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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the Municipal year ending February
19th, 1904.

(The Town of Litchfield incorporated Feb. 18, 1795.)

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH & SON.
1904.

Report of Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, herewith present their annual report for the municipal year, ending February 19th, 1904.

Valuation for 1903.

Resident real estate,	\$249,555
Non-Resident real estate,	35,075
Resident personal estate,	44,100
Non-Resident personal estate,	680
Total valuation,	<u>\$329,410</u>

Number of polls, 249; amount assessed on each poll, \$3.00; rate of taxation on a dollar, 2 cents.

Appropriations for 1903.

Support of schools,	\$1000 00
School books,	60 00
School supplies,	75 00
Schoolhouse repairs,	25 00
Incidentals,	1000 00
Support of poor,	200 00
Roads and bridges,	1500 00
Snow bills,	1000 00
Tuition of scholars at Academy,	250 00
State road,	100 00
Interest on town debt,	120 00
Town debt,	500 00
Memorial services,	25 00
State tax,	1001 44
County tax,	353 26
Fractional overlay,	125 50
Total,	<u>\$7,335 20</u>

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for Incidental Town Expenses.

Town officers' bills for 1902 :

E. P. Springer, for services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$60 00
E. N. Baker, same service,	39 00
A. R. Bucklin, same service,	36 75
Cyrus Kindrick, treasurer,	21 50
Chas. A. Metcalf, clerk,	14 55
M. H. Dustin, superintendant of schools,	78 50
J. F. Pierce, books and stationery for town,	7 85
Will Knight, labor on highway, 1902,	2 70
O. T. Blanchard, labor on highway, summer 1902,	3 58
A. J. Elliott, labor on highway, summer 1902,	1 28
Mrs. M. H. Dustin, correcting examination papers, 1902,	4 00
Mattie Mitchell, janitor service, fall term, 1902,	1 00
Earnest Lapham, labor on highway, 1902,	6 50
M. H. Dustin, making reports and ser- vices from February 15, 1902 to March 3, 1902,	10 00
Cyrus Kindrick, expenses, 1902, as treasurer,	5 00
Town of Brunswick, support of C. Groves,	34 55
W. F. Adams, running hearse, quarter end- ing May 20,	10 00
O. A. True, services as truant officer, April 28, 1903,	75
O. A. True, posting town warrants, March meeting, 1903,	3 00
Wm. Bubier, labor on highway, summer, 1902,	7 50
A. P. Smith, " " " "	90
E. Wiles, " " " "	1 50
Asa P. Smith, wood furnished in 1902,	2 25
Chas. Goodwin, " " " "	8 80
D. P. Moulton, formaldehyde and generator,	10 00
E. P. Springer, services February 19, 1903 to March 9, 1903,	7 50

E. P. Springer, expenses as selectman, 1902,	15 00
O. M. Douglas, labor on highway, summer 1902,	3 00
W. F. Adams, running hearse, quarter ending November 20,	12 00
M. H. Dustin, correcting examination papers,	6 50
L. F. Dunn, material for highway, summer 1902,	2 25
O. A. True, services as truant officer, 1903,	75
O. A. True, balance of commission collecting taxes, 1901,	43 44
O. A. True, enforcing dog law, 1903,	7 50
Wilber A. Gilpatrick, labor on highway, spring, 1902,	1 50
E. W. Small, hauling wood, Grant and Mills school,	1 00
Samuel Williams, watering tub, 1902,	2 00
C. T. Frost, watering tub, 1903,	2 00
F. H. Sleeper, repairing town farm fence,	1 00
J. E. Purinton, part payment for collecting taxes, 1902,	100 00
M. H. Dustin, fumigating school-house and books, 1903,	6 00
Nellie Hall, care school-house, spring term, 1903,	90
Chas. E. Nash, printing, 1902, reports and blank orders,	27 50
Bowditch, Webster & Co., disinfectant,	7 23
Ella Bartlett, watering tub, 1903,	3 00
F. G. Payne, 1000 time sheets,	3 50
I. W. Gilbert, certificates births and deaths, 1903,	5 50
I. W. Gilbert, examination, Josiah Morrell, Jr., and Mrs. Varney, 1903,	5 00
Cyrus Kindrick, examination, Josiah Morrell, Jr., and Mrs. Varney, 1903,	5 00
H. M. Starbird, services on Board of Health, 1903,	28 62

G. Roberts, services on Board of Health, 1903,	10 35	
I. W. Gilbert, services on Board of Health, 1903,	9 75	
Joseph Stevens, damage to sleigh, February 12, 1904,	3 00	
J. E. Purinton, abatement tax book, 1902,	45 99	
O. A. True, abatement tax book, 1901,	3 00	
J. E. Purinton, abated on tax book, 1902,	1 70	
J. E. Purinton, commission for collecting 1902 taxes,	26 85	
Chapin, Lydston lettering signs, 1903,	1 50	
Incidental appropriations for 1903:		
Sum raised by town,	\$1000 00	
Fractional overlay,	125 50	
Received on tax deeds,	17 50	
Received from State treasurer, dog licences, refunded,	66 51	
Received from State Treasurer, Telegraph and R. R.,	62 08	
Total resources,		<u>\$1271 59</u>
Orders drawn,		771 29
Unexpended,		500 30

SNOW BILLS.

Orders drawn on treasurer for snow bills for winter of 1902
and 1903:

Frank D. Fogg,	\$ 3 30
M. W. Adams,	3 25
E. W. Metcalf,	1 34
H. W. Maxwell,	5 90
H. W. Maxwell,	9 76
F. E. Lane,	8 32
F. H. Sleeper,	17 32
Alanson E. Danforth,	11 15

Snow bills, continued.

J. D. Benson,	1 05
Herbert Wyman,	1 65
James Ridley,	18 00
Walter Ridley,	3 75
W. E. Cunningham,	10 00
E. P. True,	2 50
Geo. N. Thurlow,	8 10
Chas. Larrabee,	1 50
W. M. Cunningham,	2 70
James A. Huntington,	15 58
C. H. Webber,	6 90
S. H. Ring,	3 73
Andrew J. Elliott,	1 86
W. R. Buker,	2 32
A. L. Small,	4 70
R. H. Martin,	1 73
D. N. Fogg,	9 75
E. P. Springer,	9 75
F. W. Hutchins,	67
Samuel Williams,	1 72
Emery Metcalf,	4 60
J. E. Edgecomb	4 66
E. Wiles & Son,	2 33
William L. Powers,	8 47
Aaron Peacock,	2 14
Thomas S. Colby,	45
Robert Booker,	1 05
B. F. Howe,	2 85
Melvin Tibbetts,	1 80
L. D. Small,	1 86
A. M. Newell,	3 66
B. W. Ridley,	11 64
J. E. Jack,	11 70
W. W. Douglass,	3 90
D. P. Adams,	1 42
F. W. Libby,	8 40

Snow bills, continued.

W. L. Polley,	5 65
Isaac Gayton,	60
Fred Danforth,	5 55
S. L. Buker,	9 52
Allen Wright,	2 38
D. Y. Wright,	2 65
A. R. Bucklin,	97
Chas. Powers,	7 75
F. Alexander,	1 86
N. J. Libby,	3 14
L. Barney,	2 38
H. N. Jordan,	7 95
C. E. Peavey,	5 80
William Springer,	3 36
Walter Varney,	14 24
John E. Purinton,	13 95
David White,	1 27
E. Shorey,	6 53
William Bubier,	19 79
M. H. Jack,	3 00
H. P. King,	4 69
J. Bowie,	9 52
O. M. Hatch,	8 70
E. S. Briery,	13 90
Josiah Weymouth,	3 30
A. J. Huntington & Son,	5 25
W. S. Bubier,	6 30
G. E. Ricker,	5 43
Chas. Farnham,	60
Pearson Preble,	30
J. D. Powers,	90
Fred L. Ware,	18 35
S. S. Knight,	90
Robert G. Allen,	4 05
O. T. Blanchard,	6 62
C. T. Hall,	9 49

Snow bills, continued.

W. F. Merriman,	2 25
Wm. Haines,	90
F. C. Brown,	1 05
Neal McDonald,	4 35
Thomas Gingrow,	7 72
H. M. Hunkins,	3 90
L. F. Danforth,	5 20
N. E. Danforth,	3 75
A. A. Dunlap,	11 15
A. H. Larrabee,	2 00
C. E. Maloon,	4 60
H. F. Woodard,	2 40
A. S. Ashford,	60
Felix Nixon,	2 32
David Allen,	1 98
Wallace Allen,	1 98
W. T. Woodbury,	12 50
C. W. Douglass,	5 15
Arlington Douglass,	3 45
Geo. A. Hamlin,	7 78
John Purinton & Sons,	3 65
J. W. Earle,	1 05
J. E. Chase,	6 52
Lewis A. Bubier,	1 60
R. S. Maxwell,	19 40
E. Dow & Son,	20 50
Geo. W. Newell,	5 15
John Newell,	1 50
Wilber Gowell,	3 15
A. S. Gowell,	4 13
C. E. Hodgkins,	6 95
W. C. Bowley,	4 20
Chas. Newell,	2 25
Daniel Webber,	2 24
E. J. Fish,	14 64
Lawrence Adams,	1 05

Snow bills, continued.

B. R. Small,	7 31
A. J. Tozier, Jr.,	3 64
A. J. Tozier,	3 64
Perley Perry,	45
J. H. Weston,	1 42
S. P. Roberts,	7 42
W. Otis & Son,	9 80
G. H. Dingley,	6 28
James Libby,	6 35
Joseph Goodwin,	6 00
Uriah Atwood,	5 32
Neal McDonald,	3 00
Neal McDonald,	1 65
E. F. Ridley,	5 68
Lapham & Packard,	9 33
H. M. Starbird,	2 10
Geo. W. Edgcomb,	2 10
F. J. Toothaker,	1 65
Josiah Morrell,	8 70
F. J. Dunham,	3 15
Lewis E. Palmer,	1 80
G. D. Sloman,	4 73
C. T. Frost,	1 65
Eben Morrell,	18 37
Harry Rose,	5 55
H. Dustin,	12 00
J. D. Baker,	9 76
Geo. Dearborn,	5 10
Frank P. Danforth,	13 60
Bert Larrabee,	1 05
Llewellyn Larrabee,	2 02
John Coleman & Son,	14 57
Scott Dearborn,	1 72
Fred Mitchell,	7 84
Geo. Danforth,	10 47
E. W. Small,	13 24

Snow bills, continued.

John Tucker & Son,	11 18
Chas. A. Metcalf,	6 95
C. W. Goodwin,	4 64
Isaac McDonald,	90
Thomas Currier,	3 99
E. E. Danforth,	12 94
Elbridge McDonald,	60
A. H. Waldron,	4 00
W. H. Waldron,	4 96
Chas. Larrabee,	3 15
David Parris,	1 05
Lewis Doso,	4 20
Horace Buker,	3 70
W. H. Merchant,	2 62
H. C. Allard,	9 15
Fred Gayton,	5 95
F. T. Harriman,	10 25
Geo. E. Spalding,	5 19
Arthur Newell,	5 50
F. D. Gilman,	10 95
A. D. Bartlett,	4 00
E. T. Gray,	1 95
John T. Gilman,	13 15
J. F. Small,	4 63
E. F. Whitney,	4 58
Levi Harriman,	6 75
Edward T. Ridley,	5 47
E. H. Ricker,	2 62
Fred Goodwin,	1 94
C. A. Pray,	1 50
G. E. Plympton,	97
Wm. Bubier,	3 00
W. S. Bubier,	75
W. H. Merchant,	68
H. Gilpatrick,	10 82
Nathaniel Gilpatrick,	4 27

Snow bills, concluded.

A. M. Patterson,	11 83
Chas. P. Lane,	2 46
Albert Stevens,	4 85
B. L. Merrill,	6 35
Joseph B. Stevens,	10 95
Fred Edgecomb,	5 05
Augustus Gowell,	6 00
Frank Bailey,	6 06
Stanley True,	67
E. M. True,	1 05
N. C. True,	2 80
Geo. A. Thurlow,	8 10
Otis B. Gray,	5 77
Woodbury V. Danforth,	10 15
Henry Small,	3 52
Irving Danforth,	5 92

Amount of orders drawn for snow		
bills for 1903,	\$1127 82	
Amount raised by town,	1000 00	
Overdrawn,	— —	\$127 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for Repairs up Roads and Bridges :

Lester Howard,	\$3 75
Levi Danforth,	6 00
C. T. Hall,	8 50
Geo. E. Ricker,	169 50
David Paris,	12 00
F. G. Dow,	150 80
J. D. Powers,	39 38
H. Allen,	3 00
J. Earle,	12 75
Irving Danforth,	3 80

D. M. Webber,	1 50
E. L. Campbell,	6 75
Geo. A. Danforth,	6 30
Llewellyn Larrabee,	6 15
G. E. Ricker,	124 00
D. Paris,	10 50
O. E. Hewey,	35 00
James Huntington, cutting bushes,	4 50
J. D. Powers,	15 00
W. E. Cunningham,	24 50
D. M. Webber,	3 00
Geo. Howard,	7 35
A. W. Niles, cutting bushes,	11 25
J. Earle,	65 75
H. M. Hunkings,	75
H. M. Hunkings,	6 45
A. R. Bucklin,	2 80
John Purinton,	40 92
Wm. Powers,	178 50
A. C. Goodwin,	1 50
Edward Gray,	4 50
David Paris,	31 38
B. W. Ridley,	5 50
S. S. Knight, cutting bushes,	3 38
Isaac Gayton,	2 40
Isaac McDonald,	3 75
E. W. Small,	7 00
Lapham and Packard,	5 11
F. P. Trafton, plank and stringers,	65 58
A. P. Smith, plank and stringers,	2 00
F. D. Gilman,	10 00
Frank Gilman,	1 50
Wm. Bubier, cutting bushes,	4 20
G. E. Ricker,	43 75
E. Danforth,	7 10
John Coleman,	7 50
Frank McDonald,	10 50

F. H. Nixon,	5 60	
O. T. Blanchard,	5 35	
Wm. Powers,	20 00	
Ed. J. Fish,	18 50	
Alanson Danforth,	6 30	
E. G. Ricker, cutting bushes,	7 50	
Horace Gilpatrick, cutting bushes,	45 85	
Nathaniel Gilpatrick, cutting bushes,	20 05	
J. E. Chase,	9 36	
H. J. Ficket,	6 84	
B. W. Ridley,	4 63	
D. Paris,	1 50	
J. B. Stevens,	9 27	
E. P. Springer,	5 00	
Alonzo Gowell,	6 50	
Augustus Gowell,	9 30	
W. T. Woodbury,	27 20	
A. S. Gowell,	4 00	
J. D. Powers,	14 25	
Geo. Howard,	3 25	
Wm. Powers,	11 00	
L. F. Dunn,	2 85	
G. E. Ricker,	19 65	
W. A. Rich,	6 72	
C. H. Mitchel,	34 25	
Wm. Knight,	1 50	
C. A. Pray,	2 25	
C. A. Pray,	8 07	
Geo. E. Ricker,	30 00	
Fred Gayton,	8 25	
C. E. Pevy, cutting bushes,	1 50	
David Adams,	4 20	
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Amount of orders drawn		\$1537 59
Amount raised by Town		1500 00
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Overdrawn		\$37 59

STATE ROAD.

Orders drawn on the treasurer for State

Road :

C. B. Currier,	\$11 25
Geo. Gowell,	9 75
Wilbor Danforth,	9 75
Isaac McDonald,	12 00
C. A. Dearborn,	11 25
Isaac Gayton,	17 25
D. Paris,	14 50
J. Earle,	8 25
G. E. Ricker,	56 00
E. G. Ricker,	12 37
E. Danforth,	26 25
Fred Danforth,	15 38
Geo. Fogg,	14 25

Amount of orders drawn,		\$218 25
Amount raised by town,	100 00	
Amount due from State,	100 00	
Overdrawn,		\$18 25

Orders drawn on treasurer for support of
poor for 1903 :

Chas. Campbell, sundries furnished A. J. Tarr,	7 82
Chas. Campbell, sundries furnished Chas. Groves,	10 65
E. F. Severy, board of tramp,	75
G. D. Sloman, board of H. Potter,	18 00
Cyrus Kindrick, attending A. J. Tarr, 1903,	3 50
Support of Alonzo R. Getchell, 1903,	60 00
City of Bath, supplies furnished L. P. Nickerson, 1903,	42 00

Maine Insane Hospital, board of Josiah Morrell, Jr.,	5 71	
Chas. Campbell, supplies furnished A. J. Tarr,	16 40	
G. D. Sloman, board of H. Potter,	18 00	
Maine Insane hospital, board and clothes, Josiah Morrell, Jr.,	56 58	
G. D. Sloman, board of H. Potter,	18 00	
Chas. Campbell, sundries furnished Chas. Groves.	14 91	
A. H. Larrabee, board of tramps, 1903,	13 00	
G. D. Sloman, board of H. Potter,	18 00	
L. F. Dunn, provisions furnished F. Nixon, 1903,	10 31	
J. E. Chase, clothing furnished H. Potter, 1903,	3 21	
Amount of orders drawn,	<hr/>	\$316 84
Amount appropriated for support of poor, 1903,	200 00	
Received from D. B. Stockham for grass, year 1902,	65 00	
Received from Geo. E. Ricker, for grass, year 1903,	55 50	
Received from E. P. Springer, for grass from pasture, 1903,	8 00	
Received from E. P. Springer, apples, 1903,	57 00	
Received from J. J. Perry, wood, 1903,	11 00	
Received from town of Webster sundries furnished A. J. Tarr, 1903,	27 72	
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Total,		\$424 22
Unexpended,		107 38

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Orders drawn on Treasurer for sheep killed by dogs, 1903 :		
R. S. Bosworth,	\$6 00	
Edward Gilpatrick,	4 00	
Horace Buker,	4 00	
C. E. Peavey,	8 00	
James P. Springer,	12 00	
D. N. Fogg,	15 00	
Total		<hr/> \$49 00
Amount due from State,	\$49 00	

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Amount appropriated Libby Post G. A. R.,	\$25 00
Paid O. A. True for Libby Post	\$25 00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Amount appropriated for school books for 1903,	\$60 00
Orders drawn on Treasurer for school books,	44 93
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Amount unexpended,	\$15 07

SCHOOLS SUPPLIES.

Amount appropriated for school supplies for 1903,	\$75 00
Orders drawn for school supplies for 1903,	69 37
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Amount unexpended,	\$5 63

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Amount appropriated for schoolhouse repairs for 1903,	\$25 00
Orders drawn for schoolhouse repairs for 1903,	19 10
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Amount unexpended,	\$5 90

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount appropriated for support of schools for 1903,	\$1000 00
Balance on Selectmen books, February 19, 1903,	146 52
Received from Town of Wales, Tuition, 1903,	61 62
Received from State school money, 1903,	754 25
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Total	\$1962 39
Paid for support of Schools,	\$1804 65
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Balance on Selectmen books, February 19, 1904,	\$157 74

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated for free High School,	\$250 00
Orders drawn on Treasury for support of same,	229 00
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Amount unexpended,	\$21 00
Abated on J. Elmer Purinton tax book for the year 1902,	
D. H. Potter,	\$1 70
M. W. Adams, poll tax,	3 00
Llewellyn Blanchard, left town,	4 11
Sewell Glass, heirs of,	3 40
S. K. Hoyte, out of town,	3 00
Fred T. Harriman, paid in Gardiner,	3 00
Bert Larrabee unable to pay,	2 63
R. S. Niles, poll,	3 00
E. T. Small, paid out of town,	3 00
J. A. Taylor, out of town,	3 00
Laura O. Percey, on real estate,	1 70
Frank Neal, on real estate,	8 50
F. H. Sleeper, on real estate,	1 70
A. R. Paris, out of town,	3 00
W. S. Moulton, on real estate,	2 95
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Total	\$47 69
Abated on O. A. Trues' tax book of 1901,	
Fred McGrotey, poll tax, out of town,	\$3 00

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on Selectmen books, February 19, 1903,	\$3612 93	
Assessed and committed to collector and treasurer exclusive of schools.	6335 20	
Receiver on tax deeds,	17 50	
for dog licenses refunded for 1902,	66 51	
R. R. and telegraph tax,	62 08	
Geo. Ricker, grass sold on town farm, 1903	55 50	
from town of Webster, Sundries furnished A. J. Tarr, 1903,	27 72	
Mrs. D. B. Stockham, Grass on town farm, 1902,	65 00	
J. J. Perry for wood, 1903,	11 00	
E. P. Springsr, apples, 1903,	57 00	
E. P. Springer, grass in pasture, 1903,	8 00	
Supplementary Tax, 1903,	49 20	
Total Resources for 1903,	10,367 64	
Paid for incidentals,	\$771 29	
snow bills,	1127 82	
roads and bridges,	1537 59	
support of poor,	316 84	
Memorial services,	25 00	
repairs of schoolhouses,	19 10	
sheep killed by dogs,	49 00	
school supplies,	69 37	
schools books,	44 93	
interest on town debt,	92 00	
state tax,	1001 44	
county tax,	353 26	
high school,	229 00	
	<hr/>	\$5636 64
Balance on selectmen's books,		
February 19, 1904,		4731 00
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		15367 64
Respectfully submitted,		
E. N. BAKER,	}	Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Litchfield
A. R. BUCKLIN,		
GEORGE. E. RING,		

School Report.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Litchfield:

We respectfully submit the following report of our schools for the year ending February 20, 1904:

Resources.

Amount raised by the town,	\$1000 00
School fund and mill tax,	754 25
Tuition from town of Wales,	61 62
Unexpended last year,	80 88
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Total,	\$1896 75

Expenditures.

Spring schools,	\$426 00
Fall schools,	517 25
Winter schools,	437 50
Conveyance of pupils,	290 35
Janitors' services,	25 20
Wood,	52 00
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	\$1748 30
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Unexpended,	\$148 45

There are three bills amounting to about \$40, which we did not get in the above account.

The town voted to have a school at the Berry. The pupils were conveyed there from the Waterman. The pupils in the Earle district were transported to the Farrin; the Grant pupils to Steventown; the N. Oak Hill and Hall pupils to the Brick.

Statistics.

TERMS.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Number of Pupils Registered.	Average Number.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Wages.	Number of Schools taught before.	Number of Visits by Citizens.
SPRING TERM.	Lincoln. Holmes. Whittier. Washington Longfellow. Stetson. S. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor. Augusta H. Edgecomb, Geo. M. Rogers, Nellie M. Ham, Sarah L. Rogers, Roscoe S. Bosworth, Clara D. Hutchison, Claribel Higgins,	13 14 18 10 20 24 15 21	12 13 17 9 18 20 11 19	10 10 10 3† 9† 10 10 9†	\$6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00 6 00	71 81 23 20 19 31 3 14	28 12 0 8 3 1 3
FALL TERM.	Lincoln. Holmes. Whittier. Washington Longfellow. Stetson. S. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor, Augusta H. Edgecomb, Clara D. Hutchinson, Nellie M. Ham, Annie G. Dustin, Roscoe S. Bosworth, Maud A. Lane, Claribel Higgins,	13 16 18 23 19 18 17 21	12 13 15 19 17 17 13 20	10 10 10 11 11 10 10 11	6 50* 6 50* 6 25 6 25 6 25 6 25 5 50 6 25	72 82 4 21 11 32 0 15	15 10 7 26 6 7 13 9
WINTER TERM.	Lincoln. Holmes. Whittier. Washington Longfellow. Stetson. S. Oak Hill. Willard.	Etta T. Taylor, Augusta H. Edgecomb, Clara D. Hutchinson, Nellie M. Ham, Annie G. Dustin, Roscoe S. Bosworth, Ina A. Fogg, Claribel Higgins,	13 14 18 23 18 18 11 17	12 12 14 19 15 16 9 15	8 8 8 10 8 8 8 8	6 75* 6 75* 6 50 6 50 6 50 6 50 7 00 6 50	73 83 5 22 12 33 6 16	30 10 15 4 8 5 9

* 25 cts. per week additional wages for attending Summer School for teachers.

† Closed on account of sickness.

We have had twenty-eight weeks in all schools except at the Mills. Three schools were closed in the spring term on account of scarlet fever and the Mills school did not open until fall.

Part of the lost time was made up by increasing the length of the fall and winter terms.

Five of our teachers taught in the same schools throughout the year

Mr. G. M. Rogers who successfully taught the Whittier school in the spring resigned to follow other business.

Mrs. Rogers was hired to teach the Longfellow school and convey pupils.

Her work in the spring term was very satisfactory. She resigned to take a course at Farmington Normal School. Annie G. Dustin was hired to take her place for the fall and winter terms.

Pupils not absent one-half day.

Lincoln school. Spring term: Gladys Bubier, Ardra Earle, Fernley Bubier.

Fall term: Edith Campbell, Gilbert Baker, Ethel Campbell.

Winter term: Ethel Campbell, Courtney Baker, Edith Campbell, Gilbert Baker, Harold Bosworth.

South Oak Hill School. Spring term: Clara Hall, Arthur Mitchell, Helen Mitchell.

Fall term: Clara Hall, Lola V. Mitchell, Helen F. Mitchell, Arthur R. Mitchell.

Winter term: Helen F. Mitchell,* Arthur R. Mitchell.*

Longfellow school. Spring term: Florence E. Libby, Vieve M. Dustin, Clyde E. Chase, Clifton Dustin, Cecil Dustin, Clarence A. Webber, Royal P. Webber.

Fall term: Clyde E. Chase, Clarence A. Webber, Lester M. Webber, Clifton H. Dustin, Florence E. Libby, Nonie M. Dustin.

Winter term: Willard B. Ashford, Clifton H. Dustin,* Cecil C. Dustin, Clement M. Webber, Lester M. Webber, Clarence A. Webber.*

Holmes school. Spring term: Harry G. Allard, Mina B. Colby, Raymond F. Colby, Ida G. Colby, Belle Douglass, Henry B. Merrill, Bertha M. Powers, Ernest S. Dow.

Fall term: Minn C. Colby, Raymond F. Colby, Ernest S. Dow, Florence E. Merrill, Henry B. Merrill, Bertha M. Powers.

Winter term: Mina C. Colby,* Raymond F. Colby.*

Washington school. Spring term: Clela Gilman, Howe Tozier, Raymond Tozier, Mattie Plimpton.

Fall term: Not any.

Winter term: Merton Norris.

Whittier school. Spring term: Ollie M. Palmer, Gracie M. Hamlin, Selena M. Gilbey, Reubena M. Gilbey, Martha A. Gilbey, Leroy J. Weston, Fred C. Edgecomb.

Fall term: Selena M. Gilbey, Reubena M. Gilbey, Martha A. Gilbey.

Winter term: Selena M. Gilbey,* Reubena M. Gilbey,* Martha A. Gilbey,* Alberta G. Harriman.

Willard school. Spring term: Mildred Tucker, Mary Tucker, Julia Tucker, Margery Tucker, Hattie Curtis, Richard Tucker, Fred Tucker, Elmer Tucker, Herman Small, Donald Small, Milton True.

Fall term: Mildred Tucker, Mary Tucker, Julia Tucker, Margery Tucker, Lena Huntington, Ruth Lapham, Mabel True, Mabel Lane, Elmer Tucker, Herman Small, Donald Small.

Winter term: Herman Small,* Donald Small,* Fred Tucker, Ruth Lapham.

Stetson school. Spring term: Mary L. Goodwin, Frances M. Larrabee, Nettie F. Bubier, Gladys M. Godfrey, Ralph H. Godfrey, Clarence F. Gayton, Philip Larrabee, Stacy Larrabee.

Fall term: Gladys M. Godfrey, Philip J. Larrabee, Ralph H. Godfrey, Roy S. Gilpatrick.

Winter term: Gladys M. Godfrey,* Frances Larrabee, Dorothy Olin, Philip Larrabee,* Roy Gilpatrick, Clarence Gayton, Stacy Larrabee.

* Did not miss for the year.

S. I. L. M.

In many of the schools the leagues are doing good work. Wherever we find the pupils trying to make the schoolroom attractive and homelike, we are sure to find less of that spirit of vandalism which characterized the schools of past generations. It is better for pupils to dispose of surplus energy in trying to make the schoolroom attractive, than in cutting and frescoing desks and walls.

League meetings are usually held every two weeks. The work varies in different leagues but generally consists of reports of officers, reading, speaking, singing, debates, dialogues, question box, school paper, three minute speeches, etc.

Below we give an outline of what some of the leagues have done in the past year:

Washington school cleaned the school-building and yard, purchased clothes-press hooks, fire-shovel and some new books. They have over forty volumes in their library and over five dollars in the treasury.

Longfellow league purchased a Webster's International Dictionary, a swing rope, wash-basin, dipper, towels, etc. They also cleaned the school-building and school-yard, and made flower beds. A map of U. S. and a dictionary holder were donated.

Lincoln school has had thirteen books donated. They have purchased three nice maps, a bookcase, an Academic Dictionary, six curtains, and have in the treasury over seven dollars, which is to be used to tint the walls of the school room.

The Whittier school purchased a Webster's International Dictionary. They also have a good eight day clock.

The Willard school has secured a new flag and rope, a set of encyclopedias, a clock and have in the treasury about five dollars.

The Holmes school set out three trees, made flower beds, and set a hitching post. One map has been donated. In this school a committee of boys were appointed to look after the school grounds and a committee of girls to dust, sweep, and care for the inside.

The school, the community, and most of all the pupils are benefited by league work.

Pupils will be interested if the teacher wills it. As is the teacher so will be the school league.

Graded Examinations.

We have continued along the line outlined in last year' report.

At the final examinations in the spring term the following pupils were granted certificates to enter the Academy: Walter Lane, Richard Morris, Fred Tucker, Roger Gilman, Harry Allard, Mabel Tucker, Richard Tucker, Eva Webber and Merton Barrett.

We think the requirements for entering the Academy should be made a little harder.

Pupils should complete the large arithmetic, should be able to handle the elementary algebra through quadradic equations, and should have a great deal more of English grammar before entering. In our grammar examinations we have tried to revive the old fashioned analysis and parsing. We believe a mistake is made in not doing more of it.

Some claim that pupils can learn grammar from the study of Latin.

Perhaps they can but they can learn double of the Latin in half of the time if they first have a thorough knowledge of English grammar. Moreover all of our pupils do not want to be obliged to take Latin in order to learn grammar.

Music.

We purchased a second-hand music chart and had it used in the Longfellow school for the fall and winter terms. Fifteen minutes per day were spent in teaching music.

The results were better than we anticipated. Most of the pupils did good work and some, who did not have any natural talent in that direction, learned to read easy exercises.

Outside of the elementary branches no branch of study is of more benefit to a person than music.

A majority of people would receive more good from a knowledge of music than from many of the higher studies.

We are satisfied that most of our teachers are capable of teaching the rudiments of music and with a little practice could do the chart work for beginners.

Pupils, usually, are interested in singing and will work enough better to make up the time taken for the exercise.

Repairs.

Amount raised by town,		\$25 00
Paid Wilbur Danforth for shingling etc,	\$5 00	
J. D. Buker trucking and lumber,	2 94	
for stove and funnel,	12 60	
B. L. Merrill, labor & supplies,	6 50	
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Overdrawn

\$2 04

We had one side of the schoolhouse at S. Oak Hill shingled, bought a new stove for the Farrin, and repaired the Berry building on the inside.

The woodshed at the Mills needs to be shingled and otherwise repaired.

Supply Account.

Cash on hand received for tablets, pencils, etc., February 20, 1903,	\$4 00
Raised by town,	75 00
Received for supplies to February 20, 1904.	2 00

\$81 00

Paid C. T. Swett for maps,	\$5 00
Goodrich Pub. Co.	36 07
Edward Babb & Co.	17 54
Chas. Campbell,	1 55
J. E. Chase,	3 21
for freight, postage, etc,	5 54
Newell White,	5 50
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	\$74 41

Unexpended

\$6 59

Book Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$60 00
Received for old books from Ginn & Co.	3 50
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	\$63 50

Paid Boston School Supply Co.	\$4 80
American Book Co.	16 13
Ginn & Co.	27 50
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	\$48 43

Unexpended

\$15 07

We introduced Aiton's speller and bought other books needed. Our geographies have been in use six years and are getting in poor condition.

We need some U. S. histories.

High School.

Amount raised by town for payment of tuition of pupils at the Academy,	\$250 00
Tuition paid for fall term,	\$122 00
Tuition paid for winter term,	107 00
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Unexpended	\$21 00
Due from the state	\$114 50

The above account shows for only two terms. After settling for the spring term and collecting amount from the state, we shall have on hand about eighty dollars. It will not be necessary to raise so large an amount for this year.

Mr. Vernon E. Rand a graduate of Bates College is in charge of the Academy. Mr. Rand has the necessary scholarship and ability and under his management the school can not help being a success.

Miss Lola Merriman assisted in the fall term. Miss Merriman, who is an efficient and faithful teacher, resigned to accept a position at Leavitt Institute.

Miss Katherine H. Kendrick a graduate of Bates and a thorough scholar is the present assistant. She has won the respect and good-will of the pupils. We predict that she will be a success.

Many pupils graduate from the Academy and go to college; we are proud of the records they are making. A still larger number finish their education in the Academy and as they will become the men and women of our town, we should see that they get a good, practical, business education. Pupils do not get enough drill in commercial arithmetic, bookkeeping, and grammar. We believe a course in school management and methods should

also be instituted for the benefit of those who wish to become teachers.

To the Teachers.

Teaching is a work of great responsibility. The more you realize that responsibility and the nearer you try to do your duty the less you will be appreciated in many instances.

Many of you earn more than you get while a few are careful to earn no more than they get; it is the latter class who would be worth no more if they received double what they do. Our state is noted for the low wages paid its teachers, but we think there are better days in store for you. Remember that your reward will not be in dollars, but in the character of the boys and girls whom you are helping to mould.

Thoughts by the Way.

We wish to mention the good work done in the first and second grades in all of our schools, and especially a class at the Holmes and one at the Washington school.

A physiology class at the Holmes and an arithmetic class at the Longfellow deserve honorable mention.

Some people think the teacher should be an angel and a walking encyclopaedia, and because she has to stay in the school-house only six hours a day, that she should receive six-tenths of the wages of a common day laborer.

Children like the teachers who sugar-coat the lessons for them. A little coating is all right but it should not be too thick.

In the school where we note one hundred eighty-three instances of tardiness we think an interesting story to be read the last thing at night and to be continued in the morning would have the desired effect.

Teachers, who are good scholars themselves, are apt to do too much of the work for the pupil.

It is the duty of the teacher to notify truant officers of truancy.

To the Parents.

In estimating the worth of a teacher we should be very careful.

Superficial work easy for the pupil, smiles and praise for pupil and parent, make some teachers popular for a while to the detriment of the school.

The personality of the teacher should be considered. Pupils copy after the teacher although they may be unconscious of it. The school officers and parents should ask themselves these questions:

Is the teacher such a person as I desire my girl or boy to be?

Has she habits which I would not wish my children to copy?

What the good, faithful, conscientious Christian teacher teaches our children outside of text books will be of more benefit than mere book learning.

None of us are perfect, neither should we expect the teacher to be, but we have the right to demand the best.

The teacher's influence is greater than the preacher's.

In conclusion we wish to thank you for your interest in the schools. The best teacher without your help and sympathy will to some extent be a failure. It is true that the teacher makes the school, but with your help she can make a better one.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. DUSTIN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Litchfield, Feb. 20, 1904.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

We recommend that all teachers holding a certificate showing that they have attended a summer school for teachers during the summer of 1904, shall receive twenty-five cents per week additional wages during the remainder of the year.

We recommend that covered conveyances be used in the transportation of pupils.

Teachers, taking the town examination, who go below an average of 75% or who get less than 50% in any one study should not expect to receive certificates.

An examination of teachers will be held at the Longfellow building on Saturday, March 19, at 9 A. M. in the studies required by law. No postponement.

J. D. BAKER,	} S. S. Committee.
F. E. LANE,	
B. L. MERRILL,	

Report of Treasurer.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20, 1904, also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the collectors.

Cash in Treasury,	\$101 80
Received from State (refunded dog licenses)	66 51
School fund & mill tax,	759 45
Telephone & Telegraph,	62 00
C. A. Metcalf, dog licenses,	104 00
M. C. Rose, tax deed,	17 50
Commitments from Selectmen,	285 84
O. A. True, Bal. on '01 tax.	84 16
J. E. Purinton on 1902 tax,	4039 45
E. P. Springer,	2226 55
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	\$7747 34

Paid out as follows :

Incidental Expenses,	\$699 59
Roads and Bridges,	1537 59
snow bills,	1107 34
for schools,	1771 90
schoolhouse repairs,	19 10
state roads,	218 25
support of poor,	334 84
school supplies,	69 37
sheep killed by dogs,	30 00
school books,	44 93
old orders,	142 56
state tax,	821 52
county tax, 1902,	150 00
county tax, 1903,	203 26
state tax, 1903, (R. dog L.)	66 51
state tax, Tel. & Telegraph,	62 08
state treas, (dog licenses),	104 00
Memorial services,	25 00

interest on Town debt,		92 00
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Cash to balance,		\$7499 84
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		247 50
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		\$7747 34
Due from E. P. Springer, collector,		\$5108 97
Due from State School fund and mill tax,		754 25
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		\$5863 22
Outstanding notes and interest,	\$2346 50	
Due on State tax,	872 85	
Due on County tax,	150 00	
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		\$3369 35
Balance in favor of town,		\$2493 87
CYRUS KINDRICK, Treasurer.		
Litchfield, February 20, 1904.		

Auditor's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Litchfield :

Your Auditor having made a careful examination of the Selectmen and Treasurer's books and accounts for the municipal year ending February 19, 1904, presents the following report :

The Selectmen's accounts show that for all orders drawn on the Treasurer, they have proper vouchers on file, and all orders paid by the Treasurer are correctly charged on his books; and the books are correctly balanced and agree.

The Treasurer's books show that he had :

Cash on hand, February 19, 1903,	\$101 80	
Received during the year,	7645 54	
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		\$7,747 34
Paid out during same time,		7,499 84
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Leaving cash in the treasurer February 19, 1904, \$247 50

I have also examined and allowed the several town officers' bills up to the present date as follows :

E. N. Baker, services as Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor to February 17, 1904,	\$66 05
A. R. Bucklin, for same services,	52 50
Geo. E. Ring, for same services,	46 50
Cyrus Kindrick, Town Treasurer,	21 50
M. H. Dustin, Superintendent of Schools from March 9, 1903, to February 3, 1904,	80 45
E. P. Springer, Auditor,	2 00

E. P. SPRINGER, Auditor.

Town Warrant.

To ORRIN H. TRUE, 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 said town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the seventh day of March A. D. 1904 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 chose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To attend to the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, Superintendents of Schools, and School Committee.

Art. 4. To chose three or more Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, a Town Agent, a Committee or Auditor of Accounts, a Collector of Taxes, one member of School Committee, one or more Truant Officers, one or more Constables, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Fence Viewers, and Field Drivers, a Pound Keeper, a Sealer of Weights and Measures, and all other necessary officers, agents and committees.

Art. 5. To chose a Superintendant of Schools.

Art 6. To choose a Road Commissioner.

Art. 7. To vote a sum of money for Support of Schools.

Art. 8. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of School Books.

Art. 9. To vote a sum of money for School Supplies.

Art. 10. To vote a sum of money for repairs of School-houses.

Art. 11. To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town Expenses.

Art. 12. To vote a sum of money for Support of Poor.

Art. 13. To vote a sum of money for repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Art. 14. To vote a sum of money to pay Snow Bills for the present winter.

Art. 15. To see if the town will authorize its Superintending School Committee to contract with the Trustees of Litchfield Academy for the tuition of its High School Scholars for the ensuing year in that Institution, and to raise a sum of money for that purpose or to act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise a sum of money or authorize the Selectmen or Road Commissioner to expend a certain per cent of road money in removing stone walls or bushes which cause the roads to be drifted or act anything thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for a State road so called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To vote a sum of money to pay interest on the town debt.

Art. 19. To vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money to pay the Town's indebtedness.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to pay the S. S. Committee or act anything thereon.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take for running the Hearse.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote how many Schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will establish a price for labor on Highways and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To direct how future Town Meetings shall be called and what time in March 1905, 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 evidences of the qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield this nineteenth day of February A. D. 1904.

E. N. BAKER,	}	Selectmen of Litchfield.
A. R. BUCKLIN,		
G. E. RING,		