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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, 1891.

The Town of Litchfield incorporated Feb. 18, 1795.

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHAS. E. NASH,
1891.
Incidental Town Expenses.

Sum raised by town, 1890, $1,000 00
Overlay, - 111 38
Cash received of town Treasurer,
  Non Resident highway taxes, 23 13
Cash received of M. S. H. Rogers,
  Auctioneer's license, 2 00
Cash received of Charles Green,
  Pedler's license, 6 00
Cash received from William Whitney,
  Pedler's license, 6 00
Cash received from Wm. Merriman,
  old doors, town house, 1 00

$1,149 51

Orders drawn on the Treasury for Incidental Town Expenses.

John Purinton, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the 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
David S. Springer, Town Treasurer, 26 75
William F. Adams, Town Clerk, 10 30
Charles A. Metcalf, Auditor, 2 00

$302 05

M. S. H. Rogers, Supervisor of Schools
  from Feb. 20, to March 10, 1890, 4 75
Samuel Smith, services as Selectman
  from Feb. 20, to March 10, 1890, 3 00
M. S. H. Rogers, to March 10, 1890, 3 25
John Purinton, making records and Reports, 31 10
William F. Adams, running hearse, 1889, 6 00
Fred M. Babcock, labor on highway, 2 50
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Charles Wing, labor in road, district 16, 1889, 3 25
W. F. Knight, labor in road, district 31, 1890, 5 25
E. P. Springer, labor in road, district 31, 1890, 4 50
George Dearborn, labor in road, district 33, 1889, 1 76
J. Frank Pierce, Highway Surveyor's books, and Collector's book, 4 53
C. E. Nash, blank orders for 1889, 3 00
D. S. Springer, services as Treasurer, 1889, 3 00
Clark and Milliken, plank, road, district 24, 1890, 10 23
B. W. Berry, hauling plank for town, 2 00
William L. Powers, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 30 00
B. W. Berry, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 23 50
E. E. Ring, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 24 37
C. H. Webber, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 13 12
S. H. Ring, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 4 25
William H. Waldron, labor on Hatch bridge, 1890, 9 75
F. C. Wyman, labor and use of tools on Hatch bridge, 1890, 41 31
F. C. Wyman, labor and use of tools on Maxwell bridge, 1890, 27 50
F. G. Dow, labor and materials on Maxwell bridge, 1890, 52 00
R. S. Maxwell, labor, self and team on Maxwell bridge, 1890, 50 00
C. A. Norcross, labor on Maxwell bridge, 1890, 22 50
Amount brought forward, $1,149.51

Josiah Weymouth, labor on Maxwell bridge, 1890, 4.50
C. H. Rhoades, use of derrick on Hatch and Maxwell bridges, 1890, 15.00
William Wyman, stringers for Hatch bridge, 1890, 8.00
William Wyman, hauling plank for Hatch bridge, 1890, 3.00
S. H. Ring, hauling plank for Hatch bridge, 2.00
C. T. Hall, hauling plank and repairs on Boker and Hains bridges, 5.00
Fred M. Babcock, plank for Hains bridge, 5.37
S. E. Skillings, supplies for road machine 1889, 2.77
William F. Adams, care and running of hearse to August 20, 1889, 11.50
D. W. Smith, mealing and lodging officers, at Town Fair, 1890, 5.25
M. W. Adams, hauling plank for district 24, 1890, 2.50
S. H. Ring, railing dump at Hatch bridge, 5.00
J. F. Umberhind, iron for Maxwell bridge, 4.02
George R. Smith, copy of record of mortgage, and assignment of D. W. Danforth farm, 1.50
Thomas Webber, stringers for Hattin bridge, 2.75
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., services on local board of health, 6.00
Thomas Holmes, services on local board of health, 5.00
Enoch Adams, services on local board of health, 3.00
Clark and Milliken, plank for bridges, and culverts, 22.57
Loring F. Dunn, spikes for bridges, 80
Abated in E. N. Baker's tax bills, 1887, 8 45
Abated in E. N. Baker's tax bills, 1888, 7 71
Abated in Wm. S. Snow's tax bills, 1889, 29 86

Balance unexpended, $159 81

$989 70

Highway Repairs with Road Machine.

Sum raised by town for repairs of highway with road machine, $500 00
Paid Geo. Tyler and Co. for cutters, coupling and hub for wheel, 16 30
Paid F. C. Wyman, repairs, 4 50
Paid F. O. Sylvester, repairs, 3 75
Paid A. H. Potter, use of team and driver, 280 00
Paid F. C. Wyman, services on machine, 56 00

Balance unexpended, $139 45

$360 55

School Books.

Sum raised by town to purchase school books, $250 00
Paid Willaim Ware and Co., 231 47

Balance unexpended, $18 53

Memorial.

Sum raised by town for memorial services $25 00
Paid Libby Post, G. A. R., No. 93, 25 00
Soldiers' Burial Expenses.

Paid Geo. Bosworth and others, burial expenses of Levi Danforth, - $33.50
Due from State, - - - - 33.50

Repairs on Town Fair House.

Sum raised by town for repairs on town fair building, $50.00
Paid Clark and Milliken, for shingles, 43.20
Paid John A. Hutchinson, labor and lumber, - 11.83
Paid Llewellyn Blanchard, labor, - 10.87
Paid James P. Springer, labor, - 3.00
Paid F. E. Hutchinson, labor, - 7.50
Paid George A. Bosworth, labor, - 1.80
Paid George M. Rogers, labor and lumber, 2.43
Paid I. F. Umberhind, nails, - 4.63
Paid James A. Chase, nails, - 6.10
Paid M. W. Adams, hauling shingles, 4.00
Paid J. Gray and Son, shingles, - 13.50

Balance overdrawn, $53.37

Town Debt.

Sum raised by town to pay interest on town debt, $100.00
Paid interest of town debt, $96.80
Paid Principal on town debt, 300.00

Overdrawn, $296.80

Support of Poor.

Sum raised by town for support of poor, $600.00
Cows sold from town farm, - 70.00

$670.00
Amount brought forward,  $670 00

Paid for Support of Poor on Town Farm.
Paid A. D. Bartlett, sawing shingles, 1889, 17 00
 " Enoch Adams, medical aid to Julia Tibbetts, 4 50
Paid S. Powers, attending C. Curtis’ funeral, 2 00
Paid L. E. Dennison, beef, 1889, 4 86
 " Orrin Towle, oxen for town farm, 93 00
 " A. H. Potter, horse “ “ “ 160 00
 " James A. Chase, supplies for town farm, 3 00
Paid M. S. H. Rogers, fertilizers, 7 00
 " R. W. Cunningham, supt. from December 31, 1889, to December 31, 1890, 237 50
Paid R. W. Cunningham, for supplies over receipts, 221 79

Horse and oxen on hand,
At actual cost, 253 00

Actual cost on town farm,  $497 65

Paid Town of Brunswick, medical aid and supplies for Chas. Groves,  $52 05
Paid H. S. Payne, support of Benjamin Landers, 39 00
Paid H. S. Payne, for Benjamin Landers, extra care while sick, in winter of 1890, 25 00
Paid I. W. Gilbert, medical aid for Benjamin Landers, - - 4 50
Paid J. E. Chase, boots, Margaret Wiles, 1 50
Paid Paulina Parker, support of Minnie McGee, - - - - 15 50

$137 55

Due from City of Biddeford, for support of Minnie McGee, - - $15 50
Paid on Town Farm, - - - $750 65
Paid off Town Farm, - - - 137 55

$888 20

Balance overdrawn, - - - $218 20
Deduct value of oxen and horse, - 253 00
Actual cost of poor, - - - $635 20

Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon,
February 20, 1891.

Value of town farm, - - - $1200 00

Live Stock.
One horse, - - - $160 00
" pair oxen, - - - 120 00
Two cows, - - - 70 00
" swine, - - - 10 00
Twenty-five hens, - - - 8 00

$368 00

Hay and Fodder.
Eight tons of hay, - - - $60 00
Value of provisions on hand, - - $76 45
" " farming tools on hand, - - $129 00
Names and Ages of Paupers on Town Farm.

Mary Nevins, - - - aged 88 years.
Sanford Goodwin, - - - aged 66 years.
Hanover Stinson, - - - aged 78 years.
Alonzo Getchell, on farm five and one half months, - - aged 24 years.
Margaret Wiles, on farm three and one months.

Your Overseers again employed Capt. R. W. Cunningham and wife to superintend the farm for the year ending March 31, 1891, at two hundred and forty dollars a year. They have given good satisfaction to the overseers, and kindly cared for the inmates of the house.

School Property Tax.

Amount assessed and remitted to the several districts, - - $1,289 88

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Total valuation of school property, $3,875 00

Amount assessed in 1889, - - 1,289 92
"  "  " 1888, - - 1,295 20

$51,289 92

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$3,875 00
Recapitulation.

Whole amount of resources, exclusive of schools, $9,282 02

State tax for 1890, - $1,026 06
County tax for 1890, - 487 64
Paid incidental expenses, - 989 70
   " support of poor, - 888 20
   " road machine, - 360 55
   " town fair house, - 103 37
   " on town debt, - 396 80
   " memorial services, - 25 00
   " school books, - 231 47
   " remittance on school property, - 1,289 88
Paid soldier's burial expenses, 33 50
Balance on selectmen's book, in favor of town, February 20, 1891, - $3,449 85

Which we respectfully submit,

SAMUEL SMITH, M. S. H. ROGERS, E. P. SPRINGER. Selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor, Litchfield.
Town Treasurer's Report.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20th, 1891; also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the several Collectors, etc.

Cash in Treasury, February 20th, 1890, $209 19
Received from E. N. Baker, Collector for
1888, 460 41
Received from Wm. S. Snow, Collector for
1889, 2219 65
Received from H. F. Woodard, Collector
for 1890, 1440 00
Received from Wm. Whitney, for
Pedler's License, 6 00
Received from M. S. H. Rogers, for
Auction License, 2 00
Received from Charles Green, for
Pedler's License, 6 00
Received by commitment from Selectmen
money received from sale of cows on
Town farm, 70 00
Received by commitment from Selectmen,
money subscribed by certain inhabitants
for the purpose of a Free High School
in District No. 6, in said Town, and
accepted by the Town, 95 00
Received by commitment from Selectmen,
money collected on Non-Resident
highway taxes of 1889, 23 13
Also one dollar paid by Wm. F. Merriman, for old doors from Town house, 1 00
Received from State Treasurer School funds, 603 65

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Statement of Town Debt.

Due from E. N. Baker, Collector for 1888, $151 90
Due from E. N. Baker, on deficient highway taxes, 33 85
Due from Wm. S. Snow, Collector of 1889, 302 81
Due from Wm. S. Snow, on deficient highway taxes, 172 91
Due from H. F. Woodard, Collector of 1890, 2244 38
Cash in Treasury February 20th, 1891, 265 29

$3171 14

Outstanding notes and interest on same, $2018 50
Balance in favor of Town, 1152 64

$3171 14

D. S. SPRINGER,
Treasurer.

Litchfield, February 20th, 1891.
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.

Itemized bills in the hands of the Selectmen were compared with the orders drawn and found to exactly agree with them.

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 Feb. 20th, 1890, $209.19
- received during the year, 4926.84

$5136.03

- has paid during the same time, 4870.74

$265.29

Leaving cash in the treasury Feb. 20th, 1891, $265.29

I having examined and allowed the bills of the several town officers for the municipal year ending Feb. 20th, 1891, and allowed them as follows:

Samuel Smith, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, $90.00
M. S. H. Rogers, for same service, 57.75
E. P. Springer, for same service, 45.00
M. S. H. Rogers, Supervisor of Schools, 55.00
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer, 26.50
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk, 13.68
Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor, 2.00

CHAS. A. METCALF, Auditor.
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, 1891:

Balance unexpended February 20, 1890, $67 52
Amount of money raised by town, - 1048 00
School Fund and Mill Tax, - 571 72
Received subscriptions for Free High School, - 95 00
Received from State for same purpose, - 95 00

Total resources for schools, $1877 24

Paid for summer schools, - $571 50
Paid for winter schools, - 952 00
Paid for Free High School, - 190 00
Paid for wood, - 70 10
Repairs and incidentals, - 51 22
Balance unexpended, - 42 42

$1877 24

Litchfield Corner District.

Care of house, Henry Taylor.

Summer term, Miss Mertelle K. Snow, teacher. Whole number attending, 24; average number, 21; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5 00 per week.

Miss Snow was faithful in her school work here, and her pupils at each visit were industrious and appeared to be inter-
ested in their studies. The order was good, and the term was one of profit to the district.

Winter term, George M. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 19; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $7.50 per week.

Mr. Rogers, having taught this school the previous winter, understood well its standing, and what was necessary to produce the best results. The closing examination was satisfactory in every respect; the classes in mathematics had been well taught, and good advancement had been made in other studies. This district is very much in need of a school-house; the present one is unsuitable as regards the inner arrangement, as well as in capacity to accommodate the present number of pupils; besides, it is unsafe and unfit for school purposes, especially in the winter season. We hope that some arrangement may be made in the near future, to replace this one with a more substantial structure.


South Oak Hill District.

No summer term.

Winter term, Miles H. Dustin, teacher. Whole number attending, --; average number, --; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $31.00 per month.

Mr. Dustin is a thorough scholar, and has a very good faculty of interesting his pupils, and making principles plain to them. He exercises good judgment in his method of teaching, and requires his pupils to understand well every principle taken up, before passing to others more difficult. Mr. Dustin worked faithfully in this school, and earned the confidence of the scholars. The order was good, the progress commendable, and the term a success.

Waterman District.

Care of house, H. S. Payne.

Summer term, Miss Katie I. Nickerson, teacher. Whole
number attending, 20; average number, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Miss Nickerson commenced her work here with acquired abilities sufficient to instruct the pupils. Her method of teaching was good, and she labored no doubt to the extent of her ability to make the term a success. The closing examination showed that a fair amount of improvement had been made by the several classes. We think, however, had Miss Nickerson been more decided in the matter of discipline, the results would have been more satisfactory.

Winter term, Millard Jack, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number, 18; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $7.00 per week.

Mr. Jack possesses many of the qualifications necessary to make teaching a success. He brings to his work a good education, tact and energy. His explanations of problems are easily understood by his pupils, and we felt assured at our first visit, that the term would be one of profit to the district. At the end of the third week, on account of sickness Mr. Jack was obliged to resign, much to the regret of your supervisor and we doubt not to the district. Mrs. Addie M. Baker was then engaged to finish the term. Mrs. Baker has had considerable experience in teaching, and is generally successful. Her discipline is good, and her pupils give evidence of care and attention.

Grant District.

Care of house, S. P. Roberts.

Summer term, Miss Neva Hall, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number, 7; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Miss Hall had no previous experience in teaching, but she readily adapted herself to the work, giving her interesting class of scholars, good instruction. Her pleasant manner in the school-room, her readiness at all times to assist them in
their studies, tended greatly to make this term successful. We are satisfied with her efforts in this school.

Winter Term, Fannie W. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number, 9; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $6 00 per week.

This school consists of a very interesting class of scholars, some of them among the best in town. This in connection with the teacher's care and attention, and previous experience enables them to commence their labors with sure prospects of success. Classes in Algebra and Arithmetic were well instructed, and made good improvement. Other classes were not neglected. One pupil eight years of age, taught orally in Geography and Physiology, gave unmistakable proofs of great retentive memory. We doubt if there is a better scholar in town of her age. This was a good school.

True District.

Care of house, E. N. Pinkham.

Summer term, Miss Fannie W. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $6 00 per week.

Miss True has taught several terms in this district, to the satisfaction we think of parent and scholar. And this term we judge is no exception to the previous ones. Miss True is a good scholar, faithful and honest with her pupils. The order in the school was perfect, and the progress made in all the classes were worthy of commendation.

Fall term, Ernest C. Bowler and Mabel Dingley, teachers. Whole number attending, 39; average number, 36; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teachers, $19 00 per week.

Mr. Bowler is a graduate of the Castine Normal School, and came to his work with experience as a teacher, and well recommended as a scholar. Miss Dingley is also a graduate of the same school, and has experience in school work, having
taught successfully in this town, as well as in other parts of the state. Both teachers succeeded in creating on the part of the pupils an interest in the school, having the confidence of every scholar under their charge, and by close attention to the several studies pursued made commendable advancement. We believe this was a good school, and the teachers faithful and efficient.

Winter term, Henry Taylor, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number, 18; length of term, three months: wages of teacher, $33.00 per month.

Mr. Taylor has long been engaged in school work. The close of this term completes his sixty-fifth. Mr. Taylor has taught many terms in this town with good success, as well as in many towns of this state. A teacher of large experience, a good disciplinarian, faithful and efficient in his work; his success requires no words of commendation from us.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Harry Pinkham, Roscoe Pinkham, Ned D. True, Cora True.

Berry District.

Care of house, B. F. Colby.

Summer term, Miss Augusta H. Edgecomb, teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average number, 9.8; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $6.00 per week.

Miss Edgecomb is one of our best scholars and thorough teachers. She has taught many terms of school in town and all of them first-class, active and faithful in the discharge of her duties. We find here some of our best scholars; having grown to that distinction under her faithful instruction. Her classes in Mathematics receive thorough drill, as well as all other branches. With Miss Edgecomb in the schoolroom we have no fears of the result.

Winter term, same teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number, 8; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $7.00 per week.
Miss Edgcomb continued her work of the summer term, (that was so gratifying in its results,) during the winter term, and we are pleased to know that the same interest continued throughout this term, that was so manifest during the past one. The parents ought to be and are well satisfied with the amount of advancement made.

Stevenstown District.

Care of house, J. F. Small.

Summer term, Miss Alice M. Tibbetts, teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 13; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Miss Tibbetts was well qualified for her work, and commenced her labors here without previous experience as a teacher. At our first visit, we found the teacher endeavoring to do the best she could to interest and instruct her pupils. At the closing examination we found that good attention had been given to the several classes and that a fair amount of progress had been made by them all. The reading classes especially, did well. With experience we think Miss T. will make a good teacher.

Winter term, Katie I. Nickerson, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number, 10; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $5.50 per week.

Miss Nickerson had previously taught this school and gave very good satisfaction. We find here a pleasant and orderly class of scholars, giving good attention to their studies, have good lessons, and always respectful to their teachers. The closing examination was satisfactory. All the classes did well. One class in particular, taught orally, showed remarkable retentive memory, and learned many things that will be of use to them in the future. We think Miss N. did well in this school.
Earle District.

Care of house, D. S. Springer.

Summer term, Mrs. Fannie J. Purinton, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number, 14; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Mrs. Purinton is one of our best scholars, and teachers. Many of the scholars in this district have been under her instruction at her home, and have advanced quite rapidly in their studies. She was assigned to this school believing that it would be for the interests of all concerned in the welfare of the pupils. At the several visits made to this school we find the pupils orderly and prompt with their lessons.

Winter term, Edwin W. Varney, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 12 1-2; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $7.50 per week.

The pupils in this school have been well instructed for the past few years, and in consequence are well advanced in many of the branches now taught in our schools. The same good instruction was given by Mr. Varney, during the present term. The several classes at the close of the term, were able to give clear explanations to questions in Arithmetic. Classes also in Grammar, History, Geography and Physiology did equally as well. We think Mr. Varney's efforts in this school will place him in the ranks of good teachers.

Mills District.

Care of house, S. H. Glass.

Summer Term, Miss Mattie A. Cunningham, teacher. Whole number attending, 18; average number, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages, of teacher, $5.00 per week.

A teacher to be successful must have the confidence and respect of her pupils, and we think Miss Cunningham, secured them from the start; for at our first visit, we found both teacher and scholar working harmoniously together. The order was good, and the schoolroom clean and
neat. The closing visit found that good work had been accomplished.

Winter term, Neva H. Hall, teacher. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 15; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $6.00 per week.

Miss Hall is an earnest worker, exercising good judgment in the management of her scholars, gaining the good will of her pupils, by her deep interest in their welfare, ever ready and willing to aid them in their studies, to the best of her ability. Her pupils are quiet and orderly, giving their teacher no trouble or inconvenience in the discharge of her duties. Consequently we are enabled to report the term very successful, and that Miss H. is destined to become one of our best teachers.

Springer District.

Care of house, Frank Libby.

Summer term, Miss Mary Simpson, teacher. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 18; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

This school is made up of a class of interesting scholars ever ready to take hold with their teacher, and do their best. At our first visit the general appearance of the school indicated a profitable term. At the closing examination, we were satisfied that a fair amount of progress had been made.

Winter term, same teacher. Whole number attending, 20; average number, 13; length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Miss Simpson continued her work in this school during the winter term. At our first visit we found the teacher apparently interested, and the scholars engaged in their various studies. But during the term, whether on account of sickness, the severity of the weather, or some other cause or causes, much irregularity in attendance existed to the great determent of the school. The closing visit found but few
pupils in attendance. The examination showed that they had made very fair improvement. A teacher to be successful in the school-room must be active, and alive to the wants of their pupils; but if there is a lack of interest or energy on the part of the teacher, the average scholar soon takes in the situation, and the final results are generally unsatisfactory.

North Oak Hill District.

Care of house, Charles T. Frost.

Summer term, Mrs. Addie M. Baker, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number, 4; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

Mrs. Baker has taught several terms in town, and has generally succeeded in giving good satisfaction. In a school so small in number as this, it is almost impossible to secure that interest necessary to success. Mrs. B. was very patient with her pupils, and the closing visit showed that those scholars, who had been regular in attendance, had made noticeable improvements especially in reading.

No winter term.

Thurlow District.

Care of house, James G. Preble.

Summer term, Miss Edith M. Stewart, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number, 10; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5.00 per week.

The general appearance of this school at our first visit was satisfactory, the teacher was evidently desirious of making this term one of profit to the district. The greater part of the scholars at our last visit, were enabled to give assurance of success. The order was good.
WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

To William 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 ninth day of March, A. D. 1891, 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 superintending school committee or a supervisor.
Art. 11. To choose an auditor, or committee on town accounts, a collector of taxes, one or more constables, surveyors of wood and lumber, fence viewers, field drivers, a pound-keeper, a sealer of weights and measures, and all others, 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 of schools.
Art. 15. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of school books.

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 the town debt.

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

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to hire money to pay on town debt.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote a sum of money to build one or more school houses, and act on anything relative thereto they may think proper.

Art. 22. 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. 23. To see what action the town will take for the running and care of the hearse.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid on or before certain dates, to be fixed by vote of the town.

Art. 25. To vote a sum of money for the repair of roads and bridges, and direct how the same shall be collected and expended.

Art. 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of delinquent highway taxes.

Art. 27. To see what action the town will take in regard to its claim on the estate of the late Dexter W. Danforth.

Art. 28. To see if the town will authorize their selectmen to receive all moneys offered for the support of Free High schools, and act on anything relating thereto they may think proper.

Art. 29. To direct how the valuation for 1891, shall be taken.
Art. 30. To direct how future town meetings shall be called, and what time in March, 1892, the next annual town meeting shall be held.

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 the qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1891.

SAMUEL S. SMITH,
E. P. SPRINGER,
Selectmen of Litchfield.