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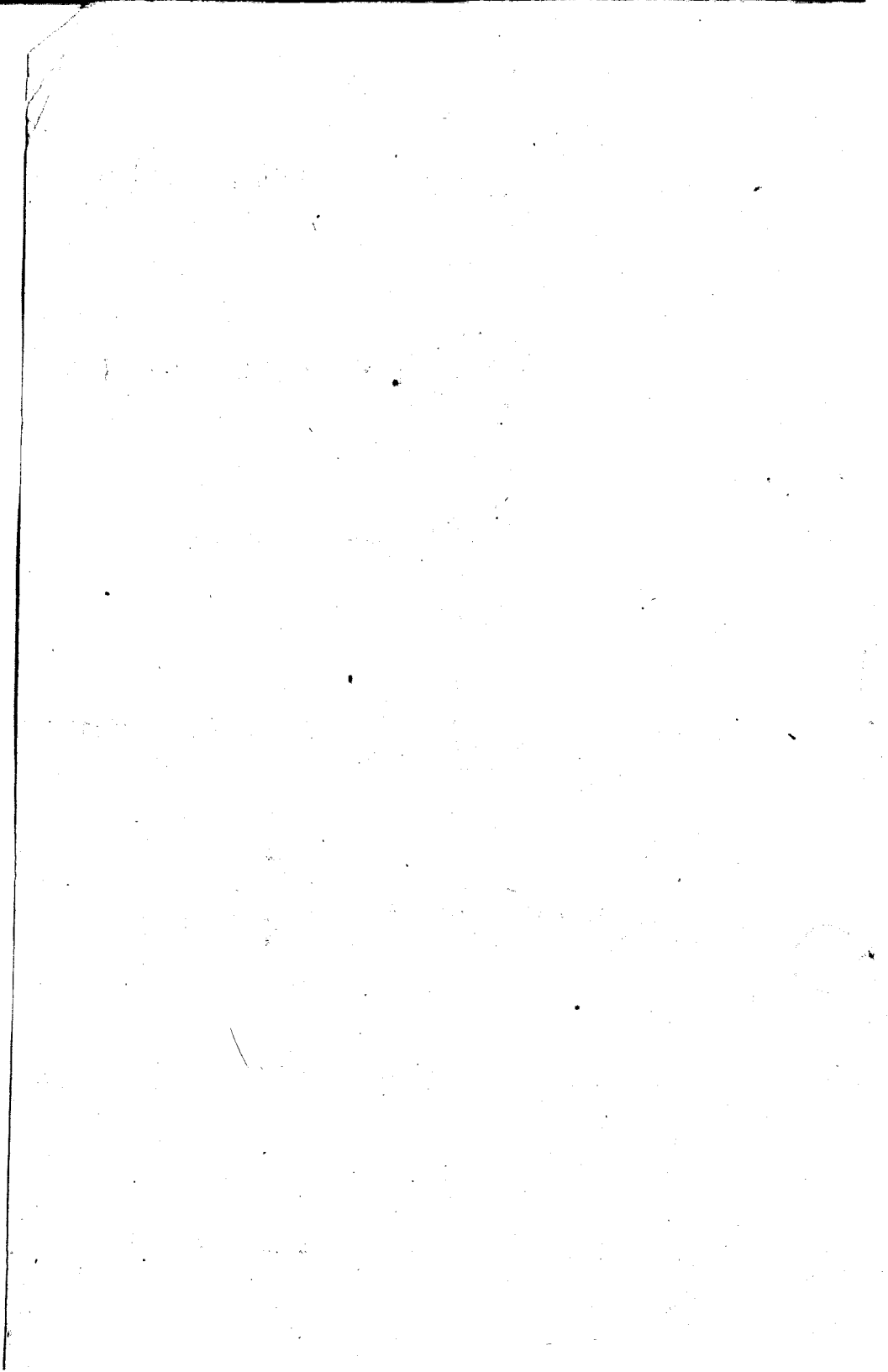
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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the Year ending March 1, 1878

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Amount of money tax assessed for 1877.....	\$5,917 22
Amount assessed to be expended in labor.....	4,000 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877.

State Tax.....	\$1,494 52	
County Tax.....	853 58	
Support of Schools.....	1,205 00	
Incidental Town Expenses.....	1,000 00	
Support of Poor.....	700 00	
To pay on Town Debt.....	500 00	
Fractional Overlay.....	164 12	
		\$5,917 22

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book Mar. 1, 1877.....	\$2,410 37	
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer..	2,364 12	
Delinquent Highway Taxes from from 1876.....	35 78	
Received from Samson Powers for Support of Frances F. Powers, in Insane Hospital.....	9 00	
		\$4,819 27

RESOURCES FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treas'r,	\$1,494 52	
“ “ “ “ County “	853 58	
		\$2,348 10

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's Book Mar. 1, 1877,	\$299 93	
Sum raised by town for 1877.....	1,205 00	
State School Mill Tax for 1877.....	479 38	
State School Fund for 1877.....	300 00	
Rec'd from town for pay of S. S. Commit- mittee of 1875.....	83 00	
Unapportioned from 1876.....	6 31	
		\$2,373 62
Paid out for Support of Schools.....	2,176 64	
		\$196 98

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum Raised by Town for 1877.....		\$1,000 00
Overlayings		164 12
Delinquent Highway Taxes from 1876.....		35 78
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		\$1,199 90
Services of Town Officers for 1876 as allowed by Auditor, including pay of S. S. Com., \$367 15		
Proprietors of Lewiston Journal, Printing Annual Reports and Highway Surveyor's books	14	39
Hugh Gatchell, Plank and Labor on Road in Dist. No. 39.....	1	50
F. T. Harriman, Labor on Road in Dist. 16, Sam'l Patten, Labor and Materials on Road in Dist. No. 26	11	70
O. S. Patten, Labor and Materials on Road in Dist. No. 26	4	37
James Ricker, breaking road in Dist. No. 36,	7	50
N. H. Marston, care Town House in 1876...	2	00
Blanchard & Reed, blanks, stationery, &c...	4	38
Josiah Morrell, breaking road in Dist. No. 36	2	13
Wilkes Richardson, " " " 16	2	00
Rufus Smith & others " " " 16	8	50
Miles L. Avery, damage on highway.....	18	00
Chas. A. Metcalf, records and book for dog licenses.....	4	46
Chas. T. Hall, labor & lumber, Buker bridge,	34	75
Albert Newell, labor on road, Dist. No. 19 ..	2	00
H. W. Jewett, plank for Dist. No. 19.....	2	05
Hamilton Buker, stone for culvert, Dist. 33..	3	25
Refunding school money paid S. S. Com. 1875	83	00
Isaac G. Hall, labor on road, Dist. No. 32 ..	5	30
Joshua Gray, plank for bridge, Dist. No. 16.	6	20
C. M. Tibbetts, hauling plank, " " .	2	00
Cyrus Hatch, guide board at Ring's Corner ..	10	00
G. H. Jack, plank for road, Dist. No. 20....	7	31
Jas. Ricker, labor and material, Dist. No. 39,	11	25
J. O. Brown, plank for Dist. No. 39.....	2	70
Eli Bassett and others, labor on road, Dist. 11	5	50
John Purrington, plank for Dist. No. 22.....	5	60
Jos. Elliot, labor on bridge, Dist. No. 22....	18	75
C. A. Norcross, " " "	12	75
Edmund Dow, " " "	31	35
B. H. Mitchell, damage on highway	5	00
C. T. Hall, building two bridges, Dist. No. 32	29	50
Wm. Palmer, Collector's book	1	25
Wm. S. Snow, commissions collecting taxes 1875	84	92
Jas. Ricker, rebuilding Sand Hill bridge.....	75	00
Credit acc't carried forward		\$1,199 90

Brought forward		\$1,199 90
Wm. Springer, labor on road, Dist. No. 32..	\$5 50	
Blanchard & Reed, record book for town	3 75	
Aaron Peacock, lumber for Dist. No. 20	3 00	
Isaac Smith, plank for Dists. No. 1 and 33 ...	5 85	
D. S. Springer, powder and fuse, Dist. No. 29	1 88	
Thos. Holmes, recording, inventory and as- essment.....	6 00	
Samuel Smith, expenses as Selectman.....	8 40	
Thos. Holmes, " " " "	6 00	
Nath'l Dennis, expenses as Treasurer.....	7 35	
James Ricker, rebuilding Sand Hill bridge...	30 00	
G. W. Earle, lodging tramps	3 00	
G. W. Earle, plank for road, Dist. No. 28 ..	1 28	
Abated in Wm. S. Snow's tax bills for 1877.	11 76	
" " " " " 1876.	28 96	
" " " " " 1875.	12 00	
Abated on delinquent highway tax 1874-5...	46 41	
" " " " " 1871.....	7 04	
		<u>\$1,077 69</u>

Balance in favor of Town

		\$122 21
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for Support of Poor.....		\$700 00
Supplies over receipts on Poor Farm for year ending Jan. 1, 1878.....	\$289 86	
Cost of Repairs on Poor Farm buildings.....	76 33	
Paid Services of Superintendent for the year ending Jan. 1, 1878.....	162 50	
		<u>\$528 69</u>

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Paid for Support of Mrs. Higgins.....	\$52 30
" Sylvia Gatchell.....	24 00
" Mrs. Kendall.....	30 00
" Mrs. Robinson	27 10
" Orrin Danforth.....	65 00
" Francis F. Powers.....	9 00
Insane Hospital Bills, "	44 95
Supplies furnished James Ridley and family...	18 18
" Charles Ridley and mother,	14 53
Cyrus Bosworth, Coffin for Mrs. Higgins.....	15 00
	<u>\$300 06</u>
Cost off Poor Farm.....	528 69

Total cost of Poor

		\$828 75
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Balance against town.....

		\$128 75
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STOCK AND PROPERTY ON TOWN POOR FARM.

AS ESTIMATED BY OVERSEERS POOR, MAR. 1, 1878.

Stock on Poor Farm	\$262 00
8 tons of Hav, at \$14 per ton	112 00
Provisions, etc	99 60
	\$423 60

NAMES AND AGES OF PAUPERS ON POOR FARM.

William Johnson	Aged 88 Years.
Caroline Howard	" 75 "
Mary Nevens	" 75 "
William Jewell	" 73 "
Julia Tibbetts	" 56 "
Sanford Goodwin	" 53 "
William Danforth	" 55 "
Orin Danforth	" 53 "

Thomas Webber and his wife were hired to superintend the Poor Farm for the year ending April 1st, 1878, at \$150 per year.

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Sum raised by town to pay Interest on Town Debt	\$500 00
Paid Interest on Town Debt	295 36
	204 64

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Support of Schools	\$2,176 64
Incidental Town Expenses	1,077 69
Paid for Support of Poor	828 75
Paid Interest on Town Debt	295 36
	\$1,378 44
Whole amount of resources	\$9,540 99
Paid	4,378 44
	5,162 55
Deduct State and County Taxes	2,348 10
	2,814 45
Deduct School Funds undrawn	196 98
	Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1878, \$2,617 47

SAMUEL SMITH, } Selectmen
 THOMAS HOLMES, } of
 MELVIN TIBBETTS, } Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 1, 1878, also a statement of the town debt, and the amount due the town from the several Collectors, &c.

Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1877.....	\$183 46
Rec'd from Geo. W. Sawyer, Collector for 1871, on delinquent highway tax.....	7 04
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1874, on delinquent highway tax.....	53 04
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1875, on delinquent highway tax.....	44 99
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1875.....	16 38
" " " " 1876, for delinquent highway tax.....	31 15
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1876.....	1,923 81
" " " " 1876, on delinquent highway tax.....	38 61
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1877.....	1,460 35
" Selectmen for Support of Schools, money paid back by the town that was paid the S. S. Committee out of School money for 1876.....	,83 00
Rec'd from the same a delinquent highway tax, paid by D. M. Emerson for the year 1876.....	15 78
Rec'd from the same money paid by Samson Powers for Support of Frances Powers in Insane Hospital,	9 00
Rec'd on Sloman's Note.....	33 56
Rec'd from State Treasurer, School Fund.....	331 62
" " " " Mill Tax	471 36
" J. I. Springer and others, Tax on dogs...	37 00

\$4,740 15

Paid out as follows:

For Support of Schools.....	\$2,177 14
Town Debt.....	295 36
Support of Poor.....	828 75
Incidental town Expenses.....	1,001 19
Cash on hand March 1, 1878	437 71

\$4,740 15

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Outstanding Notes and Interest on same.....		\$4,041 25
Due from W. M. Hattin, Collector for 1873,	\$150 19	
“ “ on delinquent high-		
way taxes.....	50 17	
Due from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1876,	174 00	
“ “ “ 1877,	2,108 77	
“ “ “ 1877,		
on delinquent highway tax.....	20 00	
Due on Sloman's Note.....	25 00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1878	437 71	
		<u>\$2,965 81</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL DENNIS, Treasurer.

Litchfield, March 1, 1878.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Agreeable 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 he had

Cash on hand March 1, 1877.....	\$183 46
Received during the year.....	4,556 69

\$4,740 15

He has paid out during the same time.....	4,302 44
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Leaving a balance in his hands of.....	\$437 71
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Your Auditor has examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the now expiring year, and has passed upon the same, and allowed them as follows :

Samuel Smith in full, for Services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor.....	\$87 75
Thomas Holmes, for same service	54 00
Melvin Tibbetts " "	54 75
Nathaniel Dennis, Treasurer.....	27 50
Henry Taylor, S. S. Committee.....	
Elisha Baker " "	30 00
Charles Tibbetts.....	20 25
Charles A. Metcalf, Town Clerk	11 17
George W. Earl, Constable.....	6 00
D. S. Springer, Auditor.....	2 00

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, March 1, 1878.

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, 1878:

Amount of money raised by the Town	\$1,205 00
Amount of State School Fund	300 00
Amount of State Mill Tax	479 38
Whole amount of School money.....	<u>\$1,984 38</u>

DISTRICT NO 1. DANIEL CAMPBELL, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$200.00.

Summer term—Miss CORA A. MAXWELL, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 25; average number, 21; length of term 50 days; wages of teacher \$5.00 per week.

Miss MAXWELL has long been known to us as a good teacher, and she fully sustained her reputation here. We were glad to meet a goodly number of friends at the closing examination, which proved that the term had been a success.

Winter term—Mr. G. D. PARKS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 29; average number, 26; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$50.00 per month.

At our first visit the scholars were uneasy and not inclined to improve their time to the best advantage. A few weeks passed and we were in again and noticed a marked improvement in order and interest. At the closing examination the scholars' by their ready answers convinced us that they had been well taught. Classes in reading did well, and one class in grammar we have not seen equalled in town for careful analysis and general improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—GEORGE E. MITCHELL, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$95.20.

Summer term—Mrs. NELLIE A. JENKINS, teacher. Whole

number of scholars attending, 17; average number, 13; Length of term, 45 days; wages of teachers, \$4.00 per week.

This is MRS. JENKINS second term in this school. She had gained the respect of parents and love of pupils during the first, which made her task lighter for the second. We expected a good school, and at our last visit were satisfied the term had been a profitable one.

Winter term—MISS MARY E. PEASE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 10; average number, 7; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

This school is quite small, and we were sorry to learn that a part of the scholars have not attended this term. We find some of our most thorough scholars in this school. Some maps, drawn by Mary Mitchell, were worthy of notice. Recitations by the same gave proof of thorough study. If classes could have had more analysis, it would have been to their advantage. The most of the scholars have made very good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 3. HORATIO PAYNE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$140.60.

Summer term—MISS ADDIE A. WILLIAMS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 15; average number, 13; length of term, —; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

Having taught this school previously, Miss WILLIAMS entered upon her duties here this term well aware that only good honest work would satisfy either scholar or parents. At our first visit we found the school in good working order. The teacher was pleasant, and seemed to have won the respect and confidence of her pupils. Classes in their recitations showed that they were started on the right track, and we had every reason to expect a very profitable term of school. At the final examination we found that our expectations had been fully realized; and we are therefore able to report the school as a very successful one.

Winter term—CHARLES TIBBETTS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 19; average number, 15; wages of teacher including board, \$38.00 per month.

Scholars in this school have been favored with good teachers for the past two years, and have improved their privileges with good results. Mr. TIBBETTS's mind is well stored with useful knowledge, which he has the faculty of imparting to his scholars in a plain and intelligible manner, they in turn ready to grapple and retain each principle as made plain to them. Teacher and scholars have labored together with good results.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—FRANK SYLVESTER, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$129.60.

Summer term—Miss SARAH E. ASHFORD, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 22; average number, 16; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, \$3,00 per week.

We were pleased with the manner in which this young teacher handled her school at the opening. Her method of teaching was good. The order at the close was rather poor, yet a part of the scholars had made fair improvement.

Winter term—ELISHA BAKER, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 25; average number, 21; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$35.00 per month.

This is a school which required for a leader an able and experienced teacher. This the agent of the district well understood when he secured the services of Mr. BAKER, who has taught this school in former years. At the commencement of the term we were glad to find a large number of scholars in attendance, who appeared orderly and well interested in their studies. At the close the classes showed that they had been well benefitted by the instruction given. We were well pleased with the classes in geography, especially with their exercises in map drawing. We need not particularize the other classes, as all did well, showing that they had been well and faithfully taught.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—S. G. EMERSON, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$140.40.

Summer term—Miss ELLA N. COLLINS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, —; average number, —; length of term, —; Wages of teacher, —.

The scholars in this district are mostly small, and need a teacher who is able to teach them, in addition to what is contained in their text-books, many of the small practical things which it is so important for the child to learn, but which are not found in any of his school-books. At our first visit we saw nothing to indicate that the term would be anything else than a success. Owing to our not being notified in season, we made no closing visit; but we hear from those interested that the term was a profitable one.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 19; average number, 17; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

Miss C. having taught a successful term here in the summer, the agent engaged her to teach the winter term. At the commencement we found the teacher interested in her work, and the scholars industrious and obedient. At our last visit we were satisfied that the school had been a good one. Classes in geography and a class in grammar showed that they had been well instructed in those branches. The other classes showed good improvement in the various branches studied. It is our opinion that the scholars in this district will compare favorably with any of their age in town.

DISTRICT NO. 6. EVERETT PINKHAM, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$189.60.

Summer term—Miss CASWELL, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 16; average, 14; wages of teacher, — per week.

At the opening we found the school orderly, teacher and scholars interested and working together. Miss C. is well adapted to her work, and the agent made a good choice when he chose her to lead this school. The scholars made rapid progress in their studies, and the examination was highly satisfactory.

Winter term—CHARLES F. SMITH, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 14; average number, 13 1-2; wages of teacher, including board, \$40.00 per month.

Mr. SMITH is a veteran at the business, having taught fourteen schools. The scholars of this school are noted for the quiet and industrious manner in which they conduct themselves while in the schoolroom. Classes in algebra and arithmetic are rarely equalled in common town schools. Scholars handled the sounds of letters with credit both to themselves and teacher. A number of the parents were present at the close, and we think all were satisfied that the scholars had been well taught.

DISTRICT NO. 7. DANIEL BERRY, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$150.20.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE A. THOMPSON, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 19; average number, 16; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week.

This was Miss THOMPSON's first attempt at teaching; but from what we knew of her before she entered the school, we had no doubt that she would teach a good and profitable term. We are sorry to say that at the close the appearance of the school did

not indicate that it had been as prosperous as we could wish, nor as prosperous as it might, we think, had the teacher been more particular in giving her scholars that daily drill in analysis which they needed, and which they had a right to expect. Some of the smaller pupils had made good progress. On the whole, although the school was not a failure, yet we think it ought to have been better.

Winter term—Mr. JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 18; average number, 16; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$30.00 per month.

Although this was Mr. C.'s first school, yet he entered upon his duties here with a determination to know no such word as fail. Being a good scholar himself, and possessing a character and temperament well suited to the school-room, he had no difficulty in gaining the good-will and respect of his scholars. At the close of the term the examination of the various classes was very satisfactory. We need not mention the classes in detail, for all were excellent. We commend Mr. C. to the notice of future agents.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—JOHN PURINGTON, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$50.40.

Summer term—Miss ADDIE A. WILLIAMS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 14; average number, 11; length of term, 62½ days; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

Our knowledge of Miss WILLIAMS's abilities as a teacher led us to expect a profitable term. At the opening of the term we found the school-house well filled with scholars, the most of them gathered from other districts. As their schools commenced before this closed, many of them left, which broke up the classes, and in a measure injured the interest in the same. A part gave evidence of good instruction. Others were quite diffident, and could not recite what, we, think, they understood well.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—JOSEPH B. STEVENS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$165.50.

Summer term—Miss AUGUSTA A. EDGECOMB, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 26; average number, 22; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week.

Miss EDGECOMB is an experienced teacher, and taught this school in her usual acceptable manner. Our two visits made it

plain to our mind that this had been a very excellent school. At the close we were glad to meet quite a number of the friends of the scholars in the school-room, who appeared well pleased with the result of the term's work.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 33; average number, 28; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$7.50 per week.

At the commencement of the term we found teacher and scholars working together in harmony, and prophesied a valuable school. At the final examination a number of the larger scholars were absent, hence we cannot report what progress *they* made. The examination of those present showed that they had received good and thorough instruction. We were much pleased with the manner in which the geography classes had been taught, they having made this study more interesting, and at the same time more profitable, by the use of a set of outline maps; which, by the way, ought to be found in every school. A class in arithmetic, composed of small scholars, also deserves honorable mention. Other classes did well, and we could but conclude that the school had been a profitable one to the scholars who had continued their attendance to the close of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 10. BENJAMIN HODGKINS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$130:60.

Summer term—Miss LULIE M. WHITE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20; average number, 18; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week.

This was Mr. TAYLOR's school to visit; he being called away left us to take charge of the school at the close, which we did, and were pleased to find good feeling between teacher and pupils. We think the teacher has endeavored to do her best for those under her charge, and has succeeded in helping them to make good improvement.

Winter term—SYLVESTER S. WRIGHT, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 21; average number, 19; wages of teacher, \$24.00 per month.

Mr. WRIGHT found this school made up of mostly small scholars. He has taught them many things orally, which interested and instructed at the same time. The class in geography did themselves credit, both in recitation and map-drawing. Their maps were neatly and correctly drawn. Those who have attended regularly have made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 11. WILBUR WOODBURY, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$190.00.

Summer term—Miss HATTIE C. JENNESS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 33; average number, 27; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

When we visited this school at the opening of the term, we found it orderly, teacher and pupils apparently interested, instruction good, and every indication of a pleasant and profitable term. During the last week of the term we were called to investigate in a case of discipline, when we became convinced that the school was unprofitable; but as it was within a few days of closing we allowed her to finish. At the closing examination we found little interest manifested by teacher or scholars. Classes recited in a very listless manner, principles were carelessly handled, and the examination proved the school to have been a failure. There were one hundred and ninety-three instances of tardiness during the term. Parents should see that their children are prompt in attendance. One should not be allowed to go late to school unless absolutely necessary.

Winter term—H. P. WHITE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 33; average number, 30; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

Mr. White is a good scholar, and has a faculty of making plain to others what he understands himself. The school was not quite as still as we like, and we suggested that better order and more study was needed to insure success. At the close of the school a part of the large scholars were absent; those examined were not quite so ready on principles and analysis as they ought to be. The order was good, and we think the school, as a whole, made fair improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—GROVENER NUTTING, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$112.80.

Summer term—Miss ANGIE METCALF, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 14; average number, 12; wages of teacher, — per week.

This was Miss METCALF's first experience as a teacher. The pupils being always industrious and orderly, good progress was made, and Miss M. gives promise of becoming an excellent teacher.

Winter term—E. P. SPRINGER, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 13; average number, 12. Length of term,

77 days; wages of teacher, \$23.00 per month.

This is Mr. SPRINGER's second term in his own district, and we do not hesitate to pronounce it a profitable one. The classes in reading and arithmetic are deserving of credit for the thorough manner in which they did their work. Parents have taken a deep interest in their school, and scholars feeling the influence of this are making rapid progress.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—HARTLEY GRAY, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$109.60.

Summer term—Miss LULIE M. WHITE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 10; length of term, 44 days; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

This school is small, and the children young in years, yet bright, active, industrious scholars, at all times ready to receive instruction. We seldom find scholars who are better workers, or that will bear examination better than these. The closing examination reflected credit upon all taking part.

Winter term—Mr. JOSIAH BAKER, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20; average number, 17; length of term, 47½ days; wages of teacher, \$22.00 per month.

This teacher exhibited an ability, both to govern and instruct, worthy of imitation, and the scholars an ambition rarely equalled, with proofs of being well advanced. Classes in all the branches pursued gave evidence of good teaching, and seemed to ask a close examination. The oral exercises were excellent, and scholars learned many practical things which will be of service in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—NELSON THURLOW, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$135.80.

Summer term—Miss ELLA J. FOGG, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 20; average number, 16½; wages of teacher, \$2.75 per week; length of term, 49½ days.

This teacher rendered acceptable services during her first term in this school, and the district were anxious to secure her for a second. She finds it easy to adapt herself to her charge, securing order and attention to study in a quiet, pleasant way. Her classes did good work at the closing examination. We are satisfied fair progress has been made.

Winter term—HERBERT J. CARVILL, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 27; average number, 24½; length of term, 60½ days; wages of teacher, \$23.00.

From the appearance of this school at our first visit, we judged scholars and teacher were each and all interested in their work. The ninth week, by request, we made a second call, found the school orderly, the teacher working with unabated interest for his charge. A part of the scholars recited their lessons well; others were indifferent and careless during recitation. Of the final result we cannot speak, as we did not understand that the school was to close so soon by one week.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—S. H. ROGERS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$155.00.

Summer term—MISS LILLA L. SMITH, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 24; average number, 23; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$7.00 per week.

MISS SMITH is a fine scholar, and a thorough teacher. At our first visit we concluded that the term must be a good one. At our last visit we found that all the classes had made commendable improvement. One class in oral grammar deserves special notice. We were also much pleased with some maps drawn by several of the scholars. We regard this school as one of the best we have visited during the year.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 28; average number, 25; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

MISS SMITH taught this term with the same success as the previous one. In conclusion, we would congratulate the district on the improvement made by this school during the year.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term—Addie Earle, Effie Lyle, Eddie W. Varney, Mertie Snow.

Winter term—Josie H. Varney, Carrie E. Lyle, Effie L. Lyle, Mertie Snow, William Buker.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term.

Winter term—Willie H. Mitchell.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term.

Winter term—Frederic E. Webber, Willard W. Douglass, Eddie Ring, Henry Payne, Mattie Rhodes, Emma Grover, Minnie Payne, Eliza Grover, Etta Wyman.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term.

Winter term—Lizzie J. Williams, Elmer E. Hall.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term.

Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term.

Winter term—Johnnie B. True, Clinton G. True, Fannie W. True, Nora J. True, Cora True, Nellie M. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term—Clara B. Colby, Mabel Merrill, Lena B. Berry, Nellie Berry, Mamie E. Colby.

Winter term—Flora M. Berry, Lillian F. Berry, Lena Berry, Mabel Merrill, Ellie S. Robinson, Lennie S. Lunt.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Fall term.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term—Adelbert P. Harriman, Eugene L. Harriman, Hattie Stevens, Lizzie Stevens, Essie A. Stevens, Ellen G. Getchell, Clara E. Harriman, Emma F. Stevens, Minnie Stevens, Nettie Harriman.

Winter term—Nathan Harriman, Willie J. Stevens, Adelbert P. Harriman, Eugene L. Harriman, Hattie Stevens, Lizzie Stevens, Estella A. Stevens, Ellen G. Getchell, Minnie Stevens, Emma F. Stevens.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term—Laura Partridge, Hattie Baker, Lewie Libby, Asa Libby, Phillip Hodgkins, Emery Baker, Orrin Hodgkins, James Libby.

Winter term—Orin Hodgkins, Lura Partridge, Cora Whitten.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer term—Names not given.

Winter term—Wallace Allen, Lulu G. Adams, Robert G. Allen, Lola Merriman, Edith M. Glidden.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer term.

Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer term—Melinda Holman, Annie Holman, Nellie Frost, Flora Frost, Miles Dustin, Bennie Holman.

Winter term—Nellie Frost.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer term—Lizzie N. Preble, Nellie E. Clark, Ella C. Allen, Emma Dixon, Samuel Clark, Joseph Dixon.

Winter term—Not any.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Summer term—Emma E. Adams, Lizzie Maxwell, Katie Nickerson, Nellie N. Niles, Addie Niles, Ida Niles, Bertha E. Norcross, Mabel E. Norcross, Addie Purinton, Flora Rogers, Tillie E. Rogers, Nellie Roberts, Achsa H. Williams, Mamie J. Whitney, Lawrence Adams, Willie S. Briery, Herbert Leighton.

Winter term—Lizzie F. Maxwell, Tillie E. Rogers.

REMARKS.

In conclusion, your Committee would say that it has been their aim to present to you in this report, a brief statement of the progress made by your schools during the past year, with their honest opinion concerning the merits or demerits, of the various teachers employed. We would say to those upon whom it may devolve to hire teachers for the coming year, that we have found that teachers who have received their early education in our mixed schools, are better qualified to teach those scholars, than those who have been educated in the graded schools of the city. Although some of the schools have not given that satisfaction we might wish, yet on the whole, we think the general improvement has been very good. We feel grateful for all aid which parents from time to time have rendered, tending to elevate our schools and make their rank higher. We have noticed where parents visit their schools often, teachers do better work, and scholars take a deeper interest. We would say to all, do not find fault with your teachers until you enter the school room and learn from personal acquaintance with them, that you are not receiving an equivalent for your money.

For several years we have been using a series of geographies in our schools which were out of date, and which failed to give the scholars a correct idea of the various countries represented on their maps, owing in part to the changes in boundaries, etc., that have taken place since these maps were drawn. This being the case, your Committee decided to make a change. Several series

were examined, but we finally decided that Warren's Geographies, (Primary and Brief Course,) were the books best suited to our schools. Some of our schools have used these books the past winter with good results, and we hope that another term more will follow their example.

HENRY TAYLOR,
ELISHA BAKER,
CHARLES TIBBETTS, } S. S. Committee.

THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Will be in session at Litchfield Academy, the first and last Saturday in May, and the first and last Saturday in November, for the examination of teachers. Let agents please notify teachers whom they may employ, of the meetings, as it will save the teacher much trouble and travel.