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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE -

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF POLAND,

FROM MARCH 1, 1878, TO MARCH 1, 1879,

BY THE SELECTMEN.

ALSO

REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MECHANIC FALLS:

w. w. merrill, book, and job printer. 1879.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1878.

't and Treasure	,	•	-	-	-	CHARLES LANE.
tmen, Assessor	s and	Ove	rseers	of th	e Poor,	THOMAS. LANE.
4.1						V. P. Waterhouse.
						CHAS. L. HACKETT.
'n Agent, -			-	-	7-7	THOMAS LANE.
ector of Taxes,	4	7 %				S. L. LITTLEFIELD.
litor,		11111	40	-		GEO. L. REED.
pervisor of Schoo	ls.	-	1	10		DAVID DUNN.

Report of Selectmen.

The Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Poland, for the year ending March 1st, 1879, is herewith presented:

After taking an inventory of the Real and Personal Estates, we find the total valuation to be \$455,790.00. Number of Polls 560. Basis of valuation fifty per cent.

Agreeable to warrants from State and County Treasurers, and a certificate from Town Clerk, we assessed upon the Polls and Estates the following named sums:

State Tax,		\$3,069 36
County Tax,		1,306 09
Town Charges,		2,000 00
Overlay,		420 35
Schools,		2,000 00
Roads and Bridges,		500 00
Support of Poor,		500 00
Interest on Bonds,		600 00
Interest on outstanding orders,		400 00
	Total,	\$10,795 80

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money Tax, two cents on one dollar. Poll Tax, \$3.00. Highway Tax, six mills on one dollar. Poll Tax, \$1.50.

EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON FARM, belonging to Poland.

Osgood Cole's family.

Supplies from Bailey Brothers,	\$23 17
Moving family to Soldier's Home,	10 00
Supplies from Charles Lane,	3 88
Priscilla Tripp and Grandson,	11 00
Paid J. M. Eveleth for attendance on Horace Walker's boy,	3 00
Paid Town of Gray for David Woodsom,	6 00
Daniel Usher, supplies from Bailey Brothers,	21 24
Paid Dr. Walker's bill for attending Daniel's wife,	6 00
Supplies from E. J. Pulsifer,	15 00
Paid for support of John Record,	70 00
Paid Dr. Gaubert for attending G. Herrick's child,	20 00
Supplies for Geo. W. Walker,	17 25
" W. C. Herrick,	8 00
" Henry Tripp's family by city of Lewiston,	$69\ 42$
" Josh Edward's family by city of Lewiston,	64 00
Supplies furnished Joseph Tripp by Casco,	30 00
" Ellen Reed,	49 50
" Charles Thurlow,	5 00
" Stanton Estes,	10 00
" for Chas. Harris, wife and child by the	
town of Oxford in 1877,	20 00
Paid New Gloucester for supplies, furnished Timothy Berry	
together with cost of reference,	119 34
Paid New Gloucester for supplies for Charles Woodsom,	
David Woodsom and Eunice Edwards,	37 02
Paid town of Hebron for supplies to Charles Woodsom,	6 25
Paid Dr's bill for Lyman Hodgdon,	25, 00
Hodgdon has painted the town farm house in part payment of this bill.	
Supplies for Amos Harris,	3 25
Total,	\$653 32
Total,	W000 02

EXPENSE OF POOR, belonging to other toy	vns.
Supplies to Richard Edwards, Casco,	\$ 23 22
" Thomas King, Bath,	82 64
" Wm. A. and Thos. Kneeland, Lincoln,	46 25
" Wife of Alden Foster, Lewiston,	15 00
" Jonas Reed's family, Wilton, " Sarah E Tripp Raymond	130 15
" Sarah E. Tripp, Raymond,	24 00
Total,	\$321 26
Have received of the above bill,	212 79
Service and an additional and a	h.100.15
Balance due,	\$108 47
LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, March 1st,	1879.
Amt. of Bonds sold,	\$13,400 00
Interest at five per cent, payable in three, five and seven	
years, dated July 1st, 1877.	
Two Bonds become due July 1st, 1879.	
Twenty-five become due July 1st, 1880.	
Interest due annually.	
Town Officers Bills the current year:	
Overseer of Poor and Town Agent,	176 50
V. P. Waterhouse, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	114 00
C. L. Hackett, . " " " "	44 25
Charles Lane, Town Treasurer,	50 00
David Dunn, Supervisor of Schools,	50 00
Outstanding orders,	6,680 70
Interest on same,	320 00
Amount due the several School Districts,	1,011 31
" Rufus Wilbur, March 25th 1879,	125 00
Town Note due Ministerial Fund,	400 00
Interest on same,	48 00
Bonds, July 1st, 1879, interest on,	680 00
Amount due Woodstock,	25 00
" " Casco.	30 00
" Goodwin and Storer,	269 23
" for Priscilla Tripp,	11 00
" Dr. Watters,	123 00
D. O. I disher,	15 00
" Town of Minot,	18 22
Total,	\$23,591 21

			AV	AILABL	E RES	OUR	CES.		
Balance	e in T	own.	Treas	sury,				\$ 422	26
				ard Bailey	, Collec	ctor fe	or 1876.	1,043	39
4.4	4.6			440			1877,	1,918	39
4.4	4.4	44	S. L.	. Littlefiel	ld,	more is	1878,	6,630	05
		44	State	Treasure	r, Scho	ol fur	d and mil	l tax, 1,457	13
	4.4	14	Non-	resident t	ax and	cost,	1875,	104	12
	44				44 44		1876,	282	64
4.4	44	* 6	44				1877,	129	88
4.6	44	66	Resid	lent taxes	sold"	4.6	1876,	162	19
4.4	66		Town	n of Tops	ham,			107	83
				" Line	oln.			46	35
4.6	4.6			" Lewis	ston,			15	0.0
	44			" Rayn	nond,			24	00
		44		" Mino	t, (on l	oridge	.)	190	00
4.6	4.	66	44	" Scarl	oro,			5	00
							Total.	\$12,538	
									20
				Indebtedn			\$11		
							remains u		
Com	missio	oners	have	been appo	ointed to	loca	te town li	ne &c.	
	CASH	Coli	ECTEI	BY SELE	CTMEN	AND I	PAID TRE	ASURER.	
From S	amue	i Ha	rris E	state.				\$145	06
-			arbor						25
166	4.6		incoln.					97	88
11 .44	44		ilton,					120	25
	4.6		aymor				181		00
1 - 14	44		ath,					105	89
4.4			reenw	ood.				64	16
I	Frank	Hasl	xell, fo	or support	of Har	rison	Haskell o	n farm, 117	50
								and hanging	
							Total,	\$729	99
AM	OUN	T D	RAW	N FROM	I TRE	ASUI	RER TO	PAY ALL	
		TOV	VN C	HARGE	S, excl	asive	of School	s.	
Town (Officer	rs:							
Ch	arles	Lane	3,					\$ 50	00
T.	Lane	,						125	00

86 75

V. P. Waterhouse,

E. C. Faunce,	80 00
David Dunn,	6 00
Dunn & Weston, Town Com.	2 00
J. R. Pulsifer,	69 00
Charles Chandler,	15 17
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	12 36
Rufus Wilbur,	91 00
Almond Waterhouse,	2,100 00
Almond Waterhouse.	566 67
Allen & Moore,	23 00
C. A. Pierce,	2 00
E. J. Pulsifer, new book,	30 20
S. E. Smith,	8 00
C. H. Baker,	3 00
G. L. Reed,	34 00
A. Q. Marshall,	. 12 50
O. A. Taylor,	27 00
R. F. Cummings,	10 00
J. M. Woodman,	1,200 00
J. M. Woodman,	913 65
W. Watters,	32 00
Overseer of Gray,	14 52
Charles Chandler,	143 44
J. D. Waterman,	28.83
Charles Everett,	25 00
Ellen Holmes,	12 90
C. H. Cobb,	11 67
V. P. Waterhouse,	28 68
Thomas Lane,	76 50
J. S. Briggs,	8 56
Bailey Brothers,	57 38
Jason Walker,	10 25
W. Watters.	75 00
V. P. Waterhouse,	50 29
Charles Lane,	100 00
Thomas Lane,	, 22 60
Hawkes & Whitney,	22 80
Thomas Lane,	28 00

Hawkes & Whitney,		6 18
Rufus Wilbur,		50 00
Benj. Walker,		4 00
John W. Rowe,		4 50
Willard Bailey,		283 07
Thomas Lane,		13 81
A. L. Gaubert,		5 25
G. W. Cloudman,		10 00
Moses A. Herrick,		10 00
Jason Walker,		5 00
Asenath Casley,		2 00
S. H. Wardwell,		15 00
E. F. Bradford,		48 00
E. F. Bradford,		18 00
Wm. Bowley,		14 00
S. O. Keene,		35 50
Thomas Cousens,		19 00
Wm. E. Blair,		15 50
Whitney Frank,		34 50
Sumner Gowell,		20 00
Willard Stone,		10 95
Overseers of Lewiston,		51 83
Oveeseers of Oxford,		20 00
J. K. Denning,		5 54
Overseers of New Gloucester.		37 02
A. A. Keene,		12 00
A. J. Russell,		2 50
Treasurer of Congregational Parish,		132 50
Esther Durgin,		1 00
Overseers of Lewiston,		6 42
M. T. Ludden,		18 00
Z. Lane,		40 00
	*	
	Total,	\$7,166 79

The above shows the amount drawn from the Treasurer, from March 1st, 1878, to Feb. 22d, 1879, for all matters except for Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

THOMAS LANE,) Selectmen
V. P. WATERHOUSE,	of
C. L. HACKETT.) Poland.

Auditor's Report.

Mechanic Falls, Poland, Me., March 1, 1879. Gentlemen:

Herewith I have submitted such details and concise statements as seemed to me desirable, to supplement the report of the Selectmen (as printed) and with a view to having the entire transactions of a business year clearly embraced in the report for the year.

In doing this, I have, with their consent, corrected some discrepancies in the Selectmen's report as prepared, and have included some matters and accounts not in their report, all of which I believe to be correct in method and figures: With this brief explanation, we now have the statement of actual receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer, the vouchers for which I have examined and find correct.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Charles	Lane, Treasurer.	Dr
For	Receipts of fiscal year 1878, to Feb. 22d,	1879.

To Balance Marc	h 1st, 1878	,				\$ 517 07
Of Z. Lane,	Collector	for	1875, to bal	lance,	or small	80 00
" W. Bailey,	4.6		1876,			2,638 90
"W. Bailey,	4.6		1877,			2,121 17
"S. L. Littlefiel	d, "	4.4	1878,			56 10
" Non-resident	Taxes,	4.6	1874,			$62\ 29$
t. tt			1875,			31 68
		4.4	1076			10 01
			1877,			92 59
" Dog Tax,		4.5	1877,			117 00
" State School F	und,	cc	1877,			1,457 18

Of Sale of new Bonds for cash,	1,200 00
"Interest on "	8 84
"Orders issued for borrowed money,	$582\ 50$
"F. Haskell, for support of H. Haskell,	117 50
" Samuel Harris Estate,	$145 \ 06$
"Town of Scarboro,	59 25
" " Lincoln,	97 88
" " Raymond,	20 00
" " Greenwood,	64 16
" " Wilton,	$120 \ 25$
"City "Bath,	105 89
	\$9,743 32
Credit.	
By Paid Orders drawn prior to March 1st, 1878,	2,692 20
" " since " " "	5,27594
" " Interest on Orders,	698 64
" " Bonds,	630 00
" for Tax Deeds &c.,	24 28
	\$9,321 06

The customary method of the Selectmen in making reports for expenditures in different departments, has been to merely report such orders as are issued for that department in the time. This for evident reasons does not give the cost of the department for that business year, as there are always unsettled accounts both pro and con: hence, in the statement herewith for "cost of poor" made up by both orders and accounts, there appears a larger amount than stated by the Selectmen, yet strictly correct according to the vouchers and books submitted for my examination.

Balance on hand,

\$422 26

TO SHOW COST OF SUPPORTING POOR.

DERIT

DEBIT.	
To Outstanding March 1st 1878, (due from Towns,)	\$ 454 77
"Orders issued in current year,	1.24577
" Bills due, now outstanding,	$592\ 17$
	\$2,292 71

CREDIT.

By	Amt	. collecte	ed from	Towns and Pe	rsons,	\$584 93
	66	due		"		198 18
						\$783 11
Net	cost	(aside t	from exp	enses of Selec	tmen,)	\$1,509 60

APPROPRIATIONS &c.

Reference to the following abstract of appropriations and expenditures (paid and incurred,) as well as the remarks of the Selectmen on the same subject will explain whereby the net indebtedness is somewhat increased over last year, and will also aid in determining what amounts will need be raised for the coming year The only item in this statement which I was unable to examine is that of "Highways." I am informed by the Selectmen that the amount raised was duly apportioned to the districts, beyond which there is no report in the books of the town, nor Highway books returned. It certainly seems to me desirable that our suggestion of last year on this subject, might be put in force by the town to its advantage, to the end that it might be shown in each annual report, whether so much money had been expended on highways, and whether the several districts had credit or were in debt. This is all more emphatic at this time in view of having exceeded last years special appropriation for bridges and roads.

Statement as to Appropriations and Expenditures.

		Appropriated.	Orders and Expended
For Sel	hools, (Town \$2000. State \$1,457 1	18.) \$3,457 18	\$3,376 26
· Ro	ads and bridges,	500 00	633 09
Int	erest on Bonds,	600 00	630 00
	" Orders,	400 00	698 64
" Su	pport of Poor,	500 00	1,509 60
	wn Charges,	2,000 00	
	Town Officer's Bills 1877	The Charles of London	330 75
	1878		384 75
	Expenses, Costs &c.,	the in anything	159 36
	Abatements Taxes 1876	1877,	376 91
· · Hi	ghways,	3,500 00	3,500 00
		\$10.957 18	\$11.599 36

INDEBTEDNESS.

This statement accords in sum total with the report by Selectmen as heretofore explained.

Statement February 23d, 1879.

LIABILITIES.

For	Town	Bonds	Payable	July	1st,	1879,		\$	200	00
			"	4.6	4.6	1880,		2	,800	00
66	44	44	44			1881,			100	00
66	"	4.6	44	66	66	1882,	11 - 1	7	,600	00
66	44	44	44	"	66	1883,			500	00
	"		44	44	4.6	1884,		2	,200	00
4.4		Orders	outstan	ding 1	Febr	uary 22d, 1	879,	6	,680	70
	Amor	ant due	School 1	Distri	ets,			1	,011	31
4.6	Note	due Mi	nisterial	Fund	,				400	00
	Inter	est due	on same	,					48	00
66			" Bond	s July	1st	, 1879, (esti	mated,)		680	00
		44	" Town	orde	ers,				320	00
4.	Bills	due To	vn Offic	ers,		5 - m - 1			434	75
		· Sui	idry Per	sons,			4.17		543	23
110		· To							73	27
								400	-01	00

\$23,591 26

RESOURCES.

By	Due	from W. Bailey Collector 1876,	1,043 39
**		·· ·· ·· ·· 1877,	1,918 39
		" S. L. Littlefield " 1878,	6,630 05
4.5	66	" State school Funds 1878,	1,457 13
	44	" Non-resident taxes 1875, and costs,	104 12
	44	" 1876, " "	282 64
	4.6	" " 1877, " "	129 88
44	44	" Resident taxes sold for 1876, and costs,	162 19
	6.6	" Charles Lane Treasurer, cash,	$422\ 26$
	66	" Towns for support of poor,	198 18
"		" Minot (in suit,)	190 00

\$12,538 23

FOR NEXT YEAR.

From observation of the past two years expenses, I am of the opinion that the following appropriations will approximate the payments that will need be made for the next fiscal year:

То	pay	Interest on Bonds and Orders,	\$1,100 00
66	44	for support of Poor,	1,000 00
	44	" "Schools,	2,000 00
	44	Expenses of Town Officers &c.	500 00
	66	Maintaining Bridges and Roads,	500 00
	"	besides Highway Appr. of say,	3,000 00
			\$8,100 00

(Aside from state and county taxes.)

The matter of abatements I notice has been provided for by laying an "overlay" assessment of \$420, with 1878 tax.

REMARKS.

I am still of the opinion that the issue of the Bonds, should be surrounded with every safeguard for correctness and complete record, such as could be effected by issue from a bound volume, leaving the history of each piece on its "stub."

The Committee on accounts not having reported, those bills that will come under their examination, have been taken in account as rendered by the Selectmen.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

GEORGE L. REED.

Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

POLAND, MARCH 1st, 1879.

To the Inhabitants of Poland:

I ask leave to present the Report on Schools during the year from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879.

Schools have been held as follows, to wit;

DISTRICT No. 1. James Chipman, Agent.

Summer Term, Miss Lizzie Locke, of this town, teacher.

Winter Term, Mr. Edwin R. Cobb, of this town, teacher. These teachers are capable and faithful, and their schools were well conducted and well instructed. These were first-class schools.

DISTRICT No. 2. ELIAS FIELD, Agent.

Miss Mellie F. Estes, of this town, teacher. Miss Estes performed her duties in a faithful manner and her services were appreciated in that district.

DISTRICT No. 3. LUTHER PERKINS, Agent.

Summer Term, Miss Mary A. M. Chandler, of this town, teacher.
Winter term, Mr. Charles S. Haskell, of Auburn, teacher. These
teachers are first-class and their schools were of much value.

DISTRICT No. 4. STEPHEN A. COBB, Agent.

Mrs. Emma J. Gowen, of this town, teacher, for the fall and winter terms. Mrs. Gowen is a fine teacher and her schools are very properly esteemed as valuable.

DISTRICT No. 5. JOHN COLOMY, Agent.

Mr. Cyrus A. Jordan, of Raymond, teacher, at the fall term. Mr. Jordan is an able teacher and his school gave good satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 6. JOHN C. DAVIS and C. W. LOCKE, Agents.

Miss Annie B. Crooker, of Minot, was the teacher at the summer term and at the winter term. Miss Crooker ranks high as a teacher and her services were much admired there, in good old Empire.

DISTRICT No. 8. LORENZO T. BROWN, Agent.

Mr. Herbert F. Shaw and Miss Ella R. Doten, of Minot, were the teachers at the summer and winter terms. We can hardly expect to find better teachers, or better schools. The people in that district, at Minot Corner, took a good interest in their schools. The school agent discharged his duties in a faithful manner and the scholars were favored with a splended march up the hill of Science.

DISTRICT No. 9. LEWIS BAILEY, Agent.

Miss Noble, of this town, was the teacher at the summer term and Benjamin F. Cobb, of this town, was the teacher at the winter term. Miss Noble and Mr. Cobb discharged their duty with fidelity, and the scholars behaved well and learned well.

DISTRICT No. 10. DEXTER D. SKINNER, Agent.

Miss Ella F. Chadbourne, of Oxford, was the teacher at the summer term. Miss Chadbourne is an able teacher of good gifts of good scholarship, and of large experience. Her school was a success.

Miss Ella M. Sawyer, of this town, was the teacher at the winter term. Miss Sawyer is a fine scholar with superior gifts as a teacher and her school was profitable to the scholars and well received by the District.

DISTRICT No. 11. Joseph Perkins, Agent.

Miss Mattie L. Everett, of Oxford, was the teacher at the summer term and Mr. French, of Norway, at the winter term. The closing examinations gave good proof as to the progress obtained in these schools. The scholars learned well.

DISTRICT No. 12. "Shakers." ELDER OTIS SAWYER, Agent. United with lower family No. 9, in New Gloucester. The oldest town, (New Gloucester,) has jurisdiction and the detailed report will be made there. That good people never neglect the cause of education.

DISTRICT No. 13. W. A. Holbrook, Agent.

Teachers:

Summer Term, Miss Flora F. Knight.
Fall Term, Mr. Thomas D. Sale.

Winter Term, Mr. Herbert W. Aldrich.

Miss Knight is an accomplished teacher and her school was well received and highly esteemed. Mr. Sale is a teacher of experience and his school was a decided success. At the making of this report, the winter school was still in session with good prospects of success.

DISTRICT No. 14. Chas. M. Allen, Agent.

Summer Term, Miss Anna H. Cook of Casco, teacher.

Winter Term, Geo. W. Cobb of this town, teacher. Miss Cook and Mr. Cobb are faithful and attentive teachers and their schools were successful.

DISTRICT No. 15. ALPHEUS D. KEENE, Agent.

Mrs. Abbie M. Herrick teacher at the summer term, and Ronello S. Herrick teacher at the winter term. The teachers are capable and faithful, and their scholars were instructed to good profit.

DISTRICT No. 16. A. A. KEENE, Agent.

Miss Arbina C, Jenness, teacher at the summer term, and Albert Fernald, teacher at the winter term. These teachers and these schools were well appreciated.

DISTRICT No. 17. Moses Archibald, Agent.

Miss Arbina C. Jenness, of Casco, taught the school in that district with good success and good satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 18. JOSEPH BROWN, Agent.

Fall Term, Geo. H. Briggs, of this town, teacher. Mr. Briggs is a fine scholar and a fine teacher and his services in that district were highly valued and respected.

DISTRICT No. 20. AARON D. COTTON, Agent.

This district includes the village of Mechanic Falls in Poland and Minot, Poland, being the oldest town, has jurisdiction.
Revised Statutes, Chap. 11, Sec 41. Maine Reports, Vol 63, Page 241.

Teachers during the year:

Mr. Elmon C. Faunce,

Miss Flora F. Knight,

Miss Warner,

Miss North,

Miss Emma Hayes,

Miss Belle P. Hurd,

Mrs. Florence F. Lunt,

Miss Anna Maria Jordan,

Miss Ada B. Garland,

Those primary schools as kept by Miss Ada B. Garland and Miss Anna Maria Jordan, for the culture, refinement and the rudiments of an education to those in early life, may be classed among the best

specimens in the land.

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow,
Large streams from little fountains flow."

At the Intermediate school, Mrs. Lunt performed a good work in the instruction and cultivation of her pupils. In the Grammar school, Miss Hayes and Miss Hurd performed valuable services. At the High school, the head quarters of literature and science in that village, the proficiency was highly commendable, and able instructions were given by Mr. Faunce, the principal, and by the assistants, Miss Knight, Miss Warner, and Miss North. The schools in that village have arrived to a higher position than in former times.

DISTRICT No. 21. Chas. Record, Agent.

Fall Term, Miss Anna M. Edwards of Raymond. teacher. Miss Edward's school was satisfactory to all parties.

DISTRICT No. 22. John S. Briggs, Agent.

Summer Term and Fall Term, Miss Anna Boothby teacher. Miss Boothby has fine gifts as a teacher and her schools tell for good at all times.

Winter Term, Dellazon A. Davis teacher. Mr Davis is a young man of good scholarly attainments and of good method in teaching and his school was much commended by his scholars and by the District.

DISTRICT No. 24. MATTHEW BERRY, Agent.

Summer Term and Winter Term, Miss Annie E. Estes of this town, teacher. Miss Estes is an able teacher of large experience and her scholars were benefited by her services in that District.

DISTRICT No. 25. J. Edwin Dyer, Agent.

Fall Term, Clarence Haskell teacher. Mr Haskell takes high rank as a teacher and his school was a success.

DISTRICT No. 27. Chas. L. Hilborn, Agent.

Summer Term, Miss Ella A. Hilborn teacher. Miss Hilborn is a fine teacher and her scholars displayed a good profit and a good margin of instruction at the close of the school. Mr. Everett and Mr. Greenleaf kept the winter school with good success.

DISTRICT No. 28. LEWIS LUNT of Oxford, Agent.

This district is composed of a portion of Poland and a portion of Oxford. The report will be made in Oxford, as the school house is located there.

I report the schools as in higher standing than in former times.

The scholars have shown good deportment and good obedience to their teachers and to school government. No serious outbreak or difficulty has occurred during the year.

The amount of money for schools during the year was as follows, to wit:

Raised by the town in taxes,	\$2,000.00
From the state school fund,	506.11
From the mill tax of the state,	951.02

\$3,457.13

Whole number of school districts or parts is 24.

The whole number of scholars, April 1st, 1879, was 912.

The whole number of scholars attending the summer schools was 470 and the average number was 431. The whole number of scholars attending the winter schools was 601 and the average number was 555. And 692 scholars attended school the year preceding.

The average length of the summer schools was eight and one half weeks.

The average length of the winter schools was ten and one fourth weeks and the average length of the schools for the year was eighteen and one fifth weeks.

The number of male teachers employed in this year 19.

The number of female teachers employed in this year 24.

The wages of male teachers, per month, \$19.87

The wages of female teachers, per week, \$3.62

There is no place to stop in the cause of education, but its course is on, and on, and on, at all times, and let us hope for and try for better success in the future than in the past.

I will add a section of the school law.

"Sec. 64. The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the preceptors and teachers of academies and all other instructors of youth in public or private institutions, shall use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care

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