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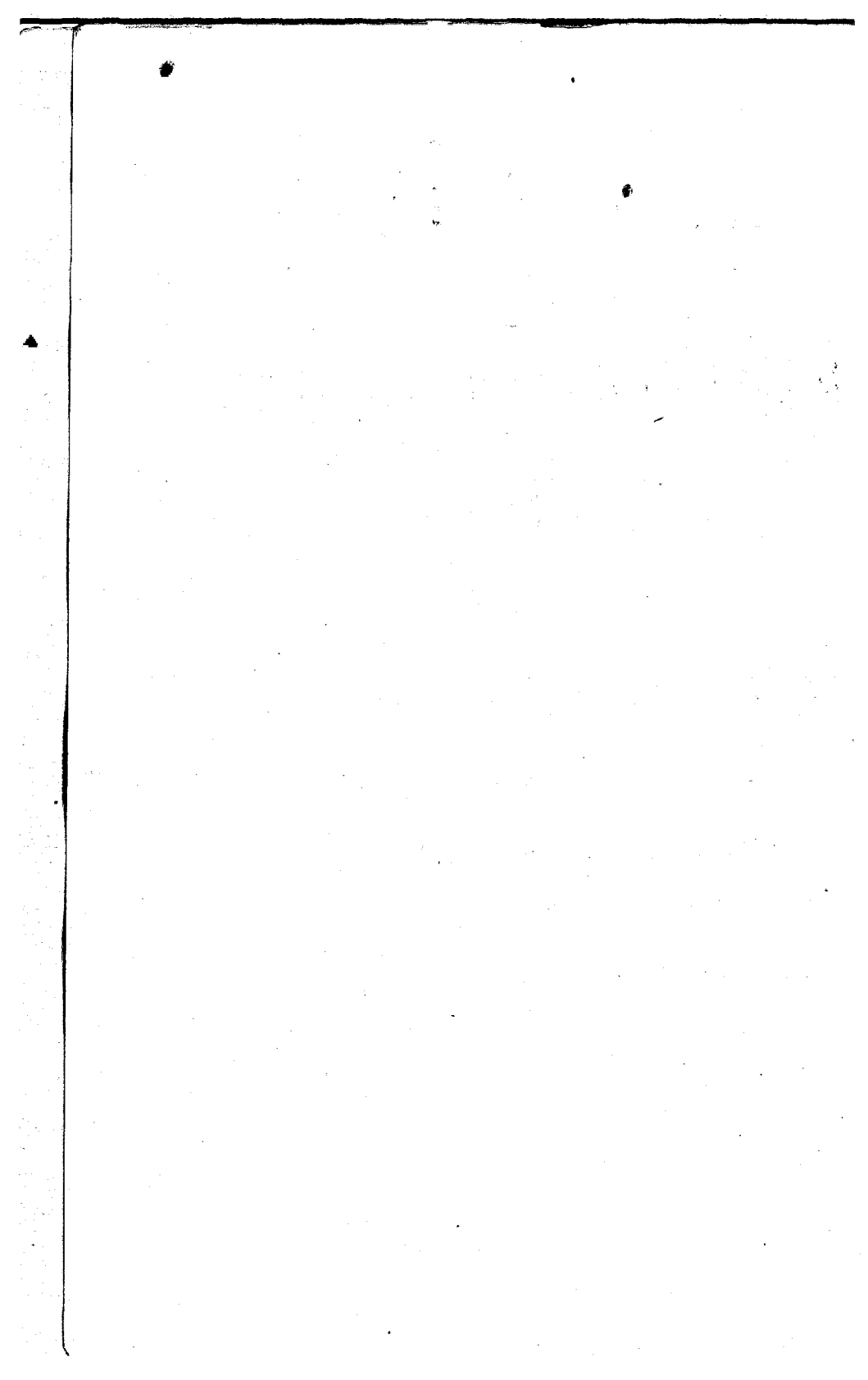
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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

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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 1st, 1881, 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 1880	\$6,859 17
Amount assessed for Repairs of Highways	4,073 57

APPROPRIATIONS.

State Tax for 1880.....	\$2,488 37
County Tax for 1880	901 03
Support of Schools.....	1,205 00
Support of Poor	750 00
Incidental Town Expenses	900 00
To pay on Town Debt	250 00
Repairs on Town Farm Buildings	200 00
Fractional Overlay	164 77
	\$6,859 17

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book March 1, 1880.....	\$2,858 82
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer..	3,469 77
	\$6,328 59

RESOURCES FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treas'r,	\$2,488 37
" " " " County "	901 03
	\$3,389 40

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's Book Mar. 1, 1880	\$272 67
Sum raised by town for 1880.....	1,205 00
School Mill Tax for 1878.....	415 80
State School Fund, 1880.....	171 25
Unapportioned from 1879.....	73
	\$2,065 45
Paid for Support of Schools.....	\$1,841 21
School Fund undrawn March 1, 1881.....	224 24
	\$2,065 45

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1880	\$900 00
Overlayings	164 77
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	\$1,064 77
Services of Town Officers as allowed by	
Auditor	\$295 00
E. Baker, services as Supervisor from Feb.	
27 to March 10	9 00
T. Holmes, services as Selectman from Feb.	
28 to March 11, 1880	2 25
William Tarr, Plank furnished Road Dist.	
No. 20 and 26	14 09
N. Dingley and others, Inventory Papers,	
Surveyors' Books, Stationery	5 25
M. S. H. Rogers, Services as Selectman from	
Feb. 28 to March 10, 1880	3 85
W. G. Webber, same service	3 00
N. H. Marston, care of Town House, 1879.	2 00
H. K. Morrell & Son, printing Town Reports	25 00
N. Dingley, Jr., printing blank Orders	2 00
C. H. Higgins, labor on bridge, Dist. No. 3,	1 25
J. G. Preble, damage to carriage on high-	
way, 1879	3 00
John G. Baker, labor and material, road	
Dist. No. 40	5 00
E. N. Pinkham, labor on road, Dist. No. 11,	6 60
E. H. Buker, " " " 32,	5 00
J. G. Preble, Plank, Road Dist. No. 39.....	6 00
W. S. Snow, Expenses as Selectman, 1880.	4 58
H. Buker, labor on Road Dist. No. 4.....	5 75
Levi Day, Plank, Road Dist. No. 32.....	3 90
W. T. Buker, labor and material, Patten	
Mill Bridge	7 00
Joseph Jack, labor and material, Patten Mill	
Bridge	9 25
W. V. & A. P. Berry, labor on bridge, road	
Dist. No. 20	25 62
E. Shorey, damage to carriage on highway,	
Dist. 30	1 50
S. Clark and others, building abutment to	
bridge and stone covering to same, Dist. 39	50 00
I. G. Hall, labor on road, Dist. No. 32	3 50
I. W. Buker, Plank, Road Dist. No. 1.....	3 57
J. G. Allard, labor on bridge, Road Dist. 20,	4 50
W. W. Robinson, material and night care of	
bridge, Road Dist. No. 20	5 00
Henry Lunt, material and right of way over	
land, Road Dist. No. 20	4 00

Brought forward		\$1,064 77
Jesse Hatch, labor on bridges, Dists. 20 & 23	18 00	
Foster & Spaulding, lumber for Patten Mill Bridge	17 58	
G. H. Jack, hauling lumber for town	1 00	
J. Gray & Son, plank, Road Dists. 20 & 40,	17 44	
D. T. Huntington, labor on bridge, Dist. 32,	2 65	
J. Ricker, stone covering to bridge, Dist. No. 37, and railing to same	25 00	
Wm. Chase, plank, Patten Mill Bridge.....	3 64	
Wm. Springer, labor, Road Dist. No. 32....	75	
W. S. Snow, collecting taxes for 1878	91 91	
Jesse T. True, plank, Road Dist. No. 5....	3 12	
W. M. Hattin, repairing washout in highway near Hattin Mill Bridge, 1874.....	68 90	
M. S. H. Rogers, legal advice and collecting bill against Town of Minot.....	10 00	
R. W. Cunningham and others, labor, Road Dist. No. 40	8 00	
M. S. H. Rogers, team and expenses, as Selectman, 1880	6 56	
John Purinton, labor and material, Dist. 26,	3 00	
N. Dennis, services and money paid out as Treasurer, 1880	5 91	
M. S. H. Rogers, recording inventory and assessments	6 00	
Abated in W. S. Snow's tax bills for 1878..	2 50	
" C. M. Tibbett's " " 1879..	52	
" Eli Merriman's " " 1880..	11 52	
Balance in favor of Town.....	242 54	
		<u>\$1,064 77</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for Support of Poor.....	\$750 00
Received of F. P. Bickford, receipts over supplies for the year ending Jan. 1, 1881.....	107 55
Received of town of Minot, for Supplies and Medical Attendance on Frank Libby's family.....	98 62
	<u>\$956 17</u>
Supplies over receipts on Poor Farm for the year ending Jan. 1, 1881.....	\$255 97
Paid Superintendent for Services for the year ending Jan. 1, 1881.....	209 00
	<u>\$464 97</u>
Cost on Poor Farm.....	\$464 97

PAID FOR SUPPORT OFF FARM.

I. Starbird & Son, Supplies furnished J. Ridley's family.....	\$32 48
J. E. Chase, 1 Pair of Boots furnished same..	1 20
J. A. Chase, Supplies furnished same.....	2 40
Treasurer Maine Insanc Hospital, Support of R. J. Potter, to Nov. 30, 1880.....	113 08
Hannah Ware, Support of Chas. Ware's children in full.....	43 00
Hannah Larrabee, Labor in family of F. Libby, Minot.....	6 56
Eliza Danforth, Labor in family of F. Libby, Minot.....	6 00
Lucinda Potter, Support of Mehitable Preble to Feb. 17, 1881.....	102 00
W. Cochran, Medical Attendance to same ...	4 50
Edith Merrill, Support of Mrs. Kendall.....	30 00
I. Starbird & Son, Supplies for F. Libby's family, Minot.....	34 56
Enoch Adams, Examination of J. B. Sawyer, 1878.....	2 00
Cyrus Kindrick, Medical Attendance on family of F. Libby, of Minot.....	50 00
G. W. Earle, Lodging and Mealing Runaways from Orphan Home, Bath, 1878.....	2 00
Cost off the Poor Farm.....	\$429 78
" on " " ".....	464 97
Balance in favor of town.....	61 42
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	\$956 17

Sum raised by town for repairs of Town Farm buildings \$200 00

Paid out for same as follows :

Dingley Bros., hardware town farm buidings...	\$15 86
J. H. Cunningham, building chimney.....	4 50
D. B. Stevens, windows furnished.....	4 30
S. T. Webber, labor on town farm buildings...	70 00
J. E. Jack, " " " "	46 00
J. Gray & Son, lumber " " "	43 35
M. Hopkins, lime etc, " " "	7 05
A. K. P. Buffum & Co., lumber " "	20 26
A. W. Smith, lead and oil, " "	12 25
Day & Nealey, nails, lead pipe " "	3 40
O. Curtis and others, labor, " "	1 50
A. C. True and others, hauling lumber.....	9 52
W. M. Cunningham, plastering.....	9 00
W. F. Merriman, lumber, town farm buildings.	3 01
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	\$250 00

Balance against the town..... \$50 00

VALUE OF TOWN FARM, STOCK AND PROPERTY
THEREON, MARCH, 1, 1881.

Value of Town Farm and Tools.....	\$1,950 00
“ “ Stock on Poor Farm.....	288 50
“ “ Thirteen Tons of Hay.....	145 00
“ “ Provisions, &c	140 55
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	\$2,524 05

NAMES AND AGES OF PAUPERS ON POOR FARM.

Mary Nevens.....	Aged 78 Years
William Jewell.....	“ 76 “
Julia Tibbetts.....	“ 59 “
Sanford Goodwin.....	“ 56 “
William Danforth.....	“ 58 “
Orrin Danforth.....	“ 56 “
Benj. G. Huntington.....	“ 78 “

Mr. Frank P. Bickford and wife were hired to superintend the Town Poor Farm for the year ending April 1, 1881. Paid for Services, \$212.00.

TOWN DEBTS BEARING INTEREST.

Sum raised by Town to pay interest on Town debt.....	\$250 00	
Money loaned to pay on Town debt.....	2,900 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,150 00
Paid on Principal of Town Debt.....	\$3,300 00	
Paid Interest “ “	208 08	
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Paid over Appropriation.....		\$358 08

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources.....	\$13,684 61
Paid for support of Schools.....	\$1,841 21
Incidental Town expenses.....	822 23
Support of Poor including repairs on Town Farm Buildings.....	1,144 75
Town Debt and Interest.....	3,508 08
State and County Taxes.....	3,389 40
School fund undrawn	224 24
Balance on Selectmen's books, Mar. 1, '81	2,754 70
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	\$13,684 61

M. S. H. ROGERS, } Selectmen
W. G. WEBBER, } of
W. S. SNOW, } Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 1, 1881, also a statement of the Town Debt, and the amounts due from the several Collectors, etc. ;

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1880	\$644 30
Loaned to pay demands against the Town.....	2,900 00
Rec'd from W. M. Hattin, Col'r 1873, for delinquent highway taxes	11 37
Rec'd from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for 1878	413 14
" C. M. Tibbetts, " 1879.....	1,424 37
" Eli Merriman, " 1880.....	1,299 52
" Overseers of the Poor, for oxen and produce sold from Town Farm by Frank Bickford	107 55
Rec'd from Overseers of the Poor for supplies furnished Frank Libby and family, paupers of Town of Minot	98 62
Rec'd from State Treasurer, State School Funds.....	180 25
" " " " " Mill Tax.....	415 80
	\$7,494 92

Paid out as follows :

For Support of Schools.....	\$1,841 21
Incidentals.....	822 23
Support of Poor	1,144 75
Town Debt.....	3,508 08
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881.....	178 65
	\$7,494 92

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for 1879.....	\$803 64
Due from Eli Merriman, Collector for 1880	2,170 25
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881.....	178 65
	\$3,152 54
Outstanding Notes and interest on same..	\$3,013 64
Balance in favor of Town	138 90
	\$3,152 54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHANIEL DENNIS, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, March 1st, 1881.

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

Feb. 27, 1880.....	\$644 30
Received during the year.....	6,850 62

	\$7,494 92
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He has paid out during the same time.....	7,316 27
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Leaving a balance in his hands, Feb. 28, 1881.....	\$178 65
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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 :

M. S. H. Rogers, in full for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	\$65 75
Wm. G. Webber, for same service.....	50 25
Wm. S. Snow " "	31 50
Nathaniel Dennis as Town Treasurer	27 25
Henry Taylor, Supervisor of Schools	59 50
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., Town Clerk]	9 89
G. W. Springer, Constable.....	6 00
D. S. Springer, Town Agent.....	
D. S. Springer, Auditor.....	2 00

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

Litchfield, Feb. 28, 1881.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Supervisor respectfully submits to the town the following report of the condition of the schools and school work, of which he has been in charge for the year ending March 1, 1881 :

Amount of Money raised by the Town.....	\$1,205 00
Amount of State School Fund.....	171 25
Amount of State Mill Tax.....	415 80
Amount unapportioned, 1879.....	73
	\$1,792 78
Amount unapportioned, 1880.....	1 01
Amount apportioned Aug. 4, 1880.....	\$1,791 77

DISTRICT NO. 1. J. W. STARBIRD, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$192.

Summer term—Miss JOSIE VERNEY, teacher. Number attending, 31; average, 25; term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.75.

As Miss VERNEY had taught in town before and given satisfaction, the Agent employed her to teach the summer term in this District. She is a good scholar—kind, patient, and almost over-anxious lest some duty should be omitted. At our first visit we found the small scholars very restless. After the school had been in session a few weeks we visited it again, and found great improvement in this respect. At the closing examination we found the order good, and classes in reading, arithmetic and geography had made good improvement.

Winter term—HENRY TAYLOR, teacher. Number attending, 36; average, 32; term 70 days; wages of teacher, \$35 per month, including board.

The scholars in this school have been very regular in their attendance during this term. The parents have taken much pains to get their children to school; most of the scholars have been present on the roughest days. It is gratifying to work for scholars who take the interest in their studies that they have taken here

this winter. Some of the small scholars have not missed a word in spelling during the term. Whether the term has been profitable or not, we leave the patrons to decide.

DISTRICT NO. 2. EUGENE PARKER, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$97.88.

Summer term—Miss EMMA GROVER, teacher. Number attending, 20; average, 16; term, 45 days; wages of teacher, \$2.75 per week.

This school is backward and needs an energetic teacher; we believe the Agent made a good choice when he selected Miss GROVER to teach this school. She was kind, patient, faithful and efficient. It is difficult to create an interest and retain it in a school where the classes are as small as they are here. At the closing examination we found that perfect harmony had existed between teacher and pupils, the latter giving evidence of a good understanding of the studies they had been pursuing during the term.

Winter term—Mr. J. D. BUKER, teacher. Number attending, 12; average, 10; term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$25 per month.

Mr. BUKER is so well known in town as a teacher, that he needs no commendation. The order was excellent, method of instruction good, and the results very satisfactory to both parents and Supervisor. A number of the former were present at the examination, and expressed their gratification.

DISTRICT NO. 3. EDMUND DOW, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$126.12.

Summer term—Miss EVA NILES, teacher. Number attending, 14; average, 12. Term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher \$3 per week.

At our first visit the scholars appeared very orderly, and interested in their studies. Through some misunderstanding the school closed without examination, but Miss Niles gave satisfaction to the patrons of the school.

Winter term.—C. F. SMITH, teacher. Number attending, 13; average, 11½. Term 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, —

Mr. Smith is a teacher of large experience, and his method of teaching is superior. The people in this district appreciate good teachers. This was Mr. Smith's third term here. The order was good, as it always is in this school, and at our closing visit, the

recitation gave good evidence that neither teacher nor pupils had been idle during the term. The classes all did well. We would mention especially a class in philosophy, also one in The Constitution of the United States, and of Maine. The map drawing excelled any we have seen in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4. CHAS. HALL, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$119 92.

Summer term.—CLARENCE BUKER, teacher. Number attending 19; average 15. Term 10 weeks. Wages of teacher including board, \$20 per month.

This was Mr. Buker's third term in this school. We found good order at the commencement, and scholars studying well. As we were not notified when the school was to close, there was no closing visit, consequently no further report can be made.

Winter term.—Same teacher. Number attending 24; average 18. Term, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$30 per month.

The school has made good progress during the winter term, giving evidence of good training, and industry. One class in arithmetic and also one in spelling, deserve special mention. Mr. Buker is a good teacher, and we recommend him to future agents.

DISTRICT NO. 5. ISAAC F. LAPHAM, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$102.98.

Summer term—Miss CLARA WYMAN, teacher. Number attending, 14; average, 12; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3 per week.

The Agent did wisely in securing the services of Miss WYMAN for this school. At our first visit we found good order prevailing, and pupils prompt and obedient; the teacher and pupils were united in their work, and nothing but good results could be expected. At our closing visit we were not disappointed. The school manifested a good understanding of the studies pursued.

Winter term—same teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 13; term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4 per week.

Miss WYMAN's services during the summer being appreciated, she was employed to take charge of the winter term. The good condition of this school is the best testimonial of her faithfulness and skill as a teacher. At the closing examination we found good order, and advancement in studies very satisfactory. Special attention had been paid to penmanship with marked results, the

school showing the neatest looking writing books of any school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—JACOB TRUE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$102.88.

Summer term.—Miss FANNIE TRUE, teacher. Number attending, 20; average, 19. Term, 40 days. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

This was Miss True's first appearance in the schoolroom as a teacher, though well known to us as a scholar. She brought to her work good qualifications; she was lively and energetic in the school-room, inspiring her pupils with the energy, which she herself manifested. Her labors were crowned with success. Miss True bids fair to become one of our best teachers.

Winter term. LYMAN WATERMAN, teacher. Number attending, 22; average, 18. Term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher \$20 per month.

This was Mr. Waterman's first experience also, and he also was well known to us as a scholar—always faithful and conscientious. We found him here manifesting the same earnestness,—doing every thing in his power to promote the interest of the school, and gain for himself a good name as a teacher. He met with the success which his earnest endeavors so well deserved. This is one of our best schools. We always find good order here, and scholars doing their best.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—AARON PEACOCK, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$124 92.

Summer term.—R. ANGIE TUCKER, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 15. Term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

Miss Angie Tucker, of West Gardiner, took charge of this school during the summer. This was her first school. She is a good scholar, well qualified to instruct in all branches that are required to be taught in our schools. At the commencement of the term, the smaller scholars were uneasy. Miss Tucker in her quiet and easy manner tried hard to perform her duty as a teacher, and to make her school pleasant and profitable. At the examination we found the order good. The examination lasted four (4) hours, and at its close we were satisfied that the time spent in the school-room during the summer had been well employed. Some of the older ones did not make that improvement which

might have been expected, but the smaller ones did well. Miss Tucker is now employed in one of the Hallowell city schools.

Winter term.—Miss LILLA L. SMITH, teacher. Number attending, 22; average, 18. Term, 15 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

Miss Lilla L. Smith is an able and experienced teacher. She had taught here before, and entered upon her labors with no opposition. The order was good and teaching thorough and practical. All the classes passed their respective examinations with much credit to themselves and teacher. We would make special mention of the class in "The Constitution of the United States and of Maine." Miss Smith is one of our best teachers, and should be remembered by future agents.

DISTRICT NO. 8. OSCAR HATCH, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$43.52.

Summer term—Miss ALICE COTTON, teacher. Number attending, 18; average, 18; term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3 25 per week.

Miss COTTON is an experienced teacher, and has taught in town before with success. She sustained her reputation here, the school giving evidence of good instruction.

Winter term—Miss CORA MAXWELL, teacher. Number attending, 25; average, 18; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

Miss MAXWELL is also well known in town as an experienced and successful teacher. This school is small, being composed mostly of scholars from adjoining Districts. Miss M. worked with her usual faithfulness, and met with her usual success.

DISTRICT NO. 9. MOSES HUTCHINGS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$131.68.

Summer term—Miss HATTIE RHOADES, teacher. Number attending, 23; average, 18; term, 42 days; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

This was Miss Rhoades's first trial as a teacher. She entered the school-room with a firm determination to succeed, and we had confidence in her ability to teach a good school. At our first visit we found the classes well organized, and pupils orderly and manifesting an interest in their studies. When the school had been in session about eight weeks, we learned that it was unprofitable to the district. We visited it and found it broken up by whoop-

ing cough; of the 23 scholars with which she commenced her school, only 10 remained, and some of those were afflicted with the disease, making attention to study impossible even to the few remaining ones. Under these circumstances we considered the school unprofitable, and so closed it at once. We hope Miss Rhoades will not be discouraged, but try again, and we believe she will make an excellent teacher.

Winter term—J. R. CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 14; term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

This school, during the winter, was under the care of J. R. CUNNINGHAM, of Richmond, an experienced teacher. At the closing examination we were convinced that the school under his direction had made good improvement. Special attention had been paid to penmanship, the writing books showing that good improvement had been made. We consider this school a decided success.

DISTRICT NO. 10. WILLIAM BUBIER, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$95.98.

Summer term—FRED L. BUKER, teacher. Number attending, 16; average, 14; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4 per week.

Mr. BUKER is one of our good teachers; he tried hard to make the school pleasant and beneficial. Under his administration, the members of the school made good advancement in their studies.

Winter term—WALTER S. TRUE, teacher. Number attending, 20; average, 17; term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$10 per month.

This being Mr. TRUE's first school, he was anxious to succeed. At our first visit we found good order, and classes well arranged; the teacher appeared as quiet and easy in the school-room as an experienced teacher; we believed this would be a profitable term. Sickness and death in Mr. TRUE's family caused him to close the school unexpectedly, consequently there was no closing visit, and we are unable to report the result of his labors.

DISTRICT NO. 11. ENOCH ADAMS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$182.24.

Summer term—Miss FLORA ROGERS, teacher. Number attending, 24; average 21; term 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4 per week.

Miss ROGERS, though young, and having had but little experi-

ence, was well qualified for her position. This is one of our hard schools, but she managed it with admirable success. The classes in arithmetic received a thorough drill in analysis; other classes were not neglected. At the close we were satisfied that the school had done a good amount of work, and had done it well. Miss ROGERS is another one of our promising teachers, whom future Agents will do well to remember.

Winter term—F. E. MANSON, teacher. Number attending, 27; average, 26; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$32 per month.

Mr. MANSON, having had charge of this school the previous winter and given general satisfaction, was employed to lead it again. At our first visit we found the teacher working hard, and apparently doing all in his power to promote the interests of the school. At the examination, we found that the classes in arithmetic had been well taught, and had done a fair amount of work; classes in geography had done remarkably well. A report of the rank of each pupil in the spelling classes, which was furnished us by Mr. M., shows that much interest had been taken in that branch of study, with extra results. Order good.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—JAMES SPRINGER, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$95.70.

Summer term.—Miss FLORA AYER, teacher. Number attending, 8; average, 7. Term, 30 days. Wages of teacher, \$1.85 per week.

This is one of our smallest schools, and we met here another of our young beginners. It is difficult to maintain much interest in so small a school, yet Miss Ayer found work enough for herself and the 8 pupils under her care. The scholars appeared to respect and love her, they worked pleasantly together, and the school made good progress. Miss Ayer is well qualified for a larger field of usefulness.

Winter term.—E. P. SPRINGER, teacher. Number attending, 10; average, 8. Term, 11 weeks. Wages of teachers, \$22 per month.

Mr. Springer, having been for three terms under our charge as a pupil, is well known to us as a good scholar, especially in mathematics. At our first visit we saw plainly that there was no union between the teacher and some of the pupils, but we hoped this unpleasantness might be overcome, and the school prove a pleasant and successful one. At the close we were sorry to find some of

the scholars absent from their places, but those present passed a fair examination.

DISTRICT NO. 13. WILLIAM FROST, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$98.

Summer term—Miss EMMA GROVER, teacher. Number attending, 14; average, 12; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2 per week.

Miss GROVER has already been mentioned as a successful teacher; she fully sustained her reputation here. The closing examination was highly satisfactory.

Winter term—FRED L. BUKER, teacher. Number attending, 18; average, 16; term, 7½ weeks; wages of teacher, \$20 per month.

Mr. BUKER has already been spoken of as a successful teacher. He labored here with the same earnest zeal as before, and with even better success. The school under his care did an extra amount of work. This District has been fortunate this year in having two excellent schools.

DISTRICT NO. 14. JOSIAH MORRELL, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$133.16.

Summer term—Mrs. NELLIE MORRELL, teacher. Number attending, 13; average, 11; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3 per week.

Mrs. MORRELL passed an excellent examination, and at our first visit we were well pleased with the appearance of the school, she being in every way well qualified to conduct it. The term closed unexpectedly, on account of sickness among the scholars, therefore there was no closing examination, but the school was spoken of in high terms by the patrons.

Winter term—C. D. NEWELL, teacher. Number attending, 12; average, 11; term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$29 per month.

Mr. NEWELL had taught here before, and therefore had some knowledge of the duties he would have to perform. He began with the determination to do all in his power to advance the interests of this school. During the second week we were called upon to decide in a case of discipline. We visited the school, and, after a thorough examination of both sides, we decided that the teacher had done perfectly right in maintaining his authority, and we fully exonerated him. One of the rebellious ones left

the school; the other, refusing to make the required apology, was not permitted to remain. Such an affair generally tends to break up the interest, and is always to be deeply regretted; yet in the present instance harmony was established between the teacher and his remaining pupils, and they worked pleasantly together till the close of the term, with gratifying results.

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Money apportioned, \$144.78.

Summer term—Miss C. A. MAXWELL, teacher. Number attending,—; average,—; term,—; wages of teacher,—.

We are pleased to note good improvement in this school under the instruction of Miss Maxwell. She possesses good ability for conducting a school and imparting knowledge. She was industrious, and faithfully discharged her duties as a teacher.

Winter term.—C. E. DINSLOW, teacher. Number attending, 23; average, 19. Term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$27.50 per month.

This is an advanced school, and an orderly one; the older pupils here are always at work. Mr. Dinslow is an experienced teacher, and was well qualified for this place. The classes all passed such excellent examinations as to reflect much credit on both teacher and pupils. Such results could have been obtained, only by close application combined with good instruction. This was one of our best schools.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term—Edith Stewart, Mary A. Kindrick, Gertie Lydston, Elmore Bosworth, Chapin Lydston.

Winter term.—Edith Stewart, Wallace Stewart, Charley Bosworth.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term.—Alice C. Danforth, Eva P. Thornton, Frank Danforth, Ernest L. Danforth, Nelson Danforth, Willie Mitchell.

Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term—Mary A. Rhoades, Etta M. Wyman, Minnie Payne, Eliza Grover, Georgie Powers, Chas. N. Fogg.

Winter term—Etta Wyman, Emma Grover, Mary Rhoades, Minnie Payne, Eddie Ring.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term—Walter Springer, Etta Baker.

Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term—Mary Powers, Eddie Neal.

Winter term—Nellie Douglass.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term—Nora J. True, Cora E. True, Margie J. True, Nettie F. True, Eddie M. True, Clinton G. True, Nathan C. True.

Winter term—John B. True, Clinton G. True, Cora A. True, Nora F. True.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term—Mabel Merrill, Linnie S. Lunt, Mary E. Colby.

Winter term—Mary A. Berry, Ellen S. Robinson.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term—Sidney Buker, Eddie O. Tarr, Charley W. Douglass, Bertha A. Tarr.

Winter term—Sidney L. Buker. Twenty of the pupils have not whispered during the term.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term—Estella A. Stevens, Nettie A. Harriman, Ella G. Getchell, Blanche F. Weston, Eva A. Andrews, Mabel P. Stevens, Minnie B. Stevens.

Winter term.—Estella A. Stevens, Ida M. Newell, Ellen G. Getchell, Minnie B. Stevens.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term—Lewis O. Libby, Emery Baker, Philip Hodgkins, James Libby, Nelson Elwell, Linda Graves, Hattie Baker, Nellie Libby, Susie Bubier, Myra Bubier.

Winter term.—Geo. Libby, Cassie Bubier, Susie Bubier.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer term.—Mary P. Allen, Lena W. Adams, Maud C. Bartlett, Mary N. Robinson, Jda Fuller, Carrie E. Smith, Robert G. Allen, James Merriman, Chester Waldron. 15 have not whispered.

Winter term.—B. C. Allen, A. D. Bartlett, A. E. Cram, E. S. Allen, D. Allen, R. G. Allen, D. B. Allen, M. C. Bartlett, J. D. Merriman, E. D. Cram, C. Waldron.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer term.—George Waterman, Daniel Adams, Hattie Ashford.

Winter term.—Edward D. Nutting, George Waterman, Charlie Woodard, Joseph Dickson.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer term.—Bertie Larrabee, Harry Frost, Willie Frost, Gertie Frost, Nellie Frost.

Winter term.—Stephen Larrabee, Miles Dustan, Harry Frost, Willie J. Frost, Bertie Larrabee, Irvin Holman, Georgie Frost, Gertie Frost, Nellie Frost, Annie Holman.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer term.—Rosa E. Waterman.

Winter term.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Summer term.

Winter term.—Lawrence W. Adams, Willie S. Briery, Bertha E. Norcross, Castilla E. Rogers, Elmer Shorey, Alice M. Varney, Achsa H. Williams, Mamie J. Whitney.

During the past year many of our schools have been quite satisfactory; the order and advancement in study have been all we could desire. Of course this has not been so in every case, yet we believe we have had in our employ during the year an extra corps of teachers. Among them are some young teachers whose work is excellent, and who are sure to achieve the highest success. Most of them, we are happy to say, reside in town. In securing teachers we must of course compete with the adjacent towns. If our prices are very much below those paid by other towns, they will take from us every good teacher who is willing to teach away from home.

A few of our school-houses are in a deplorable condition—are not really suitable places for holding schools. We hope those Districts where new school buildings are so much needed, will make an effort to supply them.

We would also impress upon you the need of uniformity of textbooks, as teachers could do more and better work. In one school we found no less than four different geographies. Thinking a change of speller would be beneficial, we introduced Monroe's Practical Speller, and the result has been that much more interest has been taken in this branch than heretofore.

In closing, we would thank the Agents and parents for the interest they have manifested in our schools during the year.

HENRY TAYLOR, SUPERVISOR.