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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS,
AND
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,
OF THE
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1885



PORTLAND, ME. :
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Warrant for Town Meeting.

*To F. S. Blanchard, a Constable of the Town of Cumberland,
in the County of Cumberland.*

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the second day of March, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, assessors, overseers of poor, treasurer and supervisor of schools.

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of the Cumberland School Fund.

Fifth. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintainance and support of schools, and the poor and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the 'ensuing year.

Sixth. To see if the town will grant and raise money for the payment of town notes and Interest.

Seventh. To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of Greely Institute.

Eighth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid out by the selectmen, from the town road by J. E. Jenks' Hotel to the landing.

Ninth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid

out by the selectmen, from the town road to Joseph F. Curit's land.

Tenth. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid out by the selectmen, from E. S. W. Jones' land to the Harris Road.

Eleventh. To see if the town will discontinue the road from James N. Leighton's house to the Old Rufus Morrison House.

Twelfth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of the Free High Schools.

Thirteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a school house on Crotch Island.

Fourteenth. To hear and act on the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take in relation to real estate bid in by the town for taxes.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will give the treasurer or or some one else authority to sell and convey real estate bid in by the town.

Seventeenth. To hear and act upon the request of N. B. Wilson, to be set off from School District No. 5 with his property and annexed to District No. 4.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the Town House, at eight o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1885.

N. M. SHAW,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
E. D. MERRILL,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Cumberland.</i>

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1884.

For State Tax,		\$2,229 99
County Tax,		324 91
Schools,	\$1,295 20	
Support of Poor,	1,250 00	
Notes and Interest,	1,335 62	
Roads and Bridges,	400 00	
Building Road,	300 00	
Contingent Bills,	900 00	
Collector's Premium,	142 78	
Overlay,	201 02	
Unpaid Highway,	19 28½	
Supplementary,	12 00	
		\$5,855 90½
Total Assessment,		\$8,410 808

Total Valuation, **\$652,480.**

No. of Polls, **444.**

Rate of Taxation, 11½ mills on a dollar.

Poll Tax, **\$2.00.**

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid S. E. Root, M. D.,		\$ 45 33
M. A. Drinkwater, board of Kennedy,		21 25
E. B. Shaw, “ “ Mary Wyman,		39 00
B. J. Thompson, “ “ Betsey Hamilton,		25 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, “ “ Olive Titcomb,		44 00
C. T. Moulton, M. D., for C. W. Ramsdell,		5 00
“ “ “ “ George Kennedy,		13 50
M. A. Drinkwater, board of “ “		19 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, “ “ insane persons,		137 15

Paid M. A. Drinkwater, board of Kennedy, etc.,	10 00
E. B. Shaw, " " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39 00
E. B. Sham, " " Mary Wyman,	39 00
Tr. Insane Hospital " " insane persons,	104 22
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39 00
E. B. Shaw, " " Mary Wyman,	39 00
" " " " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " " Olive Titcomb,	44 50
Joseph F. Hamilton, grave for James Bryan,	4 00
B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton,	26 00
E. B. Shaw, " Rufus Stubbs,	39 00
M. M. Leighton, " Anna Merrill,	39 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, " Sweetser and Eaton,	56 87
E. B. Shaw, " Mary Wyman,	39 00
Mrs. W. Titcomb, " O. Titcomb,	36 00
Hamilton & Co., care of D. Bennett,	62 50
David Ross, " " " "	5 00
Webber & Hamilton, labor for " "	8 50
E. B. Shaw, board, etc, of Rufus Stubbs,	49 00
M. M. Leighton, " " Anna Merrill,	39 00
Martha Mitchell, care of D. Bennett,	50 00
Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Sweetser and Eaton,	61 94
O. S. Thomes, supplies for Kennedy,	3 85
E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wynian,	39 00
M. P. Sweetser, fitting up place for tramps,	10 00
N. M. Shaw, keeping two tramps,	1 00
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	\$1,311 61
Amount raised by town,	1,250 00
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Balance against town,	\$61 61

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, int. on note,	\$ 15 00
" " " note and int.,	673 00
Tr. of Greely Institute, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's int. on notes,	624 00
" Cumberland School Fnnnd, int. on note,	52 62
" of Greely Institute, $\frac{1}{2}$ year's int. on notes,	624 00
	\$1,988 62
Amount raised by town,	1,335 62
	\$653 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. W. Pearson, bridge stringers,	\$2 50
Mrs. J. Hicks, " plank,	1 69
H. H. Herrick, labor,	1 00
Wm. S. Blanchard, " "	7 20
Joseph Sawyer, " "	11 48
F. W. Blanchard, " "	18 49
Geo. W. Morrill, " "	36 53
C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,	9 30
Eben Hulit, labor,	1 50
Blanchard & Mountfort, rebuilding culvert,	123 00
Mary W. Dyer, land damage for road,	15 00
Heirs of Moses Haskell, labor,	4 00
D. L. Blanchard, labor on culvert,	12 25
S. P. Powell, " " "	22 50
Geo. C. Porter, " " "	7 50
John Webber, land damage for road,	35 00
W. L. Merrill, stone, &c.,	1 30
F. S. Blanchard, labor on culvert;	21 00
O. A. Mountfort, gravel,	10 00
E. G. Prince, bridge stringers and plank,	16 38
LeGrow Bros., lumber,	10 24
J. M. Haskell, pickaxe,	1 50
J. S. Adams & Son, as per bill,	2 25
W. H. Wilson, bridge plank,	28 60
Town of Falmouth, use of derrick,	3 38
J. Morrill, hauling stone, derrick, &c.,	14 00
E. D. Merrill, labor on bridge,	1 50
	\$419 09
Sum raised by town,	400 00
	\$19 09

SNOW BILLS.

Paid S. L. Strout,	\$ 8 10
N. Thompson,	10 70
Wm. T. Littlefield,	33 45
F. N. Doughty,	5 73
David Peterson,	6 25
Wm. L. Bennett,	33 05
Albert Mountfort,	19 56
E. S. W. Jones,	16 93
Seward L. Field,	8 75
Charles S. Gmffam,	15 50
D. R. Allen,	10 29
N. L. Merrill,	20 25
Wm. S. Blanchard,	7 17
F. W. Blanchard,	14 00
L. D. Farwell,	15 15
S. Whitney,	9 93
J. W. Shaw,	14 70
E. Libby,	2 48
J. F. Copp,	2 48
S. Jones,	2 40
I. Mansfield,	13 31
Wm. Russell,	3 85
Alvin Leighton,	2 77
C. A. Merrill,	1 13
Wm. M. Merrill,	10 05
Geo. W. Morrill,	15 97
	\$303 95

NEW ROAD.

Paid Blanchard & Russell, building road,	\$300 00
" Eli Russell, land damage,	50 00
Blanchard & Russell, railings, etc.,	38 00
	\$388 00
Sum raised by town,	300 00
	\$88 00
Bal. against town,	

CONTINGENT BILLS.

P'd S. T. Merrill, Tr., non-res. taxes bid in by town,	\$101 37
“ David Goodenow, work in burying ground.	5 00
“ D. L. Blanchard, services as constable,	5 00
“ Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports,	16 00
“ Abbie Ramsdell, damage to wagon,	10 00
“ M. W. Pearson, services as auditor,	1 50
“ H. Fox, correcting marine list,	3 00
“ D. R. Allen, services as moderator,	2 00
“ S. B. Clough, “ “ supt. of burying ground,	6 00
“ J. A. Blanchard, res. taxes bid in by town,	120 17
“ L. E. Cram, recording tax deeds,	8 00
“ Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, book, &c.,	10 80
“ Trustees of Greely Institute, amt. rec'd from state,	251 58
“ E. W. Hamilton, res. taxes bid in by town.	74 56
“ C. H. Blanchard, attending funerals,	3 25
“ Eastern Argus, adv.,	2 25
“ Portland Pub. Co., adv.,	2 25
“ L. Leighton, removing bodies,	2 50
“ Silas Skillin, surveying road,	2 00
“ Town of No. Yarmouth, running town line,	3 00
“ O. S. Thomes, postage, &c.,	5 00
“ F. S. Blanchard, services as constable,	20 00
“ “ “ attending funerals,	20 00
“ D. L. Blanchard, supt. of burying ground,	6 00
“ “ “ services as town clerk,	22 27
“ Chas. F. Libby, legal advice,	9 00
“ Symonds & Libby, “	11 00
“ S. T. Merrill, selling and conveying property,	2 00
“ “ “ services as treasurer,	40 00
“ “ “ non-res. taxes charged twice,	11 50
“ E. D. Merrill, services as supervisor of schools,	65 86
“ “ “ as selectman, assessor, &c.,	86 81
“ N. M. Shaw, “ “ “ “	95 18
“ J. A. Blanchard, collector's premium,	100 00
“ C. E. Herrick, “ in full,	21 94
	\$1,146 79
Amount raised by town,	\$900 00
“ received from State,	251 58
	\$1,151 58
Balance in favor of town,	\$4 79

TAXES ABATED, 1884.

Abated on lists of E. W. Hamilton, by selectmen,	\$ 6 41
“ “ J. A. Blanchard, by vote of town,	39 82
“ “ “ “ by selectmen,	29 22
“ “ A. Leighton, by vote of town,	21 49
“ “ C. E. Herrick, “ “	51 19
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	\$148 13

SUMMARY

Amount assessed for poor, \$1,250 00	expended, \$1,311 61
“ notes and interest, 1,335 62	“ 1,988 62
“ roads and bridges, 400 00	419 09
“ new road, 300 00	388 00
“ snow bills,	303 95
“ contingent, 900 00	1,146 79
“ collector's premium, 142 78	
“ overlay, 201 02	
Highway deficiencies, 19 28½	
Supplement, 12 00	
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\$4,560 70½	\$5,558 06
Amount rec'd from State, 251 58	abttn'ts, 148 13
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\$4,812 28½	\$5,706 19
Balance against town,	\$893 90½

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	\$20,800 00
Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due School Districts,	572 44
Outstanding bills estimated,	150 00
Town orders unpaid,	1,085 09
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	\$23,484 53

ASSETS.

Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,	\$6,281 72
on tax deeds,	719 35
from State, for schools,	874 59
John Jones' bank book, in Treasurer's hands,	171 04
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	\$8,046 70
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	\$15,437 83

The following abatements have been made for the year 1884
by selectmen :

Names.	Date of Asst.,	Cause.	Poll.	R. E.	P. E.	
Doughty, A. J.	1882,	Poverty,	\$2.00		\$4.41	\$6.41
Drinkwater, A. F.	1881,	“			3.08	3.08
Baston , Mary	1882,	“		\$2.40		2.40
Holme, Jonas	“	“	2.00			2.00
Hicks, Ervin E.	“	Non-res.,	2.00			2.00
Merrill, Rufus L.		“	2.00			2.00
Waldron, Nelson	“	Poverty,	2.00			2.00
Winslow , Wm. L.	“	Non-res.,	2.00			2.00
“ “ “	“	“	2.00			2.00
Prince, Wm. G.	“	‘	2.00			2.00
St. Clair, Herbert	“	without prop.,		2.10		2.10
Herrick , C. E.	‘			7.00		7.00

N. M. SHAW,
E. D. MERRILL,
C. M. HAMILTON, } *Selectmen*
 } *of*
 } *Cumberland.*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing ac-
counts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. P. STURDLVANT, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury, March, 1884,	\$ 7,165 67
Assessor's commitments, 1884,	5,855 90
Received from State for schools,	891 90
" " " in aid of free high school,	251 58
" " Cumberland school fund,	102 62
" for tax deeds redeemed,	140 59
" of E. F. Rowe for lowering culvert,	8 00
	\$14,416 26
Paid out town orders,	8,134 54
	\$6,281 72
Due from M. P. Sweetser, collector,	\$3,687 90
" " J. A. Blanchard, "	2,017 80
" " E. W. Hamilton, "	30 74
" " Chas. E. Herrick, "	121 84
" " Alvin Leighton, "	164 75
" " non-resident 1877 tax,	9 75
" " " " 1878 "	3 90
" " " " 1879 "	8 30
" " Savings Bank aid for high school.	125 00
Cash to balance,	111 74
	\$6,281 72

S. T. MERRILL,
Treasurer of Cumberland.

This certifies that I have examined the Treasurer's account for the year ending February 20, 1885, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. P. STUBTIVANT,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The spring term of school commenced March 3d, under the continued charge of Mr. F. E. Parlin, principal, O. C. Farrington, B. S., teacher of sciences and Miss Etta M. Raker, assistant, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 60.

The fall term began August 25th with Mr. Parlin, principal, and Mr. E. E. Hatch, teacher of sciences, and continued twelve weeks. Number of scholars, 49.

The winter term began Dec. 1, with Mr. Parlin, principal, and Mr. L. W. Riggs, teacher of sciences. Number of pupils 61, continuing eleven weeks.

The spring term begins March 2d.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	\$12,000
“ “ “ “	6,000
“ “ “ “	2,000
	\$20,000
Total,	

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	\$300 00
“ cash on hand,	17 78
“ one year's int. on note.	18 00
	\$335 78
Paid O. C. Farrington, apparatus, &c.,	\$16 79
Cash to balance,	18 99
	\$35 78
Town of Cumberland note,	300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Savings Bank,		\$544 68
“ “ of <i>May</i> and Nov. dividends,		24 75
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		\$569 43
Paid for rebinding books,	\$5 77	
“ “ new books,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 77
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Amount in bank,		\$557 66

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,		\$500 00
“ amount due on tuition book,		40 50
“ cash balance,		14 72
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		\$555 22

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND
OTHER SOURCES IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUS-
TEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid Wm. M. Marks, printing reports,	\$ 5 00
“ F. E. Parlin, teaching spring term,	250 00
“ “ “ school supplies,	4 65
“ O. C. Farrington, teaching,	100 00
“ Etta M. Baker, “	75 00
“ W. E. Morrill, janitor,	20 00
“ W. D. Little & Co., insurance,	85 00
“ Tucker Printing House, catalogues,	17 50
“ L. & L. F. Walker, coal,	16 25
“ E. L. Blanchard, as per bill,	20 33
“ “ “ coal,	130 35
“ F. H. Frost, janitor,	20 00
“ E. E. Hatch, teaching,	144 00
“ “ “ chemicals, etc.,	2 84
“ F. E. Parlin, teaching fall term.	309 09
“ F. E. Parlin, circulars, etc.,	1 47
“ Annie M. Eaton, cleaning building,	1 50
“ S. A. Stone, tuning piano,	2 00
“ L. W. Riggs, teaching winter term,	132 00
“ Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, maps, &c.,	19 60
“ A. R. Alexander, grate for furnace,	7 30
“ S. M. Rideout, setting glass,	75
“ F. E. Parlin, teaching winter term,	283 33
“ F. E. Parlin, supplies,	3 12
“ W. O. Parlin, janitor,	20 00
“ O. S. Thomes, as per bill,	3 75
“ A. A. Sweetser, hauling coal,	3 75
“ Joseph Harris, note and interest,	62 70
“ Wm. M. Merrill, note and interest,	101 50
“ Osgood & Dunn, as per bill,	2 65
“ E. D. Merrill, services as trustee,	4 50
“ N. M. Shaw, “ “	15 00
“ Cash to balance,	14 72
	\$1,879 05

By Cash from Town Treasurer, in aid of free high schools,	\$251 58
“ Tuitions, spring term,	39 50
“ Cash from J. Harris, loan,	60 00
“ Cash from P. Savings Bank,	86 97
“ Int on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and \$500 town notes,	615 00
“ Tuitions, fall term,	57 00
“ Cash from Wm. M. Merrill, loan,	100 00
“ Tuitions, winter term,	54 00
“ Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and \$500 town notes,	615 00
	\$1,879 05

N. M. SHAW,
E. D. MERRILL,
C. M. HAMILTON,

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Trustees
of
Greely Institute.

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

L. P. STURDIVANT. Auditor.

School Report.

Citizens of Cumberland :

In presenting our report for the year ending March 1, 1885, we shall not presume to say just what the people should do to make the schools profitable, only we would urge parents to take an interest in the schools, and show the scholars that they are interested. In looking over the registers of summer teachers, we find that while some schools have been visited by the citizens, in others, not one of the parents has entered the school room. This is not as it should be, for how can you know what your school is, unless you visit it. Certainly, you can judge whether or not your own children improve, but that is not proof of what the teacher is. We know that some aver that the scholar shows what the teacher is; and it is partly true, but certainly it is quite as safe to judge the parent by the child, and that might not always be agreeable. We propose to speak briefly of the different terms of school held in this town during the past year, as in our judgment they are deserving; and while others might think differently, we hope all will credit us with honest intention at least, although we make no attempt at brilliancy.

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,295 20
“ received from townfund,	102 62
“ “ State school fund and mill tax,	874 59
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Total for schools,	\$2,272 41

APPORTIONMENT.

No. Dist.	No. Scholars.	15 per cent.	Total.
1	21	\$45 41	\$117 86
2	49	50 00	219 05
3	76		262 20
4	49	47 50	216 55
5	44	52 50	204 30
6	9	25 00	56 05
7	32	40 00	150 40
8	110	15 00	394 50
9	127	20 00	458 15
10	2		6 90
11	6		20 70
12	3		10 35
13	23	45 00	124 35
Ter. unincorporated,	9		31 05

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Francis Thompson. Spring term, Louie A. Quimby, teacher.

This school is very small, and composed chiefly of young scholars. Miss Q. did very fair work, especially with the reading lessons. The greatest trouble with the scholars seems to be carelessly answering without proper thought. The order of the school was very good, and the district received fair equivalent for money expended.

Winter term, Margaret S. Drinkwater, teacher.

Miss D. has had very good success as a teacher, and in this school "her home district" has sustained her reputation. She maintains good order, and the recitations at the close of term showed good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, Hollis Doughty. Spring term, Julia C. Duran, teacher.

At the commencement of the spring term this school was very promising. There are some very fine scholars in this district considering their ages, and their teacher seemed to know just how to drill them. The classes in Geography and some of Arithmetic classes showed thorough instruction. Oral exercises very good, but sickness toward the close of term lessened the attendance. This was undoubtedly a profitable term.

Winter term, G. H. Libby, teacher.

At the commencement of term we found the school noisy and unsatisfactory. At our last visit we found a quiet and pleasant school, and the recitations were highly pleasing. Have no fears of recommending Mr. L. as a teacher thorough in his instruction, and particularly adapted to the business of teaching school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, F. S. Blanchard. Spring term, Margaret S. Grannis, teacher.

Miss G.s' method of teaching is excellent. We were much pleased with the recitations especially in grammar. The order was not quite satisfactory.

Fall and winter terms, Edith N. Rowe, teacher.

Miss Rowe is a young teacher, this being her second attempt. She is a fine scholar, and with more experience will undoubtedly make a very good teacher. At the close of winter term we found that good improvement had been made, in order particularly.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, M. W. Pearson. Teacher for the year, S. Ellen Brackett.

This district did well in securing the services of Miss Brackett. She is a live teacher, and at each of our visits we found the teacher and pupils trying to work together. We wish the scholars could overcome their bashfulness and learn to speak louder. In deportment they are among the best.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, Edward T. Hall. Spring term, Jessie A. Legrow, teacher.

This school has ranked among the best in town, and we think both teacher and scholars have done nicely. The recitations prompt, and no whispering observed.

Teacher of the fall and winter terms, Alma M. Brackett.

This teacher is so well known that little need be said of her. She sustained her reputation as one of the best. She has a class of scholars that abstain from whispering. Let teacher and scholars have the praise for this.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Agent, F. P. Blanchard. Under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Sylvanus Porter. Teacher for the year, Mellie H. McCollister.

This school is composed mostly of small scholars, and Miss M. is particularly adapted to teach such. Some young scholars showed excellent improvement in reading. Some recitations in geography among the older scholars were very satisfactory. We think this was a very good school, but stronger discipline in our opinion would have improved it.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Frank A. Hamilton. Teacher for the spring and fall terms, Addie S. Dunn.

This teacher was placed in the hardest position of any in town. At the commencement of the spring term, we found a school ungoverned, and from its appearance, should judge it had been so for some time. At each of our visits we found the school improving, and at the close of the fall term were satisfied that this school had done as good work as any in town. Miss D. has good methods of teaching, and as a disciplinarian, is one of the very best. Would that more of our teachers had determination equal.

Teacher for the winter term, Geo. W. Snow.

Mr. Snow has good qualifications for a teacher; his methods are interesting, yet plain. At the close of the term we found that good work had been performed. The order was as good as could be expected in so cold a school-room. This district is sadly in need of a new school-house.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, S. F. Hamilton. Spring and fall terms, Mrs. I. E. Bennett and Mabel C. Hamilton, teachers.

This district school is so large that the citizens tried a new plan. They fitted the ante-room of the school building for a school room, and put all the smaller scholars in that, with Mabel C. Hamilton as teacher; this primary school numbered thirty scholars. Nearly all read in the first or second reader. We think fair work was accomplished and the plan of dividing the school was as good as anything practicable.

Mrs. Isabel E. Bennett, the teacher of the higher department, showed that she was capable of ranking in the first-class. She is a fine scholar and her methods of teaching were of the first order. There are some fine scholars in this school and we were very glad to see them so pleasant to their teacher, who had been a school-mate of theirs. Both teachers were in their home district and they did good work; so that we have not to go a long distance to find teachers, and often those at home will do as good work for us as any we might get from a distance.

Winter term, H. B. Mountfort, teacher.

This school was the largest of any in town taught by one teacher; but, Mr. M. undertook the task with a determination to do his duty faithfully, and if he has not accomplished *all* that was desired, his classes showed at our last visit that thorough work had been the motto. Mr. M. is a man of strict integrity, a first-class scholar and one who works hard, that his pupils may benefit thereby. The *order* was not quite *what* it should have been, yet, the recitations, that were a *general* review, mere satisfactory. We hope the large scholars

of this school will think of the part they performed and ask themselves if they did their best to have a school of the first-class. Some of the scholars did nobly, and to such we express our thanks.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Agent, J. B. Osgood.

There has been no school in this district this year.

DISTRICT No. 11, CROTCH ISLAND.

No agent. As they have no school building in this district, we tried to make arrangements with Portland to form a school, but did not succeed, consequently there has been no school. It is a great pity that the children on this small island, should be so neglected. Cannot something be done for them?

DISTRICT No. 12.

Agent, J. F. Copp.

Scholars in this district attend school in Falmouth.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, J. A. Blanchard. Teacher for the year, M. S. Drinkwater.

Miss D. has taught this school before, and the district seem quite well satisfied with her. There were some quite interesting recitations at the close of the spring term. At the commencement of the fall term, some of the older scholars left to attend the High school, and as the school was quite small, we found the interest was not as good as it appeared at the close of the spring term.

TERRITORY UNINCORPORATED, COMPOSED OF MINISTERIAL,
BATES AND STAVE ISLANDS.

Fall and winter terms, Will E. Frost, teacher.

This school was visited during the fall term by A. R. Littlefield. Mr. L. says that the school appeared well; that the young scholars seemed to be doing nicely, that good order was maintained, and his opinion was that Mr. Frost was doing

well for *that* school. The winter term has not been visited, therefore, cannot report further.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been three terms of school the past year. Frank E. Parlin has had charge of the school as principal. The assistants for the spring term of 1884, were O. C. Farrington teacher of sciences, and Miss Etta Baker teacher of common English. At the close of spring term, the Trustees found it necessary to reduce expenses. As Mr. F. did not conclude to stay longer, Mr. E. E. Hatch from the State College at Orono, was elected to his place for the fall term. Mr. Hatch withdrew at close of that term and Mr. L. W. Riggs, from the same college at Orono, was called to fill the vacancy for the winter term. The teachers have proved themselves worthy of their position, and the *same* teachers are to continue the next term that will commence March 2d, 1885. We have visited the school twice in each term for the past year, and so far as we were capable of judging, should say that the teachers have been faithful in their labors. Fellow townsmen: this is your school, then why not improve its privileges, by sending your boys and girls there, that they may become educated. We wish that more interest were taken by the people in this institution. If you would know how matters are progressing therein, go and judge for yourselves. Do not rely on the judgment of any one person, or upon the report of scholars that may be prejudiced, but rather visit the school while in session, at any *time*, without notice and see how well the teachers and scholars are prepared to receive visitors.

Before closing, we would suggest to the citizens that they elect a board of three (Superintending School Coin.) instead of a Supervisor, as, in our opinion, it would be better for the schools and more economical. We have put new readers into Districts 8 and 9 this year. Should the committee of the coming year decide to introduce readers on the main, we trust they will take the same book as that put in the island schools.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. MERRILL,
Supervisor.