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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, 1883.

AUGUSTA:

PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH.

1883.

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, 1883, 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 1882, - - \$8588 73

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

State Tax for 1882,	-	-	-	\$2048	31
County Tax for 1882,	-	-	-	702	20
Support of Poor,	-	-	-	750	00
Support of Schools,	-	-	-	1200	00
For repairs of highways,	-	-	-	2500	00
Incidental town expenses,	-	-	-	900	00
To pay interest on town debt,	-	-	-	250	00
Fractional overlay,	-	-	-	238	22
				<hr/>	\$8588 73

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1882, - -	\$2861 86
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, -	5838 22
Delinquent Highway Tax from 1881, - - - -	496 86
	<hr/>
	\$9196 94

Resources for State and County Taxes.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State	
Treasurer, - - - - -	\$2048 31
Assessed and committed to Collector and County	
Treasurer, - - - - -	702 20

Resources for Schools.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1882, - -	372 85
Sum raised by town for 1882, - - - -	1200 00
School mill tax, for 1881, - - - -	440 31
State School Fund, for 1881, - - - -	135 13
Paid for Support of Schools, - - - -	1744 28
School fund withdrawn March 1, 1883, - -	404 01

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1882, - -	\$900 00
Overlayings, - - - - -	238 22
Delinquent Highway Taxes from 1881, 496 86	
	————— \$1635 08

Services of Town Officers as allowed by

Auditor, - - -	\$282 76
C. T. Hall, labor on road in Dis't No. 32, 6 69	
E. Cobb, " " " " 2 12	
Hiram Haines, " " " " 6 94	
A. Emerson & Son, do. " " 14, 18 28	
Eli M. Douglass, do. " " 23, 11 74	
H. K. Morrell & Son, Printing Town	
Reports, - - - -	25 00
Wm. H. King, labor on road in Dis't No. 28, 10 67	
M. S. H. Rogers, for services as Selectman	
from March 1 to March 6, 1882, - 8 30	
Alonzo Gowell, labor on road in Dis't No. 19, 25 00	
L. J. Ayers, plank furnished road, in	
District No. 21, - - -	2 71
J. W. Robinson, labor on road, Dis't No. 20, 26 31	
James G. Preble, " " " 37, 3 37	
Augustus Gowell, " " " 16, 16 23	
J. S. Elliott and others, do. " " 22, 23 20	
C. A. Edgecomb, do. " " 17, 2 87	
James Ricker, labor on " " 37, 2 82	

Amount brought forward, - - - - - \$1635 08

Hamilton Buker and others, labor on road			
in District No. 33,	-	-	22 07
Edward Shorey, labor on road in District			
No. 24,	-	-	4 17
G. C. Vose, term fees in Newell case, from			
1871 to 1876,	-	-	30 00
W. G. Webber, looking up settlement of			
George Stevens,	-	-	10 50
Jesse Hatch, plank furnished road, District			
No. 26,			3 44
N. Dingley & Co. blank books, stationery, &c.			4 30
Dexter W. Danforth, road labor, Dis't No. 32,			15 18
Ensign Danforth,	"	"	32, 6 12
W. H. Frost,	"	"	32, 7 25
Philip, Larrabee & Son,	"	"	32, 5 43
A. E. Googins and others,	"	"	13, 32 87
Abial Small,	"	"	14, 19 74
Harvey Hutchinson,	"	"	15, 8 14
Jos. Woodbury and others,	"	"	11, 20 00
W. C. Smith,	"	"	25, 6 05
D. I. Larrabee,	"	"	36, 3 65
W. M. Cunningham and			
others,	"	"	12, 9 84
Sumner Clark,	"	"	37, 3 75
Walter C. Knight,	"	"	28, 4 16
E. B. Woodard,	"	"	3, 3 22
G. M. Thurlow,	"	"	36, 7 50
G. D. Sloman,	"	"	28, 1 56
F. J. Sloman,	"	"	28, 1 30

Amount brought forward, - - - - - \$1635 08

Hamilton Buker, road labor, Dis't No. 28,	3	92
Harmon C. Stover, " " 3,	3	16
J. F. Morrill and others, " " 29,	10	59
Palmer and Co. blank book and check list,	1	25
S. G. Nutting, labor on road in Dis't No. 30,	12	77
M. W. Adams, " " " " 25,	1	96
C. M. Tibbetts, for collecting Taxes for 1879,	79	43
William A. Ray, labor on road, Dis't No. 37,	2	00
Lorenzo Metcalf and others, labor on road in		
Dis't No. 18, - - - - -	3	43
Warren S. Jordan, labor on road in		
Dis't No. 30, - - - - -	7	05
G. N. Thurlow, labor on bridge in Dis't		
No. 36, - - - - -	16	00
Eli Merriman, lumber furnished for bridge		
in Dis't No. 7, - - - - -	29	45
Horace A. Fuller, plank furnished districts		
No. 15, 17 and 19, - - - - -	24	49
Horace A. Fuller, plank furnished Dis't No. 5,	7	05
Wm. Maxwell, sleepers furnished Hattin bridge,	4	00
N. Thurlow and others, labor on road in Dis't		
No. 34, - - - - -	52	50
Wm. H. Frost and others, labor on road in		
Dis't No. 34, - - - - -	32	65
David Godfrey, " " " " 38,	5	50
Thomas Holmes and others, plank and nails		
for town, - - - - -	2	99
Proprietors for printing blank orders, -	1	50
H. A. True, labor on road, Dis't No. 17, -	1	12

Amount brought forward, - - - \$1635 08

D. S. Springer, expenses as Treasurer for 1882, 5 87

Emeline P. Springer, labor on road,
Dist No. 30, - - - 4 81

W. G. Webber, recording inventory and
assessment, - - - 6 00

L. J. Ayers, plank furnished town, - - 5 63

C. B. Preble, expenses and money paid
out as Selectman, - - - 4 30

W. G. Webber, expenses and money paid
out as Selectman, - - - 9 38

E. N. Baker, expenses and money paid
out as Selectman, - - - 3 04

Abated in C. M. Tibbett's tax bills for the
year 1879, - - - 15 95

Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for the
year 1881, - - - 98 70

Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for the
year 1882, - - - 7 50

\$1169 24

Balance in favor of the Town, 465 84

\$1635 08 \$1635 08

Sum raised by town for repairs of highways, \$2500 00

Estimated amount of outstanding bills, - \$2400 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by Town for support of poor, -	\$750 00
Received from F. P. Bickford, for produce sold, - - - - -	70 00
Received from the town of Athens for support of George Stevens, - - - - -	47 50
	<hr/> \$867 50

Supplies furnished Poor Farm to January 1, 1883, - - - - -	\$208 54
Paid for one yoke of steers for Poor Farm -	112 00
Paid for one horse for Poor Farm, - -	100 00
Paid for one mowing machine for Poor Farm, -	54 00
Paid Superintendent for services for the year ending January 1, 1883, - - - - -	236 25
Cost on Poor Farm, - - - - -	<hr/> \$710 79

Paid for Support of Poor off Poor Farm.

Treasurer of Maine State Reform School for support of Frederick Crawford to January 1, 1883, - . - - -	\$52 00
I. Starbird and Son, for supplies furnished James Ridley's family, July 1, 1882, -	49 34
Cyrus Kendrick, medical attendance on family of James Ridley, - - - - -	11 50

Amount brought forward, - . - - -	\$867 50
J. E. Chase, supplies furnished J. Ridley's family, - - - - -	2 98
City of Auburn, board, care and medical aid, furnished S. M. Getchell, - -	31 50
Edith Merrill, support of Mrs. Kendall to November 7, 1882, - - - - -	22 50
Treasurer of Maine Insane Hospital, support of Orrin Danforth, to November 30, 1882, - - - - -	17 59
George W. Earle, board and care of George Stevens, - - - - -	15 00
Cyrus Kendrick, medical services, George Stevens, - - - - -	2 50
Town of Wales, care and supplies furnished Charles Ridley, - - - - -	75 44
F. E. Sleeper, medical attendance, C. Ridley,	27 00
H. M. Blake, medical attendance, C. Ridley,	25 00
Cost off Poor Farm, - - - - -	\$332 35
Cost on Poor Farm, including sum paid for Steers, Horse, and Mowing Machine, - - - - -	\$710 79
	<u>\$1043 14</u>
Deduct cost of Steers, Horse, and Mowing Machine, - - - - -	\$266 00
Actual cost of poor, - - - - -	\$777 14
Balance against the Town, - - - - -	\$175 64

Value of Town Farm, and Stock and Property thereon,
March 1, 1883.

Value of Town Farm and Tools,	\$2020 00
“ Stock on Town Farm, -	550 00
“ fifteen tons of Hay, at \$10,	150 00
“ provisions, etc. - -	140 00
Cash in hands of the Superintendent	
of the Town Farm, - -	10 00
	<hr/> \$2870 00

Names and Ages of Paupers on Poor Farm.

Mary Nevens, - - - -	aged 80 years.
Julia Tibbetts, - - - -	aged 61 years.
Sanford Goodwin, - - - -	aged 58 years.
Orrin Danforth, to October 16, -	aged 58 years.
William Danforth, to January 24, 1883,	aged 60 years.
Benjamin G. Huntington, - -	aged 80 years.
Charles Ridley, from February 1, 1883,	aged 32 years.

Frank P. Bickford and wife were hired to superintend the Poor Farm, for the year ending April 1, 1883, at two hundred and forty dollars per year.

TOWN DEBT BEARING INTEREST.

Sum raised by Town to pay interest on			
town debt, - - - -	\$250 00		
Money loaned to pay on town debt, -	850 00		
		\$1100 00	
Paid on principal of town debt, - -	\$942 00		
Paid interest, - - - - -	80 00		
		\$1022 04	
Balance in favor of town,		\$77 96	

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources, - -	\$13,863 24	
Paid for support of schools, - -	\$1744 28	
Incidental town expenses, - -	1169 24	
Paid for support of poor, - -	1043 14	
Town debt and interest, - -	1022 04	
State and County taxes, - -	2750 51	
School fund undrawn, - - -	404 01	
Balance on Selectmen's book, March		
1, 1883, - - - -	5730 02	
		\$13,863 24

W. G. WEBBER,	}	Selectmen of Litchfield.
E. N. BAKER,		
C. B. PREBLE.		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year, ending February 22, 1883, also a statement of the town debt and the amounts due from the several Collectors, etc :

Cash in Treasury, February 25, 1882, - \$250 60

Loaned to pay demands against the Town, 850 00

Received from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for

1879, - - - - - 177 79

Received from Eli Merriman, Collector for

1880, - - - - - 396 00

Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for

1881, - - - - - 1803 00

Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for

1882, - - - - - 970 00

Received from Overseers of Poor, for

produce sold from Town Farm, - 70 00

Received from the same, it being money

received from the town of Athens for

support of George Stevens, - - 47 50

Received from Selectmen on delinquent

highway taxes, - - - - 13 88

Received of State Treasurer, School

Fund and Mill Tax, - - - 611 37

————— \$5190 14

Paid out as follows :

For support of Schools,	-	-	-	\$1744	28	
“ Incidentals,	-	-	-	1169	24	
“ Support of Poor,	-	-	-	1057	19	
“ Town Debt,	-	-	-	1022	04	
Cash in Treasury February 22, 1883,	-			197	39	
						\$5190 14

Statement of Town Debt.

Due from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for						
1879,	-	-	-	-	\$12	39
Due from Eli Merriman, Collector for 1880,	330	73				
“ “ Samuel Smith,	“	“	1881,	403	14	
“ “ “ “	“	“	1882,	2325	21	
“ “ “ “	“	“	1881,			
on delinquent Highway Taxes,	-			47	89	
Due from Samuel Smith on Highway Tax of						
1882, and delinquent highway of 1881,	3025	99				
Cash in Treasury February 22, 1883,				197	39	
						\$6342 74
Outstanding notes and interest						
on same,	-	-	-	-	\$2215	00
Balance in favor of Town,	-	-	-	4127	74	
						\$6342 74

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, February 22, 1883.

The Treasurer's accounts show he had Cash

W. G. Webber, for services as Selectman, Assessor

and Overseer of Poor,	-	-	-	-	\$76 25
E. N. Baker, for same service,	-	-	-	-	66 75

C. B. Preble, for same service,	-	-	-	-	39 75
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	23 75
Gardiner Roberts, Junior, Town Clerk,	-	-	-	-	12 65
Henry Taylor, Superintending School Committee,	-	-	-	-	19 75
A. C. True,	"	"	"	-	21 25
Prescott Keyes, Junior, Sup't School Committee,	-	-	-	-	19 60
G. W. Springer, Constable,	-	-	-	-	6 00
D. S. Springer, Town Agent,	-	-	-	-	2 00

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, February 22, 1883.



SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

Amount of money raised by the town	-	\$1200 00
Amount of State School Fund	- -	135 13
Amount of State Mill Tax	- - -	440 31

DISTRICT NO. 1. (Corner.)—NOAH N. VERNEY, Agent.

Summer term—Miss JOSIE H. VERNEY, teacher. Whole number attending, 30 ; average number attending, 26 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.75 per week.

We found this school rather restless, but at the close we were pleased to note a decided improvement in this respect. The pupils showed an excellent understanding of the principles they had been taught.

Fall term.—Same teacher. Miss VERNEY continued her labors here with gratifying results.

Scholars not absent one-half day : Edith E. Stewart, Gertrude Lydston, Gracie May Higgins, George Waterman, Eddie Verney, Chapin Lydston, Wallace Stewart.

Winter term—C. D. NEWELL, teacher. Whole number attending, 36 ; average number attending, 33 ; length of term, 60 days ; wages of teacher, \$36 00 per month.

Mr. NEWELL understood the requirements of this school. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and the amount of work accomplished was very satisfactory. The deportment of this school was very gratifying to us. We would recommend Mr. NEWELL to future agents.

Scholars not absent one-half day : Effie Lyle, Gertie Lydston, Hattie Baker, Edith Stewart, Warren Smith, Horace Buker, George Waterman.

Number of scholars not spoken to for misdemeanor during the term : Effie Lyle, Gertie Lydston, Hattie Baker, Mertie Snow, Edith Stewart, Warren Smith, George Waterman, Eddie Verney, Horace Buker.

DISTRICT NO. 2. (South Oak Hill.)—ASA NUTTING, Agent.

Spring term—Miss CARRIE M. WRIGHT, teacher. Whole number attending, 21 ; average number attending, 16 ; length of term, 30 days ; wages of teacher, \$2 75 per week.

We visited the school at the commencement of the term, and found Miss W. trying to discharge her duty. The scholars were restless, but we hoped this would soon be overcome. Not receiving notice of the close of this school in season to visit it, we are unable to report the results of her labors.

Winter term—Miss JOSIE E. WILLIAMS, Long Island, teacher. Whole number attending, 10 ; average number attending, 8 ; length of term, 58 days.

Although a native of Litchfield, Miss W. was educated in the excellent schools of Long Island, and being a graduate of a "High School," she was amply qualified to take charge of any school in town. Although the teacher found the scholars few and backward, she entered upon her duties with an energy and zeal that knew no failure. By her energy and perseverance, she soon called forth in a measure, the latent powers of her pupils. Her methods of teaching primary Arithmetic and reading were superior. A class who at our first visit could not name the letters correctly, were able to read quite nicely at our last visit.

We found here a mixed condition of text books, which we hope will be remedied before the commencement of another term.

DISTRICT NO. 3. (Waterman.)—WM. T. BUKER, Agent.

Summer term—Miss MARCIA E. PAINE, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 10; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, \$3 45 per week.

Miss P. is an experienced teacher, having taught in the city schools of Bath for a long time. She is energetic, and discharges her duty faithfully. Her methods of instructing primary scholars are superior. At both visits the room was tidy, and teacher and pupils diligent. This was a good school.

Pupils not absent one-half day: George Powers, Arthur Waldron, Estelle Fogg, Martha Hutchings, Lena Allard, Lizzie Douglass.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 19; average number attending, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, \$5 00 per week.

Miss PAINE entered on her second term with a determination to do good to her pupils, and knowing their wants, began work at once in good earnest. The term was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 4. (Hall.)—WALTER KNIGHT, Agent.

No summer term. Winter term—HERBERT J. CARVILLE of Lewiston, teacher. Whole number attending, .. ; average number attending, .. ; length of term, .. ; wages of teacher, ...

Mr. CARVILLE's success in this school last winter was noted in the report of 1881. No teacher with Mr. CARVILLE's experience, wise discretion and sound judgment, can fail to do better work the second term.

Mr. C.'s order was just the kind we would like to see in every school in this town—strict, but not stringent ; scholars free, but not disrespectful.

Our last visit was made two weeks before the close of the term, so no preparation was made for an examination ; but all classes appeared in such manner as to meet our approbation.

We can heartily recommend Mr. CARVILLE to any agent in town.

DISTRICT NO. 5. (Grant.)—HEMAN HOWARD, Agent.

Summer term—FLORA E. SPEAR of West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 10 ; average number attending, 7 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, \$2 50 per week.

Miss SPEAR commenced her labors with a full realization of of important work before her, and a strong desire to discharge well her duties. Sickness entering the school, it was suspended three weeks. A vacation (unless the term be long,) will always impede, somewhat, the progress of any school. Notwithstanding this, the few scholars present at our last visit, showed good advancement in all branches taught.

Winter term—Miss CARRIE L. HINTON, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 11 ; average number attending, 10 ; length of term, 60 days ; wages of teacher, \$3 00 per week.

We were much pleased with the appearance of this school, at the commencement of the term. We found the scholars well classified, and perfect harmony seemed to exist between them and their teacher, active, but quiet with their studies and in their recitations. During the term we made many enquiries and were invariably assured of a "good school." At the close we were happy to find all our hopes were realized. Order excellent. Classes in History, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, were deserving of great praise. Literary exercises at the examination, added much to our pleasure. Master Bertie Packard merited especial notice, as we never heard better and wiser answers from a lad of six.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Edgar Neal, Frank H. Woodbury, Nellie M. Howard, Mertie B. Howard.

DISTRICT NO. 6. (The North.)—JAMES W. TRUE, Agent.

Summer term—Miss COSTILLA E. ROGERS, teacher. Whole number attending, 29; average number attending, 27; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$3 00 per week.

No school in town contains better material for bright, active and thorough scholarship, than can be found in this school. Most of the pupils this term were young and just of that age to be mischievous and uneasy, needing the guiding hand of an experienced and well qualified instructor. We found Miss ROGERS very energetic and pleasant; had gained the esteem and won the respect of her pupils at our first visit. At the close we found all the classes had accomplished much, and passed a fine examination. Reading and spelling were almost perfect. We think no teacher with Miss R.'s youth and inexperience could have labored harder, or gained greater results, than did this teacher.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Nora B. True, Mattie B. True, Mattie Cunningham, Laura M. Meader, Cora E. True, Nerva M. Hall, Clinton True, Joseph K. True.

Winter term—Miss CARRIE TOWNSEND of Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 31; average number attending, 25; length of term, 65 days; wages of teacher, \$4 00 per week.

Miss TOWNSEND is young and inexperienced, but energetic and a good scholar. We trusted that she might do good work. At our first visit the teacher was ambitious and trying hard to discharge her duties faithfully. Many of the pupils were idle, yet we hoped that energy and discipline would overcome this obstacle. At our last visit we were sorry to find that the number of idlers had increased. Classes in mathematics answered the text quite readily, but were at a loss to explain principles involved in blackboard exercises. In Grammar and Geography little progress was noticeable. A class in Physiology received oral instruction, and thereby gained much valuable information.

Names of scholars not absent one-half day: Nathan True, Joseph K. True, Oscar Blanchard, Edward True, Nettie True.

DISTRICT NO. 7. (Baker.)—HENRY LUNT, Agent.

Summer term—Miss AUGUSTA H. EDGECOMB, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number attending, 13; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$5 00 per week.

Miss EDGECOMB has labored faithfully and successfully in our schools, and earned a good reputation. She is at home in the school-room, and loves her work. At both visits there was perfect harmony between teacher and pupils. Order, all that was necessary. Classes passed a good examination at the close, showing that all had labored diligently. Maps shown us need special mention.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Linnie S. Lunt, Ellie S. Robinson, Nellie Berry, Mary A. Berry, Radie E. Hodgkins, Rose B. Merrill, C. Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.

Winter term — Same teacher. Whole number attending, 20 ; average number attending, 18 ; length of term, 55 days ; wages of teacher, including board, \$6 00 per week.

Miss EDGECOMB not only sustained her former reputation as a first class teacher, but added fresh laurels to her crown of success.

Names of scholars not absent one-half day : Nellie Berry, Gracie E. Getchell, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mary A. Berry, Mary E. Colby, Frank O. Berry, Rose B. Merrill, Radie E. Hodgkins, Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.

DISTRICT NO. 8. (Patten.) — S. O. PATTEN, Agent.

Fall term — Miss ANGIE CURTIS of Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending, . . ; average number attending, . . ; length of term, . . ; wages of teacher, . . .

Although this is our smallest school, yet this term was a profitable one. The teacher manifested a good interest and discharged her duties faithfully. At the close the scholars were prompt, and order good.

DISTRICT NO. 9. (Steventown.) — CHARLES A. EDGECOMB, Agent.

Summer term — Miss ALICE C. COTTON, teacher. Whole number attending, 16 ; average number attending, 10 ; length of term, 50 days ; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week.

No teacher in town ranked higher in scholarship than Miss Cotton. At our first visit we found everything pertaining to the interests of the school very satisfactory. At the closing examination, we considered the progress of the majority of the classes was hardly up to the standard.

Many of the pupils manifested too much hesitancy and inattention to be commended.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day : Addie F. Newell, Jennie L. Newell, Eugene L. Harriman, Minnie B. Stevens, Mabel P. Stevens, Blanche F. Weston, Gracie E. Getchell.

Winter term — Same teacher. Whole number attending, 17 ; average number attending, 14 ; length of term, 66 days ; wages of teacher, \$4.25 per week.

This school appeared well at our first visit and we hoped that the district would enjoy a good school. At our last visit, some classes gave evidence of good work, while others did not meet our expectations. Had the teacher drawn the reins of government a little closer, it would have been to the advantage of all concerned.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day : Minnie B. Stevens, Mabel P. Stevens, Blanche F. Weston, Herbert D. Williams, Henry Williams, Adelbert P. Harriman, Eugene L. Harriman.

DISTRICT NO. 10. (Earle.)—GEORGE W. SPRINGER, Agent.

Summer term — Miss NELLIE LIBBEY, teacher. Register not returned.

This was Miss LIBBEY's first experience as a teacher. The school was small, consisting of but eight scholars. Miss LIBBEY labored faithfully with her little band, and the school was a success.

Winter term — Miss JOSIE H. VARNEY, teacher. Whole number attending, 12 ; average number attending, 10 ; length of term, 45 days ; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

We have already mentioned Miss VARNEY's labors in district number 1, as being successful, and she worked here with the same good results.

Number of scholars not absent one-half day, Philip Hodgekins, Ara Libbey.

DISTRICT NO. 11. (Purgatory Mills.) — CHARLES PREBLE,
Agent.

Spring term — Miss HATTIE M. PIERCE, of Monmouth, teacher. Whole number attending, 34; average number attending, 28; length of term, 20 days; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

Miss PIERCE, is a fine scholar and a good instructor. We found this school well classified, scholars attentive, and methods of instruction good. The teacher at once won the love and respect of her pupils, and we predicted a term of profit.

On account of the Canker Rash appearing in the district, it was necessary to close it at the end of the fourth week, greatly to the regret of scholars and parents.

Fall term — Miss DELVINA E. COOMBS, of Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending, 32; average number attending, 29; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, per week.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Frank Goodwin, Robert Allen, David Allen, Eddie Preble, Willie Preble, Homer Glidden, Carrie Smith, Alice Crossman, Maud Bartlett, Mamie Powers, Edith Glidden, Mary Allen, Mamie Robinson, Abbie Merriman, Genie Bartlett.

Miss PIERCE gave such general satisfaction during the summer term, she was employed for the fall term. On account of sickness she was compelled to close at the end of the second week, when the services of Miss COOMBS, were secured. Miss COOMBS has had experience in teaching, and being a good scholar we were confident that she would be successful. At the close we were well pleased with the progress made during the term. The order was good and the scholars manifested marked interest in their work. Classes in Arithmetic and Geography, gave evidence of a thorough knowledge of the ground gone over.

We can recommend her to future agents.

Winter term—Miss FLORA ROGERS. Whole number attending, ; average number attending, ; length of school, days ; wages of teacher, .

This school is still in session. At our visit at the commencement of the term, all appearances were toward a successful close.

DISTRICT NO. 12. (Brick.) — WILLIAM F. ADAMS, Agent.

Summer term—Miss FLORA AYER, teacher. Whole number attending, 4 ; average number attending, 4 ; length of term, 30 days ; wages of teacher, \$3.75, including board. This school is small. We had confidence in Miss AYER's ability to teach a good school. She was pleasant in the school-room, thereby gaining the good will of her scholars, who manifested their love for her by trying to please her, and the school made good progress.

Winter term—ROLAND T. TRUE, teacher. Whole number attending, 6 ; average number attending, $5\frac{1}{2}$; length of term, 45 days.

This was Mr. TRUE's first attempt as a teacher, and although his school was small, and he had hard work to create an interest in so small a school, yet the school showed at the closing examination that the scholars had received good instruction during the term.

Scholars not absent one-half day, Daniel Adams, Hattie Ashford, Louise Ashford.

DISTRICT NO. 13. (North Oak Hill.) — PHILIP LARRABEE, Agent.

Summer term—Miss COSTILLA E. ROGERS, teacher. Whole number attending, 15 ; average number attending, 13 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week.

This is a pleasant school and was well taught. At our first visit, the room was orderly, scholars studious and the teacher interested in her work. At the closing examination, we were well satisfied that the term had been profitable. Classes in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar need special mention. Attention had been given to map drawing, and the specimens exhibited showed taste and skill. The small scholars had not been neglected and the oral exercises were excellent.

Scholars not absent one-half day : Gertie A. Frost, Edith M. Pincin, Harrie M. Frost, Willie J. Frost, Guy M. Jordan, Bertie L. Larrabee, Pearlie Pincin.

Winter term. — ERNEST CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Whole No. attending, 12 ; average number attending, 11 ; length of term, 35 days ; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to visit this school until the second week, when we found the school in good condition. Teacher active and pleasant, and imparting such instruction as all members of society need. The scholars were prompt in their recitations, interested and studious in their labors, respectful and polite in their deportment toward the teacher and ourselves. At our last visit we were surprised and grieved to find ourselves alone with the teacher. We know not what the cause was, nor where the blame rested, but of this we are assured, no pupil should be allowed to be absent from the school-room, except in case of sickness, for habits formed in school-days, are usually the most indelible, and fruits of the acts there executed often cling through life.

A teacher can and should be removed if not discharging his duties faithfully, or if his services are unprofitable ; but he should be removed in a conscientious and legitimate manner.

DISTRICT NO. 14. (Farrin.)—JOSIAH MORRELL, Agent.

Summer term—Miss JENNIE McKENNEY, of Wales, and Miss FLORA E. ROGERS, teachers. Whole number attending, 22; average number attending, 19; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

This term was commenced by Miss JENNIE McKENNEY, who was obliged to resign her labors at the end of the first week, on account of sickness. The term was finished by Miss FLORA E. ROGERS, who had had charge of this school in previous terms, therefore she understood the wants of the school, and performed her duties with zeal and faithfulness as heretofore.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Cassie A. Bubier, Susie M. Bubier, Myra Bubier, Lulie C. Ray, Rosa Waterman, George Thurlow, Willie A. Ray, Freddie Bubier.

Winter term—H. O. BUKER, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number attending, 19; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, \$20 00 per month. .

Mr. BUKER labored earnestly with the pupils under his care. He took special pains in teaching each branch, and the school gave evidence of a thorough drill. This was a very successful and profitable term.

Four scholars were not absent during the term, but their names were not returned.

DISTRICT NO. 15. (Pottertown.)—GARDINER ROBERTS, JR.,
Agent.

Summer term—FLORA E. ROGERS, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 12; length of school, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$3 50 per week.

This school has been under the charge of first class teachers for a series of terms, and this term no backward steps were taken.

There seemed to be no need of discipline, as every scholar appeared to be anxious to be foremost in promoting the interest and efficiency of the school.

The closing examinations were extremely gratifying. Class in Grammar showed very careful instruction and earnest, patient study. Arithmetic classes were able to analyze all the principles studied. Map drawing was executed upon the black-board without reference, with ease, accuracy and dispatch, hard to excel

Scholars not absent one-half day : Emma E. Adams, Katie J. Nickerson, Mabel E. Norcross, Lillie M. Norcross, Alice M. Varney.

Winter term — MARK F. NEWTON, Andover, teacher. Whole number attending, 18 ; average number attending, 16 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, \$38.00, including board.

This school opened with brilliant prospects for a successful term, under the charge of an able teacher, who possesses all the qualifications to interest and instruct a school of this grade, and the closing examination convinced us that the teacher and scholars were united, and commendable progress was made. We hope to meet Mr. NEWTON again in the school-room.

Scholars not absent one-half day : Lawrence Adams, William Briery, Katie J. Nickerson, Mabel Norcross, Alice M. Varney.

REMARKS.

In closing our report we can only say, we are much pleased to report so many schools favorably, and equally grieved that a few have not met our approbation. Now future Agents, exercise well your judgment in selecting teachers for the ensuing

year. Let no prejudice, friends nor enemies swerve you from your duty, and much trouble will be avoided and an infinite amount of loss of valuable time saved to the members of your schools.

At the present time, no ignorant, idle person, can compete successfully with the educated and industrious.

A few school-houses need repairing, and all need attention before the beginning of the winter terms.

A good supply of, and an uniformity in text books, is absolutely necessary to the mental prosperity of your children. A little expense in this direction will not impoverish any one and *may* enrich many.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY TAYLOR,	}	Superintending
PRESCOTT KEYES, JR.		School Com. of
ALBERT C. TRUE,		Litchfield.

Litchfield, February 28, 1883.

Notice to Agents and Teachers.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they employ to teach, that the committee or Supervisor, will be in session for their examination, etc., at the Academy, as follows : For the summer schools, the last Saturday in April, and the first Saturday in May, at one o'clock, P. M. ; and the winter schools, the first and last Saturdays in November, at one o'clock, P. M.
