

S. ENDELLION SCHOOL BOARD.

The seriously increasing decline of late in the School attendance is a matter which the Board feel they must rigorously deal with. The registers give the following highly discreditable results for December.

MIXED SCHOOL:—Out of 185 Scholars, only 121 present on an average, or 65 per cent.

In other words, out of every three scholars hardly two attending. During one week the average attendance in one of the higher standards was actually less than one scholar out of every two.

INFANTS' SCHOOL:—Out of 87 Scholars, only 44 present on an average, or 51 per cent. In other words, only one Scholar attending out of every two.

In November and December of the previous year in precisely similar circumstances, the average attendance was—

Mixed School	-	-	-	86 per cent.
Infants' School	-	-	-	77 per cent.

This means that the decrease on this year for December alone, as compared with last year, makes a Government Grant loss of about £12; and to balance this loss ratepayers will have to pay a penny in the pound extra in one of their coming rates.

N.B.—Simply for bad School attendance in one month!

Going on like this for a whole year, a total grant loss would be incurred of nearly £150, equal to One Shilling in the pound extra in the year's rate.

Ratepayers (including the parents) are urged to do their utmost to assist the Board in removing this reproach, and bring their influence to bear on offending parties. Children are often seen openly playing about, either in the streets or on the beach, when they should be in School. The Board are determined that if there be not a great and steadily maintained improvement in the attendance after the School Holidays, stringent measures shall be taken to enforce it.

R. JULYAN GEORGE, Chairman.

H. H. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

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Board Schools

Schools under the control of locally elected School Boards were made possible by the 1870 Education Act. Drafted by William Forster, Education Minister in the government headed by William Gladstone, the act stated that any area which voted for it could have a school board. These new board schools could charge fees but they were also eligible for government grants and could also be paid for out of local government rates.

School boards came to an end with the passing of the 1902 Education Act.

Dame Schools

A **Dame School** was an early form of a private elementary school in English-speaking countries. They were usually taught by women and were often located in the home of the teacher.