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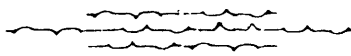
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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

To Marcellus P. Sweetser, 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 fifth (5th) day of March next, 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 year ensuing.

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

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer.

Fifth. To hear and act upon the report of the treasurer of the Cumberland school fund.

Sixth. To hear and act upon the report of the superintending school committee.

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

Eighth. To raise money for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Ninth. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Tenth. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

Eleventh. To raise money or labor, or both, for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges.

Twelfth. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Thirteenth. To raise money for payment of snow bills.

Fourteenth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State in aid of the free high school.

Fifteenth. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, from the rangeway, near E. B. Shaw's house, to the Northwest road near Sewall Whitney's.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will raise money to pay land damage and build new road.

Seventeenth. To see what action the town will take in regard to the old hearse and hearse building at lower part of town.

Eighteenth. To see if the town will accept the plan of the new burying ground as presented by the selectmen, and make proper arrangements in regard to disposal of lots in the same.

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

Twentieth. To receive bills against the town.

Twenty-first. To see what action the town will take in regard to property bid in by town for taxes.

Twenty-second. To see what instructions the town will give, in regard to settlement with tax collectors.

Twenty-third. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs, the money so raised to be used, to pay damage done sheep by dogs.

Twenty-fourth. To see if the town will purchase a hearse for the Main.

Twenty-fifth. To see if the town will vote to change the time for holding their annual town meeting, from the first, to the fourth Monday in March.

Twenty-sixth. To see what action the town will take in regard to burying ground fences.

Twenty-seventh. To see if the town will vote to allow Alfred L. Dyer to draw the school money belonging to his children, the same to be expended for a school on Clapboard Island.

Twenty-eighth. To see if the town will vote to build a hearse house, on Chebeague Island.

Twenty-ninth. To see what action the town will take in regard to lot of land bought of Mrs. Pittee, and if they will purchase other land.

Thirtieth. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen to purchase a town farm, and see what further action will be taken in regard to purchasing a farm, or appropriating the extra money appropriated in contingent money of 1887.

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 application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the town house, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of February, A. D., 1888.

EDMUND D. MERRILL, } *Selectmen*
 OTIS A. MOUNTFORT, } *of*
 EDWARD ROSS, } *Cumberland.*

Selectmen and Assessor's Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1887.

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| For State Tax, | \$1,534 41 |
| County Tax, | 431 94 |
| Schools, | 1,305 20 |
| Support of Poor, | 1,500 00 |
| Notes and Interest, | 1,300 62 |
| Road Repairs, | 1,500 00 |
| Bridges, | 300 00 |
| Contingent Bills, | 3,400 00 |
| Snow Bills, | 300 00 |
| Hearse | 300 00 |
| Collector's Premium, | 244 29 |
| Overlay, | 545 07 |
| Unpaid Highway, | 195 73 |
| Supplementary, | 3 60 |
| Total Assessment, | <hr/> \$12,860 86 |

Total Valuation, \$654,285.

No. of Polls, 444.

Rate of Taxation, 18 mills on a dollar.

Poll Tax, \$2.00.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

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| Paid Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Insane Persons, | \$ 121 72 |
| B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton, | 26 00 |
| Sarah P. Farwell, board of Lucy Whitcomb and nurse, | 21 43 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of A. F. Drinkwater and family, | 36 00 |

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| Paid Wm. Osgood, M. D., visit and certificate of insanity, Mrs. M., | 2 50 |
| Ida C. Leighton, care and nursing Mrs. Whitcomb, | 30 50 |
| Town of Windham, supplies to E. B. Field, | 10 00 |
| E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs, | 39 00 |
| E. B. Shaw, board of Mary Wyman, | 21 85 |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill, | 39 00 |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill, | 39 00 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of Drinkwater family, | 18 00 |
| Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, clothing for Morton child, | 2 98 |
| City of Portland, expenses of Graffam family, | 33 50 |
| Olive H. Merrill, board of Lucy Whitcomb, | 45 43 |
| Hamilton & Co., board and care of B. Hammond, | 36 85 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of A. F. D. and family, | 22 50 |
| Leon L. Hale, M. D., medical attendance on B. Hammond, | 2 35 |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Insane Persons, | 126 23 |
| E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs, | 33 00 |
| S. S. Rich & Son, coffin and robe for B. Hammond, | 13 50 |
| Mrs. Jordan Brown, board of Mrs. Whitcomb, | 14 28 |
| Mrs. Woodbury Titcomb, board of O. Titcomb, | 50 00 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of A. F. D. and family, | 36 00 |
| Angie Murray, board of Lucy Whitcomb, | 52 00 |
| N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies for N. Latham, | 21 22 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of Drinkwater family, | 22 50 |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Insane Persons, | 98 22 |
| Town of Deering, support and care of C. H. Blanchard. | 157 25 |
| B. J. Thompson, board of Betsey Hamilton, | 26 00 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of Drinkwater family, | 18 00 |
| W. E. Wilson, medicine for Mrs. Whitcomb, | 3 19 |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board, etc., of Anna Merrill, | 39 96 |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board, etc., of Anna Merrill, | 39 00 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of Drinkwater family, | 22 50 |
| O. A. Mountfort, expense taking Mrs. M. to Augusta, | 18 00 |

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| Paid Angie Murray, board of Mrs. Whitcomb, | 52 00 |
| Mrs. W. Titcomb, board and clothing of Olive Titcomb, | 47 00 |
| J. M. Drinkwater, board of A. F. D. and family, | 36 00 |
| E. B. Shaw, board and clothing of R. Stubbs, | 43 65 |
| N. D. Farwell, making grave of Lucy Whitcomb, | 3 00 |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of Insane Persons, | 87 08 |
| Margery E. Hamilton, clothing for Morton child, | 6 39 |
| Isaiah Mansfield, board of Morton child, | 45 00 |
| Joseph M. Drinkwater, board of Drinkwater family, | 22 50 |
| Angie Murray, board of Lucy Whitcomb, | 13 72 |
| Angie Murray, care of Mrs. Whitcomb, | 13 00 |
| S. S. Rich & Son, coffin and robe, Mrs. Whitcomb, | 16 50 |
| Wm. Osgood, M. D., certificate of insanity of Mrs. M., | 2 50 |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on Mrs. Whitcomb, | 17 00 |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on N. Latham, | 6 00 |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., certificate of insanity, Mrs. M., | 2 50 |
| Town of Westbrook, supplies furnished J. Cobb, | 13 25 |
| N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies furnished N. Latham, | 18 14 |
| E. D. Merrill, expenses, account Mrs. Whitcomb, | 6 25 |
| M. P. Sweetser, care of tramp, | 50 |
| E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs, | 39 00 |
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| | \$1,830 44 |
| Amount raised by town, | 1,500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance against town, | \$ 330 44 |
| Received from S. T. Merrill, guardian of John H. H. Hicks, | \$ 79 82 |
| " D. L. Blanchard, for Lucy Whitcomb, | 80 00 |
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| | \$ 159 82 |

NOTES AND INTEREST.

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| Paid Tr. of Greely Institute, $\frac{1}{2}$ years interest on notes, | \$ 624 00 |
| Tr. of Greely Institute, $\frac{1}{2}$ years interest on notes, | 624 00 |
| Treas. Cumberland School Fund, interest on note. | 52 62 |
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| | \$1,300 62 |
| Amount raised by town, | \$1,300 62 |

ROAD REPAIRS.

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| Paid William Seabury, repairs in 1886, | \$ 1 43 |
| E. S. W. Jones, | 19 65 |
| Simeon Jones, | 23 25 |
| Frank E. Sweetser, | 6 75 |
| A. B. Wyman, | 3 00 |
| Neils Gram, | 4 50 |
| Henry Nelson, | 4 50 |
| C. H. Morrill, | 56 55 |
| Anson Cressey, | 15 38 |
| James L. Connor, | 4 35 |
| Addison Sturdivant, | 15 75 |
| Frank N. Doughty, | 25 00 |
| R. W. Doughty, | 14 25 |
| William Seabury, | 110 75 |
| E. S. W. Jones, | 54 75 |
| Leonard Leighton, | 1 65 |
| Geo. S. Doughty, | 32 12 |
| Simeon Jones, | 22 12 |
| Eli Russell, | 35 75 |
| H. R. Mountfort, | 1 50 |
| John Hulit, | 25 40 |

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| Paid Charles McLellan, | 4 50 |
| William D. Greely, | 38 25 |
| Woodbury Titcomb, | 7 50 |
| Joseph Sawyer, | 16 80 |
| Wm. Russell, | 70 25 |
| N. D. Farwell, | 6 25 |
| L. F. Pride, | 5 25 |
| O. S. Thomes, | 12 90 |
| J. A. Blanchard, | 16 30 |
| Fred P. Blanchard, | 25 35 |
| David E. Loring, | 3 45 |
| Frank W. Blanchard, | 7 95 |
| Samuel B. Clough, | 2 55 |
| Hez. Eaton, | 4 05 |
| Wm. S. Blanchard, | 6 90 |
| Royal T. Rideout, | 4 05 |
| A. Howard Buxton, | 13 70 |
| E. B. Osgood, | 15 55 |
| Nathan L. Merrill, | 44 98 |
| James Sanborn, | 2 70 |
| Benj. Sanborn, | 2 70 |
| Joseph W. Shaw, | 14 95 |
| E. Greely Prince, | 1 40 |
| Alex. H. Farris, | 6 20 |
| Royal L. Abbott, | 6 00 |
| John M. Legrow, | 1 20 |
| Moses W. Pearson, | 1 20 |
| Clarence H. Prince, | 13 63 |
| Edward T. Hall, | 15 00 |
| Sewall Whitney, | 5 75 |
| Robt. N. Leighton, | 16 65 |
| Eben Hult, | 8 10 |
| Geo. W. Morrill, | 8 10 |
| Rufus B. Morrison, | 3 50 |
| Ezra Ramsey, | 10 35 |

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| Paid Nelson M. Shaw, | 20 85 |
| Rufus Legrow, | 7 35 |
| Otis A. Mountfort, | 13 35 |
| Cyrus W. Shaw, | 75 |
| Nathl. L. Wilson, | 6 40 |
| Geo. H. Fuller, | 5 40 |
| Levi H. Morrill, | 1 75 |
| Daniel Shaw, | 15 75 |
| Josiah Morrill, | 7 25 |
| Geo. R. Leighton, | 53 85 |
| E. B. Shaw, | 3 50 |
| Nathaniel Merrill, | 14 80 |
| Alvin Leighton, | 1 50 |
| Geo. S. Merrill, | 4 40 |
| Wm. M. Merrill, | 7 90 |
| Chas. A. Merrill, | 19 65 |
| Asa Sawyer, | 10 00 |
| Seward L. Field, | 12 25 |
| Reuben G. Brackett, | 38 75 |
| Hollis Doughty, service as road commissioner, | 61 07 |
| Robt. N. Leighton, | 22 00 |
| Frank H. Chase, | 3 00 |
| Simeon L. Strout, | 10 12 |
| Harvey Sawyer, | 5 55 |
| Simeon L. Clough, | 6 75 |
| James N. Leighton, | 5 10 |
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| | \$1,261 40 |
| Sum raised by town, | 1,500 00 |
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| Balance in favor of town, | \$ 238 60 |

SNOW BILLS.

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| Paid Hollis Doughty, breaking roads, | \$ 15 75 |
| Wm. Seabury, | 20 07 |
| E. S. W. Jones, | 21 93 |
| A. M. Small, | 46 39 |
| L. D. Farwell, | 7 85 |
| Fred P. Blanchard, | 11 07 |
| Frank .W Blanchard, | 10 85 |
| Wm. H. Skillin, | 11 12 |
| A. H. Buxton, | 90 |
| Willard C. Merrill, | 7 80 |
| A. L. Vannah, | 1 20 |
| Simeon L. Farwell, | 1 72 |
| Fred R. Sweetser, | 21 19 |
| Thurston Bros., | 2 40 |
| Saml. S. J. Porter, | 75 |
| John M. Legrow, | 31 15 |
| Sewall Whitney, | 20 14 |
| Simeon L. Clough, | 37 62 |
| Archie B. Wyman, | 3 03 |
| Edmund D. Merrill, | 5 40 |
| Nathan L. Merrill, | 4 10 |
| Rufus Legrow, | 41 06 |
| Sylvanus Higgins, | 17 51 |
| Robert Goodenow, | 25 00 |
| Joseph Goodenow, | 19 05 |
| Francis Thompson, | 6 97 |
| Daniel S. Merrill, | 19 29 |
| Thurston Bros., | 4 65 |
| F. S. Blanchard, | 12 29 |
| Eli Russell, | 6 30 |
| Leighton & Russell, | 2 40 |
| Isaiah Mansfield, | 17 55 |
| Daniel R. Allen, | 3 80 |
| John N. Farwell, | 88 |

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| Paid Asa Russell, | 6 50 |
| Hezekiah Eaton, | 45 |
| William L. Loring, | 6 50 |
| Chas. A. Merrill, | 5 19 |
| Nathaniel Merrill, | 1 57 |
| Solomon T. Merrill, | 1 95 |
| William Farris, | 1 20 |
| William M. Merrill, | 11 55 |
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| | \$ 494 09 |
| Sum raised by town, | 300 00 |
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| Balance against town, | \$ 194 09 |

BRIDGE BILLS.

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| Paid Leighton & Wilson, bridge plank, | \$3 54 |
| L. H. Wilson, bridge plank, | 20 20 |
| J. A. Blanchard, bridge rails, | 6 52 |
| E. G. Hayes, 31 1-2 yds. stone, | 102 37 |
| L. H. Wilson, bridge plank, | 26 64 |
| E. Corey & Co., iron | 3 26 |
| Thomas C. Hawkes, labor on bridge, | 35 00 |
| Martin T. Flannagan, moving derrick. | 1 50 |
| Deering, Winslow & Co., 600 feet Southern pine | 18 00 |
| Gilbert M. Soule, bridge plank, | 16 80 |
| Thurston Bros., carting lumber and tending light, | 8 52 |
| George W. Adams, lighting danger signal, | 2 52 |
| Albert Mountfort, labor on bridge, | 28 00 |
| Henry Leighton, labor on bridge, | 28 00 |
| E. D. Merrill, board of T. C. Hawkes, | 7 00 |
| Simeon Jones, labor on bridge, | 29 75 |
| William D. Greely, labor on bridge, | 29 75 |
| J. S. Adams & Son, blacksmith work, | 4 58 |
| William M. Merrill, labor and materials, | 24 75 |

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| Paid Wallace L. Merrill, labor on bridge, | 4 50 |
| E. D. Merrill, labor on bridge, | 22 40 |
| Charles A. Merrill, bridge plank, | 7 08 |
| Town of Falmouth, use of derrick, | 10 00 |
| Otis A. Mountfort, labor on bridge, | 5 50 |
| Lorenzo H. Wilson, bridge rails, | 8 60 |
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| | \$454 78 |
| Sum raised by town, | 300 00 |
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| Balance against town, | \$154 78 |

CONTINGENT BILLS.

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| Paid O. A. Mountfort, gravel for 1886, | \$5 00 |
| Josiah Black, Supt. of burying ground year '86, | 2 00 |
| Symonds & Libby, legal advice for 1886, | 12 00 |
| Southworth Bros., printing 450 reports, | 16 00 |
| A. J. Osgood, services as moderator for '86-7 | 5 00 |
| W. H. Stevens & Co., books and stationery, | 8 00 |
| Storer S. Knight, correcting mortgage list, | 1 00 |
| A. M. Small, service Supt. burying ground, | 2 00 |
| Robert Goodenow, service Supt. burying ground and labor in 1886, | 6 75 |
| Trustees of Greely Institute, am't received from State in aid of Free High School, | 252 00 |
| O. S. Collins, moving fence for years '83-84 and '86, | 4 50 |
| Rebecca S. Verrill, removing fence, | 7 00 |
| Storer S. Knight, recording tax deeds, | 4 00 |
| N. M. Shaw, services as auditor, | 2 00 |
| M. H. McCollister, box rent and postage, | 1 20 |
| Joshua E. Jenks, land damage 1884, | 5 00 |
| Hamilton & Co., land damage New Road, | 8 00 |
| L. H. Wilson, lumber for fence, Universalist yard, | 3 30 |

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| Paid Seth Higgins, land damage 1884, | 5 00 |
| Elizabeth C. Black, land for burying ground, | 100 00 |
| Sarah P. Farwell, " " " " | 75 00 |
| Wm. E. Wilson, sundries, | 1 93 |
| John Alex. Hamilton, building new road, | 41 50 |
| Wallace L. Merrill, 114 stone posts for fence, | 11 40 |
| Storer S. Knight, recording deeds, | 1 00 |
| E. W. Hamilton, collector's premium in full, | 3 81 |
| G. W. Adams, 55 stone posts, | 5 50 |
| M. C. R. R. Co., freight on fencing wire, | 64 |
| A. L. Vannah, labor on burying ground fence, | 10 73 |
| W. O. Parlin, " " " " " | 11 02 |
| D. L. Blanchard, " " " " " | 8 10 |
| George N. Wilson, labor on fence at West end, | 4 50 |
| Otis A. Mountfort, labor and materials for fence at West end, | 7 35 |
| George H. Fuller, labor on fence at West end, | 6 75 |
| F. P. Blanchard, labor on burying ground fence, | 7 50 |
| Thurston Bros., moving stone, etc., for bury- ing ground fence, | 14 27 |
| J. W. Mountfort, painting bridge rails, | 2 00 |
| O. A. Mountfort, labor on fence, new bury- ing ground, | 2 25 |
| H. R. Mountfort, labor and materials on fence, new burying ground, | 15 20 |
| L. H. Wilson, lumber for fence, new bury- ing ground, | 38 08 |
| Silas Skillin, surveying and making plan of road, | 5 00 |
| M. C. R. R. Co., freight on wire, | 25 |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., service and expenses, board of health, | 12 00 |
| M. P. Sweetser, resident taxes bid in by town, | 47 31 |
| S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes bid in by town, | 81 83 |
| S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes charged twice, | 3 20 |

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| Paid Emery, Waterhouse & Co., fence wire, etc., | | 65 63 |
| A. M. Small, labor on fence and Supt. of burying ground, | | 4 85 |
| J. A. Blanchard, collector's premium part payment for '80, 81, 82, 83, | | 50 00 |
| F. S. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse, | | 24 00 |
| D. L. Blanchard, Supt. of burying ground, | | 3 00 |
| D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk, | | 17 72 |
| D. L. Blanchard, making plan of cemetery, etc., | | 4 50 |
| M. H. McCollister, services as S. S. Committee, | | 11 00 |
| John Alex Hamilton, services as Constable, | | 3 00 |
| A. R. Littlefield, services as S. S. Committee, | | 14 75 |
| E. R. Sweetser, services as S. S. Committee, | | 37 00 |
| E. D. Merrill, sundries, | | 2 74 |
| S. T. Merrill, services as Treasurer, | | 45 00 |
| S. T. Merrill, taking possession of property and travelling expenses, | | 25 00 |
| M. P. Sweetser, services as Constable, | | 15 25 |
| M. P. Sweetser, collector's premium in part for '84, 85, 86, | | 100 00 |
| Alvin Leighton, collector's premium in part for 1887, | | 75 00 |
| Albert H. Grannell, services board of health, | | 4 00 |
| E. D. Merrill, service and travelling expenses as selectman, assessor, etc. | | 104 85 |
| O. A. Mountfort, service and travelling expenses as selectman, etc., | | 91 60 |
| Edward Ross, services and travelling expenses, as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, | | 52 85 |
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| | | \$1,619 61 |
| Amount raised by town, | \$3,400 00 | |
| Amount received from State, | 252 00 | 3,652 00 |
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| Balance in favor of town, | | \$2,320 39 |
| | | <i>f 2,032.39</i> |

TAXES ABATED IN 1887.

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| Abated on lists of E. W. Hamilton, by vote of town, | \$33 14 |
| “ “ J. A. Blanchard by vote of town, | 6 06 |
| “ “ M. P. Sweetser by vote of town, | 41 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| “ “ M. P. Sweetser by selectmen, | 20 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | \$101 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

SUMMARY.

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| Am't as'ed for poor, | \$1,500 00 | exp'd, \$1,830 44 |
| “ notes and int. | 1,300 62 | “ 1,300 62 |
| “ for road repairs, | 1,500 00 | “ 1,261 40 |
| “ bridges, | 300 00 | “ 454 78 |
| “ contingent, | 3,400 00 | “ 1,619 61 |
| “ Snow bills, | 300 00 | “ 494 09 |
| “ Hearse, | 300 00 | |
| “ collector's premium, | 244 29 | |
| “ overlay, | 545 07 | |
| “ unpaid highway, | 195 73 | |
| “ supplement, | 3 60 | |
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| | \$9,589 31 | \$6,960 94 |
| Amount received from State, | 252 00 | ab'mts. 101 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| “ “ “ Lucy Whitcomb property, | 80 00 | |
| Amount received from guardian of J. H. Hicks, | 79 82 | |
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| | \$10,001 13 | \$7,062 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Balance in favor of town, | | \$2,938 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Notes due Greely Institute, | \$20,800 00 |
| " Cumberland School Fund, | 877 00 |
| Balance due School Districts, | 510 03 |
| Outstanding bills estimated, | 400 00 |
| Town orders unpaid, | 602 82 |
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| | \$23,189 85 |

ASSETS.

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| Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report, | \$10,537 83 |
| " on tax deeds, | 563 38 |
| " from State for schools, | 923 84 |
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| | \$12,025 05 |
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| Balance against town, | \$11,164 80 |

The following abatements have been made in the year 1887
by Selectmen :

| Names. | Date of Ass't | Cause. | Poll. | Real Est. | Total. |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Merriman, John S. | 1886, | No such man, | | \$ 34½ | \$ 34½ |
| Dyer, Lizzie W. | 1886, | Owned by town, | 4 | 60 | 4 60 |
| Chase, George B. | 1886, | Poverty, | \$2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Cressey, Lorenzo | 1886, | " | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Duff, Allen | 1886, | Not a resident, | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Littlefield, R. R. | 1886, | Poverty, | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Poor, Benjamin | 1886, | " | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Wallace, Absalom | 1886, | " | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Webber, Simeon | 1886, | " | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |
| Anderson Hans P. | 1886, | " | 2 | 00 | 2 00 |

\$20 94½

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| EDMUND D. MERRILL, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| OTIS A. MOUNTFORT, | |
| EDWARD ROSS, | |

of
Cumberland.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Balance in treasury March 1887, | \$ 7,503 89 |
| Assessor's commitments 1887, | 10,894 51 |
| Received from State for schools, | 962 95 |
| " Cumberland school fund, | 92 62 |
| " State treasurer for telegraph and railroad tax 1886, | 3 00 |
| " tax deeds redeemed, | 617 75 |
| " S. T. Merrill guardian of John Hicks, | 79 82 |
| " State, in aid of free high school, | 375 00 |
| " Treasurer of the city of Portland for school on Crotch Island, | 41 25 |
| " A. C. Hill for road tax unexpended, | 10 22 |
| " D. L. Blanchard trustee of Lucy Whitcomb, | 80 00 |
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| | \$20,661 01 |
| Paid out town orders, | 10,123 18 |
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| Balance due the town, | \$10,537 83 |

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| Due from Alvin Leighton, collector, | \$ 7,090 94 |
| “ M. P. Sweetser, “ | 2,260 45 |
| “ J. A. Blanchard, “ | 241 80 |
| “ Alvin Leighton, “ of 1875, '76, | 112 51 |
| “ non-resident 1877 tax, | 5 55 |
| “ “ 1878 “ | 3 90 |
| “ “ 1879 “ | 3 10 |
| “ Savings Bank aid for high school, | 250 00 |
| Cash to balance, | 569 58 |
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| | \$10,537 83 |

S. T. MERRILL, *Treasurer of Cumberland.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term of school commenced March 7th, 1887, with Wilson Nevens, A. M., as principal, and Miss Alma M. Brackett, assistant, and continued ten weeks. Number of pupils, 64.

The Fall term commenced August 29th, with the same teachers as at previous term, and continued twelve weeks. Number of pupils, 54.

The Winter term commenced December 5th, with Fairfield Whitney, A. B., as principal, Albert S. Woodman, A. B., and Miss Alma M. Brackett, assistants, and continued eleven weeks. Number of pupils, 52.

The Spring term begins March 5th, 1888.

PERMANENT FUND.

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| For Town of Cumberland note, | \$12,000 00 |
| “ “ | 6,000 00 |
| “ “ | 2,000 00 |
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| Total, | \$20,000 00 |

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

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| For Town of Cumberland note, | | \$300 00 |
| “ cash on hand, | | 34 31 |
| “ one year’s interest on note, | | 18 00 |
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| | | \$352 31 |
| Paid Wilson Nevens, apparatus, | \$25 90 | |
| H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals, | 1 82 | |
| F. Whitney, supplies, | 2 00 | |
| Cash to balance, | 22 59 | |
| | <hr/> | \$52 31 |
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| Town of Cumberland note, | | \$300 00 |

LIBRARY FUND.

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| For amount in Portland Savings Bank, | | \$599 05 |
| “ cash for books sold W. Nevens, | | 3 19 |
| “ amount of May and November dividends, | | 25 72 |
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| | | \$627 96 |
| Paid W. H. Stevens & Co., for books, | \$65 52 | |
| “ Southworth Bros., labels for books, | 2 00 | |
| “ E. Small, rebinding books, | 3 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$71 12 |
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| Balance remaining in bank, | | \$556 84 |

ACCUMULATED FUND.

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| For Town of Cumberland note, | | \$500 00 |
| “ amount in Maine Savings Bank, | | 290 19 |
| “ amount due on tuition book, | | 28 00 |
| “ cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank, | | 100 00 |
| “ cash balance, | | 113 21 |
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| | | \$1,031 40 |

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND
OTHER SOURCES,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

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| Paid Southworth Bros., printing reports, | \$ 5 00 |
| W. H. Stevens & Co., diplomas, | 10 00 |
| W. D. Little & Co., insurance for 3 years, | 102 00 |
| Gorham L. Farwell, janitor, | 18 00 |
| Alma M. Brackett, teaching Spring term, | 100 00 |
| Wilson Nevens, " " | 196 97 |
| Southworth Bros., printing circulars, | 10 50 |
| Legrow Bros., lumber, | 13 25 |
| A. R. Alexander, labor on furnace, | 2 55 |
| H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals, | 8 61 |
| Annie M. Eaton, cleaning Institute, | 6 00 |
| Charles A Merrill lumber, | 1 50 |
| C. E. Merrill, labor, cleaning Institute, | 6 00 |
| N. D. Farwell, horse hire, etc., | 1 50 |
| Charles A. Merrill, one cord wood, | 5 50 |
| Joseph Sawyer, grading, etc., | 4 05 |
| L. & L. F. Walker, 16 tons coal, | 106 40 |
| Wm. E. Wilson, supplies, | 6 36 |
| R. P. Kelley, "Anatomical Study," | 35 00 |
| C. P. Graves, tuning piano, | 3 00 |
| Wilson Nevens, teaching fall term, | 236 36 |
| Alma M. Brackett, teaching fall term, | 120 00 |
| Wilson Nevens, desk books, etc., | 1 12 |
| C. E. Merrill, janitor, | 18 00 |
| Southworth Bros., printing programmes, etc., | 3 96 |
| O. A. Mountfort soft wood, | 1 00 |
| S. W. Hamilton, carting lumber, | 1 00 |
| J. M. Haskell, mason work, | 3 25 |
| Benjamin Whitney, repairs on Institute, | 12 50 |
| Fairfield Whitney, teaching winter term, | 233 33 |
| Albert S. Woodman " " " | 98 80 |
| Alma M. Brackett, " " " | 110 00 |

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| Paid C. E. Merrill, janitor, | 20 00 |
| O. S. Thomes, supplies, etc., | 4 90 |
| E. D. Merrill, service and expenses as trustee, | 20 00 |
| O. A. Mountfort, " " " | 6 00 |
| F. S. Blanchard, getting supplies, | 2 35 |
| Cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank, | 100.00 |
| Balance, cash in hand, | 113 21 |
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| | \$1,747 97 |

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| By Cash, bal. from 1886, | \$ 40 97 |
| Cash from town treas. in aid of free high school, | 252 00 |
| Cash, tuition Spring term, | 46 00 |
| Int. on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$500 town notes, | 615 00 |
| Cash from Maine Savings Bank, | 100 00 |
| Cash, tuitions Spring term, | 35 00 |
| Cash, tuitions, Winter term, | 35 00 |
| Int. on 12,000, 6,000, 2,000 and \$500 town notes, | 615 00 |
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| | \$1,747 97 |

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| EDMUND D. MERRILL, | } Trustees | |
| OTIS A. MOUNTFORT, | | of |
| EDWARD ROSS, | | Greeley Institute. |

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N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT.



Fellow Citizens:

In making report for the year 1887-8, we shall endeavor to present such information as will show the present condition and progress of our schools, and add suggestions as to what should be done to secure the great aim of all school management, "The greatest good to the greatest number." Although we have had our full share of young and inexperienced teachers, the work done has not been without good results. Here, allow us to say that although experience does not *always* develop good teachers, it is *only* experience that makes the best. Let us also keep in mind, that there can be no real success in teaching without discipline. Children will not learn unless they are governed; and while it is doubtless true that the ability to govern well is born to *some*; there are not half enough born with this gift to supply our schools. Therefore, let it be the aim of all teachers who are not endowed by nature with this capacity to acquire it.

Some of our schools have taken Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, and fine recitations in that department were given at the closing examination. Some very interesting recitations in Geography, showing great power of abstract memory, were given in many of the schools. This is a study well adapted to young minds, and should be taken by all pupils as soon as they have learned to read. History should receive more attention. It is an ennobling study and many have been stimulated to efforts that have blessed the world by learning what others have done.

We suggest that teachers take a little more pains to teach principles; much that is simply abstract, often changes or passes away, while principles abide forever. Physiology is one of the studies required to be taught in the common schools. Some of our teachers have not been as careful in this as is desirable. English grammar needs a fresh baptism of earnest effort in nearly all our schools. Green's grammar is very good for advanced scholars, but for beginners a small book of language lessons is much needed. We earnestly recommend that some such book be introduced at an early date. We have sometimes noticed that teachers will call out a class in reading and give attention to some other thing. This should never be done. Reading is the most important of all branches of education and demands the greatest care and watchfulness. If young children are not taught to enunciate clearly and pronounce correctly, they seldom do so when older.

We now turn to the second part of our report and ask why our common schools—we refer to those on the main—do not succeed in accomplishing the greatest good to the greatest number? Our reply is that it is because of our district system. Comparing district No. 5 with No. 13, you will see that it costs more than a dollar per week for each scholar attending school in No. 13, and about twenty cents per week in No. 5. This estimate does not include the cost of fuel. In No. 7 it costs about seventy cents per week for each scholar; in No. 3, less than thirty.

We offer a much more important consideration. We notice that pupils of same age do not do as well in these very small schools as in the larger ones, even when teachers are equally efficient, showing conclusively that children inspire and stimulate each other. In some cases this can not be helped; but in Nos. 13 and 7 there is a remedy, and it is for the children we make our plea. Not only the pupils in these two districts, but every scholar in town would be benefited, if these small districts were suspended. There would be more than two

hundred dollars to divide among the others, where all could attend and better results, in general, be secured.

In showing the division of money, we also give the average attendance of the schools whose registers—for winter terms—have come into our hands.

APPORTIONMENT.

| No. of Dist. | No. Scholais. | Per Cent. | Total | Av'ge Attendance. |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | 27 | \$30 00 | \$127 47 | 12 |
| 2 | 52 | 25 00 | 212 72 | 20 |
| 3 | 57 | 5 00 | 210 77 | 23 |
| 4 | 49 | 40 00 | 216 89 | 32 |
| 5 | 44 | 50 00 | 208 84 | 25 |
| 6 | 5 | 30 00 | 48 05 | |
| 7 | 28 | 35 00 | 136 08 | 7 |
| 8 | 104 | 10 00 | 385 44 | |
| 9 | 132 | 30 00 | 506 52 | |
| 10 | 6 | 15 00 | 36 15 | |
| 11 | 11 | 15 00 | 44 71 | 9 |
| 12 | 2 | | 7 22 | |
| 13 | 21 | 40 00 | 115 81 | 4 |
| 14 | 9 | 21 99 | 54 48 | |

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Joseph Goodenow. Spring and Winter terms, Miss Margaret S. Drinkwater, teacher. One of the best qualifications for a teacher in a small school is cheerfulness and vivacity of spirit. The pupils, not finding among themselves that stimulus which awakens ambition to excel, must find it in their teacher. This they do find in Miss D., thus she succeeds even in small schools. Number registered, 12.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, William Sturdivant. Spring and Fall terms, teacher, Miss Annie O. Buxton. Miss B. entered upon her work with a good measure of confidence and determination to succeed. She bears herself with dignity in the school-room, and possesses many elements that help to make a good teacher. Her class in English Analysis by diagrams is especially worthy of mention. Registered, 26; Average for Spring term, 22.

Winter term, Scott Wilson. Mr. Wilson at once secured the love and good will of his scholars, thus his success was assured. His explanations are clear and his manner interesting. The class in Mental Arithmetic showed fine drill, and was the best we had heard there for several years.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, A. A. Sweetser. Teacher for the year, Miss Julia C. Duran. Miss D. has fully sustained her reputation of last year in this school. She has taught over forty terms, and evidently understands her work and loves it. The earnestness with which her pupils performed their parts was the best evidence that they loved their school. Through Miss D.'s efforts a full set of maps has been put into this school, and the recitations from them gave evidence of careful drill. Fresh paint, new paper, and curtains are much needed in this school-room.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, N. M. Shaw. Teacher, Spring term, Alice Bradford. Miss B. did not bring much experience with her, but she brought a large amount of energy and untiring devotion to her work, and as a matter of course succeeded. A cheerful, earnest teacher in a neat school-room with good scholars is sure to do good work. Experience, with good health will place Miss B. among the best.

Teacher of Fall and Winter term, Horace B. Mountfort. The pupils were very orderly and studious, and the teacher

firm and faithful. It was evident at the closing examinations that good work had been done.

DISTRICT No. 5.

John Hulit, Agent. Teacher Spring term, Lizzie Hamilton. Here you find a neat school-room and curtains to match, which is good evidence that the parents are interested in the education of their children. We could name some fine scholars here, but they will soon speak for themselves. Miss H. is a teacher of experience and needs no word of ours.

Fall term. Miss Jessie A. Legrow. We found Miss L. doing good work and pupils apparently interested. The school closed one week sooner than we expected. Not being notified we were not present at the closing examination.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss Hannah Stiles. At the closing examination, we remarked to Miss S. that if her scholars had been as orderly every day as when we were present, she must have had a pleasant time, she replied, "They have been just as good as they could be." The recitations showed plainly that teacher and pupils had worked together, and thus good results were secured.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Under Supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Agent, Edward Drinkwater. Spring term Frances Dyer, teacher. Although Miss Dyer's register shows an attendance of seven scholars, at our first visit there were five and at the last, four. It was the stillest school we ever visited. Miss D. tried hard and if there had been more enthusiasm, better results would have been obtained. But each pupil being in a class alone, there was nothing to stimulate or arouse ambition.

Fall term was taught by Miss Margaret S. Drinkwater, who still maintained her usual degree of animation. The scholars appeared interested and made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Agent, Frank A. Hamilton. Spring Term, Louie A. Quimby teacher. Miss Q. fully maintained her reputation as a first class teacher. Characteristics of the school, good order thorough work and steady employment.

Fall term. Lizzie M. Hamilton, teacher. Miss Hamilton's long experience as a teacher makes her at home in the school-room. This district would do well could it secure her services again.

Winter Term. Geo. H. Hamlin, teacher. Mr. H's. pupils formed so great an attachment for him at first sight that his success was inevitable.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, Henry W. Hamilton. Spring term, Isabel E. Bennett and Mabel C. Hamilton teachers. Mrs. Bennett although in her home district did some of the best work that has been done in that school during the year. Her method of teaching was clear, concise and interesting. Miss H. in the primary school made no attempt at fancy work, but busied herself with plain common-sense instructions. Her pupils seemed interested in their work and advanced rapidly.

Fall term. Louie A. Quimby and Cora G. Hamilton, teachers. We think Mrs. Bennett having been so great a favorite with the pupils of this school the previous term worked to Miss Quimby's disadvantage. Their methods of instructing and governing were very different yet we think had the pupils accepted both with like grace the results would have been nearly equal.

Miss Hamilton in the primary school was very successful. Her amiable ways among her pupils, together with a peculiar tact she possesses for teaching small children, places her, as a teacher, in almost an enviable position.

Winter term, Isaac N. Cox, teacher. Mr. C's pupils have done very good work, his school being fully up to the average.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Hope Island. Agent, Bailey Osgood. Teacher, Mary Robinson. This district has had but one term of twelve weeks during the year, in which we think the children have learned fairly well.

UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY.

No school during the year. There ought to be something done towards getting a decent place to send these children to school in, there being at present nothing but a rudely constructed shed. The parents seem very anxious to have their children educated, but are so situated that they can not conveniently.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Crotch Island. Through the untiring efforts of the Portland school committee, that city has erected in this district a very neat and comfortable school-house which is an ornament to the place and will prove an honor to all concerned. The building, and things pertaining to it, has cost a fraction over six hundred dollars. The present arrangement is, that Cumberland shall pay a reasonable rent for one-half this cost, and also one-half the cost of running the school. Those who may have charge of our schools will bear this in mind.

A school was opened in the new house Nov. 14th, 1887, under the instruction of Miss Georgie Pinkham who seems to be just the one for the place. By her kind yet dignified manner, she has won the love and esteem of all. It was our privilege to visit this school with the committee of Portland where we met many of the parents, who, with us, rejoice in the good work done for their children. Winter term still in session.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Agent, N. D. Farwell. Spring term, Miss Susie Farwell, teacher. This was Miss Farwell's first experience in teaching.

She appears self-possessed and calm in the school-room; works carefully and faithfully. With more energy and animation will make a fine teacher.

Fall term, Miss Edith Sawyer, teacher. Although each of the pupils in this school read by himself, they were called with all the dignity and precision of a class of twenty. Miss S. was faithful and we think will succeed as a disciplinarian. Had the school been large, the results would have been still better.

GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Fall term opened with same teacher as the year before. Although the work done was equally as good as previous the term, for reasons—which it will not be profitable to discuss—the results were not satisfactory.

The Winter term began with Mr. Fairfield Whitney as principal, retaining same assistant. The fourth week they were reinforced by Mr. A. S. Woodman. Mr. Whitney came to us so highly recommended, from such reliable sources, that we watched with much interest and high hopes. It gives us pleasure to say that our expectations have been more than realized. We find in Mr. Whitney a conscientious, earnest man, and a *thorough* teacher. The closing exercises were, in some respects, unusually interesting. The classes in Geology and Philosophy were conducted in a way highly pleasing to all present. The recitations in Cicero were the best we have heard for a long time. That in Cæsar was equally good, and spoke well for Mr. Woodman who had charge of the classical department. In fact all classes were testimonies that students and teachers had worked together for good results.

We wish to repeat what we have already said to the students, that to have a good school, quite as much depends upon them as upon the teacher. Also, as parents and citizens, let us remember that—not only teachers at Greely Institute—but

every one in our town, will do much better work and secure better results, if we give them our hearty support and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. SWEETSER,
A. R. LITTLEFIELD, } *Committee*
M. H. MCCOLLISTER, }