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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
Supervisor of Schools,
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the Municipal Year ending Feb. 20, 1885.

AUGUSTA, MAINE:
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH.
1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the municipal year ending February 20, 1885, present the following report, giving the sums received, and from what sources, to meet the payments of the town; also showing for what purposes, and to whom payments have been made.

VALUATION.

Resident Real Estate, - - - -	\$297,810 00
Non Resident Real Estate, - - - -	35,615 00
Resident Personal Property, - . - -	53,055 00
Non Resident Personal Property, - - - -	285 00
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	\$386,765 00

Number of polls, 304. Amount assessed on each poll, \$2.50.
Rate of taxation on a dollar .013.

Amount of money tax assessed for 1884, \$5783 62

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

State Tax for 1884, - - - -	\$1821 14
County Tax for 1884, - - - -	663 19
Incidental Town Expenses, - - - -	1000 00
Support of Poor, - - - -	700 00
Support of Schools, - - - -	1048 00
To pay interest on town debt, - - - -	250 00
To pay on town debt, - - - - *	250 00
Fractional Overlay, - - - -	51 29
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	\$5783 62

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1884,	\$5937 17
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer,	5783 62
	\$11,720 79

RESOURCES FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State	
Treasurer, - - - - -	\$1821 14
Assessed and committed to Collector and County	
Treasurer, - - - - -	663 19

RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1884,	\$209 60
Amount Apportioned 1884, - - -	1662 74
	\$1872 34
Paid for support of Schools, - -	\$1668 30
School Fund undrawn February 20, 1885,	204 04
	\$1872 34

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1884,	\$1000 00
Overlayings, - - - - -	51 29
	\$1051 29

Amount brought forward,

————— \$1051 29

Orders drawn on the Treasury for Incidental Town Expenses.		
Samuel Smith for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,		\$79 75
E. N. Baker, for same service, - -		76 50
C. B. Preble, for same service, - -		48 00
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer, - -		24 75
G. Roberts, Jr. Town Clerk, - - -		10 82
H. Taylor, Supervisor of Schools, - -		50 00
Chas. A. Metcalf, Town Auditor, - -		2 00
E. N. Baker, for services as Selectman, &c. from February 20, to March 3, 1884,		3 00
Samuel Smith, for same service, - -		8 50
C. B. Foster & Son, Plank furnished "Maxwell" Bridge, 1883, - -		14 48
W. S. Snow, services as Constable 1883,		2 00
Samuel Smith, taking inventory, 1883, -		6 00
G. A. Beale, books and stationery, - -		8 45
G. A. Beale, collector's book, - -		1 10
Benj. F. Bassett, setting monument on town line, - - - - -		1 50
C. B. Preble, services as selectman, &c. from February 20 to March 3, 1884, -		3 00
Eben Morrill, building road laid out on Oak Hill by County Commissioners, -		161 85
Maine Farmer, printing blank orders, -		3 00
Jos. H. Day, powder and fuse, - -		1 93
G. R. M. Wentworth, cedar posts for guide- boards, - - - - -		3 60
C. H. Hodgkins, stringers for "Jaquith" bridge,		13 50
Jordan, Frost & Co. lumber for guide-boards,		5 60

Amount brought forward, ————— \$1051 29

D. T. Smith and others, plank furnished	
"Tilden bridge, - - - - -	1 70
Aaron Peacock, stringers for "Jaquith" bridge,	10 00
B. W. Berry, services as constable for 1883,	2 00
James Springer and others, hauling cedar posts,	
setting same and putting up guide-boards,	8 25
J. Gray & Son, plank furnished "Jaquith"	
bridge, - - - - -	30 85
C. T. Hall, plank furnished Dist. No. 32,	2 00
Samuel Smith, commissions in full for	
collecting money taxes, 1882, -	84 64
Samuel Smith, commissions in full for	
collecting highway taxes, 1882,	
and deficient for 1881, - - -	42 36
John Purinton, plank furnished Godfrey bridge,	5 50
John O. Brown, plank furnished Dist. No. 1,	68
Thomas Holmes, recording inventory and	
Assessment, - - - - -	6 00
Thomas Holmes, record book and money	
paid out, - - - - -	7 45
E. Shorey, plank furnished Dist. No. 24,	3 26
Anson Gilman, painting guide-boards for town,	21 87
W. E. Robinson, hauling plank for "Jaquith"	
bridge, - - - - -	5 14
G. Roberts, Jr. cash paid for record book,	1 80
D. S. Springer, expenses as town treasurer,	5 87
Geo. A. Emerson, expenses as Selectman,	
cash paid out, - - - - -	3 70
Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for 1881,	14 38

Amount brought forward,	—————	\$1051 29
Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for 1882,	43 22	
Abated in Chas. M. Tibbett's tax bills for 1879, - - - - -	8 92	
Abated in S. H. Ring's tax bills for 1883,	36 95	
	—————	\$875 87
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Balance in favor of town,		175 42
	—————	
Balance brought forward,		175 42

Cash paid for overwork on highways,
1882, 1883 and 1884.

J. W. Tucker, labor in Dist. No. 5, 1882, 1883,	\$9 00
G. H. Palmer, 5, 1882, 1883,	4 01
Jos. W. Earle, 1, 1882, 1883,	1 67
Patten & Purinton, 26, 1882, 1883,	4 25
John Dunham, 38, 1883, 1884,	3 00
Rufus S. Maxwell, 22, 1883, 1884,	7 05
F. T. Harriman, 17, 1883, 1884,	15 60
Levi Harriman, 17, 1883, 1884,	20 42
Henry A. True, 17, 1883, 1884,	11 00
Chas. Frost, 33, 1882, 1883,	4 69
R. J. Campbell, 14, 1883, 1884,	3 00
H. M. Hunkins, 15, 1883, 1884,	13 07
Phillip Larrabee, 34, 1883, 1884,	5 81
Eben Toothaker, 24, 1883, 1884,	7 00
F. E. Baker, 7, 1883, 1884,	15 00
W. C. Knight, 31, 1883, 1884,	11 44
E. B. Woodard, 3, 1883, 1884,	2 48

Amount brought forward, \$175 42

A. C. Ashford,	3, 1883, 1884,	4 50
Wm. Lyle,	3, 1883, 1884,	3 31
Freeman W. Jordan,	30, 1883, 1884,	4 67
Wm. Merryman,	4, 1883, 1884,	10 00
Henry Huntington,	4, 1883, 1884,	6 00
W. S. Rowe,	4, 1883, 1884,	1 68
Fred M. Babcock,	40, 1883, 1884,	6 00
Albert Newell,	19, 1883, 1884,	4 11
Wm. C. Bowley,	19, 1883, 1884,	8 26
Alonzo Gowell,	19, 1883, 1884,	3 08
Summer Clark,	39, 1884,	12 75
B. F. Bassett,	9, 1883, 1884,	6 33
John Bolden,	9, 1883, 1884,	5 00
D. B. Allen,	9, 1883, 1884,	6 00
F. J. Slowman,	33, 1883, 1884,	3 70
D. W. Robinson,	17, 1883, 1884,	55
J. F. Small,	17, 1883, 1884,	5 66
A. Douglass,	11, 1883, 1884,	18 25
H. S. Howard,	11, 1883, 1884,	6 00
Joseph Woodbury,	11, 1883, 1884,	14 00
A. Neal,	11, 1883, 1884,	6 00
T. C. McCausland,	11, 1883, 1884,	2 00
R. J. Campbell and others,	11, 1884,	16 25
W. E. Robinson,	20, 1884,	6 90
Jos. Welch,	20, 1884,	17 25
A. P. Berry,	20, 1884,	25 37
James T. Gray,	9, 1883, 1884,	3 50
C. T. Hall,	32, 1884, 1885,	10 63
O. C. Googins,	13, 1882, 1883,	3 83
Wm. Bubier,	28, 39, 1883, 1884,	9 25
Phillip Larrabee,	34, 1883, 1884,	9 51
Wm. M. Cunningham,	12, 1883, 1884,	7 00
		<hr/> \$385 83
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$210 41

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Sum raised and committed to collector and		
treasurer by town, for repairs of highways		
for the year 1883,	- - -	\$3000 00
Overlayings,	- - - - -	129 40
		\$3129 40

Money expended in labor for repairs of
highways in the several districts, for
the years 1883, 1884 to May 2, 1884.

Geo. W. Earle and others, Dist. No. 1 & 2,	\$334 30
H. F. Woodard and others,	3, 68 66
Henry Huntington and others,	4, 62 29
G. H. Palmer and others,	5, 92 66
Jesse T. True and others,	6, 61 28
F. E. Baker and others,	7, 76 34
Augustus Goodwin and others,	8, 28 62
H. A. Blackwell and others,	9, 70 15
Simeon Goodwin, and others,	10, 71 03
A. Douglass and others,	11, 58 00
E. P. and A. C. True and others,	12, 73 96
O. C. Googins and others,	13, 50 69
R. J. Campbell, and others,	14, 101 11
H. M. Hunkins and others	15, 53 32
Frank T. Bailey and others,	16, 44 89
F. T. Harriman and others,	17, 61 48
Lorenzo Metcalf and others,	18, 84 30
W. C. Bowley and others,	19, 65 49
B. W. Berry and others,	20, 134 09
Frank C. Wyman and others,	21, 127 80
Josiah Weymouth and others,	22, 52 90
H. S. Payne and others,	23, 69 06

Amount brought forward,	—————	\$3129 40
Eben Toothaker and others,	24,	75 74
M. W. Adams and others,	25,	52 48
Charles Jack and others,	26,	72 96
L. E. Dennison and others,	28,	27 56
Daniel Campbell and others,	29,	48 08
W. S. Jordan and others,	30,	64 71
W. C. Knight and others,	31,	7 56
C. T. Hall and others,	32,	24 48
Chas. Frost and others,	33,	58 59
Phillip Larrabee and others,	34,	67 39
H. N. Jordan and others,	35,	30 27
G. N. Thurlow and others,	36,	45 16
Sumner Clark and others,	37,	56 72
David Godfrey and others,	38,	30 86
James Carville and others,	39,	25 38
Fred M. Babcock and others,	40,	37 86
	—————	\$2568 22
Balance unexpended May 2, 1884,		\$561 18

Orders drawn on the Treasury for tax on
the Highways for the year 1882 and
delinquent tax of 1881.

Geo. W. Earle and others, Dist. No. 1 & 2,	\$112 98	
J. W. Tucker and others,	5,	18 62
Eli Merriman and others,	7,	59 62
D. B. Allen and others,	9,	12 12
Simeon Goodwin and others,	10,	6 52
Leander Metcalf and others,	15,	1 50
F. T. Bailey and others,	16,	2 91
H. A. True and others,	17,	8 31
Lorenzo Metcalf and others,	18,	10 39
Wm. Wyman and others,	21,	30 07
H. S. Payne and others,	23,	13 12
J. A. Chase and others,	24,	10 44
Chas. Jack and others,	26,	20 09
H. P. King and others,	28,	37 63
C. T. Hall and others,	32,	4 83
		<u> </u>
		\$349 15

Sum raised by town for repairs of highways and committed to high- way road surveyors, 1884.	- -	\$3500 00	
Overlayings,	- - - -	43 07	
		<u> </u>	\$3543 07

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for support of poor,	\$700 00	
Receipts over supplies and labor of superintendant on Poor Farm for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1884,	12 66	
	<hr/>	\$712 66

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from January 1st, to April 1st, 1884, -	\$41 21	
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. on Poor Farm to April 1, 1884, - -	57 50	
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. on Poor Farm to July 1, 1884 - -	60 00	
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from April 1st, to July 1st, 1884, -	41 88	
I. W. Buker, horse cart for Town Farm,	8 00	
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. on Poor Farm to Oct. 1st, 1884, - -	60 00	
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from July 1st to Oct. 1st, 1884, -	42 47	
J. A. Hutchinson, threshing grain on Town Farm, - - - -	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$313 46

Support of Poor off Town Farm.

Edith Merrill, support of Mrs. Kendall from Feb. 7, 1884 to Feb. 7, 1885,	\$30 00	
State Reform School for support of Frederick Crawford, from January 1st, to May 14th, 1884, - - -	19 43	<u> </u>
		\$49 43
Balance in favor of town,		<u> </u> \$349 77

Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon,
February 20, 1885.

Value of Town Farm, - - - - - \$1800 00

Live Stock.

1 Horse, - - - - -	\$75 00
1 pair oxen, - - - - -	160 00
3 cows, - - - - -	90 00
1 1 year old, - - - - -	10 00
2 Swine, - - - - -	15 00
40 Hens, - - - - -	15 00
	<u> </u> \$365 00

Hay.

9 tons hay, - - - - -	\$90 00
5 tons meadow hay, - - - - -	25 00
	<u> </u> \$115 00

Provisions.

250 lbs. shorts,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 50
5 bushels mixed grain,	-	-	-	-	-	3 25
6 bushels shelled corn,	-	-	-	-	-	4 50
40 lbs. fresh pork,	-	-	-	-	-	3 20
10 bushels beans,	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
3 barrels No. 1 apples,	-	-	-	-	-	5 25
12 bushels No. 2 apples,	-	-	-	-	-	3 50
200 lbs. pork,	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
3 bushels onions,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
22 lbs. lard,	-	-	-	-	-	2 20
2 galls. canned fruit,	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
40 bushels potatoes,	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
40 galls. cider,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
7 lbs. butter,	-	-	-	-	-	1 75
1-3 barrel flour,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
3 lbs. sugar,	-	-	-	-	-	23
1-2 lb. tea,	-	-	-	-	-	30
1 lb. soda,	-	-	-	-	-	06
						<hr/> \$86 49

Farming Tools.

Ox cart,	-	-	-	-	-	\$12 00
2 plows,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
1 harrow,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
3 ox chains,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
1 cultivator,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
1 ox sled,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 horse sled,	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
1 horse cart,	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
1 mowing machine.	-	-	-	-	-	35 00
1 drag,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 yoke bows, ring and staple,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50

RESOURCES FOR TOWN DEBT.

Sum raised by town to pay interest on town debt, - - - -	\$250 00	
Sum raised by town to pay on town debt,	250 00	
Money hired to pay on town debt, -	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 00
Paid principal and interest on town debt,		739 03
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Balance against the town,		\$39 03

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources, -		\$12,757 79
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Incidental town expenses, - -	\$1261 70	
Paid for support of poor, - -	362 89	
Paid on town debt and interest, -	739 03	
State and county taxes, - -	2484 33	
Paid for support of schools, -	1668 30	
School fund undrawn, - -	204 04	
Paid for repairs on highways, -	2917 37	
Balance on Selectmen's book, February 20, 1885, -	3120 13	
	<hr/>	\$12,757 79

THOMAS HOLMES,	}	Selectmen
R. W. CUNNINGHAM,		of
GEO. A. EMERSON,		Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20, 1885, also a statement of the town debt and the amounts due from the several collectors, etc. :

Cash in Treasury February 21, 1884,	\$143 16
Hired to pay demands against the Town,	200 00
Received of Charles Tibbetts, Collector of 1879, - - - - -	12 39
Received of Samuel Smith, Collector of 1881, - - - - -	33 14
Received of Samuel Smith, Collector of 1882, - - - - -	524 21
Received of Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1883, - - - - -	1540 00
Received of Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1884, - - - - -	1240 00
Received of Samuel Smith on highway tax of 1882, - - - - -	487 84
Received of Stillman H. Ring on high- way tax of 1883, - - - - -	2568 22
Received from Overseers of the Poor, it being receipts over supplies, quarter ending Dec. 31, 1884,	12 66
Received of State Treasurer, School Fund, - - - - -	586 75
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$7348 37

Paid out as follows :

For support of schools, - - -	\$1668 30	
For incidentals, - - -	875 87	
For Town Debt, - - -	739 03	
For support of poor, - - -	375 89	
For money paid on highways, - -	384 79	
On highway tax of 1882, - - -	349 15	
On highway tax of 1883, - - -	2568 22	
Cash in Treasury, February 20, 1885,	387 12	
	<u> </u>	\$7348 37

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from Samuel Smith, Collector of 1882	\$20 00	
Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1883 - - - - -	418 15	
Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1884, - - - - -	2059 29	
On highway of 1883, - - -	561 18	
Cash in Treasury, February 20, 1885,	387 12	
	<u> </u>	\$3445 74
Outstanding notes and interest on same,	\$1541 50	
Balance in favor of Town, - -	1904 24	
	<u> </u>	\$3445 74

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, February 20, 1885.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Auditor would respectfully submit the following report :

I have made a careful examination and comparison of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts, and find them kept in a neat and business-like manner, and that they agree. Orders properly signed were found on file in the hands of the Treasurer for all money paid out by him. Bills properly vouched were produced by the Selectmen for all orders drawn by them.

The Treasurer's accounts show he had			
cash on hand February 21, 1884,	-	-	\$143 16
Received during the year,	-	-	\$7205 21
			\$7348 37
He has paid out during the same time,	-	-	6961 25

Leaving a balance in his hands February 20, 1885 of \$387 12

I have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the municipal year, ending February 20, 1885, and allowed them as follows :

Thomas Holmes, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	-	-	-	-	\$73 00
R. W. Cunningham, for same service,	-	-	-	-	54 00
Geo. A. Emerson, for same service,	-	-	-	-	57 00
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	24 75
Gardiner Roberts, Jr. Town Clerk,	-	-	-	-	13 51
Prescott Keyes, Jr. Supervisor of Schools,	-	-	-	-	60 75
J. E. Chase, Town Agent.					
Wm. S. Snow, Constable.					

CHAS. A. METCALF, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, February 20, 1885.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:

Your Supervisor submits the following report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1885:

Amount of money raised by the town,	-	\$1048 00
Amount of State School Fund and Mill Tax,		565 36

DISTRICT NO. 1. JOSEPH HATCH, Agent.

Summer term—Miss ETTA M. WYMAN, teacher. Number attending, 32; average number attending, 27; length of term 11 weeks; wages of teacher including board \$5.00 per week.

This school as a whole made fair progress. Miss Wyman having taught but three terms, we were somewhat anxious as to her success in this school. We found 29 scholars present at our first visit. The order all that was necessary and the teacher evidently trying to make her services profitable.

We visited this school again toward the middle of the term, and was well pleased with the manner in which it was conducted. At the close we found the interest in the school somewhat abated, owing in a measure to a break in the term by sickness.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Edith Stewart, Mary Kindrick, Rose Waterman, Gertie Lydston, Lena Gilbert, Lettie Bubier, Abbie Earle, Eltie Bubier, Walter Earle.

Winter term—HENRY TAYLOR, teacher. Number attending 41; average number 35; length of term ———; wages of teacher, \$35 per month. Mr. Taylor, having had the experience of 39 terms in the school-room was well suited to the wants of this school.

His methods in the school-room are exemplary. Believing that good order is the basis of every good school, and that thorough instruction is equally necessary, Mr. Taylor is sure to make his services profitable. At each visit the school appeared to be interested. Class in Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic completed the book, and were prompt on examination. Small scholars have been well taught. The primer class numbering thirteen, have done admirably. Reading and spelling have received due attention. Lena Gilbert did not miss a word in spelling during the term.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Wallace W. Stewart, Lena M. Gilbert, Walter T. Earle, Grace Higgins, Norman F. Higgins, Lottie Curtis.

DISTRICT NO. 2. DEXTER W. DANFORTH, Agent.

Spring term—FRED E. MITCHELL, teacher. Number attending 18; average number 15; length of school 29 days; wages of teacher, \$22.00 per month.

This school made as much progress as we could expect, considering the mixture of text books with which it is supplied.

Mr. Mitchell is mild in his government, nevertheless his order was sufficient. Our examination visit was made on the last afternoon of the term, and we were much surprised to find the school-room vacated, and the school indulging in out of door sports. Beholding our approach, they returned from the neighboring hill-side, and we made a thorough examination showing that as a whole, the work in the school-room had been well done.

Scholars not absent one-half day : George A. Danforth, Jennie S. Mitchell.

Winter term—Miss MARY N. MITCHELL, teacher. Number attending 15 ; average number 12 ; length of term 11 weeks ; wages of teacher \$3.50.

This school opened favorably, and we were impressed from its general appearance that the term would be well taught. When we made our closing visit, we learned that the school was closed on account of sickness, consequently we cannot report the progress and discipline.

Pupil not absent one-half day : Jennie Mitchell.

DISTRICT NO. 3. D. N. FOGG, Agent.

Summer term—Miss CLARA E. WYMAN, teacher. Number attending 14 ; average number 12 ; length of school 8 weeks ; wages of teacher including board, _____

This term was well taught by Miss Wyman, who possesses the qualifications necessary to instruct and govern successfully.

Her easy manner and kind words soon won the love of her pupils, and obedience seemed a pleasure rather than a task.

The examination was very interesting to those present. The several classes showed a thorough drill, and a good understanding of what they had been over. A class had been taught orally many useful ideas. Each scholar had given attention to writing, and the writing books showed a *decided* improvement in this useful art.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Martha Hutchings, Estelle Fogg, Maude Bates, Lena Allard, Eva Fogg, Arthur Waldron.

Winter term—CHARLES M. TIBBETTS, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 16; length of term 8 weeks; wages of teacher \$30.00 per month.

This term has been under the instruction of Mr. Tibbetts, whose almost constant labors in the school-room have well fitted him for his occupation. When we first visited this school, sixteen pupils were present. Well classed and under fair discipline. At our second visit which occurred one week before the close we were gratified with the amount and thoroughness of the work; but sorry to find the school a little noisy. This was a profitable term.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Martha E. Hutchings, Nellie D. Allard, Lena M. Allard, Estelle Fogg, Charles Wyman, George L. Powers, Sidney Buker.

DISTRICT NO. 4. WALTER KNIGHT, Agent.

Winter term — CHARLES F. STURTEVANT, teacher. Number attending 11; average number 7; length of term 6 weeks; wages of teacher \$25.00 per month.

Mr. Sturtevant is a good scholar, and having given satisfaction in schools of adjoining towns, we anticipated good results from his labors here.

We visited the school during the first week, and found a small, quiet school, teacher trying to discharge his duty faithfully. We were informed that six of the largest boys were absent for some cause unknown to the teacher. By request of the teacher, we were called during the third week to aid in a matter of discipline. Those concerned acknowledging their wrong and promising before us and the school, to give no further trouble, we decided it would be better to let them remain. Our next intelligence was that the school had closed, teacher finding himself deserted, he drawing pay for seven weeks, whereas he had taught but six,—comment is unnecessary. As to the work done in this school, we are unable to report as no examination was made.

DISTRICT NO. 5. HEMAN HOWARD, Agent.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE L. HINTON, teacher. Number attending 10; average number 10; length of school 8 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.50 per week.

Miss Hinton, having taught this school for several terms in succession, was thoroughly acquainted with the wants of her pupils.

We found the school well classified, instruction imparted in a manner readily comprehended and order first class.

At the closing examination, we were pleased to meet many of the parents and friends of the school. Scholars gave evidence of a thorough knowledge of what they had been over, and manifested a good interest in class work.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Frank H. Woodbury,
M. Howard, Hattie M. Woodbury, Mertie C. Howard.

The examination was very interesting to those present. The several classes showed a thorough drill, and a good understanding of what they had been over. A class had been taught orally many useful ideas. Each scholar had given attention to writing, and the writing books showed a *decided* improvement in this useful art.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Martha Hutchings, Estelle Fogg, Maude Bates, Lena Allard, Eva Fogg, Arthur Waldron.

Winter term—CHARLES M. TIBBETTS, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 16; length of term 8 weeks; wages of teacher \$30.00 per month.

This term has been under the instruction of Mr. Tibbetts, whose almost constant labors in the school-room have well fitted him for his occupation. When we first visited this school, sixteen pupils were present. Well classed and under fair discipline. At our second visit which occurred one week before the close we were gratified with the amount and thoroughness of the work; but sorry to find the school a little noisy. This was a profitable term.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Martha E. Hutchings, Nellie D. Allard, Lena M. Allard, Estelle Fogg, Charles Wyman, George L. Powers, Sidney Buker.

DISTRICT NO. 4. WALTER KNIGHT, Agent.

Winter term — CHARLES F. STURTEVANT, teacher. Number attending 11; average number 7; length of term 6 weeks; wages of teacher \$25.00 per month.

Mr. Sturtevant is a good scholar, and having given satisfaction in schools of adjoining towns, we anticipated good results from his labors here.

We visited the school during the first week, and found a small, quiet school, teacher trying to discharge his duty faithfully. We were informed that six of the largest boys were absent for some cause unknown to the teacher. By request of the teacher, we were called during the third week to aid in a matter of discipline. Those concerned acknowledging their wrong and promising before us and the school, to give no further trouble, we decided it would be better to let them remain. Our next intelligence was that the school had closed, teacher finding himself deserted, he drawing pay for seven weeks, whereas he had taught but six,—comment is unnecessary. As to the work done in this school, we are unable to report as no examination was made.

DISTRICT NO. 5. HEMAN HOWARD, Agent.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE L. HINTON, teacher. Number attending 10; average number 10; length of school 8 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.50 per week.

Miss Hinton, having taught this school for several terms in succession, was thoroughly acquainted with the wants of her pupils.

We found the school well classified, instruction imparted in a manner readily comprehended and order first class.

At the closing examination, we were pleased to meet many of the parents and friends of the school. Scholars gave evidence of a thorough knowledge of what they had been over, and manifested a good interest in class work.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Frank H. Woodbury,
M. Howard, Hattie M. Woodbury, Mertie C. Howard.

Winter term— Same teacher. Number attending, 12 ; average number, 12 ; length of term, 9 weeks ; wages of teacher—

This term, was a continuance of the good work done during the summer term, and reflects credit on teacher and scholars. Miss Hinton's untiring efforts in this school, have been crowned with success, and gives her a place among our best teachers.

Names of scholars not absent during the term : Mamie Neal, Nellie Howard, Hattie Woodbury, Mamie Packard, Bertie Packard, Irving Hinkley.

DISTRICT NO. 6. E. N. PINKHAM, Agent.

Summer term— Miss FANNIE W. TRUE, teacher. Number attending, 23 ; average number, 22 ; length of term, 45 days ; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week.

Under Miss True's instruction, this school has advanced steadily throughout the year. Each visit during the summer term, showed the school to be in good hands. We made a thorough examination at the close, and the manner in which the several classes acquitted themselves showed that neither pains nor effort had been spared. Classes all did well, but we would mention in particular the first class in geography, whose maps drawn without reference to the book, and ready answers to questions on the same, deserve special mention.

Pupils not absent one-half day : Hattie B. True, Cora E. True, Neva M. Hall, Margie I. True, Angie A. Bosworth, Maggie A. Bosworth, Helen P. True, Nathan C. True, Josie K. True, Roscoe E. Pinkham, Ned D. True, Harry L. Pinkham, Hiram H. True, Lewis P. True.

Fall term— Same teacher. Number attending, 21 ; average number, 19 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

The fall term was characterized by the same persistent efforts on the part of teacher and scholars, thus producing like good results.

A visit at the close of the term, showed that much had been accomplished. The oral classes had received considerable attention, and a class in physiology deserves special mention. Classes in arithmetic, were accurate and tasty in the arrangement of their work on the board. Algebra, history and reading, were very interesting.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Neva M. Hall, Cora E. True, Edward M. True, Nathan C. True, Roscoe E. Pinkham, Ned D. True, Harry L. Pinkham, Lewis P. True.

Winter — Same teacher. Number attending, 17; average, 14; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, \$5.75 per week, including board.

The choice of a teacher for the winter term, met our approval as Miss True, was thoroughly acquainted with the wants of each pupil; we regarded her services valuable to this school. Owing to sickness in the school the term was shortened one week, which time was to have been devoted to review. We were pleased with the many prompt and correct answers, given to review questions asked especially in history, and physical geography. Miss True has had the cooperation of her pupils during the year which has added greatly to the value of her labors.

Pupils not absent one-half day. Nathan C. True, Josie K. True, Ned D. True, Lewis P. True.

DISTRICT NO. 7. HENRY LUNT, Agent.

•Summer term — Miss AUGUSTA H. EDGECOMB, teacher. Whole number attending, 22; average number, 20; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

This district appreciate the labors of a good teacher, and know the advantages of employing the same teacher for a succession of terms. Miss Edgecomb's methods of instruction are superior, and those of government all that could be desired. That harmony between scholar and teacher, necessary to give the very best results, was noticeable at each visit. Miss Edgecomb, is a worker in the school-room, and inspires her pupils with the same spirit. At the examination, we were gratified to meet so many of the parents and friends of the school, whose good attention we can but compliment. The evidence of skillful labor on the part of the teacher, and *marked* progress on the part of the pupils, was very apparent.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Mary E. Allard, Mary A. Berry, Inez Davis, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mary E. Colby, Bertha L. Allard, Rose B. Merrill, Rachel E. Hodgkins, Lottie M. Colby, George N. Buker, Elmer Hodgkins, Earnest T. Small.

Winter term — Same teacher. Number attending, 19; average number, 17; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

The winter term was alike prosperous. Much had been accomplished. Order excellent at each visit.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Alice M. Tibbetts, Lottie M. Colby, Earnest T. Small.

DISTRICT NO. 8. JOHN PURINTON, Agent.

Fall term — LOTTIE W. CURTIS, teacher. Number attending, 15; average number, 12; length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher including board, \$4.25 per week.

This school was made up mostly of pupils from adjoining districts, there being but four, according to the agent's census return, belonging in the district.

We found this school well organized, and the teacher discharging her duties faithfully.

Order good and scholars studious. We felt assured that the term would be a profitable one. Not receiving notice in season to make a closing visit, we are unable to report in full.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Lizzie Douglass, Oscar Douglass, E. Eugene Purinton, Elmer I. Purinton.

DISTRICT NO. 9. D. W. ROBINSON, Agent.

Summer term — FLORA E. SPEAR, teacher. Number attending, 19; average number, 16; length of term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

This school was well taught by Miss Spear, who labored diligently with her pupils. Scholars present at the closing examination, made a good showing. Classes in arithmetic, geography, and grammar, had been well taught. Order good.

Owing to various causes that could not be avoided, not as many were present as at our first visit.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Nettie Harriman, Alice Williams, Clara E. Harriman, Jennie Newell.

Winter term — D. W. ROBINSON, teacher. Number attending, 13; average number, 11; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$28.00 per month.

Mr. Robinson may well be called a veteran teacher, having already taught 39 terms as shown by his register. Soon after commencement, we visited the school which was well started for a prosperous one.

At the final examination, we judged that the patrons of the school, had been greatly benefitted.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Adelbert Harriman, Eugene Harriman, Perley Robinson.

DISTRICT NO. 10. DAVID SPRINGER, Agent.

Fall term — H. J. CARVILLE, teacher. No. attending, 24; average number, 22; length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

Mr. Carville, we believe, was the right man, in the right place. We found him zealous and active and the school under good discipline. We felt assured that the school would advance while in his hands. We received no notice from the agent when this school would close, therefore we are unable to report the condition of the school from any personal knowledge.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Jennie A. Jordan, Hiram Morrill.

Winter term—same teacher. No. attending, 16; average number, 15; length of term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

The winter term made a good beginning and we have reason to believe that the term was a profitable one.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Jennie A. Jordan, Hiram Morrill, Lubion Rich.

DISTRICT NO. 11. ENOCH ADAMS, Agent.

Summer term—COSTILLA E. ROGERS, teacher. No. attending, 25; average number, 23; length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher including board, \$6.00 per week.

Miss Rogers is one of our best teachers and her labors in this school were commendable. At our first visit we were pleased with the general appearance of this school and anticipated a term of profit. At the closing examination our anticipations were realized. The term's work did not extend over a large extent of text-book, but thoroughness in the several branches taught, was noticeable. Considerable attention had been given to map drawing.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Maude Bartlett, Mary Allen, Mary Cram, Della A. James, Genie Bartlett, Estelle Glidden, Eddie Preble, Willie Preble, Homer Glidden, Harley Bartlett.

Fall term—same teacher. No. attending, 28; average, 25; length of term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

The fall term was also taught by Miss Rogers who labored faithfully with her pupils. Being thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the school, no time was lost in making preparation to begin. Our first visit found the school in good condition and the examination was satisfactory.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Clara Merriman, Edith Glidden, Mary Cram, Mary Allen, Lena Adams, Della James, Estelle Glidden, Genie Bartlett, David Allen, Willie Preble.

Winter term — Mr. DANIEL BROWN, teacher. Whole number attending, 35; average number, 30; length of term, 7 $\frac{2}{3}$ weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month.

This school began under favorable circumstances and at our first and only visit every thing seemed to warrant a profitable term. Mr. Brown is experienced, energetic and a faithful worker. We regret that the agent neglected to notify us of the close, whereby we are unable to estimate the progress of this school.

Pupils not absent one-half day: Robert Allen, David B. Allen, Eddie Preble, Willie Preble, Estelle Glidden, Ruth Glidden, Lena Adams, Mary Allen.

DISTRICT NO. 12. W. M. F. ADAMS, Agent.

Summer term — Miss EMILY ADAMS, teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average number, 9; length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$3.25 per week.

This small school found in Miss Adams all that was required for a successful term. At our first visit we felt confident that Miss A. would succeed. She is at home in the school-room and with experience will make one of our best teachers. At the examination we found the quality and quantity of the term's work satisfactory. A small class had been taught orally many ideas in geography and maps drawn by the first class are worthy to be mentioned.

Winter term — Mr. G. M. ROGERS, teacher. No. attending, 11; average number, 9; length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$25 per month. The winter term was taught by Mr. ROGERS with good success. At each visit the school was orderly

and manifested an interest in their studies. The examination gave us satisfaction, a good degree of advancement having been made and each branch thoroughly taught. Mr. Rogers was a profitable teacher. Names of scholars not absent one-half day : Scott Hutchinson, Daniel Adams.

DISTRICT NO. 13. EBENEZER MORRILL, Agent.

Summer term — MISS CARRIE M. WILLIAMS, teacher. No. attending, 10 ; average number, 7 ; length of term, 7 weeks ; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week. Miss Williams is a student of the Waterville Classical Institute. On examination she proved herself to be a good scholar and well suited to the work in which she was to engage. When we visited the school it appeared well. The examination showed fair progress in the different branches. Class in grammar taught orally had learned many of the fundamental principles of this useful study.

Winter term — MRS. C. B. STOVER, teacher. No. attending, 16 ; average number, 11 ; length of term, 12 weeks ; wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week.

Mrs. Stover is a teacher of experience and a good disciplinarian. She entered on her duties with a determination to succeed. We found the teacher active and evidently desirous of making her school both interesting and profitable. A class in Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic and one in the Elementary Algebra completed the book. Class in fractions and a class in writing have been well taught. Pupils not absent one-half day : Willie Frost.

DISTRICT NO. 14. SUMNER CLARK, Agent.

Summer term — MARY N. MITCHELL, teacher. Whole No. attending, 16 ; average number, 13 ; length of term, 8 weeks ; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week. Miss Mitchell having had the experience of seven terms, knew well the duties of the school-room. At our first visit we found the school well classified and interested. Some of the smaller ones were rather

uneasy but we felt that Miss M. was capable of obviating this. We were satisfied at the close of the term that much had been accomplished and that the term had been a profitable one.

Pupils not absent one-half day : Lulie C. Ray, Susie Bubier, Myra Bubier, Willie A. Ray.

Winter term — LYMAN C. WATERMAN, teacher. No. attending, 17; average number, 15; length of term, 14 weeks; wages of teacher, \$28.00 per month.

Throughout the term the interest manifested in this school has been good. Mr. Waterman is mild in discipline yet we found the order all that was necessary. The classes have been well instructed. Pupil not absent one-half day : Myra Bubier.

DISTRICT NO. 15. M. S. H. ROGERS, Agent.

Summer term — MISS JOSIE H. VARNEY, teacher. Number attending, 10; average number, 9; length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week.

Miss Varney is a fine scholar and was especially adapted to the wants of this school. At our respective visits we were pleased to note an orderly and studious school. Our last visit was made very interesting by the reading classes. Exercises in elocution had evidently aroused a deep interest in this important branch. Selections rendered by the first class merited praise. In Arithmetic there had been a decided advance and in Geography no pains had been spared to make the study interesting. Other classes had been well taught.

Pupils not absent one-half day : Katie Nickerson, Mamie Simpson, Lillian Norcross, Freddie Simpson.

Winter term — FLORA E. ROGERS, teacher. No. attending, 16; average number, 13; length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

Miss Rogers is well known throughout town as an experienced and successful teacher. When we visited this school it was orderly, well classed and studious. Under such favorable circumstances success seemed certain.

Owing to the bad traveling this school was not visited the second time; but report says "it was a good school."

Pupils not absent one-half day: Katie Nickerson, Willie S. Briery, Lawrence Adams, Willie Metcalf.

In closing our report it may be well to speak of the general condition of our schools, and to add a few suggestions for your consideration.

We feel justified in saying that your schools during the past year have for the most part been prosperous and will compare favorably with those of former years. Each of our teachers has had the experience of former terms which has added much to the value of their services.

Of the twenty-four different teachers employed sixteen are residents of this town, and their success in their respective schools may serve as a guide to future agents.

During the year we have endeavored to impress upon the minds of teachers and pupils, the necessity of giving due attention to Reading, Writing and Spelling, and the improvement made in these useful branches in many instances, have been very satisfactory.

Generally speaking, the order and discipline have met our approbation, though some schools have been faulty in this respect.

We would call your attention to the matter of improving your school-rooms; some of them are greatly out of repair, and unfit places for your children in winter. Some school-rooms need new black-boards, while many of the old ones would be greatly improved by a coat of paint. Look after this at your district meetings, and your children will be *greatly* benefited by the small outlay. Parents should remember that they have much to do in the matter of improving our schools. It is to you, we must look for aid in securing regular attendance. Visit your schools often, co-operate with the teacher, encourage him to maintain good order and discipline, supply your scholars with text-books that there may be uniformity, and you will be amply compensated for your efforts, by having better schools, which are so much to be desired.

PRESCOTT KEYES, Jr.,

SUPERVISOR.