

Extract from the School log books 1917- 1928
(Weekly logs written by the Headmaster)

1917

5th April Mr Jamieson and Mr Miller, H.M.Is.S., returned today and completed the Inspection of the Intermediate English and French Classes – 3rd Year.

In consequence of the inclement weather and of an outbreak of ‘German’ measles the attendance during the week has been much below the normal.

9th April School closed on 6th April – Good Friday.

10th April Miss Mary J. Lyon, Sewing Assistant, absent, ill.

12th April Miss Lyon returned to duty

13th April The attendance during the week has been very disappointing and today reached the lowest point for the Session. Out of a roll of 1461, 447 pupils were absent. The percentage present was only 69. For this abnormally low attendance there are three reasons. (1) For the last three weeks an epidemic of German measles has been raging in the school and though the trouble has been of the mildest type yet in view of the approaching vacation it has kept a fair proportion of the patients from returning to school. (2) The weather has been extraordinarily severe. (3) The third reason is more deep-rooted. A good proportion of the pupils attending Gillespie’s have brothers or sisters attending other Secondary School in the City – Queen Street, George Square, Heriots, Watsons etc. and as these schools close for the Easter vacation immediately after the conclusion of the Leaving Certification Examination, it seems a natural consequence that a whole family should go on holiday at the same time. It is a matter for consideration by the Board whether a fee-paying school like Gillespie’s should not fall into line with the other fee-paying schools in the matter of the Spring Holiday.

The Roll today stands as follows -

Infant Department	368
Juvenile “	817
Higher Grade “	276
Total	1461