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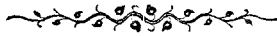
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
Trustees of Greely Institute,  
AND  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1876.



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# REPORT.

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## MONEY TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1875.

For State tax,		\$2,051 67
“ County tax,		869 28
“ Schools,	\$1,300 80	
“ Support Poor,	800 00	
“ Notes and Interest,	6,000 00	
“ Contingent,	1,200 00	
“ Collector's Premium,	187 00	
“ Overlay,	251 85	
“ Supplement,	21 30	\$9,760 95
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Total sum assessed,		\$12,681 90
Total valuation,	\$546,900 00	
Number of Polls, 399.		
Rate of taxation, \$2.10 on \$100.00		
Poll tax, \$3.00		

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers town Yarmouth, board Mrs. Simmons,	\$87 25
<b>J. S. Frost</b> , board Mrs. Simmons,	38 58
<b>M. S. Rideout</b> , board Mrs. Sweetsir,	<b>32 50</b>
Treasurer Insane Hospital, support <b>Eaton</b> and Jones,	73 46
<b>M. S. Rideout</b> , board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
<b>J. S. Frost</b> , board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 00
Treas. Insane Hospital, support of <b>Eaton</b> and Jones,	67 56
<b>S. T. Merrill</b> , assistance in burial John Sutherland,	2 00
<b>M. S. Rideout</b> , board of Mrs. Sweetsir,	32 50
Treas. Insane Hospital, support <b>Eaton</b> and Jones,	70 88
Hamilton & Co., board and funeral expenses <b>J. Hamilton's</b> child,	14 00
Jane Field, board of Mrs. Simmons,	12 50
Geo. <b>Marston</b> , coffin for child on Island,	2 60
<b>J. S. Frost</b> , board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 43
<b>F. E. Chadwick</b> , care of child on Island, and burial of same,	10 50
<b>M. S. Rideout</b> , board of Mrs. Sweetsir in full,	25 00
Ann R. <b>Merrill</b> , board of Abbott boys,	12 00
Leighton & Wilson, clothing for Mrs. Simmons,	5 40
Treas. Insane Hospital, support <b>Eaton</b> and Jones,	84 61
Thomes & Blanchard, clothing for Mrs. Simmons,	2 15
Solomon S. <b>Hamilton</b> , making grave and getting coffin for Hamilton child,	3 00
Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished poor on Chebeague,	55 81
Asa Sawyer, keeping transient paupers,	15 75
<b>J. S. Frost</b> , board of Mrs. Simmons,	39 42
<b>I. S. Stanwood</b> and others, clothing for Abbott boys,	6 29
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	<b>\$804 59</b>
Sum raised by town,	<b>800 00</b>
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Balance against town,	\$4 59

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, interest on town note,	\$75 00
“ “ “ “ <i>lc</i>	17 50
Trustees Greely Institute, int. on \$2,000 and \$500 town notes,	75 00
Trustees Greely Institute, int. on \$6,000 town note,	180 00
“ “ “ “ \$12,000 “ “	360 00
N. L. Merrill, interest on town note,	21 00
Hollis St. Clair, note and interest in full,	3,645 00
Treas. Portland Savings Bank, int. on \$3,000	109 50
Treas. Cumberland School fund on town note,	52 62
Trustees Greely Institute, interest on four town notes, viz., \$12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and 600	615 00
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	\$5,150 62
Sum raised by town,	6,000 00
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Balance in favor town,	\$849 38

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Phineas Whitney, labor on highway Dis. No. 15, '74,	\$23 25
C. E. Herrick, “ “ Dis. “ 7, fall and winter 1874,	36 94
Wm. Russell, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	13 55
Sam'l Winch, “ “ “ “ “	16 92
H. Eaton, <i>lc</i> “ “ “ “	44 20
H. R. Mountfort, “ Dis. No. 15, summer 1874 and ainter 1875,	17 05
B. B. Sweetsir, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	17 50
Geo. S. Doughty, “ “ “ “ “	29 55
S. M. Brackett, “ “ “ “ “	19 20
E. B. Shaw, “ “ summer '74, winter '75,	65 60
Sumner Sturdivant, labor on highway breaking snow, '75,	21 85
Geo. S. Merrill, “ “ summer '74, winter '75,	58 60

Lewis Merrill, labor on highway, breaking snow 1875,	24 64
R. J. Duran, " " " " "	5 90
E. T. Hall, " " " " "	13 64
Phineas Whitney, " " " " "	22 20
Reuben Rideout & Son, ink and paper,	73
A. S. Sweetsir, services as town Clerk for 1874,	13 00
Benj. Goodenow, superintending burial ground,	3 00
A. S. Sweetsir, services town meeting day '75, as per vote town,	3 00
Enos Pool, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	21 90
Joseph Sturdivant, services as Moderator March 16, '75, as per vote of town,	3 00
J. N. Farwell, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	35 50
G. M. Farwell, " " " " "	4 92
Moses H. Goff, damage to horse on highway in 1874,	15 00
C. H. Blanchard, care of hearse 1874,	1 75
R. L. Abbott, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	35 15
Eben Hult, " " " " "	2 40
Isaiah Mansfield, " summer 1874,	33 00
Wm. M. Marks, printing Town Reports for 1874,	25 00
Sam'l B. Clough, superintending burial ground,	2 00
Pool Heirs, land damage on Chebeague road,	5 00
Ai M. Small, labor on highway Dis. No. 17,	2 60
Joab Black, superintending burial ground,	3 50
Alvin Leighton, collector of taxes, on premium for 1874,	120 00
Hollis St. Clair, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	10 10
C. E. Herrick, " "	3 60
Strout & Gage, town counsel for one year and a half to July 10, 1875,	39 00
J. T. McCobb, attorney for Portland Savings Bank,	3 00
John P. Farwell for filling washout on highway,	10 11
Isaiah Mansfield, labor on highway breaking snow 1875,	38 20
O. A. Mountfort, bridge plank for Dis. No. 16,	3 19
E. T. Hall, 1-2 cord wood for town house all fitted and put in,	3 50
D. W. Fessenden, County Comm'rs for laying town way,	68 75
A. M. Farwell, labor on highway in Dis. No. 5,	2 60
Sam'l Winch, " " " " 16,	23 99
R. J. Duran, " " breaking snow 1875,	2 75

Wm. F. Thompson, land damage Chebeague road,	35 00
Butler & Libby, for counsel in Watson E. Gould case,	5 00
“ “ respondent's cost in road case,	14 38
P. Adams, Merrill bridge plank 375 ft. for Dis. No. 8,	5 25
Wm. L. Prince, auditing town account,	1 50
Silas Skillin, witness fees Whitney case, April term, 1874,	9 30
Benj. Goodenow, labor on grave yard and burial of two paupers,	11 00
H. Eaton, labor on highway Dis. No. 6,	21 37
E. T. Hall, 916 ft. bridge plank deliv'd to Dist's No. 11, 15 and 16,	11 42
S. L. Blanchard, labor on highway in Dis. No. 7,	11 34
L. P. Sturdivant, services as Supervisor 1875,	74 07
Wm. S. Moxey, for labor on highway Dis. No. 2,	10 25
Wm. Russell, labor on highway breaking snow,	1 40
C. H. Blanchard, repairs on and care of hearse,	8 06
A. R. Littlefield, services as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	23 30
Levi Lufkin, “ Constable,	10 00
Henry C. Huston, Register of Deeds recording 5 tax deeds,	3 75
Wm. S. Blanchard, services and travel as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	80 00
Asa Sawyer, services and travel as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	79 25
Treasurer, taxes and cost on non-resident taxes sold,	36 29
Solomon T. Merrill, services as treasurer for the year '75,	40 00
Alvin Leighton, on Collector's premium taxes of 1875,	90 00
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	\$1,551 76
Sum raised by town,	1,200 00
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Balance against town,	\$351 76



CLAIMS IN WHITNEY CASE.

Paid Strout and Holmes, execution,	\$1,975 63
"    Strout & Gage, town's attorneys in Whitney case,	865 86
	<u>\$2,841 49</u>
Sum hired as per vote of town,	3,000 00
	<u>\$158 51</u>

ABATEMENTS.

Abated on lists of Asa Sawyer for 1871 as per vote town,	\$18 00
"    "    Alvin Leighton, 1874 " " "	33 24
Abatements by selectmen on lists of 1874,	15 06
"    "    "    of 1875,	102 64
	<u>\$167 94</u>

SUMMARY.

Amount assessed for poor,	\$800 00;	expended,	\$804 59
"    "    for notes & interest	6,000 00;	"    "	5,150 62
"    "    for contingent,	1,200 00;	"    "	1,551 76
"    "    for coll's premium,	187 00;		
"    "    overlayings,	251 85;		
"    "    supplement,	21 30		
Hired to pay Whitney case as per vote,	3,000 00	expended	2,841 49
	\$10,660 15		\$10,348 46
	<u>10,348 46</u>		
	\$311 69		
Abatements,	<u>167 94</u>		
Total balance in favor town,	<u>\$143 75</u>		

    > I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, TOWN AUDITOR.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	\$1,550 00
“ “ Greely Institute,	20,500 00
Note due Cumberland school fund,	877 00
“ Portland savings bank,	3,000 00
Balance due school districts,	267 29
Outstanding bills including collector's premium,	190 00
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<b>Liabilities,</b>	<b>\$26,384 29</b>

AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from treasurer March, 1876,	\$3,628 31
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	115 71
“ “ State mill tax,	567 36
“ “ “ savings bank and State fund,	424 75
“ “ John Jones, bank book in treasurer's hands,	115 82
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	546 00
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	<b>\$5,897 95</b>
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Balance against town,	\$20,986 34

Respectfully submitted,

WM S. BLANCHARD, ASA SAWYER, AMMI R. LITTLEFIELD,	}	Selectmen of Cumberland.
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Balance in Treasury March, 1875,	\$1,913 15
Received from tax deeds redeemed,	116 04
Assessor's commitments for 1875,	9,760 95
Cash received on notes held by town,	120 00
"    "    from State for schools,	941 54
"    "    "    "    " free high school,	500 00
"    "    "    Portland savings bank,	3,000 00
"    "    "    Cumberland school fund,	102 62
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	\$16,454 30
Paid out town orders,	12,825 99
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Balance due town,	\$3,628 31
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Amount due from collector,	3,591 64
Cash to balance,	36 67
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	\$3,628 31

S. T. MERRILL, Treasurer of Cumberland.



REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,

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The Spring term of school commenced March 8th. No. of scholars sixty-five. W. R. Hemmenway, Principal, Miss M. G. Ruxton, 1st Assistant, Miss M. E. Osgood, 2d Assistant, and continued eleven weeks with satisfactory results.

The Fall term commenced Aug. 30th, same instructors. No. of scholars seventy, and continued twelve weeks. At the close there was an exhibition of the school, which was pronounced good by the few who were there, the weather being bad.

Winter term commenced Dec. 7th, under the charge of W. R. Hemmenway and Miss M. G. Buxton. Number of scholars forty-eight, and continued eleven weeks. At the close there was a good exhibition given by the school, which was enjoyed by the large company present, showing that teachers and scholars had tried to do their best to make a good exhibition and have it thorough, in which they succeeded.

The Spring term commenced March 6th, 1876, same instructors as last term.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland Note,	\$12,000 00
“ “ “ “	6,000 00
“ “ “ “	2,000 00
Total,	\$20,000 00

## PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	\$430 89
“ May and November dividends,	24 69
	<u>58</u>
	\$455 58
Cash drawn from bank fifty dollars, \$47.40 expended as per bill, \$2.60 in hand,	50 00
	<u>00</u>
Balance in bank,	\$405 58

## LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	492 00
“ May and November dividends,	29 94
	<u>94</u>
Balance in bank,	521 94

## ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	\$500 00
“ amount in Portland savings bank,	500 00
	<u>00</u>
	\$1000 00
For amount due on tuition books previous to spring term 1876,	55 00
For cash balance on accounts,	136 88
	<u>88</u>
Total accumulated,	\$1,191 88

DR. *General income from permanent fund and other*

Paid Wm. D. Little & Co., insurance,	\$48 75
C. H. Blanchard, one half cord hard wood,	3 25
D. L. Blanchard, writing lessons,	15 00
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching spring term,	350 00
M. G. Buxton, assistant teacher " "	110 00
H. E. Sawyer, care of institute " "	20 00
Wm. M. Marks, catalogues,	28 00
F. B. Pinkham, painting,	2 70
Proprietors Eastern Argus, advertising,	2 00
" Portland Transcript "	2 50
A. Frank, taking ashes from Institute cellar,	2 00
E. Corey, iron for rail and window shade,	1 70
S. L. Farwell, painting,	21 00
G. L. Lothrop, window shades for hall,	14 25
Thomes & Blanchard, paints,	22 89
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching fall term,	333 33
M. G. Buxton, assistant, " " "	132 00
W. E. Blanchard, care of institute fall term,	16 00
M. C. R. R., freight on ten tons coal,	8 00
W. E. Dennison, ten tons coal,	75 00
S. T. Merrill, carting coal,	8 00
Dresser, McLellan & Co., one doz. erasers,	3 00
W. H. Blanchard, plastering,	1 25
M. E. Osgood, teaching fall term,	20 00
E. T. Hall, ten feet hard and eight feet soft wood,	12 00
M. E. Osgood, teaching spring term,	8 00
King & Dexter, moldings for doors and locks,	2 60
Nutter Bros. & Co., funnel,	1 00
S. M. Rideout, labor and materials,	2 90
W. R. Hemmenway, teaching winter term,	333 33
M. G. Buxton, assistant, " " "	121 00
G. D. Sweetsir, care of institute " "	19 25
Asa Sawyer, 2 maps and history State of Maine,	6 65
" " labor and services as trustee,	7 75
R. Rideout, glass, nails and crayons, 1874,	2 84
" alcohol, glass and crayons, 1875,	2 89
J. W. Perkins, chemicals,	1 99
Wm. S. Blanchard, painting and repairing settees,	15 00
" " services as trustee,	15 00
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	\$1,792 72
Cash balance,	136 88
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	\$1,929 60

<i>sources in acc't with Trustees of Greely Institute.</i>	CR.
By cash balance from 1874,	\$87 15
" drawn from Portland savings bank,	500 00
" received from tuitions winter term, 1875,	2 00
it " " " spring " "	59 45
Interest on six thousand dollar town note,	180 00
" " two " " and five hundred dollar note,	75 00
Interest on twelve thousand dollar town note,	360 00
Cash received from tuitions, fall term, 1875,	38 50
" " " " w i n t e r t e r m , 1875-76,	12 50
Interest on twelve thousand, six thousand, two thousand and and five hundred dollar town notes,	615 00
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	\$1,929 60

Your trustees have expended some over fifty dollars in painting where the paint was worn off, also painted and grained the hall in the second story, the hall is now completed with exception of a few more settees.

The Cumberland Musical Association have placed a chandelier and side lights in the hall free of expense to the institute.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. BLANCHARD,	} Trustees of Greely Institute.
ASA SAWYER,	
AMMI R. LITTLEFIELD,	

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. PRINCE, AUDITOR.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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### FELLOW CITIZENS:

With a few exceptions our schools have been very successful. Many of our agents have made it a point to secure the best teachers they could find, and in such cases the results have been highly gratifying. It is becoming a known fact that we can find as good teachers in our own town as we can elsewhere, and it is a good policy to give the preference to home talent.

We have had some schools which were not what they should have been. The trouble in these cases arose from various causes. In some cases the agents employed teachers without regard to previous experience or success, simply because they could get them cheap, looking more to quantity of school than to the quality of instruction. Others have employed teachers of no experience. It is true we must have some beginners, or in time we shall have no teachers. But one district has seen fit to employ inexperienced teachers for both terms of school. Such a policy must retard the general progress of a school. If we employ none but inexperienced workmen we must expect nothing but rough and often imperfect work. Some will say that the Supervisor has the power and should dismiss a teacher who does not do well. Judging from what I have seen such a course is not always advisable, and should be pursued with caution. I take the ground that all teachers mean to do well and should have a fair trial. Difficulty in school is not always the fault of the teacher, and I would here say that I think no school in town has been wholly useless.

## A FEW WORDS TO SCHOOL AGENTS.

It is your duty to return a list of the scholars in your districts, both to the Selectmen and Supervisor or School Committee on or before the last day of April in each year. Some of you failed to do this last year; consequently my return to the State Superintendent was about a month late, for which he politely reprimanded me. It is also your duty to notify the Supervisor at the commencement and close of each term of school, when practicable. This is practicable to every agent in town except one. Yet some of you have failed in this, consequently the report of such schools will be vague.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The text books used in town are as follows: Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13 use Hilliard's Readers and The Progressive or Worcester's Spellers; Nos. 8 and 9 use Parker & Watson's Readers; No. 8 uses Parker & Watson's, and No. 9 Towns' Spellers; Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 13 use Greenleaf's New Series, and Nos. 4, 9 and 11 use Greenleaf's Old Series of Arithmetic. Every district has Green's Grammars and Warren's Geographies. No text books on Book-keeping or Physiology have been adopted for the town, and so we have two or three different kinds of Book-keeping. Where Physiology is studied, Steels' book is used. I think too little attention is paid to writing in our schools. Two half days in each week should be devoted to this valuable art.

## SCHOOL HOUSES AND EQUIPMENTS.

Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 13 have good convenient school houses. The building in No. 1, though warm is too close and dark, and needs another outlet from the main room. The house in No. 8 is old, inconvenient and uncomfortable, and should be replaced by a new one. No. 11 has no school house and the school is held in a private house. Nos. 3, 9 and 13 have outline maps, and every school house except one has a map of the world and of the United States.

## SCROOL MONEY.

Amount raised by Town,	\$1300 80
"    received from Town Fund,	102 62
"    "    "    State Mill Tax,	567 36
"    "    "    Bank Tax and State Fund,	424 75
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Total,	\$2395 53

Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.	Dist.	No. schol's.	10 pr ct.	Total.
No. 1.	35.	\$35.00.	\$168.75	No. 7.	34.	\$15.00.	\$144.97
	2.	20.00.	283.76		8.	3.53.	362.85
	3.	79.	301.98		9.	116.	443.41
	4.	39.	30.00.	11.	11.	44.18.	86.23
	5.	46.	25.00.	12.	9.	3.48.	38.29
	6.	6.	28.00.	13.	26.	35.00.	134.39

## CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Greenleaf Bibber. Summer term taught by Alma Brackett.

This school though small, was interesting and profitable. The order was all that could be desired. The teacher seemed to have the confidence of her pupils, and good improvement was observed in all branches.

Winter term. Taught by Fanny Skillin.

This school was visited during the first week and appeared well. Both teacher and scholars seemed at home in their work. The school was closed on account of sickness, and as I was not notified at the close, I can make no farther report of it.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, Asa Merrill. Summer term taught by Olive H. Merrill.

This was a first rate school. The order was good, and the

instruction thorough. The teacher did her best to make the scholars do well, and the examination near the close of the term showed that every moment had been improved. All questions were answered promptly and correctly.

Winter term. Taught by G. E. Murray.

This term of school was also a success. Mr. Murray possesses the happy faculty of making the driest lesson attractive. In discipline he was kind, but firm. In instruction thorough, and concise. Nice specimens of map drawing were exhibited. Historical questions in connection with Geography were answered promptly. This school was excelled by none.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, John Wilson. Teacher, Mary S. Rideout.

The three terms in this district were all taught by the above named teacher. The fall term was broken up by sickness, but with this exception, the terms were all successful. The summer term was the most interesting. The spelling classes were particularly good. Improvement in all branches was good. I learn that Miss R. contemplates leaving this school. It will be difficult for this district to find a teacher who will fill her place so long and acceptably as she has.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, N. M. Shaw. Summer term taught by Emily F. Blanchard.

This was Miss B's first attempt at teaching. I visited the school at the commencement and it appeared well. The order was good and the scholars seemed to be interested. As this school closed one-half day sooner than was intended, I failed to visit it at the close.

Winter term. Taught by Helen M. Lawrence.

This school was highly satisfactory both to parents and supervisor. Miss L. is a good instructor and the scholars profited by her instruction. I visited the school at the closing examination and was much pleased with the exercises.

Maps drawn by the scholars were exhibited and did great credit to the makers. A declamation and dialogue given by the scholars added interest to the occasion. I was pleased to see some of the parents present at the examination.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, J. Hulit. Both terms in this district were taught by Miss M. S. Sturdivant. She is a good teacher, and at the closing examinations her school bore testimony to that effect. The order was good, and the recitation satisfactory. Here also I saw some splendid maps drawn by the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Agent, Wm. L. Loring. This school is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, P. A. Merrill. Summer term taught by Luella Skillin. I was well satisfied with the appearance and improvement of this school. The order was fair, and the school did a good term's work. If the school failed in any respect it was not the fault of the teacher.

Fall term. Taught by Evelyn H. Merrill.

This teacher succeeded well, although in her own district. Her school was closed on account of sickness, and recommenced after an interval of some weeks. Although laboring under this disadvantage the school made good improvement, and the closing examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Wm. Littlefield. Summer term taught by Etta A. Littlefield. The order in this school was good. The reading was good also, fair improvement was made in Geography. Other recitations not satisfactory.

Fall term. Taught by Calista M. Preble.

This teacher brought to the school a great deal of experi-

ence, and the school was a complete success. The parents were much pleased. Miss P. has a rare talent for interesting the younger scholars. The oral lessons in Natural Science and Astronomy were very interesting. If this teacher can be employed for the ensuing summer it will be a great benefit to the school.

Winter term. Taught by A. R. Littlefield.

This school was also a success. The order and improvement were excellent. I have no hesitation in recommending this gentleman as an earnest, faithful, conscientious teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, Roswell E. Hamilton.

By a vote of this district, their school has been divided into three grades, according to the age of the scholars. The youngest grade to attend the summer term, the next youngest to attend the fall term, and the oldest to attend the winter term. The summer term was taught by Lucy Hutchinson. Miss H. had about sixty scholars, all under twelve years of age. Fair improvement was made in all branches, but the order was deficient. This was probably due to the class of scholars she had charge of. Still I think that another teacher would have succeeded better in this school.

Fall term. Taught by Emma A. Mountfort. Miss Mountfort is an excellent teacher, and taught a first-rate school. Singing by the school was an interesting feature of the exercises. The district were never more satisfied than they were this term.

Winter term. Taught by Olive H. Merrill. This school was closed on account of sickness, and as I was not notified of the fact, I did not visit it, and can give no farther report of it.

#### DISTRICT No. 11. (Crotch-Island.)

Agent, Joseph E. Small. Teacher, Grace Billings. This school is held in a private house. The reading was prompt

and loud. The recitations in Arithmetic were quite good, and problems in Fractions and Compound Numbers were solved readily. The writing books in this school were excelled by none in town.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Agent, Mr. Copp. The scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, Albert Rideout. Summer term taught by Alice E. Harris. This was Miss H.'s first school, and she succeeded well. The order was good, and improvement satisfactory. I think Miss Harris will make a good teacher.

Winter term. Taught by Frank Dexter. This was Mr. Dexter's first attempt at teaching. As I was not notified of its close, I did not visit it but once. It then appeared to be in a fair condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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