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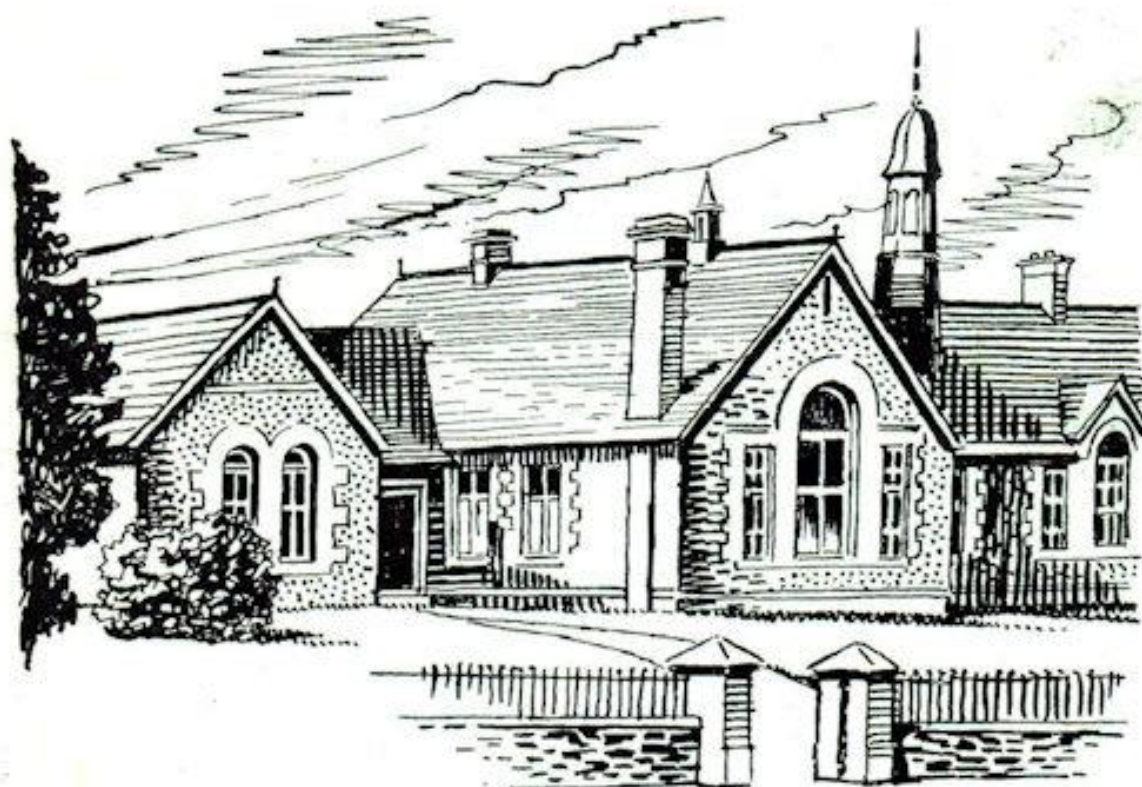
A History of Callington County Primary School

written, just before his retirement in 1974,
by the then Headteacher,

Mr Clifford Trevorrow.

It covers the period from 1842 to 1974.

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CALLINGTON
County Primary School



FOREWORD

Now that I am about to retire I have decided to put into print the remarkable history of this school.

This would not be possible without the valuable assistance of my predecessor, the late Mr. W. F. Harris who perused many of the old log books and presented to me much of the early history of the old buildings which used to stand on the corner of Saltash Road.

It is a story full of incident and I shall leave with memories which I shall love to recall ; memories which will linger with me for ever.

I hope some of the pupils—present and past—who read this short history will enjoy a similar experience.

C. Trevorrow.

School Managers

Chairman : Mr. J. M. Tamblyn, C.C.

Vice-Chairman : Mrs. L. M. Uglow, J.P.

Mr. F. Rogers, O.B.E., C.A.

Mr. W. Palmer, Rev. G. Caink, Mr. P. J. E. Hambly,
Mr. V. R. Daniel, Mr. J. S. Wenmoth, Mrs. H. M. Pollard,
Mrs. W. Skelton, Mr. R. Meehan.

Staff

Mr. C. Trevorrow (Headmaster)

Mr. J. N. Broadhurst (Deputy Headmaster)

Mrs. M. P. Herring (Head of the Infant Department)

Mr. R. Adkinson

Mr. B. H. Smith

Mr. E. S. Luxton, B.Ed.

Mrs. A. L. Troup

Mrs. P. M. Chubb

Miss V. F. Honey

Mrs. C. D. Wilson, B.A.

Mrs. J. M. Delahoyde

Mr. J. Tallon, Dip. Ed., L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L.

Non-Teaching Staff

Mrs. L. Jefferys, Mrs. G. D. James, Mrs. W. J. Turner,

Mrs. B. Robinson, Mrs. M. E. Warn, Mrs. M. F. Willcocks,

Mrs. J. T. Black, Mrs. P. L. Hoffman, Mrs. E. Thomson,

Mrs. C. Stafford, Miss R. M. Wooldridge, Mrs. D. E. Bolitho,

Mrs. E. A. Mead, Mr. H. Bolt, Mrs. F. E. Morley,

Mrs. F. J. Cradick, Mrs. J. Croft, Mrs. L. J. Olver.

In 1842 the Marquis of Northampton gave about half an acre of land upon which a Church School was to be built. The land had previously been used as an overflow sheep market when the main market was overcrowded, and it seems likely that one of the Callington toll gates was situated upon it.

Unfortunately no record remains concerning the first eleven years of the history of the school, but from 1863 a day-by-day account provides a wealth of information about educational matters and life in general in Callington and throughout the land.

The list of Head Teachers reads as follows :—

a. Infant Department.

- i. Katherine Garrett (From opening of the school until 1869).
- ii. Marie Wickers (1869-1883).
- iii. L. A. Wise (1883-1886).
- iv. Ada Symons (nee Ada Harris) (1887-1888).
- v. I. A. Reed (1888-1892).
- vi. Emily Grills (1892-1898).
- vii. Ada A. Jago (1899-1930).

In 1930 the Infant Department ceased to exist as a separate unit.

b. Middle School.

- i. John Crawes (From opening of the school until 1864).
- ii. R. M. Musprance (1864-1866).
- iii. John Best (1866-1868).
- iv. Henry Tranter (1868-1874).
- v. Philip J. Michell (1874).
- vi. John Burrell (1875).
- vii. Ebenezer William Spiller (1875-1879).
- viii. William Dalton (1879-1882).
- ix. George William Lewis Reynolds (1882-1885).
- x. William Thomas Butland (1885-1891).
- xi. Joseph Jenkin (1891-1925).
- xii. William F. Harris (1925-1960).
- xiii. Clifford Trevorrow (1960-1974).

Upper School (called a Grammar School).

This was given the name of 'The Shell' and was held outside the school buildings at the Wellington Inn (The Blue Cap Hotel). This department was in the charge of the Clergy with the Rector as Revd. Principal. The curriculum included Latin and French. The Government Inspectors of Schools strongly objected to this class being held away from the main building and finally decreed that no grant would be payable as long as the system continued.

The school was closely associated with the Church, and services were held each Friday morning from eleven until twelve. It seems as if children have not changed greatly from that time, for the Head Teacher complained that some of the children went home instead of to Church, and were punished accordingly.

Holidays were given on Saints' Days, but it must have come as rather a surprise to the parents when the children arrived home with the news that they had been given a half holiday as it was the Rector's wife's birthday! In addition the school was closed for many unusual reasons including (a) Elections, (b) Magistrates' Meetings, (c) Oddfellows' Club, (d) A Masonic Bazaar, (e) Volunteers, (f) Teas, etc., (g) Christmas tree in the school room, (h) Infectious diseases, (i) Severe weather conditions.

The payment of fees caused a great deal of distress to the poor people in those days. In fact, one headmaster in 1878 said that the collection of fees was his most difficult task, adding 'Great poverty exists in the town and many are too poor to pay the school fees', and these were sent home from school. The amount charged varied from time to time. At first it was a penny a week per child, but in 1864 the headmaster had to enforce the higher rate of payment. 'In future', he says, 'a penny will be the exception and 2d. and 4d. the rule'. Some children left the school when this rule was enforced. In 1877 there was a further increase; payment was made according to the work of the parent. Thus the children of labourers paid 3d. each, the children of skilled labourers and men working on their own account were charged 4d. each. The children of employers had to make arrangements with the treasurer. In 1887 a new sliding scale was adopted, and a parent paid according to the number of children in a family—2d. for one, 4d. for two, 5d. for three and 6d. for four. It must have been a great relief for the Headmaster to write on 31st August, 1891 'No fees taken this morning as the Managers have decided to accept the grant offered under the Free Education Act'.

As was to be expected, before compulsory education was introduced, the attendance was very poor. But even when it became compulsory it was still described as very bad, and we get such entries as these :—

- (a) Poor attendance—wet weather.
- (b) Many parents under the impression that they can claim holiday, a day or half a day per week.
- (c) Circus in town; two boys (brothers) only ones present.
- (d) Very small attendance in the morning, there being a circus in the town. No child present in the afternoon.
- (e) Boys are kept home to work in the hay-field or potato digging, and girls for strawberry picking.
- (f) Sent the teachers around to the houses between 12.15 and 2 p.m. to look after and ascertain the cause of absence of so many in the Infants' Department. Invariably the parents said it was too cold, and their children are delicate since 'having the measles'.
- (g) There were twenty applications for three months exemption for fruit picking.

Desperate attempts were made to improve the attendance—these included the giving of prizes and the awarding of more play-time. There was little improvement, but the headmaster lamented sadly 'This is perhaps the consequence of the near view of tea and the Christmas treat'.

Punishment was a sore point in those days, and we are led to believe that contrary to popular belief, the behaviour of our children today compares quite favourably with that of those who attended school so many years ago. We refrain from giving dates in this section lest any parent should have to face the question 'Wasn't that when you went to school, daddy (mummy)?' What punishment would you suggest in the following cases?

- (a) A boy who was called to the desk for caning refused to hold out his hand, and kissed all the girls he passed on the way back to his seat.
- (b) Two boys who, instead of standing still to receive their punishment, played a game of hide and seek with the headmaster.
- (c) Members of an evening class. The headmaster was asked to leave and sing in a choir. Two teachers were left in charge, but being unequal to managing such a tribe of semi-civilized beings, a scene of confusion arose, a teacher was abused, the ink thrown about, bottles knocked off, etc., and at the end the whole party left the school, kicking up a row outside, during which a pane of glass was broken.

Beside the usual method of corporal punishment other methods were tried. For instance, a boy guilty of theft had his hands tied all day. But this apparently was unsuccessful, for less than a fortnight later the same boy stole another boy's pasty and hid his bag in a wall in the yard.

Another headmaster who found that children often arrived late for morning assembly would wait for all to be in place and then solemnly put the hands of the clock back to nine o'clock.

I feel that the master who wrote 'Had to flog a boy who kept annoying the rest of the school by laughing without any excuse for it' deserves our sympathy, as does another who wrote 'Form IV sang a hymn, and the children of Form V distinguished themselves by their indecent laughter'.

About a hundred years ago a headmaster wrote 'Very few of the IVth Form children have slates. There is a great deficiency of Bibles. Gave them the Lord's Prayer to write, not more than half of them did more than ten words, and most of these misspelt. The only reading book for this form is a 'History of England'. The geography is very bad and what little they know has been committed to memory from a small primer on that subject.

'The slope of the desks is so great that slates and pencils are constantly slipping off, and the lowest desk is too high for the tallest boy in the school to write on comfortably.

'Found that boys in the Vth Form fancied that they ought to be permitted the privilege of talking and leaving their places without permission. Endeavoured to give them an impression to the contrary'.

Another wrote, 'The schoolroom has more nearly resembled a blacksmith's shop than anything else, all yesterday and today, from the smoke which was frequently so dense that I could not distinguish the children at the other end of the room'.

A School Inspector reported 'More furniture required. There are no desks in the room, and no backs to the forms. Children, therefore, are obliged either to stand or sit upright'.

Another reported 'The arrangements by which all the children above the fourth standard, however backward in elementary knowledge, are taught French and Latin, seems of questionable utility'.

Even as late as 1898 the Headmaster was responsible for a class of 60 children, and this was increased to 85 when a teacher was absent. His salary was £100 per annum, and when the Manager offered instead £70 plus one-third of the Government grant, he accepted gratefully. 'They reckon I shall gain a pretty certain five pounds a year on the change', he wrote hopefully.

This certainly doesn't seem too much for carrying out the instructions received :

Curriculum H.M.I. 1866-7

'My Lords desire that the education of the poor (whatever other advantage may be attached to it) should be plain and solid, adapted to the short time they can remain at school and to their future career'.

Extracts from old Log Books.

The following entries taken from old log books give a valuable insight into happenings (both grave and gay) of both national and local interest during the past hundred years.

1863. Several new scholars admitted had hitherto been to a dame school. They can read tolerably well but that is all.
Foresters' Fete at Whitford. No holiday given, but only two children present until 10 a.m. so school dismissed.
1864. Did not start morning school until twenty to ten. Choir took the key on the previous day for their annual treat and neglected to return it at the proper time.
1866. Day of Prayer and humiliation on account of the Cattle Plagues. The school attended Divine Service at 11 a.m.

The aunt of two of the children came to make some enquiries about them, as to why they had lines given them and made to stand out of the class during the first lesson. The answer was 'they always came a quarter of an hour late every morning and without Bibles, and only partially washed'.

1867. May 29th. It being the custom to carry garlands of flowers from house to house on this day many children were absent for that purpose.

April 28th. I came late this morning, have been deceived by my watch.

The attendance of Form II very small this morning, which may be attributed perhaps in some degree to the very fine weather.

1870. Several children without their slates, obliged to furnish them with some from the school cupboards for the time.

A boy sent home, small-pox being in the house. There are several cases of it in the town.

Examined Inflexions of Noun, Adjective and Pronoun, and took Cowper's 'Receipt of His Mother's Picture' for parsing and analysis.

1872. Sent two children home to comb their hair.

1874. Holiday in honour of the success of five of the Upper Form at the Cambridge Local Examination. Under the present arrangements the whole of the girls have sewing on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday every week for the whole of the afternoon.

1876. Admitted two little ones this week and tried a younger one twice but were obliged to send her home for a few months. Age of younger child—one year and ten months.

1877. Many people seemed to have expected a decrease in the school fees, and finding they are adhered to, are now withdrawing their children. About twenty-five children's names are struck off the registers as 'left'.

1878. Children whose parents are too poor to pay fees are sent to school by the Relieving Officer, fees to be paid by the Liskeard Board of Guardians.

Feb. 25th & 26th. Gave liquorice all round to stop the coughing.

1880. Typhoid is raging—fresh cases daily. School closed a week earlier than usual for the Christmas Holidays.

1882. A grandfather of one of our boys called to ask if his grandson had been to school. The answer being in the negative, he seemed to think that a lock-up was the only cure for it.

1883. The prevailing epidemic—Russian Influenza—seems to have reached Callington.

1891. March 10th. School closed today on account of the 'Blizzard'.
1893. July 6th. School closed on account of all the children having tea in the street to celebrate the Royal Wedding.
 July 7th. As the children were very tired, very few came this morning, so we thought it best to close the school until Monday.
 Several families are leaving the town through the stoppage of the mines.
1898. Some time back the Attendance Officer obtained an order for the transference of a boy to the 'Truant School'.
1900. May 22nd. Holiday—by request of the inhabitants of Callington to celebrate the relief of Mafeking.
1902. April 11th. In consequence of a rumour of peace being declared (Boer War) Rev. J. M. Milner called and gave the children a half holiday. A telegram was later received from the News Office, Plymouth, which unfortunately proved the rumour to be unfounded.
 June 2nd. Peace declared in South Africa—news reached here today—half holiday given.
 June 30th. In accordance with the King's wish the school will be closed for a week (Coronation Week) June 30th to July 7th.
1904. June 1st. The first day of the running of the G.W.R. motor cars from Callington to Saltash and Albaston. The children ran excitedly after it through Fore Street when the first arrived.
1905. Outbreak of measles. School closed from February 22nd to March 13th and then for another fortnight until March 27th.
 August 31st. Some of the children have been absent for ten weeks (four weeks for fruit picking, four weeks regular holiday, and two weeks since).
1906. There are several applications for the three months' exemption for fruit picking.
1908. Opening of the new Secondary Grammar School.
1910. Memorial Service. Funeral of His Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.
1911. Coronation of His Gracious Majesty King George V.
1914. The Great War—Admitted six Belgian refugee children.
1916. Whit Monday. Bank Holiday—suspended by the Government owing to the great demand for munitions.
 The Education Committee decided there should be no holidays for schools during Whit week, the usual holiday being made up later on.

1925. Jan. 30th. Mr. J. Jenkins (Headmaster of this school for 33 years 4 months) and Mr. W. J. Jago (Assistant Master for 45 years) terminated their engagements today.
Feb. 3rd. Mr. W. F. Harris commenced duties as Headmaster.
1931. 22nd May. Received notice that 11+ children are all to attend the Council School and the Juniors from the Council School to transfer to this school. Numbers on books now 133.
June 1st. Transfer today. Number on books rises to 173.
1933. April 3rd. Nine children received from the Infant Department at the Senior School.
1934. Percussion Band. Thirty-nine children given an audition by the B.B.C. at Bodmin.
1935. Remaining infants from the Infant Department at the Senior School joined this school today. Number on roll 220.
1938. Luckett School closed and children admitted to Callington.
1939. Sept. 4th. Staff returned to school after the Summer Holidays. The children have been instructed not to return this week owing to the outbreak of war.
Sept. 11th. Children returned to school. Practised getting to Air-Raid positions and in wearing gas masks.
1942. Canteen meals provided at the Secondary Modern School. Callington and District Warships Week. Aim to raise £56,500 in Savings for mine-layer, H.M.S. Linnet. Total savings for the week £80,000.
1948. First post-war Annual Prize-giving and Nativity Play in the Town Hall. Squadron Leader N. P. Simmons, D.S.O., D.F.M., one of our old students, flew back from Germany in order to attend. He spoke on the importance of punctuality, so essential for the smooth running of the Air Lift to Berlin, in which operation he has for some time been engaged, bringing in buns instead of bombs.
1949. Parent-Teacher Association formed. Prizes presented by Mr. H. W. Langdon, ex-Mayor of Holborn and Freeman of the City of London (another old scholar of the school).
1950. Transport provided by the Parent-Staff Association to take children to the Canteen on wet days.
1953. Our own Canteen Servery provided at the Masonic premises near the school.
June 2nd. Coronation Programme.
(a) Children watched the ceremony on a T.V. set installed at Chubb's Hotel.
(b) Afternoon Sports at the Secondary Modern School field.

- (c) Tea provided for the children in the school.
 - (d) Evening comic football match in our School field, followed by a bonfire and firework display in the Recreation Field.
 - 1956. St. Ive School closed and the children joined our school.
 - 1957. The number on roll at the beginning of each school year is now just over 200 and reaches 310 at the end of the year.
 - 1958. The safety of the building is being carefully supervised by the authorities.
 - 1960. The Headmaster—Mr. W. F. Harris—retired after 35½ years and heartily welcomed to the school his successor, Mr. Clifford Trevorrow.
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EVENTS 1960 - 1974

September 8th, 1960

My first day as Headmaster of this school. Miss L. M. Bevan, County Inspector for Schools, called to wish me happiness and success.

1961

13th May

The school's first Spring Fayre, which realised £56-16s.

6th June

Fifteen children selected for the Grammar School.

15th June

My Deputy Headmaster, Mr. W. J. Wonnacott, has been appointed Headmaster of Upton Cross C.P. School and will commence his duties there in September.

21st June

School Sports. Carol Evangelista was the girl champion and Andrew Hatch the boy champion.

19th July

My first 'Speech Day' at this school. The chairman was Mr. J. M. Tamblyn, C.C., and the Guest Speaker was Mr. W. F. Harris, my predecessor. Many friends joined School Managers, Staff and P.S.A. Committee for tea at Chubb's Hotel.

18th October

The ceiling in the Infants' Room collapsed. Fortunately no-one was hurt.

13th December

The school's first Carol Service which was held in the Grammar School by kind permission of the Headmaster, Mr. D. Tribe, B.Sc.

1962

6th April

A team of four children competed for the first time in the St. Germans R.D.C. Safety First competition and won the 'Juliette' Cup presented by Commander Douglas Marshall, M.P. On the same evening the choir competed for the first time at Launceston Music Festival.

2nd May

School re-opened. During the Easter Holidays half the coal house has been converted to a staff toilet. One toilet for ten adults, but we can manage. Up to now teachers have been compelled to use the same toilets as the boys and girls. These toilets are built over a long communal trough. If a teacher or child is seated over this trough when the huge tank of water suddenly empties, one can imagine the embarrassment !

31st May

Mr. T. S. Roseveare, Chairman of St.Germans R.D.C., Commander E. M. Shaw, Chairman of the Road Safety Committee, and Sergeant Goldsworthy presented eight certificates and badges to the successful candidates in a recent cycling proficiency test.

5th June

Notified that 27 children have been awarded places in the Secondary Grammar School next September.

28th June

Open Day—many parents visited the school and saw the children's exercise books, examination papers, reports, art, handwork and needlework. The day was a great success.

5th July

Prize-Giving in the Town Hall. Mr. F. Rogers, O.B.E., J.P., C.A., was the Chairman and Mr. F. R. Rayner, Chief Education Officer for Primary Schools was the Guest Speaker.

Afterwards the Governors, Staff and P.S.A. Committee assembled at Chubb's Hotel for tea.

19th October

The school has been closed to enable the children and their parents to see the exhibition of work in the area. Fourteen schools took part in a static and 'live' exhibition centred at the Grammar School.

12th December

A Carol Service was held in the Grammar School in aid of Famine Relief.

1963

22nd January

It is impossible to flush the archaic toilets and it has been necessary to take children across the street in a crocodile to queue up at the public lavatories !

23rd January

The toilets are still frozen, so it has been decided to close the school for three days.

25th—27th March

Mr. T. Mc.G. Leyden, H.M.I., and Miss Mackintosh, H.M.I., have visited the school for three whole days to inspect the work of the school. They will submit a full report to the Minister for Education.

29th March

Open Day for parents.

9th April

A special meeting of the School Managers was held in the Masonic Hall this afternoon to receive verbal reports from H.M. Inspectors arising from an examination of the school which took place on 25th, 26th and 27th March. The Cornwall Secretary for Education, Mr. J. G. Harries, M.A., was present.

11th April

Today I received a letter from a Senior Officer at County Hall referring to H.M. report on this school. It was most complimentary. All the staff went on their Easter holidays rejoicing, and with very good cause.

May

The Cornwall Secretary for Education has given me permission to appear on television about the crumbling school buildings over which the County Education Committee has been protesting to the Ministry of Education.

Two new concrete buttresses have been added this term. There were eight before and one wooden one to help protect the walls, and nylon netting was suspended below the class-room ceilings to catch any plaster which might fall.

12th July

Sir Edward Boyle, the Education Minister, saw for himself this afternoon the condition of this 120-year-old County Primary School of which he had heard in Parliament.

He saw the ten concrete buttresses over 20ft. high supporting the bulging walls, and the two wooden props supporting broken granite lintels in classroom windows.

Inside the Headmaster drew his attention to the nylon safety netting strung beneath the cracked ceilings of the two main class-rooms to catch any plaster that might fall.

After climbing a narrow flight of stone steps to a class-room, Sir Edward was shown the spots where on wet days buckets and pans are put to catch water dripping from roof and broken walls. He inspected the antique fire escape devices in upper rooms. He said that he appreciated the anxiety that was felt concerning the school building.

Those with Sir Edward included Mr. Douglas Marshall, M.P., Alderman Fred Rogers (Chairman of the group of County Primary Schools), Mr. Norman Lyne (Chairman of the Cornwall Education Committee) and Mr. J. G. Harries (Cornwall Secretary for Education).

Quite an ordeal for the old, tumbling-down school, but it bore the burden of the day ; in fact it was proud to see such distinguished visitors !

18th July

Annual Prize-giving in the Town Hall. Alderman Rogers, O.B.E., J.P., took the chair and the Guest Speaker was Mr. M. G. Finn, A.R.C.A. (Principal of Falmouth School of Art).

19th July

Mr. C. A. Moss, District Education Officer, called this afternoon with the good news that Sir Edward Boyle, Minister for Education, has sanctioned the building of the new Grammar School and the transfer of our children to the present Grammar School buildings. There is much jubilation among the Staff, but the walls of the old building rumble—pride at Sir Edward Boyle's visit has turned to disgust !

11th September

We start the new school year with 262 on the roll. Twenty-six children have been awarded places at Callington Grammar School.

15th October

Two German teachers visited the school to get an insight into Primary Education in Cornwall. Let us hope when they get back to Germany they will think of the standards reached by the children and forget the buildings !

13th December

Mr. S. W. Warn, Deputy County Architect, and Mr. P. A. T. Richardson, Assistant County Architect, visited the school today to inspect the buildings. The walls stand firm, defying the murmur and contempt of the passers-by.

1964

7th January

Nylon netting has been fixed under the ceilings of the two main rooms to protect the children from falling plaster. The children in these rooms are forbidden to shout or cough loudly !

28th January

A School Manager called today and wrote in the School Log Book, 'An example of triumph over adversity. The Headmaster and Staff should be congratulated'.

10th March

The children of Class I accompanied by Mr. L. A. Wildin and myself visited a local farm at Dupath owned by Mr. W. Coombe. A further visit will be made at a later date.

29th April

Members of the School Choir competed at Launceston Music Festival and gained 164 marks in one section and 166 marks in another, each out of a possible 200 marks.

8th May

The school football team played against Carbeille C.P. School, Torpoint and were presented with the S.E. Cornwall Junior School silver cup.

26th May

Received County Grammar School results. Thirteen children have been selected for Grammar School in 1964. In addition five 10+ children have been accepted for September, 1965.

11th June

School Sports. Graham Hake was Victor Ludorum, and Christine Vine was Victrix Ludorum.

Miss Freda Coombe presented the school with a new shield for the House competition.

19th June

The children of Class I went on an educational visit to Bugle clay pit, Truro Cathedral and Pendennis Castle, Falmouth.

8th July

S.E. Cornwall Inter-School Sports were held on our field. This school won the 'Isaac Foot' Shield.

10th July

Open Day for parents.

15th July

Prize-giving in the Town Hall. The Guest Speaker was Dr. K. Farnell, Principal of the Camborne Technical College.

1965

7th January

My Deputy Headmaster, Mr. L. E. Wildin, had been appointed Headmaster of St. Neot C.P. School. His place has been taken by Mr. G. E. Bartlett.

19th May

The school choir won its first shield at Launceston Music Festival.

28th May

Forty children in Class I were taken on an educational visit to Cotehele House, Buckland Abbey, Plymouth Aquarium and the Zoo.

2nd June

School Sports. William Maddever was Victor Ludorum and Denise Riley Victrix Ludorum. Cups, etc., were presented by Mr. K. Uglow, a School Manager.

26th June

School Fete which realised £130 for the school fund.

21st July

Annual Prize-giving in the Town Hall. Alderman K. G. Foster presented the prizes.

27th July

This is the last day in these very old buildings. We are looking forward to being in the buildings vacated by the Grammar School. During the past months there have been many consultations with the architect and the County Education Committee officials. Problems have been faced and extensive alterations and improvements are taking place. Soon the old buildings will be demolished, but I am sure many members of the staff and children will love to recall happy days spent there.

8th September

The beginning of another chapter in the history of Callington C.P. School.

Old boys and girls will not know their way around the new buildings, but bricks and mortar are not really important—what goes on inside the buildings matters most.

To the children who have left us we shall offer the same welcome as of old in our new surroundings and I hope they will soon visit us.

Change must take place, and now that we have much better facilities I hope that we shall make the fullest use of them.

Callington C.P. School has played in the past, and must continue to play, a very important part in the life of our little town. It must continue to set standards of excellence not only for the town but for the county. Children, parents and teachers must continue to work closely together in harmony and accept our new responsibilities.

I hope that education in these new buildings will give us the necessary abilities and confidence.

This school—as a Grammar School—was built in 1908 for 80 pupils. In its early years it was in danger of being closed because there were not enough parents who would pay for their children to attend the school. The pupils paid £3 per term and there was no entrance examination. In those days there were only three classrooms, a hall and a science laboratory. Cookery was taught in room three where there was a large cooking range and a gas stove. The little cupboard which opens out of this room was the library.

Since those early days extensive additions have been added. Now we have eight class-rooms, a delightful gymnasium, a music room, and an excellent canteen.

We start the year in these lovely buildings with 285 pupils.

19th October

The P.S.A. started a Badminton Club this evening in the Assembly Hall.

15th and 16th December

Nativity Play in the Assembly Hall. Approximately £27 given to charity.

1966

31st March

Members of the London Theatre Company visited the school this afternoon and gave two performances. One play called 'The Hat' suited the Infants and lower Juniors, and another called 'The Decision' was enjoyed by the Upper Juniors.

18th May

The school choir competed at the Launceston Music Festival and gained the 'Jubilee' Shield with a distinction in an Open Class. The Recorder Group also competed and gained 78 marks.

15th June

School Sports. Andrew Veale was the Victor Ludorum, and Pamela White the Victrix Ludorum. Mike Trebilcock, an old pupil of mine, who scored two goals for Everton in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, presented the trophies.

11th July

Miss Gladys Aylward, one of the most colourful personalities in the field of foreign missions, visited the school this morning and talked to the children on some of her experiences.

14th July

The school closed today to celebrate the opening of our new County Hall at Truro by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

20th July

Annual Prize-giving. This time in our own school hall. Alderman Rogers was Chairman, and presented the school with a lectern and Bible to commemorate fifty years of service in education. The Guest Speaker was Mr. T. I. J. Watkins, County Inspector.

14th September

Eighteen children awarded places to Grammar Schools.

15th and 16th December

A Carol Service and Nativity Play 'The Stained Glass Window' were given in the Assembly Hall. Over £30 given to charity.

1967

30th January

Teachers from the Callington area were invited to this school to discuss Nuffield Maths and Science projects. Mrs. Burge, the Peripatetic Advisory teacher and Mr. J. A. Stephens, Headmaster of Camelford, introduced some practical work. Miss J. M. L. Bevan, County Inspector, chaired the meeting. Forty-six teachers attended.

6th February

The London Theatre Company visited the school this afternoon when all the Juniors saw a performance of 'The Clown'.

10th March

P.S.A. Concert—approximately 300 present.

17th March

A meeting of teachers in the area to discuss further Nuffield Maths and Science.

4th May

All the children of the school congregated in Saltash Road this afternoon to see Her Majesty The Queen Mother pass by on her way to Antony House, the home of Sir John Carew Pole.

17th May

Nineteen children have been awarded places at Callington Grammar School next term. Twenty children will attend Callington Secondary Modern School.

26th May

The Upper Juniors have gone on an educational visit to St. Austell, Truro and Falmouth.

14th June

School Sports. Gary Deacon scored the highest number of points for boys and Valerie Michell for the girls. Miss Freda Coombe, Portreeve of Callington and a School Manager, presented the trophies. Approximately 250 parents and friends were present.

24th June

School Summer Fayre. In spite of the wet weather approximately 450 parents and children were present and £100 has been added to the P.S.A. Fund.

18th July

The Hall was packed for the Annual Prize-giving. Mr. Tom Salmon—an old pupil of mine when I taught at Truro, and now the producer in charge of B.B.C. South West—presented the prizes. Mr. V. Rogers presented the school with a new sign which has been erected on the front lawn.

7th December

Carol Service in the school hall.

13th December

Repeat of Carol Service. £28-10s. given to charity.

1968

19th February

Mr. F. Cruise, M.A., Deputy Secretary for Education, visited the school and met all the teachers.

26th February

I received a letter from Cornwall's Secretary for Education stating that the Managers can appoint a ninth full-time teacher as from next September.

11th March

Mr. Snook, H.M.I., visited the school today.

31st May

Twenty-eight children have been awarded places in a Grammar School and thirty-two children will attend a Secondary Modern School after the summer vacation.

20th June

Annual School Sports. Graham Deacon was Victor Ludorum, and Sandra Crago was Victrix Ludorum. Mrs. Wolsey, wife of the Headmaster of the Grammar School, presented the prizes.

22nd June

Summer Fayre opened by Angela Rippon, B.B.C. personality. £134 was realised for school funds.

28th June

Upper Juniors went on an educational visit to Cotehele House, Buckland Abbey, Plymouth Museum, Aquarium and Zoo.

17th July

Annual Speech Day. Mr. J. M. Tamblyn, C.C., was Chairman and the Guest Speaker was Mr. C. H. Wilson, M.A., Assistant Education Officer.

11th October

This morning the doors of this school were open to the community to let them see what happens inside. Well over a hundred parents and friends attended Morning Assembly and later wandered from room to room to observe the work in progress. It proved a great success.

11th and 12th December

Nativity Play and Carol Service was held in the hall. Almost 600 people were present and the silver collection was given to charity.

16th and 17th December

The usual children's Christmas parties were held in the Assembly Hall and the P.S.A. Committee assisted.

1969**14th February**

Last week I attended a course on the Plowden Report at Falmouth. Mr. G. E. Bartlett, Deputy Headmaster, was in charge of the school.

28th March

Open Day for parents.

2nd June

In September twenty-two children will transfer to Callington Grammar School, and nineteen to Callington Secondary Modern School.

One 10+ child has also been accepted for the Grammar School.

14th June

Annual Summer Fayre opened by Mr. David Lucas, B.B.C. personality. £125 was realised.

16th July

Annual Prize-giving. The Guest Speaker was Mr. James Sargent (Assistant Music Adviser for the County).

9th September

Mr. G. E. Bartlett has moved to Reading and Mr. G. Yates commences today as Deputy Headmaster.

8th and 9th October

Our first Children's Harvest Festival. Services were held in the school hall. Approximately 550 parents and friends attended. £71 realised for charity.

22nd October

The school choir competed at Launceston Music Festival. We gained the 'Jubilee' Shield to be retained for one year.

11th and 12th December

Nativity Play and Carol Services. £29 realised for charity.

1970**13th February**

Today the children start using the exit near the Old People's Home.

26th February

Today Mr. C. H. Wilson, M.A., Assistant Education Officer, visited the school to discuss accommodation problems. We have now grown to 385 on roll.

11th March

Open Evening for parents.

18th March

Open Evening for parents to discuss their children's work.

8th June

In September twenty-seven children will transfer to Callington Grammar School, and twenty-eight to Callington Secondary Modern Schools.

13th June

Summer Fete. £137 was realised for the school funds.

23rd June

In connection with European Conservation Year the school has planted one eucalyptus on the lawn near the school canteen.

3rd July

Today the Callington Old People's Home received two 5ft. garden seats—a gift from our Parent Staff Association.

15th July

Annual Prize-giving. Col. G. H. Briggs, O.B.E., C.C., was the Guest Speaker.

8th and 9th October

Children's Harvest Festival Services. £90 has been realised for charity.

11th and 12th December

£31 has been given to charity—the outcome of our Carol Services.

1971

1st April

Miss M. L. Bevan (County Inspector for Schools) stayed the day at the school and asked me to congratulate the staff on the standard of work.

13th May

The school football team played in the finals of the S.E. Cornwall Football League and was awarded the 'Ugalde' trophy.

12th June

Summer Fayre opened by Mrs. N. Hortop, wife of the Headmaster of Callington School. Just over £200 was added to the school funds.

16th June

School Sports. Helen Warren was Victrix Ludorum, Andrew Dustan was Victor Ludorum.

14th July

The Annual Prize-giving. The Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, B.A., was Chairman, and Mr. F. Rogers, O.B.E., J.P., C.A., was the Guest Speaker.

9th September

Mr. Chope, a member of my staff, has been appointed Headmaster of Cury C. of E. School, Helston, and commences his duties there today.

28th September

Received a letter from Mr. C. A. Moss, District Education Officer, stating that the numbers on roll entitle us to a tenth teacher.

7th and 8th October

Children's Harvest Festival Services. £91.50 has been raised for charity.

9th and 10th December

Nativity Play. Over 600 parents and friends attended and £43.72 was given to charity.

1972

6th January

Miss M. K. Johns who has been a part-time Secretary at this school for 23 years died suddenly during the Christmas vacation. She was a very loyal member of my staff and will be sadly missed by all.

24th March

The school competed in the S.E. Cornwall Safety First Competition and won the 'Juliette' Cup.

10th June

Summer Fete opened by Mrs. V. D. Neate. £220 was added to the school funds.

21st June

School Sports. Mark Williams was the Victor Ludorum, and Tracey Sandercock was Victrix Ludorum.

19th July

Annual Prize-giving. The Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, Vice-Chairman of the School Managers, took the chair, and the prizes were presented by Mr. J. W. Daniel, J.P., C.C., from St. Ives.

4th and 5th October

Children's Harvest Festival Services, and over £120 was given to charity.

20th November

The school is closed today to celebrate the twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

7th and 8th December

Nativity Play. The doors had to be closed to prevent overcrowding. A total of £45 was realised from the two evenings, and this money will again be given to charity.

8th December

Mr. J. G. Harries, Secretary for Education, called this afternoon. A very pleasant hour of discussion.

13th December

Mr. J. Hsu Seng from Sarawak talked to the Upper Juniors about life in his country.

1973

26th March

Mr. C. A. Moss, District Education Officer, attended a School Managers' meeting for the last time. He is resigning at the end of the month. He has served the schools faithfully and well for the past twenty-three years and I feel sure he will be missed by all the teachers of S.E. Cornwall.

4th and 5th April

Open Evenings for parents. At least 90% of the parents visited the school.

17th and 18th May

A Concert of Music with the Cantata 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo' was held in the Assembly Hall under the direction of Mr. J. Tallon, the school music specialist. The collection for the two evenings realised £38.

9th June

Summer Fete. A net profit of £296 was realised—a magnificent effort on the part of the Parent-Staff Association.

20th June

School Sports. Julie Crocker was Victrix Ludorum, and Mark Williams was Victor Ludorum. The trophies were presented by Mr. P. Hambly, Callington's Portreeve.

4th July

Inter-School Sports at Torpoint. Callington gained first place and won the Isaac Foot Shield.

6th July

Upper Juniors have gone on an educational visit to Morwellham and Buckland Abbey.

11th July

Lower Juniors are on an educational visit to Plymouth and Gunnislake.

13th July

Mr. J. Tallon took the school choir to Truro to sing in the Cathedral.

18th July

Annual Prize-giving. The Guest Speaker was Mr. A. Andrew, C.C. (Chairman of the new County Council Education Committee). The hall was full. A silver cup for needlework was kindly presented to the school by Miss K. Spear.

11th and 12th October

Children's Harvest Festival Services. £119 was raised and will be given to charity. An outstanding success.

28th November

The Rev. J. J. Broadhurst has resigned as School Manager. He is to retire in the Lake District. He and his wife will be sadly missed by the community.

6th and 7th December

Carol Services and Play in the Assembly Hall. Approximately 600 parents and friends attended and the collection amounted to £51. This again will be given to charity.

19th December

Mr. G. Yates, Deputy Headmaster, resigns today to take up his first Headship at Manea, Cambridgeshire.

1974

8th January

The new Deputy Headmaster is Mr. J. N. Broadhurst. I feel sure he will do well and enjoy his new experience at this school.

11th January

Mr. R. I. Shewell, B.Sc., who has recently taken up his appointment as County Inspector of Schools, visited the school today to see Mr. R. Adkinson who is on his probationary year.

18th January

Mr. P. Hambly's first visit to the school as a Manager.

28th January

The School Managers met this afternoon to interview five candidates who had been short-listed for the vacancy caused by my resignation as Headmaster of this school. Mr. P. M. Hancock, B.A., Senior County Inspector of Schools, was also present to advise on any professional questions which may arise.

Mr. D. J. Manley, at present Headmaster of Mawnan Smith Junior and Infants' School, Cornwall, was selected as my successor. He will commence his duties on the 29th April.

Over the years it is clearly obvious from reading the short history of this school that many changes have taken place and most of them for the better.

In our present buildings there is much more space for movement and opportunities for self-expression. Modern furniture has replaced the old long desks, and attractive books, good apparatus and visual aids invite the children to learn.

The strength of this school lies in its Infants' Department. When the five-year-olds are admitted they soon realise they are part of a friendly, happy and active community. With the help and encouragement of their teachers, they soon learn to work and play amicably with others so that a good social behaviour is gradually built up. It is during this infant stage of the school that the all-important foundations are laid upon which the work of the older pupils is built and consolidated. Special praise must be given to Mrs. M. P. Herring who has served this Department faithfully and

well for thirty-three years. Her adherence to high standards, her integrity and her loyalty both to my predecessor, the late Mr. W. F. Harris and myself cannot be over-emphasised. At the end of this Spring term of 1974 she, also, will retire and she will be sadly missed by parents, staff and children.

During the fifties and sixties many were caught and slightly confused between two voices, one crying PAUSE and the other FORWARD. One saying 'Let the teacher decide what shall be taught. Stick to the syllabus, subjects and timetables'. The other saying 'Away with all such ! Let the children show the way'. For many the difficulty has been to know what to preserve from the old and how much to accept from the new. This school has steered a middle course and has tried to arrange an easy exchange between formal and informal periods, making sure at all times that the child knows where he is.

By continuing to stress the importance of the three R's much has been achieved in all directions. The children have been able to integrate the other subjects with relative ease and good standards have been maintained.

Great emphasis has also been placed upon religious and moral training. An important feature of the school is the assembly for morning service in which children are encouraged by all the teachers to take a really active part. The development of social attitudes such as courtesy, co-operation, self-control and the formation of good work habits such as effort, perseverance, initiative and neatness are also stressed as desirable goals.

Much is written these days about the privileged and the under-privileged children. But who are the privileged, and who are the under-privileged ?

Is it those who live in a certain section of the town or whose families have a certain financial adequacy ?

The privileged child is the loved child.

A child may live in material circumstances far below the standard one would wish and still have the privilege of knowing that he is loved. Or a child may live on the other hand in wealth and plenty and be impoverished in his soul because not knowing love in its fullest, he has not learned the wonderful art of loving in return.

By the time the children leave the Infants' Department most of them are able to read with reasonable fluency and can express themselves in speech, in writing, in art, in music and in movement, and have acquired a sound introduction to number work.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship
He learns to find love in the world.

This is the key to open all doors.

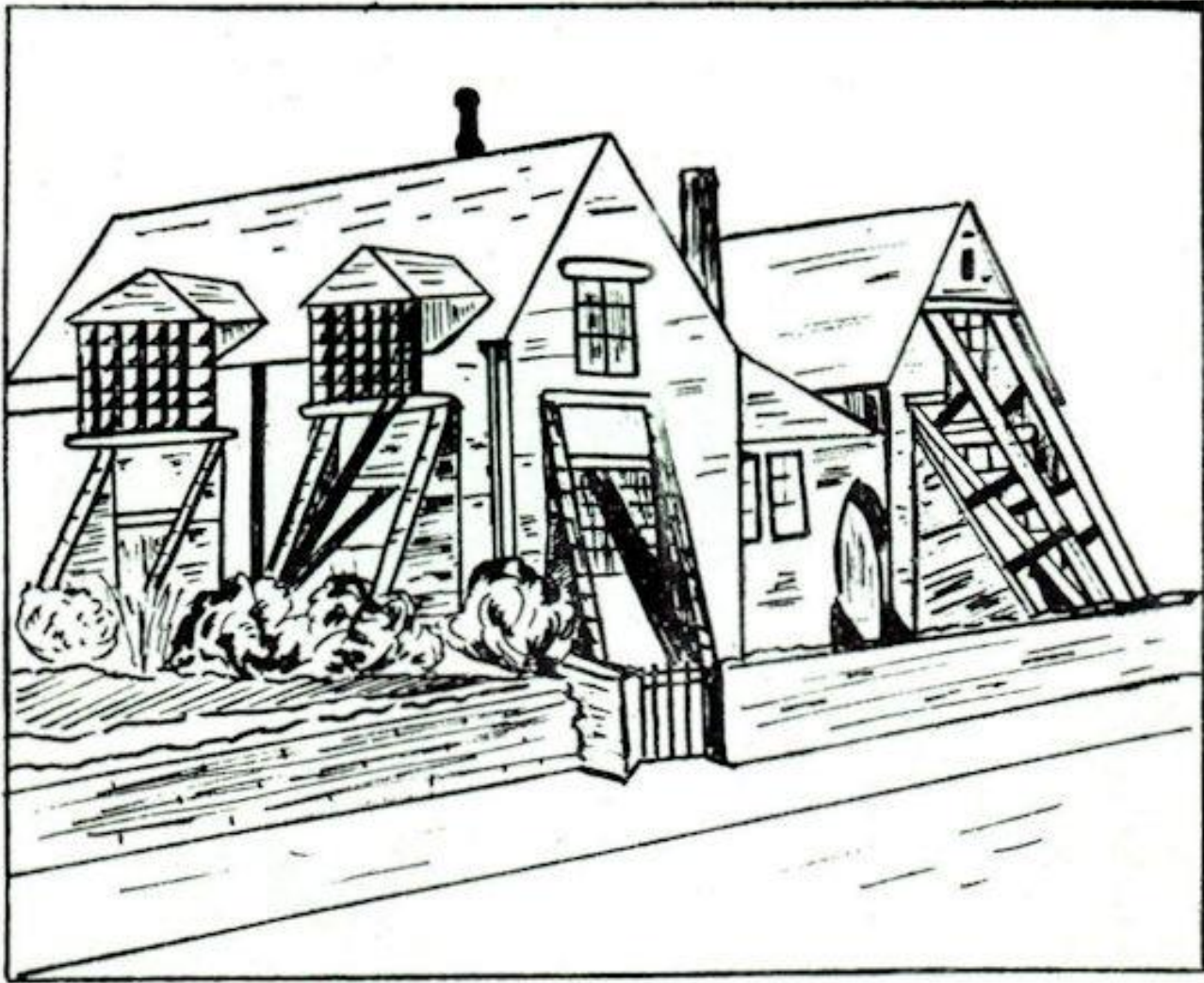
This is our task, our responsibility—teachers, parents, managers, leaders of our Churches, the community, educational officers, Members of Parliament, are all involved in this aim. We are the heirs of the past and stewards of the future.

Education in the future will require a greater public involvement, a greater partnership between home and school, between the community and the school.

Teaching is the most rewarding job in the world, and when I retire I hope to find ways and means of still being involved with children. They have kept me young in heart !

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Senior Officers at County Hall, the members of the District Education Office at Liskeard, the School Managers, the parents, the teachers, canteen staff, canteen supervisors, the caretaker and his helpers, the auxiliary helper, and school secretaries, and the children for all the help and encouragement I have received. Also my wife for the voluntary task of training the school choir for several years. All of these people have helped to make my task a labour of love.

I wish the new Headmaster, the staff and pupils the same happy memories in the future as I have experienced in the old and in these buildings during the past thirteen and a half years.



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