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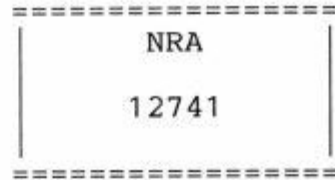
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Albert Brett, schoolmaster: diary

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Bundle No.	Date	Description of Documents	No. of Documents
1	1864-1865	<p>Diary of <u>Albert Brett</u>, born 1 Sep. 1843 at Puddletown. At front: brief particulars of his education "National School, Miss Jearret's Private School, Mr. Old's Do. at Puddletown Dorset," followed in 1855 by Athelhampton British School. Particulars of teaching jobs follow.</p> <p>Diary proper starts on writer's 21st birthday, 1 Sep. 1864. After some sober reflections, day-to-day account of doings during his time as Assistant Master at Andover (Hants.) British School. References to ill-health, the school, walks, reading, occasional entertainment. Last entry on 27 May 1865.</p> <p>On 17 December 1864 returned home to Puddletown for holidays.</p> <p>26 Dec. "In evening went to N. Sparks and met with Thos. Hardy. Spent a pleasant evening." [Probably Nathaniel Sparks, violin maker]</p> <p>27 Dec. "In afternoon met with Tolpuddle Ethiopian Srenaders."</p> <p>30 Dec. "Heard carol singing in the streets."</p> <p>31 Dec. He returned to Andover.</p> <p>He mentions friends a good deal whilst on holiday, but his family only when he records that he attended the shop whilst his mother was in Dorchester, and that when his brother was unwell he had a number of passengers to Dorchester (The brother was a carrier).</p>	1 vol.