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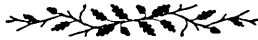
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# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

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*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 fourth day of March next, at nine (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 a town clerk for the ensuing year.

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

Fourth. To hear and act upon the report of the overseers of the poor.

Fifth. To hear and act upon the report of the town treasurer.

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

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

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

Ninth. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

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

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

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

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

Fourteenth. To raise money for payment of snow bills.

Fifteenth. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Sixteenth. To see what disposition the town will make of the money received from the State, in aid of free High Schools.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen, from the road on the south side of Chebeague, to the road on north side of said island.

Eighteenth. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen (on Chebeague) from the main road, near Clinton M. Hamilton's house to Dr. Bray's land.

Nineteenth. To see if the town will raise money to pay land damage, and build new road, or roads.

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

Twenty-first. To receive bills against the town.

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

Twenty-third. To see what action the town will take in regard to committing poll taxes to an attorney for collection.

Twenty-fourth. To see if the town will vote a discount within a certain date, and after that an interest until paid.

Twenty-fifth. To see what action the town will take in regard to decision of County Commissioners, granting the road from near E. B. Shaw's to the northwest road near S. Whitney's.

Twenty-sixth. To see when and how the town will build the road as laid out by the Selectmen and allowed by the County Commissioners, from the Rangeway near E. B. Shaw's house, to the N. W. road near Sewall Whitneys.

Twenty-seventh. To hear and act on the request of Albert Rideout and others, to be set off from Road District No. 12, into a new district by themselves; the said district to commence at point near S. L. Clough's and ending with its connection with northwest road near burying ground, and also the road

running over Gondola Hill and by Mr. Lawrenson's house, and connecting with the road near S. L. Clough's house.

Twenty-eighth. To see what action the town will take in regard to refunding, or otherwise disposing of notes against the town, held by the trustees of Greely Institute.

Twenty-ninth. To hear and act on the request of Silas M. Rideout, in regard to crossing his land near the store of James L. Dunn.

Thirtieth. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 in addition to the road district tax, for the repairs of the road from Cumberland Centre, to the M. C. R. R. station, and appoint a good man to make the repairs, such repairs to be completed by the 1st day of July, 1889.

Thirty-first. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen, Clerk and Treasurer.

Thirty-second. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to purchase team and necessary farming equipments for Town Farm.

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 20th day of Feb., A. D. 1889.

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

# Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

## MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1888.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| For State Tax,       | \$1,534 41 |
| County Tax,          | 431 94     |
| Schools,             | 1,295 20   |
| Support of Poor,     | 1,500 00   |
| Notes and Interest,  | 1,300 62   |
| Snow Bills,          | 600 00     |
| Bridges,             | 250 00     |
| Contingent Bills,    | 1,700 00   |
| Collector's Premium, | 171 52 ½   |
| Overlay,             | 168 93     |
| Supplement,          | 20 50      |
| Dog tax, special,    | 75 00      |

Total Assessment.

\$9,048 12 ½

Total Valuation, \$645,850.

No. of Polls, 450.

Rate of Taxation, 12 ½ mills on a dollar.

Poll Tax, \$2.00.

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Paid B. J. Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,     | \$ 26 00 |
| George Darling, care of transient poor,           | 15 00    |
| Joseph M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. D. and family, | 36 00    |



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| Paid E. B. Shaw, board of R. Stubbs,                                     | 39 00  |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,                            | 97 96  |
| O. A. Mountfort, wood for N. Latham,                                     | 2 50   |
| E. H. Nutting, two telegrams,  | 1 07   |
| Jos. M. Drinkwater, aid to A. F. D. and family,                          | 22 50  |
| O. A. Mountfort, wood furnished Mr. Latham,                              | 5 00   |
| Mrs. Woodbury Titcomb, board etc. for<br>O. Titcomb,                     | 54 50  |
| E. B. Shaw, board of Rufus Stubbs,                                       | 39 00  |
| Enos Leighton, care of N. Latham,  | 70 00  |
| J. M. Drinkwater, aid to Drinkwater family,                              | 18 00  |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,                            | 113 14 |
| E. B. Shaw, b'd and clothing for Rufus Stubbs,                           | 23 47  |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance on<br>N. Latham,                | 11 50  |
| Mrs. Hamilton, clothing for Jessie Morton,                               | 5 10   |
| N. B. Wilson & Son, supplies furnished<br>N. Latham,                     | 12 15  |
| J. M. Drinkwater, aid to Drinkwater family,                              | 36 00  |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, b'd and clothing for<br>Anna Merrill,               | 39 64  |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,                              | 45 50  |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, board of Anna Merrill,                              | 45 50  |
| Mrs. Woodbury Titcomb, board of Olive<br>Titcomb,                        | 11 00  |
| S. S. Rich, attendance with ambulance,                                   | 5 00   |
| Mrs. M. M. Leighton, b'd and clothing for<br>Anna Merrill,               | 20 53  |
| B. J. Thompson, board of Betsy Hamilton,                                 | 26 00  |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,                            | 69 91  |
| Tr. Insane Hospital, board of insane persons,                            | 76 20  |
| E. D. Merrill, expenses committing J. J. M.<br>to Insane Hospital,       | 19 90  |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., attendance on Anna<br>Merrill,                     | 3 00   |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., visit and certificate<br>case of J. J. Mainwaring, | 2 50   |
| Town of Windham, supplies for E. B. Field<br>for two years,              | 33 26  |

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| Paid M. P. Sweetser, keeping 5 tramps,                      | 2 50       |
| Hamilton & Co., shoes for Jessie Morton,                    | 85         |
| Isaiah Mansfield, board of Jessie Morton,                   | 33 12      |
| Margery E. Hamilton, taking Jessie Morton<br>to alms house, | 2 50       |
| George R. Leighton, keeping one tramp,                      | 75         |
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|   | \$1,065 55 |
| Amount raised by town,                                      | 1,500 00   |
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| Balance in favor of town,                                   | \$ 434 45  |

## CONTINGENT BILLS.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Paid Southworth Bros., printing 450 town reports,                                 | \$ 19 00 |
| Hooper, Son & Leighton, office chairs,  | 16 00    |
| O. A. Mountfort, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood for office,                              | 3 00     |
| Storer S. Knight, recording 4 tax deeds,  | 2 00     |
| N. M. Shaw, services as auditor,  | 1 50     |
| Josiah Black, superintendent of burying ground<br>for 1887,                       | 2 00     |
| C. E. Herrick, water tub for 1887,  | 3 00     |
| Jacob Merrill, road repairs in 1886,  | 2 40     |
| Estate of Wm. L. Prince, services as committee<br>to purchase farm in 1887,       | 4 00     |
| Trustees of Greely Institute, amount received<br>from State for Free High School, | 251 00   |
| Berlin Mills Co., lumber for hearse house,  | 25 59    |
| O. S. Thomes, splitting posts,  | 1 92     |
| James A. Blanchard, for farm,   | 1,900 00 |
| L. H. Wilson, lumber for fence,   | 4 96     |
| S. S. Knight, recording deed,   | 50       |
| H. H. Hay & Co., materials for painting fence,                                    | 9 20     |
| D. L. Blanchard, labor in cemetery,   | 6 75     |
| George L. Brownell, hearse for Chebcague,   | 300 00   |
| Stevens & Co., books, stationery, &c.,  | 12 39    |
| Rufus Deering & Co., cedar posts,   | 7 48     |
| O. A. Mountfort, labor in Moss side cemetery,                                     | 3 00     |

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| Paid E. D. Merrill, postage, freight bills, etc.,                    | 4 64   |
| A. L. Vannah, labor in cemetery,                                     | 75     |
| S. S. Knight, recording tax deeds,                                   | 1 50   |
| J. A. Blanchard, labor in cemetery,                                  | 4 50   |
| M. P. Sweetser, resident taxes bid in by town,                       | 61 68  |
| S. L. Farwell, painting fence, Moss side cemetery,                   | 7 40   |
| Southworth Bros., printing blank deeds,                              | 4 00   |
| Wm. M. Marks, blanks for election returns,                           | 3 50   |
| S. W. Hamilton, carting lumber,                                      | 2 50   |
| W. E. Wilson, surveying in cemetery,                                 | 1 25   |
| L. L. Ramsdell, labor on burying ground fence,                       | 2 25   |
| L. P. Sturdivant, services as moderator March<br>meeting,            | 3 00   |
| LeGrow Bros., lumber for fence at lower yard,                        | 13 82  |
| E. S. W. Jones, labor on fence at lower yard,                        | 3 00   |
| George L. Brownell, hearse, shafts, pole and run-<br>ners,           | 475 00 |
| E. H. Nutting, freight on hearse,                                    | 12 00  |
| H. R. Mountfort, labor and materials for fence at<br>Black's Corner, | 10 25  |
| Emery & Waterhouse, wire for fence,                                  | 9 35   |
| Geo. H. Fuller, labor on fence at Black's corner,                    | 4 95   |
| George H. Fuller, 1-2 cord wood for town office,                     | 3 00   |
| O. A. Mountfort, labor and materials for fence<br>at Black's corner, | 4 00   |
| E. D. Merrill, labor in and around burying<br>grounds,               | 7 00   |
| M. P. Sweetser, labor, changing hearses,                             | 1 50   |
| Symonds & Libby, legal advice to Jan. 1, 1889,                       | 33 00  |
| O. A. Mountfort, erecting stone monuments,                           | 2 00   |
| Benjamin Whitney, labor on fence,                                    | 6 55   |
| S. L. Farwell, painting fence at lower yard,                         | 6 00   |
| Stephen Staples, surveying town line,                                | 1 00   |
| Frank S. Merrill, painting burying ground fence,                     | 2 00   |
| Stevens & Jones, one town order book,                                | 3 00   |
| E. D. Merrill, labor on fence, erecting monu-<br>ments, etc.,        | 4 12   |

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| Paid S. T. Merrill, non-resident taxes bid in by town,                              | 29 84  |
| W. E. Wilson, surveying Windham and Cumberland lines,                               | 2 00   |
| O. S. Thomes, oil, nails, screws, etc.,   | 2 49   |
| James L. Dunn, lead, oil, etc.,   | 16 23  |
| Robert Goodenow, services, superintendent of burying ground for two years, 1887-88, | 4 00   |
| F. A. Hamilton, services, clerk of island district,                                 | 6 40   |
| C. T. Moulton, M. D., member Board of Health,                                       | 18 50  |
| S. T. Merrill, services as town treasurer,  | 45 00  |
| S. T. Merrill, taking possession of and selling and conveying property,             | 15 00  |
| S. T. Merrill, committee to purchase town farm in 1887,                             | 4 00   |
| S. T. Merrill, taxes charged twice in account,                                      | 12 55  |
| Silas Skillin, surveying roads and making plan of same,                             | 7 00   |
| E. R. Sweetser, services as S. S. Committee.  | 33 00  |
| D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,  | 30 57  |
| D. L. Blanchard, Supt. of Burying Grounds and labor, painting,                      | 8 00   |
| M. H. McCollister, services as S. S. committee,                                     | 9 15   |
| M. P. Sweetser, services as Constable,  | 22 00  |
| F. S. Blanchard, attending funerals with hearse,                                    | 28 00  |
| F. S. Blanchard, repairs on town house and express,                                 | 2 90   |
| E. Ross, labor on hearse house, etc.,   | 26 71  |
| Alvin Leighton, Collector's prem. part payment for years 1887 and 1888,             | 170 00 |
| Reuben Hill. repairs and services in Burying Ground,                                | 5 00   |
| S. B. Hamilton, attending funerals with hearse,                                     | 4 00   |
| Benj. Whitney, frame for map of Moss Side Cemetery,                                 | 1 50   |
| Robert Hamilton, services, Warden of Island Dist.                                   | 3 00   |
| Hamilton & Co., lead, oil, nails, etc.,   | 6 13   |

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| Paid Portland Steam Packet Co., freight on<br>hearse,   |            | 13 25      |
| John Alex. Hamilton, services as Constable,   |            | 6 00       |
| Albert H. Grannell, services on board of<br>health,   |            | 4 00       |
| E. D. Merrill, services and traveling ex-<br>penses as Selectman, Assessor and<br>Overseer of poor, |            | 142 65     |
| O. A. Mountfort, services and traveling ex-<br>penses as Selectman, etc,                            |            | 134 60     |
| Edward Ross, services and traveling ex-<br>penses as Selectman, etc.,                               |            | 53 25      |
| Alvin Leighton, Collector's premium in full<br>for taxes of years 1874, '75, '76,                   |            | 6 39       |
| O. A. Mountfort, gravel for Dist. No. 16,   |            | 10 00      |
| M. P. Sweetser, Collector's premium in part<br>for years 1884, '85 and '86,                         |            | 30 00      |
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|   |            | \$4,187 31 |
| Amount raised by town,  | \$1,700 00 |            |
| Received from State,  | 251 00     |            |
| Received for one old hearse and<br>runners,   | 50 00      |            |
| Received for old hearse and<br>runners,   | 12 00      | \$2,013 00 |
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| Balance against town,   |            | \$2,174 31 |

## NOTES AND INTEREST.

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| Paid Tr. of Greely Institute one-half year's in-<br>terest on notes, |  | \$624 00   |
| Tr. of Greely Institute, one-half year's in-<br>terest on notes,     |  | 624 00     |
| Tr. Cumberland school fund interest on note,                         |  | 52 62      |
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|  |  | \$1,300 62 |
| Amount raised by town,   |  | 1,300 62   |

## BRIDGE BILLS AND ROAD REPAIRS.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Paid Gilbert M. Soule, bridge plank,                            | \$ 4 76  |
| Berlin Mills Co., bridge plank,                                 | 6 01     |
| Woodbury Titcomb, labor on bridge,                              | 7 00     |
| Harvey Sawyer, bridge stringers                                 | 3 95     |
| C. A. Merrill, bridge plank,                                    | 6 71     |
| O. A. Mountfort, labor and materials,<br>painting bridge rails, | 4 00     |
| E. S. W. Jones, labor on bridge,                                | 19 00    |
| J. R. Duran, labor on bridge,                                   | 5 42     |
| Asa Sawyer, lumber for bridge,                                  | 5 00     |
| F. N. Dougherty, labor on bridge,                               | 14 50    |
| Simeon Jones, labor on bridge,                                  | 8 00     |
| Benjamin Sanborn, stone for bridge,                             | 3 00     |
| A. H. Farris, road repairs in 1887,                             | 3 50     |
| Josiah M. Haskell, road repairs in 1887,                        | 2 50     |
| John Hulit, road repairs in 1887,                               | 1 50     |
| Wallace L. Merrill, repairs Dist. No. 8 in '88,                 | 2 80     |
| Nathan L. Merrill, road repairs, Dist. No. 8, '88,              | 12 35    |
| Henry Nelson, road repairs Dist. No. 8, '88,                    | 2 25     |
| E. D. Merrill, road repairs, Dist. No. 8, '88                   | 6 07     |
| O, A. Mountfort, road repairs, Dist. No. 16, '88-9,             | 8 75     |
| R. B. Morrison, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                     | 4 37     |
| R. N. Leighton, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                     | 3 07     |
| George W. Morrill, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                  | 4 37     |
| Ezra Ramsey, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                        | 1 87     |
| G. H. Fuller, labor in District No. 16, '88,                    | 1 87     |
| N. M. Shaw, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                         | 1 87     |
| Eben Hulit, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                         | 1 20     |
| Daniel Shaw, labor in Dist. No. 16, '88,                        | 1 13     |
| E. R. Clough, road repairs in '87,                              | 1 50     |
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|   | \$148 32 |
| Amount raised by town,  | 250 00   |
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| Balance in favor of town,                                       | \$101 68 |

## SNOW BILLS.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Thomas Kenney, breaking snow,        | \$ 2 62 |
| H. J. McCartney, breaking snow,           | 3 07    |
| George W. Cook, breaking snow in '86,     | 1 87    |
| Samuel Porter, shoveling snow,            | 1 05    |
| Edwin O. Russell, breaking snow,          | 41 84   |
| Chas. H. Morrill, breaking snow,          | 89 65   |
| Reuben G. Brackett, breaking snow,        | 32 10   |
| Joseph Sawyer, breaking snow,             | 39 37   |
| Rob't N. Leighton, breaking snow,         | 54 00   |
| J. Alvin Blanchard, breaking snow,        | 83 77   |
| Thurston Bros., breaking snow,            | 7 80    |
| Joseph W. Shaw, breaking snow,            | 55 45   |
| Nathan L. Merrill, breaking snow,         | 35 55   |
| S. L. Clough, breaking snow,              | 46 66   |
| A. Howard Buxton, breaking snow,          | 24 22   |
| Fred P. Blanchard, breaking snow,         | 46 73   |
| Eli Russell, breaking snow,               | 16 30   |
| George R. Leighton, breaking snow,        | 25 20   |
| George R. Leighton, breaking snow in '87, | 2 25    |
| Willis B. Shaw, breaking snow 1886-7,     | 4 37    |
| Nathaniel Merrill, breaking snow,         | 49 42   |
| Frank N. Doughty, breaking snow,          | 36 90   |
| C. H. Prince, breaking snow,              | 30 99   |
| John Hulit, breaking snow,                | 45 13   |
| John R. Duran, breaking snow,             | 3 45    |
| George S. Doughty, breaking snow,         | 5 40    |
| Simeon Jones, breaking snow,              | 11 07   |
| Woodbury Titcomb, breaking snow,          | 4 20    |
| Hollis Doughty, breaking snow,            | 10 95   |
| E. S. W. Jones, breaking snow,            | 36 48   |
| W. O. Parlin, breaking snow,              | 1 20    |
| Wm. Seabury, breaking snow,               | 64 44   |
| Wm. Seabury, breaking snow,               | 48 17   |
| Wm. Seabury, breaking snow,               | 75 97   |
| Wm. Seabury, breaking snow,               | 30 65   |
| Nathaniel Merrill, breaking snow,         | 3 14    |

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| Paid W. C. Merrill, breaking snow,       | 4 29       |
| Daniel S. Merrill, breaking snow,        | 98         |
| Horace A. Farwell, breaking snow in '86, | 5 25       |
| Edward B. Osgood, breaking snow,         | 9 00       |
| Nathaniel A. Cole, breaking snow.        | 90         |
| Oliver S. Collins, breaking snow,        | 5 75       |
| George R. Leighton, breaking snow,       | 5 20       |
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|  | \$1,102 80 |
| Amount raised by town,                   | 600 00     |
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| Balance against town,                    | \$502 80   |

## TAXES ABATED IN 1888.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Abated on lists of J. A. Blanchard by vote of town, | \$ 47 23 |
| "        "        M. P. Sweetser, by Selectmen,     | 1 15     |
| "        "        Alvin Leighton, by vote of town,  | 81 02    |
| "        "        M. P. Sweetser,        "        " | 75 24    |
| "        "        Alvin Leighton, by Selectmen,     | 33 95    |
| "        "        "        "        "        "      |          |
| one dog tax,  | 1 00     |
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| Total abatements including one dog tax abatement,   | \$239 59 |

## DOG AND SHEEP BILLS.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Archie B. Wyman, for 3 sheep killed by dogs,               | \$12 00 |
| P. M. & M. W. Leighton, for 1 sheep killed by dog,              | 3 00    |
| Alvin Leighton, abatement of 1 dog tax not owned,               | 1 00    |
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|   | \$16 00 |
| Tax raised on dogs for payment of damage done sheep<br>by dogs, | 75 00   |
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| Balance in favor of appropriation,                              | \$59 00 |



## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Wallace L. Merrill, sowing seed, etc.,                     | \$ 3 50 |
| W. E. Blanchard, seed furnished and labor planting garden,      | 2 70    |
| C. F. Moulton, labor haying,                                    | 20 00   |
| N. B. Wilson, supplies, farming tools, etc.,                    | 27 43   |
| Morse & Pinkham, insurance on buildings,                        | 11 00   |
| E. D. Merrill, cash paid for pigs, seed barley and garden seed, | 9 30    |
| Martha Merrill, for one cow,                                    | 35 00   |
| D. R. Allen, one invalid bedstead,                              | 8 00    |
| O. A. Mountfort, pine lumber,                                   | 3 75    |
| George H. Fuller, 1-2 cord of wood,                             | 2 50    |
| Eastman Bros. & Bancroft, dry goods,                            | 16 91   |
| Kendall & Whitney, grindstone and fixtures,                     | 2 40    |
| King & Dexter, carpenter's tools, etc.,                         | 6 74    |
| O. A. Mountfort, stone and o lcloth,                            | 3 90    |
| D. R. Allen, labor and materials furnished,                     | 9 05    |
| Israel A. Skillings, on salary,                                 | 35 00   |
| Thomas P. Beals, furniture, bedding, etc.,                      | 36 20   |
| S W. Hamilton, carting furniture,                               | 1 00    |
| Chase & Stevens, stoves, apparatus, etc.,                       | 44 19   |
| Israel A. Skillings, on salary,                                 | 90 00   |
| N. B. Wilson & Son, farming tools and supplies,                 | 67 80   |
| Eastman Bros. & Bancroft, dry goods,                            | 12 32   |
| Oliver S. Collins, twelve hens,                                 | 5 40    |
| H. B. Webb, tin ware,   | 2 65    |
| Randall H. Blanchard, 12 pullets,                               | 4 80    |
| Willard W. Harris, two cows,                                    | 77 00   |
| N. D. Farwell, carting furniture,                               | 75      |
| O. A. Mountfort, two shotes,                                    | 6 00    |
| O. A. Mountfort, hauling wood from Latham place,                | 5 00    |
| Israel A. Skillings, on salary,                                 | 60 00   |
| O. S. Thomes, seed and fertilizer,                              | 5 98    |
| James L. Dunn, lead, oil, etc.,                                 | 28 21   |

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| O. S. Thomes. supplies for farm,      | 12 37    |
| O. A. Mountfort, ox work on farm,     | 6 30     |
| N. B. Wilson & Son, general supplies, | 24 67    |
|                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                       | \$687 82 |

No appropriation.

#### SUMMARY.

|  |              |                                      |            |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Am't as'ed for poor,                       | \$1,500 00   | exp'd,                               | \$1,065 55 |
| “ notes and int.,                          | 13,00 62     | “                                    | 1,300 62   |
| “ bridges and road repairs,                | 250 00       | “                                    | 148 32     |
| “ snow bills,                              | 600 00       | “                                    | 1,102 80   |
| “ contingent,                              | 1,700 00     | “                                    | 4,187 31   |
| “ collector's premium,                     | 171 52 ½     | “                                    |            |
| “ overlay,                                 | 168 93       | “                                    |            |
| “ dog tax,                                 | 75 00        | “                                    | 15 00      |
| “ supplement,                              | 20 50        | “                                    |            |
| “ town farm bills,                         |              | “                                    | 687 82     |
|  | <hr/>        |                                      | <hr/>      |
|  | \$5,786 57 ½ |                                      | \$8,507 42 |
| Amount received from State,                | 251 00       | ab'mts.,                             | 238 59     |
| “ for old hearses,                         | 62 00        | <small>Dog Tax<br/>Abatement</small> | 1 00       |
| “ from Adm'r es-<br>tate of Lucy Whitcomb, | 125 00       |                                      |            |
|  | <hr/>        |                                      | <hr/>      |
|  | \$6,224 57 ½ |                                      | \$8,747 01 |
| Balance against town,                      | 2,522 43 ½   |                                      |            |

#### LIABILITIES.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Notes due Greely Institute,       | \$20,800 00 |
| Notes due Cumberland School Fund, | 877 00      |
| Balance due school districts,     | 581 98      |
| Outstanding bills estimated,      | 50 00       |
| Town orders unpaid,               | 735 09      |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                   | \$23,044 07 |

## ASSETS.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Balance due from Treasurer, as per his report,                              | \$8,737 79  |
| “ “ on tax deeds,   | 415 40      |
| “ “ from State for schools,   | 984 65      |
| Town farm with buildings thereon, stock, farming<br>utensils, etc., valued, | 2,400 00    |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$12,537 84 |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Balance against town,   | \$10,506 23 |

The following abatements have been made in the year 1888  
by Selectmen:

| Names.              | Date. of Ass't | Cause.             | Poll.    | Pers. Est.   | Total. |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| Jenkins, Harrison   | 1886,          | Not taxable,       |          | \$1 15       | \$1 15 |
| Anderson, Hans P.   | 1887,          | Poverty,           | \$2 00   |              | 2 00   |
| Baston, Mary }<br>} | 1887,<br>1888, | “<br>“             |          | 2 70<br>1 25 | 3 95   |
| Blanchard, Chas. H. | 1887,          | Not a resident,    | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Cressey, Lorenzo    | 1887,          | Poverty and death, | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Harris, W. W.       | 1887,          | Not a resident,    | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Harris, W. P.       | 1887,          | “                  | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Hulit, Freeman J.   | 1887,          | “                  | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Merrill, Fred L.    | 1888,          | “                  | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Sawyer, Horace E.   | 1888,          | “                  | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Wyman, Geo. H.      | 1887,          | “                  | 2 00     |              | 2 00   |
| Russell, Alfred     | 1887-8,        | Infirmity and age  | 4 00     |              | 4 00   |
| Poor, Benjamin      | 1887-8,        | Poverty,           | 4 00     |              | 4 00   |
| Webber, Simeon      | 1887-8,        | “                  | 4 00     |              | 4 00   |
| Farwell, J. N.      | 1888,          | No dog owned,      | dog tax, |              | 1 00   |

Total abatements by Selectmen, including dog tax of one dollar. \$36 10

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

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

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF  
OVERSEERS OF POOR

—ON—

ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

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We herewith present a statement of town farm arrangements and doings. Your Selectmen who are Overseers of Poor were instructed by vote of town, on the 5th day of March, 1888, to purchase a farm, not to exceed \$2,000 in said purchase. We found considerable difficulty in purchasing satisfactorily to ourselves under the instructions given, but we finally bought the farm of J. A. Blanchard for \$1,900 and on the day of June took a deed for the same to the town of Cumberland. We then had to look for help to take the management of said farm, and on the 5th day of July, 1888, we agreed with Israel A. Skillings and his wife to take charge of the same for a term of nine months, to commence as soon as they could get moved. They entered upon their duties the 9th day of July with the promise of having \$235 for the term, and their little girl's board.

On the day of July we notified A. F. Drinkwater that the amount paid for his assistance would stop July 30, 1888. We have paid no bills for his aid since that date. We moved Olive Titcomb to the almshouse, Aug. 6. '88, and she still remains there. We stopped payment on board of Rufus Stubbs, Aug. 1, '88, and he remained with Mr. Shaw until Oct. '88, when he was taken to almshouse, where he remains. We took Anna Merrill to almshouse, Aug. 16. We stopped payment for board

of Jessie Morton, July 26th, and she was no further expense to the town until Dec. 20, when she was taken to almshouse. E. B. Field and wife, we presume, heard of our purchase, as we received a very particular notice from them that they should want no more help from us. We now have 4 inmates at almshouse where they seem to be enjoying themselves, with perhaps, one exception.

We feel satisfied that Mr. Skillings and wife have done exceedingly well in the short time they have had charge of the place. They are kind, but firm with those in their care, if necessary. Diligence and neatness are characteristics of both Mr. S. and his wife, as we have ever observed in our frequent visits. Coming at the season of the year that they came, it could not be expected of them that any great showing of farm products could be made, but rather to be getting matters arranged so as to be ready for the next year's business. We have had no team so far except such as has been hired, either by paying cash or exchanging labor therefor.

We bought one cow in August and in December two more; have put on the place 26 hens, one-half of them the present winter. We took an inventory of stock, household goods, etc., February 15, 1889, and estimated the same by careful consideration to be worth \$500. In our report we give farm credit for this, as it has all been bought and charged to farm account. We charge farm with all old goods received, coming with the poor. Credit farm all products sold and also for labor done off farm.

*Inventory of Stock, Farming Tools, Household Furniture, Beds, Bedding, Wooden, Glass and Tin Ware, Produce, &c., as examined and appraised by Selectmen February 15, 1889.*

Three cows, 1 hog, 2 shoates, 26 hens, 7 tons hay, 175 lbs. shorts, 50 lbs. cotton seed, 1 bu. corn, 140 lbs. pork, 1 pork barrel, 1 bu. turnips, 14 bu. potatoes, 20 bu. apples, 18 lbs. butter, 20 lbs. lard, 1 ham, 175 lbs. flour, 6 lbs. sugar, spices, 7 bars soap, 19 gals. kerosene, 12 qts. beans, 1-2 lb. tea, 19 lbs. dried apples, 5 bedsteads, 22 chairs, 1 chest drawers, 1 bureau,

2 stands, 1 extension table, 1 small table, 3 stoves and apparatus, 1 clock, 32 curtains, 2 looking glasses, 1 1-2 dozen spoons, 2 dozen plates, 1 dozen cups and saucers, 6 bowls, 2 platters, 6 glass tumblers, 1 pitcher, 1 sugar bowl, 4 nappies, 1 dozen knives and forks, 1 dozen large spoons, 1 dozen small spoons, 3 hand lamps, 1 lantern, 2 stone jars, 5 chambers, 2 bean pots, 1 2-qt. jug, 24 milk pans, 2 milk pails, 1 cream pail, milk skimmer, milk strainer, and small strainer, 1 long-handle skimmer, 1 ladle, 1 large mixing spoon, 6 dippers from 1-2 pint to 1 quart, 3 bread tins, 2-qt. basin, waiter, biscuit cutter, grater, tunnel, 1 coffee steeper, 1 tea steeper, 1 2-gal. can, 1 mixing pan, 2 dish pans, 1 baking basin, 1 washdish, 2 bed pans, and 1 dust pan, butter bowl, chopping bowl, 3 butter boxes, butter stamp, 5 wooden pails, 1 paper pail, 2 wash tubs, 1 wash board, 1 tin wash dish, bushel, half-bushel and peck measures, 1 clothes wringer, mouse trap, mop handle, stove brush, 10 dozen clothes pins, one oil barrel, 2 flatirons, 1 chopping knife, 1 faucet, 1 padlock, 1 fire shovel, 5 mattresses, 4 under beds, 2 feather beds, 5 prs. pillows, 11 prs. sheets, 11 prs. pillow cases, 17 comforters, 6 quilts and spreads, 5 roller towels, 3 prs. wool blankets, 8 dish towels, 7 fringe towels, 5 napkins, 1 oil table cover, 2 rubber sheets, 7 yds. cotton cloth, 1 drag rake, 2 hand rakes, 1 scythe and snath, 1 shovel, 1 spade, 1 manure fork, 1 hay fork, 2 hoes, 1 axe, 1 wood saw, 1 grindstone, 3 tie chains, 2 hand saws, 1 drawshave, 1 hammer, 1 bit stock and 7 bits, bevel, square, plane, 2 steel wedges, and other articles not mentioned for space. The above articles were examined and estimated on the 15th day of February, 1889, to be worth (fair value) \$500.

Besides the above Mr. Skillings has now in the dooryard some 25 cords of wood and some thousand feet round timber. He has worked off the farm to the amount of \$15.60 which has been exchanged for team labor, and for this we give the farm credit, and charge town farm for \$15.76 team labor received in exchange. There has been sold from the farm 104 lbs. butter for \$49.69 and 42 dozen eggs for \$9.95,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  bushels apples for \$2.40; total products sold, \$62.04.

TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH  
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

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|   |  |          |
|---|--|----------|
| To amount paid in town orders as shown in Selectmen's report,                   |  | \$687 82 |
| Bedding, furniture, etc. received coming from or with paupers,                  |  | 19 48    |
| Labor of team hired by exchange,  |  | 15 60    |
| Cash paid by Supt. as by account rendered for supplies, etc., to Feb. 16, 1889, |  | 36 76    |
| Cash paid by Supt. for team labor,  |  | 16       |
| Goods received from exchange of products,                                       |  | 24 24    |
|   |  | \$784 06 |

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|--|----------|----------|
| By labor off the farm exchanged,   | \$ 15 60 |          |
| Cash received by Supt., as per acct. rendered from sale of products,         | 37 80    |          |
| Products sold, exchanged for supplies, etc.,                                 | 24 24    |          |
| Value of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., as per inventory, | 500 00   |          |
|  | 577 64   |          |
| Balance against town farm,   |          | \$206 42 |

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

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

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Balance in treasury March, 1888.   | \$10,537 83        |
| Assessor's commitments, 1888,  | 7,081 77           |
| Rec'd from State for schools,  | 923 84             |
| Cumberland school fund,  | 92 62              |
| State in aid of free high school,  | 125 00             |
| State Treasurer for telegraph and<br>railroad tax, 1887,                   | 3 79               |
| Land taken possession of and sold,   | 300 00             |
| Tax deeds redeemed,  | 400 65             |
| Lots in new cemetery,  | 18 00              |
| George L. Brownell, for old hearse<br>and runners,                         | 50 00              |
| Sam'l Clough, administrator of Lucy<br>Whitcomb and board,                 | 125 00             |
| Town of Brunswick for assistance<br>rendered Judah Morrison and<br>family, | 7 50               |
| Treasurer of the city of Portland for<br>school on Crotch Island,          | 44 00              |
| N. A. Cole, for old hearse,  | 12 00              |
|  | <b>\$19,722 00</b> |
| Paid out town orders,  | 10,984 21          |
|  | <b>\$8,737 79</b>  |
| Balance due the town.  | \$8,737 79         |
| Due from Alvin Leighton, Collector,  | \$7,424 84½        |
| M. P. Sweetser, Collector,   | 687 29             |
| J. A. Blanchard, Collector,  | 66 80              |
| Savings Bank aid for high school,  | 125 00             |
| Cash to balance,   | 433 85½            |
|  | <b>\$8,737 79</b>  |

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.

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*



REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

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The Spring term of school commenced March 5, 1888, with Fairfield Whitney A. B., as Principal, and Miss Alma M. Brackett assistant, and continued ten weeks. Whole number of pupils 60.

The Fall term commenced August 27th, with the same teachers as at previous term, and continued twelve weeks. Whole number of pupils 62.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 3d, with F. Whitney, A. B., as Principal, James H. Johnson, A. B., teacher of sciences, and Miss Alma M. Brackett assistant, and continued eleven weeks. Whole number of pupils 67.

The Spring term begins March 4, 1889, with the same teachers.

PERMANENT FUND.

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| For town of Cumberland note, | \$12,000 00       |
| For town of Cumberland note, | 6,000 00          |
| For town of Cumberland note, | 2,000 00          |
| Total,                       | <hr/> \$20,000 00 |

## PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

|                                  |        |          |          |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| For town of Cumberland note,     |        | \$300 00 |          |
| Cash on hand,                    |        | 22 59    |          |
| One year's interest on note,     |        | 18 00    |          |
|                                  |        |          | <hr/>    |
|                                  |        |          | \$340 59 |
| Paid H. H. Hay & Son, chemicals, | \$9 70 |          |          |
| J. L. Dunn, chemicals,           | 3 63   |          |          |
| Cash to balance,                 | 27 26  | 40 59    |          |
|                                  | <hr/>  | <hr/>    |          |
| Town of Cumberland note,         |        |          | \$300 00 |

## LIBRARY FUND.

|  |        |          |          |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
| For amount in Portland Savings Bank,       |        | \$556 84 |          |
| Amount of May and November dividends,      |        | 23 87    |          |
|  |        |          | <hr/>    |
|  |        |          | \$580 71 |
| Paid F. Whitney for library books,         | \$3 87 |          |          |
| E. Small, rebinding books,                 | 3 45   |          |          |
|  | <hr/>  | 7 32     |          |
|  |        | <hr/>    |          |
| Amount remaining in Portland Savings Bank, |        |          | \$573 39 |

## ACCUMULATED FUND.

|                               |  |          |            |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|------------|
| For Town of Cumberland note,  |  | \$500 00 |            |
| Amount in Maine Savings Bank, |  | 579 26   |            |
| Amount due on tuition book,   |  | 28 00    |            |
| Cash balance,                 |  | 35 49    |            |
|                               |  |          | <hr/>      |
|                               |  |          | \$1,142 75 |

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AND  
OTHER SOURCES,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Southworth Bros., printing reports,          | \$ 5 00 |
| Fairfield Whitney, teaching Spring term,          | 212 12  |
| Alma M. Brackett, " " "                           | 100 00  |
| C. E. Merrill, janitor 9 weeks,                   | 18 00   |
| R. H. Blanchard, janitor 1 week,                  | 1 80    |
| R. H. Blanchard, supplies,                        | 1 00    |
| Maggie Merrill, expenses, graduating class,       | 4 05    |
| Southworth Bros., printing circulars,             | 10 50   |
| C. A. Merrill, one cord wood,                     | 5 00    |
| C. E. Merrill, labor in Institute,                | 6 00    |
| Annie M. Eaton, cleaning Institute,               | 6 00    |
| Frank S. Merrill, painting,                       | 10 00   |
| Simeon L. Farwell, "                              | 16 25   |
| J. W. Mountfort, "                                | 15 00   |
| Wm. H. Skillin, gilding vane,                     | 5 15    |
| Knight Bros., repairs on vane,                    | 3 63    |
| J. M. Haskell, labor and materials, (mason work,) | 13 25   |
| O. S. Thomes, for coal,                           | 113 67  |
| O. S. Thomes, supplies,                           | 11 11   |
| A. R. Alexander, repairs on furnace,              | 13 75   |
| H. H. Hay & Son, white lead, oil, etc.,           | 10 74   |
| H. H. Hay & Son, blackboard paint,                | 1 50    |
| Fairfield Whitney, teaching fall term,            | 254 55  |
| Alma M. Brackett, " " "                           | 120 00  |
| C. E. Adams, expenses exhibition committee,       | 5 92    |
| C. E. Merrill, moving coal,                       | 75      |
| C. E. Merrill, janitor, fall term,                | 18 00   |
| John A. Griffin, one stove and funnel,            | 11 13   |
| M. C. Milliken, tuning piano,                     | 3 50    |
| N. D. Farwell, horse hire, etc.,                  | 2 25    |
| Benj. Whitney, filing saw,                        | 15      |
| Oren S. Thomes, supplies,                         | 70      |
| L. & L. F. Walker, 2 tons egg coal, delivered,    | 13 30   |

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Paid James H. Johnson, teaching winter term,  | 143 00 |
| Alma M. Brackett, " " "                       | 110 00 |
| James L. Dunn, as per bill,                   | 4 62   |
| E. D. Merrill, labor and materials,           | 4 50   |
| Wm. Senter & Co., repairing clock,            | 1 00   |
| Fairfield Whitney, teaching winter term,      | 233 33 |
| Fairfield Whitney, rank bills,                | 1 75   |
| R. H. Blanchard, janitor, winter term,        | 20 00  |
| E. D. Merrill, services as trustee,           | 25 00  |
| O. A. Mountfort, services as trustee,         | 3 50   |
| Fenrick S. Blanchard, getting supplies, etc., | 1 75   |
| Amount cash in Maiae Savings Bank,            | 579 26 |
| Balance cash in hand,                         | 35 49  |

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|---|----------|
| By Cash, balance from 1887,                                   | \$113 21 |
| Cash from town treasurer, in aid of Free High School,         | 251 00   |
| Amount in Maine Savings Bank,                                 | 390 19   |
| Cash, tuitions, spring term,                                  | 44 50    |
| Cash for old seats and benches sold,                          | 15 00    |
| Interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500 town notes,  | 615 00   |
| Tuitions, fall term,  | 50 00    |
| Cash received for old stove,                                  | 1 00     |
| Two dividends in Maine Savings Bank,                          | 15 07    |
| Interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500, town notes, | 615 00   |
| Tuitions, winter term,  | 67 00    |

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

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. BLANCHARD, *Auditor.*

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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In making our annual report, we find little that is new, or especially interesting to present. Under the present system of management, no marked improvement in our common schools, either in condition or efficiency, can be expected. If year by year they succeed in holding their own, it is good evidence that much earnest hard work has been done. In our report last year, we made suggestions as to what *could* and *should* be done to equalize the efficiency of our schools, and raise the standard of excellence. We will not tire our citizens with a rehearsal of those matters, but we are still convinced that consolidation in our district system is a growing necessity. The great obligation resting upon each generation, is to educate the next, and he who rests satisfied with any system of management that fails to secure this end, is guilty of criminal ignorance, or criminal neglect. We would not be understood to say that no good results have been, or can be obtained under our present district arrangement. Much has been done, and we say with pleasure, that in most of our schools fair work has been done during the last year; But the day of the tallow candle and the sperm oil lamp are no longer satisfactory. Shall we not use the better intellectual light in managing our schools? We have spoken more fully than we intended when we took up our pen, and we are aware that we have laid ourselves open to the same false charges as last year, but we assure you that we seek the highest good of the schools, and it is our love for, and interest in your children that has prompted us to do it.

The amount of money from all sources, \$2,372.48. In showing the division of this money among the several districts, we also show the average attendance for the year as taken from registers that have come to our hands, and also cost per scholar, also length of schools in weeks.

| Dist | Scholars. | Per cent. | Amount.  | Weeks of School. | Average Atten'ce. | Cost per School. |
|------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1    | 22        | \$31 34   | \$109 89 | 17               | 9                 | \$12 21          |
| 2    | 43        | 40 00     | 193 51   | 20               | 20                | 9 67             |
| 3    | 64        |           | 228 48   | 23               | 26                | 8 79             |
| 4    | 47        | 40 00     | 207 78   | 23               | 22                | 9 44             |
| 5    | 47        | 40 00     | 207 79   | 25               | 25                | 8 31             |
| 6    | 5         | 30 00     | 47 85    |                  |                   |                  |
| 7    | 28        | 35 00     | 134 96   | 20               | 7                 | 18 00            |
| 8    | 122       |           | 435 54   |                  |                   |                  |
| 9    | 129       | 35 00     | 495 53   |                  |                   |                  |
| 10   | 10        | 15 00     | 50 70    | 13               | 8                 |                  |
| 11   | 14        | 20 00     | 69 98    |                  |                   |                  |
| 12   | 2         |           | 7 14     |                  |                   |                  |
| 13   | 18        | 40 00     | 104 26   | 15               | 6                 | 17 37            |
| 14   | 9         | 21 99     | 54 12    |                  |                   |                  |
| 15   | 5         | 7 11      | 24 96    |                  |                   |                  |

Comparing these figures with these given in last year's report, you will see that the amount of money for each district in most cases, is growing less. Is it not time for us to consider, whether or not, under our present system of school arrangement, we are getting the greatest possible good, for the money expended?

We give in a somewhat condensed form, a brief notice of each school.

#### DISTRICT No 1.

Both terms in district number one were taught by Miss May Morrill, who is a faithful worker in the school room, and by her earnest manner, succeeds in inciting her pupils to work for themselves.

#### DISTRICT No 2.

Spring term was in charge of Miss Olive D. Merrill, whose work as a teacher is too widely known to need any comment from us. Winter term, Mr. Scott Wilson, who seems to be a favorite with his pupils, which enables him to mould and direct them with ease. His efforts to awaken in the minds of his pupils a desire "to be somebody," will not soon be forgotten.

There are some scholars in this school we hope to meet at Greeley Institute by next fall, if not before.

DISTRICT No. 3.

School in number three has been for the year under the instruction of Miss Emma Whitney, who in many respects is a model teacher; she combines firmness and gentleness in a way that is not often surpassed. Her work pleased us much.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Spring term, Miss Annie O. Buxton. Her school appeared well at our first visit. We were not notified of its close and make no further report. Fall term taught by G. F. Garland, whose ability and efforts seemed sufficient, but lack of enthusiasm in his manner of teaching, combined with want of sympathy between teacher and pupils somewhat marred the work; but at our second visit more life was manifest on the part of both teacher and scholars. Winter term, Mr. Alvin Leighton, who proved a good instructor and a fine disciplinarian. We call it a successful term.

DISTRICT No 5.

This school for the year was under the instruction of Miss Hannah Styles, whose wide experience as a teacher has made her so familiar with her work that all seems to move without friction. It is seldom that you find such perfect sympathy between pupils and teacher as in her school. Her registers give the names of seven scholars who were not absent one-half day for two terms, and of four who were not absent during the year.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Under supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Both terms were taught by Miss Susie M. Merrill, who entered upon the work of school management for the first time. Her conscientiousness and earnest desire to do well was manifest in all her efforts, and the improvement of her work in the second term gives promise that she will make an excellent teacher.

## DISTRICT No. 13.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Louie Quimby who was no stranger in this school, who sustained her former reputation both as a teacher and disciplinarian.

## DISTRICT No. 15.

We now give a little explanation as to what we have put down as district No. 15. You will remember that the town voted to allow Mr. Dyer to have the money due his children kept out on Clapboard Island. This was so much out of district No. 1, as his children were counted there. We visited Mr. D. in August to see what arrangements could be made for that purpose. He thought he could find a teacher and promised to have a school started soon, and would let us know. We saw him again in September. No school had then been opened. We have heard nothing from him since, and do not think any school has been taught there during the year, as we told him we wished to visit it as soon as it was well started.

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 ISLAND DISTRICTS.

## DISTRICT No. 8, CHEBEAGUE ISLAND.

Agent, A. R. Littlefield. Teachers, Spring, C. A. Preble; Fall, Isabel E. Bennett; Winter, A. R. Littlefield.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, Granville Hill. Teachers, Spring, Alice S. Patten, Cora G. Hamilton; Fall, Alice S. Patten, Edith J. Webber; Winter, Henry M. Moulton.

Since only experienced teachers have been employed in these schools, a marked improvement in all the studies taught is the result.

## DISTRICT No. 10, HOPE ISLAND.

Agent, J. Bailey Osgood. Teacher, Ervin L. Ross. Number of scholars registered, 9; average number, 8.5. Length of school, 13 weeks. Characteristics of the school: good order, thorough work and a desire to learn.



## DISTRICT No. 11, CROTCH ISLAND.

Agent, Samuel Pettengill. Teacher of Spring term, Georgia A. Pinkham. Length of school, 7 weeks. Number of scholars registered, 10; average number, 8.6. Miss P. is a very successful teacher. Fall term was taught by Annie Hamilton. This was Miss Hamilton's first school. She seemed very anxious to have her pupils do well, which we think they did.

## MINISTERAL ISLAND.

No school for the year, as they have no place convenient to hold a school in. It is to be hoped that some arrangement may be made very soon, so that these young children can have a chance to acquire some knowledge of the world.

A. R. LITTLEFIELD, *Committee.*

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We cannot close without expressing the wish that we had more trained teachers. The great want is not so much more knowledge of books as a better knowledge of how to teach. If some of our young teachers would avail themselves of one year's training at a Normal school, they might place themselves in the front ranks among instructors and thus become blessings to this generation. We hail as a healthy omen the present agitation relating to public schools and trust it will result in much good.

## GREELY INSTITUTE.

The record of this school for the past year is unusually pleasing, as being one of steady improvement. Earnestness and thoroughness have characterized the work of teachers and scholars, and all have worked together harmoniously. The most important factor, more potent than all others, which determines the kind of work done in any school, is true nobleness of character in its teachers. Mr. Whitney seems to possess this element in no small degree, and thus his influence over the students is healthful and elevating. Although our school is still far from being an ideal one, we believe that if Mr. Whitney's services can be retained and he is fully supported in his efforts he will build up a school of which we may well be proud. Not

to mention any one in particular, we will say to the teachers as a whole, that the recitations of the closing days gave evidence of patient, faithful drill. And if they have endeavored to discourage that which is questionable, and to encourage that which is noble, pure and elevating, they have the approval of one whose smile, even, is better than the praise of men. For, says Dr. Talmage, "Educate a man's intellect alone and you make him an infidel, educate his heart alone and you make him a fanatic, but educate both and you make him the noblest work of God." Great obligation rests upon us as parents and citizens to do all in our power to make our schools gardens of true culture and morality. It is indeed a great honor to any school to send forth good readers, good mathematicians, or good students in any branch, but a far greater and more lasting honor to send them forth imbued with such a love of truth and virtue that their lives shall bless the world wherever they go. Every parent and citizen should encourage teachers and scholars by their presence in the school room some part at least of the last two days of each term. We notice that the building needs considerable work and repairing done inside, to make it healthful, pleasant and refining in its influence. A nice pleasant room is no small factor in building up a good school.

Respectfully,

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