



Extracts from St Stephen's School Log Books

June 28th 1875

The Reverend W Inge opened this school on Monday the 28th June. Seven children were admitted. Two came from Alrewas School. Very little notice had been given of its commencement in consequence of not knowing whether Miss Shrines could commence at Alrewas. Two more admitted on Tuesday. Mr Sellick came on Thursday.

22nd July 1875

Only seven children at school, on account of a huge flood in Fradley. Water in several houses.

Report of the Diocesan Inspector, February 28th 1877

The religious instruction in this little school is very successfully imparted. The knowledge of simple Bible Stories is very good, and the repetition of Creed Hymns texts &c is correct and distinct. The school is classed as "Good".

20th June 1877

Wednesday. Gave the children a half day's holiday. All the Fradley Infants met at Mrs Shaw's at half past 2 o'clock to have a rosette which Mrs Shaw had kindly made pinned on each child. Then Mrs Shaw put them all in a wagon to go to Alrewas Cottage to Mrs Sellick's to have tea with the Alrewas children.

9th July 1878

Several children absent for haymaking. Gave a Scripture lesson "The Creation", "Fall of Man" and "Expulsion from Eden". Commenced teaching 7 times table.

21st June 1887

A whole holiday in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Tea and amusements provided for the children this afternoon.

27th July 1887

Holiday on account of the Flower Show.

4th December 1893

I have today entered upon duties as Mistress of Fradley School. Admitted three children. Monitor absent through sickness.

F S Hooker.

29th July 1897

Florrie Davis very defiant and naughty. Punished with one stroke on right hand. Absent on Friday because of punishment by order of "Grandmother".

23rd September 1897

The vicar caned 3 boys before the whole school for rude behaviour to Miss Nettleton.

22nd November 1897

Girls over 9 years and boys over 8 years sent to Alrewas School as HMI advised because of outer offices.

21st February 1902

A poor attendance all this week. Edith Hallam, Frank Perry absent because of bad chilblains in their feet. Mistress's time spent for most part with infant classes to instruct new monitress.

20th February 1906

Three children continually late, viz Mabel, Harold and Doris Sandars. When reprov'd, their mother wrote in a most disrespectful manner.

(Note at start of a new Log-book: Head Teacher paid £90 per year 1900. F S Hooker.

1st July 1908

All children over 5 years old put up into second class under Miss Eva Hooker. Mary Jane Woolley had to leave; there is therefore no teacher for third class. Vicar visited this afternoon.

20th April 1914

Dorothy Maud Hooker allowed to remain after marriage until Summer Holidays. (Dorothy Maud Turner).

31st August 1914

School opened today. Gertrude Mora Jennie Hooker appointed to take the place of Dorothy Maud Turner.

1st May 1923

F S Hooker given in her notice to the Managers