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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 February 20, 1890.

The Town of Litchfield incorporated February 18, 1790.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the municipal year ending February 20, 1890, 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, - - -	\$288,275 00
Non Resident Real Estate, - - -	31,960 00
Residents' Personal Estate, - - -	51,525 00
Non Resident Personal Estate, - - -	300 00
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Total Valuation,	\$372,060 00

Number of Polls, 296.

Amount assessed on each Poll, \$2.80.

Rate of taxation on a dollar, including School Property tax, 16 mills.

Appropriations for 1889.

State Tax for 1889, - - -	\$1,253 23
County Tax for 1889, - - -	487 64
Incidental Town Expenses, - - -	1,100 00
Support of Poor, - - -	600 00
Support of Schools, - - -	1,048 00
To pay interest on Town Debt, - - -	100 00
For Memorial Services, - - -	25 00
For repairs of highway with road machine, - - -	500 00
For repairs on Town House, - - -	100 00
To pay discount on Taxes, - - -	200 00
To pay on School Property, - - -	1,289 92
Fractional overlay, - - -	149 40
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	\$6,853 13
Less School Property Tax, - - -	1,289 92
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Amount committed to Collector,	\$5,563 21

Resources of the Town.

Balance on the Selectmen's book, February 20, 1889,	\$3,380	66
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, not including School Property tax, (\$1,289 92)	-	-
	3,822	34
Cash from A. Chase, support of Wilbert Woodbury,	100	00
Cash from R. Drinkwater, part pay for casket for Anna Whitten,	-	-
	5	00
Cash from Geo. H. Getchell, on casket for Anna Whitten,	-	-
	10	00
Cash from M. S. H. Rogers, Auctioneer's License,	2	00
Cash from Chas. Green, (Peddler) License,	-	6 00
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, to pay remittance on School property,	1,289	92
Assessed and committed for State and County Taxes,	1,740	87
Cash received for colt sold,	-	125 00
Cash received for oxen sold,	-	95 90
Money collected by Treasurer on Highway Taxes of 1888,	-	40 99
School Fund of the State,	-	603 65
Cash from Monmouth for Schools,	-	29 22
School money undrawn February 20, 1889,	-	149 14
Cash from State Treasurer <i>for State Paupers</i> ,	-	10 00
Cash hired to pay on Town Debt,	-	1,000 00
Delinquent Highway Taxes committed to Collector and Treasurer,	-	172 91
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	\$12,583	60

Resources for State and County Taxes.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treasurer,	-	-
	\$1,253	23
Assessed and committed to Collector and County Treasurer,	-	-
	487	64
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	\$1,740	87

Resources for Schools.

Balance on Selectmen's book, February 20, 1889,	\$149 14
Amount raised by Town, - - -	1,048 00
School fund received from State Treasurer,	603 65
Received of town of Monmouth, - -	29 22

Total Amount of School Funds, - \$1,830 01

Paid for support of Schools as follows :

Paid R. T. True, supplies and building fires, 1888,	\$15 42
“ Elmer Hall, wood for district No. 3, 1888,	7 30
“ Lola Merriman, teaching in district No. 11, 1888,	77 00
“ Benj. W. Berry, wood for district No. 7, 1888,	9 12
“ Scott G. Hutchinson, building fire, district No. 15,	
1888, - - - -	2 75
“ Edwin Varney, teaching in No. 2, 1888,	15 00
“ Wm. E. Robinson, supplies and fire, district No. 7,	
1888, - - - -	3 70

Bills of 1888, \$130 29

Paid in School District No. 1 :

To Marcia E. Payne, Teaching, -	\$48 00
“ Asa P. Smith, Wood, - -	6 00
“ Geo. M. Rogers, Teaching, -	90 00
	<hr/> \$144 00

Paid in School District No. 2 :

To Dexter W. Danforth, Wood, -	\$3 50
“ Elmore Bosworth, Teaching, -	66 00
	<hr/> 69 50

Paid in School District No. 3 :

To Mabel E. Norcross, Teaching, -	\$40 00
“ To M. W. Adams, Wood, -	5 75
“ Mabel E. Norcross, Teaching, -	60 50
	<hr/> 106 25

Paid in School District No. 4 :

To H. P. King, Repairs,	-	-	\$1 83	
“ William Bubier, carrying scholars from district No. 4 to district No. 10—six weeks,	-	-	12 00	
			<hr/>	13 83

Paid in School District No. 5 :

To Samuel P. Roberts, Wood,	-	-	\$7 00	
“ Mattie A. Cunningham, Teaching,	-	-	36 00	
“ “ “ “ “	-	-	66 00	
			<hr/>	109 00

Paid in School District No. 6 :

To Bertha L. Gay, Teaching,	-	-	\$48 00	
“ Edwin Varney, “	-	-	85 65	
“ John W. Tucker, Wood,	-	-	6 50	
“ E. N. Pinkham, Repairs,	-	-	50	
			<hr/>	140 65

Paid in School District No. 7 :

To Benj. W. Berry, Wood,	-	-	\$7 50	
“ Mertie K. Snow, Teaching,	-	-	44 00	
“ Ara B. Libby, “	-	-	84 00	
“ Melvin Tibbetts, Repairs and Supplies,	-	-	8 40	
			<hr/>	143 90

Paid in School District No. 9 :

To Samuel Williams, Wood,	-	-	\$5 25	
“ Katie I. Nickerson, Teaching,	-	-	40 00	
“ “ “ “ “	-	-	66 00	
			<hr/>	111 25

Paid in School District No. 10 :

To Josiah Morrell, Wood,	-	-	\$3 65	
“ F. J. L. Purinton, Teaching,	-	-	36 00	
“ Millard H. Jack, Teaching,	-	-	66 00	
“ Josiah Morrell, Wood and Fire,	-	-	2 00	
“ David S. Springer, Repairs,	-	-	1 80	
			<hr/>	109 45

Paid in School District No. 11 :		
To Chas. B. Preble, Wood,	- -	\$7 50
“ Mary Simpson, Teaching,	- -	44 00
“ John A. Spear, “	- -	96 00
		<hr/> 147 50
Paid in School District No. 12 :		
To Flora H. Ayer, Teaching,	- -	\$40 00
“ Charles S. Ring, Wood,	- -	5 25
“ Addie M. Baker, Teaching and Fire,		67 50
“ Frank W. Libby, Repairs,	- -	26 49
		<hr/> 139 24
Paid in School District No. 13 :		
To Addie M. Baker, Teaching,	-	\$36 00
“ Emery Baker, Teaching and building fire,		67 25
		<hr/> 103 25
Paid in School District, No. 14 :		
To Geo. N. Thurlow, Wood,	- -	\$7 30
“ Edith E. Stewart, Teaching,	- -	36 00
“ J. Haynes & Son, Stove,	- -	9 75
“ Henry M. Farr, Teaching,	- -	78 00
“ Geo. N. Thurlow, Repairs on house,		6 55
		<hr/> 137 60
Paid in School District No. 15 :		
To Fannie W. True, Teaching,	-	\$48 00
“ Geo. M. Rogers, Shingling and repairs,		6 67
“ Clark & Milliken, Shingles,	-	8 44
“ M. W. Adams, Wood,	- -	7 50
“ Marcia E. Payne, Teaching,	-	75 00
		<hr/> 145 61
Sundries School Bill :		
To James A. Chase, supplies,	- -	\$2 72
“ M. S. H. Rogers, money paid out,		8 45
		<hr/> 11 17
Paid for support of Schools,	- -	\$1,762 49
School Fund undrawn February 20, 1890,		\$67 52
		<hr/> \$1,830 01

Incidental Town Expenses.

Sum raised by town, 1889,	-	-	\$1100 00
Overlay,	-	-	149 40
Sum raised discount on taxes,	-	-	200 00
Cash received of M. S. H. Rogers,			
auction license,	-	-	2 00
Cash received of Green, Peddler's License,			6 00
Cash received of town Treasurer,			
Non Resident Highway Taxes of 1888,	40	49	
Delinquent resident highway taxes committed			
to collector and treasurer,	-		172 91
			<hr/> \$1,670 80

Orders drawn on the Treasury for Incidental Town Expenses.

John Purington, for services as Selectman,			
Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,			\$96 00
Samuel Williams, for same services,			66 00
S. H. Ring,	"	"	55 50
I. W. Gilbert, Sup. School Committee,			32 00
R. T. True,	"	"	33 75
Henry Taylor,	"	"	22 75
David S. Springer, Town Treasurer,			26 50
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk,			14 90
Geo. A. Emerson, Auditor,			2 00
			<hr/> \$349 40
Chas. A. Metcalf, labor in road district No. 5,			
1887-1888			\$7 30
Chas. T. Hall, labor and lumber, dist. 32, 1888,			5 00
Chas. E. Nash, printing town report for 1888,			20 00
Alonzo S. Gowell, labor in road dist. 19,			
1887-1888.			8 37
Alonzo S. Gowell, labor in road dist. 16,			
1887-1888,			6 33
Alonzo J. Gowell, labor in road dist. 19,			
1886-1887,			3 33

Wm. Maxwell and son, hay for oxen, 1888,	72
Warren S. Jordan, labor in road dist. 31, do.	2 50
Samuel Williams, services as Selectman from February 20, to March 4, 1889,	2 25
E. McDonald, labor in road dist. 38. 1888,	1 90
Coombs & Fickett, sharp. drills, 1888,	1 25
Joshua Gray and son, 5 stringers for Thorough- fare bridge, furnished in 1886,	20 00
Lewiston Journal, Surveyor's and Coll. book,	5 70
John Purinton, writing town report, keeping town books, recording town inventory, and assessments, recording school inventory and assessments and getting State Pensions and expenses of the same,	28 37
Roland T. True, services as Sup. School Com- mittee from February 20, to March 1,	3 50
Wm. E. Robinson, hauling lumber for road dist. 20,	2 64
John Davis, heir of, overwork in road dist. 4, 1887,	6 50
Sylvester Stewart, " " " 1, 1888,	5 20
Aaron Peacock, " " " 20, to 1886-1888,	6 75
A. J. Elliott, overwork in road dist. 21, 1888,	4 60
H. F. Woodard, driving and caring for hearse,	12 25
Wm. S. Snow, posting warrants,	6 00
James E. Chase, powder and fuse,	3 35
Martin S. Stewart, overwork road dist. 36, 1888,	2 36
Timothy Payne, " " " 23, do.	6 62
Edgar S. Briery, " " " 23, 1887,	2 73
Lizzie Bartlett, care of town house, 1888-1889	2 00
Sumner Clark, blasting on highway,	21 00
O. S. Call, labor in road dist. 1,	2 50
Clark & Milliken, lumber for dist. 24,	12 56
" " " " 23,	19 01
Josiah Weymouth, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	2 50

Josiah Weymouth, labor of man on highway,	3 75
James Ricker, labor and Stones for road dist. 1,	28 50
Chas. T. Hall, labor and lumber and hay,	5 70
Samuel Danforth, labor on highway road dist. 39,	14 11
Joseph Wharff, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	27 00
Geo. W. Harwood, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	18 00
Alonzo S. Gowell, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	16 12
William Baker, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	9 00
William Woodbury, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	26 62
Chas A. Edgcomb, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	6 75
Warren Davis, planks and stringers for Colby & Plimpton bridges,	43 53
Alonzo S. Gowell, stringers for Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	15 30
Samuel Smith, labor and cash paid out on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	7 75
Loring F. Dunn, nails and spikes for Horse Shoe Pond Bridge,	2 42
Dexter W. Smith, expenses of sheriffs, town fair,	15 50
Wilson M. Hatten, building culvert and railing dump in road dist. 12,	20 00
Geo. M. Rogers, lumber and nails, road dist. 24,	1 40
Henry F. Woodward, driving and caring for hearse to date, November 14, 1889,	5 25
Geo. E. Ricker, labor in road dist. 39,	33 00
A. C. Goodwin, planks for dists. 6, 13, 14,	5 11
Martin S. Stewart, labor on highway dist. 36,	3 71
Wm. H. Tarr, stringers for Robinson Bridge, 1886,	4 50
Eli M. Douglass, overwork dist. 23, 1887,	3 60
I. W. Buker, labor and expenses dist. 1,	24 11

Lawrence Adams, labor in dist. 1,	16 50
M. W. Adams, trucking for dist. 24, and labor in dist. 1,	6 00
James Bartlett, overwork in dist. 4, 1887-1888.	6 60
Nelson D. Danforth, labor in dist. 34,	4 43
I. F. Umberhind, iron and steel,	5 60
J. C. Babcock, labor in road dist. 40, 1888,	2 65
Clark & Milliken, plank for road dist. 23,	2 83
J. E. Chase, blasting material,	6 90
John Purinton, labor, lumber and trucking,	24 73
S. H. Tarr, plank for road dist. 23,	1 21
John G. Coombs, blacksmith work and iron,	7 10
E. N. Baker, com. for Collector, Tax of 1887,	100 71
Alfrado Bubier, grading Carville bog,	26 68
Hamilton Buker, labor in dist. 33,	1 33
Hamilton Buker, labor in dist. 31,	3 00
Josiah D. Buker, labor in dist. 33, 1886,	4 43
Henry F. Woodard, driving out hearse,	3 50
Joshua Gray and son, lumber road dist. 20,	9 59
Frank Woodbury, labor on H. S. Pond Bridge,	3 00
Milvin Tibbetts, hauling lumber road dist. 20,	3 00
Selectmen, loss on road machine oxen,	74 85
John Purinton, use of team when out of town, stationary and postage and money paid out,	16 40
D. S. Springer, expenses to Augusta on pensions and money paid out,	6 90
Samuel Smith, use of horse and money paid out,	2 75
Owen White, abatement on Tax of 1888,	7 37
Gardiner Roberts, services on Local Board of Health,	2 00
Enoch Adams, M. D. services on Local Board of Health,	1 50
Thomas Holmes, services on Local Board of Health,	1 50
Wm. S. Snow, discount allowed on taxes collected, before September 15, 1889, 5% off,	73 72

Wm. S. Snow, discount allowed on taxes collected between September 15, and January 1, 1890, 3% off,	21 01
Abated in E. N. Baker's tax bills for the year, 1886,	7 91
Abated in E. N. Baker's tax bill for the year 1887,	7 65
Abated in E. N. Baker's tax bill for the year 1888,	59 02
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	\$1451 59
Balance unexpended,	\$229 21

Highway Repairs with Road Machine.

Sum raised by town for repairs of highway with road machine, - - -	\$500 00
Paid out as follows, viz :	
Josiah Weymouth, labor on machine, - -	30 00
Geo. Tyler, & Co., cutters for machine, - -	9 00
Chas. Jack, hay for town team, - - -	70 00
Josiah Weymouth, labor on machine, - -	75 00
Frank E. Bailey, shoeing oxen and iron work, -	9 75
Josiah Weymouth, cash for work, - -	2 52
Josiah Weymouth, time buying oxen, and work fixing machine, - - - -	7 50
H. W. Maxwell, driving and care of oxen, -	89 30
James E. Chase, grain for oxen, - -	24 58
Josiah Weymouth, labor on machine, - -	35 00
John Purinton, time buying oxen and money paid out,	11 98
James A. Chase, meal for oxen, - - -	5 55
S. G. Nutting, labor self and oxen in road dist. 24,	5 00
Fred M. Babcock, labor with horses, dist. 12, -	12 50
Emery Metcalf, labor with oxen, dists. 16, 11, -	12 00
Benj. Curtis, feed for oxen, - - -	3 75
Josiah Weymouth, labor on machine, - -	43 12
H. W. Maxwell, driving and care of oxen, -	64 23
Chas. A. Metcalf, feed for team, - - -	4 25

Emlin P. Springer, pole for machine, - -	50
James A. Chase, feed for oxen, - -	9 24
James E. Chase, feed for oxen, - -	33 94
R. W. Cunningham, feed for oxen, - -	25 41
Frank E. Bailey, shoeing oxen, - -	5 30
Samuel Fish, yoke, bows, &c., - -	5 00
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	\$594 42

Balance overdrawn, -	\$94 42
Paid for oxen to run road machine, -	\$321 00
Sold the oxen for - - - -	246 15
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Loss on oxen,	\$74 85

Run the road machine 76 days.

Worked the oxen on Horseshoe Pond Bridge, 5 days,

Memorial.

Sum raised by town for memorial services, -	\$25 00
Paid Libby Post, G. A. R. No. 93, - -	25 00

Interest and Principal on Town Debt.

Sum raised by town to pay interest, -	\$100 00
Money hired to pay on debt, - -	1000 00
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	\$1100 00
Paid on Town Debt, - - - -	\$1000 00
Paid interest, - - - -	95 06
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	\$1095 06 .

Balance unexpended, \$4 94

Support of Poor.

Sum raised by town for Support of Poor, -	\$600 00
Received of State Treasurer for money paid for support of Lydia Miles and children, -	10 00
Received of A. Chase, for support of W. Woodbury,	100 00
Received for colt sold from Town Farm, -	125 00
Received of R. Drinkwater, as part payment for casket furnished Anna Whitten, June 2, 1888,	5 00
Received of Geo. H. Getchell, for balance on casket for Anna Whitten, 1888, - -	10 00
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	\$850 00

Paid for Support of Poor on Town Farm.

Paid J. W. Starbird, supplies for Town Farm, -	\$7 20
“ Asa P. Nutting, supplies over receipts for quarter ending March 31, 1889, -	45 48
Paid Asa P. Nutting, services as Supt. to March 31, 1889, - - - -	62 50
Paid R. W. Cunningham, supplies over receipts for quarter ending June 30, 1889, -	75 85
Paid R. W. Cunningham, labor and nails shingling barn,	12 10
“ “ “ “ hay and repairs on tools,	12 14
“ “ “ “ services as Supt. to June 30, 1889, - - -	57 50
Paid M. S. H. Rogers, for superphosphate, -	7 20
“ A. D. Bartlett, sawing shingles, - -	5 72
“ James E. Chase, supplies for Town Farm, -	3 23
“ James A. Chase, “ “ “ -	1 31
“ Nath'l Dennis Est., bedding and crockery,	2 77
“ R. W. Cunningham, supplies over receipts for quarter ending September 30, 1889, -	61 03
Paid R. W. Cunningham, services as Supt. to September 30, 1889, - - -	57 50
Paid Wm. F. Merriman, pasturing and breaking colt, 1888, - - - -	15 00
Paid Emlin P. Springer, use of cart wheels, -	2 00
Paid R. W. Cunningham, supplies over receipts for quarter ending December 31, 1889, -	24 31
Paid R. W. Cunningham, services as Supt. to December 31, 1889, - - -	57 50
Paid Geo. A. Bosworth, casket furnished for Chas. Curtis, - - - -	15 00
Paid Geo. A. Bosworth, casket furnished for Julia Tibbetts, - - - -	15 00
Support of Poor on Town Farm, - -	<u>\$540 34</u>

Support of Poor off Town Farm.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, support of W. Woodbury,	\$103 02	
“ James E. Chase, clothing for B. Landers.	4 63	
“ H. S. Payne, support of B. Landers, from April 1, to December 31, 1889, - -	27 00	
“ D. W. Smith, supplies furnished Lydia Miles and children, - - -	10 00	
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		\$144 65
Paid on Town Farm,	\$540 34	
Paid off Town Farm,	144 65	
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		684 99
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		\$165 01
Balance unexpended,	\$165 01	
Oxen sold and money committed to Town Treasurer,	95 90	
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Total in favor of Town,	\$260 91	

*Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon,
Feb. 20, 1890.*

Value of Town Farm, - - - -	\$1200 00
<i>Live Stock.</i>	
1 horse, - - - -	\$50 00
4 cows, - - - -	100 00
25 hens, - - - -	8 75
2 swine, - - - -	12 00
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	\$170 75
<i>Hay and Fodder.</i>	
8 tons of hay, - - - -	\$80 00
2 tons of straw, - - - -	8 00
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	\$88 00

Provisions.

$\frac{1}{3}$ barrel flour,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 00
2 lbs. sugar,	-	-	-	-	-	16
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea,	-	-	-	-	-	12
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. coffee,	-	-	-	-	-	42
1 lb. soda,	-	-	-	-	-	05
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. molasses,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Spice,	-	-	-	-	-	35
6 doz. eggs,	-	-	-	-	-	90
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tobacco,	-	-	-	-	-	25
220 lbs. salt pork,	-	-	-	-	-	22 00
10 lbs. butter,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
30 lbs. lard,	-	-	-	-	-	3 60
100 lbs. fresh meat and hams,	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
50 bushels potatoes,	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
2 bushels turnips,	-	-	-	-	-	75
4 bushels beets,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
15 lbs. corn beef,	-	-	-	-	-	1 05
10 gals. soap,	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
$\frac{1}{2}$ gal. vinegar,	-	-	-	-	-	12
10 bushels apples,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
5 bushels, oats,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
2 bushels yellow eyed beans,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
2 bushels pea beans,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
2 bushels meal,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Cotton seed meal,	-	-	-	-	-	75
Shorts,	-	-	-	-	-	1 60
10 bushels corn—"home raised",	-	-	-	-	-	6 50
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						\$99 12

Farming Tools.

1 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,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
1 horse cart,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
1 mowing machine,	-	-	-	-	-	35 00
1 drag,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
5 yokes, bows, rings and staples,	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
2 harnesses,	-	-	-	-	-	17 00
1 grindstone,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 express wagon,	-	-	-	-	-	13 00
2 saws,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Axes,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
3 ladders,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
1 horse rake,	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
3 hoes,	-	-	-	-	-	1 20
2 shovels,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Forks,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
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						\$166 70

Names and ages of Paupers on Town Farm.

Mary Nevins,	-	-	-	-	aged 87 years.
Julia Tibbetts,	-	-	-	-	aged 68 years.
Sanford Goodwin,	-	-	-	-	aged 65 years.
Charles Curtis,	-	-	-	-	aged 86 years and 4 months.
Hanover Stinson,	-	-	-	-	aged 77 years.
Alonzo Getchell,	on farm six and a half months,				aged 23 years.
Charles Curtis	died Feb. 9, 1890, infirmity of age.				
Julia Tibbetts,	died Feb. 17, 1890, pneumonia.				

Both buried in cemetery on Litchfield Plains.

Your Overseers employed Capt. R. W. Cunningham and wife to superintend the Poor Farm for the year ending March 31, 1890, at two hundred and thirty dollars per year. They have discharged the duties of the position they occupied satisfactorily to the overseers and with credit to themselves. The paupers have been well cared and provided for during the past year.

Repairs of Town House.

Sum raised by town,	-	-	-	-	\$100 00
Paid I. G. Vannah & Co., paints, oil, &c.,					\$16 72
“ Fred E. Hutchinson, labor,					5 25

" Llewellyn Blanchard, labor,	-	22 50	
" Benj. S. Smith, doors,	-	5 90	
" William T. Buker, labor,	-	13 00	
" M. W. Adams, trucking,	-	3 00	
" James A. Chase, nails,	-	3 77	
" Clark & Milliken, lumber,	-	56 97	
" John Purinton, labor, trucking, lumber and nails,	-	10 70	
		<u> </u>	\$137 81

Amount overdrawn, - - - \$37 81

Remitted to each school district the following sums, being one third the value of the school property :

To District No. 1,	-	-	\$26 40
2,	-	-	66 36
3,	-	-	90 86
4,	-	-	58 92
5,	-	-	74 74
6,	-	-	180 97
7,	-	-	141 27
8,	-	-	33 74
9,	-	-	132 25
10,	-	-	41 84
11,	-	-	115 47
12,	-	-	91 91
13,	-	-	66 96
14,	-	-	33 98
15,	-	-	134 25
		<u> </u>	\$1289 92

Recapitulation.

Whole amount of resources,	-	-	\$12,583 60
State tax for 1889,	-	-	\$1,253 23
County tax for 1889,	-	-	487 64
Paid incidental expenses,	-	-	1,451 59
" support of poor,	-	-	684 99
" road machine,	-	-	594 42
" town house,	-	-	137 81

“ on town debt,	-	-	1,000 00
“ interest on town debt,	-	-	95 06
“ memorial services,	-	-	25 00
“ support of schools,	-	-	1,762 49
“ remittance on school property,	-	-	1,289 92
School fund undrawn Feb. 20, 1890,			67 52
Balance on Selectmen's book Feb. 20,			
1890, in favor of town,	-	-	3,733 93
			<hr/> \$12,583 60

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN PURINTON,	}	Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Litchfield.
SAMUEL SMITH,		
M. S. H. ROGERS.		

Town Treasurer's Report.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20th, 1890. Also a statement of the Town Debt, and the amount due from the several Collectors, etc.

Cash in Treasury February 20, 1889,	\$17 59
Received from E. N. Baker, Collector of 1887, - - - -	251 89
Received from E. N. Baker, Collector of 1888, - - - -	2482 00
Received from Wm. S. Snow, Collector of 1889, - - - -	1300 00
Received by commitment from Selectmen, money hired to take up notes against town, - - - -	1000 00
Received from Charles Green for Peddler's License, - - - -	6 00
Received from M. S. H. Rogers for Auction License, - - - -	2 00
Received from State Treasurer in favor of Lydia Miles, - - - -	10 00
Received by commitment from Selectmen, money paid by the town of Monmouth for the tuition of the Pincin children for the year 1888 and 1889, -	29 22
Received by commitment from Selectmen, money received from Sale of Oxen on Town Farm, - - - -	95 90
Received by commitment from Selectmen, money paid by A. Chase for support W. Woodbury, - - - -	100 00
Received by commitment for sale of Colt on Town Farm, - - - -	25 00

Received by commitment, money paid by R. Drinkwater and Geo. H. Getchell, casket for Anna Whitten, -	15 00	
Received by commitment, money collected on Non Resident highway taxes of 1888, 40 49		
Received from State Treasurer, School Fund, 569 69		
		\$6044 78

Paid out as follows :

For Incidental Town Expenses, -	\$1539 65	
“ Support of Schools, - -	1758 66	
“ Road Machine, - -	594 42	
“ Repairs on Town House, -	137 81	
“ Support of Poor, - -	684 99	
“ Memorial Services, - -	25 00	
“ Town Debt, - - -	1095 06	
“ Cash in Treasury February 20, 1890, 209 19		
		\$6044 78

Statement of Town Debt.

Due from E. N. Baker, Collector of 1888, \$612 31	
“ “ “ “ “ on deficient highway taxes, - - -	33 85
Due from Wm. S. Snow, Collector of 1889, 2522 46	
“ Cash in Treasury February 20, 1890, 209 19	
	\$3377 81
Outstanding Notes and Interest on same, \$2325 00	
Balance in favor of Town, -	1052 81
	\$3377 81

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

Litchfield, February 20, 1890.

Auditor's Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Auditor having made a careful examination of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's Books, would respectfully submit the following report. I find the books neatly and properly kept, accurately cast, and they exactly agree.

I found itemized bills in the hands of the Selectmen for every order drawn.

Orders on file in the hands of the Treasurer exactly corresponded with the sums charged as paid out by him.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he had cash

on hand February 20th, 1889,	-		\$17 59
Received during the year,	-	-	6027 19
			\$6044 78
Has paid out during the same time,	-		5835 59

Leaving cash in the treasury February 20th, 1890, \$209 19

I have examined and allowed the bills of the several town officers for the municipal year ending February 20th, 1890, and allowed them as follows :

John Purinton, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	-		\$84 00
Samuel Smith, for same service,	-	-	72 75
M. S. H. Rogers, for same service,	-	-	60 50
M. S. H. Rogers, Supervisor of Schools,	-	-	45 75
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	-	26 75
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk,	-	-	10 30
Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor,	-	-	2 00

CHAS. A. METCALF, Auditor.

Litchfield, Maine, February 20th, 1890.

F. H. Woodbury
F. H. Woodbury,
 39, LITCHFIELD, ME.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD.

Your Supervisor, having attended to the duties required of him by law, respectfully submits the following report of the condition of the schools, for the year ending February 20th, 1890.

Balance unexpended February 20th, 1889,	\$149 14
Amount of money raised by Town,	1048 00
State School Fund and Mill Tax,	605 65
Received from Town of Monmouth,	271 52
Total resources for schools,	\$1830 01
Paid for summer schools, - -	\$497 00
Paid for winter schools, - -	96 50
Paid for wood, - -	74 30
Paid for repairs and incidentals, - -	98 00
Paid bills of 1888, - -	130 29
Balance unexpended, - -	67 52
	\$1830 01

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

Litchfield Corner District.

Care of house. E. N. Baker.

Summer Term. Miss *Marcia E. Payne* teacher. Whole number attending, 25; average number, 22; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$6.00 per week.

Miss Payne is a teacher of experience, having previously taught thirty-nine terms, this enabled her to adopt methods of teaching, best calculated to interest as well as to instruct her pupils. At our first visit, we found the teacher manifesting a deep interest in the welfare of her pupils, and they were orderly and attentive to their studies, thus appreciating the efforts of the teacher in their behalf. The closing examination showed that they had been benefitted by the instruction given, that much hard work had been accomplished on the part of the scholar, and the term had been one of profit to the district.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Wallace W. Stewart, Walter G. Earle, Levi F. Danforth, Wallace Purinton, Fred Baker, Charles B. Larrabee, Arthur Bubier, Clara Danforth, Abbie Earle, Eltie Bubier, Edith Earle.

F. H. Woodbury

Fattie Woolbury

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Winter Term. *George M. Rogers*, teacher. Whole number attending, 25; average number, 21; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$7.50 per week.

The appearance of this school at the commencement of the term, was such that we predicted success, and at the closing examination we were not disappointed. Classes in Arithmetic had received good instruction, and pupils understood well, and analyzed clearly problems given them under the principles covered during the term. The other classes did excellent work.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Emma D. Gilbert, Clara-belle Higgins, Grace M. Higgins, Wallace Stewart, Fred H. Ricker, Walter Earle, Arthur Bubier.

South Oak Hill District.

Care of house. Dexter W. Danforth.

No Summer Term.

Winter Term. *Elmer E. Bosworth*, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number, 8; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

This was Mr. Bosworth's first attempt at teaching, and we were convinced at our first visit that he was sparing no pains to make his labors successful; his manner in the school-room was pleasant, and his teaching was of the right kind, and though the scholars are somewhat backward in their studies, and do not grasp at ideas so readily as we wish they might, yet the general appearance of the school warranted a fair amount of improvement, should the scholars evince a desire to make the best use of their time. At our second visit the same degree of interest was manifested on the part of the teacher, and the examination of the several classes showed that a fair amount of advancement had been made, by a majority of the scholars; a few however were a little careless and indifferent and if they did not make that improvement desirable they have no one to blame but themselves.

Waterman District.

Care of house. Josiah Jones.

Summer Term. *Mabel E. Norcross*, teacher. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 18; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

Miss Norcross is a good scholar and has a very good faculty of imparting instruction to her pupils. Having had some previous experience in the schoolroom. She readily adapted herself to the wants of her pupils. Firm in discipline, but not arbitrary,

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yet if necessity requires it, is able to reduce to submission the wilfully disobedient and unruly. At the opening of the term we found perfect union existing between teacher and scholar, classes well arranged, scholars interested in their studies, and receiving good instruction. The examination at the close of the term was very satisfactory, all of the classes did well and we were well satisfied with the amount of work done. One class in oral history is the best we think in town, and deserves special mention. The order was good. Scholars not absent one-half day: Gracie Elliot, Lena M. Allard, Ethel L. Allard, Edna Sprague, Lulu E. Weymouth, Alice E. Payne, Maud P. Bates, Alice Wyman, Joseph L. Gowell.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number attending, 24; average number, 21; length of term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

The success attending the efforts of Miss Norcross during the summer term, was so marked, that we thought it advisable to retain her services for the winter term, and she entered upon her work with every prospect of success. On account of sickness, nearly half of the pupils were absent at the closing examination, but enough were present however to show that they had been well instructed, and that marked progress had been made during the year.

Grant District.

Care of house. A. E. Gogins.

Summer Term. Miss Mattie A. Cunningham, teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number, 9; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

This school is made up of good, honest, industrious workers, and Miss Cunningham by her pleasant manners in the schoolroom easily won the confidence and respect of her pupils and working together much good was accomplished. The same degree of interest was apparent between teacher and pupils at the closing visit as at the first and the final results were very satisfactory.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Mertie B. Howard, Edith W. Otis.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number, 9; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Miss Cunningham discharged her duties throughout this term with that same degree of interest so manifest during the preceding one. Marked advance had been made in reading, arithmetic and geography. A class of two in analysis, history and physiology did finely, especially so in the latter study. We doubt whether any two pupils in town could do better. The order in the school was perfect.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Edith Otis.

True District.

Care of house. E. N. Pinkham.

Summer Term. Miss ~~Edith~~ ^{Ertha} L. Gay, Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 20; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$6 per week.

Miss Gay is a graduate of the Gardiner High School and was well qualified, as far as acquired abilities are concerned, to discharge the duties assigned her, and she entered upon her work here with a determination, no doubt, to discharge them faithfully. At the first visit the appearance of the school seemed to indicate success, with the exception of a lack of system in the order of recitations, if not changed, would in our opinion detract somewhat from the general success of the school. Had the suggestion by us at the time in regard to this been heeded, the final results, we think, would have been more satisfactory. The order was good, and a fair amount of improvement was made among the larger and more advanced classes.

Winter Term. ~~Edith~~ ^{E. H. Woodbury} Varney, teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 21 1-2; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$7 per week.

This is one of the largest, and in many respects the best school in town, made up of a class of pupils noted for good deportment and uniform respect shown their teachers. We also find here some of our most advanced scholars, requiring a teacher of more than ordinary acquired ability. Mr. Varney has good executive ability, and pupils under his care receive good instruction and thorough drill. The closing examination showed marked advancement in all of the classes. We think this was a profitable term of school and Mr. Varney a faithful and efficient teacher.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Sadie Tucker, Roscoe E. Pinkham, Ned D. True, Harry L. Pinkham, Lewis P. True, George Tucker.

Berry District.

Care of house. Melvin Tibbetts.

Summer Term. Miss ~~Mertelle Snow~~ ^{Mertelle Snow} teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number, 10; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Miss Snow had previously taught four terms, so she commenced her labors with experience. At our first visit, we found a neat and tidy schoolroom, the teacher active and evidently desirous of making her school both interesting and profitable. At the closing examination the general appearance of the school was good, the scholars were giving close attention to their studies. It was evident that the teacher had secured the hearty co-operation of her pupils, and there was a commendable amount of advancement made in the several classes, especially in Analysis, History and Physiology. We find in this school one of our best scholars, and we hope that in the near future she will be ranked among our best teachers as well as scholars.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Radie Hodgkins, Elmer Hodgkins, Edith F. Robinson, Lorenzo D. Small.

Winter Term. Ara ~~S. Libby~~ ^{S. Libby} teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number, 13; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$7 per week.

Mr. Libby is a student at Bates College, and came to his work here with an education sufficient to give his pupils good instruction, but without experience as a teacher. At our first visit, we saw nothing to prevent this from being a pleasant and profitable term of school, unless an apparent diffidence on the part of the teacher, if not overcome, might be taken advantage of by some of the pupils and lessen somewhat the interest in the school. The examination at the close of the term convinced us that had the teacher been more decided in the matter of discipline, the final results would have been more gratifying; however, a fair amount of improvement had been made. Most of the pupils had been attentive to their studies and gained much valuable information. Mr. Libby, with experience and more firmness in discipline, will, we think, make a good teacher.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Ernest T. Small, Lorenzo D. Small, Frances E. Robinson.

Stevenstown District.

Care of house. Charles A. Edgecomb.

Summer Term. Miss Katie ~~McKerson~~ ^{McKerson} teacher. Whole

Stattie M. Co. Lane

number attending, 13; average number, 11; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.

Miss Nickerson was patient and persevering in the discharge of her duties in this school. With her quiet way and pleasant manner in the schoolroom, she soon gained the good will of her pupils. This continuing throughout the term, we are pleased to report at the closing examination that a good amount of work had been performed and the united efforts of teacher and scholar had been crowned with success.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Jennie Gowell, Addie F. Gowell, Ethel A. Small.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 13; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Miss Nickerson continued her work during this term of school with the same degree of earnestness that characterized her efforts in the summer, resulting in a corresponding amount of improvement. Some of the classes in this school needed especial attention, particularly in reading, and Miss Nickerson deserves a compliment for her success in the improvement made. The younger pupils during both terms were not neglected and were taught orally many useful lessons. We are satisfied with the amount of work accomplished in this school during the year.

Earle District.

Care of house. D. S. Springer.

Summer Term. ~~Miss Fannie J.~~ Purinton, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 13; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

Mrs. Purinton is a fine scholar and has had previous experience in the schoolroom. She labored earnestly and faithfully to advance the interests of the school and we think she succeeded well. The pupils in this school, at both visits, were studious and were working in harmony with their teacher. Her teaching was thorough, from the elementary sounds of the letters to the deeper and more intricate problems in mathematics. Classes in reading, geography and grammar did exceedingly well. Maps drawn and shown us by the pupils deserve special mention. This, in our opinion, was a good school.

Winter Term. Millard H. Jack, teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 18; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

This was Mr. Jack's first school. He possesses the requisite qualifications for a teacher, and with experience, will, we doubt not, make one of our best instructors. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school at our first visit. Everything seemed to be moving in perfect harmony between teacher and pupils, and we predicted should this pleasant feeling continue, the term would be a successful one. At the closing examination we were not any disappointed in the result. Classes in Arithmetic were well instructed and did honest work, one class in Geography deserves special mention; also classes in Reading and analysis did well. Maps drawn by the pupils displayed much skill. We were well satisfied with Mr. Jack's efforts in this school, and believe the term one of profit to the district.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Hiram Morrill, Charles Williams, Dollie A. Bubier, Jennie A. Jordan, Mamie Morrill, Nettie E. Morrill.

Mills District.

Care of house. Eli Merriman.

Summer Term. Miss Mary Simpson, teacher. Whole number attending, 19; ~~average number, 17~~; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Miss Simpson is a student in the Farmington Normal School, and has learned many ideas in regard to teaching which greatly aided her in her work here. At our first visit the teacher appeared to be taking a deep interest in her work, and the scholars were quiet and orderly evincing a desire to make the best possible use of their time. The closing visit satisfied us that the classes in the various studies pursued, had been well instructed and the progress made was alike creditable to teacher and scholar.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Elbridge Allen, Thurston Gilman, Flossie Gilman, ~~A. Woodbury,~~

Winter Term. ~~John H. Spear,~~ West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 24; average number, 22; length of term, 12, weeks; wages of teacher, \$8.00 per week.

Mr. Spear is a teacher of large experience, a good disciplinarian, lucid in explanation, careful in his teaching, faithful and honest with his pupils. ~~The closing~~ visit to this school satisfied us that we made no mistake in securing the services of Mr. Spear for this school. We have no hesitancy in reporting this school as regards improvement of the pupils in the various classes, in the general appearance of the school, and in discipline second to none in town.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Elbridge Allen, Allen L. Smith, Eddie E. Spear.

Care of house. Frank Libby.

Summer Term. Miss Flora H. Ayer, teacher. whole number attending, 11; average number, 10 3-10; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

Rarely do we find a teacher entering the schoolroom better equipped for thorough work than Miss Ayer. Ranking high in acquired abilities, and largely endowed with those other qualities that is so essential to general success in school work. Her methods of instruction were good, and her explanations were made so plain as to be easily understood by the young mind of which her school was largely composed, as well as the older and more advanced scholars. Classes formed and taught orally did well and gave evidence of good retentive memories. We were much pleased with this school and believe that the efforts of the teacher were well appreciated by parents and pupils.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Angie Bosworth, Nellie M. Ham, Jesse May Libby, Frank Adams, Arthur Niles, Abraham Bartlett, George Potter.

Winter Term. Mrs. Addie M. Baker, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number, 10; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Mrs. Baker has succeeded well in this school in the past, and knew just what kind of teaching was necessary to bring about the best results. Her teaching was plain and interested her pupils. Mrs. Baker does good work in the schoolroom, and the result of her labors here was worthy of commendation.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Frank Adams.

North Oak Hill District.

Care of house. Charles T. Frost.

Summer Term. Mrs. Addie Baker, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 14; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

Mrs. Baker succeeded well in this school. Her former success as a teacher in town, her faculty of interesting her pupils and winning their love and respect goes far towards making her labors appreciative and affective. The results of her work here was satisfactory to us and we doubt not to the entire district.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Eva Thornton.

Winter term. Emery Baker, teacher. Whole number attending, 6; average number, 4; length of term 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

Mr. Baker entered upon his work here with some experience as a teacher, and at the commencement of the term seemed to be interested in his labors, but in a school numbering only six pupils, with an average of four, both teacher and pupil necessarily labor to a great disadvantage, thus lessening greatly the value of the term; however under these circumstances a fair amount of progress was noticeable, especially in the reading classes which did remarkably well; other classes were not neglected and were taught orally many things that will be of value to them in the future.

Farrin District.

Care of house. George N. Thurlow.

Sumer term. Miss Edith Stewart, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 13; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week.

This school is one that requires on the part of the teacher a great deal of patience in teaching and much firmness in discipline, consequently Miss Stewart was assigned to this school, believing that she possessed enough of the above named qualifications to enable her to make the term of school one of profit to the district and we are pleased to report that she did her work well. The scholars had been well taught and showed their respect for the teacher by being quiet and orderly in the school room and commendable progress was apparent in all the studies pursued. We think Miss Stewart succeeds well as a teacher.

Winter Term. ~~Henry Woodbury~~ Dowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number, 7 1-4; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$6.50 per week.

Mr. Tarr had no previous experience as a teacher, yet he took hold of his work with a great deal of interest and succeeded in awakening a deep interest in his pupils. At the close of the term they were enabled to satisfy us that they had been interested in their studies and had been well taught, that the teacher had not been unmindful of his duties and that a good amount of valuable work had been performed. We are satisfied that this was a profitable term.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—~~Nancy~~ Anforth, Winfield Larrabee, Ada M. Larrabee.

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Cook District.

Care of house. M. S. H. Rogers.

Summer Term. Fannie W. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 29; average number, 26; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$6 per week.

Miss True's reputation as a successful teacher is well known. Being a good scholar, faithful and diligent in the discharge of her duties, and understanding well what is required of a teacher, she could not fail to make the term successful. At the close of the term, the pupils passed a very satisfactory examination in all the studies pursued, and a marked improvement was manifest, assuring us that Miss True taught a good school.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—May E. Hutchinson, Bessie A. Penny, Sadie L. Hutchinson, Edith M. Small, Sheridan I. Hutchinson, Eugene E. Purinton, Lewis Hutchinson, Elmer J. Purinton, Howard Penny, Sumner F. Hutchinson, Frank W. Purinton, Ernest Tarr, B. Ray Small, Harry M. Varney.

Winter Term. M. E. Woodbury, teacher. Whole number attending, 28; average number, 25; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$6.25 per week.

Miss Payne's success as a teacher is too well known to require any words of commendation. Her pupils, always appearing at home in the schoolroom, ever striving to stimulate a desire for study in her pupils. This is the largest school in town, and in some respects the most difficult to manage, as a large majority of the pupils have arrived at that period in life when it becomes necessary for them to understand and appreciate authority, and we are of the opinion that the condition of this school demands teachers of experience and reputation as good disciplinarians.

Scholars not absent one-half day.—Sheridan Hutchinson, Walter Varney.

In closing our report of the condition of the schools in town for the past year, it may be necessary for us to make a few brief statements and suggestions. When we assumed the duties of the office, we had no other object in view than to discharge them according to the best of our ability; to judiciously expend the amount of money placed at our disposal, by the expenditure and assignment of teachers for schools that in our opinion were best calculated to produce the best results. That all of our schools in town have, during the year, been first class, it may be too much to concede, but there have been no failures, although a few of them have not come quite up to that standard of excellence so much desired. Our teachers as a whole have been

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M. E. Woodbury

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Sheridan I. Hutchinson

Walter Varney

zealous and conscientious in discharging their duties, having a strict regard for the rights of the pupils, and as far as we are able to judge, have received the co-operation of the parents.

The attendance during the year has been good, and in looking over the Registers returned, we find that many of the schools have been frequently visited by the parents and others interested in school work. This we believe to be a duty you owe your children; a duty you owe the cause of education and the future well-being of society. It is also your duty to see that your children are in the schoolroom every day the school is in session unless prevented by sickness, and never encourage them, (whether your own children or others placed under your care,) in that dishonest practice of deserting the schoolroom the last week or ten days of the term, in idling away their time in the chimney corner, through fear of having their indolence and want of learning exposed at the examinations. We do not pretend that such pupils necessarily grow up vicious in life, but they generally prove unreliable and untrustworthy citizens.

The condition of our schoolhouses will claim your attention at our next annual meeting. While most of them are in very good repair, requiring only the usual yearly outlay of money, a few, however, are in a sadly dilapidated condition. We refer to districts No. 1, (Litchfield Corner,) No. 10, (Earle,) No. 14, (Farrin.) We would not advise the building of new ones in the two latter districts for we believe there is enough unexpended money, now in the treasury, amply sufficient, if judiciously expended, to sufficiently repair the old ones. In regard to the one at Litchfield Corner, we cannot make any change in what has been said by my predecessors in office, as to its condition. That they need a new schoolhouse, every one will admit, and the sum of \$800 carefully expended will, we think, erect a building suitable for the evidently pressing needs of this district.

The question of text books will also claim your attention. All, or nearly all of the books now used in our schools, have been in use a number of years, we think, past the legal limit of their introduction, and in our opinion a change should be made. As the various matters relating to our school will call for a decision from you at an early day, we leave them with you, hoping that you will give them that consideration their importance demands.

In conclusion we will say that money spent for schools is well invested. It raises the standard of intelligence of the citizen and no better advertisement is needed for a town than that it liberally supports its schools.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. H. ROGERS, Supervisor.

Warrant.

To Wm. S. Snow, Constable of the town of Litchfield.

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Litchfield qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said town on Monday, the tenth day of March, A. D. 1890, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To attend to the report of the selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 4. To attend to the report of the town treasurer.

Art. 5. To attend to the report of the auditor of accounts.

Art. 6. To choose three or more selectmen, three or more assessors, and three or more overseers of the poor.

Art. 7. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 8. To choose a town agent.

Art. 9. To attend to the report of the supervisor of schools.

Art. 10. To choose three S. S. committee or a supervisor.

Art. 11. To choose an auditor or committee of accounts, one or more constables, a collector of taxes, surveyors of wood and lumber, fence viewers, field drivers, a pound-keeper, a seller of weights and measures, and all other necessary officers, agents and committees.

Art. 12. To choose one or more truant officers.

Art. 13. To choose a road commissioner to run the road machine or act on anything in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To vote a sum of money for the support schools.

Art. 15. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of school books for scholars attending school.

Art. 16. To vote a sum of money for the support of poor.

Art. 17. To vote a sum of money to pay interest on town debt.

Art. 18. To vote a sum of money to pay part or all of town debt.

Art. 19. To vote a sum of money for incidental town expenses.

Art. 20. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen and treasurer to hire money to pay the town indebtedness and act anything thereon they think proper when met.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the school committee or supervisors to make such changes in the school books now used in town as they may deem expedient.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the repairs of the fair house.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to build one or more school houses, or act on anything relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to be expended by Libby Post No. 93, G. A. R. in a proper observance of memorial day.

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take for caring and running the hearse, or act on anything they think proper when met.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid on or before certain dates, to be fixed by vote, or act on anything relative thereto.

Art. 27. To vote a sum of money for the repairs of roads and bridges, and direct how the same shall be collected and expended and take such action thereon as the interest of the town may require.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road formally laid out by the selectmen, commencing at or near the house of the late Thomas Buker, and running northerly to the oak hill road near the Zackens Crooker buildings, or act on anything in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To direct how the valuation for 1890, shall be taken.

Art. 30. To direct how future town meetings shall be called, and what time in March, A. D., 1891, the next annual town meeting shall be held.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to accept the List of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Clerk.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day and at the place above named, from nine till ten o'clock in the forenoon, to receive evidence of qualifications of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1890.

JOHN PURINTON,
SAMUEL SMITH,
M. S. H. ROGERS,

Selectmen of Litchfield.