Monday, January 4, 1875

Written Examinations, –
Subjects, Geometry, Study of Words, Arithmetic, Spelling, History.

Tuesday, January 5, 1875

Written Examinations – Continued.
Subjects, – Geography and Grammar
Bills for quarter, ending Jan 1. sent to Boston.

Friday, January 8, 1875

Miss Jones absent sick
Monday, January 11, 1875

Health statements collected.

Consulted Dr. Dixon in reference to an examination of the pupils’ eyes.

Tuesday, January 12, 1875

Made estimate for coming year with Judge C.

Monday, January 18, 1875

Miss Stevens absent sick.

Mr. Russell gave a singing lesson.

Wednesday, January 20, 1875

Miss Stevens absent sick. Mr. Russell gave a singing lesson.

Thursday, January 21, 1875

Mr. Brown visited the school. Two Misses Whitney from Lancaster also visited us.

Friday, January 22, 1875

Mr. Adams absent to visit the Rhode Island Normal School.

Written examinations.

Miss Stevens still sick and absent.

Monday, January 25, 1875

Examinations continued and concluded.

Received the Nov: Commissioner’s Report for 1873.
Tuesday, January 26, 1875
Prof Eaton and Miss Ayers visited the school.
Began to talk of some kind of refectory here in the building

Wednesday, January 27, 1875
Miss Gile from the Belmont St. School visited us.

Thursday, January 28, 1875
Received the “First Catalogue and Circular” from the printer and began to distribute them.

Tuesday, February 2, 1875
School closed for vacation.

Tuesday, February 23, 1875
School reopened. Twenty-two applicants. 1st Class had examinations in the Hall, 2nd Class in no. 3. # Began to examine pupils’ eyes and to gather more extensive statistics.

Wednesday, February 24, 1875
Examinations continued.
1st Class corrected each others papers.

Thursday, February 25, 1875
Examinations continued and concluded.
Results of each applicant’s examinations given to her as dismissed.
Friday, February 26, 1875
Programme of work made out.

Monday, March 1, 1875
Miss Foster sick and absent. Two new applicants. Programme put upon the blackboard.

Tuesday, March 2, 1875
Miss Foster still absent.
First-drawing lesson given by Mr. M. J. Green of Boston.

Thursday, March 4, 1875
Great snow-storm.

Friday, March 5, 1875
Lecture on Entomology by Prof. F. Sanborn; present
Mr. Russell and Mr. Henry Brown.
Prof. Green of Brown University and Prof. Smith of Worc. Aead. visited the school.

Monday, March 8, 1875
Great snow-storm. Thirty-six pupils came and were sent home.
Books labelled and miscellaneous work done in the office.

Tuesday, March 9, 1875
Miss Foster returned.
Regular programme carried out entirely for the first time.
Thursday, March 11, 1875
Visited by Miss Prentice of Meriden, N.H. and Miss Fitts of Worcester.

Monday, March 15, 1875
Visited by Mr. Rice of Barre.

Monday, March 22, 1875
Rev. Mr. Mayo of Springfield read an Essay upon the Teacher’s work.
Judge Chapin, Mr. Henry Brown and Miss Stevens present.
Rev. Henry Blanchard came with Mr. Mayo.

Tuesday, March 23, 1875
The dining-room was put in order and used for the first time.
Several unknown visitors.

Wednesday, March 24, 1875
Mr. Theo. Brown visited the school.

Friday, March 26, 1875
Rev. Mr. Butter and several other visitors.
Marching in connection with singing begun.

Monday, March 29, 1875
Several visitors-unknown.

Tuesday, March 30, 1875
Prof. Eaton, Mrs. Crompton, two Misses Crompton, Miss Southwick of Uxbridge, Miss Eva Brown, Miss Russell and several other visitors.

Wednesday, March 31, 1875
Mr. Henry Brown, Miss Fitts, Miss Perry and two or three other visitors.

Monday, April 5, 1875
Miss Adams visited the school.

Tuesday, April 6, 1875
One visitor – friend of Miss Fogg.

Wednesday, April 7, 1875
Mrs. P. E. Aldrich and Miss Sanderson (?) of Springfield visited the school.
Mrs. Russell and a friend from New Jersey.

Thursday, April 8, 1875
Fact. No school.

Monday, April 12, 1875
Mr. Adams absent.
Examinations in Grammar, Geography, Spelling, Arithmetic and Algebra and Physiology.
Visited by Rev. Mr. Hussey of Billerica two other visitors.

Tuesday, April 13, 1875
Examinations continued.
Drawing, as usual.

Very stormy day.

Wednesday, April 14, 1875

But a few scholars present – at 9 o’clock. Later, half the usual number.


Thursday, April 15, 1875

Mr. Words of Brimfield, Miss Hunt of Barre.

Mr. A’s examinations concluded.

Monday, April 19, 1875

Mr. Russell absent. Gone to the Centennial Celebration at Concord.

Mrs. Buxton and two strangers visited the school.

Very cold, windy day.

Tuesday, April 20, 1875

Several visitors.

Wednesday, April 21, 1875

Report of work of pupils handed in.

Miss H. Pratt of Weymouth and two other visitors.

Mercury in N. E. Recitation Room not above 51° in two hours!
Thursday, April 22, 1875
Miss Alice Rogerson and three others – strangers.

Friday, April 23, 1875
Mr. Marble.

Monday, April 26, 1875
Mrs. Theo. Brown and Miss Lucretia P. Hale.
The Normal School Cat – adopted by Miss Porter.

Tuesday, April 27, 1875
Miss Paul – graduate of Salem – from Newbury-port.
Mr. Rice of Barre.

Wednesday, April 28, 1875
Three ladies – unknown.

Thursday, April 29, 1875
Checks for money, due April 1 arrived.

Friday, April 30, 1875
School closed for a week’s vacation.

Monday, May 10, 1875
School reopened – 70 pupils. Re-seating and changing of books took the time of two recitations.
Visited by Mr. Putnam – father of Miss J. P.
Tuesday, May 11, 1875

Visitors – Misses Davis and Rice.

Friday, May 14, 1875

Rev. Mr. Buxton.

Saturday, May 15, 1875

(Visited Summer St. Schools – Miss Wells, Miss Meriam and Miss Buttrick also Belmont St. Schools – Miss Dean and Miss Upton.)

R. J.

Tuesday, May 18, 1875

Two unknown visitors.

(Visited Dix St. Schools, Mr. Fairbanks, Miss Meade, Miss Aldrich, Miss Harrington, Miss Daniels, Miss Forbes, Miss Moulton and Miss Giddings.)

R. J.

Wednesday, May 19, 1875

Miss Mary Warren and Miss A. Phillips.

C and D classes examined in Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic – time of two recitations given to each, 9.10 – 10.35; 11.25 – 1.30; 1.35 – 3.00 – A and B classes as usual.

Checks for April rec’d.

Friday, May 21, 1875

Dr. Studley and Miss Smith.

Saturday, May 22, 1875
(Visited Mr. Comins, Miss Lawton, Miss Clement, Miss Townsend, Miss Melanefy, Miss Amidon, Miss Davis – at Woodland St. Scho.)

R. J.

Monday, May 24, 1875
Miss Studley, M. D. talked to school about Months, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Russell present.

Tuesday, May 25, 1875
Misses Houghton and Taft – Mr. Brown.
Result of examination and re-arrangement of C and D announced.

Wednesday, May 26, 1875
Misses Tucker, Fairfield and another lady.

Thursday, May 27, 1875
“Mrs. L. Baker” and Mrs. C. Smith.

Tuesday, June 1, 1875
Prof. Eaton visited the school.

x Mr. Woodman, (Miss Hobman), Misses Smith, Carle, Cowles, Geary, Smith, Cowles, King, Callaghan, Maynard; - Mrs. Foskett, Misses Brown, Dwyer, Cosgrove, Spent, Mrs. Darling.
(Spent the day in Ledge St. and East Worcester Schools – ten and six schools visited. x R. J.)

Wednesday, June 2, 1875
Miss M. I. Gale and brother, two strangers.
Thursday, June 3, 1875

Three unknown visitors.

Mr. Russell rec’d the June check from Boston.

Monday, June 7, 1875

# Visited Lamartine St. School – eleven. Mr. Haynes: Misses King, Spalding, Danson, Conant, Barker, Kavanaugh, Lew, Kenney, Shannon and Perry. R. J.)

Wednesday, June 9, 1875

Mrs. Crane of Boston talked to the school half an hour about dress-reform.

Misses Phillips and Hitchcock.

Thursday, June 10, 1875

Mrs. Jones – (Miss Boyden’s sister) and a Mrs. Oarle.

Friday, June 11, 1875

Mrs. Flagg

Saturday, June 12, 1875

(Visited eleven schools; - Mr. Jones, Misses Warren, Phillips, Nichols, Ohenry, Reed – at Belmont St. Misses Forsyth, Hitchcock, Souther, Evrett, Cavanaugh at Thomas St. R. J.)

Monday, June 14, 1875

Prof. Eaton, wife and friend.

Spent A. M. at Thomas St. in Mrs. Waite’s room – making questions for examination in Pri. Schools – R. J.
Tuesday, June 15, 1875
Mr. Russell absent – went to “Reunion” at Dudley.
Two friends of Miss Putnam from Whitinsville.
Secretary White made the school a call.
Two or three young lady visitors.
No drawing.

Monday, June 21, 1875
Two or three unknown visitors.

Tuesday, June 22, 1875
See 29.

Wednesday, June 23, 1875
Misses Williams and Jones

Thursday, June 24, 1875
Mayor Jillson and Mr. Marble.

Friday, June 25, 1875
Two or three unknown visitors.

Monday, June 28, 1875
Mr. Russell absent – at High Schools until 11.25.
Tuesday, June 29, 1875

Mr. Adams absent except one hour.

Visitors – three Westfield graduates. Mrs. West, Willie, and Mrs. Spring.

(Visited E. Worcester and Prov. St. Schools, - Miss Russell, Miss Stovell, Misses Radcliffe, Connor, – King, Newton, Towne, Maynard, Overend, McMamoney) R.J.

Wednesday, June 30, 1875

Mr. Barton, Mrs. Sanborne of Concord.

Thursday, July 1, 1875

Mr. Baldwin – from Harvard College, previously from LeRoy, N.Y.

Miss A. L. Howe, Holden, Mrs. E. C. Allen, S. Gardner.

Rev. Mr. Buxton.

Examination in drawing. Extra lesson by Mr. Green.

Friday, July 2, 1875

Visitors – Mrs. Bangs, (LeRoy, N.Y.) Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Bennet, Mrs. – , Miss Proctor, Miss Lyford, Judge Chapin, Mr. Stevens, Rev. W. I. Sleeper, Mrs. Sleeper, James Taylor, Bristol, N.H. Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Bristol, N.H. W. W. Sleeper, Bowdoin Col.

Monday, July 5, 1875

No school.

Tuesday, July 6, 1875

Five or six unknown lady visitors.
Two drawing lessons with each class.
Examinations C, D – Algebra, Reading, A. B. Nat. Philos.

Wednesday, July 7, 1875
Visitors, Mr. Walton of Westfield. Miss White of Albany N.Y.
Mr. Russell attended Exercises of Technical School in P.M.

Thursday, July 8, 1875
Mr. Adams absent – gone to Prov. to American Institute.
Visitors – Miss White, four or five unknown people, also Mrs. Dr. Studley.
Examinations – History, Geography, Reading, Physiology, Spelling, Arithmetic.

Friday, July 9, 1875
Mr. Warren of Spencer, Miss Proctor, Miss Whits and four or five strangers – Miss Gates.
Examinations in Geography (A + B), Composition.

Monday, July 12, 1875
Miss White, Misses Cotton, Haverstrand, King, – Mr. Doe, Miss Adams and several others.

Tuesday, July 13, 1875
Rev. E. H. Hall, Miss White, Miss Whitmore, Miss Hemenway, Miss Morse, a score of strangers – perhaps more.
Circulars rec’d from the printer.

Wednesday, July 14, 1875
Examinations of the new class – commenced, Arithmetic, Grammar, Composition finished. The second class (C, D) were required to take the examinations and A, B – allowed to do so.

Thursday, July 15, 1875
Examinations in history. In general, Spelling, Geography, Reading.

Friday, July 16, 1875
Report made to the applicants concerning the results of their examinations.
School work at last concluded.

Tuesday, September 14, 1875
School re-opened. Twenty-five applicants for admission. Two changes in the corps of teachers – Mr. Henry Brown present, Miss Stevens absent. Secretary White, Mr. McKay – (Rev.)

Wednesday, September 15, 1875
Three lady visitors – one teacher in Salt Lake City.
Examinations continued.

Thursday, September 16, 1875
Examinations concluded.
Judge Chapin and two lady visitors.

Saturday, September 18, 1875
Teachers’ meeting from 2.30 – 5.55.

Monday, September 20, 1875
Mrs. King from Nantucket.

Regular work with programmes commenced at second hour and carried through the day.

Wednesday, September 22, 1875
Mr. Adams – absent.
Drawing continued.

Monday, September 27, 1875
A gentleman and lady – friends of Miss King visited the school.

Wednesday, September 29, 1875
Mr. Russell absent – gone to Boston to get the chemicals through the Custom House.

Monday, October 4, 1875
Miss Foster absent all day – sick; Mr. Russell absent in P.M. also ill.
Miss Ball’s father in school and two other visitors.

Tuesday, October 5, 1875 [“5” in “October 5” crossed out and replaced with “19”]
Miss Stewart of High School spent most of the day. An unknown gentleman (“G. B. C.”) made a long visit.
Mr. Russell absent most of the day.
Miss Thwing sick!

Saturday, October 9, 1875
Reading class.

Wednesday, October 13, 1875
Drawing changed to Thursday.

Miss Porter absent.

Mr. Hubbard (G. D) spent the day in school. Several unknown visitors. Mrs. Packard, Mrs. [space left], Miss McKay, Mr. McKay, Prof. Kimball.

Thursday, October 14, 1875
Drawing.
Miss Foster absent.

Friday, October 15, 1875
Mr. Kneeland – of State Board spent most of the day.
Three or four stranger – ladies.

Saturday, October 16, 1875
Reading class.

Monday, October 18, 1875
Visitors – Mr. Henry Knight, Mrs. Buxton, a friend of Miss Tucker and just at the close of school – Mr. E. A. Hubbard.

Tuesday, October 19, 1875
See Oct, 5.

Wednesday, October 20, 1875
Mrs. Dr. Studley gave a lecture – the first of four to be given. Mr. E. A. Hubbard in school.
Thursday, October 21, 1875
Drawing.

Friday, October 22, 1875
Mr. and Mrs. Boston and Mrs. Webber.
Half-holiday given the schools at noon.

Saturday, October 23, 1875
Reading class.

Monday, October 25, 1875
Mr. Brown absent in P.M. – ill.

Tuesday, October 26, 1875
Miss Shattuck, two or three strangers.
Mr. Brown absent in A.M.

Wednesday, October 27, 1875
Mr. Marble, Mr. Lord, a stranger.
Arrival of plaster busts.
Mrs. Dr. Studley gave second lecture – (at two o’clock.)

Thursday, October 28, 1875
Drawing.
Monday, November 1, 1875
Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Brooks.
Miss Caldwell (?) teacher from Framingham and three pupils.

Tuesday, November 2, 1875
Mr. Russell presented at the meeting of the School Board the plan for practice on the Public Schools and the matter was referred to the Comm. on teachers.

Wednesday, November 3, 1875
Dr. Studley gave her third lecture.
Visitor – gentleman friend of Miss Cooper!

Thursday, November 4, 1875
Miss Ballard visited the school.

Friday, November 5, 1875
Mr. Russell visited schools of Notre Dame in A.M.
Three ladies, three gentlemen visitors.

Monday, November 8, 1875
Miss Anna Harrington – visitor.

Tuesday, November 9, 1875
Mr. and Mrs. Putnam.

Wednesday, November 10, 1875
Rev. Mr. Buxton, Miss Bullard, Miss Summer.
Examination of Mrs. Studley’s work in P.M.

Thursday, November 11, 1875
Miss Foster absent – sick. Miss J. absent to visit the Framingham Normal School and the Wellesley College.
Money dues Nov. 1 arrived this day.

Friday, November 12, 1875
Visitors – Miss Georges and a friend, Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. [space left]
Miss Taylor, (LeRoy, N.Y.)

Monday, November 15, 1875
Third and fourth sections examined in Algebra.

Wednesday, November 17, 1875
Mrs. Dr. Studley met the school for an hour at ten o’clock – gave result of examinations – 1st class 32.2%, 2nd cl. 19%, 3d, 7%.
Third and fourth sections examined in geography.
Mr. Russell at a meeting of Principals gave plan of practice.

Thursday, November 18, 1875
Drawing.
Friday, November 19, 1875


Visitors – Judge Chapin, Mr. Marble, Mr. Price, Miss Hayden of Harrington, Me. Mr. Lord, two Brown brothers and a stranger lady and daughter. School closed for a week’s vacation.

Monday, November 29, 1875

Teachers met to decide about pupils but Mr. Russell had to go to Boston and all went home before noon.

Tuesday, November 30, 1875

Mercury five below zero. School did not meet until half past eleven because the building was cold. Mr. Metcalf called to see about tickets for Prof. Proctor’s lecture.

Wednesday, December 1, 1875

Dr. Studley took an hour after two o’clock to answer questions that had been handed in.

Very cold day but not as windy as yesterday.

Thursday, December 2, 1875

Drawing lessons.

Visitors – Mr. R. Radley, Mr. Lorey.

Friday, December 3, 1875

Re-division of classes announced to school. First class, (half of it) assigned to several schools for practice.

Visitors – Miss Putnam’s “Committee” – a stranger lady.
Monday, December 6, 1875

Apprenticeship began – Miss Whiteman at Miss Warren’s, Miss Ball at Miss Phillips’. Miss Corper at Miss Thomas’, Miss Crouk at Miss Dwyer’s, Miss Bigelow at Miss Daniels, Miss Proctor at Miss Aldrich’s, Miss Williams and Miss Gates’.

Tuesday, December 7, 1875

Mrs. Denby and a friend visited the school.

Miss Sherman with Miss Callaghan, Miss Tucker with Miss Mack, Miss Thwing with Miss Clement, Miss Bennet with Miss N— [name unclear], Miss Johnson with Miss Peace.

Thursday, December 9, 1875

Miss Jones absent all day, visiting schools.

Friday, December 10, 1875

Miss Nelly Houghton and a friend from the high school.

Saturday, December 11, 1875

School in session all day for the first trial of the changes.

Miss Jones absent visiting schools in the A.M. as every day of the past week except Weds. A.M.

Monday, December 13, 1875

Holiday to the school – expect two hours of A.M. with half the school.

Miss J. visited city schools.

Tuesday, December 14, 1875

Miss J – absent all day – visiting schools. Drawing changed from Thursday.
Wednesday, December 15, 1875
Miss J – absent – sick. Mr. Hubbard visited the school.

Friday, December 17, 1875
Mr. Hubbard, Judge Chapin, visitors.

Tuesday, December 21, 1875
Drawing.
Visitors, Mr. Lucky – Supt. Schools Pittsburg, Penns., stranger and Mr. Marble.

Wednesday, December 22, 1875
Visitors, Mr. F. H. Morgan – Harvard Seniors; Mr. W. W. Sleeper, Mr. Slack and two friends from Amherst; Mr. Pratt, graduate of Bridgewater N. School.

Thursday, December 23, 1875
Visitor – Miss Eaton, graduate and teacher at [“South” crossed out] Framingham Normal School.

Saturday, December 25, 1875
Holiday.

Tuesday, December 28, 1875
Drawing as usual. Miss J – absent.

Wednesday, December 29, 1875
[“Several unkno” crossed out] Holiday. Mr. Russell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Adams, Miss Foster and Miss Jones attended Convention in Boston.
Thursday, December 30, 1875
Several Unknown visitors. Miss Tucker spent most of day.

Friday, December 31, 1875
Miss Warren, Miss Snow; Mr. Carmine, several strangers.

[end of 1875]