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TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED MARCH 2, 1891.

MODERATOR.

D. H. KILBRETH.

CLERK.

W. N. BENNETT.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

EDWARD PRATT,

W. H. THOMPSON,

C. R. LEACH.

TREASURER.

R. B. BRADFORD.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

R. A. RYERSON,

R. B. BRADFORD,

C. L. DAY.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Valuation of Town, April 1, 1891.

Real Estate,	\$332,680 00
Personal Estate,	64,990 00
	\$397,670 00
Real Estate exempted from taxation exclusive of Town Farm,	
	100 00
Amount raised by Town, March 2, 1891 :	
For Schools,	1,070 80
School writing books,	25 00
Roads and bridges,	1,000 00
Town charges,	1,000 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00
Snow bills,	700 00
	\$3,810 80
Assessment for the year,	
State tax,	\$1,265 80
County tax,	635 86
Town tax,	3,810 80
Overlay,	261 22
Supplementary tax,	21 95
	\$5,995 63
Total committed to collector,	
	\$5,995 63
Number of polls,	
	316
Tax on polls,	
	\$2 00
Number of dogs taxed,	
	54
Tax per dog,	
	\$1 00
Rate per cent. of taxation,	
	.0133

TOWN FARM.

April 1, 1891. The farm has been under the supervision of J. F. Starbird. We think that he and his wife have worked hard and tried to look out for the interest of the town. He has done all the work on the farm, has a good wood-pile nearly fitted, and has taken charge of the hearse; has been out with the hearse seventeen times. We feel well pleased with the

efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Starbird. There are at present six inmates at the farm: Eva D. Taylor and her four children, also Granville Goding, Mrs. Goding having died September 5th. From the 14th of May until the time of her death she was a great care, being confined to her bed, and helpless. Her mind was also in a disordered condition. Delia Stevens has been at work for her board since the middle of April, and the town is to furnish her clothing.

TOWN FARM EXPENSES,

Made up of the following items :	
Superintendent's salary,	\$245 00
Paid for 3 cows,	105 00
" driving cows to farm,	1 50
" 1 pair of oxen,	115 00
" feed,	36 47
" phosphate,	6 12
" wagon,	9 25
" shingles and boards,	31 92
" laying shingles,	7 00
" apple bbls., sorting apples, and lumber,	6 50
" blacksmithing,	5 65
" medical services,	6 00
" clothing for Mr. Goding, and burial expenses of Mrs. Goding,	41 07
" sewing,	3 00
Paid Mrs. H. L. Coolidge for supplies,	102 27
Geo. Chandler, for stove, pump, barbed wire, nails, etc.,	22 80
J. F. Starbird, for supplies,	18 38
for other supplies,	17 10
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	\$790 03

TOWN FARM CREDIT.

Cheese sold,	\$44 61
Calf sold,	4 00
Beef cows sold,	66 00
Pork sold,	14 34
Cowhide sold,	2 72
Apples sold,	39 50
Oxen sold,	130 00
Butter sold,	22 85
Poultry sold,	1 40
Eggs sold,	10 27
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	\$335 69
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Expense of farm above receipts,	\$454 34

Schedule of personal property on hand, February 16, 1891 :

Horse,	\$100 00	
Five cows,	110 00	
Twelve hens,	6 00	
Potatoes,	25 00	
Apples,	5 00	
Barley,	4 50	
Oats,	10 00	
Cider,	3 00	
Beans,	7 00	
Pork and beef,	20 00	
Groceries on hand,	5 50	
Butter,	1 60	
Cheese,	1 00	
Soap,	5 00	
Swine,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$313 60

Schedule of personal property on hand, February 15, 1892 :

Horse,	\$100 00	
Four cows,	115 00	
Two yearlings,	20 00	
Twenty-four hens,	10 00	
Two swine,	10 00	
Potatoes,	15 00	
Apples,	12 00	
Barley,	7 50	
Oats,	5 00	
Beans,	4 00	
Peas,	2 00	
Corn,	4 50	
Beef and pork,	29 00	
Groceries on hand,	9 00	
Butter,	60	
Cheese,	4 40	
Dried apple,	1 00	
Soap,	4 00	
Hay,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$453 00

Increase of personal property, February 19, 1892, \$139.40, which, taken from the expense of farm above receipts, makes the actual cost of running the town farm the past year, \$314.94. Measures have been taken to secure the Granville Goding place, and it will be sold and the proceeds turned into the town treasury.

Support of poor off the farm :		
Mrs. R. N. Norton, for care, medical attendance, and burial expenses,	\$125 00	
Fortier family,*	257 71	
C. F. William's family,	28 92	
Reuben Andrews (old soldier),	113 85	
Julia A. White,	65 00	
Eva D. Taylor,	9 00	
Time and expense looking after paupers,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$611 48
Cost of poor on the farm,		314 94
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Total cost of poor,		\$926 42

ROAD REPAIRS.

The following sums have been expended for the repairs of roads and bridges during the year, amounting to \$1,438.73 :

Expended with road machine,		\$446 86
J. H. Knowlton, feed,	\$63 90	
G. A. Gormon, labor,	56 25	
B. S. Francis, labor,	54 00	
W. H. Johnson, driving team,	62 70	
F. P. Hiscock, labor and the other running expenses,	210 01	
	<hr/>	\$446 86
Total cost,		\$446 86

MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY.

F. S. Richmond, lumber,	\$19 96
C. R. Leach, labor and cash,	50 75
J. H. Thing, labor,	3 90
C. B. Goding, labor and material,	25 75
E. P. Ladd, labor,	3 00
R. B. Bradford, labor,	4 25
M. H. Bisbee, labor,	12 50
W. H. Norton, labor,	11 25
Dennis Bisbee, labor,	19 00
Galan Harris, labor,	12 00
Adna Goding, labor,	12 75
G. A. Norcross, labor,	14 25
J. W. Lovejoy, labor,	31 45
B. F. Goding, labor,	4 50

* Mrs. Fortier has been sick, and this includes the bill for medical attendance, nurse, board, etc. We are trying and expecting to get a part of this back from the State.

C. S. Briggs, labor,	\$12 00
C. F. Pike, labor,	28 00
Nymphus Turner, labor,	3 00
G. A. Cotton, labor,	3 00
W. H. Thompson, labor and cash,	78 47
Edward Pratt, labor, material, and cash,	57 94
Orison Rollins, labor,	2 00
Irwin Thompson, labor,	1 50
Alouzo Austin, labor,	3 00
C. W. Bemis, labor,	8 00
N. P. Hinds, labor,	3 00
A. F. Russell, labor,	7 50
H. B. Keith, labor,	20 72
W. R. Soper, labor,	12 00
Lewis Leavitt, labor and material,	9 00
W. H. Millett, labor,	10 02
F. S. Francis, labor,	9 60
F. P. Hiscock, labor,	37 00
Mrs. M. H. Donham, labor,	1 00
Wallace Merrill, labor,	1 50
E. H. Johnson, labor,	1 50
W. H. Johnson, labor,	55 50
H. A. Hutchinson, labor,	6 75
A. W. Jackson, labor,	22 50
J. B. Morse, labor,	1 50
J. A. Hayes, labor,	1 50
Milton Leavitt, labor and material,	3 65
D. B. Bradbury, labor,	2 25
J. B. Decker, labor,	2 85
E. H. Gibbs, labor,	75
Loren Parcher, labor,	2 00
E. E. Fuller, labor,	44 35
C. G. Thompson, labor,	19 50
Charles Alden, labor and plank,	1 43
H. B. Bradford, labor,	1 25
L. J. Luce, labor,	4 50
J. W. Bigelow, labor,	1 50
J. M. Drury, labor,	3 75
Adna Boothby, labor,	3 00
M. P. Chenery, labor,	30 00
F. S. Goding, labor,	2 50
Maurice Kilbreth, labor,	1 50
A. D. Fuller, labor,	1 00
Asa Hewett, labor,	7 50
Millett Cummings, labor,	6 30
James Huston, labor,	2 40

S. F. Perley, spruce,	\$4 80	
C. E. Emerson, labor,	75	
	<hr/>	\$770 34

CUTTING BUSHES.

C. E. Merrill,	\$2 25	
Estate E. A. Weld,	1 50	
Benj. Hutchinson,	5 47	
Richard Clemens,	1 50	
M. H. Bisbee,	3 00	
P. M. Jones,	6 00	
S. M. Norton,	6 00	
G. A. Gordon,	1 95	
R. E. Bisbee,	12 00	
Lyman Reed,	2 00	
Irwin Gammon,	4 68	
Galan Harris,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 35

USE OF WATERING TUBS.

C. R. Leach,	\$2 00	
W. L. Seymour,	2 00	
A. S. Goding,	2 00	
H. R. Merrill,	2 00	
G. A. Norcross,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

FALLS BRIDGE.

Sewall Brothers, for shingles,	\$88 04	
W. H. Stuart, for nails,	7 27	
For laying shingles,	45 87	
	<hr/>	\$141 18

SNOW BILLS.

C. J. Young,	\$4 00	
R. A. Ryerson,	2 04	
A. J. Ryerson,	1 92	
Wm. Poole,	7 37	
P. M. Jones,	1 00	
L. J. Luce,	12 25	
A. R. Tobin,	5 50	
W. H. Thompson,	21 61	
H. C. Adkins,	7 75	
E. P. Ladd,	2 00	
E. J. Simmons,	3 00	
C. F. Williams,	1 05	
R. B. Bradford,	3 00	
B. N. Fuller,	5 38	
M. H. Bisbee,	2 75	

W. H. Norton,	\$5 25
J. M. Shackley,	10 00
O. A. Rich,	2 13
C. L. Woodsome,	3 87
A. G. Timberlake,	5 79
I. A. Thompson,	8 75
I. T. Monroe,	3 92
W. J. Hyde,	5 50
P. F. Goding,	3 07
Josiah Ladd,	1 38
L. A. Woodsome,	4 55
J. P. Hinds,	2 00
Andrew Campbell,	5 48
Asa Knapp,	3 50
H. E. Gibbs,	6 52
H. A. Hutchinson,	9 46
J. P. Bowler,	17 68
Orison Rollins,	9 77
R. E. Bisbee,	5 50
A. F. Russell,	16 97
H. B. Keith,	4 19
C. R. Babb,	8 50
W. H. Conant,	2 71
H. A. Merrill,	3 50
Daniel Badger,	2 50
Henry Pitts,	82
C. R. Stevens,	85
Cyrus Rose,	3 50
C. A. Tracy,	2 88
F. P. Thompson,	9 00
Lewis Leavitt,	8 97
L. D. Poland,	20 00
S. H. Chase,	1 40
John Campbell,	1 58
C. S. Briggs,	19 50
Mrs. M. H. Donham,	5 38
Isaac Gifford,	4 57
J. W. Lovejoy,	3 75
Wallace Merrill,	5 32
R. N. Fisher,	2 40
W. L. Seymore,	2 25
E. A. Morse,	5 00
B. F. Stevens,	1 63
C. E. Merrill,	5 15
G. W. Soule,	7 80
D. A. Pollard,	4 35

G. M. Jones,	\$4 75
Asa Goding, .	5 00
J. T. Crooker,	2 50
C. Dennin,	14 94
Geo. Gibbs,	1 50
B. F. Sawin,	7 04
L. P. Williams,	2 70
W. A. Campbell,	2 15
U. P. Francis,	5 33
F. H. Boothby,	1 63
W. C. Hobbs,	3 75
W. S. Moore,	5 42
W. S. Seavey,	1 63
E. E. Waite,	2 80
C. E. Fuller,	2 38
Noves Brothers,	3 37
J. H. Huston,	6 81
Manter Cummings,	2 00
J. O. Palmer,	4 65
E. E. Fuller,	13 75
G. W. Hanscomb,	2 12
T. S. Goding,	17 37
A. D. Edgecomb,	7 50
G. H. Cummings,	4 37
D. D. Bryant,	1 25
J. M. Drury,	10 75
W. A. Thompson,	36 34
J. D. Steele,	5 00
J. L. Cummings,	4 32
S. M. Norton,	11 50
W. H. Stevens,	1 38
Stephen Bussell,	2 75
G. A. Gordon,	5 00
G. A. Norcross,	4 37
N. A. Hinds,	3 75
A. R. Tobin,	5 40
E. H. Hinckley,	16 62
Chas. Alden,	8 00
M. P. Chenery,	2 80
E. R. Boothby,	5 00
T. M. Wyman,	5 98
C. S. Goding,	5 00
G. D. Adkins,	6 50
Alonzo Austin,	8 37
W. W. Armstrong,	2 19
Lucius Andrews,	94

F. E. Adkins,	\$6 25
J. C. Bradbury estate,	4 37
J. W. Bigelow,	24 20
D. M. Bryant,	6 62
E. G. Bryant,	7 00
E. F. Bryant,	1 94
O. C. Bryant,	1 11
Dennis Bisbee,	2 94
Millett Cummings,	5 25
Frank Casey,	2 75
G. A. Cotton,	4 12
Mandeville Campbell,	6 13
Lloyd Carver,	9 25
J. F. Doe,	2 18
J. B. Decker,	4 80
C. E. Emerson,	1 46
F. S. Francis,	8 03
J. E. Fogg,	1 37
J. H. Gordon,	7 87
E. H. Gibbs,	75
H. E. Gibbs,	8 98
B. A. Hutchinson,	5 87
C. C. Hayford,	5 75
Asa Hewitt,	6 50
Arnold Ireland,	1 50
W. H. Johnson,	1 51
William Jones,	1 87
Asa Knapp,	8 50
R. N. Lovewell,	6 68
G. H. Libbey,	2 30
C. R. Leach,	25 00
J. B. Morse,	6 38
W. E. Morse,	1 95
S. A. Nelson,	6 40
Herbert Norton,	2 87
C. F. Pike,	11 44
Edward Pratt,	11 24
Loren Parcher,	6 50
C. P. Sanders,	13 25
W. R. Soper,	10 25
Thos. A. Stickney,	75
J. H. Thing,	18 07
Silas Timberlake estate,	2 20
Nymphus Turner,	6 75
W. I. Timberlake,	9 00
D. P. True,	3 87

Henry Wing,	\$2 56
R. C. Young,	4 65
C. J. Young,	3 00
S. H. Beckler,	20 87
J. A. Hayes,	4 75
James Irwin,	8 00
J. H. Turner,	6 50
A. W. Jackson,	8 91
Wm. Turner,	2 00
D. R. Briggs,	12 87
P. B. Fuller,	9 06
C. P. Coolidge,	4 86
Wm. Briggs,	4 40
Milton Leavitt,	11 25
Chas. Goding,	3 50
W. N. Philoon,	6 25
W. G. Griffith,	3 56
Walter Philoon,	45
S. E. Jones,	22 21
J. F. Starbird,	7 49
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	\$1,068 79

HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Edward Pratt, labor and material,	\$14 30
J. P. Hinds, labor,	1 50
F. F. Richmond, lumber,	1 00
E. & H. Sewall, plank,	1 30
Geo. Libbey, blacksmithing,	1 00
Manter Cummings, labor,	3 00
G. H. Cummings, labor,	1 25
J. L. Cummings, nails and spikes,	1 50
N. P. Hinds, labor,	6 00
Fred Poland, scoop shovel and pulley,	1 79
Geo. Chandler, material,	3 43
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	\$36 07
Received for use of boat,	15 00
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Actual cost,	\$21 07

The ice freshet, the last of December, carried the boat off. As it was rotten and not fit for use another year we have taken the irons off and saved them for another boat.

OXEN BOUGHT AND SOLD DURING THE YEAR.

Paid for oxen,	\$532 50
Sold oxen for	475 00
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Loss on oxen,	\$57 50

ABATEMENTS.

E. E. Millett, error in personal property,	\$2 66	
Willard Carver, error, no dog,	1 00	
C. J. Young, error in real estate,	2 66	
Robert Moore, error, no road to his land,	5 16	
S. H. Deane, paid in Leeds,	2 00	
Wm. Childs, paid in Franklin Plantation,	2 00	
Salome Howard, old and feeble,	1 33	
John Warren, old and feeble,	3 99	
J. T. Lyford, discount on bank stock,	9 97	
Eugene Bryant, out of town,	2 00	
J. N. Bryaut, dead,	2 00	
Lloyd Carver, buildings burned,	30 33	
Samuel Hobbs, sick and blind,	8 65	
Asa Knowles, out of town,	2 00	
S. D. Mason, out of town,	2 00	
Geo. A. Pease, out of town,	2 00	
L. A. Woodsome, sick,	6 95	
Geo. H. Young (received since hooks were closed), out of town,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$90 20

SCHOOLS.

Due the common schools, Feb. 17, 1891,	\$401 64	
Raised by town, March 2, 1891,	920 80	
State school fund,	672 82	
Town school fund,	73 72	
Tuition,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,083 98
Orders have been drawn to the amount of		1,885 05
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Balance due the schools,		\$198 93

About \$100.00 more have been spent and the bills have not been passed in yet, so that really there is only \$100.00 for another year.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Balance in treasury, due Free High Schools, February 17, 1891,	\$55 65	
Amount raised by town,	150 00	
Received from State,	192 11	
	<hr/>	\$397 76
Orders drawn the past year,		270 30
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Balance in treasury due Free High School,		\$127 46

G. A. R.

The town voted to raise, to be expended by Kimball Post for decorating soldiers' graves, \$15.00, and the same has been forwarded to the treasurer of the Post.

SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS.

Orders have been drawn for text-books to amount to	\$76 18	
Postage and stationery,	3 40	
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Total,		\$79 58

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

C. F. Pike, collector,	\$104 92	
S. P. Adkins, injury to wagon,	5 00	
Record books,	16 50	
Town books and stationery,	5 46	
Use of vestry for town meeting,	15 00	
Printing town reports, 1890,	17 10	
Trustees of M. and S. Fund,	6 75	
Burial of Mr. Mancham's cow and horse,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$172 23

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Edward Pratt, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$70 00	
W. H. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	38 25	
C. R. Leach, selectman, assessor, etc.,	40 75	
R. A. Ryerson, school committee,	24 00	
R. B. Bradford, school committee,	23 50	
C. L. Day, school committee,	23 00	
R. B. Bradford, treasurer,	25 00	
W. N. Bennett, clerk,	15 75	
C. W. Fuller, treasurer of M. and S. Fund,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$272 25

RESOURCES.

(Exclusive of Town Farm and stock.)

Due on uncollected non-resident taxes of 1891,	\$61 30	
Cash in treasury, February 19, 1892,	407 46	
Due from East Livermore,	28 78	
Estimated value of Granville Goding place,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$572 54

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding municipal orders,	\$16 20	
Due the common schools,	198 93	
Due the Free High School,	127 46	
Due for Town Officers' bills, 1891,	272 25	
Due Superintendent of Town Farm,	119 53	
Other outstanding bills, estimated,	50 00	
		<u>\$784 37</u>
Liabilities over resources,		<u>\$211 83</u>

During the past municipal year orders have been drawn to the amount of		\$7,373 38
Classified as follows :		
For support of poor at Town Farm,	\$655 09	
For support of poor off Town Farm,	611 48	
Highways and bridges,	1,438 73	
Snow bills,	1,068 79	
Hillman's Ferry,	36 07	
Paid for oxen,	532 50	
Abatements,	98 81	
Schools,	1,885 05	
Free high school,	270 30	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00	
School text-books, postage, etc.,	79 58	
Miscellaneous orders,	172 23	
Town officers' bill for 1890,	249 75	
H. B. Keith's salary,	260 00	
		<u>\$7,373 38</u>

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PRATT,
W. H. THOMPSON,
C. R. LEACH,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor,
Town of Livermore.*

Fellow-citizens,—After serving you according to the best of my ability, I decline being a candidate for re-election. While I feel glad to be free from the duties and responsibilities, I have a feeling of regret because I have not been able to accomplish more. I thank you most cordially for the manner in which you have sustained me.

EDWARD PRATT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. B. BRADFORD, *Treasurer,*

in account with the Town of Livermore.

	DR.
To balance brought forward from settlement February 17, 1891,	\$1,808 08
To cash from Town of Peru,	56 16
from W. F. Fuller, error in account,	12 88
from State for free high school,	192 11
from State bounties on crows, 1890,	8 10
for cheese sold from Town Farm, 1890 and 1891,	124 55
for tuitions to free high school,	10 20
for Town School Fund,	73 72
for calf and hide sold from Town Farm,	6 72
for cows sold from Town Farm,	66 00
pork " "	14 34
apples " "	39 50
oxen " "	130 00
from town of Jay for schools,	9 00
from J. D. Thompson, for schools,	6 00
for use of Hillman's Ferry,	15 00
for school-books sold,	2 13
for oxen of road team,	475 00
for highway taxes, .50 + \$1.94,	2 44
for State Pension,	24 00
for State School Fund,	672 82
assessments of 1891,	5,995 63
for abated taxes paid by Geo. Tarr and Charles Stevens,	8 61
	\$9,752 99

R. B. BRADFORD, *Treasurer,*

in account with the Town of Livermore.

	CR.	
By paid State tax,	\$1,265 80	
County tax,	635 86	
Municipal orders,	5,215 17	
School orders,	1,873 10	
Free high school orders,	270 30	
State pension,	24 00	
Due on non-resident taxes, 1891,	61 30	
Cash in treasury,	407 46	
	<hr/>	\$9,752 99

R. B. BRADFORD, *Treasurer of Livermore.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

The principal of the ministerial and school funds remain on deposit in the several savings banks in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn as reported one year ago.

The interest on the ministerial fund has all (except \$1.52, which has not been called for,) been paid to the several religious societies according to the division of the same made by the selectmen one year ago, for which the treasurer holds the proper vouchers. Division of the interest on said funds, as made by the selectmen, due to the several societies for the ensuing year :

First Baptist,	\$18 10
Second Baptist,	1 11
First Universalist,	15 88
Second Universalist,	19 20
Methodist,	27 33
Advents,	5 91
Spiritualists,	1 11
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Total,	\$88 64

The interest on the school fund up to May 1, 1891, was \$73.72, which I have paid to the town treasurer.

CHAS. W. FULLER,

Treasurer of the M. and S. Funds.

March, 1892.

REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

No. 1.

Summer Term.—Mary E. Pollard, teacher. Wages, \$6 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 12. This is one more of Miss Pollard's very successful terms taught in this school. Miss Pollard has tact, energy, and ability, and applies these constantly in the school-room, and by the industry of the pupils has brought this school to a high standard. The inspection of this school was a work of pleasure and the closing examinations thorough and very satisfactory. Some excellent specimens of map-drawing were seen hanging on the school-room walls. A cabinet of minerals, brought together by teacher and pupils, is evidence of interest awakened along lines here not usually considered in our schools.

Winter Term.—Mary E. Pollard, teacher. Wages, \$8.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 17. What was said of Summer Term will apply equally as well to Winter Term. We found higher branches taken in this school than any other school in town.

No. 2.

Summer Term.—Miss Florence A. Nelson, teacher. Wages, \$7 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 42; average number, 40. The work performed in this school was highly creditable to the teacher's skill and the industry of the pupils. Miss Nelson is a good scholar, possesses a genial manner, and is an excellent instructor.

Fall Term.—Miss Mary E. Pollard, teacher. Wages, \$7.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 39; average number, 31. Miss Pollard's work in this school was thorough, systematic, and of the same high character which has marked her work in the past.

Winter Term.—Miss Margaret F. Knowles, teacher. Wages, \$9.25 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 31; average number, 27. Miss Knowles came to this school with years of successful experience, and we saw in her work evidence of superior ability as an instructor. The pupils manifested a deep interest in their studies, a fact which we have noted throughout the year, and this has made the work pleasant to the teachers. Owing to the very large number of small pupils in this school it was deemed best to divide the school year into three short terms.

No. 3.

Summer Term.—Miss Esther A. Bowles, teacher. Wages, \$4.25 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 10; average

number, 8. The scholars in this school were quite young and the work largely elementary. The pupils appeared interested, and we think commendable progress was made. The teacher's manner was pleasant and earnest.

Winter Term.—Miss Arlena Russell, teacher. Wages, \$5.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 13. This school appeared well at each visit made. The teacher manifested much interest and the instruction given was first-class in every respect. Excellent progress was made in all the studies.

No. 4.

Summer Term.—Iva M. Russell, teacher. Wages, \$4.25 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 11; average number, 9. Miss Russell was interested in her work and the pupils responded heartily. The work done was very satisfactory.

Winter Term.—R. A. Ryerson, teacher. Wages, \$8 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 14. This school was closed on account of severe illness in the teacher's family and so was not visited by the committee. The teacher would like to speak in high praise of the scholars for their efforts to do well.

No. 5.

Summer Term.—Miss Arlena Russell, teacher. Wages, \$5.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 11; average number, 10. This appeared to be a very profitable term. Good interest was manifested by both teacher and pupils. Good order prevailed and the examinations were very satisfactory. Owing to sickness at home Miss Russell was obliged to close the school at the end of the eighth week.

Winter Term.—Asa G. Timberlake, teacher. Wages, \$8 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 17. This was a long term of fourteen weeks. Mr. Timberlake is a teacher of large experience. The examinations at the close showed very good work by both teacher and pupils and a large amount done. Good order and many of those points that make up a good school were observed at both of our visits.

No. 6.

Summer Term.—Miss Clara M. True, teacher. Wages, \$4.25 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 7; average number, 4. This was Miss True's second attempt at teaching in our schools. This school was too small to be interesting to either teacher or pupils. The school appeared well at both visits made, and those present at examination showed good progress made. We think Miss True did as well as could be expected.

Winter Term.—Miss Edith Boothby, teacher. Wages, \$5 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 13; average,

number, 11. Miss Boothby was well acquainted with the condition of this school. She knew the disposition and need of her pupils and endeavored to help them. Good order was observed at both of our visits, and the scholars showed good advancement. We think this a very profitable term of school. We wish that more of our young teachers would avail themselves of a Normal Course of training.

No. 8.

Summer Term.—Miss Ella Adkins, teacher. Wages, \$5.25 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 19; average number, 17. This school will rank as one of the best. Good order was maintained and a high degree of interest manifested throughout the entire term. Good advancement was made and thoroughness characterized the work.

Winter Term.—R. B. Bradford, teacher. Wages, \$8 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 25; average number, 21. The teacher would speak in very pleasant terms of the politeness and respect shown him during the term by the pupils and their earnest endeavors during school hours.

No. 10.

Summer Term.—Miss Frannie Campbell, teacher. Wages, \$5 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 15. Miss Campbell is a teacher who has had considerable experience and succeeded in awakening a good interest in the school work. The examinations showed good work done, and we think this a profitable term to those interested.

Winter Term.—C. L. Day, teacher. Wages, \$7.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 14. The interest taken by the scholars of this school in all their studies and their readiness to respond to their teacher's wishes were very gratifying to him, and the most important factor in achieving the progress desired.

No. 12.

Summer Term.—Miss Lillie Bemis, teacher. Wages, \$5 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 18. Miss Bemis is a teacher of considerable experience, and the success which has attended her schools in the past was not wanting here. The discipline of the school was excellent and the work done was in all respects very satisfactory.

Winter Term.—Frank Pitts, teacher. Wages, \$7.50 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 22; average number, 17. This school opened very favorably, and knowing the thorough scholarship of Mr. Pitts and his previous success in this school, and others as well, we entertained little doubt that this would be a prosperous term, but notwithstanding that much faithful effort was put forth by the teacher and most of the scholars, a laxity in the discipline of the school detracted very much from the effectiveness of the work.

No. 14.

Summer Term.—Miss Minnie Rice, teacher. Wages, \$6 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 25; average number, 19. This was a very profitable term. Miss Rice is an excellent teacher, having had some years experience in teaching, previous to which she had availed herself of a Normal training. The discipline of this school was exemplary. All the school work was performed in an orderly and systematic manner. The pupils engaged in their studies with interest and earnestness and good progress was made.

Winter Term.—Miss Ella Adkins, teacher. Wages, \$5 per week, including board. Whole number attending, 26; average number, 23. This was another successful term in which both teacher and scholars did themselves credit. The elements of successful school work exhibited in the summer term in No. 8, taught by Miss Adkins, were visible here and we were equally well satisfied with the advancement made.

No. 16.

Summer Term.—Miss Drusie Richards, teacher. Wages, \$4.27, including board. Whole number attending, 6; average number, 4. Miss Richards, of Chesterville, taught this term, and, we think, taking into consideration the small attendance, she did as well as any one could reasonably expect. The scholars who were present at our last visit passed a very creditable examination.

Fall Term.—Miss Alice Bradbury, teacher. Wages, \$5.50, including board. Whole number attending, ; average number,

Miss Bradbury succeeded admirably in winning the esteem and confidence of her pupils. The school, though few in numbers, were for the most part regular in their attendance and strove to carry out the wishes of their teacher. We were well pleased with the progress made.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by E. L. Chaney, of Wilton, and fall term by E. D. Osborne, of Gorham. These schools were much alike in discipline, and the general excellence of the work performed. The teachers were agreeable in manners, and by earnestness of purpose inspired their pupils with the same spirit. We consider the work for the entire year profitable in every respect.

Your committee are well pleased with the new school system at the close of the first year's experience. At a very much less expenditure of money the average number of weeks of school has been raised throughout the town. The seventeen (17) schools have been reduced to eleven. This reduction has been carefully made and with the best interests of all concerned constantly in view. The suspended schools can be re-instated whenever deemed expedient by the municipal officers and school committee or by action of the town.

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