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TOWN OFFICERS.



Clerk and Treasurer.

J. H. DECOSTER.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

A. J. WESTON, J. W. PENNEY, E. K. HOLBROOK.

Collector and Constable.

D. B. WATERHOUSE.

Superintending School Committee.

F. H. McDONALD, SUPERINTENDENT.

F. A. MILLETT,
JAMES W. WANE,

H. E. DENNING,
JOHN H. KING.

Town Agent.

J. M. LIBBY.

Truant Officer.

H. T. BUCKNAM.

Road Commissioner.

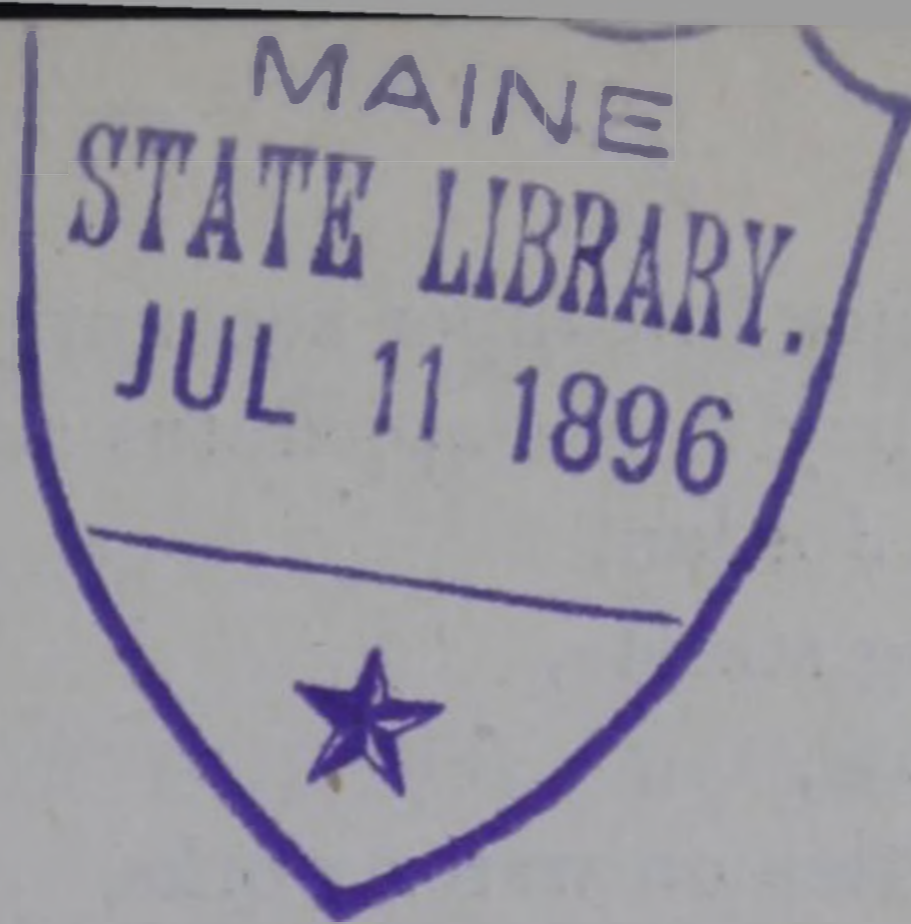
C. L. HACKETT.

Local Board of Health.

C. H. TOBIE, E. F. BRADFORD, M. N. ROYAL.

Special Constables.

ALTON CROOKER, FRED C. CHAPLIN.



Selectmen's Report.

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To the inhabitants of the town of Mechanic Falls:—

The following is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the town for the year ending Feb. 29, 1896.

Agreeable to a warrant from F. M. Simpson, Treasurer of the State of Maine, and a certificate from the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County, and by authority of the votes of the Town of Mechanic Falls, passed at the annual meeting, March 18, 1895, and subsequent meetings, we have assessed on the polls and estates of the inhabitants, and estates of non-resident proprietors of said town as follows:

For State tax,	\$2,342 74
County tax,	1,219 63
common schools,	2,500 00
free high schools,	250 00
roads and bridges,	1,000 00
support of poor,	1,500 00
contingent fund,	500 00
official salaries,	750 00
sinking fund,	2,000 00
interest,	950 00
abatement of taxes,	200 00
A. A. Dwinal Post,	50 00
repairing school-houses,	290 00
text-books,	100 00
deficiency in school account, '94,	39 32

For deficiency in pauper account, '94,	75 25
deficiency in fire apparatus account, '94,	38 17
E. W. Jordan,	70 53
lighting streets,	400 00
hydrants,	1,600 00
committee on water works,	100 00
overlay,	402 72
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	\$16,378 36

The above assessment was committed to D. B. Waterhouse, Collector, July 20, 1895, with a warrant in due form for collecting and paying the same to J. H. DeCoster, Town Treasurer.

Valuation of Town.

The valuation of the town, April 1, 1895, as made by the Assessors, is as follows :

Real estate, resident,	\$508,348 00
Personal estate, resident,	80,836 00
Real estate, non-resident,	188,990 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	38,524 00
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Total,	\$816,698 00

Rate of Taxation.

Basis of Valuation, 100 per cent.

Money Tax, \$18.80 on \$1,000.00.

Poll Tax, \$2.50.

Number Polls, 414.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF RESOURCES

— AND —

EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL MONEY.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hands of Supervisor,	\$ 91 71
Amount raised by vote of town,	2,500 00
State School Fund and Mill tax,	959 20
Free High-School Money raised by town,	250 00
Free High-School Money received from State,	250 00
Amount raised for text-books,	100 00
Amount raised for repairs,	290 00
Amount raised to liquidate school account, 1894,	39 32
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Total,	\$4,480 23

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching,	\$2,889 62	
transporting scholars,	165 00	
fuel,	334 38	
Janitor service,	261 30	
repairs,	490 10	
text books,	141 88	
incidental school supplies,	203 26	
Total,	<hr/>	\$4485 54
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Amount overdrawn,		5 31

STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended, 1894,	\$ 29 06
Amount appropriated, 1895,	400 00
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Total,	\$429 06

Amount brought up, \$ 429 06

Paid Isaiah Thurlow for oil, lighting lamps,
globes and chimneys each month as
follows:

March,	\$34 51
April,	32 00
May,	34 57
June,	32 00
July,	32 00
August,	32 00
September,	35 00
October,	33 00
November,	32 00
December,	34 25
January,	32 00
February,	32 80
Paid Hawkes & Whitney, for lamps,	7 60
Paid A. J. Weston, for glass,	60
Total,	\$404 33
Balance unexpended,	\$ 24 73

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT.

Balance from 1893,	\$ 616 01
Amount appropriated 1895,	1,000 00
Total,	\$1,616 01

Expenditures.

The expenditures for labor and supplies were
as follows:

W. C. Chipman, labor,	\$17 50
F. K. Rawson, “	3 50
Edwin Woodsum, “	4 12
J. H. King, “	14 00
John Fessenden, “	3 00

Amos Tilton, labor,	1 50
David Woodsum, “	2 00
Alonzo Buck, “	12 00
A. V. Hathaway, “	14 47
J. H. King, “	57 00
Winfield Spiller, “	22 50
D. F. Bray, “	15 58
B. F. Haskell, “	7 20
O. N. Bailey, “	1 95
Elmer Durgin, “	2 00
Alonzo Buck, “	33 00
E. A. Faunce, “	36 00
Dustin Martin, “	8 85
A. L. Butters, “	1 50
A. C. Denison, “	8 80
A. J. Weston, for plank,	31 54
E. F. Bailey, labor,	7 88
Albert Griffin, labor,	1 50
W. H. Lunt, labor,	14 40
A. J. Weston, plank for iron bridge,	125 16
H. E. Dennen, crossing field, '95,	4 50
C. L. Hackett, “ “ “	103 14
Alvin Reed, “ “ “	3 00
W. E. Morton, “ “ “	2 70
I. H. Judkins, “ “ “	9 75
Hawkes & Whitney, nails and spikes,	4 34
W. A. McCann, labor,	7 15
John Butters, labor,	1 50
C. L. Hackett, labor,	200 00
A. V. Hathaway, labor,	1 50
Amos Tilton, labor,	7 95
A. J. Weston, plank and lumber,	40 77
Saunders Brothers, for iron work,	75
Mechanic Falls Brick Co., for brick,	2 10
C. L. Hackett, labor,	35 90
J. H. & B. Stanton, labor,	39 22
John Manwell, labor,	75
A. S. Bray, labor,	15 90
Alonzo Buck, labor,	7 50
F. D. True, labor,	5 00

Cyrus Spiller, labor,	5 25
J. L. Keene, labor,	2 00
Samuel Nason, labor,	2 00
C. W. York, labor,	2 00
Dustin Martin, labor,	9 90
W. A. McCann, labor,	3 50
D. F. Bray, labor,	2 15
E. L. Charles, labor,	17 00
H. J. Jordan, labor,	13 55
Albert Griffin, labor,	90
C. D. Herrick, labor,	1 95
C. L. Hilborn, labor,	30 75
Cousens & Stanton, labor,	4 96
Andrew Russell, labor,	3 45
John Fessenden, labor,	2 10
M. P. Hawkins, labor,	4 50
	<hr/> \$ 1,046 33
Balance unexpended,	<hr/> \$ 569 68

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Amount of appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Amount voted to meet deficiency of 1894,	75 25
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Total,	\$1,575 25

Expenditures for supplies, house rent
and medical aid furnished, have
been as follows:

Amount overdrawn, 1894,	\$ 75 25
O. D. Holt,	270 12
Wm. Woodsum's child,	25 00
Burial of Laura Hunnewell,	22 00
J. L. Tobie,	163 68
John Rand, Jr.,	156 72

Emma Trundy,	211 63
C. A. Foster,	29 93
Adrion Walcott,	188 49
Harriet C. Bancroft,	74 00
John Sawyer,	35 00
D. S. Churchill,	220 47
George Poland,	64 76
I. S. Hunnewell,	21 33
Wilson P. Berry,	154 00
Clement McLellan,	314 47
Care of Tramps,	30 03
	<hr/> \$2,056 88
Overdrawn,	<hr/> \$ 481 63

SUPPLIES FURNISHED POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Name.	Town.	Amount.
John W. May,	Raymond,	\$ 53 14
Dennett and Wm. Cotton,	Woodstock,	204 50
Charles Bumpus,	Hebron,	9 84
J. K. P. Simpson,	Rumford,	34 88
Clarence E. Churchill,	Buckfield,	21 00
		<hr/> \$323 36

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
A. A. Dwinal Post, order drawn,	\$50 00

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Amount appropriated,	\$1,600 00
Mechanic Falls Water Co., paid to July, '96,	1,066 66
	<hr/> \$ 533 34
Balance undrawn,	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount appropriated, \$ 750 00

Orders drawn as follows :

Saunders Brothers, fire hooks, etc.,	\$ 10 50
P. & R. F. R. R., freight on hose cart,	9 30
Revere Rubber Co., 1500 ft. hose and hose cart,	640 70
L. E. Small, painting hose cart,	3 00
W. E. Dolly, repairing hose cart,	5 20
Hawkes & Whitney, Supplies,	12 47
J. W. Penney & Sons, hose spanner,	3 00
J. A. Bucknam & Co., chairs,	5 40
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood,	3 13
A. J. Weston, labor and lumber, hose house,	7 32
Saunders Brothers, iron work,	1 00
L. A. Moulton & Co., supplies,	2 70
Hose Co. No. 2, services,	41 75
Hose Co. No. 1, services,	43 76
V. M. Pinkham, wood, Hook & Ladder Co.,	1 25
Hook & Ladder Co., Services,	25 50
H. M. Mayberry, services and supplies,	20 25
E. E. Jordan, services,	10 00
Revere Rubber Co., 1000 ft. hose,	395 00
Cousens & Stanton, carting,	5 45
M. N. Royal, services,	1 50
	<hr/> \$1,248 18
Overdrawn,	<hr/> \$ 498 18

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORTED BY CHIEF ENGINEER.

Old stock found on hand Nov. 1895.

- 1 old hook and ladder truck, poor condition.
- 1 extension ladder 45 ft. long, good condition.
- 2 twenty foot ladders, good condition.
- 1 twenty-five foot ladder, good condition.
- 1 fifteen foot ladder, good condition.
- 3 hooks for pulling down buildings.
- 1 second hand hose reel, good condition.
- 250 ft. second hand hose, good condition.
- 400 ft. second hand rubber hose, poor condition.
- 2 old nozzles, poor condition.
- 2 old nozzles, good condition.
- 1 stove, funnel and lamps.

New Fire Apparatus bought in addition to above.

- 50 ft. of new rope for fire hooks.
- 1 twenty foot roof ladder.
- 4 pails.
- 4 lanterns.
- 1 new hose reel.
- 2500 ft. new hose.
- 2 one and one-eighth inch pipes with nozzles.
- 2 hydrant wrenches.
- 3 hose straps.
- 4 spanners.
- 1 stove and twenty foot funnel.
- 13 spanner belts.
- 12 spanners.

Respectfully submitted, H. M. MAYBERY,

Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

CONTINGENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended, 1894,	\$203 93
Appropriated, 1895,	500 00
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Total,	\$703 93

Orders drawn as follows.

Ledger Publishing Co., printing town reports,	\$63 80
Butters & Farrington, watching fire, F. O.	
Purington,	4 00
V. M. Pinkham, wood for office and lockup,	6 50
J. W. Penney & Sons, repairing hose,	4 00
P. R. Cobb, land rent for hose house,	12 00
J. W. Penney & Sons, repairing hose,	2 00
N. & J. A. Morrill, for legal services on account	
water works,	53 00
Saunders Brothers, iron work,	95
D. S. Perkins, rent of hall, office and lockup,	55 83
A. L. Wight, watching fire, Wm. Lunt,	2 00
F. H. McDonald, balance on pipe, (Minot bill),	41 95
A. J. Weston, stationery,	1 60
E. E. Jordan, care hose and ladders, etc.,	26 00
Maine Industrial School, board Josie T. Moore,	3 00
G. T. R. R., freight on pipe,	3 76
C. L. Hackett, putting in drain for water fountain,	7 50
O. C. Bridge, painting signs for bridge,	3 50
F. E. Mayberry, watering trough,	2 50
Marshall & Briggs, teams at fire,	3 35
Hawkes & Whitney, wood saw for lock up,	1 10
W. C. Chipman, repairing culvert,	1 50
Eliza A. Milliken, on account of loan,	12 71
F. H. McDonald, watering trough,	20 00
J. W. Penney & Sons, signs for bridge,	41 50
J. W. Penney & Sons, water gauge,	3 00
Portland Pipe Co., drain pipe for fountain,	40 40
J. A. Buckman & Co., chairs for office,	2 70
J. H. DeCoster, postage, books, etc.,	8 97
O. B. Dwinal, rent Hook & Ladder house,	
watering trough,	11 00

E. F. Bradford, reporting births and deaths,	2 75
Ledger Publishing Co., printing,	6 25
D. S. Perkins, rent of office,	20 00
“ “ “ rent of lock up,	46 67
V. M. Pinkham, wood for office and Hook & Ladder Co.,	6 75
C. H. Tobie, reporting births and deaths,	4 25
C. B. Rankin, “ “ “ “	6 25
P. R. Cobb, horse hire,	1 00
A. J. Weston, supplies,	3 91
E. F. Bradford, reporting births and deaths,	2 00
O. B. & C. H. Dwinal, supplies,	4 45
	<hr/> \$544 40

Balance unexpended, \$159 53

Appropriation to liquidate fire apparatus account, \$70 53
 J. W. Penny & Sons, order drawn, 70 53

ABATEMENT OF TAXES AND COLLECTOR'S COM- MISSIONS, ACCOUNT.

Balance undrawn 1894,	\$533 45
Amount appropriated 1895,	200 00
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Total,	\$733 45

Orders Drawn.

D. B. Waterhouse, commission 1893,	\$100 00
“ “ “ “ 1894,	100 00
“ “ “ “ 1895,	100 00
“ “ “ abatement sundry taxes, 1893,	56 19
Estate, J. A. Bucknam, abatement, 1893,	10 34
O. H. Guptill, “ 1895,	5 64
I. F. McCann, “ “	3 76
	<hr/> \$375 93

Balance unexpended, \$357 52

Discount on taxes paid before Jan. 1, 1896, as per vote of town,
\$641 17.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOAN AND TOWN BONDS.

Balance undrawn, 1894,	\$146 10
Amount appropriated, 1895,	950 00
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Total,	\$1,096 10

Interest Paid.

J. H. DeCoster, discount on note,	\$ 11 96
Interest coupons on bonds paid,	1,036 00
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	\$1,047 96
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Balance undrawn,	\$ 48 14

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Amount appropriated,	\$750 00
E. F. Bradford, board of health, '94,	\$ 5 00
F. C. Chaplain, constable service, '94,	6 00
C. H. Tobie, board of health, '94-95,	20 00
J. A. Crooker, service, '95,	9 00
A. E. True, services, camp-meeting,	5 50
D. B. Waterhouse, constable service,	2 00
J. H. DeCoster, recording births and deaths,	12 15
J. H. DeCoster, services as treasurer,	75 00
J. H. DeCoster, services as clerk,	20 00
C. H. Tobie, services, board of health, '95,	15 00
J. M. Libby, services as town agent,	27 00
F. E. Tufts, services as auditor,	10 00
A. J. Weston, services as selectman,	125 00
J. W. Penney, services as selectman and cash,	107 59
J. W. Penney, services as special supervisor, erection of water works,	106 50
E. K. Holbrook, services as selectman,	61 87
F. H. McDonald, services as supervisor, schools,	125 00
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	\$ 732 61
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Balance unexpended,	\$ 17 39

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS,
ACCOUNT.**

Amount appropriated,	\$100 00
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Orders drawn as follows:

P. R. Cobb, horse hire for committee,	\$ 5 75
J. M. Libby, services,	30 00
F. H. McDonald, services,	25 00
J. W. Penney, services and cash paid,	36 50
Total,	<u> \$97 25</u>
 Balance undrawn,	 <u> \$ 2 75</u>

**FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF
MECHANIC FALLS, MARCH 1, 1896.**

LIABILITIES.

Bonded indebtedness,	\$26,200 00
Outstanding town orders,	2,871 97
Temporary loan,	1,000 00
Loan for purchase of hose,	600 00
Outstanding bills,	85 00
Interest on bonds, not called for,	24 00
	<u> </u>
	\$30,780 97

Amount of Liabilities brought up, \$ 30,780_97

RESOURCES.

Tax deeds.	\$ 305 08
Due from D. B. Waterhouse, Col. tax, '93,	64 41
D. B. Waterhouse, Col. tax, '94,	3,131 01
D. B. Waterhouse, Col. tax, '95,	5,692 18
State on account high school,	500 00
Dog license,	118 00
Tax deeds, Minot,	350 00
Oxford, pauper supplies,	174 87
Woodstock, do.	427 14
Raymond, do.	56 49
Paris, do.	47 52
Hebron, do.	215 20
Gray, do.	77 85
Rumford, do.	26 19
Bingham,	48 50
Leeds,	19 19
Cash in Treasury,	3,326 49
Due from Buckfield,	21 00
In hands of Supervisor,	91 71
Sinking Fund,	2,000 00
	————— \$16,692 83
	—————
Balance against town,	\$ 14,088 14

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Common schools,	\$2,500 00
Free high school,	250 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Roads and bridges,	200 00
Contingent expenses,	800 00
Sinking fund,	1,500 00
Payment of interest,	1,048 00
Official salaries,	700 00
Abatements and commissions,	200 00
Text-books,	100 00
A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R.,	50 00
Deficiencies, pauper account,	481 00
Deficiencies, fire department account,	498 18
Hydrant rental,	1,600 00
Street lighting,	400 00
Fire department,	500 00
Discounts,	600 00
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	\$12,727 18

200 00
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Respectfully submitted,

A. J. WESTON,
 J. W. PENNEY,
 E. K. HOLBROOK,

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.

I have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the selectmen and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS, Auditor.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. H. DeCoster, Treasurer, in account with the town of Mechanic Falls, for year ending February 29th, 1896.

Dr.

To bal. brought forward from 1895,	\$566 91
State Treasurer, check, burial of soldier,	35 00
temporary loan,	1,012 71
cash, account taxes collected and paid	
by G. Bearce,	21 50
“ town of Raymond and paid by	
A. J. Weston,	70 00
“ L. J. Morton, tax deed and interest,	
by E. M. Hathaway,	49 76
“ license, horse show,	1 00
“ temporary loan,	589 75
“ for tax deeds from estate, Jesse	
Turner,	39 65
“ from State Treasurer, account	
soldiers pension,	36 00
“ from State Treasurer, account free high school,	125 00
“ “ “ “ “ soldiers pension,	12 00
“ for dog licenses, 1895,	118 00
“ for old bridge plank sold, of A. J. Weston,	2 00
“ for temporary loan, on town order,	600 00
“ for old bridge plank sold, of A. J. Weston,	3 25
“ for jugs sold, of A. E. True,	1 50
“ allowed on State tax, account of dog licenses for	
1894,	115 63
“ allowed on State tax, account railroad and	
telegraph tax,	81
“ allowed on State tax, school fund and mill tax,	959 20
“ State Treasurer, account State pension,	36 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “	12 00
“ of South Paris Savings Bank, account taxes on	
Brick Store,	89 53
“ of town of Peru, from A. J. Weston,	66 76

To cash, Mechanic Falls Village Corporation,	
D. B. Waterhouse,	36 98
“ received of D. B. Waterhouse, collector on taxes, 1893,	1,989 79
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By interest paid on town bonds,	1,036 00
paid State pensions,	96 00
“ “ treasurer, cash dog licenses, 1895,	118 00
paid town orders,	14,513 65
cash paid county tax for 1895,	1,160 95
“ “ State “ “ 1895,	2,342 74
“ “ temporary loan,	612 71
“ “ hydrant rental to July 1896,	1,066 66
“ “ fire inquest,	58 68
“ deposited for sinking fund, at four per cent. interest,	2,000 00
Cash, etc., on hand,	3,326 49
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Respectfully submitted,
J. H. DeCOSTER,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of
J. H. DeCoster, Town Treasurer; and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS,
Auditor.

March 3, 1896.

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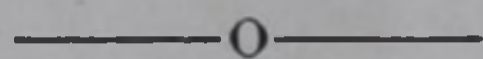
J. H. DECOSTER,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of
J. H. DeCoster, Town Treasurer; and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS,
Auditor.

March 3, 1896.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.



To *D. B. Waterhouse, a Constable of the Town of Mechanic Falls, in the County of Androscoggin,* GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Mechanic Falls, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Perkins Hall, in said town on the 16th day of March 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose a town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3d. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4th. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.

Art. 6th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of a Free High School.

Art. 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for the support of a Free High School.

Art. 8th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of roads, bridges and culverts.

Art. 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for contingent expenses.

Art. 11th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for salaries of town officers.

Art. 12th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the sinking fund.

Art. 13th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for payment of interest.

Art. 14th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for statements, discounts and Collectors' commissions.

Art. 15th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day.

Art. 16th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for lighting streets.

Art. 17th. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchase of text books.

Art. 18th. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid within such time as the town may determine.

Art. 19th. To choose a Collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

Art. 20th. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Mechanic Falls Water Company for two Hydrants, one to be placed on True Street and one on Pine Street near John Hanscom's manufactory.

Art. 21st. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money sufficient to pay the Mechanic Falls Water Co. the annual Hydrant rental.

Art. 22d. To see what sum of money the town will raise for a sewerage system.

Art. 23d. To hear the report of the committee on Electric Lighting.

Art. 24th. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the purpose of Electric Street Lighting, fix the amount and will vote to contract with some responsible party for the same.

Art. 25th. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

Art. 26th. To see what annual compensation the town will vote to pay for the services of the Chief, and First and Second Engineers, of the Fire Department.

Art. 27th. To see if the town will vote to put in a culvert on Water Street near the brick-yard.

Art. 28th. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay firemen and purchase fire apparatus.

Art. 29th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$481 63 to liquidate the deficiency in the Pauper account.

Art. 30th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$498 18 to liquidate the deficiency in the Fire Department account.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Selectmen's office at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March A. D. 1896.

A. J. WESTON,

J. W. PENNEY,

E. K. HOLBROOK,

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.

3d Annual

Report of Superintendent,

TOWN OF

Mechanic Falls, Maine.

SCHOOL BOARD.

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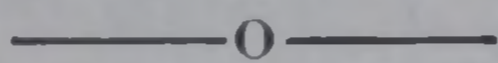
F. A. MILLETT, }
H. E. DENNEN. } One year.

F. H. McDONALD, }
J. W. WAYNE, } Two years.
J. H. KING. }

Organization.

J. W. WAYNE, - - - - - CHAIRMAN.
F. H. McDONALD, - - - - - SECRETARY.
F. H. McDONALD, - - - - - SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent's Report.



In compliance with the requirements of law, your Superintendent herewith submits his third annual report of his action, and the condition of the schools under his charge for the municipal year 1895.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The complete school statistics of the town of Mechanic Falls for the year 1895, which it will be the duty of the Superintendent of 1896 to forward to the State Superintendent of Common Schools, on or before May 1, are as follows:

1. Number of children belonging in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, census '96.

2. Number children registered in	{ Spring term,	274
	{ Fall term,	262
	{ Winter term,	268

3. Average number attending	{ Spring term,	236
	{ Fall term,	210
	{ Winter term,	240

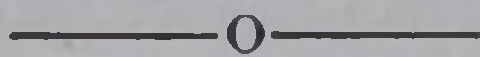
4. Number different pupils registered in school from April 1, 1895, to April 1, 1896, 284

5. Average length in weeks and days of 5 days per week,	{ Spring term,	11 wks
	{ Fall term,	11 "
	{ Winter term,	10 " 3 ds.

6.	Aggregate number of weeks of all schools,	226
7.	Number of School Houses in town,	4
8.	Number in good condition,	4
9.	Estimated value of all School Property,	\$12,000.00
10.	Number of male teachers employed in	
	{ Spring term,	1
	{ Fall term,	1
	{ Winter term,	1
11.	Number of female teachers employed in	
	{ Spring term,	8
	{ Fall term,	7
	{ Winter term,	7
12.	Number of teachers graduates of Normal Schools,	3
13.	Average wages of male teachers per month, excluding board,	\$72 00
14.	Average wages of female teachers per week, excluding board,	\$6.00
15.	Average cost of teachers' board per week,	\$3.25
16.	Amount paid for school supervision,	\$115.00
17.	How many different schools, not terms, in town?	7
18.	How many ungraded schools in town?	1
19.	How many ungraded schools had classes in U. S. History?	1
20.	How many had classes in Physiology?	1
21.	How many in Book-keeping?	1
22.	How many in other studies than those named in the Statutes?	0
23.	Are the schools well supplied with text books?	Yes.

24. Are your schools supplied with Globes, Wall maps
and Charts? Yes.
25. How many different teachers were employed in
all your schools? 14
26. How many teachers were continued in the same
school for the year? 2
27. How many had had previous experience? 13
28. How many failed to return Register? None.
29. What action did the town take at its last annual
meeting regarding,
(1) Free High Schools? Voted to expend \$500.00
(2) Repairs on School houses, Raised \$290.00
30. What text books are used in the schools on
(1) Reading? Lippincott's.
(2) Spelling? Metcalf's.
(3) Arithmetic? Greenleaf's.
(4) Grammar? Hyde's Lessons.
(5) Geography? Potter's.
(6) History? Barnes'.
(7) Book-keeping? Meservey's.
(8) Physiology? Steele's.
31. Did the town elect truant officers for current year?
How many? Yes, one.
32. Have school books been furnished at town's
expense as required by law? Yes.

Financial Exhibit.



RESOURCES.

Raised by vote of town for Common Schools,	\$2,539 32
Raised by vote of town for Free High School,	250 00
Raised by vote of town for Text-books,	100 00
Raised by vote of town for Repairs,	290 00
Received from State School fund and Mill tax,	959 20
Due from State, Free High School Money,	250 00
In hands of Supervisor at last Report,	91 71
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Total,	\$ 4,480 23

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching Spring Term.

F. E. Briggs,	\$225 00
K. E. Abbott,	126 00
Alice J. Swain,	99 00
J. Belle Nash,	99 00
Edith M. Maxwell,	144 00
Nannie M. Bucknam,	96 00
Effie M. Wayne,	85 00
Mary C. Jones,	90 00
Josia B. Farris,	60 00
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	\$1,024 00

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Teaching Fall Term.

F. E. Briggs,	\$266 67
Belle Gray,	18 00
Effie M. Wayne,	85 00
Mildred J. Hill,	99 00
Nannie M. Bucknam,	96 00
Gertrude L. McDonald,	144 00
Mary C. Jones,	99 00
Effie E. Saunders,	68 00
Minnie M. C. Jumper,	82 50
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	\$958 17

Teaching Winter Term.

F. E. Briggs,	\$244 45
Effie M. Wayne,	85 00
Mildred J. Hill,	99 00
Gertrude L. McDonald,	132 00
Nannie M. Bucknam,	88 00
Mary C. Jones,	99 00
Effie E. Saunders,	80 00
Minnie M. C. Jumper,	80 00
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	\$907 45

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

F. E. Mayberry,	Spring term,	\$55 00
F. E. Mayberry,	Fall term,	55 00
W. M. Brown,	Winter term,	15 00
Walter M. Mayberry,	Winter term,	5 00
F. E. Mayberry,	Winter term,	35 00
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Total,		\$165 00

JANITOR SERVICE.

E. F. Bailey	Spring term,	\$78 00
James C. King	Spring term,	7 00
E. F. Bailey,	Fall term,	78 00
James C. King,	Fall term,	5 30
E. F. Bailey,	Winter term,	88 00
James C. King,	Winter term,	5 00

Total,		\$261 30

FUEL.

George Farris,	Wood,	\$ 49 50
Charles L. Hilborn,	Wood,	15 00
Hawkes & Whitney,	Coal,	193 88
F. H. McDonald,	Wood,	35 00
Hawkes & Whitney,	Coal,	13 50
F. H. McDonald,	Wood and Fitting,	27 50

Total,		\$334 38

TEXT-BOOKS.

A. M. Thayer,	Books,	\$ 4 50
Lee & Shepard,	“	9 00
Ginn & Co.,	“	20 32
American Book Co.,	“	33 12
Prang Educational Co.,	“	13 99
E. H. Butler Co.,	“	5 40
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	“	22 32
D. C. Heath & Co.,	“	12 00
University Pub. Co.,	“	5 38
American Ed. Society.	“	2 00
F. H. McDonald, Express, 1894 and 1895,		13 85

Total,		\$ 141 88

REPAIRS.

J. W. Penney & Sons, valves,	\$ 1 70
E. F. Bailey, repairs,	6 12
J. L. Keene, shingling, etc.,	31 00
J. W. Penney & Sons, iron work,	12 60
Francis Mains, shingling,	9 75
C. W. York, shingling, etc.,	31 00
A. M. Martin, building vault,	3 00
A. J. Weston, shingles and lumber,	52 50
A. J. Weston, shingles and lumber,	81 38
C. G. Cole, shingling,	15 00
Saunders Bros., repairing fence,	20
E. F. Bailey, repairing doors,	3 00
T. B. Davis, repairing blackboard,	1 00
A. J. Weston, repairs,	70
J. H. King, re-building wood-house,	33 35
E. F. Bailey, painting and repairs,	12 87
E. F. Bailey, labor on repairs,	3 00
J. W. Penney & Sons, piping,	8 75
J. W. Frank, flag pole,	3 00
J. W. Penney & Sons, plumbing school-houses,	127 55
J. W. Penney & Sons, repairs, piping,	12 56
E. F. Bailey, supplies and repairs,	23 30
O. N. Bailey, painting, etc.,	3 75
J. W. Penney & Sons, repairs,	2 19
Saunders Bros., iron work,	1 05
Mechanic Falls Brick Co., brick,	9 78
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Total,	\$490 10

INCIDENTAL SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES.

A. A. Millett, census,	\$5 00
F. H. Ireland, cleaning vault,	6 00
Forest Waterman, graduation,	25 00
R. P. Kelley, chart,	18 50
Merrill & Denning, supplies,	22 77
E. S. Ritchee, laboratory supplies,	5 48

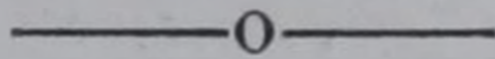
A. B. Dick & Co., laboratory supplies,	1 91
Merrill & Denning, supplies,	39 94
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies,	43 94
Marshall & Briggs, cartage,	5 25
S. S. Waterhouse, supplies,	1 20
J. S. Merrill, supplies,	2 35
Ledger Publishing Co., records,	3 85
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies,	4 35
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies,	4 70
A. J. Weston, supplies,	4 50
Cousens & Stanton, trucking,	3 50
Cleaning vault and repairs,	3 42
Mrs. McGovern, cleaning,	1 35
Harry Edgecomb, repairs, bells,	25
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Total,	\$203 26

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures.

Teaching,	\$2,889 62
Transportation of scholars,	165 00
Janitor service,	261 30
Fuel,	334 38
Text-books,	141 88
Repairs,	490 10
Incidental supplies,	203 26
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	\$4,485 54
Resources,	4,480 23
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Overdrawn,	\$ 5 31

Schools.



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Classed under this head are Pleasant Street Primary, Elm Street Primary and the mixed school on Pigeon Hill.

The Spring Term of Pleasant Street Primary was taught by Miss Mary C. Jones, of Oxford, who maintained her reputation as a model primary school teacher.

The Fall and Winter Terms were conducted by Miss Effie E. Saunders, of this town. This was Miss Saunders' first effort in the school-room as teacher. She began her work with a determined spirit to succeed, and we are pleased to report that she exceeded our expectations. She possesses two excellent requisites—energy and a strong desire to succeed in her calling. Such young teachers only need a chance.

Miss Effie M. Wayne has had charge of Elm Street Primary during the year. Miss Wayne is a young teacher of promise and is doing good work in this department. A new Language Chart, furnished this school, proved to be very helpful.

The Spring Term of Pigeon Hill school was taught by Miss Josia B. Farris, of this town, with her usual success.

The Fall and Winter Terms were placed in charge of Minnie M. C. Jumper, of Lewiston. Miss Jumper is a teacher of experience and her services were entirely satisfactory to parents and the School Board. There are some good scholars in this district who would receive additional benefit by attending our graded schools.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Belle J. Nash, of Alfred, conducted the *Spring Term*, and Miss Jones, from Pleasant Street Primary, the *Fall and Winter Terms*. We regretted very much to lose Miss Nash, who resigned for a better paying position.

In number work, the classes take high rank. The principles of the four fundamental processes were developed almost wholly by use of original problems. In Language the classes were given daily practice in the use of capitals and punctuation. The introduction of Potter's New Geography proved to be a move in the right direction. The matter is new and interesting. White's New Course in drawing was introduced during the Fall term. The teacher and pupils seem to have taken special interest in this branch of school work. It is sufficient to say that this division of our school is in excellent condition.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Alice J. Swain who conducted this department so acceptably last year, was secured to take the management the present year. She taught the Spring term with her usual ability, but on account of sickness was unable to return at the beginning of Fall term.

Miss Mildred J. Hill, of Buxton, has had charge of the school since that time. At the beginning of the Fall term a class from the Second Intermediate was added to this department, previously contemplated in the Course of Study, making now two classes as intended. No teacher employed during the year has worked with greater zeal and devotion to place her school on a high plane of excellence than has Miss Hill. This is the most difficult department of our schools to manage, and there is need of a more earnest, hearty cooperation on the part of parents whose children attend this division, to assist in raising its standard. Parents do your duty, and you will see this school advance in the scale of improvement.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Miss Edith M. Maxwell was elected Principal of this department and Miss Nannie M. Bucknam, assistant. It was expected Miss Maxwell would have charge of the school during the year, but on account of the ill health of a near relative, she was obliged to resign at end of Spring term. Miss Maxwell is a successful teacher. The school made excellent progress during the term.

Fall and Winter Terms.

The Fall and Winter terms have been under the management of Miss Gertrude L. McDonald a graduate of Westbrook Seminary, assisted by Miss Bucknam. I think it safe to make the assertion that Mechanic Falls' Grammar School was never in better condition than at the present time. During the year an endeavor has been made to promote an interest in reading only the best literature. The pupils have taken such great interest in this branch of their school work that, during the latter part of the Winter term, in cooperation with the teachers they secured by a popular subscription plan one of the 30 volume libraries offered by the Educational Publishing Co. Much credit is due the pupils for this effort on their part. If time permitted, I would have been pleased to give in this report the amount of work done by the scholars during the year. We could not get along without Miss Bucknam in the assistant's room. She is thoroughly adapted to the position she has thus far so well filled.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FRANK E. BRIGGS, Principal.

MISS KATHERINE E. ABBOTT, Assistant.

The Spring Term began with forty-three students in attendance, of whom seven dropped out before the end of the term. The work was done as near as possible in accordance with the requirements for the Spring term of the first, second and fourth

years, in the English and Classical Courses, as laid down in the Course of Study, One scholar pursued the study of Greek, and one class in Arithmetic was formed out of the regular order. The subjects taught by Mr. Briggs were Astronomy, Greek, Geometry, Civil Government, Latin Lessons, Physics and Physical Geography. Miss Abbott conducted the recitations in Algebra, Arithmetic, Lessons in English, French, Cæsar, Cicero and General History. All the work allotted for the term was completed except Physical Geography.

GRADUATION.

The Class of '95 held its graduating exercises at the Universalist Church, on the evening of June 20th. The class was composed of eight, as follows:

Alice B. Cobb,	Rose F. Storer,
W. Arthur Lewis,	Arthur L. Strout,
H. H. Marshall,	Annie M. Walker,
Mirtie E. Perham,	Forest L. Waterman.

PROGRAMME.

Music.

Invocation.

Opening Address,—Progress of Education,

Arthur L. Strout

Inventions,

W. Arthur Lewis

History,

Alice B. Cobb

Requisites of Success,

Rose F. Storer

Ancient Races of America,

Forest L. Waterman

Prophecy,

Mirtie E. Perham

Relations of the United States to other Countries,

H. H. Marshall

The Woman's Club of To-day, with closing address,

Annie M. Walker

Presentation of Diplomas.

Music.

Benediction.

The Fall Term, began Sept. 9th with twenty-seven scholars registered. Four of these dropped out during the term. There being so few pupils, it was not deemed necessary to employ an assistant. The studies and the number of scholars pursuing each were as follows: Latin, beginners, 7; French, 9; Algebra, 3; Greek, 2; Geometry, 15; Cæsar, 7; Chemistry, 8; Zoology, 12; Cicero, 4; Physical Geography and Physics, 14; Book-keeping, 9;

The Winter Term, now in session, opened with twenty-four scholars. The small number of scholars attending the High School is accounted for in part from the fact that no class was promoted this year from the Grammar Department. Next Fall there will be a large class to enter the High school.

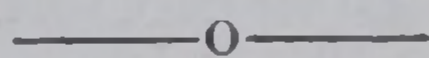
Mr. Briggs has labored earnestly to raise the standard of the school to a higher plane of excellence. He is a thorough scholar himself, and is unsatisfied to let his pupils pass with a rank less than 75 per cent. of standard. He believes that it would be for the interest of the school to have some changes made in the Course of Study. I am inclined to believe he is correct in his opinion and would recommend a revision.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Mc DONALD,

Superintendent.

Course of Study.



PRIMARY SCHOOL.

C Class.

Reading—Words and sentences from chart and board. Read from Primer during second term. Begin Davis' First Reader third term. Read to page 30.

Spelling—Words from Chart, Primer and Reader.

Number—Counting objects to 50. Express by words and figures all combinations of numbers to 6 at sight. Develop numbers to 10.

Writing—All the small letters. Trace book No. 1. Third term, write names. Give instructions in regard to Color, Politeness, Form.

B Class.

Reading—Complete First Reader.

Spelling—Oral and written of words read.

Number—Operations in numbers to 25. Original problems with and without objects. Tell about time and its divisions. Teach fractions 1-2, 1-4, 1-3 and 1-6. Teach signs Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Adding columns of one figure.

Writing—Capitals and small letters, Trace Book No. 1, first term, No. 2, second and third terms. Teach about Lines, Angles and Triangles.

A Class.

Reading—Begin Davis' Second Reader and read to page 159.

Spelling—Words from Reader, oral and written.

Numbers—Operations in numbers to 100. Combination of all numbers to 100. Numeration and notation to 100,000. Teach fractions 1-8, 1-9, 1-5, 1-4. Roman notation to M. Original problems. Adding columns of two figures. Common weights and measures.

Writing—Book No. 1. Harper's Primary Course. Teach Language, Physiology, Geography, orally. Time by the clock.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

First Year.

Reading—Second Reader, finish book. Supplementary reading.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Brief Course to Multiplication.

Spelling—Words from all lessons oral or written.

Language—Making statements and questions. Use of capitals.

Geography—Objective lessons.

Writing—Second book, Harper's Primary Course.

Drawing—On slate and blackboard.

Second Year.

Reading—Davis' Third Reader to page 163.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Brief Course. Finish Division.

Spelling—Words from all lessons, oral or written.

Language—Mary Hyde's small book. Complete part first to page 157.

Geography—Swinton's Introductory Geography. Complete half the book.

Writing—Harper's Primary Course. Third and Fourth books.

Drawing—Complete White's No. 2.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

First Year.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Brief Course. Complete Common and Decimal fractions.

Reading—Davis' Third Reader. Complete book. Supplementary reading in Physiology.

Spelling—Metcalf's Speller and words selected from all lessons.

Language—Mary Hyde's small book. Complete book.

Writing—Harper's Primary Course, Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

Geography—Swinton's Introductory. Complete book.

Second Year.

Reading—Davis' Fourth Reader and supplementary.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Brief Course. Complete book.

Geography—Swinton's large, to South America.

Language—Mary Hyde's large book. Complete part third.

Spelling—Metcalf's Speller. Oral and written.

Writing—Harper's Course, Nos. 1 and 2.

Drawing—White's Course, No. 5.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Year.

Reading—Davis' Fourth Reader. Complete book. Supplementary reading.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Complete, to Percentage.

Geography—Swinton's large. Complete book.

Language—Mary Hyde's large book, to Part Fourth.

Spelling—Metcalf's Speller, oral and written.

Writing—Harper's Course, Nos. 3 and 4.

Drawing—White's Course, No. 6.

Second Year.

Reading—Davis' Fifth Reader and supplementary reading.

Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Complete. Finish book.

History—Barnes' U. S. History.

Physiology—Steele's Popular.

Language—Mary Hyde's large book. Complete same.

Writing—Harper's Course, Nos. 5 and 6.

Drawing—White's Course, No. 7.

Third Year.

History—Barnes' U. S. History.

Physiology—Steele's Popular.

Language—Technical Grammar.

Arithmetic—Mental.

English—Classics.

Spelling—Metcalf's Speller, oral and written.

Writing—Harper's Course, Nos. 7 and 8.

Compositions and declamations begun the first year and followed throughout the course. Time devoted to it at discretion of teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Year.

- Fall. Algebra, Analysis, Book-keeping.
Winter. Algebra, Lessons in English, Book-keeping.
Spring. Algebra, Lessons in English, Physical Geography.

Second Year.

- Fall. Geometry, Natural History, Physical Geography.
Winter. Geometry, Commercial Arithmetic, Physics.
Spring. Geometry, Botany, Physics.

Third Year.

- Fall. French, Chemistry, General History.
Winter. French, Chemistry, General History.
Spring. French, English Literature, General History.

Fourth Year.

- Fall. American History, English Literature, Civil Government.
Winter. Astronomy, Moral Philosophy, Algebra Review.
Spring. Geology, Geometry Review, Mental Philosophy.

Reading of Standard English and American authors once a week throughout the course.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

First Year.

- Fall. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Book-keeping.
Winter. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Lessons in English.
Spring. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Lessons in English.

Second Year.

- Fall. Geometry, Cæsar, Book-keeping.
Winter. Geometry, Cæsar,* Physics.
Spring. Geometry, Cæsar,* Physics.

Third Year.

- Fall. Cicero,* Chemistry or French, General History.
Winter. Cicero, Chemistry or French, General History.
Spring. Virgil, General History or French, English Literature.

Fourth Year.

- Fall. Virgil or American History, Civil Government, English Literature.
Winter. Virgil or Astronomy, Moral Philosophy, Algebra Review.
Spring. Latin Review or Geology, Political Economy, Geometry Review.

*Latin prose composition once a week.

Reading of Standard English and American authors once a week throughout course.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE.

First Year.

- Fall. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Book-keeping.
Winter. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Lessons in English.
Spring. Algebra, Latin Lessons, Lessons in English.

Second Year.

- Fall. Geometry, Cæsar, Greek Lessons.
Winter. Geometry, Cæsar,* Greek Lessons.
Spring. Geometry, Cæsar,* Greek Lessons.

Third Year.

- Fall. Cicero,* Anabasis,† Greek History with Classical Geography.
Winter. Cicero, Anabasis,† Roman History with Classical Geography.
Spring. Virgil, Anabasis,† English Literature.

Fourth Year.

- Fall. Virgil, Iliad, English Literature.
Winter. Virgil, Iliad, Algebra Review.
Spring. Latin Review, Greek Review, Geometry Review.

*With Latin prose composition once a week.

†With Greek prose composition once a week.

Reading of Standard English and American authors once a week throughout the course.

Declamations and English composition throughout each of the three courses.