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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor, and School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25TH, 1876.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:—

Your Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the municipal year ending February 25th, 1876, present the following report, giving the sums received, and from what sources, to meet and pay the payments by the town; also, showing for what purposes and to whom payments have been made:—

SCHOOLS.

Sum voted by town, March 8th, 1875,	\$1,250 00
Balance on Selectmen's book, March 1, '75,	305 82
State School Fund for 1875,	351 70
State School mill tax for 1875,	495 49
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	\$2,403 01
Paid S. S. Committee, and others,	1,887 14
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Amount of School Funds undrawn Feb. 25th, 1876,	\$515 87

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

ROADS, BRIDGES, &c.

Sum voted by town, March 8th, 1875,	\$1,000 00
Overlayings,	195 26
Delinquent highway taxes from 1874,	44 99
Supplemental assessment on money tax,	4 80
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	\$1,245 05

Services of town officers for 1874 as allowed by Auditor,	\$298 04
Chas. Hodgkins, putting pier in Jaqueth bridge,	25 00
Melvin Tibbetts, repairs on Jaqueth bridge,	4 25
Palmer & Co., stationery for town in 1874,	3 25
H. W. Jewett, lumber for Jaqueth bridge,	7 32
H. K. Morrill, printing Annual Reports,	12 00
Wm. Cunningham, labor on road, District No. 36, in 1874,	18 40
Thomas Holmes, making Treasurer's report,	1 50
D. S. Springer, expenses for self and Woodbury at Augusta on Crowell suit,	12 44
French Bros., stationery for town use, Proprietors of Lewiston Journal, blank orders, Surveyors' books, inventory papers, &c.,	5 05
W. G. Williams, recording inventory and assessment,	6 00
Samuel Patten, plank for bridge in 1874,	6 74
Rufus Smith, and others, breaking roads, Dist. No. 16, in 1874,	9 33
Wm. S. Snow for services as constable in 1874,	4 00
Wm. S. Snow for services as Deputy Sheriff in Crowell suit,	12 69

Wm. S. Snow, money paid to witnesses in Crowell suit,	\$85 27
Solomon Weston, breaking roads, Dist. No. 16, in 1874,	3 34
Wilkes Richardson, breaking roads, Dist. No. 16, 1874,	3 34
James Ricker, breaking roads, Dist. No. 36, in 1874,	4 50
Proprietors Lewiston Journal, collector's book for 1875,	1 25
Merrill True, lumber for Horse-Shoe pond bridge in 1874,	6 00
J. T. Bartlett, lumber for Horse-Shoe pond bridge,	5 50
Nathaniel Dennis, damage and costs in George E. Crowell suit,	3,087 43
Geo. W. Earle, plank for Crooker bridge,	9 87
John Patten, labor and plank, road, Dist. No. 26,	10 30
G. C. Vose for services in the G. E. Crow- ell suit,	129 54
T. H. Springer, building Fair-house for town,	355 00
Frank H. Dearing, damage to horse on highway,	15 00
Isaac Smith, plank for Waire bridge,	11 44
D. T. Cram, stringers for bridge, Dist. No. 7,	10 00
S. Goodwin, and others, labor on new road near True Woodbury's,	116 00
True Woodbury, labor on new road,	12 40
Wilbert Woodbury, labor on new road,	7 25
Sewell Glass, and others, labor on bridge at Purgatory Mills,	88 74
Thomas Lunt, and others, labor and mate- rials on the dump near Jaqueth bridge,	50 00
J. T. Bartlett, lumber for bridges, Dist. No. 7,	63 29
J. T. Bartlett, sawing lumber for town,	18 06

Committee on Fair-house, superintending building of said house,	\$7 00
Geo. W. Earle, lumber for bridge at the mills,	5 77
David T. Smith, hauling lumber for bridge at the mills.	2 00
Elisha Earle, hauling lumber for bridge at the mills,	1 50
Chas. T. Hall, lumber for Buker bridge,	1 00
A. E. Googins, labor on highway, Dist. No. 13,	3 33
Wilbur True, damage to wagon on highway,	4 00
Nathaniel Dennis, postage and expense as treasurer,	5 71
D. S. Springer, postage and expense as selectman,	8 75
Samuel Smith, postage and expense as selectman,	8 00
Abated in Wm. S. Snow's tax bills, year 1874,	29 58
Abated on assessment for 1874, non-resident, returned to treasurer by collector,	22 78
Abated in Wm. S. Snow's tax bills, 1874, delinquent highway,	3 30
Abated in Wm. S. Snow's tax bills for the year 1875,	5 50
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	\$4,633 42
Balance against town,	\$3,388 37

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum voted by town for support of poor,	\$700 00
Supplies over receipts on Poor Farm for the year ending January 1, 1876,	\$182 18
Paid services of overseer on Poor Farm for the year ending January 1, 1876,	209 14
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Cost on Poor Farm,	\$391 32

Pauper bills off the Farm:—

Paid support of Hannah Higgins,	\$44 25	
Paid support of Mrs. Kendall,	30 00	
Paid support of William Johnson,	11 60	
Cyrus Kendrick, medical aid for Sylvia Gatchell in 1874,	13 00	
Town of Belgrade, support of Caroline Howard,	17 00	
Melvin Tibbetts, team and expense to Bel- grade after Caroline Howard,	4 75	
Cyrus Bosworth, coffin for George Adams,	16 00	
Cyrus Kendrick, medical aid for Charles Curtis,	11 60	
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Cost off Poor Farm,	\$148 20	
Cost on Poor Farm,	391 32	
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Total cost of poor,		\$539 52
Balance in favor of town,		\$160 48

STOCK AND PROPERTY ON TOWN POOR FARM,

As estimated by Overseers of Poor, Feb. 25, 1876.

Stock on the farm,	\$360 00
15 tons of hay at \$11 per ton,	165 00
Provisions, &c.,	78 75
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	\$603 75

NAMES AND AGES OF PAUPERS ON POOR FARM.

Mary Nevens,	aged 73 years.
William Jewell,	" 71 "
Julia Tibbetts,	" 54 "
Sanford Goodwin,	" 51 "
Caroline Howard,	" 81 "
William Johnson,	" 86 "
Alonzo Gatchell,	" 9 "

Thomas M. Webber and his wife were hired to take charge of the Poor Farm and the poor on it, for the year ending April 1st, 1876, at \$187.50.

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Sum voted by town to pay interest on debt,	\$200 00
Paid interest on debt,	183 80
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Balance in favor of town,	16 20

RESOURCES.

To make the various payments of the town, the resources have been as follows:—

Balance on Selectmen's book March 1st, 1875,	\$3,635 50
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer,	2,095 26
Loaned to pay damage and costs on G. E. Crowell suit,	2,475 00
Interest paid on the Charles Slowman note,	10 50
Supplemental assessment,	4 80
Delinquent highway taxes from 1874,	44 99
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	\$8,266 05

Paid out:—

Abatements, Roads, Bridges, and Inci-	
dentials,	\$4,633 42
Support of Poor,	539 52
Interest on town debt,	183 80
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	\$5,356 74

Balance on Selectmen's book Feb. 25, 1876,	\$2,909 31
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D. S. SPRINGER,
SAMUEL SMITH,
MELVIN TIBBETTS,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 1st, 1876 ; also a statement of the town debt, and the amount due the town from the several Collectors, &c.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1875,	\$176 84
Received from W. M. Hattin, Collector for 1873, by the hand of Thomas Holmes,	220 00
Received from W. M. Hattin, Collector for 1873,	387 00
Received from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1874,	2,661 30
Received from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1875,	1,100 00
Received from D. W. Perry, Collector for 1869, for delinquent highway tax,	23 88
Received from Chas. M. Slowman, one year's interest on note against said Slowman,	10 50
Loaned to pay George E. Crowell for injury received and costs,	2,475 00
Received from State Treasurer, School fund for 1874,	347 71
Received from State Treasurer, School Mill Tax, 1875,	485 58
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$7,887 81
Paid for support of schools,	\$2,008 89
on town debt,	183 80
for support of poor,	539 52
for incidental town expenses,	4,722 15
Cash on hand March, 1, 1876,	433 45
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STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Outstanding notes and and interest on same,	\$5,245 13
Due from Geo. W. Sawyer, Collector for 1871, on delinquent highway tax,	\$7 04
Due from W. M. Hattin, Collector for 1873,	300 19
Due from W. M. Hattin, delinquent high- way taxes,	50 17
Due from W. S. Snow, Collector for 1874,	122 43
Due from W. S. Snow, delinquent highway taxes,	56 34
Due from W. S. Snow, Collector for 1875,	2,245 26
Due from W. S. Snow, delinquent highway taxes,	44 99
Due from supplemented assessment on non- resident land omitted in the former assessments, dated June 28, 1875,	4 80
Due from Charles M. Slowman, note dated February 23, 1874,	175 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1876,	10 73
Cash on hand, March 1, 1876,	433 45
	————— \$3,450 40

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHANIEL DENNIS, *Treasurer.*

Litchfield, March 1, 1876..

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Agreeably to the duties assigned, I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the current year, and find them properly vouched and cast, and they agree.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he has received	
during the year,	\$7,887 81
He has paid out during the same time,	7,454 36
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Leaving a balance in his hands,	\$433 45

Your Auditor has examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the now expiring municipal year, and has passed upon the same, and allowed them as follows :—

D. S. Springer, in full, for services as Selectman,	
Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	\$86 50
Samuel Smith, for same services,	71 00
Melvin Tibbetts, for same services,	60 75
Wm. G. Williams, Town Clerk,	12 94
Nathaniel Dennis, Treasurer,	27 50
R. J. D. Larrabee, S. S. Committee,	7 50
A. C. True, S. S. Committee,	32 50
Henry Taylor, S. S. Committee,	28 50
Wm. S. Snow, Constable,	4 00
Thomas Holmes, Auditor,	1 50

THOMAS HOLMES, *Auditor.*

Litchfield, Feb. 25, 1876.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Town of Litchfield:—

Your Superintending School Committee, having discharged their duties to the best of their abilities, submit their annual report for the year ending March 1, 1876.

Amount of money raised by the town,	\$1,250 00
Amount of State School Fund,	351 70
Amount of State Mill Tax,	495 49
Whole amount of School Money,	\$2,097 19

DISTRICT No. 1.—GEORGE W. EARLE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$211.01.

Summer Term. Miss L. C. Smith, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 28. Average number of scholars attending, 20. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, including board, \$7:00 per week. Miss Smith is well known in this town as an experienced and successful teacher. At our first visit we found the school well classified and the pupils manifested a good degree of interest. At our closing visit we were sorry to find some of the older pupils absent from their places. Those present showed a good degree of improvement. One class in oral grammar recited with unusual excellence. Order good. We hope in the future the parents of this district will insist upon having their children present every day except in case of sickness.

Winter Term. Henry Taylor, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 39. Average number of scholars attending, ——. Wages of teacher, including board, \$45.00 per month. Again we find a large family, of restless, uneasy, yet bright, active, and obedient children, who yield readily and anxiously to Mr. T.'s will and pleasure. At the opening we were much pleased with the interest manifested on the part of all, and assured them, should this continue, nothing but a first-class school would be the result. The school is still in session, with the same good feelings increased and interest more apparent. One class has already completed the arithmetic; a class at radicals in algebra. We promise a happy and edifying reunion at the close.

DISTRICT No. 2.—DEXTER DANFORTH, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$88.86.

Summer Term. Miss Etta Godfrey, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 12. Average number of scholars attending, 10. Length of term, 40 days. Wages of teacher \$2.00 per week. This is Miss Godfrey's first school, and with experience and study she will make one of our best teachers. She did a good work here, but she might have done more had there been a uniformity of text-books. We hope the parents will attend to this matter, and in procuring text-books purchase only those that are rightfully and legally used in town.

DISTRICT No. 3.—STILLMAN RING, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$142.64.

Summer Term. Miss Hattie J. Newell, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20. Average number of scholars attending, 18. Length of term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week. Miss Newell entered upon her duties here with the knowledge that there was much labor to be performed on her part. She well understood that nothing save thorough instruction, close and practical analysis, would be accepted and appreciated by the majority of those under her care. At the opening we found everything wearing the aspect of interest and strong desire to seek for and discharge all the duties calculated to advance the cause of education. The scholars were studious and quiet as is their custom. The teacher was pleasant and active. Owing to a misunderstanding relative to the close of the term, we made no second visit, much to our regret. But from our previous and subsequent intimate acquaintance with the school, we were sorry to believe the term was not what we hoped it would be. Although we think it was a good school, we believe it might have been better.

Winter Term. Albert C. True, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 26. Average number of scholars attending, 23. Length of term, 51 days. Wages of teacher, \$35.00 per month. Mr. True has had years of experience in teaching, which has stored his mind with that knowledge which is so essential to become a *first-class teacher*. He seeks thoroughly to understand the dispositions of his pupils, and to interest them, without resorting to severe punishment. We find in this school some of the best scholars in town. The reading classes deserve especial notice. By faithfulness on the part of both teacher and pupils, this was rendered one of the most profitable schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—F. J. SLOWMAN, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$119.45.

Summer Term. Miss Carrie M. Smiley, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 19. Average number of scholars attending, 12. Length of term, 25 days. Wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week. This school, this term, was composed wholly of small and young pupils, the oldest being only thirteen years. They needed careful and constant watching, judicious and gentle guidance, kind and hopeful encouragement. At our first visit we found the school doing fairly; but we were greatly surprised and pained, during the fourth week, to be notified that a serious dissatisfaction had arisen. Accepting the notice, we visited the school; at which time we found the scholars had been well taught, and had made excellent improvement. The teacher, in inflicting corporal punishment (as she affirms) to secure good recitations, had elicited the disapproval and dissatisfaction of many of the parents. This dissatisfaction, though small at first, had increased day by day, until it had become an open and decided division. At the opening of the fifth week the whole Board of Committee visited the school, where they found most of the parents. Investigating, they found that, although the teacher had been a little injudicious in her requirements and punishments, not sufficient cause to expel her was evident,—and allowed her to go on with her labors. The breach widening, and the opposing parents retaining their children from the school, the teacher closed at the end of the fifth week.

Winter Term. A. W. Knowles, Augusta, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 25. Average number of scholars attending, 20. Length of term, 55 days. Wages of teacher, \$27 per month. As we have noticed in this and former reports, this school needs a good and efficient instructor; not one particularly versed in the higher branches, but one having a clear and concise idea of the rudiments of our own language, and a keen perception of the fundamental principles which can be brought successfully into every-day life and business. Mr. K. came to us well recommended from Kent's Hill; and could he have humbled himself sufficiently to have taken up the little things which are so necessary to enable us to understand the larger and more difficult, we sincerely believe your Committee would have been better pleased, and the teacher's conscience better satisfied. At our first visit we found Mr. K.'s method of teaching very good, but the order was imperfect. We cautioned him, but at our last visit we saw no improvement; therefore must report it poor. The general improvement of the school was not what we could reasonably expect.

DISTRICT No. 5.—WILLIAM ADAMS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$88.66.

Summer Term. Miss Cretia R. Stover, Monmouth, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 19. Average number attending, 12. Length of term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week. Miss Stover was known to us, having visited her at her first trials; and our judgment was *then*, she would, with experience, become a *good* and perhaps a valuable teacher; but in this term we found our hopes were not fully realized. There was not activity enough shown by the teacher, to awaken a lively interest in the scholars, nor plain and sound explanation to inspire respect and confidence. Reading was improved; something gathered in geography; mathematics was carelessly handled. Order fair.

Winter Term. Mattie L. Ware, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 24. Average number of scholars attending, 21. Length of term, 50 days. Wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week. At our first visit to this school we found a good work had commenced. We were satisfied that this would be a profitable school. Miss Ware was earnest and active in discharging her duties. At our last visit we were not disappointed. The improvement made showed that neither teacher nor scholars had been idle.

DISTRICT No. 6.—ORRIN A. TRUE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$128.02.

Summer Term. Miss Abbie F. Preble, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 16. Average number of scholars attending, 12. Length of term, 35 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week. This school, this term, was one of the easiest in town to discipline and instruct with success. There is material here which, with the smile of Providence (good health), will become beautiful and rare monuments in the pathway of science. Miss Preble entered upon her charge with a slight diffidence and an underrate of her own qualifications, but with a firm determination to do all that lay within her power to instruct aright, and to make her school pleasant. With more years and better education, we feel sure of good reports from Miss P. Reading did fairly, especially a class composed of small girls, which was highly interested and interesting. The order was very good, and we are able to report the whole a fair school.

Winter Term. Frank Smith, West Gardiner, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20. Average number of scholars attending, 17. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of

teacher, \$30 per month. When consulted concerning the propriety of securing the services of Mr. Smith, we expressed confidence that there would be no such thing as fail, if he was engaged and entered the school-room; for we had known him in the school-room, as a scholar, in days gone by, when we were struggling hard at the bottom of the ladder. There we found him studious, faithful, and honest,—just the elements needed in a scholar,—and as these had been practiced all through his life, we believed he would still continue them, and transmit them to his pupils; nor were we disappointed in any respect. This school now stands in the front rank in scholarship. Though young, many of them, the scholars are as thorough, quick of thought, accurate in work, and practical in methods, as can be rationally expected or even desired. We shall not particularize the classes, for every class in every study did finely.

DISTRICT No. 7.—J. W. ROBINSON, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$155.80.

Summer Term. Miss Lilla L. Smith, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 17. Average number of scholars attending, 15. Length of term, 50 days. Wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week. This was Miss Smith's first term at teaching, but she had previously stored her mind with a good amount of valuable facts,—just as every teacher must in order to reap an abundant harvest. These qualifications were made positive by a mind well balanced by a noble and honest purpose. These are sure warrants to success. Miss S. adopted oral teaching with commendation, especially grammar. A class of little ones deserve notice. We hope to meet Miss S. again in our schools.

Winter Term. M. A. Macomber, Monmouth, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 26. Average number of scholars attending, 22. Length of term, 54 days. Wages of teacher,—. Mr. Macomber is an experienced and well-qualified teacher. At our first visit, he seemed to have won the respect of his scholars, and was working industriously for the general good of all concerned. At our last visit, we found that the interest was lessened somewhat, and a slight opposition, both in school and among the parents, had arisen. Where disunion exists, a large per cent. of gain cannot. Mr. M. insists there was outside prejudice which hindered his school from advancing to that point which we are fully assured it might. We think Mr. M. did what he could, under the circumstances, to instruct, as some of the classes appeared well, especially reading. Had he the required amount of decision for a first-class teacher, he would have insisted upon better order; for we noticed more whispering, unnecessarily, during our last visit, than should have been allowed in a whole term.

DISTRICT No. 8.—CHARLES JACK, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$42.89.

Summer Term. Miss Ellen Randall, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 13. Average number of scholars, 10. Length of term, 30 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. This school is made up mostly of small scholars. Miss R. has had some experience in teaching, and we were well pleased with her management. The closing examination showed that good improvement had been made. One class in reading, consisting of small scholars, deserved special notice. Classes in arithmetic did well; and one class in geography did remarkably well.

Fall Term. Same Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 11. Average number of scholars attending, 10. Length of term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Miss R. did her duty as acceptably as in the summer term, and the improvement was of the same order.

DISTRICT No. 9.—CHAS. A. METCALF, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$175.23.

Summer Term. Miss Augusta Edgecome, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 26. Average number of scholars attending, 24. Length of term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week. Miss E. is every way well qualified for her position. This is one of the largest and most advanced schools in town. We found the room neat; the order was good, and perfect harmony existed between teacher and pupil. We were much pleased with her method of teaching arithmetic. Analysis in all branches was well taught. At the closing examination the classes all did well. This was an excellent school.

Winter Term. M. V. Adams, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 36. Average number of scholars attending, 27. Length of term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, \$30 per month. Mr. Adams has all the elements of a good and expert teacher, and as he entered upon his position as teacher in this school his qualifications were brought into requisition—for we found the most advanced scholar, attending school this winter, in this school, and others who required diligent and proper training to develop their talents; also a class of uneasy and mischievous boys to discipline and lead in the *right* path. At our first visit, the third day, we found he had brought about many things to his own and our liking, and saw indications that this increase would continue. On account of a dreaded disease breaking out in the district he was obliged to close his school before a second visit was made. But from what we can gather from those interested, we conclude the term was a good one.

DISTRICT No. 10.—HETHERTON EARLE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$101.56.

Summer Term. Miss Emily Smiley, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 21. Average number attending, 16. Length of term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, including board, \$5.50 per week. Miss Smiley is well known as a successful teacher, in town. This school is small and backward, but made good improvement during this term.

Winter Term. Same Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20. Average number of scholars attending, 17. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, including board, \$6.50 per week. Miss Smiley labored faithfully for the mental welfare of her charge, and those who were disposed to listen to her teaching, and practice her precepts, were much improved; and gave marked evidences that she understood well how to guide the youth past the barriers in the pathway of young educators. We were hardly pleased with the order. The teacher talked too much, trying to produce quietude, with no effect. When words will not make children know and keep their proper places, we think some other means should be adopted.

DISTRICT No. 11.—CHARLES B. PREBLE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$193.18.

Summer Term. Miss Mattie L. Ware, West Gardiner, Teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 35. Average number attending, 30. Length of term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, \$4.25 per week. Miss Ware, as a leader, is a signal for good work and profitable results. As usual we found Miss W. had sown many good seeds in the minds of her scholars, which had sprung up, budded, ripened, and yielded an increase—some fifty and some an hundred fold. Instruction in mathematics was excellent, and the instructed showed good improvement. Practical exercises in reading were worthy of mention. A class in the Elementary Geography was hard to excel. The order was good. We hope this district will always be as fortunate in the selection of a teacher.

Winter Term. Mr. F. O. Mower, Leeds, Teacher. Whole number attending, 28. Average number attending, 24. Length of term, 50 days. Wages of teacher, \$40.00 per month. Mr. Mower, a student from Bates College, is a fine scholar and good teacher. His method of conducting classes in mathematics was especially gratifying—the scholars being required to work their problem at the board without their books, thus making it necessary for them to learn principles so thoroughly as to depend entirely upon themselves at the blackboard. At the