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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BREWER,

FOR

The Year 1878-9.

## W A R R A N T .

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To ORLANDO MOOR,

Constable of Brewer, in the County of Penobscot.

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Brewer, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the tenth day of March, inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

*First.* To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

*Second.* To receive the reports of the several Town officers, and act upon the same.

*Third.* To choose a Town Clerk, and all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

*Fourth.* To renew, add to, or revise the by-laws.

*Fifth.* To raise money for the support of schools, the poor, roads and bridges, for loans, and all other necessary Town charges.

*Sixth.* To see what mode the Town will adopt for making and repairing its highways, bridges, and sidewalks.

*Seventh.* To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town.

*Eighth.* To see if the Town will lay out and construct an underground tile-drain, commencing at or near the corner of Centre and Somerset streets, and running to the corner of Centre and Cedar streets, and raise money for the same.

*Ninth.* To see if the Town will allow an additional sum to Dole & Fogg, for land damage in laying out Hardy street.

*Tenth.* To see if the Town will vote to paint the fence at Oak Hill Cemetery, and raise money to pay for the same.

*Eleventh.* To see if the Town will take any action to remedy the inconvenience attending the occasional overflow of the road above the dam.

*Twelfth.* To see if the Town will authorize or allow a walk to be graded from the junction of Main and Union streets, diagonally across their land, extending to or near the line between the Town House and Church lots.

*Thirteenth.* To see if the Town will, in whole or in part, pay the expenses attending the decorating of the soldiers' graves on next Memorial Day, and raise money for that purpose.

*Fourteenth.* To see if the Town will vote to tax dogs.

*Fifteenth.* To see if the Town will vote to pay the firemen for their services five dollars each for the ensuing year; and also five dollars each to the Fire Wardens.

*Sixteenth.* To see if the Town will raise money for the support of a High School.

*Seventeenth.* To see if the Town will empower School District Agents to employ teachers.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office, at the Town House, one hour previous to said meeting, to correct the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Brewer aforesaid, this first day of March, A. D. 1879.

H. M. FARRINGTON, } Selectmen  
 GEO. A. SNOW, } of  
 GEO. W. PATTEN, } Brewer.

## W. P. BURR, Treasurer, in Account with the TOWN OF BREWER, for the Year 1877.

DR.	CR.
To amount due the town on settlement, March 1, 1878,..	By amount paid A. Robinson, Treasurer for the year
\$7,752 78	1878,..... \$2,108 95
	“ “ Non-resident tax returned,..... 123 89
	“ “ Abatements for 1876,..... 198 32
	“ “ Abatements for 1877,..... 221 62
	“ “ Balance due on settlement, March 1, 1879, .. 5,100 00
\$7,752 78	\$7,752 78

## A. ROBINSON, Treasurer, in Account with the TOWN OF BREWER, for the Year 1878-79.

DR.	CR.
To amount rec'd W. P. Burr,.....	By amount paid Selectmen's orders,.....
\$2,108 95	\$12,094 28
“ “ of Bangor, damages to Mrs. E. F. Sanborn, 1876,.....	“ “ interest on loans,.....
15 00	368 10
“ “ Bangor, for pauper supplies,.....	“ “ State pension,.....
36 00	24 00
“ “ Scarboro, “ “.....	“ “ State tax,.....
4 00	2,685 81
“ “ Orland, “ “.....	“ “ County tax,.....
12 00	1,711 71
“ “ Oldtown, “ “.....	“ “ Discout on taxes, 1878,.....
44 00	1,085 02
“ “ Orrington, “ “.....	“ “ Commission for collecting \$11,800 at 1½ per cent,.....
1 88	177 00
“ “ Orono, “ “.....	“ “ Commission for collecting non-resident tax, returned by W. P. Burr,.....
24 79	1 72
“ “ C. P. Thomas, globe gas lamp,.....	“ “ Commission on all other moneys collected, at ½ per cent,.....
16 00	11 27
“ “ State, for schools,.....	“ “ Abatement on returned non-resident tax, and cost, 1877,.....
1,637 64	7 38
“ “ State, for free high schools,.....	“ “ Abatement on taxes, 1878,.....
379 50	154 60
“ “ Non-resid't taxes, ret'd by W. P. Burr,.....	“ “ Non-resident tax deed, 1877,.....
123 89	2 42
“ “ Assessments committed to Treas'r and Coll. for state, county and town taxes,.....	“ “ Balance due on settlement, March 1, 1879, ..
16,068 28	4,112 10
“ “ Supplemental tax committed,.....	
82 35	
“ “ from loans,.....	
1,700 00	
“ “ for rent of town hall,.....	
105 90	
“ “ interest on town school fund,.....	
51 23	
“ “ for state pension,.....	
24 00	
\$22,435 41	\$22,435 41

## PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Orlando Moor, Constable, 1877,	\$10 00	
C. P. Thomas, Health Officer, 1877-8,	10 00	
H. C. Snow, School Committee, 1877,	58 75	
A. B. Holbrook, " " "	53 75	
F. E. Collins, " " "	40 00	
G. A. Snow, Superintendent of Cemeteries, 1877,	8 00	
H. M. Farrington, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Highway Surveyor, 98 days, at \$2.00 per day,	196 00	
G. A. Snow, same, 63 days,	126 00	
Geo. W. Patten, same, 59 days,	118 00	
E. A. Stanley, Fire Warden,	5 00	
W. P. Burr, Town Clerk, and Auditor,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$639 50

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid S. A. Hall for care of engine, and repairs,	\$51 25	
T. G. Stickney & Son, for coal,	11 00	
John Mason and others, material and repairs,	39 92	
F. H. Chick, care of hook and ladder house and carriage,	7 00	
J. S. Paine, Treasurer, firemen's pay,	235 00	
F. D. Connor, Treasurer, Hook and Ladder Co.,	100 00	
Joshua Ryder, hauling engine and hose to fires,	4 00	
Kellen & Sparks, for stove, repairs, &c.,	8 35	
Bangor Edge Tool Co., and others, fire hooks, axes and handles,	6 65	
	<hr/>	\$463 17

## MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

For conveying Francis B. Snow to hospital,	\$10 50	
For board of same,	70 67	
	<hr/>	\$81 17

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

D. V. Nickerson, care of town hall,	\$33 25
Burr & Robinson, for printing town reports,	32 00
Orlando Moor, for printing by-laws,	5 00
H. C. Snow, for school books,	4 55
C. Newcomb & Co., and others, for supplies for town hall,	29 54
H. C. Snow, for decoration purposes,	40 00
E. F. Sanborn, damage sustained on road Nov., 1876,	15 00

P. P. Holden & Son, and others, for repairs on pumps and troughs,	\$28 39	
G. J. Brewer, for drainage damage,	10 00	
D. S. Kingsbury, land rent for pound,	1 00	
D. Bugbee & Co., and others, for stationery,	11 22	
H. M. Farrington, traveling expenses to Portland on pauper case,	6 25	
Boutelle & Burr, for advertising assessors' notice,	3 12	
S. H. Wentworth, repairs on hearse house,	2 00	
A. Barrett, for watering trough,	3 00	
E. H. Burr, street survey,	1 50	
H. Parker, and E. S. Boden & Sons, refreshments, for firemen at fires,	7 31	
Postage,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$236 63

## ALMS HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

## DR.

Paid Nathan Johnson, for one year's salary,	\$275 00	
Drs. Hunt and Thomas, for medical attendance,	31 10	
For casket, robe and burial fees, D. H. McIntosh,	13 00	
Supplies for the year, including labor, lumber repairs and stumpage,	790 18	
	<hr/>	\$1,109 28
Stock on hand, Feb., 1878,		700 00
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		\$1,809 28

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By stock on hand, Feb., 1879,	\$677 00	
Labor of superintendent and horse on highways,	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$722 00
Balance against the farm,		<hr/>
		\$1,087 28

## EXPENSE OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid on account of Frank Foster,	\$20 53
Joseph Verrow,	19 95
John Lessor,	9 07
George Verrow and family,	42 41
David Bushie,	7 51
Joseph Lessor,	25 14
Fred Fortier,	1 00
Henry Germain,	14 30

James Pollett,	\$1 06	
Simon Wise,	60 51	
Patrick Carey,	6 92	
Fred Santos,	10 00	
Catharine Golden,	21 00	
Francis B. Snow,	11 00	
Sophronia Day,	15 00	
Mrs. Peter Field,	1 88	
Elisabeth Gray,	77 51	
Emily P. Lansil,	24 79	
David H. McIntosh,	2 00	
Edward Muttu,	12 00	
John A. Brooks,	10 50	
Maggie Conley,	14 00	
William F. Rogers,	16 00	
James Clark,	5 00	
Ira O. Billings,	22 51	
Woodbury Skillings,	4 00	
Oakman Martin,	26 24	
John Anderson,	7 90	
Elmon P. Saunders,	12 00	
John McGraw,	20 00	
Lucy Segar,	15 50	
Olive Fickett,	25 00	
Maude O'Neil,	11 00	
Anthony O'Toole,	13 11	
William E. Gibson,	13 67	
John Cary,	8 00	
H. A. Green,	10 00	
J. S. Stubbs,	11 03	
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Add balance against town farm,		\$629 04
		1,087 28
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		\$1,716 32
Deduct amount received, and due from other towns,		124 44
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And the whole cost of the poor is		\$1,591 88

## INMATES OF ALMS HOUSE.

Thomas McGlynn.	Maria Clark.	David H. McIntosh.
Francis B. Snow.	John McIntosh.	James Andy.
Julia McIntosh.	Fred Santos.	Margaret A. McIntosh,
Samuel Kinney.	Charles Rogers.	



## TRAMPS.

Arthur Pickering.	Robert Johnson.	George Thomas.
Walter Smith.	Caroline Sherman.	William Robertson.
Michael Butler.	Charles Maxwell.	Frederick Merriman.
George Batchelor.	Thomas O'Connell.	John Duffey.
Alfred Irvin.	John Pickard.	Simon Page.
William Paine.	George Blanchard.	James Smith.
Flora Sherman.		

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid G. F. Pratt, F. H. Bartlett, and assistants,	\$762 25	
Care of room and fires,	14 00	
C. W. Holbrook and others, for wood,	37 75	
Expenses for graduating exercises,	8 50	
Furniture and repairs,	24 45	
	<hr/>	\$846 95

## HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Raised by the town,		\$2,600 00
Expended for labor and material on roads, bridges and sidewalks,	\$2,778 97	
Deduct amount due from City of Bangor, for ex- pense incurred by overflow of road above the dam,	30 73	
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And the whole cost of highways, bridges and sidewalks is,		\$2,748 24

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Amount due the Districts at the close of last year,	\$759 16	
Raised by the town,	2,600 00	
Received from the State,	1,637 64	
Interest on town school fund,	51 23	
	<hr/>	\$5,048 03
Paid school districts,		3,907 17
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Due school districts,		\$1,140 86

## THE SCHOOL FUND,

Amounting to \$969 36, loaned to the town at 6 per cent interest. After paying trustees' services, the balance of interest is paid to the several school districts.

Interest for 1878, is	\$58 16	
Paid trustees,	6 93	
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Balance due, paid school districts,		\$51 23

## GLOBE GAS LIGHT ACCOUNT.

Paid W. G. Duren and others, for posts, lamps, fixtures, &c.,	\$168 71	
W. G. Duren and others, for naphtha, lighting material, and cans,	115 85	
Trucking and repairs,	5 45	
S. A. Hall and others, for lighting,	69 70	
	<hr/>	\$359 71
Deduct amount received from C. P. Thomas, for lamp and fixtures,		16 00
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And the whole cost to the town is,		\$343 71

## SEWER ACCOUNT.

Paid John Mutty, for sewer at Brewer Village, built in 1877,	\$60 00	
Dunning & Eldridge, for constructing sewer from tannery to the river, according to vote of the town,	700 00	
W. McHugh, for excavating for sewer chimneys and drains,	20 00	
Eldridge & Young, building sewer chimneys and connections,	66 00	
Hinckley & Egery Iron Co., for chimney tops and grates,	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$860 50

## UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.

Town house and lots adjoining,	\$3,000 00	
Alms house and farm,	2,000 00	
Gravel lot near J. D. French,	40 00	
House on Carey's lot,	40 00	
Engine house, lot, and fixtures,	2,400 00	
Fire engine and hose carriage,	2,000 00	
Ladder house, ladders and pails, at Brewer Village,	100 00	
Hearse houses and hearses,	700 00	
Hook and ladder house and carriage,	550 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,830 00

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

## ASSETS.

Amount due from Treasurer, 1877-78,	\$5,100 00	
Amount due from Treasurer, 1878-79,	4,112 10	
	<u>          </u>	\$9,212 10

## LIABILITIES.

Notes outstanding,	\$10,496 50	
Due school districts,	1,140 86	
	<u>          </u>	\$11,637 36
Deduct assets,		9,212 10
		<u>          </u>
Balance against the town,		\$2,425 26

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Real estates of residents,	\$456,440 00	
Personal estates of residents,	118,465 00	
Real estates of non-residents,	167,645 00	
Personal estates of non-residents,	15,910 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$758,460 00
Decrease of valuation from last year,		\$122,434 00

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

By the town,	\$11,390 00	
State tax,	2,685 81	
County tax,	1,711 71	
Overlayings on taxes,	280 76	
	<u>          </u>	\$16,068 28

## ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Real estates of residents,	\$8,215 92	
Personal estates of residents,	2,132 37	
Real estates of non-residents,	3,017 61	
Personal estates of non-residents,	286 38	
Seven hundred eighty-one polls, at \$3,	2,343 00	
Seventy-three dogs, at \$1,	73 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$16,068 28
Total assessments,		\$16,068 28
Per cent. on \$100 00, \$1.80.		

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of orders drawn,	\$12,094 28
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$236 63
Pay of town officers,	639 50
Fire department,	463 17
Highways, etc.,	2,778 97
Alms house and town farm,	1,109 28
Poor out of alms house,	629 04
Schools,	3,907 17
Free high school,	846 95
Sewers,	860 50
Interest on school fund,	58 16
Abatement by orders,	124 03
Globe gas lights,	359 71
Maine Insane Hospital,	81 17
	-----\$12,094 28

## ESTIMATES FOR 1879.

For common schools,	2,600 00
Poor,	1,500 00
Highways, etc.,	2,600 00
Miscellaneous,	500 00
Interest on loans,	500 00
Discount on taxes,	1,100 00
Abatements,	500 00
Fire department,	550 00
Payment of town officers,	650 00
Globe gas lights,	200 00
	-----\$10,700 00

H. M. FARRINGTON, } Selectmen  
 GEO. A. SNOW, } of  
 GEO. W. PATTEN, } Brewer.

Brewer, March 1, 1879.

BREWER, March 1, 1879.

Having examined the accounts as kept by the Selectmen and Treasurer, with the town for the past year, I find the charges accompanied with proper vouchers, and certify that the same are correct.

W. P. BURR, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Of the Town of Brewer, for the Year 1878-79.

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In reporting the condition of the public Schools for the past year, we have much advancement in many directions to notice. While many of the Winter Schools have been interrupted by sickness, a higher average of attendance has been secured than formerly, indicating increased interest on the part of parents and scholars. The graded system of study has a decidedly beneficial effect on the lower grades of school, creating a healthy rivalry, which secures more thorough scholarship.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Summer Term—GEO. F. PRATT, Teacher.

Length of Term, 13 weeks. Whole number, 29; average 25. Wages, \$80.00 per month.

Fall Term—FRANK H. BARTLETT, Teacher.

Length of Term, 12 weeks. Whole number, 35; average 32. Wages, \$65.00 per month.

Winter Term—F. H. BARTLETT, Teacher.

Length of term, 13 weeks. Whole number, 34; average, 27. Wages, \$65.00 per month.

Mr. Pratt was retained during the Summer term, but was obliged to resign at its close, and the Committee was so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. F. H. Bartlett, under whose judicious management the school maintains a higher standard of scholarship and discipline than ever before; and none can regret more than your Committee, that the present order of affairs in this school may not continue. We consider it in a vigorous and flourishing condition, with high possibilities in the future; and its discontinuance would be a retrograde movement. Five of our own teachers are from our own High School.

## VILLAGE DISTRICT—MARK S. WEEKS, Agent.

Whole number of Scholars in District.....249

GRAMMAR—Summer Term—I. H. W. WHARFF, Teacher.

Length of Term, 9 weeks. Whole number, 31; average, 25. Wages,  
\$41.00 per month.

Fall Term—I. H. W. WHARFF, Teacher.

Length of Term, 10 weeks. Whole number, 35; average, 30. Wages,  
\$49.00 per month.

Winter Term—I. H. W. WHARFF, Teacher.

Length of Term, 12 weeks. Whole number, 52; average, 43. Wages,  
\$60.00 per month.

The teacher succeeded in gaining the good will and affection of his scholars. At the close of the Fall Term, we noticed an inclination on the part of some of the older scholars to speak in a low inaudible tone of voice; this was overcome in a great measure during the Winter Term. A co-operation with him on the part of pupils and parents, combined with persevering labor, rendered this a very profitable school.

INTERMEDIATE—Summer Term—EVA B. COPELAND, Teacher.

Length of Term, 2 weeks. Wages, \$8.00 per week.

Fall Term—EVA B. COPELAND, Teacher.

Length of Term, 10 weeks. Whole number, 37; average, 33. Wages,  
\$8.00 per week.

Winter Term—EVA B. COPELAND, Teacher.

Length of term, 11 weeks. Whole number, 43; average, 36. Wages,  
\$8.00 per week.

This school and the Primary were stopped at the end of the second week, on account of diphtheria. Owing to the sudden and severe indisposition of the teacher, about one week before the Winter Term was to close, no examination was held; but from observations the Committee were enabled to make during the term, and from the success attending the school in former terms, we believe good progress was made.

PRIMARY—Summer Term—JOSIE F. CHAMBERS, Teacher.

Length of Term, 2 weeks. Wages, \$5.00 per week.

Fall Term—JOSIE F. CHAMBERS, Teachers.

Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number, 44; average, 39. Wages,  
\$5.00 per week.

Winter Term—JOSIE F. CHAMBERS, Teacher.

Length of Term, 12 weeks. Whole number, 36; average, 31. Wages, \$5.00 per week.

This was Miss Chambers' first effort at teaching, and she has succeeded well. The scholars were interested in the teacher, and the school was altogether a pleasant one.

BRIMMER DISTRICT—OTIS GILMORE, Agent.

Whole number Scholars in District..... 241

GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Summer Term—JULIA T. BRASTOW, Teacher.

Length of Term, 12 weeks. Whole number 18; average, 16. Wages \$9.00 per week.

GRAMMAR AND INTERMEDIATE—Fall Term.

Finding the number of scholars in the Grammar School so small, during the Summer Term, the Agent deemed it best to consolidate the Grammar and Intermediate Schools, forming a mixed school taught by JULIA T. BRASTOW—Length of Term, 10 weeks. Wages, \$10. In all Miss Brastow's schools there is something to commend; and in some degree the progress made during this term was satisfactory, though upon the whole, the experiment of uniting the schools, did not prove the success hoped for. The Summer Term was well disciplined and instructed, and was in all respects a good school.

Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number 58; average, 44. Wages, \$40.00 per month.

This school was commenced by MRS. G. W. HALL, who was obliged by ill health, to resign at the end of the fourth week, and it was finished by MR. A. G. PETTENGILL.

It is with pleasure that we speak of this school, for much progress in the right direction was made in this term. From the first the teacher secured the respect and esteem of his pupils, and retained the same till the close, which combined with energetic interest in the welfare of the school, on the part of the teacher, and an evident interest in their *own* welfare, on the part of the scholars, *of course* resulted in an excellent school. We were well pleased. The number of scholars being large, Mr. P. was ably assisted by Miss Annie B. Burr—wages \$3.00 per week.

INTERMEDIATE—Summer Term—MARY E. GARITY, Teacher.

Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 40; average, 35. Wages, \$7.00 per week.

This was a new experience to this teacher, and in some respects the school did not quite reach the standard of others of its grade; but in most points improvement was made.

PRIMARY—Summer Term—KATE S. CUTTER, Teacher.

Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 67; average, 56. Wages, \$6 a week  
Miss Cutter sustained her former reputation.

Fall Term—MARY E. GARITY, Teacher.

Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 68; average, 60. Wages, \$6.50.

Winter Term—MARY E. GARITY, Teacher,

Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 57; average, 42. Wages, \$6.50.

Very great advancement was made during these two terms; Miss G. proved herself well fitted for her position; and at the close the school took equal rank with others of the same grade, which is decided progress in all respects.

CENTRAL DISTRICT—C. P. THOMAS, Agent.

Whole number of Scholars in District.....416.

EXCELSIOR.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Summer Term—ANNE B. HOLBROOK, Teacher.

Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 30; average 26. Wages, \$9.00.

Fall Term—length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 40; average, 38.  
Wages, \$10.00.

Winter Term—FRANK E. COLLINS, Teacher.

Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 51; average, 42. Wages, \$58.00  
per month.

There is a high standard of scholarship in this school; some classes are not excelled by any in town.

(PAGE,) INTERMEDIATE.

Summer Term, Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 42; average, 37.  
Wages, \$7.75.

Fall Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 46; average, 39.  
Wages, \$7.75.

Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 41; average, 31.  
Wages, \$8.00.

Most fortunately, the same teacher, FLORENCE L. HOLYOKE, was retained through the year; and excellent schools were the result. Rapid and thorough progress was made in each term. Good order and studious habits became popular, and the advancement was decided.

PAGE PRIMARY.

Summer Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 60; average, 49.  
Wages, \$6.00.

Fall Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 56; average, 46,  
Wages, \$6.50,



Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 46; average, 31.  
Wages, \$6.50.

This school has been taught through the year by ADELIA A. WALSH, who brought a good reputation as a teacher, which was well sustained. The method of instruction was well adapted to the needs of the pupils; and the discipline, while firm, was mild and attractive. In this school also, the beneficial effects of retaining a good teacher were plainly manifest in the improvement of the pupils.

#### EXCELSIOR PRIMARY.

Summer Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 59; average, 48.  
Wages, \$6.50.

Fall Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 50; average, 41.  
Wages, \$6.50.

Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 50; average, 30. Wages, \$6.50.

The name of this Teacher, LETTIE T. HARLOW, has so often appeared in school reports, and always as a successful instructor, that it seems almost unnecessary to make any extended notice of this school; but we wish especially to commend the oral instruction and the methods adopted to secure the *interest* of the pupils. All the schools of this district have been much interrupted by sickness.

#### MILL DAM.

##### INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY.

Summer Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 17; average 15.  
Wages, \$6.75.

Fall Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 16.  
Wages, \$6.75.

Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 15.  
Wages, \$7.75.

CARO A. FARRINGTON, Teacher. This school is above praise. The scholars are studious and thoughtful, and incidentally learn many facts not taught in text books. We wish to notice especially the knowledge shown of the Metric System, and the Writing exercises, as two of the features to be commended.

#### LIBERTY DISTRICT—WILLARD HOWARD, Agent.

Whole numbers of Scholars in District, .....70  
Summer Term—Length, 8 weeks. Whole number, 42; average, 33.  
Wages, \$5.50.

Fall Term—Length, 8 weeks. Whole number, 36; average, 28.  
Wages, \$5.50.

These terms were taught by FRANCES A. ABBOTT, and reflected credit upon all engaged in them. They were most successful schools; but we think a mistake is made in having such short terms.

Winter Term—JUDSON E. LONG, Teacher.

Length, 16 weeks. Wages, \$35 per month.

The winter school is a good one,—well governed and instructed. The progress made is satisfactory. A little more manifest interest on the part of the parents would be beneficial. As the school is still in session, this report must be incomplete.

DAY DISTRICT—JOSIAH PRATT, Agent.

Whole number of Scholars in District, .....14

Summer Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 10; average, 9.  
Wages, \$5.00

Fall Term—Length, 7½ weeks. Whole number, 15; average, 11.

Wages, \$5.00. GEORGIA WASHBURN, Teacher.

This school is in fair condition; during the first term, the progress was marked, but the last term was too short to show much improvement. We believe the sessions were profitable for the district.

WHITING HILL DISTRICT—D. C. EMERSON, Agent.

Whole number Scholars in District, .....36

Summer Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 18; average, 15.  
Wages, \$4.75.

Fall Term—Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 20; average, 17.  
Wages, \$4.75.

Winter Term—Length, 12 weeks. Wages, \$5.25.

REBECCA T. GREENE, Teacher.

This was Miss Greene's first essay at teaching. The school was in bad shape when taken, and the work of the first term was very laborious; and it is not saying too much, to say that the school is very much changed for the better. We are satisfied with the teacher's success and capabilities; we expected much, and are not disappointed.

KINGSBURY DISTRICT—BENJ. KINGSBURY, Agent.

Whole number of Scholars in District, .....26

Summer Term—MARIE E. COLLINS, Teacher.

Length, 10 weeks. Whole number, 17; average, 14. Wages, \$6.00.

The scholars in this district are well advanced, and good progress was made during this term. The closing examination showed a good amount of labor had been expended by an experienced teacher.

Winter Term—MARY E. BURR, Teacher.

Length, 6 weeks. Whole number, 20; average, 18. Wages, \$6.00:

As the teacher was obliged, on account of illness, to leave the school unfinished, the term was short. The school contains an unusually large number of bright pupils; and we hope to see it take the rank and praise which it is capable of receiving. We earnestly advise the parents to visit the school.

Whole number of scholars in town.....	1029
Whole number in summer schools.....	554
Average number in summer schools .....	412
Whole number in fall schools.....	491
Average number in fall schools.....	423
Whole number in winter schools.....	532
Average number in winter schools.....	402
Average wages of female teachers.....	\$7 25
Average wages of male teachers.....	49 00
Amount raised by town for district schools.....	2,600 00
Amount received from State.....	1,637 64
Interest on school fund, .....	51 23
Amount raised for high school, . . . . .	900 00
Amount to each scholar,.....	4 03

ANNE B. HOLBROOK, }  
 FRANK E. COLLINS, } Superintending  
 WALTER L. HUNT, } School  
 Committee.

BREWER, March 4, 1879.