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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 1, 1882.

GARDINER :
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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, 1882, 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 1881.....	\$6,110 20
Amount assessed for repairs of highways.....	2,500 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State Tax for 1881.....	\$2,048 31
County Tax for 1881.....	721 75
Support of Schools.....	1,205 00
Support of Poor.....	750 00
Incidental Town Expenses.....	900 00
To pay Interest on Town Debt.....	250 00
Fractional Overlay.....	235 14
	\$6,110 20

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book March 1, 1881	\$2,754 70
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer.	3,340 14
Delinquent Highway Taxes from 1880	47 89
	\$6,142 73

RESOURCES FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed and committed to Coll'r and State Treasurer,	\$2,048 31
“ “ “ County “	721 75
	\$2,770 06

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1881.....	\$224 24
Sum raised by the town for 1881.....	1,205 00
School Mill Tax for 1880.....	430 26
State School Fund, 1880.....	171 06
Unapportioned from 1880.....	1 01
	\$2,031 57
Paid for Support of Schools.....	\$1,658 72
School Fund undrawn March 1, 1882....	372 85
	\$2,031 57

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum Raised by Town for 1881.....	\$900 00
Overlayings	235 14

 \$1,135 14

Services of Town Officers as allowed by Auditor	\$252 14
M. S. H. Rogers, for services as Selectman, from March 1 to 14, 1881.....	4 00
W. G. Webber, for same service.....	3 00
Geo. W. Springer, Lettering and Erecting a Stone Monument, on line between Bowdoin and Litchfield.....	2 00
W. H. Frost and others, Labor on Road in Dist. No. 34	14 12
H. K. Morrell & Son, Printing Town Reports	25 00
E. McDonald, Injury to Horse on Highway in Dist. No. 33.....	10 00
Wm. Springer, Labor on road Dist. No. 32	5 67
C. T. Hall, Labor on road Dists. Nos. 28, 32	3 50
I. F. Lapham, Labor in Road Dist. No. 14	1 50
N. Dingley & Co., Surveyor's Books and Stationery.....	1 30
C. T. Hall, Plank for Bridge, Dist. No. 32..	1 22
G. A. Beale, Valuation Sheets.....	1 12
John L Weeks, Labor and Material, Bridge in Dist. No. 11.....	18 48
H. Buker, Labor on Road, Dist. No. 31....	3 92
F. O. Sylvester, Labor on road, Dist. No. 31	4 75
Wm. Springer, Labor on road, Dist. No. 31	2 50
J. Gray & Son, Plank for Bridges in Dist's No. 20 & 24.....	26 99
E. N. Pinkham and others, Labor on road, Dist. No. 5.....	15 00
J. Woodbury and others, Labor and Material on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge.....	47 66
C. B. Foster & Co., Plank, Bridge, Dist. No. 23	8 64
E. N. Pinkham and others, Labor on road, Dist. No. 11.....	5 25
W. E. Robinson, Labor and Material, Bridge, Dist. No. 20.....	6 00
M. S. H. Rogers, Expenses as Selectman, '81	10 52
W. G. Webber, " " "	2 50
N. Dennis, " Treasurer "	5 65
M. S. H. Rogers, Recording Inventory and Assessment	6 00
L. J. Ayers, Sawing Lumber.....	3 06
Abated in C. M. Tibbetts's tax bills for 1879	31 66

Brought up.....		\$1,135 14
Abated in E. Merriman's tax bills for 1880	29 82	
" Sam'l Smith " 1881	8 41	
Balance in favor of Town.....	573 76	
		<u>\$1,135 14</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for Support of Poor.....		\$750 00
Received from F. P. Bickford for Stock and Produce sold from Town Poor Farm.....		165 34
Received from Estate of Rosilla J. Potter.....		11 74
		<u>\$927 08</u>
Supplies furnished Poor Farm to Jan. 1, 1882	\$202 34	
Paid for one Yoke of Oxen for Poor Farm....	110 00	
Paid Superintendent for Services for the year ending Jan. 1, 1882.....	221 75	
		<u>\$534 09</u>

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

Lucinda Potter, Support of Mehitable Preble, to Oct. 26. 1881, in full.....		\$72 00
I. Starbird & Son, Supplies furnished Jas. Ridley's family to Apr. 1, 1881.....		26 93
Levi S. Bickford, Lodging and Mealing Tramps		8 00
Treasurer Maine Insane Hospital, Support of R. J. Potter, in full, to April 4, 1881.....		55 99
Cyrus Bosworth, Coffins furnished Mrs. Dan- forth and child of Jas. Ridley.....		21 00
John A. Hutchinson, removing body of R. J. Potter from the Insane Hospital to Litchfield		4 00
Edith Merrill, Support of Mrs. Kendall to Feb. 7, 1882.....		30 00
Cyrus Kendrick, Medical Attendance on family of Jas. Ridley.....		7 00
Wm. Cochrane, Medical Services Mehitable Preble.....		5 00
Town of West Gardiner, Medical Attendance on family of Jos. Sawyer.....		30 75
Treasurer Maine State Reform School, Support of Frederick Crawford to Jan. 1, 1882.....		26 57
		<u>\$287 24</u>
Cost off Poor Farm.....		534 09
" on " 		105 75
Balance in favor Town.....		<u>\$927 08</u>

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

Value of Town Farm and Tools.....	\$1,950 00
“ “ Stock on Poor Farm.....	260 00
“ “ Thirteen Tons of Hay.....	155 00
“ “ Provisions, etc.....	156 75
Cash in hand of Superintendant of Poor Farm.....	66 90
	<u>\$2,588 65</u>

NAMES AND AGES OF PAUPERS ON POOR FARM.

Mary Nevens.....	Aged 79 Years
Julia Tibbetts.....	“ 60 “
Sanford Goodwin.....	“ 57 “
William Danforth.....	“ 59 “
Orrin Danforth.....	“ 57 “
Benj. G. Huntington.....	“ 79 “

The Overseers were very fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Frank P. Bickford and wife to superintend the Town Poor Farm for the year ending March 1, 1882, at a salary of \$225.00. During their three years term of service, they have discharged the arduous duties of the position in a manner satisfactory to the Overseers, and creditable to themselves.

TOWN DEBT BEARING INTEREST.

Sum raised by Town to pay interest on Town Debt.....	\$250 00	
Money loaned to pay on Town Debt.....	500 00	
		<u>\$750 00</u>
Paid on Principal of Town Debt.....	\$1,200 00	
Paid Interest “ “	170 24	
		<u>\$1,370 24</u>
Paid over Appropriation.....		<u>\$620 24</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources.....	\$10,416 44
Paid for support of Schools.....	\$1,658 72
Incidental Town Expenses.....	561 38
Paid for support of Poor.....	821 33
Town Debt and Interest.....	1,370 24
State and County Taxes.....	2,770 06
School fund undrawn.....	372 85
Balance on Selectmen's books, Mar, 1, '82	2,861 86
	<u>\$10,416 44</u>

M. S. H. ROGERS, } Selectmen
W. G. WEBBER, } of
C. A. METCALF, } Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 1, 1882, also a statement of the Town Debt, and the amounts due from the several Collectors, etc. :

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881	\$178 65
Loaned to pay demand against the Town.....	500 00
Rec'd from C. M. Tibbetts, Col'r for 1879.....	613 46
" Eli Merriman, " 1880.....	1,443 52
" Sam'l Smith, " 1881.....	1,134 00
" Overseers Poor, for oxen, wool and produce sold from Town Farm.....	165 34
Rec'd from the same, the personal estate of Rosilla J. Potter, pauper of Litchfield, deceased	11 74
Rec'd from State Treasurer, State School Funds	171 25
" " " " Mill Tax	430 26
	\$4,648 22

Paid out as follows :

For Support of Schools.....	\$1,658 72
Incidentals	561 38
Support of Poor	807 28
Town Debt	1,370 24
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1882	250 60
	\$4,648 22

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from C. M. Tibbetts, Col'r for 1879	\$190 18
" Eli Merriman, " 1880	726 73
" Sam'l Smith, " 1881	2,206 14
" Sam'l Smith, Col'r for 1881, on delinquent	47 89
Highway Taxes	250 60
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1882	250 60
	\$3,421 54
Outstanding notes and interest on same..	\$2,286 33
Balance in favor of Town.....	1,137 21
	\$3,423 54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATHANIEL DENNIS, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, March 1st, 1882.

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. 28, 1881.....	\$178 65
Received during the year.....	4,469 57
	\$4,648 22
He has paid out during the same time.....	4,397 62

Leaving a balance in his hands, Feb. 25, 1882, of ... \$250 60

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.....	\$71 00
Wm. G. Webber, for same service	53 25
Charles A. Metcalf, for same service.....	50 25
Nath'l Dennis, Town Treasurer.....	27 00
Henry Taylor, Supervisor of Schools	63 25
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., Town Clerk	12 01
G. W. Springer, Constable.....	4 00
D. S. Springer, Town Agent	
D. S. Springer, Auditor	2 00

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, Feb. 25th., 1882.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Supervisor respectfully submits to the town the following report of the condition of the schools, of which he has been in charge for the year ending March 1, 1882 :

Amount of Money raised by the Town.....	\$1,205 00
Amount of State School Fund.....	171 06
Amount of State Mill Tax.....	430 26
Amount unapportioned, 1880.....	1 01

Amount apportioned Aug. 12, 1881..... \$1,807 33

DISTRICT NO. 1. THOMAS HOLMES, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$192.39.

Summer term—Miss CORA MAXWELL, teacher. Number attending, 34 ; average, 28 ; term, 8 weeks ; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.70 per week.

Miss MAXWELL, who has proved herself to be one of our best teachers, was employed to teach this school. We found at the commencement of the term that Miss M. had entered upon her work with her usual courage and patience. That it does require courage and patience to instruct and keep in order a school consisting of more than thirty pupils, mostly small children, no one who has tried the experiment can doubt. Miss Maxwell's ardent zeal and interest in her school did not seem to abate, notwithstanding the hard work involved. At the close the classes in arithmetic gave clear analysis ; all other branches had been well taught, and the school had made good improvement.

Scholars not absent one half-day : Edith Stewart, Hattie Baker, Mary Grover, Gertie Lydston, Gracie Higgins, Roscoe Bosworth, Elmore Bosworth, Wallace Stewart, Harry W. Taylor.

Fall term.—Same teacher. Number attending, 36 ; average, 33 ; term, 8 weeks ; wages of teacher, including board, \$6 per week.

Miss MAXWELL labored during the fall term as earnestly, faithfully and successfully as during the summer term.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Effie Lyle, Edith Stewart, Gertie Lydston, Gracie Higgins, Mary Grover, Clara Danforth, Elmore Bosworth, Roscoe Bosworth, Wallace Stewart, Levi Danforth, Harry Taylor, Charlie Bosworth.

Winter term—HENRY TAYLOR, teacher. Number attending, 35; average, 32; term, 13 weeks; wages of teacher \$36 per month.

The pupils of this school have been regular in their attendance, and have manifested an interest in their studies, studying well both in school and during the evenings at home. We would make special mention of one class in spelling, which made a remarkable advancement in this branch. We never knew a class to do better. Gertie Lydston and Mary Kindrick did not miss a word, but were absent quite a number of days. Wallace Stewart and Roscoe Bosworth, each eight years of age, were present every day, and missed but five words each during the thirteen weeks of school. The school-house in this District is not a fit place to send our children to in cold weather. Some parents have kept their children out of school on this account. Some days it has been impossible to warm the house sufficiently to make it comfortable. This District ought to attend to this matter before another winter.

Scholars not absent one half day: Wallace Stewart, Edith Stewart, Elmore Bosworth, Roscoe Bosworth, Harry W. Taylor.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—SYLVANUS MARSTON, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$94.97.

Summer term—J. D. BUKER, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 14; term 5 weeks; wages of teacher \$4.00 per week.

Mr. BUKER had previously labored successfully in this school, and his labors this term were highly satisfactory.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Everett E. Davis, Alice Danforth, George Danforth, Willie H. Mitchell, Mary S. Mitchell, Walter W. Hodgman, Ernest Danforth, Nelson Danforth, Frank P. Mitchell, Jennie S. Mitchell, Gertrude Frost, Georgia Frost, Willie Frost, Bertie Larrabee, B. A. Hodgman.

Winter term—FRED MITCHELL, teacher. Number attending, 14; average, 11; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month.

Mr. MITCHELL is a good scholar. This was his second school.

He labored faithfully with the pupils under his care, and good improvement was made. The teacher had evidently taken special pains in teaching geography and map-drawing; some of the maps were excellent, considering that they had been executed by scholars so young. Mr. Mitchell is a good teacher, but needs to draw the reins of government a little tighter.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Willie Mitchell.

DISTRICT NO. 3. JOSEPH ELLIOTT, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$125.75.

Summer term—Miss CLARA WYMAN, teacher. Number attending, 13; average, 11; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week.

This is one of our small schools. The majority of its members are young, and it requires a teacher with patience and kindness. We believe Miss WYMAN was well adapted to this position and made it a success in every particular.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Eliza Grover, Georgia Powers.

Winter term—SYDNEY ELLIOTT, teacher. Number attending, —; average, —; term, —; wages of teacher, —.

We visited this school at the beginning of the term, and found Mr. ELLIOTT doing all that he could to make his term a profitable one, and we had no fears for his success. The school is now in session. We have made no closing visit, and cannot report the result from personal knowledge, but we understand he is giving good satisfaction to the patrons of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 4—L. E. DENNISON, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$134.31.

Summer term—Miss HATTIE RHOADES, teacher; number attending, 12; average, 10; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

Miss RHOADES labored faithfully in this school. At our first and last visits we found good order, and a good degree of interest was manifested. The attendance in this school is very irregular, but those who attended regularly made good improvement.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Charles H. Dennison, Alice M. Landers, Lizzie P. Hall, Lottie D. Hall.

Winter term—HERBERT J. CARVILLE, teacher; number attending, —; average, —; term, —; wages of teacher, —.

We found the order in this school to be the best we have seen in this school for several past terms. Mr. CARVILLE is a competent teacher. The school is still in session, and no closing visit has been made, but the pupils of this school have shown an unusual degree of interest in study during the winter.

DISTRICT NO. 5 ARRINGTON DOUGLASS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$113.27.

Summer term—Miss LIZZIE MAXWELL, teacher: number attending, 17; average, 14; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3 per week

This is a good school. We always find the pupils attentive and orderly, and interested in their studies. Miss MAXWELL had had some experience as a teacher, and was well adapted to this school. She labored hard, as did also the pupils under her care, and the closing examination gave evidence of a good term's work.

Winter term—Same teacher; number attending, 17; average, 14; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4 per week.

Miss MAXWELL's labors were appreciated in the summer, so she was employed to teach the winter term. Under her instructions the classes received a thorough drill. The teacher reports that during the summer term her first class in spelling spelled two thousand words, and only three words were missed during the term; they also spelled the same number of words during the winter term, and but three words were missed. Her second class in spelling spelled one thousand five hundred words each term, and but two words were misspelled during the summer, and the same number during the winter. Miss M. has a faculty for getting a good deal of work out of her pupils. She is a good teacher, and we recommend her to future agents.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Sadie J. Butters, Nellie J. Douglass, Mertie Howard, Nellie Howard.

DISTRICT NO. 6. R. W. CUNNINGHAM, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$107.01.

Summer term—Miss NELLIE DAVIS, teacher. Number attending, 20; average, 18; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher \$3.50 per week, including board.

This was Miss DAVIS's first school, but she possessed all the qualifications that are required to instruct this school. She was interested, and inspired her scholars with interest. When we

find such perfect harmony between teacher and pupils as evidently existed here, nothing but gratifying results can be expected. The closing examination gave evidence of a good term's work. Miss Davis has made an excellent beginning.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Cora E. True, Josie K. True.

Winter term—ERNEST CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Number attending, 24; average, 21; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month.

This was also Mr. CUNNINGHAM'S first experience as a teacher. At our first visit we found the scholars restless and uneasy, though the teacher seemed anxious to remove this difficulty and teach a profitable school. We learned by inquiry during the term that he was giving satisfaction to the people of the District, and at the closing examination we found good order and the scholars manifested a good understanding of the studies they had pursued. We gave one class in geography a critical examination, and it showed as good advancement as any class in town. We consider this school a success.

Scholars not absent one half-day: John B. True, Clinton True, Joseph K. True, Mary A. True, Nora J. True, Cora E. True, Harry Reilly.

DISTRICT NO. 7. CHAS. H. HODGKINS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$124.27.

Summer term—Miss AUGUSTA H. EDGECOMB, teacher; number attending, 19; average, 16; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5 per week.

Miss EDGECOMB is one of our most experienced and competent teachers. She devoted herself with fidelity to her work, and the closing examination testified to the thorough and practical drill which the pupils had received. One class in geography and map drawing deserves special mention.

• Names of scholars not absent one half-day: Linnie S. Lunt, Nellie Berry, Mary A. Berry, Mary E. Colby, Alice M. Tibbetts, Radie E. Hodgkins, Elmer C. Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.

Winter term—Miss LILLA L. SMITH, teacher; number attending, 15; average, 12; term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5 per week.

This is Miss SMITH'S third term in this school. She is a teach-

er of superior ability, and under her administration the school made a marked advancement.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Ellie S. Robinson, Nellie Berry, Alice M. Tibbetts.

DISTRICT NO. 8. CHARLES JACK, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$54.52.

Fall term—Miss FLORA ROGERS, teacher; number attending, 15; average, 13; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher \$3.50 per week.

This school is composed mostly of scholars from adjoining Districts. When we learned that the Agent had secured Miss Rogers to teach this school, we had no fears but that it would be a success. At each visit we found teacher and scholars deeply interested in their work, and the closing examinations showed that the pupils had received a thorough drill in all the branches pursued, and they secured our highest approval.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Katie J. Nickerson, Addie M. Niles.

DISTRICT NO. 9. ALONZO S. GOWELL, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$132.53.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE TOWNSEND, teacher; number attending, 19; average, 15; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

Miss CARRIE TOWNSEND, of Gardiner, was a young and inexperienced teacher. We had some fears with regard to putting a young teacher in this school, but Miss T. passed so good an examination, and was apparently so well adapted to the work she had chosen, that we had confidence in her ability to teach a good school. Nor were we disappointed. She gained the love and respect of her pupils at the beginning; her teaching was clear and practical and the order was good. This school did good work under her care. Miss T. is a capital teacher, and we hope to see her in town again.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Grace Gatchell, Eugene Harriman, Adel Harriman.

Winter term—Miss LILLIE A. ALLARD, teacher; number attending, 18; average, 17; term, 13 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.25 per week.

Miss ALLARD gave perfect satisfaction to the patrons of the school, and her labors were a marked success. The studies of

geography and grammar had been neglected by some of the older scholars of this school, during previous years. A reformation in this respect has been effected during the past year, by these teachers. The agent of this district has been very successful in his selection of teachers.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Estella A. Stevens, Grace Getchell, Minnie B. Stevens, Adelbert Harriman, Eugene Harriman.

DISTRICT NO. 10. DAVID SPRINGER, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$93.08.

Winter term—M. T. NEWTON, teacher. Number attending, 12; average 10; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$21.00 per month.

Mr. NEWTON, a graduate of Bates College, is a fine scholar, and an experienced teacher. The school did good work during the term, and made all the advancement that could reasonably be expected. We found the order good at each visit.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Ara B. Libby.

DISTRICT NO. 11. CHAS. B. PREBLE, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$183.61.

Summer term—Miss FANNIE W. TRUE, teacher. Number attending, 30; average, 28; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.00 per week.

This is a hard school for a young teacher. Miss TRUE is efficient and energetic, and at the closing examination the pupils under her care gave evidence, by ready answers and prompt obedience, of a profitable term's work. She reports three pupils who did not miss a word in spelling during the term—James D. Merriman, Carrie E. Smith and Maud C. Bartlett.

Scholars not absent one half-day: James D. Merriman, Eddie M. True, Maud C. Bartlett, Clara D. Merriman, Chester Waldron, Edith M. Glidden, Mamie N. Robinson, Abbie L. Merriman, Nathan C. True, F. Harley Bartlett.

Winter term—FRANK L. FROST, teacher. Number attending, 32; average, 28; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$40.00 per month, including board.

At the beginning of this term we we found the pupils orderly, and giving close attention to study. The teacher had a good faculty for giving instruction, and we had no doubt but that his

labors would be crowned with success. It was evident at the closing examination that the school had been well taught, and that scholars had studied well and made good advancement, and they manifested a good understanding of the work they had done. The order at the close was not as good as we like to see, yet the term was a profitable one.

Scholars not absent one half-day: James Merriman, Elias Plimpton, Daniel Allen, David Allen, Frank Goodwin, Robert Allen, Maud Bartlett.

DISTRICT NO. 12. GROVNER NUTTING, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$81.19.

Summer term—Miss CLARA A. SMITH, teacher. Number attending, 7; average, 6; term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week.

This was Miss SMITH's first school, and a more conscientious, faithful teacher, would be hard to find. She was anxious to do every duty, and fearful lest some duty would be left unperformed. Such a teacher could scarcely fail to teach a profitable term. Miss Smith's earnest labors were crowned with success. She has proved herself to be an excellent teacher.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Emily Adams, Hattie Ashford.

Winter term—WALTER TRUE, teacher. Number attending, — average, —; term, —; wages of teacher, —.

At our first visit we found teacher and pupils united, and working industriously and harmoniously together, and we were convinced that this school would be a success. We were not disappointed at the close. Scholars did excellent work. Special attention had been paid to map-drawing, with good results.

DISTRICT NO. 13. WILLIAM FROST, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$97.12.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE SMALL, teacher. Number attending, 21; average, 20; term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

Miss SMALL came to us well recommended, and claimed to have had experience as a teacher. We examined her, and declined to grant a certificate, advising her to study more before attempting to teach. She returned and very earnestly requested to be exam-

ined again. We questioned her farther, and thinking that perhaps her inability to give correct answers might be due in a measure to frustration, we very reluctantly granted her a certificate. She was energetic and very persevering, and the small scholars made fair advancement. Miss Small has some of the qualifications necessary to make a successful teacher. Her register not being properly filled, we are unable to give the names of those pupils who were not absent during the term.

Winter term—CLARENCE BUKER, teacher. Number attending, 24; average, 20; term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$28.00 per month, including board.

Mr. BUKER entered upon his duties in this school with a will and determination to make his school a success. At the close of the term the classes showed that they had received thorough training. A class in history passed a very fine examination.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Miles Dustan, Guy Jordan, Flora Frost.

DISTRICT NO. 14. WILLIAM A. RAY, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$129.30.

Summer term—Miss AURILLA M. POLLEY, teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 14; term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week. Miss POLLEY evidently labored faithfully for the good of her pupils, and the results of her labors were very satisfactory.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Willie A. Ray, Cassie A. Bubier, Lulie C. Ray.

Winter term—Miss FLORA ROGERS, teacher. Number attending, 22; average, 20; term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

This is a difficult school, but Miss ROGERS proved herself to be fully capable of managing it. Miss Rogers is proving herself one of our best teachers. The school was in all respects highly satisfactory. The high average of attendance, and the fact that nine pupils did not miss a half-day is recommendation enough for both teacher and school.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Susie M. Bubier, Nellie E. Clark, Lizzie M. Preble, Lulie C. Ray, Charley F. Bubier, Samuel T. Clark, Joseph D. Dixon, Nichols Preble, Willie Ray.

Second winter term—Miss JENNIE STETSON, teacher. At the

opening of the spring term of the Litchfield Academy, Miss Rogers left this school to pursue her studies, and Miss STETSON was employed as her successor. Miss S. comes to us well recommended. The school at the opening appeared well. She is still laboring here, and we have no doubt but that her labors will be rewarded with happy results.

DISTRICT NO. 15. M. W. ADAMS, Agent.

Money apportioned, \$144.01.

Summer term—Miss FLORA E. ROGERS, teacher; number attending, 14; average, 12; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3 per week.

Some specimens of map-drawing were exhibited here, which were very neatly and correctly executed. Classes in mathematics gave clear analysis, and all branches were thoroughly and successfully taught. The order was good, and the school successful in every respect.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Nellie M. Roberts, Katie I. Nickerson, Bertha E. Norcross, Alice M. Varney.

Winter term—W. C. HOBBS, teacher; number attending, 21; average, 18; term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

Mr. W. C. HOBBS, a graduate of Bates College, took charge of this school during the winter term. This is an advanced school, and Mr. H. evidently understood its requirements, and commenced his work with an earnest desire to make his term pleasant and successful. The school was well classified, and well and successfully taught. The patrons of this District ought to feel satisfied with the progress which their school has made during the past year.

Scholars not absent one half-day: Willie S. Briery, Lawrence Adams, Mary J. Whitney, Katie I. Nickerson.

REMARKS.

We have given you a report of the progress of our schools during the past year, and they have been generally successful. The studies of history and spelling have been neglected in years past, but there has been a wonderful revival of these branches in some of our schools, and we hope those schools which have continued to neglect these branches will follow the example of the others. More dictionaries are also needed in our schools. Every

pupil who has reached the age of ten years, should have a dictionary. During the year map-drawing has received good attention, with gratifying results; we would be glad to see a set of outline maps in each school-room, as they would facilitate the study of geography, and be very beneficial to our schools.

The average attendance during the year has been very good, and the parents have manifested much interest during the year. We have great reason to feel proud of the young teachers of our own town, who are proving themselves efficient, and who are doing excellent work.

We tender our sincere thanks to Agents and parents for their interest and co-operation in the school work of the year.

HENRY TAYLOR, SUPERVISOR.