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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for the municipal year ending March 1, 1880, 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:

Amount of money tax assessed for 1879. $6,110 55
Amount assessed for repairs of highways 3,069 47

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879.

State Tax for 1879 $1,991 46
County Tax for 1879 782 32
Support of Schools 1,205 00
Incidental Town Expenses 900 00
Support of Poor 750 00
To pay on Town Debt 250 00
Fractional Overlay 231 77

$6,110 55

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book Mar. 1, 1879 $3,006 87
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer 3,336 77

$6,343 64
### Resources for State and County Taxes

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treasurer, $1,991.46

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### Resources for Schools

Balance on Selectmen’s Book, March 1, 1879 .... $436.12

Sum raised by town for 1879 .................. 1,205.00

School Mill Tax, 1877 ......................... 471.36

State School Fund, 1877 ...................... 180.25

Unappropriated from 1878 .................... 1.12

Total ........................................ 2,293.85

Paid for Support of Schools .................. 2,021.85

School Fund undrawn March 1, 1880 ............ 272.67

### Incidental Expenses

Sum Raised by Town for 1879 .................. $900.00

Overlayings .................................... 231.77

Total ........................................ 1,131.77

Services of Town Officers for 1878, as allowed by Auditor .................. $284.30

- W. H. Eastman, printing Town Reports ...... 24.50
- B. Woodbury, Plank, Road Dist. No. 5 ...... 4.90
- T. Holmes, service for Selectmen, Mar. 1 to 11 .... 6.25
- M. S. H. Rogers, service for Selectmen, Mar. 1 to 11 ...... 5.75
- W. G. Webber, service for Selectmen, Mar. 1 to 11 ...... 2.25
- Henry Lunt, Labor and Material in Road Dist. No. 20, 1878 ........ 3.00
- Dingley and Others, Stationery ............. 6.97
- T. Holmes, Taxes paid on D. W. Danforth Farm ........................................ 23.70
- F. J. Slowman, Plank and Labor in Road Dist. No. 31, 1878 ........ 2.10
- John Purrington, Plank and Labor in Road Dist. No. 26 ........ 22.51
- J. W. Buker, Plank, Road Dist. No. 1 ....... 1.00
- C. T. Hall, Labor in Road Dist. No. 32 .... 10.00
- R. F. Cunningham, Plank, Road Dist. No. 7 .... 11.36
- H. Haines, Labor in Road Dist. No. 32 .... 7.30
- A. L. Small, Plank, Road Dist. No. 31 .... 6.03
- J. A. Chase, Plank, Road Dist. No. 31 .... 4.84
- H. Buker, Labor in Road District No. 31 .... 2.25

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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for Support of Poor. .................. $750.00
Received of F. P. Bickford, Supplies over receipts for
quarter ending Jan. 1, 1880. .................. 10.62

$760.62

Supplies over receipts on Poor Farm, for
the year ending Jan. 1, 1880. .............. $205.99
Paid Superintendent for services for the
year ending Jan. 1, 1880. .................. 191.25

$397.24

PAID FOR SUPPORT OFF FARM.

I. Starbird & Son, supplies furnished Jas.
Ridley's Family. .......................... $33.09
Hannah Waire, Support of C. Waire's Children. ........ 15.00
I. Starbird & Son, Supplies furnished J.
Ridley. .................................. 11.46
M. S. H. Rogers, Fare of A. Gatchell to
Mass. .................................. 3.50
E. Merrill, support of Mrs. Kendall. ........ 30.00
Town of Georgetown, Supplies furnished
Geo. A. Wyman's family. .................. 47.85
H. Waire, supplies furnished C. Waire's
Children .................................. 13.00
T. Holmes, Supplies furnished J. Ridley. .... 5.00
Lucinda Potter, support of M. Preble, to
Feb. 25th .................................. 56.00
Town of Brunswick, support of R. J. Potter,
Insane Hospital. .................. 61.30
Hannah Waire, support of C. Waire's Children ........ 16.00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Stephen
Harmon. .................. 14.98
Town of Pittston, support of B. G. Huntington .... 25.00
Cyrus Kendrick, examination of F. Powers
Stephen Harmon, etc .................. 4.25

$536.43

$783.67

Balance in favor of Town .................. $26.95

VALUE OF TOWN POOR FARM, STOCK AND PROPERTY THEREON,
MARCH 1, 1880.

Value of Town Farm and Tools .................. $1,940.00
Stock on Poor Farm .................. 252.00
Seven Tons of Hay .................. 70.00
Provisions &c .................. 89.50

$2,351.50
Names and Ages of Paupers on Poor Farm.

Wm. Johnson, to Oct. 1, 1879 .................. Aged 90 years
Caroline Howard .......................... " 77 "
Mary Nevens .......................... " 77 "
Wm. Jewell .......................... " 75 "
Julia Tibbetts .......................... " 58 "
Sanford Goodwin .......................... " 55 "
Wm. Danforth .......................... " 57 "
Orin Danforth .......................... " 55 "
Benj. G. Huntington .......................... " 77 "
Silvia Gatchell, to July, 1879 .......... " 38 "
Tulie Gatchell, infant, July, 1879 .......... " 12 "
Alonzo Gatchell, to June 25, 1879 .......... " 38 "

The Overseers were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Frank P. Bickford and wife, to superintend the Town Poor Farm, for the year ending April 1, 1880. Paid for services, $200.

Town Debts Bearing Interest.

Sum raised by Town .................. $250 00
Paid on Principal of Town Debt .......... $425 00
Paid Interest .................. 192 59

Paid over Appropriation ................. $367 59

Recapitulation.

Paid for Support of Schools ............. $2,021 18
Incidental Town Expenses .......... 939 18
Support of Poor .................. 733 67
Town Debt .................. 617 59

Whole Amount of Resources .............. $4,311 62
Paid Out .................. 4,311 62

Deduct State and County Taxes .......... 2,773 78

Deduct School Fund Undrawn ............. 3,131 49

Balance on Selectmen's Books, Mar. 1, 1880 $2,858 52

THOMAS HOLMES, ) Selectmen
M. S. H. ROGERS, ) of
W. G. WEBBER. ) Litchfield.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 1, 1880; also a statement of the town debt, and the amount due the town from the several Collectors, &c.

Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1879 $415.66
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1876 174.00
" " " " 1877 183.11
" " " " 1878 2,391.92
" " C. M. Tibbetts, " 1879 1,108.76
by Commitment Money received from Frank Bickford, being receipts over supplies on the Town Poor Farm for the quarter ending Jan. 1, 1880 10.62
Rec'd from State Treasurer, School Fund 245.83
" " " Mill Tax 461.94

$4,991.84

Paid out as follows:
For Support of Schools $2,021.18
Incidentals 988.10
Support of Poor 733.67
Town Debt 617.59
Dog Licenses refunded to J. P. Springer and others by vote of town March 10, 1879 37.00
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1880 644.30

$4,991.84

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.
Outstanding Notes and interest on same $3,469.78
Due from W. M. Hattin, Collector for 1873, on delinquent Highway Tax, &c. $11.37
Due from W. S. Snow, Collector for 1878, 413.14
" C. M. Tibbetts, Collector, 1879. 2,228.01
Cash in Treasury 644.30
Balance against the town 172.96

$3,469.78

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL DENNIS, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, March 1, 1880.
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, 1879. .................................................. $415 66
Received during the year. ................................. 4,576 18

He has paid out during the same time .................. 4,347 54

Leaving a balance in his hands Feb. 27, 1880 ........ $644 30

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:

Thomas Holmes in full for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor..................... $77 50
M. S. H. Rogers, for same service....................... 60 00
Wm. G. Webber, " " ........................................ 59 25
Nathaniel Dennis, as Town Treasurer.................... 27 50
Elisha Baker, Supervisor of Schools................... 55 50
Charles A. Metcalf, Town Clerk ......................... 9 94
Wm. S. Snow, Constable ................................. 4 00
D. S. Springer, Town Agent .............................
D. S. Springer, Auditor ...................................

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, Feb. 27, 1880.
SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:—

Your Supervisor having discharged the duties devolving on him in this office, submits his annual report for the year ending March 1, 1880:

Amount of money raised by the Town $1,205 00
Amount of State School Fund 180 25
Amount of State Mill Tax 471 36
Unapportioned, 1878 1 12

1,857 73

Unapportioned, 1879 73

Amount apportioned for 1879 $1,857 00

DISTRICT NO. 1.—HENRY W. BOSWORTH, Agent.

Money apportioned, $194.00

Summer term—Miss ADDIE A. WILLIAMS, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 25; average number, 20. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, $3.75 per week.

Her reputation had been established by repeated efforts in our town, as one among the most successful teachers. At the opening of the term, the indications were favorable for a profitable school. After the middle of the term we made a second call, and was pleased to find, although there had been some outside rumors, they had not as yet seriously interfered with the progress of the school. We left with the conviction that the teacher would prove herself competent to bring her school to a successful close. At the end of the term we found the scholars attending to their duties with a good degree of interest, and they gave evidence of correct and thorough instruction.

Winter term—Miss Sussie P. HOWE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 37; average number, 32. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, $5.50 per week.

Miss H. found the school-room well filled with scholars, many of whom were young and restless, whose wants were numerous.
Her experience had been in a more convenient room, and with a different grade of scholars. Knowing of her former success, we had confidence in her ability to adapt herself to the wants of her school. We met a number of the parents at the close, a good indication of a profitable school. The classes had received good practical instruction; especially those in reading and geography were worthy of a high rank.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—SYLVANUS F. MARSTON, Agent.
Money apportioned, $100.
Summer term—Miss Sarah J. LARRABEE, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 18; average number, 11. Length of term, 35 days. Wages of teacher, $2.00 per week.
This was Miss Larrabee's first school. She brought to her aid a good practical knowledge of the various branches to be taught, which we hoped she would be able to impart in such a manner, as would be for the best good of those under her charge. At the close, the oral exercises were good, and fair improvement had been made.
Winter term—Fred BUKER, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 14; average number, 12. Length of term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, $20 per month.
Mr. B.'s practical knowledge of the branches usually taught, and his faculty of imparting instruction, served him well in the capacity of teacher. The exercises at the close were conducted with credit to the teacher, and showed a good degree of improvement on the part of scholars. His success recommends him to the favorable notice of future agents.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Mr. W. G. WEBBER, Agent.
Money apportioned, $131.
Summer term—Miss NELLIE E. WEBBER, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 10; average, 8; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, $2.50 per week.
Miss Webber has had experience as a teacher, and we were pleased to report her first school a success. Judging the future by the past, we felt at the opening that this would be a pleasant and profitable term for the scholars. At the close we were sorry to note the absence of several scholars, leaving but a small number for a school. Those who had attended during the term passed a good examination.
Winter term—Mr. C. F. Smith, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 15; average, 13; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $37.00 per month.

In Mr. S.'s first term he gained the confidence of both pupils and parents, and the district felt that it would be for their interest to secure him for the second. The deep interest awakened in the first was equalled if not exceeded during the second, with a corresponding degree of improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 4—Charles Hall, Agent.

Money apportioned, $123.50.

Summer term—Mr. C. A. Buker, teacher. Whole number of scholars attending, 23; average, 17; length of term, 60½ days; wages of teacher, $4.00 per week.

Mr. Buker has proved himself a competent and practical teacher. He teaches his scholars orally many useful lessons, which will not soon be effaced from their minds. We were pleased that the parents should manifest an interest in the school by their presence at the closing examination, which received commendation from all present.

Winter term—same teacher. Number attending, 23; average, 20; term, 71½ days; wages of teacher, $30 per month.

The work so faithfully begun and carried through the first term was continued during the second. Under such teaching, the result was as we might expect—a corresponding degree of improvement. Parents present at the close expressed themselves as well pleased with the progress of their scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5—William F. Adams, Agent.

Money Appropriated, $106.00.

Summer term—Miss Flora E. Rogers, teacher. Number attending, 15; average, 12. Term 50 days. Wages of teacher $2.50 per week.

Miss R., assumed the duties of teacher here for the first time. We felt anxious as we do for every young teacher, that she should enter upon her duties in such a manner as would enable her to conduct the school to a successful close. We found teacher and scholars entering upon their duties with a good degree of interest. At the close, the exercises were rendered more interesting by the presence of parents and friends. The classes all did well. The class in Geography gave us an extra recitation from maps drawn upon the board.
Winter term.—Miss Cora A. Maxwell, teacher. Number attending, 19; average, 15. Term, 50 days. Wages of teacher $4.50 per week.

This is Miss M's third term in town this year. Her natural and acquired abilities make her a desirable teacher for our schools. She found the scholars of this school ready to enter upon their work, and capable of doing a large amount for scholars of their age. We think parents should be well satisfied with the scholars progress.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—H. W. Starbird, Agent.

Money appropriated, $106.

Summer term.—Miss Della J. Pinkham, teacher. Number attending, 15; average, 13. Term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, $3.00 per week.

The parents of this district aware that Miss P., did a good work for their children during her first term, were willing to secure her services for the second term. The school opened with fair prospects of success. Had she been more strict in her discipline, the scholars would have received more benefit from her teaching.

Winter term.—Mr. Lander II. Moulton, teacher. Number attending, 18; average, 17. Term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, $26 per month.

In this school, we found some of our most advanced scholars. The agent was aware that no ordinary teacher would be acceptable. He was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. M., in whom we found a teacher who instructed the advanced scholars without neglecting the small ones. We judge this to be a pleasant and profitable term for all.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Stephen W. Reed, Agent.

Money apportioned, $131.

Summer term.—Augusta II. Edgecomb, teacher. Number attending, 18; average, 17. Term, 40 days. Wages of teacher including board, $5.50 per week.

The agent did well in securing the services of Miss E. as a teacher for this school. We seldom meet one whose natural and acquired abilities so well fit them to take charge of our mixed schools, as does Miss E.'s We found the scholars at the close deeply interested and thorough in their work, giving us good,
clear explanations. A part had been taught orally, which served to both interest and instruct.

Winter term—Same teacher. Number attending, 20; average, 18. Term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, including board, $7.00 per week.

Miss E. continued her work with unabated interest throughout the term. Parents who were present at the close, and heard the exercises of the afternoon, must have been convinced that their children had acquired a large amount of useful knowledge, while under her charge.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—JOHN PURINGTON, Agent.

Money apportioned, $46.

Summer term—Miss CORA A. MAXWELL, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 14. Term, 35 days. Wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

We find scholars in this school from three towns, a part of whom usually leave before the close of the term, breaking up the classes, and making it hard for the teacher to keep up that interest so essential to the progress of scholars. The classes received good practical teaching, which Miss M. knows so well how to impart. Her reputation stands high among our best teachers.

Winter term—Miss LILLA L. SMITH, teacher. Number attending, 24; average, 16. Term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

When Miss Smith enters the school room, we have no fears but that her scholars will receive correct and thorough teaching. It was evident at the close, that the scholars had made good use of this privilege to store their minds with useful knowledge.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—M. B. HUTCHINGS, Agent.

Money apportioned, $144.50.

Summer term—Miss CLARA E. WYMAN, teacher. Number attending, 22; average, 19; term, 50 days; wages of teachers, $2.75 per week.

This school requires a teacher who can govern, as well as instruct. We found Miss W. well calculated to fill the position. She quickly gains the confidence and respect of her pupils, which helps to lighten her task. She conveys her ideas in such language as is easily understood by her pupils. We think the school made good progress under her care.

Winter term—MR. FRANK N. BERRY, teacher. Number attend-
We knew that Mr. B., as a scholar, stood high among our teachers, and we were in hopes that his tact for governing would prove equal to his scholarship. At our first visit we found the teacher anxious that his scholars should profit by his teaching. We feared his order would not be such as the school must have to secure success. Arriving in the District, according to notice from the agent, we found the school had closed the previous day. Have since learned from the teacher, that having a bad cold, and the number of scholars being so small, it was thought best to close without examination.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—N. J. Libby, Agent.

Money apportioned, $101.

Summer term—Mr. Henry Taylor, teacher. Number attending, 19; average, 16; term, 50 days; wages of teacher, $20 per month.

Having often visited Mr. T. in the school-room, we were aware that our scholars would have a rare opportunity to store their minds with useful knowledge, and we were not disappointed in our expectations. The scholars did a large amount of thorough work. The oral exercises were extra good.

Winter term—Mr. E. N. Baker, teacher. Number attending, 16; average, 15; term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $32 per month, including board.

Of the teacher's work in this school, we shall let those whose scholars attended regularly, judge. It has never been our pleasure to work with and for scholars who took deeper interest in their studies than did these.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—James Goodwin, Agent.

Money apportioned. $186.

Summer term—Miss Cora Maxwell, teacher. Number attending, 29; average, 26. Term 50 days. Wages of teacher, $4 per week.

The parents realizing that the work done here by Miss M., was of a superior grade, were anxious that she should again take charge of their school, and continue the teaching which was received with profit the previous term. We think scholars and parents have reason to feel pleased with their success, and grateful for the earnest effort of the teacher in their behalf.
Winter term—Mr. Fredric E. Manson, teacher. Number attending, 29; average, 26. Term, 50 days. Wages of teacher, $30 per month.

Mr. M. Entered upon his duties without experience as a teacher in our mixed schools. Knowing something of the wants of this school, we felt his was no light task. The day appointed for examination, the teacher being sick, Mr. Wendal Adams was requested to take charge for the day. Circumstances was such that we could not be present. Mr. A., found a live interest among the scholars, with faculties well developed for explaining. The oral exercises were calculated to fill their minds with useful knowledge. Order good. Respect for teacher very good. Mr. Adams with those present unite in pronouncing this a profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—A. C. Ashford, Agent.

Money apportioned, $101.

Summer term—Miss Lizzie C. Ashford, teacher. Number attending, 5; average, 5. Term, 30 days. Wages of teacher, $2.50 per week.

Miss A., is a worker in the school-room, and has rendered acceptable services in town before. Her school was quite small. A larger number would have made it more interesting for teacher and scholars. The teacher labored faithfully to interest her scholars.

Winter term—Wm. E. Robinson, teacher. Number attending, 12; average, 10. Term, 60 days. Wages of teacher, including board, $27 per month.

Mr. R., entered upon his duties without experience. He arranged his classes well, and commenced with a good degree of interest. The class in oral Grammar made good progress. A part of the scholars did well in their several classes. Had others been kept more quiet, it would have been to their advantage, and for the interest of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—Mr. Charles T. Frost, Agent.

Money apportioned, $101.

Summer term—Cretia K. Stover, teacher. Number attending, 16; average, 11; term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, $3.10 per week.

The district have had the services of Miss S. for terms before the present. She entered upon her duties, knowing it requires a stronger effort each successive term. The exercises at the close
were well conducted, and the scholars had made full as good improvement as at either of the previous terms, under her charge.

Winter term—Wm. M. CROSMAN, teacher. Number attending, 15; average, 11; term, 52 days; wages of teacher, $18 per month.

Mr. C. being young and inexperienced, we feared the scholars would not appreciate his teaching. We were agreeably disappointed in this respect. The class in geography is deserving of special notice for the amount of knowledge gained. Other classes have made fair improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—B. C. DAVIS, Agent.

Money apportioned, $138.

Summer term—Miss EMILY SMILEY, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 12; term, 40 days; wages of teacher, including board, $4.50 per week.

Miss S. has had experience, not only in this, but in a number of our schools in town. We find her, as in previous schools, making principles so plain that her scholars can but understand if they will. One class in arithmetic had been well drilled, and were interested in their work. Other classes had made fair improvement.

Winter term—Mr. HENRY TAYLOR, teacher. Number attending, 19; average, 16; term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $35 per month.

Mr. T.'s method of teaching is what is needed in this school. Could it be continued for several terms, we should see it take a higher rank. The teacher being sick, the school has closed for the present. We hope agents will use caution in the choice of teachers for the future, and suffer no inexperienced teacher to enter this school.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—WILLIAM MAXWELL, Agent.

Money apportioned, $148.

Summer term—WILLIAM F. SMALL, teacher. Number attending, 18; average, 16. Term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, $2.75 per week.

We find in this school some very good scholars, favored with teachers for the past few terms who have taught them no errors. Mr. S. is a worker. He entered upon his duties intending to urge these scholars forward, and have them do a large amount of work,
That this was done, was evident at the close. Had they passed over less and taken it up more thoroughly, we should have been better satisfied with the result.

Winter term—Henry Taylor, teacher. Number attending, 24; average, 23. Term, 45 days. Wages of teacher, $35.50 per month.

We find no teacher in our schools who teaches fuller or clearer analysis in mathematics, than does Mr. T. Other classes are not neglected. He has received a good share of patronage from agents the past year. Future agents should not forget that he is still in the business.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term—Effie L. Lyle, Mary Kendrick, Bertelle H. Higgins, Ellsworth Bosworth. There are eighteen pupils who have not whispered during the term.


DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term.
Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term—Etta H. Wyman, Mary E. Wyman.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term—Lizzie Hall, Walter Springer.
Winter term—Chares Dennison, Fred Knight, Willie Knight, James Huntington, Henry Hall, Walter Springer.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term.
Winter term—Frank H. Woodbury, Cora M. Neal, Mamie Powers. 10 have not whispered during the term.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term—Mary A. True, Effie B. True, Margi True, Cora E. True, Johnie True, Josie True, Willie Cunningham, Mattie Cunningham.

**DISTRICT No. 7.**

**Summe r Term**—Jennie Berry, Lillian A. Berry, Lena R. Berry, Mabel V. Merrill, Ellie S. Robinson, Linnie S. Lunt, Alvina S. Reed, Mattie E. Merrill, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mamie E. Colby, Mary R. Reed, George N. Buker.

**Winter term**—Mabel V. Merrill, Ellie Robinson, Linnie S. Lunt, Nellie Berry, Albina S. Reed, Mary R. Reed, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mattie E. Merrill, Mamie A. Berry, Mamie E. Colby, George N. Buker, Frank O. Berry.

**DISTRICT No. 8.**

**Summer term**—Annie Cornish, Bertha A. Tarr.

**Winter term**—Bertha A. Tarr, Edwin O. Tarr.

**DISTRICT No. 9.**

**Summer term**—Adelbert Harriman, Eugene Harriman. Lizzie N. Stevens, Hattie L. Stevens, Ida Newell, Nettie Harriman, Alice Williams, Abbie Newell, Jennie Newell, Minnie Stevens, Mabel Stevens.

**Winter term.**

**DISTRICT No. 10.**


**Winter term**—Emery Baker, Linda Graves. 4 have not whispered during the term.

**DISTRICT No. 11.**

**Summer term**—Annie E. Cram, Emma S. Allen, Clara Merriman, Maud C. Bartlett, Edith M. Glidden, Mamie N. Robinson, Jimmie D. Merriman, Chester Waldron, George E. Plimpton, Irwin Cram. 12 have not whispered during the term.

**Winter term.**

**DISTRICT No. 12.**

**Summer term**—Louisa Ashford, Hattie Ashford.

**Winter term**—A. S. Ashford, D. N. Alexander.
DISTRICT NO 13.

Summer term—Mary E. Merrill, Lucy Merrill, Guy M. Jordan.
Winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer term.
Winter term.

DISTRICT NO 15.


Again we are called to lay before you our annual report, and it is with pleasure we contemplate the progress made in our schools during the year. Agents have taken an active interest in securing the services of experienced teachers, of good standing, consequently our schools rank high. How important that such teachers be selected as will increase the practical knowledge already stored in the minds of our pupils.

Parents have helped, in many districts, to increase the interest by their presence in the school-room. We hope the interest manifested will widen and deepen until every school be favored with their presence at least twice during each term. In many school-rooms we find a lack of blackboards, teachers telling us they cannot employ their time so good advantage as they could had they sufficient blackboard surface to send their larger classes in mathematics and geography to the board at once. Hoping that this matter will receive prompt attention from the several districts where such want exists, we leave it with you. Parents, one and all, let us, throwing aside all prejudice, unite in this work, on which depends, in a great measure, the future success of our children.

ELISHA N. BAKER, Supervisor.