parents saying that the school would charge 3d per week per child.

The Code of Bylaws had been drawn up and was read. It was to be sent to the Education Department for approval.

The Master had asked the Board to write to the Education Department regarding the first inspection of the school as he wanted to draw up a Register and some children who should be attending could be excluded by reason of age and proficiency if the appropriate certificates were obtained.

Matthew Cranswick, Joseph Holtby and Richard Mayman appointed as a committee to receive the children's pence from the schoolmaster.

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| Paid from Petty Cash | |
| Yorkshire Insurance Co | 12 - 0 |
| J H Skinner, District Auditor | 7 - 0 |
| W W Coopland | 13 - 6 |
| G R Jackson | 12 - 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Co | 12 - 8 |
| Cranswick & Milner | 8 - 11 |
| George Heselton | £ 1 – 13 – 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Co | 9 |
| Mary Boddy | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| J H Skinner, District Auditor | 10 – 6 |
| Edward Henry Bowser | £15 – 8 – 8 |
| North Eastern Railway Co | 10 - 0 |
| Mary Atkinson | 15 - 0 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £24 – 2 - 8 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £72 – 8 – 1 |

18 June

A letter was received and read to the Board, from Mr Lee complaining about the lack of punctuality of the children in the district.

It was reported to the Board that both the Rev'd Nathaniel Constantine Strickland[13] and Mr George Crowe, both of Reighton, were employing children under the age allowed by law, so preventing them from attending school. It was resolved to write to the Rev'd Strickland and Mr Crowe to inform them that they faced a penalty of not exceeding 40s.

25 June

Joseph Holtby absent. (His wife, Elizabeth, died on 22 June and was buried on 24 June. It is entirely possible that, as the village joiner, he made her coffin. In 1879, at the age of 61, he married Sarah Walker, aged 53, who he also outlived.)


The grave of Elizabeth and her son William Joseph Holtby

[13] Nathaniel Constantine Strickland
1802 – 1886. Son of Sir William Strickland of Boynton, 5th baronet. Born York. Vicar of Reighton and Bessingby 1835 – 1883. Died 12 January 1886, London. M (1) Charlotte Hecker (ca 1813 – 1850) 1835. No children. M (2) Harriet Hennings (1828 – 1887), eleven children (the last born when NCS was aged 70). Succeeded as vicar by William Rowley, his curate and son in law, vicar of Reighton 1883 – 1901, (M. May Strickland 1860 – 1892, 1879. No children (?)).

The Code of Bylaws relating to the governing of the school was to be adopted, signed and sealed.

Mr Carroll was to be written to asking him to attend the next Board meeting regarding an arrangement of accounts.

16 July

Rev'd Strickland and Mr Crowe had been written to regarding their employment of underage children. George Crowe had written to reply that he had no child in his employ who was prevented from attending school. The Rev'd Strickland had not replied. The Board therefore was to write to him again to say that if he does not reply within the next fourteen days confirming that he does not employ underage children proceedings will be taken against him.

The £150 remaining of the mortgage had been paid to Messrs Robert, Lubbock & Co, Bankers of London, agents to the Treasurer of the Board.
One hundred copies of the school By-Laws were to be printed, one to be placed in the school and the rest to be made available to any ratepayer who wanted one.

Mr Carroll attended the meeting and said that the accounts between the Board and the late Mr Parker had not yet been put before the Board but that he would do so before the next ordinary meeting.

Paid

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| Mr J H A Lee, one quarter's salary due 2nd June | £ 18 – 15 – 0 |

Received

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| Public Works Loan Commission balance | £150 – 0 - 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Co for damage to school furniture | £ 1 – 0 - 0 |
| Debit Treasurer | £151 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £259 – 11 – 2 |

20 August

The Board had written to the Rev'd Strickland and had received a reply pointing out several reasons why he should not send children in his employment to school, and requesting to know what the opinion of the Board was on the matter.

Messrs Sidebotham had written to the Board requesting payment for the furniture supplied. The account had been sent to Mr Carroll as it was he who had ordered the furniture, and so had not been received by the Board. The Board resolved to write to Mr Carroll requesting him to forward the account to them.

A circular letter had been received from the London School Board regarding spelling reform.

Repayments due on the loan: £9 – 5 – 3 of the principle and £33 – 7 – 4 interest.

School holidays (for the harvest) were to be from Friday 7 September to Monday 8 October and hand bills printed and distributed to this effect.

Paid

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| To the executors of the late Mr Parker as the fourth instalment of his account and for extra work | £159 – 18 – 10 |
| Plans and specifications and for superintending the erection of school buildings | £ 50 – 0 - 0 |
| Public Works Loan Committee instalment | £ 9 – 5 – 2 |
| Public Works Loan Committee interest | £ 33 – 7 – 4 |
| Total | £ 42 – 12 - 6 |
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| Credit Treasurer | £252 – 11 – 4 |
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| Election expenses of Mr C Grey, Clerk | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Mr C Grey, salary | £ 55 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr C Grey for making payments to the Loan Committee | £ 3 – 5 – 6 |
| Mr J H A Lee | 7 - 3 |
| Robinson reduced | 2 - 6 |
| Postage | 17 - 0 |
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| Credit Treasurer | £ 4 – 12 – 3 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £220 – 16 – 2 |

*11 September 1877*

*CG to the Education Department, Whitehall, London.*

*Please send 100 copies of the Child's School Book (No 150) and a book each of forms 143, 144, 145 and 146.*

17 September

The account for the furniture was had been received from Mr Carroll.

The Clerk had applied to the Education Department for 100 copies of The Child's Schoolbook (No 150) and assorted forms and certificates and had received the same.

The Board had expended more than £1,000 on the erection of the school, architect's fees, books, furniture etc and had to apply for a further loan as it would 'press very hard' on the ratepayers to have to pay extra rates to cover this.

An account was to be prepared for presentation to the Overseers of the Poor for the ratepayers to pay a rate of 3d in the pound of rateable value for the expenses of the Board.

A circular letter had been received from the Education Department in Whitehall regarding the practice under which children were bought or

stolen from their parents in Italy or elsewhere and imported into the country, and was read from to the Board.

Paid

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| William Taylor for printing, stationery and advertising | £29 – 5 – 10 |
| Sidebotham & Co re furniture account | £25 – 3 – 6 |

*22 September 1877*

*CG to Sidebotham & Co of Manchester.*

*Cheque enclosed for £25 – 3 – 6*

*8 October 1877*

*CG to the Education Department, Whitehall, London.*

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| *Contract for Erecting School Buildings and for extra works* | *£1059 – 18 – 10* |
| *Architect's Commission* | *£ 50 – 0 - 0* |
| *Clerk's Remuneration* | *£ 55 - 0 - 0* |
| *School Books and Stationery* | *£ 29 - 5 – 10* |
| *School Furniture* | *£ 25 - 3 – 6* |
| *Master's Salary* | *£ 18 – 15 – 0* |
| *Loan Repayments to the Public Works Loan Board* | *£ 58 - 0 – 6* |
| *Sundry Payments* | *£ 43 – 17 – 8* |
| *TOTAL* | *£1340 - 1 - 4* |

15 October

The Education department had replied requesting detailed accounts for which the additional loan was requested. These had been sent. The Education Department replied saying that the Clerk's remuneration, Master's salary, school books and stationery, and the repayment of loans were not proper subjects for a building loan. A loan of £50 had already been made for furniture and no further loan could be advanced.

The Board resolved to write to Henry Strickland Constable of Wassand Hall and William Tyssen Amhurst Auckland Esq of Didlington Hall, Brandon, Norfolk to tell them that the Board owed more than £100 leviable on the school fund, and that when Lord Londesbrough gave the land for building the school he was told that other landowners of the district would be required to provide for the school. Would Henry Strickland Constable and Mr Amhurst kindly help out so that the ratepayers didn't have to pay any more.

The ratepayers of the parishes were to pay a rate of 3d in the pound of rateable value[14] to cover the running expenses of the Board.

[14] Bulmers Directory of 1892 states that Reighton had a rateable value of £1,809 and that Speeton had a rate able value of £1,995.

List of Parents not sending their Children to School

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|---|---|---|
| Samuel Bilton | Labourer | Reighton |
| William Noble | Labourer | Reighton |
| Pashby Scrivener | Labourer | Reighton |
| John Whiting | Labourer | Reighton |
| David Taylor | Fellmonger[15] | Reighton |
| Duffin Stubbs | Common Carrier | Reighton |
| William White | Labourer | Reighton |
| Frank Fell | Labourer | Reighton |
| Ralph Stubbs | Labourer | Reighton |
| John Claxton | Labourer | Reighton |
| Thomas Cooper | Labourer | Speeton |
| Enoch Artley | Labourer | Speeton |
| James Hodgson | Labourer | Speeton |
| Henry Creaser | Labourer | Speeton |

The above to be sent a written warning to send their children to school or face the consequences.

Paid

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|---|---|
| J H A Lee for one quarter's salary | £ 18 – 15 – 0 |
| Joseph Holtby for furniture | £ 9 – 17 – 2 |
| | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £127 – 19 – 9 |

19 November

No reply had been received from Mr Constable, but Mr Amhurst had written to say that he would refer the matter to his agent before replying.

17 December

(Joseph Holtby's son, William Joseph, died unmarried aged 29 on 30 November and had been buried on 3 December.)

A letter had been received from Mr Amhurst saying that he did not see any reason why he should make a contribution to paying off the liabilities incurred by the Board.

School Christmas holidays: Friday 21 December to Monday 31 December, exclusive.

*19 December 1877*

*CG to Mr Lee*

*'All children admitted to any Elementary School after 1 January 1878 must be provided with The Child's School Book.'*

*Mr Lee had not paid over to the Board the school pence and was asked to do so at once and to pay particular attention to the matter in future.*

[15] A dealer in hides etc.

**1878**

*17 January 1878*

*CG to Messrs Waters & Woodhouse, Ironmongers etc of 80 Newbrough Street, Scarborough.*

*Re: The bill for the price of three sets of Window Blind furniture supplied on 10 April 1877 and one dozen sets of patent ditto supplied on 16 May 1877. Please would they let Mr Grey know if this was right and if so he would send them a cheque for £2 – 3 – 9. (This was sent on 23 January 1878.)*

21 January

Harding and Co of Bridlington, the Board's bankers, were to amalgamate with the York City and County bank, who would continue to be the Board's bankers.

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|---|---|
| Paid | |
| J H A Lee for one quarter's salary | £18 – 15 – 0 |
| Waters & Woodhouse | £ 2 – 3 – 9 |
| North Eastern Railway Co | 19 - 7 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Co | 12 - 0 |
| J H Skinner, District Auditor | 7 - 0 |
| | |
| CreditTreasurer | £ 4 – 2 – 4 |
| | |
| Received | |
| Reighton pupils fees | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| Speeton pupils fees | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £61 – 5 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £80 – 2 – 2 |

*21 January 1878*

*CG to J H Skinner Esq*

*Cheque for 10/6 enclosed.*

18 February

A letter had been received from the Education Department regarding proof of age. A certificate had to be provided for every child starting school from 1 January 1878

18 March

A letter had been received from Mr Lee calling the Board's attention to how his salary is calculated and stating that the number of children on the Register is 86, which was greater than was first expected. This entailed much more labour on his part but that the difficulties - owing to the children's backwardness - he had not found greater than he had expected

and had been considerably diminished by the industry of the children themselves as much by his own exertions. He expected that the annual inspection would produce a fair result.

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| Credit school fees Mr Lee | £ 17 – 3 – 9 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £102 – 19 - 6 |

18 April

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| Thomas Appleby | Labourer | Reighton |
| William Noble | Labourer | Reighton |
| Samuel Bilton | Labourer | Reighton |
| William Waites | Labourer | Reighton |
| John Claxton | Labourer | Reighton |
| David Taylor | Fellmonger | Reighton |

Were still not sending their children to school and were to be warned to do so or be brought before the JP.

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee for one quarter's salary | £ 18 – 15 – 0 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £102 – 19 - 6 |

20 May

Attendance Orders had been sent to the people listed as of 15 October to say that they must send their children to school or be summonsed.

A letter was received from R S Stevelly Esq, HM Inspector of Schools, to say that he will visit the school on Tuesday 18 June at 10.

Received

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| School children's fees | Reighton | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| | Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| Credit Mr Lee school fees | | £18 – 12 – 0 |
| Debit Treasurer | | £79 – 17 – 9 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | | £41 – 16 – 9 |

17 June

Repayments due on the loan of £150: £1 – 8 – 5 principal, £4 – 19 – 6 interest.

The Clerk to be paid £15 this year for his services.

Paid

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|---|---|---|
| Public Works Loan Committee – principal | | £ 1 – 8 – 5 |
| | Interest | £ 4 – 19 – 6 |
| Credit Treasurer | | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Clerks salary | | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands: | | £41 – 16 – 9 |

Thanks were given to Robert Crowe for his efficient conduct of the Board over the last three years.

15 July

Matthew Cranswick absent.

Elections to the Board had been held: the same members were elected and the same people carried out the functions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Quorum was still three members. (Elections to the Board were to be held every three years.)

Meetings to be held at the Wesleyan Chapel in Speeton on the third Monday of every month at 5:30.

Richard Mayman received thanks for receiving the school pence and paying them to the Treasurer.

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee for a quarter's salary | £18 – 15 – 0 |
| Balance owing to the Treasurer | £66 – 6 – 8 |

19 August

Although the school opened on 2 April 1877 no charge was made on the pupils until 23 April due to the lack of books.

School holidays to be given during the harvest – Friday 30 August to Monday 23 September.

16 September

Only children who had attended the school for 250 sessions were included in the inspection. The reasons for the absence of the others were to be sent to the Education Department by the inspector.

One six year old girl was absent due to illness which had been certified by a doctor, she having previously attended school 230 times. An eight year old child suffering from serious illness and who was not expected to recover had also failed to attend 250 times. One six year old child had attended the required 250 times but was being kept at home by their parents. The grandmother of one child whose parents were dead was keeping it at home to look after the house, because of the death of its grandfather in April. Finally, one twelve year old girl of a very large

family was being kept at home to look after her younger siblings so that her mother could go out to work.

The school was required to provide the Education Department with details of how religious teaching and observations were carried out.

Loan repayments due: £7 – 19 – 0 principle, £34 - 12 – 6 interest.

Paid

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|---|---|
| Public Works Loan Committee – principal | £ 7 – 19 – 0 |
| Interest | £34 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £42 – 11 – 6 |
| | |
| Due to Treasurer | £85 – 1 – 8 |

21 October

The grant arising as a result of the annual inspection was due to be paid within a few days.

Mr Lee applied for an increase in his salary in consideration of the result of the inspection. Mr Lee was to be offered £30 a year plus the children's pence and half of the grant received.

Paid

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee as one quarter's salary | £18 – 15 – 0 |

Received

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|---|---|
| Grant received from HM's Paymaster General | £50 – 17 – 4 |
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| Balance due to Treasurer | £76 – 16 – 10 |

18 November

Mr Lee told the Board that he could not accept the salary offered, but that he would accept £35 a year plus a coal allowance, the children's pence and half the Education department's grant which all together would not exceed £80. In response the Board proposed offering Mr Lee £84 a year to allow for the coal allowance etc above, to start at the next quarter. Mr Lee was called into the meeting and accepted the offer.

Received

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|---|---|
| Reighton | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| School fees | £15 – 2 – 0 |
| | |
| Debit Treasurer | £76 – 7 – 9 |
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| Balance due to the Treasurer | £19 – 4 – 1 |

16 December

The school master had twice failed to send the fee book and other financial documents to the Poor Law Overseers in Bridlington

**1879**

20 January

Financial returns to be sent to the Education Department

Debit

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee's salary for one quarter | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son[16] | £ 1 – 14 – 5 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | £ 0 – 12 – 0 |
| J H Skinner, District Auditor | £ 0 – 10 – 6 |
| John Wentworth | £ 0 – 7 – 0 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 3 – 3 – 11 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £21 – 14 – 6 |

17 February

It would appear that no religious instruction or observance seems to take place in the school. The Education Department wanted to know:

1) Are any Hymns or Prayers used in the Board School?

2) Is the Bible used in the school (with or without comment thereon)?

The Board replied that the school day opened and closed with singing and prayer but that the Bible was not used.

Samuel Bilton and Thomas Appleby were still not sending their child and grandchildren respectively regularly to school, so action was to be taken against them.

17 March

The above attendance orders had been made but Thomas Appleby had still not complied in sending his grandson Robert Wood Appleby to school. Hence proceedings were to be taken against him.

The Board still owed £36 – 19 – 11 to the Treasurer and an extra tax of 3d in the pound was to be levied to cover this.

21 April

Thomas Appleby had a fine of 5s including costs imposed on him for non-compliance with the attendance order.

[16] Scholastic publishers, booksellers, printers and stationers of 26 and 27 Savile Street, Hull.

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|---|---|
| Debit | |
| Mr Lee's salary for one quarter | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| William Taylor | £ 7 – 3 – 9 |
| Martin Richardson | £ 0 – 18 – 0 |
| J H Skinner, District Auditor | £ 0 – 14 - 0 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 8 – 15 – 9 |
| | |
| Received | |
| School fees | £ 8 – 6 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £28 – 13 – 2 |

16 May

The Education Department inspector was to visit the school and a form was sent to be filled in prior to his visit.

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| Debit Treasurer | £29 – 10 – 0 |
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| Balance due to Treasurer | £28 – 18 – 11 |

17 June

Payment due on the £150 loan: £1 – 13 – 11 principal, £5 – 4 – 0 interest, total £6 – 7 – 11.

The Clerk to be paid £15 for his services in the past year.

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| Debit | |
| Public Works Loans Fund | £6 – 7 – 11 |
| William Piercey[17] - Addition to school buildings | £2 – 17 – 9 |
| Matthew Cranswick | £0 – 19 – 3 |
| North Eastern Railway Company | £0 – 0 – 6 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £10 – 5 – 5 |
| | |
| Clerk's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received from Reighton | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £2 – 16 – 10 |

[17] Landlord of the Dotterel Inn.

21 July

Paid

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Joseph Holtby | £ 2 – 9 – 9 |
| Martin Richardson | £ 0 – 5 – 0 |
| Cranswick and Milner | £ 0 – 4 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | £ 0 – 3 – 7 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 3 – 2 – 4 |

Received

| | |
|---|---|
| School fees | £ 9 – 7 – 3 |
| | |
| Debit due to Treasurer | £14 – 9 – 1 |

18 August

School holidays (for the harvest) were to be from Friday 12 September to Monday 13 October exclusively. Handbills to this effect to be printed and distributed.

After the holidays the parents of several children resident in the district are to be advised that unless the children attend school proceedings will be taken against them (presumably the parents rather than the children).

15 September

A grant was to be paid following the annual inspection of the school.

Repayments due on the loan of £1,000: £34 – 7 – 11 interest, £8 – 4 – 7 principal, total £42 – 12 – 6.

Debit

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|---|---|
| Public Works Loan Committee – interest | £34 – 7 – 11 |
| - instalment | £ 8 – 4 – 7 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Education Department grant | £40 – 15 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in the Treasurer's hands | £ 2 – 2 – 10 |

20 October

Debit

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | £ 1 – 17 – 6 |
| Mary Atkinson | £ 0 – 15 – 0 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £2 – 12 – 6 |
| Credit school fees | £6 – 11 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £40 – 9 – 8 |

17 November

Mr Lee requested permission from the Board to be allowed to build a piggery and said that the potatoes grown in the school yard were so small that they were only fit to be fed to pigs and not fit to be sold. Mr Lee said that he had been accustomed to feed one or more pigs for family purposes. The Board was to confer with Mr Lee as to exactly what he wanted to do.

Pashby Scrivener, Samuel Bilton and William Noble, labourers, of Reighton, and Thomas cooper and Aaron Jemmeson, labourers, of Speeton were reported as not sending their children to school. Attendance orders were to be issued to them.

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| Credit Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| Balance due to the Treasurer | £28 – 0 – 11 |

15 December

Robert Wilson and Joseph Holtby had conferred with Mr Lee regarding the proposed piggery. They agreed that he should be allowed to erect a wooden piggery in the south west corner of the garden behind the school buildings. The Board approved.

The Rev'd Nathaniel Constantine Strickland was still employing Jane Scrivener and Robert Noble, both of whom were under age and should have been attending school. The Board was to write to the Rev'd Nathaniel Constantine Strickland to tell him that he must stop employing Jane Scrivener and Robert Noble or proceedings would be taken against him.

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| Credit Reighton | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 3 – 14 – 10 |

**1880**

19 January

Pashby Scrivener was still not sending his children to school. Having been warned twice and still not complied with the attendance order he was to be brought before the JP.

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|---|---|
| Paid Mr Lee's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Stamp Duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Robinson Redhead | 7 – 6 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 2 – 19 - 6 |
| Received School fees | £ 5 – 11 - 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £ 7 – 10 – 10 |

16 February

The local JP had made an order on Pashby Scrivener to send his children to school.

As £16 – 8 – 8 was due to the Treasurer a levy was to be made on the ratepayers of the parish at the rate of 3d in the pound to cover this.

15 March

The order made in February regarding the rate to be levied was signed.

19 April

Mr Lee attended the meeting to discuss the irregular attendance of several of the children and what should be done about it.

| Paid | |
|---|---|
| Mr Lee one quarter's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | £ 2 – 1 – 9 |
| William Taylor | £ 1 – 13 – 1 |
| Martin Richardson | 9 – 0 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 4 – 3 – 10 |
| | |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £16 – 8 – 8 |

17 May

A letter had been received from the Education department saying that the school would be inspected together with a form to be filled out.

| Received | |
|---|---|
| School fees | £ 9 – 3 – 9 |
| Credit Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| Credit Reighton | £31 – 15 – 9 |
| | |
| Debit Treasurer | £70 – 9 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £28 – 17 – 0 |

*28 May 1880*

*CG to Messrs A Brown & Sons, Publishers, 26 and 27 Savile Street, Hull*

*Please forward immediately on receipt of this letter 5 school registers for 50 names (Heywoods) and 1 Box of pens (Fine points).*

21 June

The instalment on the loan of £150 was due: £5 – 3 – 2 interest, £1 – 4 – 9 instalment. Total due: £6 – 7 – 10

The children were to have a three week holiday to allow them to be employed pulling ketlocks.[18]

A ketlock

Mr Grey, the Clerk, was to be paid £15 for his services in the past year.

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| Debit | |
| Public Works Loan Board (1 year's interest) | £ 5 – 3 – 2 |
| Instalment | £ 1 – 4 – 9 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Mr Grey's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Received school fees | £ 5 – 10 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £34 – 7 – 3 |

19 July

The school had been inspected and a grant made.

[18] Common charlock, field mustard or wild mustard. (Sinapis arvensis/Brassica arvensis/Brassica sinapis) Although poisonous to cattle, the leaves can be eaten by humans and the seeds ground to make a mild spicy condiment.

Paid

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |

Received

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|---|---|
| Education Department grant | £36 – 3 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 2 – 14 – 9 |
| Debit Treasurer | £38 – 17 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £51 – 17 – 1 |

16 August

The school's harvest holidays were to be from Friday 10 September to Monday 4 October exclusive and handbills issued to this effect.

20 September

The instalment was due on the loan of £1,000: £34 – 2 – 2 interest and £8 – 10 – 4 principal. Total due: £42 – 12 – 6.

New school rules had to be prepared as a letter had been received from the Education Department saying that all schools must abide by the same rules.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loan Board | £34 – 2 – 2 |
| Building account instalment | £ 8 – 10 – 4 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Credit school fees | £ 5 – 15 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £30 – 17 – 1 |

18 October

The Board was to write to the Education Department to ask if they could adopt their own school rules as drawn up in 1877.

Mr Lee had asked for a 'complete supply of books'. The Clerk was to obtain the books requested.

Paid

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|---|---|
| Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | £ 5 – 19 – 11 |

The ledger, cash book, petty cash book and abstract book for the year ending 29 September were to be examined and signed.

15 November

A letter had been received from the Education Department saying that the school rules of 1877 could not be adopted.

The Board's accounts were to be audited at the Poor Law Room in Bridlington.

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| Credit Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £ 2 – 10 – 1 |

21 December

The Board's accounts had been audited and the sum of £1 – 15 – 9 charged for interest on sums advanced on account by the Board disallowed.

A letter had been received from Mr Lee complaining about the irregular attendance record.

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| Received | |
| Reighton | £31 – 18 – 9 |
| School fees | £ 6 – 5 – 9 |
| Debit Treasurer | £38 – 4 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £40 – 14 – 7 |

**1881**

*13 January 1881*

*CG to Messrs A Brown & Sons.*

*Cheque enclosed for £6 – 17 – 7 in discharge of the enclosed account.*

17 January

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|---|---|
| Debit | |
| Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | £ 6 – 17 – 7 |
| Stamp duty on financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| John Wallis – materials for teaching sewing | 5 – 3 |
| Charles Lyon | 3 – 0 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 9 – 17 – 10 |
| Paid to Joseph Holtby for the erection of and repairs to the School buildings. | £ 6 – 18 – 10 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £40 – 14 – 7 |

21 February

A letter had been received from the Local Government Board in Whitehall regarding the report of Mr Skinner, the district auditor, regarding the accounts of the year ending at Michaelmas and the disallowed sum of £1 – 15 – 9 in the accounts of Mr Harding, the Treasurer. The letter asked if the sum had been placed to the credit of the Board. The clerk was to reply saying that the sum which had been disallowed had not been placed

to credit and to appeal to the Local Government Board against the auditor's decision.

A rate of 4d in the pound of rateable value was to be paid by the ratepayers of the village towards the expenses of the Board.

21 March

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £6 – 10 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £9 – 0 – 11 |

18 April

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|---|---|
| Debit Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Credit Reighton | £42 – 11 – 8 |
| Credit Speeton | £39 – 6 – 8 |
| Debit Treasurer | £81 – 18 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £91 – 6 – 3 |

16 May

A letter had been received and form to be filled in prior to the school's inspection.

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 5 – 4 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £75 – 11 – 0 |

*9 June 1881*

*CG to the Local Government Board*

*Re the cheque paid to Messrs Sidebotham & Co for £25 – 3 – 6. This was for School Desks, Blackboards and Master's Chairs. The cheque for £5 – 15 – 8 paid to George Heselton and others was for a Clock and ironmongery and carriage to the school.*

20 June

The instalment was due on the loan of £150: £5 – 2 – 4 interest and £1 – 5 – 7 instalment, total £6 – 7 – 11.

The children were to have a holiday to enable them to be employed pulling ketlocks, the school to be closed for this until 11 July.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loan Board interest | £ 5 – 2 – 4 |
| Instalment | £ 1 – 5 – 7 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Mr Grey's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty Cash | |
| William Taylor | £ 2 – 5 – 9 |
| Isaac Atkinson | £ 0 – 6 – 10 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 2 – 12 – 7 |

This was the last meeting of the Board for its present term of office. Thanks were given to the chairman.

18 July

Matthew Cranswick absent.

Elections to the Board had been held and Robert Crowe, Robert Wilson, Joseph Holtby and Richard Mayman were elected again. Robert Crowe was to continue as chairman whereas Joseph Holtby was to be vice chairman in place of Matthew Cranswick. Charles Grey was to continue as clerk.

Three members of the Board was to constitute a quorum and meetings were to continue being held at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Speeton on the third Monday of each month at 5:30.

Thanks were given to Richard Mayman for collecting the school pence and paying them to the Treasurer.

The Education Department's inspection had been made and a grant given of £36 – 17 – 0.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee as quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received Education Department's grant | £36 – 17 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £67 – 7 – 6 |

15 August

Matthew Cranswick, farmer, of the parish of Reighton, was elected to the Board. Joseph Holtby continued as vice chairman.

A letter had been received from the Education Department regarding the loan of £1,150 and certain items which had been paid for out of it. The Department did not consider that the loan had been properly applied in providing for blackboards and clocks 'as however, the expenditure after adding these to the charges of the Commissioners' solicitors is considerably in excess of the Loan, the Board will regard the repayments objected to as being covered by the excess'.

The children were to be given a holiday for the harvest from Friday 26 August to Monday 19 September exclusive.

19 September

A letter had been received from the Education department saying the only children aged 13 to 14 were to be allowed a Harvest holiday as children under 13 were prohibited from employment.

Repayments due on the loan of £1,000: £33 – 16 – 3 interest and £8 – 16 – 3 instalment, total £42 – 12 – 6.

A rate of 3d in the pound of rateable value was to be made on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loan Board interest | £33 – 16 – 3 |
| instalment | £ 8 – 16 – 3 |
| Credit Treasurer | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received | |
| School fees | £ 4 – 15 – 6 |
| School fees | £ 4 – 9 – 6 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 9 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £72 – 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Debit petty cash account to John Lancaster | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 2 – 11 – 0 |

17 October

Thomas Sellars, Frank Fell, George Pudsey, John Dobson, Pashby Scrivener and John Anderson, all labourers of Reighton, had been neglecting to send their children to school. Unless they do so proceedings would be taken against them.

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The accounts were to be examined.

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|---|---|
| Debit Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £31 – 9 – 9 |

21 November

Richard Mayman absent.

Notices had been sent to Thomas Sellars, Frank Fell, George Pudsey, John Dobson, Pashby Scrivener and John Anderson, labourers of Reighton, and to James Myers, labourer, of Speeton saying that proceedings would be taken against them.

The Board's accounts were to be audited on 16 December at the Poor Law Union Board Room, Bridlington.

| | |
|---|---|
| Credit Reighton | £31 – 18 – 9 |
| Credit Speeton | £29 – 10 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 2 – 14 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £64 – 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £74 – 12 – 0 |

19 December

The accounts had been audited and the sum of £1 – 15 – 9 credited which had previously been disallowed.

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 19 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £77 – 11 – 0 |

**1882**

16 January

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee as quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Debit petty cash | |
| Henry Hall[19] | £ 3 – 13 – 2 |
| Joseph Holtby | £ 1 – 7 – 3 |
| Election expenses | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| A Brown and Son | |
| Credit Treasurer | £10 – 17 – 6 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 5 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £79 – 16 – 9 |

20 February

A rate of 3d in the pound of rateable value was to be made on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Credit School Fees | £ 2 – 12 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £50 – 11 – 6 |

20 March

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master of the school had applied for several articles of stationery required for the purposes of the school. The clerk had been instructed to obtain them.

[19] Joiner of Reighton.

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 7 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £53 – 18 – 6 |

*21 March 1882*

*CG to Messrs A Brown & Sons.*

*Please send to Mr Lee:*

*2 doz Copy Books for Standard II*
*1 doz Copy Books for Standard III*
*2 doz Copy Books for Standard IV*
*1 doz Copy Books for Standard V*
*1 doz slates at 3d each*
*1 Box of fins pointed steel pens*
*1 doz Primers for Infants Class*
*3 doz Primers for Standard I*
*4 doz Primers for Standard II*
*3½ doz Primers for Standard III*
*3½ doz Primers for Standard IV*
*4 doz Primers for Standard V*
*2 Gross (ie 288) of Half Penny Exercise Books*
*3 doz Eureka Ruled No 6 8 x 6*
*2 Gross Slate Pencils*
*6 doz Penholders*
*2 Gross shoulder pens*

17 April

A letter had been received from Mr Lee, Master of the school, stating that for some time past he and his family had been almost smoked out of the house, and requesting that the matter might be looked into. He also asked that the cleaning of the school premises prior to the coming inspection might be attended to. The chairman and Mr Holtby were to get the school and schoolhouse put into proper order.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee as quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Paid petty cash | |
| A Brown & Son | £ 1 – 4 – 1 |
| Joseph Holtby | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | 18 – 9 |
| Mary Atkinson | 15 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son | 8 – 9 |
| Robinson Redhead | 2 - 0 |
| | |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 4 – 8 – 7 |
| Credit School fees | £ 2 – 13 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £56 – 12 – 0 |

15 May

A letter had been received from Mr Lee, Master of the school, calling the attention of the Board to the very damp state of the North and East walls of the Master's house, and stating that the Building itself must be undergoing rapid deterioration owing to the Rain driving through the Walls and leaving them always wet, and that it was very inconvenient as they could neither be colour washed not papered to any advantage. The Board was to meet at the Premises on Wednesday 17th May at half past six in the evening to inspect the same. (The north and east sides of the building were those which faced the sea and thus took the brunt of any inclement weather.)

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 2 – 14 – 3 |
| Credit Speeton | £27 – 0 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £29 – 14 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £60 – 17 – 11 |

19 June

The school was to have its annual Education Department inspection and the usual form was to be filled in.

Payments due on the £150 loan from the Public Works Loan Board: £5 – 1 – 7 interest and £1 – 6 – 6 principal. Total £6 – 7 – 11.

The children were to have a holiday for pulling ketlocks. The school would be closed until 3 July for this.

The clerk was to be paid £15 for his services over the past year.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loan Board interest | £ 5 – 1 – 5 |
| instalment | £ 1 – 6 - 6 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Mr Grey's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Petty cash payments | |
| Joseph Holtby | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Lancaster | 5 – 6 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 1 – 10 – 6 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 15 – 3 |
| Credit Reighton | £29 – 0 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £31 – 15 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £92 – 13 – 5 |

17 July

The Education Department's inspection had been carried out and a grant of £38 – 8 – 0 received.

The Master of the school had reported that John Burt, Pashby Scrivener, John Staveley, William White, William Stubbs and John Anderson, all labourers of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs and James Myers, labourers of Speeton, were not sending their respective children to school. Notices were to be sent to them to send their children to school or to face having action taken against them.

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|---|---|
| Debit | |
| Mr Lee for one quarter's salary | £ 21 – 0 – 0 |
| Repairs to buildings: W W Lathbury | £ 1 – 6 – 6 |
| | |
| Received | |
| Education Department grant | £ 36 – 8 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 10 – 6 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 39 – 18 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £109 – 13 – 6 |

21 August

Repayment due on the £1,000 loan: £33 – 10 – 1 interest, £9 – 2 – 5 instalment, total
£42 – 12 – 6.

The school was to be closed for the harvest from 1 September to 2 October.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loans Board interest | £33 – 10 – 1 (less income tax) |
| instalment | £ 9 – 2 – 5 |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 4 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £88 – 11 – 0 |

18 September

A rate was to be raised at the rate of 3d in the pound on the rateable value to be paid by the ratepayers to cover the expenses of the Board.

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 11 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £49 – 9 – 9 |

16 October

Joseph Holtby absent.

The Board's accounts were to be examined.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee, one quarter's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £51 – 5 – 6 |

20 November

The Master of the school reported that William Fell, labourer of Reighton, and Fanny Taylor, widow of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. They were to be warned to do so or proceedings would be taken against them.

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|---|---|
| Credit Reighton | £29 – 0 – 3 |
| Credit Speeton | £27 – 0 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £58 – 7 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £88 – 12 – 6 |

18 December

A letter had been received from Mr Lee, Master of the school, stating that the School buildings had been very considerably damaged by the late Storm and requesting that steps be taken at once to repair the injury. Joseph Holtby and Matthew Cranswick were to inspect the school buildings and arrange for any necessary repairs to be done as soon as possible.

The Master of the school was to be requested to supply the Board with reports of the attendance for the previous month at each monthly meeting of the Board.

The accounts for the year ending 29 September were to be audited on 15 December at the Poor Law Committee Room, Bridlington.

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 13 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £92 – 5 – 6 |

**1883**

15 January

Robert Wilson absent.

Mr Lee said that considering that it had been Christmas the previous month the children had attended well.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee, one quarter's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty Cash | |
| A Brown & Son | £ 5 – 10 - 6 |
| John Wilson | £ 2 – 4 – 6 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Credit Treasurer | £10 – 7 – 0 |
| | |
| School fees received | £ 2 – 13 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £94 – 18 – 9 |

17 February

Mr Robert Wilson, lately a member of the Board, had died since the last monthly meeting. The Board placed on record its sense of loss sustained by the decease of Mr Robert Wilson, one of its most esteemed and respected members, and offered its heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his widow and family, to whom a copy of the resolution was sent.

A special meeting was to be held on 17 March to elect a new Board member in the 'room' of Mr Robert Wilson, deceased.

A levy was to be raised at the rate of 3d in the pound on the rateable value to be paid by the ratepayers for the expenses of the Board.

The Master reported that John Dobson, William Stubbs, George Appleby, George Pudsey, Pashby Scrivener, Robert Sellars and John Claxton, labourers of Reighton, and James Myers and Aaron Jemmeson, labourers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. Notices were to be served warning them to do so or proceedings would be taken against them.

Credit School fees £2 – 10 – 9

19 March

Special meeting

Mr John Jordan[20] of Speeton was willing to become a member of the Board in the room of Mr Robert Wilson. Mr John Jordan, farmer of Speeton, was elected.

19 March

Ordinary meeting

A copy of a letter from Robert Wilson's widow to Mr Gray was read out:

[20] John Jordan. B 1844, Hunmanby. D 1888 aged 43. Son of James Jordan, farmer of Speeton. M Mary Jane Hodgson (1855 – 1890) 1873. Farmer of 650 acres (Speeton Manor Farm) and employing 9 farm servants. Six children. After his death the family returned to Argam where Mary Jane originally came from. The Jordans were an old local family. The first reference to them in Reighton is '– s/o Peter Jordan baptised 10 October 1564' while the first reference to them in Speeton is the inscription 'Jordan of Sp 1686' in the parish records, and they are recorded as owning land in Speeton on the 1771 map of the village held by the East Yorkshire Archives. The Hodgsons were also an old local family.

'Dear Sir,

It is my desire through you to convey to the Members of the School Board my sincere thanks for the kind sympathy and condolence which has been offered to me and my family on the loss of my dear husband. It is pleasing to learn that his worth and kindness are so duly appreciated by the members of the School Board as well as yourself and others.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret Wilson'

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 4 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £69 – 3 – 3 |

16 April

The Master reported that John Claxton, John Staveley, William White, Thomas Appleby and Matthew Crawford, labourers, of Reighton, and Aaron Jemmeson, labourer, of Speeton were not sending their children to school. Notices were to be served warning them to do so or proceedings would be taken against them.

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|---|---|
| Paid Mr Lee's quarterly salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Credit School fees | £ 2 – 11 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £71 – 14 – 9 |

21 May

A letter had been received from the public Works Loan Board stating that £143 – 10 – 10 was still outstanding on the loan of £150 and that repayments of £1 – 7 – 5 principal and £5 – 0 – 6 interest were due, totalling £6 – 7 – 11.

The Master reported that school attendance had been satisfactory in the previous month.

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|---|---|
| Credit school fees | £ 2 – 12 – 6 |
| Credit Reighton | £ 29 – 0 – 3 |
| Credit Speeton | £ 27 – 0 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 58 – 13 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £109 – 7 – 9 |

*31 May 1883*

*CG to A Brown & Sons.*

*Please forward to Mr Lee six School Registers for fifty names (John Heywoods). The school year closes tomorrow and they are therefore required at once.*

18 June

The school was to be inspected by the Education Department and the usual form had to be filled in.

The children were to be given a holiday until 9 July for pulling ketlocks.

The clerk was to be paid £15 as his annual salary.

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|---|---|
| Debit Public Works Loan Board interest | £ 5 – 0 – 6 |
| instalment | £ 1 – 7 – 5 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 5 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £112 – 13 – 6 |

16 July

A letter had been received from the Central Association for Stopping the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on a Sunday asking the Board to sign it and forward it to their local MP. The Board agreed to sign the letter and to send it to Mr Sykes[21], one of the MPs for East Yorkshire.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee as one quarter's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 11 – 0 |
| Balance in the Treasurer's hands | £93 – 16 – 7 |

20 August

The school had been inspected by the Education Department's representative and a grant of £43 – 0 – 3 received.

Loan repayments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £33 – 3 – 8 interest and £9 – 8 – 10 instalment, total £42 – 12 – 6

The school harvest holidays were to be from Friday 7 September to Monday 10 October exclusive.

A letter had been received from the Education Department requesting details of religious teaching and observances at the school. The Board was to complete the schedule and return it to the Department.

The Master reported that George Pudsey, John Burt, Pashby Scrivener, Robert Sellars and John Claxton, labourers of Reighton, and Enoch Artley, Smith Atkinson, and Mary Creaser of Speeton were not sending their children to school and that they should be given the appropriate notice.

[21] Christopher Sykes 1831 – 1898, of the Sykes family of Sledmere House. MP for Beverley 1865 – 1868, MP for East Yorkshire 1868 – 1885, MP for Buckrose 1885 – 1892. Only made six speeches between 1868 and 1892, one of them on the preservation of seabirds, hence his nickname 'the Gull's Friend'. Friend of Edward VII as Prince of Wales. Never married.

Paid

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|---|---|
| Public Works Loan Board interest (less income tax) | £ 33 – 3 – 8 |
| Instalment | £ 9 – 8 – 10 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Credit Education Department grant | £ 43 – 0 – 3 |
| Credit School fees | 16 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 43 – 16 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £116 – 13 – 1 |

17 September

A rate was to be levied at the rate of 3d in the pound of the rateable value to be paid by the ratepayers for the expenses of the Board.

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|---|---|
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 8 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £77 – 9 – 4 |

15 October

(Some abstruse Education Department admin omitted.)

The Board's accounts to be audited.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee as a quarter's salary | £21 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Credit School fees | £ 2 – 2 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £79 – 11 – 4 |

*24 October 1883*

*CG to A Brown & Sons.*

*Mr Charles Grey paid A Brown and Sons £5 – 10 – 6 on 17 April but had received an invoice for £5 – 7 – 7. He would like to know what the extra 2/11 was for.*

19 November

John Jordan and Matthew Cranswick absent.

The District Auditor was to check the Board's accounts.

A report was received from the Master of the school regarding absences, in which he stated that there is an outbreak of Measles in the District which is undoubtedly one great cause of absence.

The clerk said that it would be a great convenience to the master to have his salary paid monthly instead of quarterly. The Board agreed to this.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Credit School fees | 6 – 6 |
| Credit Reighton | £ 29 – 0 – 3 |
| Credit Speeton | £ 27 – 0 – 3 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 56 – 7 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £114 – 18 – 4 |

17 December

The Master reported that George Pudsey, William Garton, John Anderson and Thomas Appleby, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. Notice was to be given to them to comply or action would be taken against them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 7 – 3 |
| Balance in the Treasurer's hands | £111 – 5 – 7 |

**1884**

21 January

The Master reported that George Pudsey, Edward Milner and John Claxton, labourers of Reighton, and Henry Cockerill, labourer of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Paid from Petty Cash | |
| A Brown & Son | £ 6 – 10 – 3 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Credit Treasurer | £ 9 – 2 – 3 |
| Received School fees | 17 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £105 – 3 – 1 |

18 February

The Master reported on absences and said that they were undoubtedly caused by sickness.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value was to be made on the ratepayers of the parishes to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee - one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Credit School fees | £ 3 – 1 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £92 – 1 – 10 |

17 March

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been extremely good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Paid to Henry Hall for repairs to the building | £ 1 – 13 – 5 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 12 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £77 – 14 – 7 |

21 April

A report was received from the Master stating that in consequence of a great number of the children who attended the school and who are now suffering from colds, sore throats and Mumps, the attendance at the school in the last month had been satisfactory, and a list of children who had been absent was enclosed. It being found that illness was the cause of absence, no action would be taken.

The Master called the attention of the Board to the desirability of having the school cleaned before the next inspection by the Education Department. The Board resolved to have the school cleaned.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 9 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £82 – 10 – 8 |

*16 May 1884*

*CG to A Brown & Sons.*

*Please supply the following:*

*2 Gallons of Ink*
*2 Boxes of Pens (Fine Points)*
*2 Quires of Foolscap*[22]
*2 Boxes of Slate Pencils*
*1 Quire of Blotting paper*
*1 Manual 'Simple Object Lessons for Infants Class'*
*5 School registers for 50 names*

*Please would they also send a corrected invoice for the goods received and paid £6 – 10 – 3 for on 14 March.*

[22] Quire: 24 or 25 sheets of paper or 1/20 of a ream. Foolscap: paper measuring 13 x 16 inches: the standard size of paper prior to the introduction of A4 etc.

19 May

A letter had been received from the Public Works Loan Board stating that there was an outstanding valance of £142 – 3 – 5 of the £150 lent. Repayments of £4 – 19 – 6 interest and £1 – 8 – 5 principal were due, totalling £6 – 7 – 11.

The annual Education Department inspection was due and the usual form had to be filled in.

The Master reported that Robert Sellers and William Stubbs, labourers of Reighton, and Thomas witty, Raine Ellbeck and Enoch Artley, labourers of Speeton, were failing to send their children to school and that the appropriate notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 16 – 6 |
| Credit Reighton | £ 19 – 6 – 10 |
| Credit Speeton | £ 18 – 0 – 2 |
| Debit Treasurer | £ 40 – 3 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £115 – 14 – 2 |

END OF SB28/1

SB 28/2

The following list appears in the front of the book and comprises sources of income and what the money was spent on.

Receipts

Grants from the Committee of Council on Education
Payments to the Treasurer by the Rating Authority
School fees
Other receipts

Expenditure

Election Expenses
Salaries of Officers
Legal and other Expenses of Administration
Salaries of Teachers
Books, Apparatus and Stationery
Fuel, Light and Cleaning
Replacement of Furniture and Repairs to Building and Furniture
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance
Other Expenses of Maintenance
Loans – Principal, Interest
Expenses not under the forgoing head

16 June 1884

The Master reported that attendance in the last month had been very satisfactory.

The school would be closed to allow the children to go pulling ketlocks from 27 June to 14 July.

The Clerk to the Board was to be paid £15 for his services in the past year.

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|---|---|
| Paid | |
| Officers Account – Mr Charles Gray, Clerk, one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee, one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty Cash – Matthew Crawford | 19 – 6 |
| A Brown & Sons | 9 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 8 – 5 |
| | |
| Paid Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £ 4 – 19 – 6 |
| 1 year's instalment | £ 1 – 8 – 5 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| | |
| Received – School fees | £ 2 – 17 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £111 – 11 – 2 |

21 July

Matthew Cranswick absent

Elections to the Board had been held and the same people elected. Details of quorum, meeting times etc as before.

Thanks were given to Richard Mayman for receiving the school pence.

The school had been inspected by the Education department and a grant of £40 – 18 – 0 given.

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| Paid | |
| Mr Lee, 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Repairs/Building Account – Henry Hall | £ 6 – 18 – 7 |
| Robert Marshall | £ 3 – 1 – 0 |
| Joseph Holtby | £ 1 – 9 – 4 |
| Total | £11 – 8 – 11 |
| | |
| Received | |
| Education Department grant | £40 – 18 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 2 – 16 – 6 |
| Total | £43 – 14 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £125 – 8 – 11 |

18 August

As required by the Education Department, the names of the members of the Board were to be forwarded to them.

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|---|---|
| Paid | |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 - 0 |
| | |
| Received | |
| School fees | £ 2 – 2 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £109 – 2 – 0 |

15 September

Matthew Cranswick absent.

Repayments due on the building loan: £32 – 17 – 1 interest, and
£9 – 15 – 5 instalment.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value to be made on the villagers to cover the expenses of the Board.

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|---|---|
| Paid | |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest | £32 – 17 – 1 |
| instalment | £ 9 – 15 – 5 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Petty Cash – Election expenses | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Henry Hall | 18 – 4 |
| Matthew Crawford | 15 – 6 |
| Cranswick and Milner | 5 – 6 |
| Total | £ 5 – 2 – 4 |
| | |
| Received school fees | £ 3 – 2 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £105 – 4 – 6 |

20 October

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master of the school reported that Raine Ellbeck and Henry Cockerill, both labourers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. They were to be warned to do so or else proceedings would be taken against them.

The Board's accounts to 29 September were to be audited and were signed by the chairman and clerk.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 - 0 |
| Received School fees | 9 - 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £50 – 19 – 5 |

17 November

The accounts had been audited.

Attendance in the previous month had been very good except for two children belonging to Henry Cockerill of Speeton, labourer, and one child of Edward Milner of Reighton, labourer. Henry Cockerill attended the meeting to explain his children's absence and said that they would do better in future. The usual notice was served on Edward Milner

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 months salary | £ 7 – 0 - 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 17 – 3 |
| Reighton | £19 – 6 – 10 |
| Speeton | £18 – 0 – 2 |
| Total | £40 – 4 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £94 – 3 – 8 |

*18 November 1884*

*CG to W Drawbridge Esq, Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, 74 Newborough Street, Scarborough.*

*Re: William Taylor, No 15,*

*Enclosed Postal Orders value 7/6 and 1/6, the amount due from the Board to the above estate.*

15 December

A letter was received from Mr Lee saying that the report for the last month is discouraging as the yearly average is less by three than it was the preceding month, which will cause a loss of £2 – 10 – 0 to the Education Department's grant, also that receipts are 16s 9d less than the last month and that sickness was the cause of the reduced attendance. Mr Lee said that the actual number of children on the register is 67 and that with that number the monthly average should not be less than 52 or 54. He also called the Board's attention to the state of the school room doors which needed repairing.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 - 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 1 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £80 – 4 – 11 |

**1885**

19 January

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master reported that John Anderson, Thomas Sellers, William Stubbs, John Claxton and Pashby Scrivener, labourers, of Reighton, and Jane Sellers, widow, of Reighton, and Henry Cockerill, labourer, of Speeton were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7- 0 - 0 |
| Petty Cash – Official Receiver in Bankruptcy | 9 – 0 |
| Stamp Duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Total | £ 3 – 1 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 4 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £75 – 9 - 5 |

16 February

A rate of 3d in the pound of rateable value was to be levied on the villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master reported that George Gullen, labourer, of Reighton, was neglecting to send his grand daughter, Mary Elizabeth Gullen, to school. The usual notices were to be served on him.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 - 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 3 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £68 – 12 – 2 |

16 March

Matthew Cranswick absent.

Mr Lee reported that attendance in the last month had been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 18 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £64 – 10 – 8 |

20 April

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The school was to be inspected by the Education department on Tuesday 2 June at 10:15 am.

Mr Lee reported that attendance in the past month had been remarkably good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons for books and stationery | £ 4 – 7 – 4 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 2 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £60 – 12 – 8 |

18 May

Richard Mayman and John Jordan absent.

Edmund Milner, labourer, of Reighton had not been sending his son Edmund Milner to school. The usual notices were to be served on him. Otherwise attendance had generally been satisfactory.

Mr Edward James Smith, Manager of the Bridlington branch of the York City and County Banking Company, was appointed Treasurer in the room of Mr Harding.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 18 – 3 |
| Reighton | £ 29 – 0 – 3 |
| Speeton | £ 27 – 0 – 3 |
| Total | £ 59 – 18 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £109 – 4 – 1 |

*1 June 1885*

*CG to Mr R S Stevelly, H M Inspector of Schools.*

*'As there are no Canals in the district of the two School Boards to which I am Clerk (Reighton U D and Thwing) no steps have been necessary under Section 6 of the Canal Boats Act 1884.'*[23]

15 June

A letter had been received from Mr Smith thanking the Board for his appointment as Treasurer in the room of Mr Edward Ridsdale Harding, who had resigned.

[23] As far as I can tell (information on the web is scanty), among other measures, this Act provided for the education of children resident on canal boats.

(Edward Ridsdale Harding's death was registered in the June quarter of 1889 when his age was given as 78. Free BMD.)

The grave of Edward Ridsdale Harding in Bridlington Priory churchyard

Public Works Loan Board repayments due on the £140 – 15 – 0 remaining due of the £150 advanced: £4 – 18 – 6 interest, £1 – 9 – 5 principal, total £6 – 7 – 11.

The children were to have a holiday for pulling ketlocks, for which the school would be closed until 6 July.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 for his services during the past year.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paid – Clerks salary | £ | 15 – | 0 – | 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ | 7 – | 0 – | 0 |
| Henry Hall for repairs to the school | | | 17 – | 1 |
| Public Works Loan Board 1 year's interest | £ | 4 – | 18 – | 6 |
| 1 year's principal | £ | 1 – | 9 – | 5 |
| Total | £ | 6 – | 7 – | 11 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Petty Cash – Charles Lyon | | 3 – | 6 |
| A Brown & Sons | | 3 – | 0 |

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|---|---|
| Total | 6 – 6 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £112 – 9 – 1 |

20 July

The Education Department's inspection had been made and a grant of £42 – 16 – 9 was to be made.

The Master said that attendance had been satisfactory in the previous month.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received Education Department grant | £ 42 – 16 – 9 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 1 – 6 |
| Total | £ 43 – 18 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £121 – 15 – 10 |

17 August

Public Works Loans Board repayments due: £32 – 10 – 3 interest, £10 – 2 – 3 principal, total £42 – 12 – 6.

School harvest holidays were to be from Friday 4 September to Monday 5 October exclusive.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Buildings account – 1 year's interest | £ 32 – 10 – 3 |
| 1 year's principal | £ 10 – 2 – 3 |
| Total | £ 42 – 12 – 6 |
| Received School fees | 15 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £115 – 11 – 1 |

21 September

Matthew Cranswick and John Jordan absent.

A letter had been received saying that two collective examinations of Pupil Teachers were to be held in April and October and that at each examination Pupil Teachers would be examined who begin a new year of their employment in the six months next after the examination. The examination of Pupil Teachers of this neighbourhood will take place on 31 October 1885 at the South Myton School, Adelaide Street, Hull, and on 10 April 1886 at the National School in Driffield. Information was requested regarding the number of Pupil Teachers to be presented and of Assistant Teachers to be examined.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value was to be made on the villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £68 – 19 – 1 |

19 October

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory considering the unfavourable state of the weather.

A letter had been received from Mr J H Foster of Bridlington requesting that Mr Cousins, the Liberal candidate for Buckrose[24], should have use of the school for a public meeting. This was granted.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 5 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £64 – 0 – 4 |

The accounts to 29 September were to be audited.

16 November

The Master reported that George Gullan, Edward Milner, George Pudsey, William Whiting and John Anderson, labourers of Reighton, and John Myers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 10 – 9 |
| Speeton | £18 – 0 – 2 |
| Total | £19 – 10 – 11 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £76 – 11 – 3 |

21 December

The master reported that attendance had been satisfactory. He also reported that the Pump in the Yard and the School Clock both needed repairing, and that Mr Redhead of Flamborough[25] was prepared to do the work. He was to be instructed to do so.

[24] The constituency of Buckrose covered the northern third of the East Riding of Yorkshire. The principle towns were Bridlington, Driffield, Filey and Norton, as well as numerous villages. In 1885 Christopher Sykes (Con) was elected.

[25] Robinson Redhead of Flamborough – iron monger (Bulmers Directory 1892)

Matthew Cranswick gave notice that he would call attention to the large expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the School for the District (ie that it cost comparatively more to maintain Reighton school than others in the area).

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty cash – William Taylor | £ 1 – 19 – 9 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Total | £ 2 – 11- 9 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 4 – 6 |
| Reighton | £19 – 1 – 4 |
| Total | £22 – 5 – 10 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £91 – 17 – 1 |

**1886**

19 January

A discussion about the large amount spent on maintaining the school was had and adjourned.

John Anderson and George Dobson, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty Cash – Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Cranswick and Milner | 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 19 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £86 – 4 – 4 |

15 February

The large expenditure on maintaining the school was again discussed and adjourned.

John Burt and George Pudsey, labourers of Reighton, attended the meeting to explain that they are unable to pay the school fees of their respective children by reason of poverty and applied to the Board to remit such school fees accordingly.

The fees for Alice Burt, William Burt, Joseph Burt and James Marshall Burt, the children of John Burt, were remitted until the next Board meeting and the school fees of John Henry Pudsey were to be remitted until the next inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector.

Attendance in the previous month had been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £79 – 14 – 10 |

15 March

A rate of 3d in the pound rateable value was to be made on the villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master reported that owing to the very inclement weather during the past month school attendance had not been as good as usual.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 17 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £82 – 12 – 1 |

19 April

Attendance in the past month had been unusually good.

A letter had been received from the Rev William Rowley of Reighton asking for use of the school room on the evening of Easter Monday for a concert to be held on behalf of the funds of the church at Reighton. Permission was granted.

Reighton church interior in 1886

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 16 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £71 – 8 – 4 |

17 May

Matthew Cranswick and John Jordan absent.

The school was to be inspected by the Education Department.

The Master reported that attendance had never been as high as at the present time and that the only case of faulty attendance was a boy named John Claxton, but that his services at home were of more consequence than his work at school, and as he would be unlikely to pass any examination, the Master expressed a hope that the Board would overlook the faulty attendance.

The school was to be repaired and cleaned before the next Education Department inspection. Joseph Holtby was to arrange for the work to be done.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 0 – 6 |
| Speeton | £27 – 0 – 3 |
| Total | £31 – 0 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £95 – 9 – 1 |

*22 May 1886*

*CG to A Brown & Sons*

*An order for 'Four new Class Registers (Moffats), limp covers at 9d each, and 1 Timetable (Moffats), 1 Quire of Examination Paper with printed Headings and 2 Quires of foolscap. (Un-itemised goods had been ordered from Browns on 10 February and 5 March 1886)*

21 June

The school had been inspected on 1 June and a grant of £42 – 17 – 0 awarded.

Public Works Loan Board repayments due on the £139 – 5 – 7 outstanding on the original loan of £150: £4 – 17 – 6 interest and £1 – 10 – 5 principal, total £6 – 7 – 11.

A holiday would be given for pulling ketlocks 2 July to 26 July exclusive.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 for his services during the previous year.

Attendance had not been as good as could be desired. The Infants of the District did not start to attend as soon as they reached school age, which acted prejudicially to the Interests of the school. After the holidays action was to be taken to ensure more regular attendance.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Charles Gray, Clerk – 1 year's salary | £ 15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £ 4 – 17 – 6 |
| 1 year's principal | £ 1 – 10 – 5 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

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|---|---|
| Petty Cash - William Heselton | 1 – 9 |
| Postage account | 4 – 2 |
| Robinson Redhead | 13 – 6 |
| Joseph Holtby | 15 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 14 – 11 |

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|---|---|
| Received Education Department grant | £ 42 – 17 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 13 – 0 |
| Reighton | £ 28 – 12 – 0 |
| Total | £ 75 – 2 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £163 – 11 - 1 |

*24 June 1886*

*CG to A Brown & Sons*

*Cheque enclosed for £5 – 5 – 2.*

19 July

Miss Dormer of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough, had this year as well as for several years past presented some very beautiful Certificate Reward Cards for the children attending the school. The Board was to write to Miss Dormer expressing its thanks.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 months salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons for books and stationery | £ 5 – 5 – 2 |

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 11 – 3 |

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|---|---|
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £132 – 14 – 4 |

16 August

Matthew Cranswick absent

Public Works Loan Board repayments due: £32 – 3 – 2 interest, £10 – 9 – 4 principal, total £42 – 12 – 6.

School harvest holidays to be from Friday 17 September to Monday 18 October exclusive.

Pupil Teacher[26] examinations were to be held on 30 October at Hull Board School, Osborne Street, Hull and on 30 April at the Driffield National School.

George Pudsey, George Gullan, William Marshall, Thomas Sellers, William Piercy, William Waites, William White and John Burt, labourers, and Mary Stubbs, single woman, all of Reighton, and Raine Ellbeck, labourer of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 months salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £ 32 – 3 – 2 |
| 1 Year's principal | £ 10 – 9 – 4 |
| Total | £ 42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received school fees | £ 1 – 14 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £127 – 9 – 1 |

20 September

Richard Mayman and John Jordan absent.

The master reported that the warnings issued after the last month had had a 'wonderful effect' and except for the last week attendance had been excellent.

A letter had been received from the Birmingham Certified Industrial Boys School stating that there were some vacancies and enclosing terms.

A rate was to be levied at 2d in the pound of rateable value on the villagers towards the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received school fees | £ 2 – 5 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £80 – 2 – 4 |

18 October

(Some admin omitted)

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[26] Pupil teachers were bright local children who wished to train to become teachers. On finishing their formal education they became 'monitors' providing general assistance, similar to prefects, in the school. Those who proved to have an aptitude for teaching were selected at the age of fifteen and given three years' 'on the job' training, both in teaching skills and in the subject they would be required to teach after which they were examined. If successful, they could then spend two or three years at training college. Originally they were trained in local schools under the supervision of the headmaster but later attended pupil teacher training centres run by the local School Boards during which time they were given teaching practice in local schools. This was one of the few ways for intelligent young persons of humble origins could better themselves and join the professions. There are several references in the Reighton school records to pupils going to the annual examinations at Driffield school. If a pupil teacher failed the examination or didn't take it they could still continue to teach but as an unqualified teacher, on a lower wage and with less authority than a teacher who had been to college and gained a formal qualification.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 4 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £77 – 6 – 10 |

The accounts to 29 September were to be audited.

15 November

Richard Mayman and Joseph Holtby absent.

George Pudsey, William Whiting, John Claxton, George Gullan and John Anderson, labourers, and Mary Stubbs, singlewoman, of Reighton and James Myers, labourer of Speeton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received Speeton | £18 – 0 – 2 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £88 – 7 – 0 |

20 December

Richard Mayman absent.

The accounts had been audited and pronounced correct.

Attendance had been very good.

The Christmas holidays were to be from Friday 24 December to Monday 3 January exclusive.

Application had been made by the Wesleyan Methodist Society of Speeton for use of the school for a lecture. The request was granted.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 9 |
| Reighton | £ 17 – 5 – 8 |
| Total | £ 20 – 6 – 5 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £101 – 13 - 5 |

**1887**

17 January

Present: Robert Crowe, Joseph Holtby and Matthew Dale (Surely some mistake.)

The Master reported that attendance in the previous month had been particularly good. He had also applied for a supply of books and stationery.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty Cash | |
| Stamp Duty on Financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons | £ 1 – 2 – 8 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Total | £ 3 – 14 – 8 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £98 – 13 – 5 |

21 February

Mary Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, and John Claxton, John Anderson, William Waites, William Whiting and George Pudsey, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £90 – 1 – 9 |

12 March

John Jordan absent.

Thomas Jefferson, Pashby Scrivener and George Dobson, labourers of Reighton, Sarah Sellers, widow of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs, labourer of Speeton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

The Master reported that apart from the above, attendance had been exceedingly good.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value was to be charged to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 17 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £86 – 19 – 0 |

18 April

The Master reported that attendance, with one exception, had been exceptionally good. The exception was William Whiting, labourer of Reighton, who had failed to comply with the notice served on him and was

failing to send his son, Henry Whiting, to school, alleging that the said child was, in consequence of his lameness, unable to attend. The Board resolved to write to William Whiting to say that Henry Whiting must attend school unless it was certified by a medical practitioner that the child was unable to attend school.[27]

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £82 – 19 – 9 |

16 May

Joseph Holtby absent.

The Board had received a certificate from Mr Heard, Surgeon of Hunmanby, saying the Henry Whiting suffered from a withered leg which prevented him from walking the distance to the School House.

The Master reported that attendance had been exceedingly good.

A letter had been received from the Clerk of the London School Board asking the Board's cooperation in presenting a joint address to the Queen congratulating Her Majesty on the progress made in the work of Public Elementary Education in the fifty years of her reign. The Board agreed to sign the paper.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 9 |
| Reighton | £ 17 – 5 – 8 |
| Speeton | £ 17 – 15 – 6 |
| Total | £ 38 – 7 – 11 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £114 – 7 – 9 |

20 June

The school had been inspected on Monday 6 June.

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Board on the £137 – 15 – 2 of the £150 originally lent to the Board: £4 – 16 – 5 interest and £1 – 11 – 6 instalment.

The Master reported that the children attending the school had entered with much spirit upon the new year's work and that attendance was better than it usually was so soon after the annual inspection. Five or six of the older scholars were leaving the school, having passed Standard V and one of them having passed Standard VII.

[27] The school house is situated about two miles uphill from the most distant part of Reighton village and about a mile away from Speeton.

The wife of John Dobson, labourer of Reighton, had complained about the conduct of the Master, stating that he had refused to allow their children to be examined. George Dobson attended the meeting and stated that his son, James William Dobson, had passed Standard I in 1884 and had not been examined since, that the boy was nine years old in February and had attended school well but had never been examined for another Standard. He also stated that his daughter, Annie Dobson, had gone to school for two and a half years, was eight last November and had not had a chance, and that the Master refused to allow Mary Elizabeth Dobson, who was ten in September, to be examined. Consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting when the Master would be requested to be present.

The children were to have a holiday for pulling ketlocks until 18th July.

Thanks were given to the chairman for his courteous and efficient conduct in the chair for the previous three years.

The Clerk was to be given £15 for his annual services.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Charles Gray – 1 year's salary | £ 15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons for books, apparatus and stationery | £ 6 – 11 – 9 |
| Bridlington Free Press Company | 15 – 6 |
| Public Works Loan Board: 1 year's interest | £ 4 – 16 – 5 |
| 1 year's instalment | £ 1 – 11 – 6 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 12 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £110 – 19 – 8 |

18 July

The Board was re-elected as before. Robert Crowe was chairman. All the others were as they were before.

A grant of £46 – 5 – 0 was to be made as a result of the Education Department's inspection.

Consideration was given to the complaint made by George Dobson at the previous meeting. Mr Lee was asked his reasons for not presenting such children for examination. He stated that Mr Dobson's eldest daughter was examined at the late Inspection of the School, that Edith Annie Dobson was not presented for examination in consequence of the state of her health and the dullness of her intellect, and of James William Dobson that the statement that he had passed Standard I in 1884 was not correct and that he was not presented for examination because of his extreme dullness of intellect.

The Master reported that attendance in the previous month had been excellent.

Miss Dormer, of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough, had presented some very beautiful Certificate Reward cards for the children attending the Board's school. She was to be thanked for these.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received: Education Department grant | £ 46 – 5 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 4 – 6 – 6 |
| Total | £ 50 – 11 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £133 – 3 – 3 |

15 August

Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been very good except for two or three instances, but that the attendance of the children of the village of Speeton had exceeded that of the children of the village of Reighton by nearly 1,000.

The Master made an application to the Board for an allowance in respect of coals used in the school, for which he was allowed £5 a year. He said that he was obliged to keep very large fires to keep the children anything like warm throughout the cold winter months, and that he was also obliged to keep fires until late in the spring of the year. The matter was to be considered at the next meeting.

Payments due on the loan from the Public Works Loan Board:
£31 – 15 – 10 interest and £10 – 16 – 8 principal, total £42 – 12- 6.

Joseph Holtby reported that the school buildings needed repair and repainting. He was instructed to arrange for this work to be done.

School holidays were to be from Friday 18 August to Monday 19 September exclusive.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £31 – 15 – 10 |
| 1 year's instalment | £10 – 16 – 8 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Received School fees | 14 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £126 – 17 - 6 |

19 September

Consideration of the Master's request regarding coals was deferred until the next meeting.

The repairs and repainting were not quite completed.

Attendance in the previous month had been moderate.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value was to be made on the villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £73 – 4 – 6 |

17 October

Richard Mayman and John Jordan absent.

The repairs and repainting were now finished.

Regarding coals: the Clerk was to reply to the Master that, taking into consideration the extremely low price of provisions and necessaries, the prevailing depression in agriculture and the probable distress which may exist in the district during the ensuing winter, the Board could not accede to such a request.

John Burt, George Pudsey, William Whiting and John Dobson, labourers of Reighton, Mary Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, and J G Inness, station master of Speeton were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 3 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £68 – 7 – 9 |

The schools accounts to 29 September were to be audited.

21 November

Joseph Holtby absent.

Thomas Sellers and John Anderson, labourers of Reighton, and Mary Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, and John Myers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them. The Master reported that with the exception of the cases above attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 11 – 0 |
| Reighton | £17 – 5 – 8 |
| Speeton | £17 – 15 – 6 |
| Total | £36 – 12 – 2 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £97 – 19 – 11 |

19 December

Richard Mayman absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory given that the season of Martinmas[28] had intervened and severe illness in the district had prevailed.

A letter had been received by the Clerk from the Chairman of the Board saying that there had been some serious disease of the throat and wondering if, under the circumstances, it might not be best to close the school for a fortnight. The Clerk replied saying that if in the opinion of a Medical Practitioner the disease was of an epidemic nature that the school might be closed. Such a certificate was received and the school was duly closed.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 1 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £95 – 1 – 2 |

**1888**

16 January

The schools accounts had been audited.

The Master reported that attendance in the first and second weeks of the past month had been unsatisfactory due to the sickness, but that it had since improved.

The Master applied for a supply of books and stationery.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Petty cash: Election expenses | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Total | £ 5 – 15 - 0 |
| | |
| Paid to Henry Hall for building repairs | £ 4 – 10 – 0 |
| Matthew Crawford[29] for building repairs | 17 – 2 |
| Total | £ 5 – 7 – 2 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 13 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £90 – 14 – 8 |

[28] 11 November. Traditionally the end of the agricultural year and characterised in the past by feasting. By this time winter wheat would have been sown, animals slaughtered and labourers would be free to seek new posts at the hiring fairs held around this time. Now rather overtaken by Halloween, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

[29] Blacksmith of Reighton.

20 February

John Jordan absent.

Pashby Scrivener, John Anderson and Thomas Sellers, labourers of Reighton, and Sarah Sellers, widow of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

The Board was to write to James Marshall of Reighton, common carrier, mentioning that he was liable to a penalty of up to 40s for having taken into his employment Ann Collingwood Sellers, a child under the age of fourteen years, and that if he continued to employ her proceedings would be taken against him.

The Master reported that attendance had not been good due to the severe weather.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Milner[30] - brooms etc | 5 – 0 |
| Bridlington Free Press Company | 4 – 6 |
| Total | 9 – 6 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 4 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £73 – 16 – 6 |

19 March

Richard Mayman and Matthew Cranswick absent.

The Master reported that attendance and the work done in the last month were all that could be desired when the weather was such that it was impossible for the younger children to get to school.

Pupil teachers were to be examined on 21 April 1888 at the Boys National School, Driffield.

A rate of 2d in the pound rateable value was to be made to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 8 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £69 – 15 – 6 |

16 April

The Master reported that, with one exception, attendance had been very satisfactory. The one exception was Charlotte Anderson, the daughter of

[30] Ironmonger of 16 High Street, Bridlington.

John Anderson, labourer of Reighton[31], who was persistently absent. The usual notice was to be served.

Mr John Jordan, lately a member of the Board, had died since the last meeting. The Board placed on record its sense of the loss sustained by the death and was to offer its sympathy and condolence to Mrs Jordan and her family.

If enough members of the Board remained to form a quorum after such a death a special meeting was to be called to elect a new Board member. Such a special meting was to be held on 21 May. A motion was to be put before the Board that 'Mr William Wilson of the parish of Speeton be elected to the board in the room of Mr Jordan deceased'.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons for books and stationery | £ 9 – 1 – 5 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 16 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £65 – 12 – 3 |

*17 April 1888*

*CG to A Brown & Sons*

*Cheque enclosed for £9 – 1 – 5.*

21 May - Special meeting.

William Wilson, farmer, of the parish of Speeton, was elected to the Board.

21 May - Ordinary meeting.

The school was to be inspected on 21 June at 10 am.

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Board on the £136 – 3 – 8 outstanding on the loan of £150: £4 – 15 – 4 interest and £1 – 12 – 7 instalment, total: £6 – 7 – 11.

The master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

The school was to be repaired and cleaned prior to the Education Department's inspection. Joseph Holtby was to arrange for this to be done.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £ 4 – 15 – 4 |
| 1 year's instalment | £ 1 – 12 – 7 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

[31] He was also a church caretaker.

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 19 – 6 |
| Reighton | £15 – 6 – 10 |
| Speeton | £17 – 15 – 6 |
| Total | £36 – 11 – 10 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £85 – 18 – 8 |

17 June

The school had been inspected by the Education Department.

A holiday was to be given for pulling ketlocks from Friday 15 June to Monday 8 July exclusive.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 as annual salary.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Charles Grey, Clerk – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 18 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £82 – 16 – 11 |

16 July

A grant of £47 – 9 – 0 was to be given as a result of the Education Department's inspection.

A form which had been received requiring details of Religious Instruction and Observance had been filled in and returned to the Education Department.

William Stubbs and George Pudsey, labourers of Reighton, and Mary Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

Miss Dormer of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough, had again presented a number of very beautiful Certificate Reward Cards. The Board was to thank her.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received Education Department grant | £ 47 – 9 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 0 |
| Total | £ 50 – 9 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £104 – 18 – 9 |

20 August

William Wilson absent.

George Waind, labourer of Speeton, had not been sending his children to school. The usual notice was to be served.

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £31 – 8 – 3 interest and £11 – 4 – 3 instalment, total: £42 – 12 – 6.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Paid to Robert Marshall for repairs | £ 1 – 0 – 6 |
| Public Works Loan Board – 1 year's interest | £31 – 8 – 3 |
| 1 year's instalment | £11 – 4 – 3 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 3 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £99 – 2 – 6 |

17 September

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

The school holidays for the harvest were to be from Friday 21 September to Monday 22 October exclusive.

A rate was to be made of 2d in the pound rateable value to cover the expenses of the Board.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 4 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £94 – 6 – 3 |

15 October

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £48 – 0 – 6 |

The accounts to 29 September were to be audited.

19 November

The Master reported that on account of the tempestuous weather during the past month attendance had been very satisfactory.

A letter had been received from the Central Association for Preventing the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on a Sunday saying that a Bill was to be introduced – the Sunday Closing Bill – and saying that Sunday drinking leads to idleness and crime on a Monday. The Board agreed to sign the petition.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | 15 – 3 |
| Reighton | £15 – 13 – 6 |
| Speeton | £17 – 15 – 1 |
| Total | £34 – 4 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £74 – 5 – 9 |

17 December

John Dobson, George Dobson, William Whiting, William Waites, Sarah Sellers and Mary Stubbs, all of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs, George Waines and Enoch Artley, all of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

The Master reported that the school was not sufficiently warmed so that the children attending could not pursue their studies in a proper manner. The Clerk was to be instructed to purchase a Tortoise Stove and to have the same fixed in the Board's school.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 17 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £71 – 2 – 6 |

**1889**

21 January

Joseph Holtby acting as Chairman.

Mr Crowe, the chairman, had died since the last meeting. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Executors of the Will of the late chairman to convey the sincere sympathy and condolence of the Board with the Relatives of the chairman and the inexpressible loss sustained by them through his decease.


Robert Crowe's grave in Bridlington Priory churchyard

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been particularly good and that it had never been as high at this time of year since the school began, notwithstanding that William Stubbs and William Piercy of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs of Speeton had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

A letter had been received from the Rev William Rowley of the Vicarage at Reighton asking on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund for the use of the school on the evening of 21 February. The Board agreed to this so long as the expense of putting the school to rights afterwards was borne by the church committee.[32]

[32] It was highly unlikely that they would have refused, given that both Joseph Holtby and Matthew Cranswick were also churchwardens.

Reighton Church in 1897

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 4 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £67 – 7 – 3 |

18 February

From now onwards Board meetings were held at the school.

The Executors of Robert Crowe, deceased, had expressed their thanks for the Board's expression of sympathy.

Pupil teacher examinations were to be held on 13 April at Driffield.

William Stubbs, John Anderson, John Dobson and George Dobson, all of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usually notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 0 - 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £64 – 7 – 9 |

18 March

Present: Joseph Holtby, Matthew Cranswick, Richard Mayman, William Wilson[33]

[33] William Wilson, farmer. B ca1850 Newton on Rawcliffe. Came to Speeton in the 1880s with his two younger brothers, Alfred and Frederick to run 'Wilson's Farm'. No Record of him having married.

The Master reported that attendance had been uncommonly good and that all absences except one were explainable by sickness. The letters send out since the previous meeting seemed to be having effect.

A rate of 2d in the pound of rateable value was to be levied to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Replacement of Furniture | |
| Alfred Clark[34] - stone fixing | £ 3 – 10 – 3 |
| Henry Hall – repairs - repairs | £ 1 – 2 – 8 |
| Matthew Crawford | 10 – 6 |
| Total | £ 5 – 3 – 5 |
| | |
| Received | £ 3 – 4 – 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £60 – 12 – 0 |

15 April

William Wilson absent

The Master reported that attendance was all that could be wished for.

Matthew Cranswick proposed that Robert Crowe of Speeton[35], farmer, be elected to the Board in the room of Mr Robert Crowe deceased. A special meeting was to be held on 20 May for the election.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received | £ 4 – 5 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £52 – 14 – 1 |

20 May – Special meeting

Robert Crowe of Speeton, farmer, was elected to the Board: proposed by Matthew Cranswick and seconded by William Wilson.

20 May – Ordinary meeting

Mr Anstead was to inspect the school on 12 June at 9:30.

Loan repayments due on the £134 – 11 – 1 outstanding on the loan of £150: £4 – 14 – 2 interest and £1 – 13 – 9 principal. Total £6 – 7 – 11.

The Master reported that there had been a slight falling off in attendance but that it was still very good. Average attendance had been 61.7 (not percent), which was slightly lower than the previous month.

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[34] Ironmonger of 95 High Street, Bridlington.

[35] Robert Crowe (the younger) B ca 1846, Kilham. M Margaret Ann B ca 1846, Flamborough. Living 1901 Crowes Farm, Speeton. Son - Robert W, B. ca 1873.

The school was to be cleaned and repaired before the Education Department's inspection. Joseph Holtby was to arrange for the work to be done.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Son – books and stationery | £ 6 – 3 – 10 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 9 – 9 |
| Reighton | £15 – 1 - 6 |
| Speeton | £15 – 19 – 8 |
| Total | £34 – 10 – 11 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £80 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Paid Public Works Loan Board: interest | £ 4 – 14 – 2 |
| principal | £ 1 – 13 – 9 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

17 June

Joseph Holtby absent.

A new chairman was to be elected.

The school had been inspected.

The school would be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from 21 June to 15 July.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 for his year's work.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Grey – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 - 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 8 – 6 |
| A Brown & Sons – books and stationery | 6 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £70 – 15 – 8 |

15 July

A letter had been received from the Central Association for the Stopping of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sunday with a petition enclosed. The Board signed the petition and forwarded it to Mr Christopher Sykes, MP.

Matthew Cranswick was elected chairman of the Board.

A grant of £49 – 13 – 10 had been made as a result of the Education Department inspection.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received: Education Department grant | £49 – 13 – 10 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 9 |
| Total | £53 – 0 – 7 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £94 – 16 – 4 |

19 August

The Master reported that attendance had been good with the exception of Ann Elizabeth, the daughter of George Pudsey, labourer of Reighton, and James Edward, the son of Sarah Collingwood Sellers, widow of Reighton, who had both been absent since the last school inspection. The usual notices were to be served.

Public Works Loan Board repayments due: £31 – 0 – 5 interest and £11 – 12 – 1 principal, total £42 – 12 – 6.

The school was to be closed for the harvest holidays from Friday 30 August until Monday 23 September exclusive.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees[36] | 14 - 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £86 – 10 – 4 |

16 September

A rate of 2d in the pound was to be made on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

Miss Dormer of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough, had again presented a number of very beautiful Certificate Reward cards. The Board was to thank her.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Fuel, Light and Cleaning account | |
| Emma Lee[37] - cleaning school | 5 – 0 |
| Mary Knaggs – cleaning school | 4 – 0 |
| Total | 9 – 0 |

[36] Mr Lee began collecting the school fees at this time.
[37] The Master's wife.

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| Public Works Loan Committee Interest on the £886 – 5 – 6 still outstanding | £31 – 0 – 5 |
| Principal | £11 – 12 – 1 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 3 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £83 – 13 – 10 |

21 October

The master reported that attendance had not been good since the harvest holidays. George Pudsey and Sarah Sellers were still not sending their children to school. They were to be warned again.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 10 – 9 |
| School fees | 5 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £35 – 8 – 7 |

The accounts were to be audited.

18 November

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been very bad. Mary Jane Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs, labourer of Speeton, especially had been neglecting to send their children to school. They were to be warned.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 8 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 8 – 0 |
| Reighton | £15 – 1 – 6 |
| Speeton | £15 – 19 – 8 |
| Total | £36 – 17 – 2 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £65 – 5 – 9 |

16 December

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had not been satisfactory but that it had mainly been due to sickness.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 19 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £61 – 5 – 3 |

**1890**

20 January

Sarah Collingwood Sellers, widow of Reighton, Henry Marshall, George Pudsey, William Piercy, John Dobson and John Clubley, labourers of Reighton, and Mary Stubbs of Reighton, singlewoman, and Pockley Knaggs, labourer of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to William Heselton – stationery | 8 - 9 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Building repairs | |
| Henry Hall | £ 5 – 7 – 4 |
| Matthew Crawford | 13 – 2 |
| Total | £ 6 – 0 – 6 |

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|---|---|
| Rents, Rates etc account | |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 11 – 9 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £57 – 17 - 0 |

*30 January 1890*

*CG to Charles Smith Esq[38], 13 Market Place, Driffield.*

*Charles Smith asked for permission for Mr Lloyd to deliver a Lecture on Ireland at the Board's school on 4 February. Permission was granted on condition that he paid to cost of preparing the room and returning it to its usual condition.*

17 February

Pupil teachers were to be examined at Driffield on 19th April.

The Master reported that average attendance was at its highest since the last inspection, being a little over 57, and would be not much, if anything, lower than the previous year.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 3 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £43 – 15 – 9 |

*25 February 1890*

*CG to Charles Smith Esq, 13 Market Place, Driffield.*

*The cost of hiring the school room was 10/6.*

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[38] Charles Smith of 13 Market Place, Driffield: Grocer. (Gen UKI)

17 March

Matthew Cranswick and Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been bad due to illness.

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be made on rate paying villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Henry Hall for building repairs | £ 4 – 12 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 7 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £40 – 2 – 0 |

21 April

William Wilson absent.

The master reported that there had been a slight improvement in attendance but that many children were still not attending due to illness.

The audit of the accounts had been approved.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 1 – 6 |
| Bridlington Conservative Association | 10 – 6 |
| Buckrose Liberal Council | 10 – 6 |
| Total | £ 4 – 2 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £31 – 15 – 0 |

19 May

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Committee: £4 – 13 – 0 interest and £1 – 14 – 11 principal.

The Master reported that attendance had not been satisfactory due to the prevalence of whooping cough in the district and other causes.

Mr Crowe reported that Mr William Henry Plewes[39] of Speeton was willing to keep the Ash pits in the school yard properly cleaned out and to provide a supply of dry soil for use therein for £1 a year. The Board accepted the offer.

[39] William Henry Plewes, farmer and miller. B Speeton 1844. M Martha Mason 1872. He died 1911 aged 68. She died 1921 aged 71. 1891 census shows five children.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 14 – 3 |
| Reighton | £22 – 12 – 3 |
| Speeton | £24 – 9 – 6 |
| Total | £49 – 16 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £77 – 15 – 6 |

16 June

Richard Mayman and Robert Crowe absent.[40]

The school had had its annual Education Department inspection.

The school was to be closed with immediate effect until 30 June to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

Mr Charles Grey, the Board's clerk, was to be given a salary of £15 for his year's work.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Grey – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| John Lancaster for building repairs | £ 2 – 9 – 1 |
| Public Works Loan Board interest | |
| on the £132 – 17 – 4 of the £150 loan: | £ 4 – 13 – 0 |
| principal | £ 1 – 14 – 11 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 13 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £75 – 9 – 3 |

21 July

Present: Matthew Cranswick, Joseph Holtby, Robert Crowe and the Rev William Rowley.[41]

Elections to the Board had been held and the above elected as well as William Wilson. Matthew Cranswick was to be chairman and Robert Crowe vice chairman. Mr Charles Grey continued as clerk. Quorum was to be three members and meetings were to be held at the schoolhouse on the third Monday of every month at 6:30.

Thanks were given to Matthew Cranswick, Joseph Holtby and Mr Lee.

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[40] Richard Mayman does not attend any further meetings from this date. He was to die aged 79 in 1897. 16 June 1890 was also the date of the funeral of Joseph Holtby's second wife, Sarah. It would appear that he attended the meeting.

[41] Vicar of Reighton 1883 – 1901, having previously been curate to his predecessor, Rev Nathaniel Constantine Strickland. In 1879 WR had married May, the daughter of NCS.

Miss Dormer of Danes Dyke House, Flamborough, had again presented a number of very beautiful Certificate Reward cards. The Board thanked her.

John Clubley, Alfred Baldry, George Pudsey, Thomas Appleby, Thomas Hogg and Pashby Scrivener, labourers of Reighton, Sarah Collingwood Sellers, widow of Reighton, and Pockley Knaggs, labourer of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

A grant of £47 – 10 – 10 had been made by the Education Department following its inspection of the school.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – Printing, advertising and stationery | £ 6 – 9 – 9 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 16 – 3 |
| Education Department grant | £47 – 10 – 10 |
| Total | £49 – 7 – 1 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £89 – 19 – 4 |

18 August

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been much better and that five infants had been admitted.

The school was to be closed from 29 August to 6 October to allow the children to help with the harvest.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 2 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £76 – 5 – 7 |

15 September

William Wilson absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

A rate was to be made of 2d in the pound to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Committee | |
| interest on the £874 – 13 – 5 outstanding of the | |
| initial loan of £1,000 | £30 – 12 – 3 |
| principal | £12 – 0 – 3 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 12 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £74 – 0 – 1 |

20 October

Joseph Holtby absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 9 – 3 |
| Buckrose Conservative Association | 10 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £26 – 7 – 4 |

17 November

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been very irregular and a list of the most irregular children had been examined. Their parents were to be written to to say that unless they immediately sent their children to school they would be prosecuted.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Building repairs – Henry Hall | £ 6 – 18 – 7 |
| Matthew Crawford | 14 – 6 |
| Total | £ 7 – 13 – 1 |
| Received – School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 6 |
| Speeton | £15 – 14 – 0 |
| Total | £18 – 14 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £45 – 1 – 10 |

15 December

William Wilson absent.

The accounts had been approved.

The Master reported that attendance had been very good but that Mary Jane Stubbs, singlewoman of Reighton, was persistently refusing to send her daughter Ann Templeman Stubbs to school despite repeated warnings. She was therefore to be prosecuted.

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| Paid – Election expenses | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage and carriage of parcels | £ 1 – 6 – 2 |
| Total | £ 3 – 6 – 2 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |

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| Received – Reighton | £14 – 19 – 8 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 0 – 3 |
| Total | £17 – 19 – 11 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £43 – 3 – 2 |

**1891**

19 January

Mary Jane Stubbs was summonsed, but a medical certificate was received by the Board saying that Ann Templeman Stubbs suffered from General Debility and so was unable to attend school regularly. The summons was reluctantly withdrawn.

Several children had been admitted to the school in the previous month but without a single exception they were all very backward for their respective ages.

The Master reported that attendance had been very irregular in the past month but that this has been due to the illness of several of the children and the very severe weather.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 15 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £31 – 17 – 6 |

16 February

Robert Crowe absent.

Pupil teachers were to be examined on 18 April at the Boys' National School in Driffield.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good notwithstanding a considerable amount of sickness.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
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| Received School fees | £ 3 – 4 – 9 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £24 – 3 – 0 |

16 March

William Wilson absent.

The Master reported that in consequence of the severe weather in the past month attendance had been bad. A list of absentees was produced.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made to cover the Board's expenses.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 3 – 1 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £23 – 9 – 6 |

20 April

Matthew Cranswick and William Rowley absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good. He also produced a list of books and stationery which were needed in the school. The list was examined, approved and the items ordered.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 4 – 2 – 9 |
| Buckrose Conservative Association | 10 – 6 |
| Total | £ 4 – 13 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £21 – 2 – 9 |

18 May

Robert Crowe absent.

The school was to be inspected on Wednesday 10 June at 9 am.

The Master reported that attendance had not been satisfactory but that no action would be taken until after the Education department inspection.

The school was to be cleaned prior to the inspection – Joseph Holtby was to arrange for this to be done.

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| Paid Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning (see May 1890) | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 9 – 6 |
| Speeton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| School fees | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Total | £49 – 3 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £63 – 6 – 3 |

15 June

Robert Crowe and William Wilson absent.

The school had been inspected by the Education Department.

The school would be closed with immediate effect until 29 June to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

The clerk was to be paid £15 as annual salary.

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| Paid to Mr Grey – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Henry Hall – cleaning school | 18 – 5 |
| Public Works Loans Committee – interest on the £131 – 2 – 5 outstanding on the loan of £150 | £ 4 – 11 – 9 |
| Principal | £ 1 – 16 – 2 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
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| Received School fees | £ 3 – 6 – 9 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £55 – 6 – 3 |

20 July

Robert Crowe and William Wilson absent.

Extract from the Education Department's report:

'The School continues to be taught with much success. The work done by the Children in the Standards in which they are presented for examination is again excellent. The infants are well advanced in elementary subjects. More attention might be paid with advantage to the other requirements of their training. Pictures for object lessons are needed. To secure payment of the Grant … and give needed relief to the Master an assistant is wanted. The summary mark for Needlework is fair.'

Mrs Lee, the wife of the Master was to be appointed to assist at the salary of £10 a year to be paid quarterly.

The Education department's grant was £47 – 17 – 6.

The Master reported that attendance since the school had been closed for pulling ketlocks had been moderate.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – Books and Stationery | £ 6 – 6 – 4 |
| E P Rogers[42] – printing | 9 – 0 |
| Total | £ 6 – 15 – 4 |
| Edward Milner – broom | 3 – 3 |
| | |
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 6 – 3 |
| Education Department grant | £47 – 17 – 6 |
| Total | £49 – 3 – 9 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £78 – 10 - 5 |

[42] Edward Palmer Rogers, stationer of 24 High Street, Bridlington. Also proprietor of the Bridlington Free Press.

17 July

The Education Department had queried the employment of Mrs Lee as assistant. The Board replied that Mrs Lee had successfully taught the Infant Class and Sewing since the school opened.

A notice had been received from the Education department saying the Drawing must be taught according to the requirements of the Science and Arts Department. The pupils were to be inspected in this subject by someone from the South Kensington Museum. The Board resolved to write to the South Kensington Museum to say that the school is inspected every June.

The school was to be closed for the Harvest holidays from 28 August until 5 October.

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been moderate.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received School fees | £ 2 – 16 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £67 – 8 – 1 |

*25 July 1891*

*CG to the Education Department, Whitehall, London.*

*Mrs Lee had been appointed Assistant Teacher to teach Infants and Sewing.*

*21 August 1891*

*CG to the Education Department, Whitehall, London.*

*Although Mrs Lee has passed no examination she has been a most successful helper in the school and in the opinion of the Board is thus qualified to perform the duties of the office.*

21 September

Robert Crowe absent.

Mrs Lee had to get the inspector's approval the following June before she could formally be accepted as assistant teacher.

Mr Lee was absent from home.

As a result of the new Education Act, from September 1891 the school was to receive ten shillings a year from the Education Department for every child over the age of three and under the age of fifteen who was attending the school. This was instead of the parents having to pay 3d per child per

week. Effectively primary education, which had hitherto been compulsory and had had to be paid for, was now free of charge. The payments were to be made quarterly and were to be in addition to the annual grant made when the school was inspected. In return for the school to receive the quarterly payments the parents had to ensure that the children attended regularly. (It wasn't obligatory for the school to change to the new system.)

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be levied to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Committee – interest on the £862 – 13 – 2 outstanding on the original loan | £30 – 3 – 10 |
| principal | £12 – 8 – 8 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |

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|---|---|
| Received School fees | £ 1 – 9 – 6 |
| Buckrose Liberal Association | 10 – 6 |
| Total | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £62 – 5 – 1 |

19 October

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £12 – 15 – 7 |

The accounts were to be audited.

16 November

The Board had received a letter saying that since parents had been relieved of paying school fees it was a good opportunity to remind the Managers and Teachers of the importance of thrift and the encouragement of this practice in early life, and of setting forth the advantages of Savings Banks in connection with Elementary Schools. The Board was to suggest to the parents of children attending Elementary Schools that they should invest the money they would have paid in school fees for the benefit of their families. An abstract of this circular was to be printed and circulated to parents.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – Books and Stationery | £ 1 – 17 – 1 |
| William Heselton[43] – printing | 11 – 3 |
| Total | £ 2 – 8 – 4 |

[43] Bookseller, newsagent and stationer of 75 High Street, Bridlington.

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|---|---|
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 9 – 6 |
| Speeton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £50 – 16 – 1 |

21 December

William Wilson absent.

The school had received its first payment of the fees grant.

The Master reported that due to an epidemic of Measles, on the advice of the Board he had closed the school since 2nd December. The Education Department was to be informed and the school was to re-open on 4 January.

An abstract of the previous circular (concerning savings) had been prepared but nothing was to be done about it until the epidemic was over.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received Education Department fee grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £49 – 0 – 3 |

**1892**

18 January

Robert Crowe and William Wilson absent.

William Pudsey, George Pudsey, William Trowell, John Anderson and William Piercey, labourers of Reighton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Joseph Crosby - Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage in 1891 | 7 – 6 |
| Charles Goodridge Heard – medical certificate | 2 – 6 |
| Dixon & Co – drapery goods | 1 – 4 |
| North East Railway Company – carriage of parcel | 1 – 3 |
| Total | 2 – 7 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £42 – 0 – 3 |

15 February

Matthew Cranswick and Robert Crowe absent.

Penny saving stamps were to be sold to the children who were to be provided with forms for sticking them to. At regular intervals a Clerk was to come from the Post Office and deposit the completed forms into savings

accounts. A supply of stamps and forms were to be obtained and a circular letter about this to be sent to all parents.

Pupil teachers were to be examined at the Boys National School in Driffield on 30 April.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

The Board had reported to the Bridlington Poor Law Union that the school had stopped charging fees.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £31 – 15 – 8 |

21 March

Matthew Cranswick absent.

A separate new account was to be opened to receive the Education Department's fee grants.

A letter had been received from the Central Association for the Stopping of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sunday with a petition enclosed. The Board signed the petition and forwarded it to Mr Christopher Sykes, MP.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master had applied to the Board for remuneration for the extra trouble caused by holding meetings on the school premises. He was to be paid 5s for the trouble caused him by holding meetings at the school on behalf of Candidates for the Flamborough Division of the East Yorkshire County Council.

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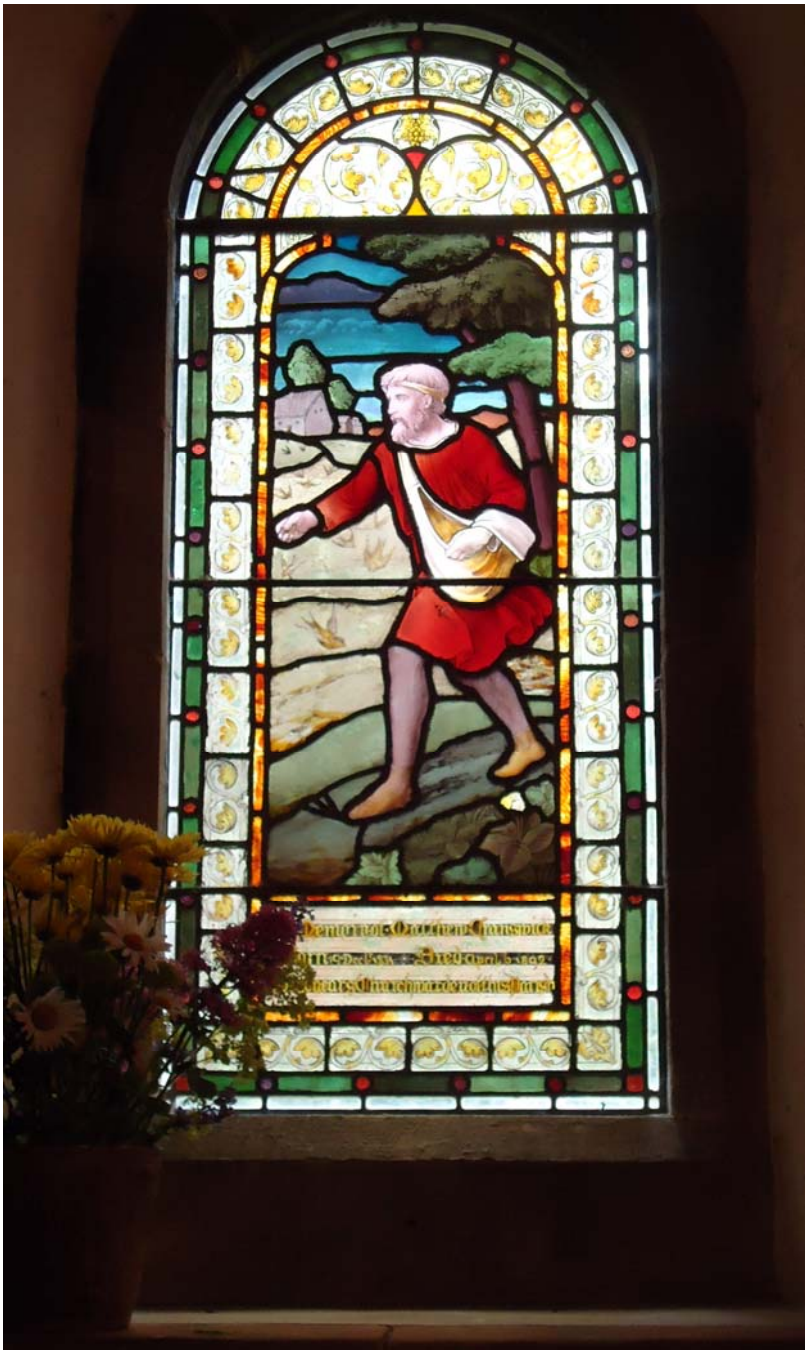
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received Fee grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
| Mr Yarbrough George Lloyd Graeme Esq | 10 – 6 |
| John Vickerman Mainprize | 10 – 6 |
| Total | £ 7 – 13 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £32 – 9 – 2 |

18 April

Mr Cranswick, the chairman of the Board, had died since the last meeting. The Board placed on record the sense of loss sustained by the decease of the late Mr Cranswick who had practically been a member of the Board since its organisation in 1875, and who by his uniform kindness and courtesy had endeared himself to every member of the Board, and to offer its sincere sympathy and condolence to his widow and family who were to receive a copy of the resolution.[44]


Matthew Cranswick's Grave in Reighton churchyard

[44] Burial, Reighton, April 8 1892 Matthew Cranswick, 60.



Window in Reighton church in memory of Matthew Cranswick

The Master reported that attendance had not been as good as in the previous month.

A letter had been received from the Yorkshire Training College, Leeds, regarding the examination of pupil teachers or ex pupil teachers.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| T & F Everingham – building repairs | 8 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – cleaning school | 5 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £25 – 9 – 2 |

16 May

A letter had been received from Mrs Cranswick thanking the Board for its letter of condolence.

The Master reported that attendance had not been good.

A stationery and book requisition had been made. The Clerk was to order the things.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes for cleaning | £ 1 – 4 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 9 – 6 |
| Speeton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| Total | £46 – 0 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £63 – 16 – 8 |

16 May – Special Meeting

Mr Robert Fenwick[45] of Speeton, farmer, was elected to the Board in the room of the late Mr Cranswick.

13 June

The school was to be inspected on 14 June.

An Examination in Drawing was to take place on 15 June.

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Committee: £4 – 10 – 6 interest and £1 – 17 – 6 principal, total £6 – 7 – 11.

The school was to be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from 24 June to 18 July.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 for his services in the past year.

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| Paid to Mr Grey – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – Books and Stationery | £ 2 – 13 – 11 |
| Public Works Loan Committee | |
| – interest on the £129 – 6 – 3 | £ 4 – 10 – 6 |
| outstanding principal | £ 1 – 17 – 6 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £55 – 8 – 8 |

[45] Robert Fenwick. B ca 1861, Osgodby (near Scarborough). s/o Mary. 1901 Census living East Farm, Speeton, profession: farmer. Bro: William b ca 1863 and Sis: Sarah Ann b ca 1868.

18 July

William Wilson chairman

The Education Inspection report was put before the Board and a grant was to be received of £53 – 4 – 8. Grants for attendance, discipline, singing class etc: £5 – 17 – 6. Total Education Department grant: £59 – 2 – 2.

William Waites, Pashby Scrivener and Thomas Hodgson, labourers of Reighton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

The Drawing examination had been passed.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Mrs Lee – 1 quarter's salary | £ 8 – 6 – 8 |
| Total | £15 – 6 – 8 |
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| Received Education Department grant | £53 – 4 – 8 |
| Fee grant | £ 5 – 17 – 6 |
| Total | £59 – 2 – 2 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £83 – 13 – 0 |

15 August

Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

An account had been received from Mr Thomas Berry, stonemason of Filey, for repairs done to the gateway leading to the Master's residence. The Clerk was to write to Mr Berry asking for further details.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Henry Hall – Building repairs | £ 1 – 7 – 7 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £68 – 6 – 4 |

19 September

Robert Fenwick absent.

Public Works Loan Committee repayments due: £29 – 15 – 2 interest, £12 – 17 – 4 principal. Total £42 – 12 – 6.

Grant payable as a result of the Drawing inspection: 6s 4d.

Second grade examinations in Freehand, Perspective and Model Drawing in Elementary Schools were to be superseded by new examinations in Freehand, Perspective and Model Drawing equal to the present second grade examinations with the addition of Shading from Casts. The Geometrical Drawing examination was to be discontinued. A payment of

£1 for every first class and 10s for every second class was to be given for every Pupil Teacher or ex Standard Scholar who had been taught.

William Pudsey, labourer of Reighton, had not been sending his children to school. The usual notices were to be served on him.

The Master reported that with the exception of about four cases attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made to cover the Board's expenses.

The school was to be closed for the harvest holidays from Friday 23 September to Monday 17 October exclusively.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Committee – interest on the | |
| £850 – 4 – 6 outstanding | £29 – 15 – 2 |
| principal | £12 – 17 - 4 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received Fee grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Drawing grant | 6 – 4 |
| Total | £ 6 – 13 – 10 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £66 – 12 - 7 |

17 October

Joseph Holtby absent.

William Trowell, John Clubley and Thomas Appleby, labourers of Reighton and George Putsey of Reighton, gravel merchant, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

The Master reported that with the above exceptions attendance had been fairly good.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £15 – 0 – 0 |

The accounts were to be audited.

21 November

Robert Crowe absent.

William Pudsey, shepherd of Reighton, had not been sending his children, Henry Pudsey and Annie Maria Pudsey to school. The usual notices were to be served on him.

The Master reported that apart from the above attendance had been satisfactory.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Speeton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| Buckrose Conservative Association | 15 – 0 |
| Total | £24 – 6 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £32 – 6 – 1 |

19 December

Joseph Holtby and Rev William Rowley absent.

The accounts had been audited.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| William Heselton – printing | 12 – 6 |
| Haddon Best & Co – books and stationery | 12 – 4 |
| Total | £ 1 – 4 – 10 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| | |
| Received fee grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Reighton | £22 – 9 – 3 |
| Total | £28 – 16 – 9 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £54 – 2 – 10 |

**1893**

*4 January 1893*

*CG to Rev'd William Rowley*

*'At the ordinary Monthly Meeting of this Board held last evening I was instructed to write and convey to you the sincere sympathy and condolence of the Board with you in your bereavement caused by the lamented death of Mrs Rowley. I am sure I need not say how I personally sympathize with you in your great trouble for although I had not the pleasure of knowing Mrs Rowley intimately I am still aware that the loss to you will be irreparable.'*[46]

16 January

Rev William Rowley absent.

William Trowell, John Burt and John Clubley, labourers of Reighton, and Richard Stubbs, cartman of Reighton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

[46] Charles Gray married either Mary Danby or Mary Marshall in 1852. A Mary Grey is recorded as having died at Bridlington in 1881 aged 52. She is the most likely candidate for being CG's wife. (Free BMD)

Mrs Rowley[47], the wife of the Rev William Rowley, had died since the last meeting. The Board was to write to him to express its sincere sympathy and condolence at the lamented death of Mrs Rowley.

The grave of May Strickland Rowley

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £43 – 6 – 0 |

20 February

Joseph Holtby and Robert Crowe absent.

Pupil teachers were to be examined at Driffield National School on 15 April.

A letter had been received from Rev Rowley thanking the Board for its letter of condolence.

A letter had been received from Mr John Burt stating that he had applied for a certificate as to the physical condition of his son James Marshall Burt. Dr Heard had examined the boy's head, and that he wasn't neglecting to send him to school but the boy suffered from severe bilious attacks and that at such a time and after he is unable to attend school for several days. The Board refused to accept this explanation and said that John Burt must send his son to school or face prosecution.

John Clubley, labourer of Reighton, had not been sending his daughter Ann to school and was to have the usual notices served on him.

[47] Burial; December 28. May Rowley, 32. Her grave will be found tucked away behind Reighton church.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £36 – 6 – 0 |

20 March

A letter had been received from Mr John Burt saying that he would send his son to school but that if he had to attend full time they would send him to school in Hull. The Board replied they would be satisfied if the boy attended half time.

The Master reported that attendance had been very good.

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be levied to cover the Board's expenses.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received fee grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £35 – 13 – 6 |

17 April

Joseph Holtby and Robert Crowe absent.

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £28 – 13 – 6 |

15 May

Rev William Rowley absent.

The school was to have its annual inspection on Thursday 1 June at 10am. Because of this the school was to be cleaned.

The Education Department's fee grants were to be paid to the London branch of the Board's Bank from 1 July.

The Drawing examinations were to be carried out and these had been changed to the new ones.

The Board had received a letter from the Education Department regarding the employment of children. The Board was to provide details of the employment to which the boys and girls went into immediately after leaving school.

Mr Robert Crowe of Reighton[48] had recently been employing a child of school age. He was to be warned that he faced a fine of up to 40s.

The school was to be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from 9 June to 10 July exclusive.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – Speeton | £23 – 10 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £45 – 4 – 3 |

*16 May 1893*

*CG to Joseph Holtby*

*CG thanks Joseph Holtby for his long years of service on the Board and hopes that he has 'many years of comfort' before him. CG personally thanks JH for the very pleasant nature of the 'intercourse' between them over the years. (JH died in July 1897 at the age of 79.)*

19 June

Robert Crowe absent.

The school had been inspected and the drawing examinations done.

Payments were due to the Public Works Loan Committee of £4 – 9 – 3 interest and £1 – 18 – 8 principal. Total £6 – 7 – 11.

The Clerk was to be paid £15 annual salary.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Grey – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books and stationery | £ 3 – 9 – 0 |
| Haddon Best & Co – books and stationery | 6 – 0 |
| Total | £ 3 – 15 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Committee – interest of the | |
| £127 – 8 – 10 outstanding | £ 4 – 9 – 3 |
| principal | £ 1 – 18 – 8 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 9 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £59 – 13 – 6 |

[48] Not the Robert Crowe who was a member of the Board – he came from Speeton. Crowe was a common surname in the area. This is likely to be Robert Crowe of Manor Farm, Reighton, who later became a churchwarden and a pillar of the community (see Parish magazines).

17 July

Joseph Holtby absent. Matthew Cranswick present.

Rev William Rowley chairman.

Board meetings were henceforth to be held on the second Friday of the month at the schoolhouse at 6:30.

Elected to the Board: Matthew Cranswick jnr[49], Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick, Rev William Rowley.

Thanks were given to Joseph Holtby for his admirable conduct during his long membership of the Board.

George Pudsey, William Trowell and William Duke, labourers of Reighton, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – 1 year's salary | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Total | £17 – 0 – 0 |
| Henry Hall – building repairs | £ 2 – 18 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £27 – 10 – 7 |

End of SB28/2

SB23/3

**1893**

11 August

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

Grants received from the Education Department: £51 – 1 – 0, inspection grant, £10 – 0 – 0 Section 105, £8 – 7 – 6 outstanding attendance grant. Total: £66 – 10 – 6.

The school was to be closed for the harvest from Fri 18 August until Monday 18 September exclusive.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Heselton – printing | 17 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £54 – 2 – 3 |

[49] B 1871. s/o Matthew Cranswick snr.

18 September

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick

The school to be paid £6 – 17 – 6 per quarter for the current year as per the average attendance of children aged over 3 and under 15.

Public Works Loans Board repayments due: £29 – 6 – 2 interest and £13 – 6 – 11 principal. Total £42 – 12 – 6.

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be levied to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master had prepared a list of books and stationery required for the school. The Clerk was to arrange for the purchase of these.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – 1 quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest on £837 – 7 – 2 | £27 – 6 – 2 |
| principal | £13 – 6 – 11 |
| total | £42 – 12 – 6 |

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|---|---|
| Received: Education Department grant | £48 – 2 – 6 |
| Article 105 – Annual grant | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Fee grant | £ 8 – 7 – 6 |
| Fee grant | £ 6 – 17 – 6 |
| Total | £73 – 7 – 6 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £73 – 19 – 10 |

13 October

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson and Robert Fenwick

William Marshall, William Duke and William Pudsey, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school – the usual notices were to be served.

The school was to be repaired and repainted.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £21 – 0 – 3 |

The accounts were to be audited.

10 November

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe and Robert Fenwick

A letter had been received from the Yorkshire Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Doncaster saying that as of 1 January 1894 school boards would be responsible for the education of deaf and dumb children, and that the

Institute was prepared to take any deaf and dumb children who came under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Master reported that attendance had been very good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received: Drawing grant from the Science and Education department | £ 1 – 2 - 6 |
| Speeton | £23 – 10 - 9 |
| Total | £24 – 13 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £38 – 13 – 6 |

8 December

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe and Matthew Cranswick

The Education Department was to pay a grant of £6 – 17 – 6 for attendance.

The Board had received a letter from Mr Charles Goodridge Heard, Surgeon of Hunmanby, saying that scarlet fever and scarlatina[50] were prevalent in the district but at present confined to Speeton. If the children of Reighton and Speeton continue to meet at the school the disease would spread to Reighton. Therefore the school should be closed until after Christmas. Mr Heard was prepared to certify this to the education Department. The Board therefore agreed that the school should be closed until 1 January.

The Master reported that because of the prevalence of scarlet fever attendance had been bad.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – 1 quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Henry Hall – buildings repairs | £ 4 – 12 – 6 |
| Received – fee grant | £ 6 – 17 – 6 |
| Reighton | £23 – 0 – 9 |
| Total | £29 – 18 – 3 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £61 – 11 – 9 |

[50] The same disease, but scarlatina is considered to be a less severe form. An infectious bacterial disease, characterised by the bright red appearance of the tongue, sore throat and fever. Once a frequent cause of death among children but now easily cured by antibiotics.

**1894**

12 January

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick

A letter had been received from the Education Department saying that the school leaving age was to be raised to 11 as of 1 January. Parents would be liable to prosecution if they did not send all their children aged 5 to 11 inclusive to school.

The Master reported that attendance had not been satisfactory.

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| Paid to Mr Grey – election expenses | £ 3 – 3 – 0 |
| Charles Grey - stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage for the year | 11 – 4 |
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 3 – 15 – 1 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Co | 12 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £49 – 19 – 3 |

9 February

Present: William Rowley, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick and Robert Fenwick

Pupil teachers were to be examined on 14 April at the National School, Driffield.

John Clubley, labourer of Reighton, had been neglecting to send his daughter, Hannah Louise Clubley, to school. The chairman (William Rowley) was to have a word with him to try to induce him to send his daughter to school.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £30 – 19 – 10 |

9 March

Present: William Rowley, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick

An attendance grant of £6 – 17 – 6 to be made by the Education Department.

William Trowell and John Clubley, of Reighton, were not sending their children to school – the usual notices were to be served on them.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made on ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Received – fee grant | £ 6 – 17 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £30 – 5 – 4 |

13 April

Present: William Rowley, Robert Fenwick, Matthew Cranswick

Notices had been served on William Trowell, labourer of Reighton, and John Clubley, farmer of Reighton, but a letter had been received from John Clubley saying that his eldest daughter was nearly fourteen and hadn't attended school for nearly a year, and that Mr Lee had told him that he could keep her away, that Mr Lee had twice let her leave school and that he thought it very hard that he should be compelled to send her to school as there were other children in the village who have not passed (the Standard). Proceedings were to be taken against John Clubley.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £20 – 15 – 4 |

11 May

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson and Matthew Cranswick

John Clubley had been prosecuted and an order made against him to send his daughter Hannah Louise Clubley to school. The Master started that Hannah Louise Clubley had not attended school since the last meeting and a certificate was produced from Mr Charles Goodridge Heard, surgeon, stating that she was unfit to attend school. However, the Board decided that if she did not attend school from 1 June the order would be enforced.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

A letter had been received from the Education Department to say that the Board must ensure the education of all blind and deaf children.

A letter had been received from the Catholic Blind Asylum of 59 Brunswick Road, Liverpool saying that they had ample accommodation for Catholic blind children and asking if the Board had any such under its jurisdiction.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – Speeton | £23 – 0 – 9 |
| - Reighton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| Total | £46 – 11 – 9 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £60 – 7 – 1 |

8 June

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe and Robert Fenwick

The school had been inspected on Tuesday 5 June at 10 am.

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £4 – 7 – 10 interest and £2 – 0 – 1 principal: total £6 – 7 – 11.

The school would be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from Friday 23 June to Monday 16 July exclusively.

A number of children over the age of five and resident in the district had not been attending school. The Master was to provide the Clerk with a list and letters sent to their parents.

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| Paid to Mr Grey, Clerk – 1 year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest on the £125 – 10 – 2 outstanding | £ 4 – 7 – 10 |
| Principal | £ 2 – 0 – 1 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| A Brown & Sons – stationary | £ 4 – 7 – 9 |
| Henry Hall – building repairs | £14 – 17 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £59 – 7 – 1 |

13 July

Present: William Rowley, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

The Education Department had asked for details of religious education in the school.

The drawing examination had been 'excellent' and an award could be claimed.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £12 – 4 – 5 |

10 August

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson and Matthew Cranswick

The school had received an Education Department award of £44 – 8 – 0 for attendance, discipline, singing, class subject etc, plus £10 under Article 105 and the balance of the attendance grant of £3 – 7 – 7. Total £57 – 15 – 6.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

The school was to be closed for the harvest from Friday 31 August to Monday 1 October exclusively.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received Education Department grant | £54 – 8 – 10 |
| Balance of the attendance grant | £ 3 – 7 – 6 |
| Total | £57 – 7 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £69 – 19 – 11 |

14 September

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick and Robert Fenwick

Public Works Loan Board repayments due: £28 – 16 – 10 interest and £13 – 15 – 8 principal. Total: £42 – 12 – 6.

The school was to receive an attendance grant of £6.

A rate of £3d in the pound was to be levied on ratepayers to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest on the outstanding £824 – 0 – 10 | £28 – 16 - 10 |
| | |
| Principal | £13 – 15 – 8 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
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| Received fee grant | £ 6 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £68 – 19 – 11 |

12 October

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick and Robert Fenwick

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| John Shaw & Sons – printing | 3 – 9 |
| R Marshall – building repairs | £ 1 – 0 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £ 9 – 17 – 5 |

The accounts were to be audited.

9 November

All present.

The accounts had been found correct.

Robert Henry Brigham and Robert Moorfoot, labourers of Reighton, and John Clubley of Reighton, farmer, had not been sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

The Master reported that apart from the above attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance | Nil |

14 December

Present: William Rowley, Matthew Cranswick and William Wilson.

The Board had received a letter saying that schools were to be allowed to be used for election purposes at 'reasonable notice' in a 'reasonable room'.

An attendance grant had been made of £6.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £9 – 10 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

**1895**

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick.

John Clubley, Robert Henry Brigham, John William Brigham. William Trowell, John George Edmond, John Anderson, William Woodhead, William Chapman, Matthew Crawford, David Bray, Robert Moorfoot,

Thomas Hogg and Pashby Scrivener, all of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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| Paid Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage for the past year | 5 - 5 |
| Total | £ 2 – 5 – 5 |
| Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Milner – brush | 3 – 6 |
| Insurance | 12 – 0 |
| Total | 15 – 6 |

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| Received Attendance fee grant | £ 6 – 0 – 0 |
| Reighton | £23 – 0 – 9 |
| Speeton | £23 – 11 – 0 |
| Total | £52 – 17 – 9 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £39 – 14 – 8 |

15 February

Present: William Rowley, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

The Master reported that in consequence of the recent inclement weather and the large quantity of snow in the high roads leading from the villages of Reighton and Speeton to the school, it was utterly impossible for the younger children to attend and consequently attendance had not been good in the past month, and that the school had actually been closed seven whole days in the past four weeks.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £30 – 14 – 8 |

8 March

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

The school was to receive an attendance grant of £6.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the costs of the Board.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

The school was to be cleaned and put in order and a Ventilation fixed in the Roof of the School during the Easter holidays. The school would be closed for Easter from Thursday 11th April to the 17th.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee - one month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £9 – 10 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £6 – 0 – 0 |

12 April

Present: William Rowley, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid Mr Lee – 1 month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| Henry Hall – repairs to the building | £4 – 3 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

1 May - Special Meeting

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

The Master of the Board's school having reported that on the night of Sunday 21 last after he retired to bed, he heard a violent noise such as might be caused by a large stone being thrown at the door of the Dwelling House attached to the school, that he struck a light and found by his watch that the hour was twenty minutes past ten o'clock, that getting up the following morning and going into the garden he found a large piece of brick and a stone which had apparently been thrown at the door, which was considerably damaged, and that from information he had since received he had reason to believe that such damage had been done by Harry Johnson and Robert Artley, farm servants of Speeton. The Clerk was to take judicial proceedings against Harry Johnson and Robert Artley for causing such damage.[51]

10 May

Present: William Rowley, Matthew Crawford, Robert Fenwick

Proceedings had been taken and Harry Johnson and Robert Artley convicted and ordered to pay the cost of repairing the damage.

William Chapman, labourer of Reighton, and William Jackson and Francis Wharram, labourers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £1 – 6 – 6 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning | £1 – 0 - 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

[51] Harry Johnson B ca 1875, Langton, agricultural labourer. In 1901 he was living at Speeton Grange, next to the school house, with his wife Sarah, 30, dressmaker, born Speeton, and his son Arthur, aged one. Robert Artley B 1872, Speeton, s/o Enoch and Jane Dinah. His brother, John, was later school caretaker.The school house is on the direct route between the Dotterel public house and Speeton village.

14 June

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick

The school would be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from 7 June to 1 July.

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|---|---|
| Paid Mr Charles Grey – annual salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest on the £123 – 10 – 1 outstanding | £ 4 – 6 – 5 |
| Principal | £ 2 – 1 – 6 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 18 – 4 |
| Speeton | £23 – 1 – 7 |
| Total | £45 – 19 – 11 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £42 – 13 – 10 |

12 July

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Matthew Crawford

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

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| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £11 – 15 – 11 |

9 August

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Matthew Cranswick

The Education Department had awarded the school a grant of £48 – 17 – 0 for attendance, discipline, needlework etc, £10 for Article 105 and £8 – 10 – 0 outstanding on the attendance grant. Total £67 – 7 – 0. (The school had not been inspected that year. Instead a 'Form 9' had had to be filled in and sent to the Education Department.)

A letter from the Education Department on 'Object teaching' was read to the Board.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

The school would be closed from 30 August to 30 September to allow the children to help with the harvest.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received Education Department grant | £48 – 17 – 0 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of attendance grant | £ 8 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £67 – 7 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £72 – 12 – 11 |

10 September

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick

Details of all school closures due to usual and special holidays, epidemic sickness, elections etc were to be sent to the Education Department from this time onwards

Attendance grant £6 – 12 – 6

Payments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £28 – 7 – 2 interest and £14 – 5 – 4 principal. Total: £42 – 12 – 6.

A levy of 3d in the pound was to be made on the ratepayers of the village to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest | £28 – 7 – 2 |
| Principal | £14 – 5 – 4 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – attendance grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £72 – 5 – 5 |

11 October

Present: William Rowley, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Fenwick

The Master reported that attendance had not been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £20 – 2 – 11 |

*11 October 1895*

*CG to A Hook Esq, Surveyor of Taxes, Beverley.*

*Salaries paid by the Board are:*

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|---|---|
| *Principal Teacher* | *£84 – 0 – 0 p/a* |
| *Assistant Teacher* | *£10 – 0 – 0 p/a* |
| *'To myself as Clerk'* | *£15 – 0 – 0 p/a* |

9 November

Present: William Rowley, William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick.

William Stephenson, John Clubley, William Chapman, William Trowell, Robert Henry Brigham, John William Brigham, Robert Moorfoot, William Duke, Samuel Bilton and William Woodhouse, labourers of Reighton, Matthew Crawford, blacksmith of Reighton, and George Ford, stationmaster of Speeton, William Moon, William Jackson and Jackson Atkinson, labourers of Speeton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

The Board had received a letter from the Master of the Board's school asking that in consequence of advancing years the Board should make an application to the Education Department for a pension for him. The Board wrote to the Education Department.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – Speeton | £22 – 13 – 7 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £35 – 16 – 6 |

13 December

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick

The school was to receive £6 – 12 – 6 attendance grant.

The Master reported that attendance had improved slightly but that Robert Henry Brigham, labourer of Reighton, and Matthew Crawford junior, blacksmith of the same parish, were still not sending their children to school and would have proceedings taken against them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Received – attendance grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £35 – 9 – 0 |

**1896**

10 January

Present: Robert Fenwick, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe

Action had been taken against Robert Henry Brigham and Matthew Crawford for not sending their children to school.

The ratepayers of Reighton had not paid their contribution towards the Board's expenses and would be written to.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage in 1895 | 10 – 4 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £25 – 19 - 0 |

14 February

Present: William Rowley[52], William Wilson, Robert Fenwick

Pupil teachers were to be examined on 18 April at Driffield National School.

A petition was to be made to parliament regarding the school Board rates (ie the regular levies that were made).

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 - 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £17 – 16 – 8 |

13 March

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe.

The school was to receive £6 – 12 – 6 attendance grant and £1 – 5 – 6 Science and Art Department grant.

The school received notice that the presentation of a birth certificate is sufficient to prove that a child is old enough to leave school.

A rate of 2d in the pound was to be levied on ratepayers to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Received attendance grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
| Science and Art Department grant | £ 1 – 5 – 6 |
| Reighton | £22 – 7 – 6 |
| Total | £30 – 5 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £39 – 2 – 2 |

[52] This is the last time William Rowley appears to have attended a Board meeting. A curious note appears in the Reighton Banns book dated 3 July 1898: 'William Rowley, of this parish, and Ada Clothilda Winn, of the parish of All Saints, Clifton. 'A false statement – there being no such lady.' Signed Matthew James, priest in charge.' William Rowley appears on the list in the church as vicar of Reighton until 1901, but seems to have been living in a lodging house in Weston Super Mare in the 1901 census, while in 1911 he was living at Knyperley Parsonage, Congleton and described himself as married. However, there was no wife living with him, just a 21 year old general servant called Minnie Brereton .

10 April

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £29 – 12 – 2 |

*13 April 1896*

*CG to the Education Department, Whitehall, London.*

*'Application has been received by the Board from Mr John Herbert Absalom Lee who has been the Master of the Board's school since the month of February 1877 for a pension. Mr Lee is now sixty eight years of age and the Board has pleasure in recommending him as a proper recipient for a pension.'*

15 May

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick.

The school was to be inspected for drawing on 21 May.

As in the previous year a 'Form 9' was to be filled in instead of the school being given its annual Education Department inspection.

William Jackson, labourer of Speeton, and William Piercey and Robert Moorfoot, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usually notices were to be given.

Henry Hall of Reighton was to be employed to clean the school premises.

The Master produced a list of books, stationery, apparatus etc required. The Clerk was to get them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| William Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| J G Mitchell – furniture repairs | 3 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £22 – 12 - 2 |

*29 May 1896*

*CG to A Brown & Sons.*

*'Please send <u>by return of post without fail</u> 4 Class Registers (Moffats) for 50 names and also 2 Boxes of Pens, 4 dozen Pen Holders, 2 Boxes of Slate Pencils and 3 dozen Drawing Pencils.'*

12 June

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Matthew Cranswick.

The Science and Arts inspection had been carried out.

Form 9 from the Education Department had been received, filled in and returned.

The school would be closed from Friday 12 June until Monday 29 June exclusive, to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Grey – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest on £121 – 8 – 7 outstanding | £ 4 – 5 – 0 |
| Principal | £ 2 – 2 – 11 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Received – Reighton | £14 – 18 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £29 – 7 – 0 |

14 August

The triennial elections had been held and William Wilson elected as the new chairman. Robert Crowe was vice chairman. Quorum was to be three members. Meetings were to be held on the third Friday of every month at 7pm at the school.

The school was to receive £44 – 12 – 6 as its annual grant from the Education Department, plus £10 under Article 105 and £5 – 12 – 6 balance of the attendance grant. Total £60 – 5 – 0.

The Board was required to elect and attendance officer and the Master must not be required to provide for the warming and cleaning of the school. The Clerk was to make enquiries as to appointing an attendance officer.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – two months salary | £14 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books stationery etc | 10 – 8 |
| Henry Hall – buildings repairs | £ 1 – 6 – 9 |
| William Moore – buildings repairs | 6 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 13 – 3 |
| Received - Speeton | £14 – 16 – 2 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £13 – 5 – 3 |

11 December

Present: William Wilson, Matthew Cranswick, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall.[53]

Robert James Oke of Bridlington was appointed attendance officer at a salary of £5 a year.

Arrangements had been made regarding the warming and cleaning of the school.

An annual grant was to be made to the school (to be paid for out of local taxes) instead of the regular levy being made on the ratepayers of the villages.

An attendance grant of £6 – 7 – 6 was to be paid to the school.

A levy of 9d in the pound was to be made on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest | £27 – 17 – 2 |
| principal | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – Education department grant | £60 – 5 – 0 |
| Attendance fee grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Total | £66 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

9 October

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good but that Mr Nathaniel Coleman, farmer of Reighton, had been employing Harry Scrivener, a child under the age of fourteen, who should have been in school. The clerk was to write to Mr Coleman to warn him that he could face a fine of up to 40s.

Mr Cranswick, who was leaving the area, tendered his resignation. The Board gave its best wishes to Mr Cranswick in his new sphere of labour and hoped he would succeed in them.

[53] There is no mention in the school records of Henry Hall being either elected or seconded to the Board. He seems to have simply started to attend meetings in the absence of William Rowley. He was also a churchwarden.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Company – coals | 17 – 5 |
| John Burt – carriage of coals | 11 – 10 |
| Total | £ 1 – 9 – 3 |
| William Moon – building repairs | 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

13 November

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall.

The Master reported that attendance had been good.

A special meeting was to be held to elect a new member of the Board.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £7 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £2 – 17 – 1 |

The accounts were to be audited.

11 December – Special meeting

A decision was to be adjourned until a later meeting.

11 December – Ordinary meeting

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

The school would receive an attendance grant of £6 – 7 – 6.

The ratepayers of Reighton had not paid the school rate. The Clerk was to write to them.

The attendance officer reported that attendance had been fairly good but that notice had been given to Robert Moorfoot of Reighton to send his child John William Moorfoot to school.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 3 – 17 – 9 |
| | |
| Received – attendance grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Speeton | £21 – 17 – 6 |
| Total | £28 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £24 – 2 – 1 |

**1897**

5 February - Special meeting (No meeting seems to have been held in January, probably due to lack of quorum.)

Nathaniel Coleman, farmer of Reighton, was appointed member of the Board in the room of Matthew Cranswick. (It would seem that having employed an underage worker was not held against him. See 9 October 1896.)

5 February - Ordinary meeting

The Master reported that considering the stormy weather that had recently taken place, attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – two month's salary | £14 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – Reighton | £22 – 6 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £33 – 0 – 4 |

12 March

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

A new local tax of £29 – 10 – 8 was to be paid to the school half yearly.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Received – fee grant | £ 6 – 7 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £24 – 7 – 10 |

14 May

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick

A letter had been received from Mr Lee, Master of the Board's school, announcing his intention, on account of his age and failing health, to resign the Mastership of the Board's school as of 8 September. Advertisements were to be placed in the 'Schoolmaster' newspaper inviting applications for the post of Master of the Board's school with his Wife to teach infants at an annual salary of £90 with House and garden. Applications stating the number of children (if any) to be forwarded by 10 June at the latest for a meeting to be held the next day.

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| E H Dale – repairs | 8 – 4 |
| Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | 15 – 10 |
| Insurance | 12 – 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Company – coals | 18 – 11 |
| John Burt – carriage of coals | 7 – 0 |
| Total | £ 1 – 5 – 11 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | 3 – 8 |

Balance in Treasurer's hands Nil

(Richard Mayman, the former Board member, had died aged 79, and had been buried in Reighton churchyard on 2 May. His grave is unmarked.)

16 June

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall.

Several applications for the post of Master had been received and Mr William Williams, of Harome, had been appointed with his wife to teach infants and sewing. (It would appear that, unlike Emma Lee, Edith Williams did not receive her salary separately from her husband. It should be noted, too, that she worked while pregnant.)[54]

The school would be closed from 18 June to 11 July to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – one month's salary | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 9 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest on £119 – 5 – 8 outstanding | £ 4 – 3 – 6 |
| principal | £ 2 – 4 – 5 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

Balance in Treasurer's hands Nil

[54] William Williams B 1871 Shaftesbury, Somerset. Edith Williams B 1872, Lund, Yorkshire. The 1901 census records them as having five children, William, Clarence, Tom, Doris and Phyllis, whose ages ranged from 5 to 2 months.

(Joseph Holtby, the former member of the Board, had died aged 79, and was buried in Reighton churchyard on 11 July 1897.)

The grave of Joseph and Sarah Holtby

11 August

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman[55], Henry Hall

The school was to be closed from Friday 27 August until Monday 20 September exclusive to allow the children to help with the harvest.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Lee – two months salary | £14 – 0 – 0 |
| Received re Agricultural Rates Act 1896 | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £ 2 – 2 – 2 |

[55] Nathaniel Coleman, farmer of Reighton. B 1841, Beeford. M Mary Ann Agars of North Burton (Burton Fleming) 1865. Listed as a farmer in North Burton in Taylor's Bridlington and District Directory of 1888. D 1917 aged 76.

15 September

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The school was to receive a grant of £46 – 2 – 0 from the Education Department (Form 9 had once again been filled in instead of the school being inspected.) plus £10 under Article 105 and £5 – 17 – 6 balance of the fees grant. Total £61 – 19 – 6.

Annual repayments to the Public works Loan Board: £27 – 6 – 10 interest and £15 – 5 – 8 principal. Total £42 – 12 – 6.

The school was also to receive £6 – 5 – 0 attendance grant.

A rate of 2d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the expenses of the Board.

The newly appointed Master of the Board's school had applied to have an opening made from the garden attached to the Master's dwelling into the school. Henry Hall was to arrange for this to be done if the Board considered it necessary.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Grey – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Representatives of the late Mr JHA Lee – two weeks salary | £ 3 – 18 – 3 |
| Emma Lee – one quarter's salary | £ 2 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £ 6 – 8 – 3 |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest | £27 – 6 – 10 |
| principal | £15 – 5 – 8 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department grant | £61 – 19 – 6 |
| Fee grant | £ 6 – 5 – 0 |
| Reighton | £15 – 16 – 0 |
| Speeton | £15 – 9 – 6 |
| Total | £99 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £83 – 7 – 10 |

22 October

Present: William Wilson, Robert Crowe, Henry Hall, Nathaniel Coleman

The Clerk, having reported that he had been informed that Mr Lee, late Master of the Board's school, who had died on 3 September, having not left any Will and that no letters of Administration had been taken out, did not know to whom to pay the proportion of his salary due at the time of his decease. The matter was to be referred to the District Auditor.[56]

[56] Emma Lee's death at the age of 89 was registered in Bridlington in the quarter ending September 1916.

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|---|---|
| Paid to William Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| F Dowsland – repairs | £ 2 – 12 – 9 |
| William Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Company - cleaning | 6 – 0 |
| Rebecca Knaggs - cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 13 – 6 |
| Charles Grey - stamp duty on financial statement | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage for the year | 4 – 7 |
| Total | £ 2 – 4 – 7 |
| A G Thompson – sewing materials | £ 1 – 5 – 11 |

**1898**

7 January

The school was to receive an Agricultural rates grant of £14 – 15 – 4 and an attendance grant of £6 – 5 – 0.

Authority had been received to close the school from 23 November for one month to stop the spread of infectious disease and for the school to be cleaned.

John Clubley, William Chapman, William Woodhead and William Trowell, labourers of Reighton, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them.

The Master reported that apart from the above attendance had been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – two months salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Francis Agars – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 9 |
| Rebecca Knaggs - cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | £1 – 13 – 8 |
| John Burt – carriage of coals | 16 – 6 |
| North Eastern Railway Company - coals | 8 – 9 |
| Total | £2 – 18 – 6 |
| J Bean & Sons – books | £5 – 12 – 2 |
| Francis Agars – building repairs | £6 – 8 – 3 |
| Postage | 4 – 3 |

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|---|---|
| Received – attendance grant | £ 6 – 5 – 0 |
| Reighton | £10 – 10 – 8 |
| Agricultural rates grant | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Total | £31 – 11 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £35 – 11 – 4 |

27 January

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good, although several children resident in the district over the age of five had never attended the school.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 - 0 |
| Robert Oke – attendance officer | £2 – 10 – 0 |
| Stamp duty on the financial statement | £2 – 0 – 0 |
| Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 15 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Speeton | £10 – 6 - 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

11 March

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the expenses of the Board.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – two months salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – attendance grant | £6 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £8 – 5 – 6 |

22 April

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick

An agricultural rates grant of £14 – 15 – 4 was to be given to the school and also a grant for Drawing of £1 – 5 – 0

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt – carriage of coals | 9 – 6 |
| North Eastern Railway Company - coals | 8 – 6 |
| Total | 18 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – local tax | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £ 8 – 7 - 11 |

End of SB28/2

(No Board meeting in May. The occasional lack of a meeting was probably due to too few members attending to form a quorum or to bad weather. See below – 12 April 1900.)

4 June 1898

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall, Nathaniel Coleman

Repayments due on the loan from the Public Works Loan Board: £4 – 1 – 11 interest, £2 – 6- 0 principal. Total £6 – 7 – 11.

The school was to be inspected by the Education Department on Wednesday 8 June.

The school was to be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from Friday 17 June to Monday 4 July exclusive.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest on the | | |
| outstanding £117 - 1 | | £4 – 1 – 11 |
| principal | | £2 – 6 – 0 |
| Total | | £6 – 7 – 11 |
| Fuel, light and cleaning – | William Plewes - cleaning | £1 – 0 – 0 |
| | John Burt - coals | 10 – 0 |
| | Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | | £1 – 17 – 6 |
| Received – drawing grant | | £1 – 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | | £1 – 4 – 10 |

1 July

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall, Nathaniel Coleman

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Building repairs – Flinton Dousland | £ 2 – 5 – 6 |
| Received – Speeton | £20 – 12 – 8 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

12 August

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick

The school had been inspected and a grant awarded. The school would not be inspected in 1899 but notice of any school closures, whether regular or special, such as for epidemics, elections etc should be sent to the Education Department.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Charles Grey – clerk's annual salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – two month's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department grant | £47 – 16 – 3 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of attendance grant | £ 5 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £63 – 1 - 3 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £29 – 7 – 10 |

2 September

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

Repayments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £26 – 16 – 2 interest, £15 – 16 – 4 principal .

The Attendance Officer reported that William Trowell, labourer of Reighton, and John Edmond, labourer of Speeton, had not been sending their children to school – the usual warnings were to be given to them. Otherwise attendance had been fairly good.

The school was to be closed for the harvest from Friday 2 September to Monday 3 October exclusive.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – repayments on the outstanding £765 – 18 – 10 | |
| Interest | £26 – 16 – 2 |
| Principal | £15 – 16 – 4 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| T Moon - building repairs | 4 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

28 October

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall (There must have been a third Board member present for a quorum to be in force and the Board able to make decisions. However, only two names are noted.)

The school had received its half year grant from the Education Department of £14 – 15 – 4.

A letter had been received from Mr Stevelly of the Education Department regarding the periodic special examinations for the certificate of proficiency, asking when and where it would be convenient for the Board for these to be held. The Board replied that it would like them to be held at the schoolhouse and at the end of the school year.

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Robert James Oke, attendance officer – one year's wages | £ 5 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams - one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown and Sons – books | £ 5 – 11 – 2 |
| William Heselton – stationery | £ 1 – 17 – 0 |
| Total | £ 7 – 8 – 2 |
| E H Dale – repairs | 16 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – local income tax | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £20 – 10 – 6 |

25 November

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall, Robert Fenwick

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Fuel, light and cleaning account - John Burt - coals | £ 1 – 7 – 6 |
| Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| North Eastern Railway Company - coals | 4 – 5 |
| Total | £ 1 – 19 – 5 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £20 – 10 – 6 |

23 December

Present: William Williams, Robert Fenwick, Nathaniel Coleman.

The Master reported that Caroline Trowell, William Temple, Harold Adamson, Robert Adamson, Emily Edmund, Lilian Anderson, Jane Pudsey and Alice (name omitted – Pudsey?) had been irregular in their attendance in the last month. A report was to be prepared.

The Master reported that certain damage had been done to the fence, wall and palisading on the east side of the school premises by a horse and cart belonging to William Henry Plewes. The Board was to write to him instructing him to have the damage repaired.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Reighton | £21 – 1 – 4 |
| Education Department attendance grant | £ 6 – 0 – 0 |
| Education Department attendance grant | £ 6 – 0 – 0 |
| | |
| Received- Reighton | £21 – 10 – 4 |
| Speeton | £20 – 12 – 8 |
| Total | £75 – 4 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £38 – 9 – 5 |

**1899**

20 January

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Fuel, light and cleaning account – John Burt - coals | £ 1 – 6 – 6 |
| Rebecca Knaggs - cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 14 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £30 – 19 – 5 |

14 February

Present: William Williams, Robert Fenwick and Henry Hall

The Board's accounts to 29 September 1898 were to be audited on Friday 10 March at Bridlington Workhouse.

The Attendance Officer had visited the parents of the children who had been attending irregularly, and that Mrs Pudsey had informed him that four of her children had been sent home because their boots were dirty and they were without collars or clean pocket handkerchiefs, and she had been requested to return them to the school in the afternoon, and that she had declined to send them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Postage | 3 – 11 |
| John Burt – coals | 12 – 0 |
| North Eastern Railway Company - coals | 9 – 8 |
| Total | £ 1 – 1 – 8 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £23 – 9 – 5 |

17 March

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall, Nathaniel Coleman

The accounts had been passed.

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

Mr Williams produced a list of articles required for the proper working of the school and the Clerk was instructed to obtain them.

The Master reported that attendance had not been good and the attention of the Attendance Officer was to be called thereto.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt coals | 10 – 0 |
| J Crosby - stamp duty on auditing the accounts | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons - books | 1 – 6 |

(The above two entries written in pencil in the margin.)

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|---|---|
| Received – Education Department attendance grant | £ 6 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £21 – 19 – 5 |

14 April

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt - coals | 9 – 0 |
| Rebecca Knaggs – cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| Total | 16 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £8 – 16 – 4 |

12 May

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

The attendance officer reported that Mr John Henry Coleman[57] had been employing a child under fourteen years of age who had not received a certificate of exemption. Proceedings were to be taken against him.

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

Proceedings were to be taken against William Trowell, labourer of Reighton, for not sending his daughter Caroline to school.

William Henry Plewes of Speeton was to be employed to repair the yards adjoining the school where necessary with chalk stone and sea gravel.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Received – local income tax | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £16 – 1 – 8 |

[57] Farmer of Reighton. Possibly related to Nathaniel Coleman (son? nephew?) as he was born in Burton Fleming in 1872. His wife, Emily Gertrude, who he married in 1897, was also born a Coleman.

9 June

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick

Proceedings had been taken against John Henry Coleman and he had been fined 10s

The school would be closed from Friday 16 June to Monday 3 July to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – instalments due on the £114 – 15 – 3 outstanding – interest | £4 – 0 – 0 |
| Principal | £2 – 7 – 7 |
| Total | £6 – 7 – 11 |
| Francis Agars - repairs | £5 – 10 – 9 |
| Flinton Dowsland – repairs | £1 – 1 – 0 |
| Total | £6 – 11 – 9 |

28 July

Present: Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Robert Fenwick, William Wilson, Henry Hall. (It would seem that John Henry Coleman had been forgiven for employing an under-age child on his farm.)

The triennial elections had been held and the above elected to the Board. William Wilson was chairman and Nathaniel Coleman vice chairman. Quorum was to be three members. Meetings were to be held on the second Friday of each month at the school house.

Agricultural rates grants were to be made to the school twice a year – ie in April and October.

A letter was to be sent to the parents and guardians of all children of school age resident in the villages reminding them that unless they sent their children to school they would be liable to a fine of up to forty shillings, and that anyone illegally employing a child of school age would be liable to a penalty of the same amount.

The Master produced a list of articles necessary for carrying out the work of the school and the clerk was instructed to obtain them.

The subject of cleaning the school was raised and John Artley[58] of Speeton - who attended the meeting – said that his wife (Maria) would do the work for £5 a year. She was engaged to do the work. (Rebecca Knaggs, who had hitherto been cleaning the school, had been doing so for 7/6 a month or £4 – 10 - 0 [£4.50] a year.)

[58] Born Speeton ca 1869. Agricultural labourer. Son of Enoch Artley, churchwarden of Speeton for many years. Lived at Speeton Grange, next to the school.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – building repairs | £ 1 – 11 – 0 |
| Received from the Rating Authority – Reighton | £21 – 10 – 0 |
| Speeton | £20 – 12 – 8 |
| Total | £42 – 2 – 8 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £26 – 7 – 2 |

18 August

Preset: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall.

Repayments were due to the Public Works Loan Board of £26 – 5 – 1 interest and £16 – 7 – 5 principal.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

The school was to be closed for the harvest holidays from Friday 18 August to Monday 18 September exclusively.

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|---|---|
| Paid to the clerk – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest due on the outstanding £750 – 2 – 6 | £26 – 5 – 1 |
| Principal | £16 – 7 – 5 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Sarah Knaggs – fuel light and cleaning account | 7 – 6 |

6 October

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall.

The Master reported that Matthew Crawford and William Wilson, both of Reighton, and John Edmund of Speeton were not sending their children to school. The usual warnings were to be given.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – 1 month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt - coals | 14 – 9 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

3 November

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman

The school had been inspected and a grant was to be made.

A letter had been received from the Education Department prescribing the curriculum to be followed by pupil teachers. The books selected for reading in 1900 would be for the second year McCaulay's 'Essay on Frederick the

Great' and Bacon's 'New Atlantis'. Passages for reading would be taken exclusively from the first book and none from the second.

The Attendance Officer reported that William Wilson of Reighton, labourer, Matthew Crawford of Reighton, blacksmith, and John Edmund of Speeton, labourer, were still not sending their children to school. Notices were to be served on them.

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villagers to cover the Board's expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid to the clerk – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams- one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – interest | £26 – 5 – 1 |
| Principal | £16 – 7 – 5 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| John Burt – coals | 14 – 9 |
| Sarah Knaggs - cleaning | 7 – 6 |
| John Burt – coals | £ 1 – 0 – 3 |
| John Artley - cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £68 – 10 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Education Department grant | £46 – 18 – 3 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of fee grant | £ 8 – 0 – 0 |
| Total | £64 – 18 – 3 |
| Grant payable September last | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £71 – 8 – 3 |

Balance in Treasurer's hands Nil

8 December

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman

The school would receive a half year instalment of £14 – 15 – 4 of its annual grant.

The Master reported that George Temple of Reighton, railway platelayer, and William Woodhead of Reighton, labourer, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Robert James Oke, attendance officer – one year's salary | £ 5 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – two month's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | 4 – 6 |
| E H Dale – repairs | 7 – 9 |
| A G Thompson – sewing materials | £ 1 – 14 – 6 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 6 – 2 – 10 |
| William Heselton – stationery | 8 – 0 |
| Total | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Reighton | £21 – 10 – 0 |
| Speeton | £20 – 12 – 8 |
| Fee grant | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £48 – 12 – 8 |

Balance in Treasurer's hands Nil

## 1900

12 January

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

The Boards accounts up to 29 September 1899 were to be inspected on Monday 22 January at Bridlington Workhouse.

A letter had been received from Mr Duckworth, Secretary and Registration Agent of the Buckrose Division of the East Riding of Yorkshire Conservative Association, requesting use of the school on the evening of Friday 19 January.

(Words missing) to be allowed a subject fee of 5s.

Placards regarding the new law regarding school attendance and the employment of children, which had come into force on 1 January, had been procured and were to be posted in the parishes.

Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary £ 7 – 10 – 0

Balance in Treasurer's hands £70 – 3 – 5

12 April

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall.

A meeting had been held on Friday 9 February but as only William Wilson and Robert Fenwick attended no business could be carried out. A meeting had also been held on Friday 9 March but as only William Wilson and John Henry Coleman had attended no business could be carried out then either.

A letter which had been received from the Education Department regarding the powers of school boards regarding the education of defective and epileptic children was read out.

A letter had been received calling the attention of Managers and Teachers of Elementary schools in agricultural areas to the importance of making education in the village school more consonant with the environment of the scholars than is usually the case, and especially of encouraging the children to gain an intelligent knowledge of the things that surround them in the country, and stating that from experience gained in various districts

it had been found that by a suitable arrangement and handling of the school curriculum the object can often be obtained without adding any new subjects to the curriculum or placing any undue burden of work from teachers or pupils.

The Master had turned a boy named George Pudsey out of school for misconduct and informed that he would not be re-admitted until after this Board meeting because he was very unruly.

A rate of 5d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the village to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – three month's salary | £22 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | £ 1 – 9 – 1 |
| John Burt – coals | 18 – 3 |
| John Artley[59] – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £ 3 – 12 – 4 |
| E H Dale – repairs | 11 – 6 |
| Wilson Moon – building repairs | 7 – 6 |
| Stamp duty on financial audit | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Postage | 8 – 4 |
| A G Thompson – sewing materials | 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – attendance grant | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £38 – 3 – 10 |

18 May

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

Public Works Loan Board repayments due: £3 – 18 – 8 interest, £2 – 9 – 3 principal, total £6 – 7 – 11.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

The school needed certain repairs.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | £ 1 – 4 – 11 |
| John Burt – coals | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |

[59] Presumably this was for his wife's work cleaning the school (although the School Inspector's report of 1903 states that John Artley himself was the caretaker.). At no point does Maria Artley receive a payment in her own right.

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|---|---|
| Received – local tax | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Buckrose Conservative Association – use of school room | 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £23 – 11 – 6 |

8 June

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman.

The Education Department was to be provided with costs and details of any repairs necessary to the school building.

A special examination for candidates for Labour Certificates was to be held at Hilderthorpe school on 23 June at 9:30. The school was asked to say how many candidates it was likely to send.

The Board had inspected the Master's dwelling house and had found that certain repairs and alterations were necessary. These were to be made.

The school would be closed from Friday 22 June to Monday 9 July exclusive to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loan Board – repayments due on the outstanding £112 – 7 – 8: interest | £ 3 – 18 – 8 |
| principal | £ 2 – 9 – 3 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| Received – Speeton | £25 - 15 – 10 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £41 – 17 – 4 |

20 July

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

The school was to receive a grant from the Education Department.

The Master reported that attendance had been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to the Clerk – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Francis Agars – building repairs | 14 – 5 |
| Flinton S Dowsland – building repairs | 7 – 0 |
| Total | £ 1 – 1 – 5 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Reighton | £27 – 5 – 5 |
| Education Department grant | £49 – 17 – 6 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of fee grant | £ 5 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £92 – 12 – 11 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £17 – 2 – 5 |

17 August

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

A letter had been received from the Master saying that as of 13 September next he will have completed three years service as Master, respectfully asking for a salary increase as since then he had had to teach extra subjects to get Education Department grants, thus incurring more and harder work both with the Infants and with the older scholars – and that by doing so he had gained extra grants for the school. The matter was to be considered at the next meeting.

The Attendance Officer reported that George Adamson, Robert Hallet, William Woodhead and William Chapman, all labourers of Reighton, and George Evison, tailor of Reighton, and William Moore of Speeton, blacksmith, were not sending their children to school. The usual notices were to be served on them. With the above exceptions attendance had been good.

The school was to be closed from Friday 24 August to Monday 17 September exclusive to allow the children to help with the harvest.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 3 – 13 – 9 |
| Francis Agars – building repairs | £17 – 1 – 3 |
| Dawber & Son – building repairs | £ 4 - 2 – 10 |
| Archie Crawford – building repairs | 6 – 0 |
| Total | £21 – 10 – 1 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 14 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £93 – 9 – 0 |

14 September

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

The Master's application for an increase in salary was not granted.

A letter had been received from Mr William Moore of Speeton regarding his children not attending school. He said that they had been very poorly and that Dr Petrie had been attending them. One had pneumonia and the other pleurisy, and that though they were a little better they were still not fit to attend school. Mr Moore wanted them to attend school and would send them when they were fit.

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the expenses of the Board.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 4 – 1 – 10 |
| Public Works Loan Board – repayments due on the £733 – 15 – 1 outstanding – interest | £25 – 13 – 8 |
| principal | £16 – 18 – 10 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| Received – Education Department attendance grant | £ 6 – 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £79 – 1 – 10 |

5 October

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Received – half year instalment from the local Board | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

16 November

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

The Master reported that George Pudsey of Reighton had not complied with the notices served against him and that action would be taken.

With the exception of the above attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 - 10 - 0 |
| Francis Agars – building repairs | £ 5 – 3 – 5 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £11 – 3 – 9 |

14 December

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman

The resignation of Robert James Oke from the post of Attendance Officer as from 29 September last was read out. William Williams, Master of the School, was appointed Attendance Officer in addition to his teaching post as of 1 January at a salary of £5 a year.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Robert James Oke, attendance officer, one year's salary | £5 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £9 – 10 – 9 |
| John Burt – coals | £1 – 9 – 8 |
| John Burt – coals | 12 – 9 |
| North Eastern Railway Company – carriage | 3 – 10 |
| Total | £ 2 – 6 – 4 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department fee grant | £ 6 – 5 – 0 |
| Rating Authorities – Reighton | £21 – 9 – 8 |
| Speeton | £20 – 12 – 8 |
| Total | £48 – 7 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £45 – 8 – 0 |

**1901**

11 January

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The accounts up to 29 September were to be audited on Tuesday 22 January at 9:30 at Bridlington Workhouse.

In consequence of the inclement weather during the past month attendance had not been satisfactory.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| E H Dale – building repairs | 18 – 6 |
| John Burt – coals | 15 – 6 |
| John Burt – coals | £ 1 – 11 – 6 |
| Total | £ 2 – 7 – 0 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| Magistrates Clerks - expenses of taking proceedings against George Pudsey | 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £28 – 10 – 11 |

15 February

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, Robert Fenwick

The Board's accounts had been audited and accepted.

The Master acting as Attendance Officer reported that attendance had been fairly good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Charles Grey (clerk) – election expenses | £4 – 16 – 6 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – salary | £1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | 6 – 6 |
| Total | £1 – 11 – 6 |
| E H Dale – building repairs | £5 – 18 – 6 |
| Stamp duty on financial audit | £2 – 0 – 0 |
| Shaw & Sons - new cheque book | 13 – 7 |
| Total | £2 – 13 – 7 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £19 – 9 – 5 |

8 March

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

A letter had been received regarding the census to take place on 1 April – the Master was to take it.

A rate of 5d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department attendance grant | £6 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | 10 – 9 |

12 April

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman

The Attendance Officer reported that he had given notice to P Cook of Reighton and W Moon of Speeton of their children's irregular attendance, and that since then they had attended better except for Elsie Moon who is under the attendance of the Medical Man, and that he had warned Mrs Moon of Speeton against keeping (name omitted) from school, and that he had since made several visits to the parents of other children of the district who ought to be attending school.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – three month's salary as Attendance officer | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | 19 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | 7 – 0 |
| Total | £ 1 – 6 – 0 |
| Arthur G Thompson – furniture and property | £ 1 – 15 – 11 |
| | |
| Received – half year's local income tax | £14 – 15 – 11 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £15 – 16 – 1 |

10 May

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

James Alexander Beresford Barwick Bruce Esq had been appointed district auditor for the school's area.

The Master produced a list of articles needed for the school – such goods were to be obtained.

The Master reported that attendance in the last month had been good.

The school would be closed from Friday 7 June to Monday 24 June exclusive to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £1 – 5 – 0 |
| William Henry Plewes – cleaning | £1 – 0 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals | 4 – 0 |
| Total | £2 – 9 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £4 – 0 – 10 |

14 June

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The Master reported that in the past month attendance had been very good. He also said that he had received a letter from the Medical Officer telling him not to admit any of the family of Robert Hallet to the school as they were suffering from measles.

The school was to be cleaned during the present holidays.

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|---|---|
| Paid to the Clerk – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – repayments on the | |
| £109 – 18 – 5 outstanding – interest | £ 3 – 6 – 11 |
| Principal | £ 2 – 11 – 0 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |
| | |
| Received – rates – Reighton | £26 – 17 – 3 |
| Speeton | £25 – 16 – 3 |
| Total | £52 – 13 – 6 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurers hands | £38 – 13 – 8 |

12 July

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, Robert Fenwick

The school was to receive a grant as a result of the Inspector's report, a summary of which was enclosed:

'The Reading in the second and fourth standards is far from satisfactory, but the subject is fair elsewhere. The aspirate is completely ignored (ie the children didn't sound their h's). Throughout, the writing, figure making and neatness call for improvement both in the periodical examination work and in the exercise books. The progress book should be regularly kept. The higher grant cannot be recommended this year as the indications of falling off observable last year have not disappeared. Mr Williams is capable of a better state of things, although some of the material he has to work upon is not kindly. He must not rest content with such mediocrity in result but aim at a higher ideal. The infants are fairly well prepared.'

The Master reported that attendance in the previous three months had been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams as Attendance Officer – three month's salary | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department grant | £54 – 12 – 0 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of fee grant | £ 7 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £71 – 17 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £81 – 12 – 9 |

9 August

'It appeared that John Artley of Speeton, labourer, had struck at a boy named William Mapleson (actually Maplesden – son of William Jesse Maplesden, coastguard and later postman, of Reighton.) who attended the Board's school, and on being spoken to by the Master of the school had been very insolent to him.'

John Artley was to be written to to say that in the event of him again assaulting any pupil proceedings would be taken against him, and that if he ever had any cause for complaint against any of the children he must report it to the Board.

The school was to be closed for the harvest holidays from Friday 16 August to Monday 9 September exclusively.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Flinton Dowsland – building repairs | 18 – 0 |
| John Artley – repairs | £ 1 – 14 – 0 |
| Charles Copp – furniture repairs | 3 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £72 – 17 – 9 |

*6 September 1901*

*CG to John Artley (School caretaker)*

*'I am instructed by this Board to inform you that it has been reported to the Board that you recently assaulted a boy named William Mapleson attending the Board's school and on being spoken to by the Master of the School you were insolent to him, and that in the event of your again assaulting any of the Children attending the Board's School proceedings will be taken against you and that in the event of your having to complain of the conduct of any such Children the matter must be named to the Board.'*

15 September

Present: William Wilson, John Henry Coleman, Robert Fenwick

A rate of 4d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master produced a list of articles required for properly carrying out the work of the school. The clerk was to obtain them.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – repayments due on the £716 – 16 – 3 outstanding – interest | £25 – 1 – 9 |
| Principal | £17 – 10 – 9 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – Education Department fee grant | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £69 – 2 – 9 |

18 October

Present: William Wilson, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

A letter had been received from the Education Department regarding dangerous petroleum lamps and the precautions necessary in using them. The older scholars were to be given object lessons on the use of petroleum lamps to try to reduce the number of accidents involving them.

Paul Cook, William Wilson and William Woodhead, all labourers of Reighton, were neglecting to send their children to school, so proceedings would be taken against them.

The attention of the Board was called to the desirability of reorganising the drainage of the school premises. The Board was to write to Mr Blaylock, agent of Lord Londesborough, the owner of the field situated on the east side thereof, occupied by Mr John Sellers, for permission to make a cesspit therein in order to remedy the Nuisance complained of, and inform him that Mr Carroll, Lord Londesborough's architect, has had the situation pointed out to him and that he agrees with the suggestion.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams as Attendance Officer – three month's salary | £1 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £8 – 15 – 0 |
| John Burt – coals and coke | £1 – 5 – 6 |
| The Clerk - postage for the year | 8 – 10 |
| William Heselton – printing | £1 – 4 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £4 – 5 – 0 |
| Frederick L Lee – printing | 3 – 6 |

Received from Mr Charles Grey (clerk) – other receipts 13 – 4

Balance in Treasurer's hands Nil

*21 October 1901*

*CG to R S Blaycock Esq, The Estate Office, Inton, York.*

*'Dear Sir,*

*On the premises of this Board situate on the West side of the highway leading from Reighton to Speeton there is a serious nuisance which is really dangerous to the inhabitants of the Dwelling House attached to the Board's School caused by the overflow pipe from the Rain Water Cistern communicating with a cesspit for drainage, and I am instructed by the Board to ask you to be good enough to allow a cesspit to be made in the corner of the field occupied by Mr John Sellers adjoining the School premises which it is believed will remedy the Nuisance. Mr Carroll has, I believe, had the situation pointed out to him and, I am informed, agrees with the suggestion.'*

8 November

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman

The Board had received a letter from Mr Blaylock saying that he intended to be at Speeton during the last week in October when, after having consulted the tenant of the field, he would reply.

The Board was to write again to Mr Blaylock to say that the matter is one of great necessity, the drain referred to in the previous letter being in its present state prejudicial to the health of the scholars attending the Board's school and the residents of the school's premises.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of State to the Colonies asking the Board to make known to him trained women teachers (with special experience in teaching little children) who may be willing to volunteer for special educational work in the refugee camps of South Africa, the terms of employment offered to those suitably qualified and experienced to be suitable to the purpose. (Presumably this was to teach children in the refugee camps which were set up as a consequence of the Boer War, which was then in progress, and which would continue until 31 May 1902 when the peace treaty was signed.)

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | 18 – 3 |
| John Burt – coals | 5 – 6 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Total | £ 1 – 10 – 6 |
| | |
| Received – local tax grant | £14 – 15 – 4 |
| | |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

*12 November 1901*

*CG to R S Blaycock Esq, The Estate office, Inton, York.*

*CG writes again regarding the cesspit, saying that he has not had a reply to his letter and that the matter is 'of Great Necessity' and that the drain ' is really in its present state prejudicial to the health of the Scholars attending the Board's school and the Master and his family.'*

13 December

Present: William Wilson, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

A letter had been received from Mr Blaylock, agent to Lord Londesborough, saying that he had inspected the school premises at Speeton and was quite agreeable to the Board placing a cesspit in the corner of the field No 44 of the Ordnance Survey, at present in occupation of Mr John Sellers, on condition that the Board give an undertaking that the cesspit will be removed when requested by the Earl of Londesborough or his agent. The Board accepted these terms.

The field immediately to the east of the school and probable site of the cesspit.

The Attendance Officer reported that in consequence of the stormy weather lately experienced attendance had fallen off.

The school was to be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday 20 December to Monday 30 December exclusively.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Barr – coals | 5 – 6 |
| John Barr – coals | 5 – 6 |
| Smith Atkinson – fuel, light and cleaning account | 5 – 4 |
| Total | 16 – 4 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Education Department fee grant | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| Rates – Speeton | £20 – 10 – 0 |
| Reighton | £21 – 10 – 0 |
| Total | £48 – 10 – 0 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £60 – 13 – 8 |

**1902**

10 January

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

The accounts up to 29 September last were to be audited on 13 January at 9:30 at Bridlington workhouse.

The Attendance officer stated that in consequence of the recent stormy weather attendance had not been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams as Attendance Officer – three month's salary | £1 – 5 – 0 |
| Flinton Dowsland – building repairs | £5 – 0 – 0 |
| John Barr – coals | 5 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

14 February

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall

The school's accounts had been audited and approved.

The Attendance Officer stated that on account of the stormy weather in the past month attendance had not been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Barr – coals | 5 – 6 |
| Total | £ 1 – 10 – 6 |
| Yorkshire Insurance Company | 12 – 0 |
| The Clerk - stamp duty on the audit | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £33 – 7 – 1 |

Loose sheet of blue paper in the cash book dated 1 March 1902

Reighton School Board Fee grant of £6 – 10 – 0

'The average attendance of children over 3 and under 15 for the last school year is taken as the basis for the calculation of the instalments. The calculation of the exact amount due under Section 1 of the Education Act 1891 will be made when the school Returns are received for the current School year and the final payments will be made with the Annual Grants.'

Signed G W Kekewich

14 March

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman

The Board had promised Lord Londesborough to remove the cesspit when requested.

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been good.

A rate of 3d in the pound was to be levied on the ratepayers of the villages to cover the Board's expenses.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Received – Education Department fee grant | £ 6 – 10 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £28 – 4 – 7 |

11 April

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

The labour certificate examinations were to be held at Hilderthorpe school on Thursday 1 May at 9:30. The Board was asked to let them know how many scholars would be attending.

The Attendance Officer reported that due to influenza being prevalent in the district attendance had not been good.

The Master produced a timetable for the school for the ensuing year which the Board approved.

The was resolved that if at any time the school was open and attendance was less than 50% the registers would not be marked.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams at Attendance officer – three month's salary | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £20 – 14 – 7 |

Loose sheet of white paper in the cash book dated 14 April 1902

Grant under the Agricultural Rates Act 1896 (School Districts)

Local Government Board, Whitehall, London

£14 – 15 – 4 paid to Reighton (M D) School Board out of Local Taxation (England) Account.

'The payment is one of the half-yearly instalments of the School Board's share of the amount of the annual grant under the Agricultural Rates Act 1896 as shown in the Certificate last issued by the Board under the Act in respect of the half year ending the 30th September 1902.'

Signed H L Munro, Assistant Secretary

9 May

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Fenwick, John Henry Coleman

A list had been received from HM Inspector of children who would be examined for proficiency under No 5 of the Regulations of 21 March 1901, from which it appeared that Elizabeth Artley had passed in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

The Attendance Officer reported that due to severe weather in the first two weeks of the month attendance had not been good.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| J H Plewes – cleaning | £ 1 – 3 – 6 |
| John Barr – coals | 16 – 6 |
| Total | £ 3 – 5 – 0 |
| William Forster – advertising | 5 – 6 |

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|---|---|
| Received – Education Department local tax grant | £14 – 15 – 4 |

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|---|---|
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | Nil |

13 June 1902

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman

Loan instalments due to the Public Works Loan Board: £3 – 15 – 2 one year's interest on £107 – 7 – 5, plus £2 – 12 – 9 principal.

The triennial elections to the Board were due to be held in July and notices to this effect were to be published.

The school would be closed to allow the children to be employed pulling ketlocks from Friday 20 June to Monday 7 July exclusive.

The Master reported that attendance in the past month had been fairly good.

The school was to be cleaned in the holidays under the supervision of Mr Hall.

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| Paid to the Clerk – one year's salary | £15 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest | £ 3 – 15 – 2 |
| Principal | £ 2 – 12 – 3 |
| Total | £ 6 – 7 – 11 |

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| Received from the Rating Authority – Reighton | £16 – 2 – 3 |

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £32 – 18 – 8 |

The Clerk produced a list of attendances by the Board over the last three years. There had been thirty three meetings. William Wilson attended thirty one, Nathaniel Coleman attended twenty four, Henry Hall attended twenty six, John Henry Coleman attended twenty one and Robert Fenwick attended twelve. (Note how from this point on Robert Fenwick attends almost every meeting.)

This being the last meeting of the current Board thanks were given to Mr Wilson for his efficient and courteous conduct in the chair over the past three years. Mr Wilson acknowledged the compliment.

11 July

Present: William Wilson, Henry Hall, Robert Fenwick.

The following had been elected to the Board in the triennial elections: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall and Robert Fenwick. William Wilson was to be chairman and Nathaniel Coleman vice chair.

Three Board members were required to form a quorum.

Board meetings were to be held at the school house on the third Friday of each month at 7pm.

The school had been inspected and a grant would be made by the Education Department.

Extract from the Education Department report:

'Some allowance can be made for the special difficulties which the teachers have to meet, chiefly the peculiar situation of the school. Earnest efforts appear to have been made to raise the efficiency of the school and with an encouraging degree of success. Habits of neatness, precision and smartness should be fostered and strengthened, and the rooms might present a more attractive appearance. The Infants' training is also improved but more will be expected and, indeed, further and decided advance in the general condition of the school may be looked for. Guards are required for the open fireplaces.'

The register books must be signed.

The Education Department wanted to know the names of the chairman and vice chair – they had already been informed of the names of the Board members.

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| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Paid to Mr Williams at Attendance Officer – three months' salary | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
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| Received – Attendance grant | £58 – 6 – 0 |
| Article 105 | £10 – 0 – 0 |
| Balance of fee grant | £ 7 – 0 – 0 |
| Overseers of Speeton | £15 – 9 – 6 |
| Total | £90 – 15 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £93 – 14 – 3 |

15 August

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman.

Public Works Loans Board repayments due: £24 – 9 – 6 interest,
£18 – 3 – 0 principal. Total: £42 – 12 – 6.

The Master reported that attendance had been fairly good.

The school was to be closed for the harvest holidays from Friday 15 September to Monday 29 September exclusive.

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| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary for August | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary for September | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Flinton Dowsland – building repairs | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| Public Works Loans Board – interest | £24 – 9 – 6 |
| Principal | £18 – 13 – 0 |
| Total | £42 – 12 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £84 – 19 – 3 |

10 October

Present: William Wilson, Robert Fenwick, Henry Hall

A fee grant of £6 – 12 – 6 had been received.

A rate of 4d in the pound of rateable value was to be levied on 8 November to cover the Board's expenses.

The Master reported that attendance since the reopening of the school after the harvest had been fairly good.

A letter had been received from Mr Robert Crowe of the Manor House enquiring whether it would be possible for him to get a boy named Thomas Cook of the parish of Reighton to tend his pigs for about a fortnight.

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| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Paid to Mr Williams – three months' salary as Attendance Officer | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
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| Received fee grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £31 – 5 – 3 |

The accounts had been signed off.

7 November

Present: Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman.

The school was to be awarded an Agricultural rate grant for half a year of £14 – 15 – 4.

A letter had been received from Mr William Williams as Master of the Board's school and Attendance Officer giving notice that he would resign such posts as of 27 January next.

Advertisements were to be placed in the 'Schoolmaster' newspaper on 15 and 22 November inviting applications for the appointment of a Master of the Board's school, with his Wife to teach the Infants and Sewing, at an annual salary of £90, with house, garden and coals to be consumed in the school, the age of the applicant not to exceed forty five years. Applications for the appointment stating the number of children (if any) to be received no later than Wednesday 26 November to be considered at a meeting of the Board to be held on Friday 28 November.

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| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| John Artley – cleaning | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| John Barr – coals | 5 – 6 |
| John Barr – coals | 11 – 0 |
| Total | £ 2 – 1 – 6 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 1 – 7 – 4 |
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| Received – Agricultural rate grant | £14 – 15 – 4 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £37 – 5 – 7 |

28 November

Special meeting held at the Clerk's office in Bridlington.

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman.

The post of Master of the Board's school had been advertised in the 'Schoolmaster' newspaper and twenty eight applications had been received.

The Board was to write to Messieurs William Middleton of 31 Perrin Street, Hyde, Thomas Forster of 100 Seymour Street, North Shields and W S Whitaker of Bowers Allerton, Woodlesford, Leeds to inform them they had been selected as candidates for the post, but that before finally deciding on the appointment the Board would be glad of an interview with them in the Clerk's office, 26 High Street, Bridlington on Saturday next, 6 December at half past two in the afternoon, and that the Board would pay them their third class return Railway fare to and from Bridlington, and request them that if they decide to go to Bridlington they should let the Clerk know by return of post and be prepared to produce the original testimonials of which they had previously sent copies.

6 December

Special meeting held at the Clerk's office, Bridlington.

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, Robert Fenwick, John Henry Coleman.

Mr William Middleton of 31 Perrin Street, Hyde and Mr Thomas Forster of 100 Seymour Street, North Shields were present at the meeting and were interviewed.

Mr William Middleton was appointed Master of the Board's school at a salary of £90 a year as re the terms stated in the 'Schoolmaster' newspaper advert.

Paid to Mr Middleton and Mr Forster the sum of 18s each, being the amount of their respective third class railway fares to and from Bridlington.

13 December

Special meeting held at the Clerk's office, Bridlington.

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, John Henry Coleman, Robert Fenwick.

Since the meeting held on 6 December the Clerk had received a letter from Mr William Middleton who had been appointed Master of the Board's school, thanking them for the appointment but stating that he could not accept the position unless some provision were made for the teaching of the Infants, that he (the clerk) had accordingly, as instructed by the Board, written to Mrs S E Dixon, The School, Storth, Milnthorpe, Westmoreland, who was one of the twenty eight applicants for the appointment, informing her that if she is still open to take the appointment he should be glad to be informed whether she would attend his office Saturday next, 20 December at half past two in the afternoon, and be good enough to bring the originals of her testimonials, and that the Board would pay her third class rail fare. Mrs Dixon had replied that as she had not heard from the Clerk she had concluded that her application was not suitable and that as the Managers of the School in which she was now employed were so very wishful for her to remain, she had promised to do so to the end of January and so could not attend the interview.

The Board had then written to Messieurs Thomas Bowes of Lanchester, Durham and Harry C Loseby of 47 North Parade, Otley, asking them to attend for interview on this day at half past two. They had attended and been interviewed separately but no appointment had been made. Each had been paid 10s for their third class rail fare to and from Bridlington.

The Clerk was to write to Mr Robert McClurg of Fence Houses, Durham, and Mr John Bool of 17 Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham, inviting them to interview on Saturday next, 20 December, at half past two.

A fee grant was to be made to the school of £6 – 12 – 6.

A letter had been received from Mr William Williams, Master of the Board's school, enquiring if the Board had appointed his successor to commence duties on 1 January and to set him at liberty on 31 December, and also whether the Board would take the three Venetian Blinds that were fixed to the front windows of the school house, and stating that when he had entered on the occupancy of such house he took them from Mr Lee at the valuation of the chairman and Mr Hall, and that he should be willing to let the Board have them for the sum of 12s 6d.

The offer of Mr Williams to sell the blinds for the sum of 12s 6d was accepted.

The Clerk had called the attention of Mr Williams to a report that was current in the district that he (Mr Williams) had stated that he could not pay his debts in consequence of not being able to get his Salary when due, and that he had received a letter from Mr Williams that he was both surprised and grieved to hear from the Clerk of the report that his salary as master had been paid irregularly, that such a statement was undoubtedly untrue, had been made without either his knowledge or sanction, and repeating that he was very grieved to learn that such a statement had been made, and expressing his very sincere thanks to the Board and Clerk for the kind manner in which they had supported him in the discharge of his arduous duties as Master of the School, and stating that the only cause of his resigning was to relieve his Wife of school work as the doctor had informed her that she is not strong enough to do her duty as she would like.

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| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
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| Received from Rating Authorities, Speeton | £20 – 4 – 0 |
| Fee grant | £ 6 – 12 – 6 |
| Total | £26 – 16 – 6 |
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| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £53 – 15 – 10 |

*13 December 1902*

*CG to Mrs S E Dixon, The School, Storth, Milnthorpe, Westmoreland.*

*CG states that the average number of pupils attending the school is 54 or 55 and that the person appointed will be required to teach the school unassisted, both Infants and Standards.*

*13 December 1902*

*CG to Mr Robert McClurg and Mr John Bool.*

*CG states that 'average attendance is 50 to 55 and that the Teacher appointed will with the assistance of his Wife (if it is found necessary) will be required to teach the whole school (Infants as well as Standards) and his wife sewing.'*

20 December

Special meeting at the Clerk's office.

Present: William Wilson, Nathaniel Coleman, Henry Hall, John Henry Coleman.

Mr McClurg and Mr Bool were both in attendance and were interviewed separately.

Mr Robert McClurg of New Penshaw Board School, Fence Houses, Durham, was appointed Master of the Board's school, with his wife to teach Infants and Sewing at a salary of £90 a year with dwelling house and garden adjoining the school premises and coals and coke consumed in the said dwelling house and school.[60]

Mr McClurg was paid 15s 6d and Mr Bool 13s 6d respectively for their third class return rail fare to and from Bridlington.

A letter had been received from Mr Robert Crowe of the Manor House, Reighton, stating that Mr Maddison, a gentleman living with him, wished him to apply for the use of the Board's school on 28 January next for a dance and that if the request was complied with he would see that the desks etc were put in order. The request was granted on the usual terms ie 5s for the use of the room and an undertaking to make good any damage done to the structure.

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| Received – Reighton | £21 – 10 – 6 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands | £67 – 16 – 6 |

**1903**

13 February

Present: William Wilson, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

No business.

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|---|---|
| Paid to Mr Williams – one month's salary due January 3 | £ 7 – 10 – 0 |
| Mr Williams – three month's salary as Attendance officer | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Mr William – furniture | |
| (venetian blinds – see 13 Dec 1902) | 12 – 6 |
| Audit stamp – 22 January | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Mr Grey – election expenses | 16 – 8 |
| A Brown & Sons – books | £ 5 – 13 – 8 |
| W Middleton – railway fare | 18 – 0 |
| Thomas Forster – railway fare | 18 – 0 |
| Thomas Bowes – railway fare | 19 – 0 |
| Harry C Loseby – railway fare | 10 - 0 |

[60] Robert McClurg B ca 1866, Dublin. M Edith Yates (B 1869)1900 Co Durham. D 1929 aged 63 Two Children, James and Donald, the latter B Speeton 1904. His parents in law, Samuel and Sarah, who were living with them at the school house in 1911, are buried in Reighton churchyard.

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| Robert McClurg – railway fare | 15 – 6 |
| John Bool – railway fare | 13 – 6 |
| J Barr – coals | £ 2 – 16 – 6 |
| Educational Newspapers 'Schoolmaster' office | 18 – 0 |
| H J Johnson – dating stamp | 12 – 6 |
| Mr Grey – postage | 6 – 2 |
| John Artley – cleaning – due 28 January | £ 1 – 5 – 0 |
| Robert McClurg – salary due 19 February | £ 7 – 5 – 0 |
| Flinton Dowsland – building repairs | £ 7 – 3 – 1 |
| Total | £42 – 18 – 1 |

28 March 1903 – THE BOARD'S LAST MEETING

Present: William Wilson, John Henry Coleman, Henry Hall

A circular letter had been received from the Education Department regarding the Education Act of 1902, stating that the Board of Education had appointed 1 April for the Act to come into force in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and stating that the Board should discharge all its liabilities to the 31st of March.

It was resolved: That inconsequence of the death of Mr Charles Grey, Clerk of the Board, on 24 March, Mr Robert J Oke be appointed to settle and prepare all the Accounts of this Board to 31st March and present the Accounts to the District Auditor.

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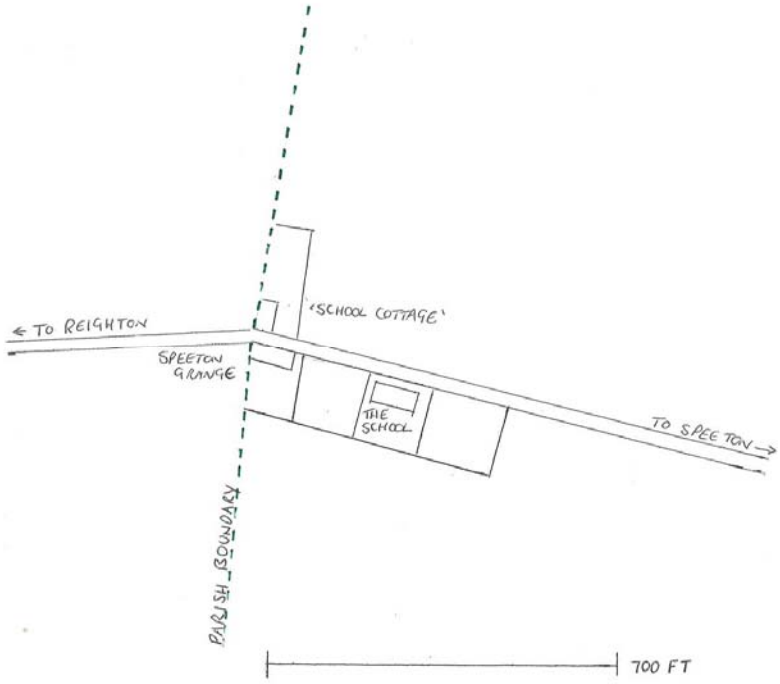
| Paid – Mr Grey's salary from 1 June 1902 to 24 March 1903 | £12 – 4 – 0 |
| J Crosby – audit stamp – 31 March 1903 | £ 2 – 0 – 0 |
| Robert McClurg – one month's salary | £10 – 3 – 0 |
| F L Lee – administration expenses | £ 1 – 2 – 0 |
| A Brown & Sons – books and stationery | £ 2 – 19 – 2 |
| J H Plewes – fuel, light and cleaning account | £ 1 – 0 – 0 |
| John Artley – fuel, light and cleaning account | 17 – 9 |
| A Crawford – building repairs | 14 – 9 |
| Flinton Dowsland – building repairs | 2 – 3 |
| J Barr – fuel, light and cleaning account | 16 – 6 |
| J Barr – fuel, light and cleaning account | £ 1 – 4 – 0 |
| Total | £33 – 3 – 5 |

A rate was to be levied to cover the Board's expenses to 31 March:
Reighton £1 – 3 – 9, Speeton £1 – 0 - 9

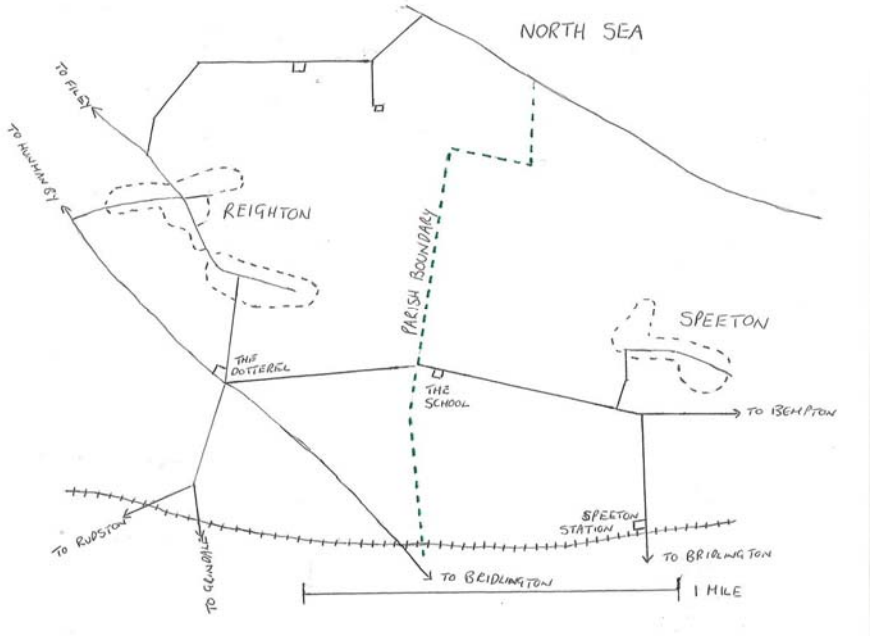
# Reighton School House

Reighton school house is one of a small group of buildings which abuts onto the Speeton side of the Reighton/Speeton parish boundary.




'School Cottage' centre, Speeton Grange to its right and the school house just visible behind 'School Cottage's garage to the left.

The buildings stand about a mile and a half by road from the nearest parts of both Reighton and Speeton. The furthest parts of each village are about another half mile away. The two villages are situated a little over a mile apart as the crow flies but about twice as far by road. Walking briskly on adult legs and not taking time to dawdle or play it took me twenty minutes to reach the school building from the Dotterel corner. It takes me twenty minutes to walk from the Dotterel to end of Watsons Lane at the far end of the village. The Dotterel pub stands about one third of the way between Reighton and the school house.




Reighton from the Dotterel corner

A friend who has lived in Reighton all her life and who attended the school in the 1940s has told me that the children used to walk back and forth, playing and jumping the ditches, until they grew old enough to make the trip by bike.

Looking along the lane towards the school from the Dotterel corner

Further along the lane

The school house comes into sight

Nearly there (The gable of the school house is just visible behind Speeton Grange on the right of the picture. The building on the left is the one now called 'School Cottage'.)

The school house was placed here because neither village was large enough to justify having a school of its own, but the 1870 Education Act meant that all children had to be provided with primary education. However, between 1865 and 1870, at a time when no provision had to be made for providing all children with primary education, the chancel of Speeton church was used as a schoolroom, the average attendance being twelve. Similarly, the house adjacent to the old vicarage at Reighton is also thought to have one time served as a school, the vicar traditionally doubling as schoolmaster. The other nearest villages are Grindale, about two and a half miles to the south of both villages, and Hunmanby which is

about two and a half miles north west of Reighton and nearly four miles from Speeton.

Speeton from the school house

The group of buildings stands in an extremely exposed position only a few hundred yards from the top of the north facing escarpment of the Wolds. As such they are open to bad weather from every direction and have little in the way of trees to protect them. It is a high, open landscape which slopes gently away to the south west.

The group of buildings including the school house as seen from the top of the Wolds

From the southern boundaries of the plot there are wide ranging views over the Wolds in the direction of Grindale, Boynton and Driffield.

Views south west over the Wolds from the school house (These pictures were taken on an overcast September day. On fine days the view is further ranging.)

The group of buildings comprises the house on the north side of the road and now known as 'School Cottage' but which appears in censuses as 'Coleman's Off Barn', Speeton Grange on the south side of the road and immediately abutting onto the parish boundary and which censuses inform us once comprised three cottages, and the school house itself, now the 'Honeypot' pub and restaurant.

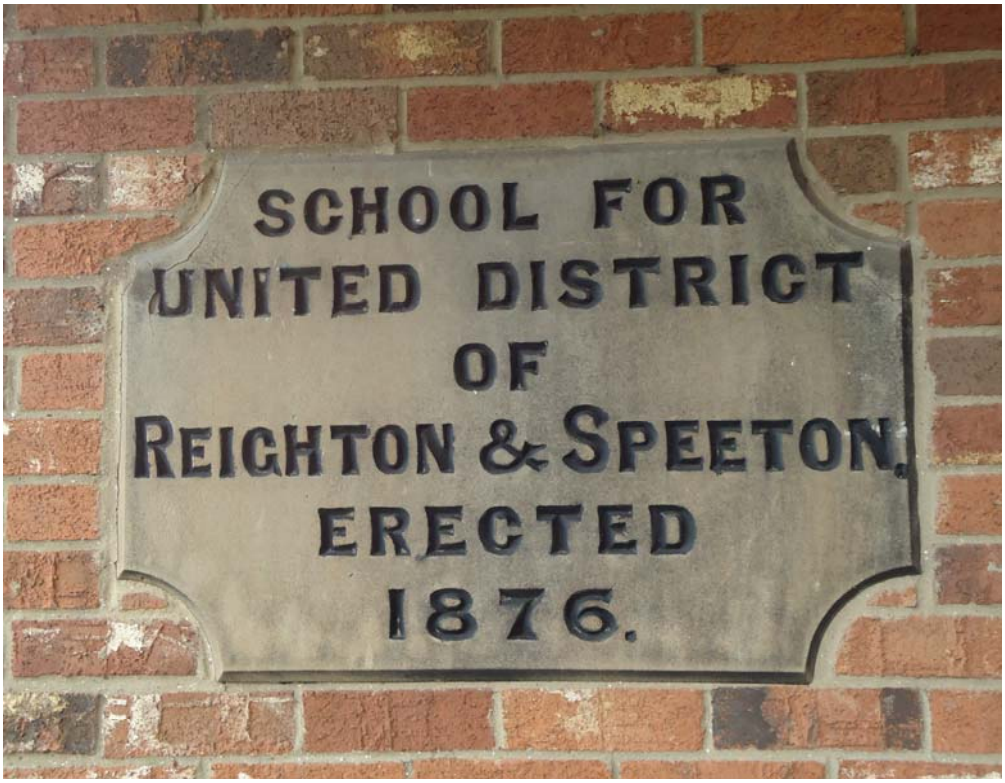
Speeton Grange

The car park was one of the playgrounds/the master's garden. (There were separate playgrounds for boys and girls.) My friend has also told me that what is now the garden of Speeton Grange once belonged to the school house. The censuses show that the school caretaker, Enoch Artley and his family, lived there. William Sellers' Diary (available to read online free of charge and well worth it) informs us that the local militia trained in the school yard during the First World War.

The school house from the north west. The master lived in the part furthest from the camera.


The school house from the east

The building has been considerably extended and altered since it was first built. It originally comprised two classrooms, with the master's house at the eastern end (nearest the camera), and the usual outbuildings such as a coalhouses etc. The stone commemorating its foundation is now inside the porch.



# Children in Reighton and Speeton

The attendance registers for the Reighton and Speeton Board school do not seem to have survived. However, some idea of the children attending can be gained from the census entries for the years during which the school operated as a 'Board' school. These cannot be claimed to be exhaustive and must be considered with caution as children attending who lived outside the area covered by the villages in the census may have been excluded (and any child who lived more than one mile from the school did not have to attend), or may not have attended for reasons of disability, or because their parents never settled in either village, or were not resident there at the time censuses were taken, or for other reasons.

The records below appear in the order in which they appear in the censuses. I have noted all children aged up to the age of twelve and also those over the age of twelve who were described as 'scholar'. Some of the children under the age of five may have moved away or died before they reached an age to attend school. It should be noted too that these are not complete family lists. Children who were born and died between censuses will only appear in the parish registers. I have not included other siblings over school age either still living with their parents or elsewhere. It is interesting to note how many children were not living with their parents.

Some confusion may be avoided if it is remembered that that sons were often given the family name of their mother as one of their given names. Hence George Waud Piercey was the son of William Bilton Piercy (himself the son of William Piercey and Ann Piercey, neé Bilton) and Alice Piercey, neé Waud. Where surnames differ it should be assumed that the child was the result of an earlier relationship of the mother – see Arthur Adams, the stepson of Thomas Walker.

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## Reighton

| Name | Age | Relationship | Parent/Guardian |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mary E | 4 | d/o | George and Ruth Dobson |
| James William | 3 | s/o | |
| Edith Ann | 1 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Harriet | 15 | d/o | Matthew and Anne Eliza Cranswick |
| Charles | 13 | s/o | |
| Caroline | 12 | d/o | |
| Helen | 11 | d/o | |
| Matthew | 9 | s/o | |
| Margaret | 8 | d/o | |
| Arthur | 6 | s/o | |
| Julia | 5 | d/o | |
| Lucy | 4 | d/o | |
| Ada | 2 | d/o | |
| Marie | 1 | d/o | |
| Ethel | 3 mo | d/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| William | 11 | s/o | Pashby and Harriet Scrivener |
| Francis | 9 | s/o | |
| Sarah | 5 | d/o | |
| Ann | 4 | d/o | |
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| George Waud | 3 | s/o | William Bilton and Alice Piercey |
| Annie Eliza | 1 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Hannah M Hopwood | 2 mo | d/o | Joseph and Mary Marshall |
| | | | |
| Arthur R Adams | 2 | step s/o | Thomas and Isabella Walker |
| George William | 6 mo | s/o | |
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| Mary Elizabeth | 2 | grand d/o | George and Mary Gullen |
| | | | |
| Archie | 8 | s/o | Matthew and Jane Crawford |
| | | | |
| Alice White | 12 | lodger | Edward Henry and Mary Bowser |
| | | | |
| Job | 13 | s/o | George and Hilda Stubbs |
| | | | |
| Ada Anne | 8 | grand d/o | Mary Jackson |
| | | | |
| Harriet | 12 | d/o | William and Margaret Stubbs |
| Charles | 10 | s/o | |
| Thorp | 7 | s/o | |
| Gertrude | 4 | d/o | |
| Harry | 2 | s/o | |
| Ada | 3 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Anne | 6 | d/o | Robert and Sarah Sellars |
| Thomas E | 3 | s/o | |
| Charles William | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Tom | 9 | d/o | William and Jane White |
| Emily | 6 | d/o | |
| Jane | 4 | d/o | |
| Arthur William | 3 mo | grand s/o | |
| | | | |
| Annie | 11 | d/o | Thomas and Ann Jefferson |
| Annie E | 2 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Samuel S | 11 | grand s/o | Thomas and Julia Sellars |
| Herbert E | 4 | grand s/o | |
| | | | |
| John Henry | 8 | s/o | George and Jane Pudsey |
| James William | 7 | s/o | |
| Ann Elizabeth | 3 | d/o | |
| Hutchinson | 2 | s/o | |
| Alice Maud | 4 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Arthur | 3 | s/o | John and Mary Anderson |
| Charlotte M | 1 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Annie | 2 | d/o | William and Elizabeth Marshall |
| Walter | 6 mo | s/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Henry M S | 3 | s/o | Henry Creaser and Ann Marshall |
| Joseph | 2 | s/o | |
| Fanny Elizabeth | 2 mo | d/o | |
| Horace | 4 | grand s/o | John and Eliza Wilson |
| Ann Templeman Stubbs | 6 mo | niece | Richard and Hannah Stubbs |
| James | 12 | s/o | Ann (widow) Noble |
| Charles | 13 | s/o | Samuel and Rachel Bilton |
| Fanny Louisa Taylor | 9 | grand d/o | Fanny Taylor (widow) |
| Robert Wood Appleby | 9 | grand s/o | Thomas and Rachel Appleby |
| Anne Elizabeth Appleby | 7 | grand d/o | |
| William E | 11 | s/o | William and Hannah Wardell |
| George R | 9 | s/o | |
| Jane | 6 | d/o | |
| Hardy Fell Woodhead | 10 | s/o | Frank Fell and Mary Woodhead |
| Hannah | 4 | d/o | |
| Mary Ann | 2 | d/o | |
| John Henry | 10 | s/o | John and Jane Burt |
| Alice | 6 | d/o | |
| William Joseph | 3 | s/o | |
| James Marshall | 1 | s/o | |
| Mary Elizabeth | 7 | d/o | John and Elizabeth Dobson |
| George M | 4 | s/o | |
| Jane Ann | 5 mo | | |
| Mary J | 1 | d/o | William and Ann Waites |
| Hester | 4 | grand d/o | John and Rose Claxton |

## Speeton

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Herbert | 4 | s/o | John and Mary Ann Jordan |
| Gertrude M | 3 | d/o | |
| Emily Agnes | 7 | d/o | John and Mary Jane Dobson |
| Frances Ann | 8 | d/o | Henry and Elizabeth Cockerill |
| Esther | 7 | d/o | |
| Elizabeth | 8 | d/o | Aaron and Ann Jemmeson |
| John | 10 | s/o | |
| Francis | 7 | s/o | |
| Henry | 4 | s/o | |
| Arthur | 2 | s/o | |
| Edward | 2 mo | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Alice Hannah | 11 | s/o | Smith and Mary Ann Atkinson |
| Amos | 9 | s/o | |
| William | 7 | s/o | |
| Henry | 5 | s/o | |
| Edith Fanny | 3 | d/o | |
| Jane Ellen | 1 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| John | 12 | s/o | Enoch and Jane Dinah Artley |
| Robert | 9 | s/o | |
| Ann | 7 | d/o | |
| Eliza | 5 | d/o | |
| Mary | 2 | d/o | |
| Jane Dinah | 4 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Kate | 11 | d/o | John and Hannah Harper |
| | | | |
| Elizabeth Creaser Foster | 9 | adopted d/o | Henry Foster |
| | | | |
| Rose Hannah Claxton | 9 | step d/o | James and Mary Myers |
| John William Claxton | 6 | step s/o | |
| Ann E | 2 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Lucy Emma | 7 | grand d/o | Simon and Ellen Plewes |
| John Henry | 6 | grand s/o | |
| Frances Amelia | 4 | grand d/o | |
| Arthur Robert | 1 | grand s/o | |
| | | | |
| Harry | 3 | grand s/o | William and Catherine Sellers |
| Anne | 1 | grand d/o | |
| Ada | 2 mo | grand d/o | |
| | | | |
| Thomas Moody | 13 | nephew | Jane Moody |
| | | | |
| Eliza | 11 | d/o | Blakestone and Elizabeth Pickering |
| | | | |
| Charles | 9 | s/o | George and Hannah Reed |
| | | | |
| Martha Alice | 7 | d/o | Henry and Catherine Hornby |
| William Robert | 4 | s/o | |
| Harry | 11 mo | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Agnes Ellen Dickinson | 9 | niece | Johnson and Jane Meynard |
| | | | |
| Jane Elizabeth | 6 | d/o | Thomas and Isabella Witty |
| William | 4 | s/o | |
| Annie Ellen | 3 | d/o | |
| George | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Robert Thomas | 1 mo | s/o | John Henry and Annie Elizabeth Young |
| | | | |
| John William | 1 | s/o | James and Sarah Anne Scrivener |
| | | | |
| Mary Ellen | 4 | d/o | Pockley and Harriet Knaggs |
| Tom | 2 | s/o | |
| Elizabeth | 6 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Sarah | 12 | d/o | Mark and Mary Knaggs |

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|---|---|---|---|
| John Reed | 12 | s/o | John Herbert Absolom and Emma Lee |
| Alice Mary | 8 | d/o | John and Mary Elizabeth Sharp |
| Maria | 6 | d/o | |
| William Henry | 2 | s/o | |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ada | 12 | d/o | Matthew and Annie Elizabeth Cranswick |
| Marie | 11 | d/o | |
| Ethel | 10 | d/o | |
| Frank | 9 | s/o | |
| Harold | 9 | s/o | Joseph and Mary Ann Beauvais |
| Ernest | 8 | s/o | |
| Frank | 6 | s/o | |
| Sydney | 4 | s/o | |
| Daisy | 2 | d/o | |
| Lawrence | 2 mo | s/o | |
| Robert E | 9 | s/o | John Staveley (widower) |
| William | 10 | s/o | William and Elizabeth Duke |
| Grace | 4 | d/o | |
| Henry | 2 | s/o | |
| Harriet U | 9 | d/o | Robert and Annie Crowe |
| Mary G | 7 | d/o | |
| James | 2 | s/o | John William and Hannah Brigham |
| Infant (unnamed) | | d/o | (Named Mary Elizabeth – see Free BMD) |
| Edith H | 6 mo | d/o | James and Rose H Clubley |
| Ada Smales | 6 | d/o | Isaac and Ellen |
| John J | 2 | s/o | |
| Hannah | 6 | grand d/o | Thomas and Mary Hoff |
| Hannah | 11 | d/o | John and Henrietta Clubley |
| Cecily | 9 | d/o | |
| John | 6 | s/o | |
| Charles | 2 | s/o | |
| Mary E | 12 | grand d/o | George and Mary Gullan |
| Caroline | 5 | d/o | William and Sarah Trowell |
| Alice M | 3 | d/o | |
| James M | 11 | s/o | John and Jane Burt |
| Benjamin C | 5 | grand s/o | |
| Florence | 3 | grand d/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Hutchinson | 12 | s/o | George and Jane Pudsey |
| Fanny | 6 | d/o | |
| Mary J | 5 | d/o | |
| Watson | 3 | s/o | |
| George R | 1 | s/o | |
| Harry | 1 mo | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Agnes | 9 | d/o | Sarah Sellers (widow) |
| Harry | 2 | s/o | |
| John Newlove | 5 | boarder | |
| Annie Newlove | 4 | boarder | |
| Elizabeth Newlove | 2 | boarder | |
| | | | |
| Annie | 12 | d/o | William and Elizabeth Marshall |
| Walter | 10 | s/o | |
| Ada | 8 | d/o | |
| Alice | 5 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Ada | 9 | d/o | Henry and Agnes Williams |
| William Henry | 7 | s/o | |
| George R | 4 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Harry | 12 | s/o | William and Margaret Stubbs |
| Ada | 10 | d/o | |
| Walter | 3 | s/o | |
| Edward | 7 | grand s/o | |
| William | 5 | grand s/o | |
| Nelly | 2 mo | grand d/o | |
| | | | |
| Charlotte M | 11 | d/o | John and Mary Anderson |
| William | 5 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Jane A | 10 | d/o | John and Elizabeth Dobson |
| | | | |
| Mabel | 9 | d/o | William and May Rowley |
| Watkin B Leadbetter | 8 | boarder | (Born Wrexham, middle name Boscawen) |
| | | | |
| Eleanor | 6 | d/o | Matthew and Harriet Crawford |
| | | | |
| James | 9 | s/o | Pashby and Hariet Scrivener |
| Henry | 4 | s/o | |
| Alfred | 1 | grand s/o | |
| | | | |
| Harry | 10 | s/o | William and Emma Pudsey |
| Maria A | 8 | d/o | |
| Tom | 2 | s/o | |
| Lilly | 7 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| George | 1 mo | s/o | Robert and Hannah Robinson |
| | | | |
| Joseph | 10 | s/o | Henry Creaser Marshall |
| | | | |
| Henry J | 6 | grand s/o | Thomas and Rachel Appleby |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Annie E | 11 | d/o | William Bilton and Alice Piercey |
| Harry H | 5 | s/o | |
| Maud | 5 | d/o | |
| Alice | 4 | d/o | |
| Wilfred | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Ann J | 10 | niece | Richard and Hannah Stubbs |
| | | | |
| John E | 8 | s/o | Charles and Eliza Tickelpenny |
| | | | |
| Alice | 9 | d/o | Henry and Eleanor Hall |
| Mary B | 6 | d/o | |
| Katherine | 6 mo | d/o | |

## Speeton

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William | 11 | s/o | William and Elizabeth Chapman |
| Johnson | 7 | s/o | |
| Eliza Ann | 4 | d/o | |
| Robert E | 3 | s/o | |
| Frank | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Anne | 12 | d/o | John and Emma Sellars |
| William | 11 | s/o | |
| Ada | 10 | d/o | |
| Alice | 8 | d/o | |
| Kate | 6 | d/o | |
| George | 5 | s/o | |
| Charles | 3 | s/o | |
| John | 1 | s/o | |
| Infant (unnamed) | 1 wk | s/o | (Named Thomas – see Free BMD) |
| | | | |
| Mary Jane | 9 | d/o | James and Ann Moody |
| | | | |
| Arthur R | 11 | s/o | William and Martha Plewes |
| Martha A | 8 | d/o | |
| Jane Helen | 2 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Walter Barugh | 8 | visitor | William Wilson |
| Winifred B Barugh | 6 | visitor | |
| | | | |
| Anne Jane | 7 | d/o | Arthur and Mary Nelson |
| Florence | 6 | d/o | |
| William | 2 | s/o | |
| George | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Jane Ellen | 11 | d/o | Smith and Mary Ann Atkinson |
| Louisa | 9 | d/o | |
| Emma | 7 | d/o | |
| George R | 7 | grand s/o | |
| | | | |
| Mary | 12 | d/o | Enoch and Jane Artley |
| Jane | 10 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Robert | 10 | s/o | George and Mary Jane Waines |
| | | | |
| John | 10 | s/o | Thomas and Tamar Hodgson |

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|---|---|---|---|
| George F | 12 | s/o | George and Ellen Ford |
| Mary E | 9 | d/o | |
| Florence | 8 | d/o | |
| Eliza | 6 | d/o | |
| Ernest | 2 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| George | 11 | s/o | Thomas and Bella Witty |
| Esther | 9 | d/o | |
| Thomas | 6 | s/o | |
| Francis | 4 | s/o | |
| Robert | 3 | s/o | |
| Henry | 2 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Mabel | 2 | d/o | Benjamin Sellers (widower) |
| | | | |
| George | 12 | s/o | Raine and Jane Ellbeck |
| Sarah A | 10 | d/o | |
| Jane E | 7 | d/o | |
| Walter | 4 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| William | 2 | s/o | Thomas and Annie Wardell |
| | | | |
| Robert Thomas Young | 10 | grand s/o | Mark and Mary Knaggs |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stanley | 3 | s/o | John Henry and Emily Gertrude Coleman |
| Nathaniel Kirby Coleman | 1 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Laura | 3 | d/o | William and Sarah Trowel |
| | | | |
| John William | 12 | d/o | John Thomas and Rebecca Robinson |
| Harry | 11 | s/o | |
| Emma | 9 | d/o | |
| Joseph | 8 | s/o | |
| Jane | 7 | d/o | |
| Alice | 3 | d/o | |
| Leonard | 4 mo | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Richard Hood Chapman | 7 | grand s/o | Francis Chapman and Hannah Hood Chapman |
| Harry | 6 | grand s/o | |
| Florence Croft | 4 | grand d/o | |
| | | | |
| Thomas William | 3 | s/o | Tom and Emily Mary Walton |
| Elizabeth Emma | 4 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Frank | 11 | s/o | William and Elizabeth Chapman |
| Ellen Diana | 9 | d/o | |
| Clara Emma | 7 | d/o | |
| Elsie May | 1 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| George Robert | 11 | s/o | George and Jane Pudsey |
| Harry | 9 | s/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Henry | 12 | s/o | John and Henrietta Clubley |
| Ernest | 9 | s/o | |
| Lilian | 5 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Holland James | 10 | s/o | William and Harriet Wilson |
| William Champion | 9 | s/o | |
| Lydia Louisa | 7 | d/o | |
| Mildred Ada | 4 | d/o | |
| Emily Phyllis | 2 | d/o | |
| Dora Beatrice | 9 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Margaret Ann | 5 | d/o | Fewster and Elizabeth Sellers |
| Ernest | 3 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| George Ernest | 9 | s/o | George Atkinson and Fanny Evison |
| Florence Fanny | 7 | d/o | |
| Thomas | 5 | s/o | |
| John Robert | 4 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Mary Annie | 10 | grand d/o | Thomas Hogg (widower) |
| Thomas W'm Hutton Hogg | 6 | grand s/o | |
| Edith | 4 | grand d/o | |
| | | | |
| William | 11 | s/o | Robert and Agnes Hallet |
| Gertrude | 8 | d/o | |
| Albert | 6 | s/o | |
| Edith | 2 | d/o | |
| George | 2 | s/o | |
| Beatrice | 11 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Lillian Mary | 5 | d/o | Walton and Fanny Crawford |
| | | | |
| George William | 8 | s/o | George and Elenor (sic) Temple |
| Annie Eliza | 7 | d/o | |
| Eva Bella | 4 | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Alice | 11 | d/o | William and Annie Ellen Woodhead |
| Rose Hannah | 7 | d/o | |
| Hardy Taylor | 2 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Tom Arthur | 5 | s/o | Harry and Elizabeth Temple |
| John William | 3 | s/o | |
| James Robert | 2 | s/o | |
| Walter George | 7 mo | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Thomas | 9 | s/o | Matilda Cook (husband absent at time of census) |
| Maud | 8 mo | | |
| | | | |
| Lily Skelton | 9 mo | grand d/o | William and Ann Waites |
| | | | |
| George | 10 | grand s/o | John and Mary Elizabeth Anderson |
| | | | |
| Harold | 10 | s/o | George and Mary Adamson |
| George | 6 | s/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| William Jesse | 10 | s/o | William Jesse and Emma Mary Maplesden |
| Leonard Frank | 8 | s/o | |
| Florence May | 6 | d/o | |
| Frederick Bertie | 4 | | |
| Kate | 10 | d/o | Henry and Eleanor Hall |
| Hilda | 8 | d/o | |
| Arthur | 6 | s/o | Matthew and Harriet Crawford |
| Frederick | 4 | | |
| Alfred | 11 | s/o | Pashby and Harriet Scrivener |
| Wilfred | 11 | s/o | William Bilton Piercy and Alice Piercey |
| Violet | 3 | d/o | George and Christiana Marson |
| Elsie | 1 | d/o | |
| Edith Ann | 2 | d/o | Tom and Jane Hyde |

## Speeton

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur W | 1 | s/o | Harry and Sarah Johnson |
| Elizabeth | 11 | d/o | John and Maria Artley |
| Eliza | 8 | d/o | |
| Enoch | 6 | s/o | |
| Lilian M | 4 | d/o | |
| Harold | 2 | s/o | |
| Walter H | 1 | s/o | |
| Georgina Waines | 3 | niece | John and Sarah Eelbeck |
| William | 5 | s/o | William and Edith Williams |
| Clarence | 4 | s/o | |
| Tom | 3 | s/o | |
| Doris | 1 | d/o | |
| Phyllis | 2 mo | d/o | |
| Eleanor | 8 | grand d/o | William and Elizabeth Moon |
| Elsie | 7 | grand d/o | |
| Jane H G | 12 | d/o | William and Martha Plewes |
| Alice M | 2 | d/o | John and Ann Moore |
| Edith E Fenwick | 3 | d/o | George and Annie Gash |
| Herbert | 2 | s/o | |
| Florence | 8 mo | d/o | Samuel and Mary Judd |
| Elsie | 1 | d/o | William and Rachel Sellers |
| Willie | 12 | s/o | Arthur and Mary Nelson (Shepherd boy) |
| George | 11 | s/o | |
| Edward | 9 | s/o | |
| Henry | 7 | s/o | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas | 9 | s/o | John and Emma Sellers |
| Herbert | 8 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Mona E S | 5 mo | d/o | Samuel and Florence Stephenson |
| | | | |
| Henry | 12 | s/o | Tom and Bel (sic) Witty |
| Alfred | 8 | s/o | |
| Herbert | 6 | s/o | |
| James | 3 | s/o | |
| Emma | 9 mo | d/o | |
| | | | |
| Margaret E | 11 | d/o | William and Elizabeth Jackson |
| Charles H | 8 | s/o | |
| George R | 5 | s/o | |
| Alfred | 3 | s/o | |
| | | | |
| Ida | 12 | d/o | Jackson and Annie Atkinson |
| Alice | 10 | d/o | |
| Tom | 6 | s/o | |
| Ethel M | 4 | d/o | |

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EDUCATION ACT 1902 – EAST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK

RETURNS AS TO THE BOARD SCHOOLS IN THE RIDING 1903

**REIGHTON**

Name of School: Reighton United District School Board, Reighton and Speeton.

Clerk: Charles Grey, appointed 29 July 1875 at £15 per annum.

Attendance Officer: The master of the Board's school, who has vacated his office, was school attendance officer at a salary of £5 per annum.

Treasurer: Edward James Smith, York City & County Bank, Westgate, Bridlington.

School Year Ends: 31 May

The school has accommodation for 70 scholars, mixed boys and girls.

Number on Books: 57

Average Attendance: 56.12 (not percent)

The Master's house is provided by the Board and he is charged no rent. The value of the rent of the house as reckoned for purposes of salary is £10 per annum.

Teacher: Robert McClurg

Qualifications: Trained. Certificated.

Appointed: 20 December 1902

Salary: £90 per annum.

**Loans**

Amount originally borrowed and from whom:

£1,000 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, 18th September 1876, and £150 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners 18th June 1877.

**Repayments**

The loans are repayable by fixed annual payments of £42 – 12 – 6 and £6 – 7 – 11 with diminishing interest.

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| Amount owing as of 31 March 1903: | | £785 – 17 – 2 |
| Next instalment due: | 18th June 1903 | £6 – 7 – 11 |

The loans are charged to the civil parishes of Reighton and Speeton.

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| Amount levied as of: | 31 March 1903 | 8d |
| | 31 March 1900 | 8d |
| | 31 March 1901 | 9d |
| | 31 March 1902 | 9d |
| | 31 March 1903 | 7d |

Amount received by the Board under the Agricultural Rates Act 1896:
£29 – 10 – 8, paid annually

| | |
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| Premises Insured by: | Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Co |
| Cost of Buildings: | £1,260 |
| Cost of Furniture: | £25 |
| Amount of Insurance: | £800 |
| Rate of Premium: | 1/6 per £100 |
| Date due: | Michaelmas |
| Name of Agent: | Miss Ann Cape, 29 High Street, Bridlington |
| Name of Caretaker: | John Artley |
| Wages of Caretaker: | £5 per annum, payable quarterly |

# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 1902

**INCOME**

| | |
|---|---|
| Annual Grant from the Education Department: | £ 64 – 12 – 0 |
| Fee Grant from the Education Department: | £ 26 – 15 – 0 |
| Total: | £ 91 – 7 – 0 |
| Rates: | £ 23 – 7 – 1 |
| Total: | £114 – 14 – 1 |

**EXPENDITURE**

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|---|---|
| Teacher's salary: | £ 90 – 0 – 0 |
| Books and stationery | £ 5 – 3 – 3 |
| Apparatus and furniture: | £ 0 – 3 - 0 |
| Fuel, light and cleaning: | £ 12 – 17 – 10 |
| Building repairs: | £ 5 – 18 – 0 |
| Rates, tax and insurance | £ 24 – 14 – 1 |
| Total: | £114 – 14 - 1 |

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This document comprises Education Department reports carried out on schools on account of the 1902 Education Act which brought the old Board Schools founded as a result of the 1870 Education Act and run independently by local Boards, under the control of the Local Education Authorities of the towns nearest to them. The data provided for each school varies from a simple form which was filled in, to fuller more detailed information regarding syllabus, timetables etc.

The schools included in the document are: Atwick, Asselby and Barmby Marsh, Blacktoft, Broomfleet, Bubwith, Burstwick cum Skeckling, Burton Fleming, Cottingham and Dunswell, East Cottingwith, Eastrington, Fridaythorpe, Great Driffield, Hedon, Hemingbrough, Holme on Spalding Moor and Foggathorpe, Holmpton, Hutton Cranswick, Keyingham, Langtoft, Langton, Melbourne, Newport Wallingfen, Owthorn, Preston, Reighton, Rillington, Scalby, Skerne, South Duffield, Spaldington, Thorngumbald, Thwing, Walkington, Willerby, Withernwick, Wold Newton, and Yeddingham.

The timetable for Reighton school is not given, nor are those for Burton Fleming and Wold Newton, the nearest villages to it on which reports are included in the file. The nearest school whose timetable is given is Langtoft, but the school there was considerably larger than that at Reighton and therefore its timetable is unlikely to bear much similarity. Because of this I have added the timetables for the schools at Atwick and Barmby Marsh which were much closer to Reighton in size and are more likely to give an idea of what the timetable would have been like there. It can be assumed that the curriculum offered and timetable were roughly similar to those at Reighton.

<u>Atwick School Timetable 1903</u>

Atwick is similar to Reighton in that it is a small agricultural village close to the coast. It lies two miles north of Hornsea and about fifteen and a half miles from Reighton. Its population in 1892 was 298 and the school had accommodation for sixty one children (Gen UKI).

The school at Atwick had forty pupils on its register and was staffed by a Master and his wife. The school day began at 9 with prayers. At 9:30 the register was marked and closed. The pupils had ten minutes recreation from 10:30 to 10:40 and twenty minutes of religious instruction between 11:40 and 12 when the school closed for lunch. At 1:30 the afternoon session was opened with grace and the registers were closed at 1:45. The children had another ten minutes of recreation between 3:10 and 3:20 and the school closed for the day with prayers at 4.

| | 9:05 – 9:45 | 9:45 – 10:30 | 10:40 – 11:10 | 11:10 – 11:40 | 1:30 – 2:10 | 2:10 – 2:40 | 2:40 – 3:10 | 3:20 – 3:45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MONDAY** | | | | | | | | |
| Standard IV – VI | Dictation | Arithmetic | History | Singing | Boys Drawing (to 3:10) Girls Needlework (to 3:10) | | (Reading and Transcription) | Spelling |
| I – III | Reading | Arithmetic | Dictation & Spelling | Singing | " | | | Reading |
| Infants | Reading | Numbers & Tables | Object Lesson | Singing | " | | | Occupation |
| **TUESDAY** | | | | | | | | |
| Standard IV – VI | Reading | Arithmetic | Geography | Composition | Arithmetic or Tables | Letter Writing | Recitation or Reading | Copy Books |
| I – III | Spelling etc | Arithmetic | Reading | Geography | Recitation | | | |
| Infants | Writing or Word Building | Recitation | Numbers and Tables | Reading | Writing or Reading | Drawing | Occupations | Occupations |
| **WEDNESDAY** | | | | | | | | |
| Standard IV – VI | Reading | Arithmetic | History | English | Arithmetic or Tables | Object Lesson | Open Lesson | Drill |
| I – III | Transcription | Arithmetic | Reading | English | Arithmetic or Tables | Object Lesson | Open Lesson | Drill |
| Infants | Reading | Recitation | Writing and Word Building | Numbers and Tables | Writing or Reading | Drawing | Occupation | Occupation |

| | 9:05 – 9:45 | 9:45 – 10:30 | 10:40 – 11:10 | 11:10 – 11:40 | 1:30 – 2:10 | 2:10 – 2:40 | 2:40 – 3:10 | 3:20 – 3:55 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **THURSDAY** | | | | | | | | |
| Standard IV – VI | Dictation | Arithmetic | Reading | Singing | Boys Drawing (until 3:10) | | Reading | Dictation |
| I – III | Reading | Arithmetic | Dictation | Singing | Girls Needlework (Until 3:10) | | Transcription | Reading |
| Infants | Reading | Numbers and Tables | Object Lesson | Singing | | | Open Lesson | Occupations |
| **FRIDAY** | | | | | | | | |
| Standard IV – VI | Reading | Arithmetic | Geography | Composition | Arithmetic | Open Lesson | Copy Books | Drill |
| I - III | Dictation | Arithmetic | Reading | Geography | Arithmetic | Open Lesson | Copy Books | Drill |
| Infants | Reading | Writing and Word Building | Recitation | Numbers and Tables | Writing or Reading | Drawing | Occupation | Occupation |

Barmby on the Marsh School Timetable January 1903

The school at Barmby on the Marsh had forty infants on its register and fifty one older children. It was staffed by three teachers including one pupil teacher. The village is situated on the banks of the river Derwent about 3½ miles west of Howden. Its population in 1892 was 364.

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:55 – 9:00 | Assembly, prayers and singing |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Monday, Wednesday and Friday English. Tuesday and Thursday Scripture |
| 9:40 | Registration |
| 10:20 | Arithmetic |
| 11:00 | Recreation and Drill |
| 11:15 | Reading |
| 12:00 | Composition, Dictation and Transcription |
| 12:05 | Grace and Dismissal |
| 12:50 | Assembly and Grace |
| 1:30 | Registration |
| 1:40 | Arithmetic |
| 2:20 | Monday and Wednesday Geography. Tuesday and Thursday History. Friday Poetry |
| 3:00 | Recreation and Drill |
| 3:15 | Monday and Wednesday Object Lesson. Tuesday and Thursday Drawing. Friday Singing. |
| 4:15 | Prayers |
| 4:20 | Dismissal |
| NB | Girls sewing during Boys drawing |

Langtoft School Timetable 13 January 1903

Langtoft is a large agricultural village set in a deep valley in the Wolds notorious for flooding. It is situated about six miles north of Driffield and about nine miles south west of Reighton. Its population in 1892 was 565. The school was built in 1846 and could accommodate 150 children, the average attendance being (in 1892) 110. In 1903 there were 133 pupils on the books who were taught by a staff of four. The comparatively large number of pupils meant that they could be taught in six groups as opposed to the three groups at Atwick and what appears to be a single group at Barmby on the Marsh.

Some features of the school day were constant:

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Assembly with Prayers, Hymns and Holy Scripture |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Examination of Home lessons, Recitation and Mental Arithmetic |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Recreation |
| 12:00 | Dismissal with Grace |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | Lunch Break |
| 1:30 | Assembly with Grace |
| 3:00 – 3:10 | Recreation |
| 3:50 – 4:00 | Tables or Preparation of Home Lessons |
| 4:00 | Dismissal with Prayers |

The registers were marked at 9:55 and 1:55 and closed at 10:00 and 2:00. Needlework was taught under Article 101C on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:15 – 3:50. Drill was taken during recreation time on wet days.

| | 10:00 – 10:45 | 11:00 – 11:40 | 11:40 – 12:00 | 1:30 – 2:15 | 2:15 – 3:00 | 3:10 – 3:50 |
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| **MONDAY** | | | | | | |
| Standard | | | | | | |
| 1 | Arithmetic | Reading | Spelling | Copies | Geography | Singing |
| 2 | Arithmetic | Reading | Spelling | Copies | Geography | Singing |
| 3 | Reading | Arithmetic | Spelling | Copies | Dictation | Singing |
| 4 | Reading | Copies | Spelling | Copies | Dictation | Singing |
| 5 | Arithmetic | Object Lesson | Singing | Writing | V Occupation | Reading |
| 6 | Reading | Object Lesson | Singing | Reading | V Occupation | Writing |
| **TUESDAY** | | | | | | |
| Standard | | | | | | |
| 1 | Composition | Reading | Drill | Transcription | Drawing | Drawing |
| 2 | Arithmetic | Object Lesson | Drill | Reading | Drawing | Drawing |
| 3 | Reading | Object Lesson | Drill | Arithmetic | Drawing | Drawing |
| 4 | Arithmetic | Object Lesson | Drill | Reading | Drawing | Drawing |
| 5 | Reading | Writing | Drill | Writing | K Drawing | Reading |
| 6 | Arithmetic | Reading | Drill | Reading | K Drawing | Writing |
| **WEDNESDAY** | | | | | | |
| Standard | | | | | | |
| 1 | Arithmetic | Reading | Drill | Composition | Geography | Map Drawing |
| 2 | Arithmetic | Reading | Drill | Dictation | Geography | Transcription |
| 3 | Reading | Dictation | Drill | Arithmetic | Transcription | Geography |
| 4 | Reading | Dictation | Drill | Arithmetic | Transcription | Geography |
| 5 | Arithmetic | Reading | Singing | Reading | Word Building | Singing |
| 6 | Reading | Writing | Singing | Reading | Word Building | Singing |

| | 10:00 – 10:45 | 11:00 – 11:40 | 11:40 – 12:00 | 1:30 – 2:15 | 2:15 – 3:00 | 3:10 – 3:50 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **THURSDAY** | | | | | | |
| Standard | | | | | | |
| 1 | Arithmetic | Reading | Spelling | Dictation | Drawing | Drawing |
| 2 | Arithmetic | Reading | Spelling | Dictation | Drawing | Drawing |
| 3 | Reading | Dictation | Spelling | Arithmetic | Drawing | Drawing |
| 4 | Reading | Copies | Spelling | Arithmetic | Drawing | Drawing |
| 5 | Reading | Object Lesson | Singing | Arithmetic | K Drawing | Reading |
| 6 | Writing | Object Lesson | Singing | Reading | K Drawing | Writing |
| **FRIDAY** | | | | | | |
| Standard | | | | | | |
| 1 | Arithmetic | Reading | Drill | Copies | Geography | Singing |
| 2 | Reading | Object Lesson | Drill | Copies | Geography | Singing |
| 3 | Word Building | Object Lesson | Drill | Copies | Arithmetic | Singing |
| 4 | Word Building | Object Lesson | Drill | Reading | Dictation | Reading |
| 5 | Word Building | Writing | Drill | Arithmetic | V Occupation | Writing |
| 6 | Writing | Reading | Drill | Arithmetic | V Occupation | Writing |

Drill was PE of the 'physical jerks' type, ie repetitive movements of the arms and legs performed in a regimented fashion, and as such reflects the country's concern with the armed forces and empire. The general physical condition of recruits for the Boer War which took place immediately before these timetables were drawn up caused concern among the commanders of those in charge of training and this, in turn, led to an increased emphasis on improving the health and fitness of the youth of the country.

The subjects 'occupation', 'object lesson', 'K drawing etc' remain a mystery but 'word building' can be reasonably assumed to be a way of teaching the children to read words which they were unfamiliar with. Overall the curriculum seems to have been largely devoted to the 'three R's' ie reading, writing and arithmetic, with the additional 'R' of religion. Given that the majority of the pupils at each of these schools were the children of agricultural labourers the curriculum provided seems to have given them a good basic education, apart from the slightly odd emphasis on drawing which cannot have had much practical use to children who were likely to be employed in farming as adults. However, it may have been intended to encourage those who had aspirations towards occupations other than on the land. Where the school was large enough to allow for it basic instruction in History, Geography and Poetry was provided. It would appear that one teacher specialised in each such subject and taught the same lesson to different groups at different times, perhaps altering the subject to suit each standard's level of understanding (see Wednesdays afternoons at Langtoft).

As well as Infants, there were six levels of achievement, or 'standards' into which schools were split. Standard 1 was the most basic and standard 6 the most advanced. Although these would roughly correspond to one standard for each year that a child spent in the school they were levels of attainment rather than age based, and a child would pass from one standard to another when they had reached that level of education rather than at a given age. This also depended to some extent on the calibre of the children and the attitude of their parents. Of course, where the numbers of children, staff and classrooms were limited it was inevitable that each standard could not be taught separately. It would have been unfeasible to expect a lone schoolmaster, even assisted by his wife, to provide separate lessons for children of the six different standards when there would have only been one or two classrooms available and only a few children of each standard. Thus it can be seen from the timetables that standards were grouped together according to the staff and space available. Some lessons, such as drill or singing, could be taught to the whole school at once. With others, such as writing, children could be set work to do unsupervised while the teacher actively taught other classes.

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## STANDARD I

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| Reading | One of the narratives next in order after monosyllables in an elementary reading book used in the school. |
| Writing | Copy in manuscript character a line of print, and write from dictation a few common words. |
| Arithmetic | Simple addition and subtraction of numbers of not more than four figures, and the multiplication table to multiplication by six. |

## STANDARD II

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| Reading | A short paragraph from an elementary reading book |
| Writing | A sentence from the same book, slowly read once, and then dictated in single words. |
| Arithmetic | The multiplication table, and any simple rule as far as short division (inclusive). |

## STANDARD III

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| Reading | A short paragraph from a more advanced reading book. |
| Writing | A sentence slowly dictated once by a few words at a time, from the same book. |
| Arithmetic | Long division and compound rules (money). |

## STANDARD IV

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| Reading | A few lines of poetry or prose, at the choice of the inspector. |
| Writing | A sentence slowly dictated once, by a few words at a time, from a reading book, such as is used by the first class of the school. |
| Arithmetic | Compound rules (common weights and measures). |

## STANDARD V

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| Reading | A short ordinary paragraph in a newspaper, or other modern narrative. |
| Writing | Another short ordinary paragraph in a newspaper, or other modern narrative slowly dictated once by a few words at a time. |
| Arithmetic | Practice and bills of parcels. |

## STANDARD VI

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| Reading | To read with fluency and expression. |
| Writing | A short theme or letter, or an easy paraphrase. |
| Arithmetic | Proportion and fractions (vulgar and decimal). |