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**RECEIPTS FROM FARM.**

Board of Job Deau one year,	\$104 00
Wood sold A. C. Dennison & Co.,	175 00
Hauling fifteen cords of wood for Wm. N. Thomas,	20 25
Two Cows,	47 50
Poultry,	1 90
Dried Apples,	3 50
Figs,	4 00
Five young cattle,	86 00
Hogs and poultry,	51 98
Cowhide,	4 20
Paid on King & Holmes' store bill,	9 26
Property more than last year,	115 73
Due from George Hazen, for board of J. Sawyer, about,	70 00
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Total Receipts,	\$693 32
Total Expenditures,	931 37
Total Receipts,	693 32
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Cost of Poor on Farm,	\$238 05

We have hired the old Superintendent, Mr. Martin, another year for the same salary paid him last year,

**COST OF POOR OFF FARM.**

John Heyer,	\$3 00
Mrs. George Hamlin,	33 70
Paid C. F. Whitman, services in Ella Mullen case,	8 00
Coffin for Miss Stanley,	12 00
Mrs. Jane Sawyer,	6 00
Elizabeth Yeaton,	8 25
Carver family,	40 93
Augustus Andrews,	3 46
Coffin for Rose A. Russell,	10 00
Mrs. Eunice Edwards,	4 53
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	\$129 87
Due from the Town of Otisfield, on acct. of A. Andrews,	3 64
"    "    Woodstock, on acct. Carver family,	40 93
"    "    Coffin for Rose A. Russell	10 00
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	\$54 39
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Net Cost,	\$75 46

**TOWN OFFICERS' BILL, 1879.**

Wm. N. Thomas, Selectman,	\$4 75
S. D. Edwards, " "	3 25
S. H. Faunce, Collector,	60 00
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	\$68 00

**TOWN OFFICERS' BILL, 1880.**

Thomas Baker, Clerk,	\$2 12
George E. Hawkes, Treasurer,	20 00
C. F. Durell, Selectman,	44 50
Wm. M. Hall,        “	35 56
George Hazen,       “	41 91
A. L. Hersey, Supervisor,	92 75
Seth H. Faunce, Collector,	100 00
Seth H. Faunce, Constable,	6 00
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	\$242 84

**RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR 1880.**

Total Assessment,		\$9131 85
State Tax,	2573 64	
County Tax,	575 73	
Schools,	1450 00	
Discount allowed Collector,	232 86	
Abatement,	19 87	
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		\$4852 10
Available Taxes,		<hr/>
		\$4279 75

**RECEIPTS OUTSIDE OF TAXATION.**

For boarding and clothing Job Dean,	\$104 00	
Bonds sold for cash,	1600 00	
Harper Manufacturing Co.'s highway tax,	40 70	
Town of Hebron, support Mrs. Chas. Bumpus, '79,	3 00	
“ Poland, support of N. Tripp, 1879,	6 00	
“ Raymond, Hand of C. F. Durell,	6 00	
A. R. Paine, coffin for Alice Paine,	12 00	
Harper Manufacturing Co., for wood,	157 50	\$1929 20
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Available Net Resources for 1880,		\$6208 97

**PAID OUT FOR THE YEAR 1880.**

Poor off farm,	\$129 87
Poor on Farm,	238 05
Repairs on highways,	100 20
Building Paris Road,	408 00
Damage to horse on highway, I. A. Caldwell,	25 00
Town officer's bills for 1879, Balance,	68 00
Town officer's bills for 1880,	242 84
Interest on Debt,	217 90
Paid coupons,	252 00
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	\$1681 86

# LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN

From Feb. 15th, 1880 to Feb. 15th, 1881.

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1880.

164.	James Holden, filing saws for farm,	75
165.	Town of Paris, supplies furnished John Noyes' child,	5 00
166.	C. A. Strout, teaching District No. 10,	105 00
167.	S. M. Elder, teaching District No. 6.	75 00
168.	Rosco Brown, interest on town orders,	29 65
169.	C. A. Holbrook, printing town reports,	13 50
170.	H. Gilbert, taking care of town house,	5 00
171.	B. M. Pratt, teaching District No. 7,	78 00
172.	Albert Witham, supplies furnished District No. 8,	3 65
173.	Seth H. Faunce, abatement for year 1878 & 1879,	55 01
174.	F. Bicknell, abatement of highway tax, 1878,	2 80
175.	F. J. Sawyer, teaching District No. 4,	120 00
176.	W. W. Dennen, removing fence from line of road,	20 00
177.	J. S. Holmes, wood furnished District No. 6,	4 00
178.	H. R. Pratt, interest on tenders,	1 37
179.	Bliss Ames, care of schoolhouse District No. 10,	6 00
180.	H. W. Coy, labor and material for District No. 10,	10 92
181.	Emma E. Shurtliff, teaching District No. 5,	13 00
1.	W. M. Hall, boarding teacher District No. 10,	39 00
2.	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished District No. 6,	4 67
3.	Thomas Baker. " " " No. 3,	7 60
4.	Geo. F. Walker, supplies furnished District No. 3,	3 93
5.	S. D. Edwards, services &c.,	3 25
6.	R. A. Loring, boot to Hearse,	4 25
7.	John H. Armstrong, teaching District No. 1.	40 00
8.	Lloyd Andrews, shingles furnished District No. 7,	14 00
9.	Wm. N. Thomas, balance services for years 1879 and 1880,	4 75
10.	Wm. N. Thomas, grass seed for farm,	6 40
11.	Charles Frye, wood furnished District No. 7,	7 50
12.	H. B. Rich, supplies furnished District No. 11,	1 62
13.	R. Brown, interest on Orders,	13 86
14.	Durell & Hawkes, valuation and blank books,	3 95
15.	I. A. Caldwell, damage to horse on bridge near Robins' M'fg Co's. mill,	25 00
16.	W. W. Dennen, wood furnished District No. 10,	13 00
17.	Laura Dean, interest on Town Orders,	3 55
18.	S. E. King, " " "	32 96
19.	R. Brown, " " "	19 72
20.	A. L. Faunce, repairs in schoolhouse District No. 3,	4 30
21.	Wm. N. Thomas, grass seed and use of bull on farm.	8 10
22.	Samuel A. Webber, wood furnished District No. 4,	6 50
23.	Geo. R. Paine, digging grave for T. Dean,	2 00
24.	John F. Martin, part salary,	25 00
25.	S. E. Ripley, teaching, District No. 8,	28 00
26.	D. J. Wardwell, abatement Highway Tax, 1878,	2 56

27.	H. W. Coy, labor on highway,	11 14
28.	Geo. F. McAllister, highway labor,	18 18
29.	R. A. Loring, pole straps for farm,	1 32
30.	R. Brown, interest on orders,	57 39
31.	S. Fuller, money overpaid to Treasurer,	20 00
32.	George Farris, labor on highway,	38 25
33.	Lizzie M. Griggs, teaching, District No. 3,	72 00
34.	Nellie M. Pendexter, " " " 3,	03 00
35.	D. Albra S. Young " " " 3,	81 00
36.	George P. Whitney, abatement of taxes for 1878,	45 00
37.	George J. Parrott, supplies furnished District No. 3,	8 60
38.	Thomas Baker " " " 3,	8 00
39.	A. G. Hinds, keeping tramps,	2 00
49.	H. O. Blake, zinc and labor furnished District No. 3,	5 84
41.	John F. Martin, part salary,	50 00
42.	Annie S. Parker, teaching District No. 4,	40 00
43.	C. F. Whitman, fees in case of Ella Mullen,	8 00
44.	Lizzie A. Wardwell, teaching, District No. 11,	33 00
45.	L. E. Barrett, teaching District No. 10,	40 00
46.	S. Loton Weston, visiting Staples family in small pox case,	4 00
47.	Wm. H. Lunt, boarding teacher, District No. 10,	20 00
48.	T. Baker, coffin and robe for T. Dean,	9 89
39.	T. Baker, " " Lord Girl,	9 17
50.	B. M. Pratt, supplies furnished District No. 7.	1 73
51.	H. K. Pratt, boarding teacher District No. 7,	19 80
52.	S. E. Ripley, teaching District 7,	40 00
53.	Alice M. King, teaching District No. 12,	40 00
54.	Ella F. Chadbourne, teaching District No. 1,	37 50
55.	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher District, No. 12,	15 00
56.	D. Martin, labor on highway, 1878,	10 16
57.	John E. Burns, posts for banks of brook,	4 00
58.	Annie F. March, teaching District No. 2,	24 00
59.	George W. Farrington, wood, District No. 2,	4 00
60.	A. S. Dunn, boarding teacher, District No. 1,	15 00
61.	A. L. Doe, teaching, District No. 6,	33 00
62.	Lizzie F. Staples, teaching, District No. 5,	7 50
63.	A. T. Stone, wood furnished District No. 12,	5 62
64.	Wm. N. Thomas, mowing machine for Farm,	65 00
65.	W. L. Stanton, wood furnished Mrs. Hamlin,	3 00
66.	Freeland Holmes, Library,	86 75
67.	Whitney & Clark, supplies for Poor Farm,	4 02
68.	" " " " "	30 60
69.	Morris Clark " do,	36 12
70.	S. H. Faunce, discount on taxes to Sept. 15th 1880	209 80
71.	Durell & Hawkes abatement of taxes 1878	8 40
72.	Laura Dean interest on orders	16 39
73.	Samuel Bumpus, digging well,	28 00
74.	George F. McAllister, whitewashing schoolhouse Dist. No. 4,	3 50
75.	John F. Martin, part salary,	30 00
76.	Abner Haven, attending small-pox case,	2 00
77.	George J. Parrott, repairs in schoolhouse District No. 3,	23 10
78.	Charles Frye, shingles for schoolhouse District No. 7,	4 31

79.	J. W. Preble, repairs and teaching school, District No. 5,	9 70
80.	A. J. Rowe, medicine for A. J. Carver family,	4 80
81.	O. N. Bradbury, med. attendance and medicine for A. J. Carver family,	24 25
82.	R. Brown, interest on note,	13 08
83.	John F. Martin, interest on note,	5 07
84.	J. A. Bucknam, " order,	97
85.	Town of Minot, " "	1 11
86.	Seth T. Holbrook, stock for town farm,	40 00
87.	J. H. Chapman, shingles, District No. 11,	5 00
88.	J. A. Fletcher, interest on note,	32 43
89.	D. Albra S. Young, teaching District No. 3,	90 00
90.	Nellie M. Pendexter, do. do. do.	75 00
91.	Lizzie M. Griggs, do. do. do.	80 00
92.	Annie S. Parker, do. do. 5,	49 50
93.	T. J. Frost, boarding teacher District No. 5,	20 58
94.	L. E. Barrett, teaching, District No. 10,	56 00
95.	Cyrus Brown, boarding teacher District No. 10,	27 50
96.	J. C. Hutchinson, building Paris Road,	408 00
97.	J. S. Martin, wood District No. 11,	2 50
98.	Lizzie A. Wardwell, teaching Dis. No. 11,	56 00
99.	George J. Parrott, wood for District No. 3,	21 13
100.	C. F. Durell, labor in Town House,	4 41
101.	Lewiston Journal, printing Bonds,	18 00
102.	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher and repairing schoolhouse, Dist No. 12,	18 13
103.	Oliver Decoteau, blacksmithing for Town House,	18 10
104.	A. H. Dunn, wood District No. 1,	6 50
105.	H. B. Rich, labor on School House, District No. 11.	1 54
106.	S. E. King, interest on orders,	16 65
107.	S. H. Faunce, discount on Taxes paid before Jan. 1st, 1881,	22 11
108.	S. H. Faunce, discount omitted in settlement,	97
109.	State Reform School, subsistence and clothing, H. C. Whitehouse,	1 28
110.	Wolster & Robinson, Phosphate for Town Farm,	12 24
111.	Wm. F. Caldwell, wood District No. 6,	12 37
112.	Alice M. King, teaching District No. 12,	40 50
113.	George H. Watkins, advertising non-resident taxes,	9 00
114.	F. J. Sawyer, teaching, District No. 4,	105 00
115.	J. H. Armstrong, teaching, District No. 2,	70 00
116.	T. L. Robinson, repairs on schoolhouse, District No. 11,	1 00
117.	Annie B. Crooker, teaching, District No. 9,	35 77
118.	Lizzie M. Griggs, teaching District No. 3,	64 00
119.	D. Albra S. Young, " "	72 00
120.	Nellie M. Pendexter, " "	60 00
121.	George J. Parrott, taking care of schoolhouse and furnishing chalk,	14 00
122.	Samuel H. Young, building fires, District No. 5,	4 00
123.	S. E. Ripley, teaching District No. 8,	50 00
124.	George Hazen assessing tax District No. 3,	3 00
125.	do. do. do. do.	75
126.	do. paid express and getting up blank bond,	1 85
127.	do. service as Selectman,	41 91
128.	J. B. Stewart, repairing and sealing weights and measures,	1 50
129.	F. J. Sawyer, school books furnished Webber children,	2 70
130.	Geo. F. McAllister, wood furnished Mrs. Hamlin,	7 50

131.	do.	labor breaking roads,	18 47
132.	N. C. McKeen,	blacksmithing for town farm,	22 00
133.	Oren Stevens,	medical services,	35 00
134.	Annie S. Parker	teaching District No. 5,	32 00
135.	H. O. Blake,	tin-ware for farm,	1 25
136.	A. L. Faunce,	taking care of and driving hearse,	25 50
137.	C. S. Cummings,	teaching District No. 6,	50 00
138.	Wm. M. Hall	services as Selectman,	35 56
139.	Bertie M. Philips,	teaching District No. 7,	63 00
140.	H. K. Pratt,	filing saws for poor farm,	1 20
141.	do.	boarding teacher and repairs on schoolhouse Dist. No. 7,	38 32
142.	Durell & Hawkes,	goods furnished town farm,	100 57
143.	D. B. Eaton,	goods furnished Elizabeth Yeaton,	8 25
144.	Durell & Hawkes,	goods furnished Mrs. Hamlin,	23 20
145.	do.	goods furnished Augustas Andrews,	3 46
146.	do.	goods furnished A. T. Carver,	11 88
147.	S. Fuller,	abatement of taxes 1875,	40 27
148.	S. Fuller,	abatement of taxes, 1874,	36 53
149.	Charles P. Fuller,	boarding teacher, and supplies, District No. 2,	7 15
150.	C. F. Durell,	services as Selectman,	44 50
151.	C. F. Durell,	assessing tax, District, No. 3,	1 50
152.	C. F. Durell,	cash paid out as per bill,	19 39
153.	T. Baker,	two coffins for Mrs. Stanley and Rose A. Russell,	22 00
154.	T. Baker,	services as Clerk,	2 12
155.	George P. Whitney,	damages on new Paris road,	12 50
156.	Seth H. Faunce,	services as Constable,	6 00
157.	Seth H. Faunce,	abatement of taxes, 1880,	19 87
158.	Seth H. Faunce,	" " 1878,	36 67
159.	Seth H. Faunce,	" " 1879,	60 78
160.	John F. Martin,	balance due on services on Town Farm,	193 52
161.	S. H. Faunce,	abatement of taxes, 1876,	49 97
162.	S. H. Faunce,	abatement of taxes, 1877,	85 91
163.	S. H. Faunce,	part payment for services collecting taxes, 1880,	100 00
164.	S. H. Faunce,	do do do 1879,	60 00
165.	King & Holmes,	supplies District No. 10,	3 40
166.	Morris Clark	supplies furnished Farm,	71 39
167.	S. S. Smith,	interest on orders	12 52
168.	do	do	6 79

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

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District No. 1. Daniel Millett, Agent.

Amount of Money in the District,	\$107 50
Length of school in weeks,	22
"        "        Summer term in weeks,	10
"        "        Winter    "        "	12
Whole number of scholars in the district,	30
Registered in Summer,	20
Average attendance,	18 9-10
Registered in Winter,	25
Average attendance not given,	
Number between 7—15 yrs. not attending school,	1

Miss F. E. Chadbourne was the teacher of Summer term and fully sustained her former reputation for faithfulness.

Winter term not yet closed, with Mr. Cobb as instructor. The classes in Geography and Grammar made a good showing, while Mathematics and Reading were not so satisfactory. The scholars manifested a good interest in the exercises and have done fairly for the year.

District No. 2. Charles Fuller, Agent.

Amount of school money for the year,	\$111 30
Length of school in weeks,	22
"        "        Summer term,	8
"        "        Winter term	14
Whole number of scholars in the district,	23
Registered in Summer term,	11
Average attendance,	9 3-4
Registered in Winter term,	20
Average attendance,	17
Number between 7 and 15 yrs. not attending,	2
Wages of teacher in Summer per week exclusive of board,	\$3 00
"        "        Winter,    "        do        do	\$2 50

Miss Addie F. March teacher in Summer. Miss M. is a beginner, and seemed very anxious to make her school a success. Without experience or method, by striving against odds her school was fairly successful.

Winter term, J. H. Armstrong, teacher. I am happy to report a decided improvement from Mr. A.'s first effort. The scholars were interested and punctual, and the result very commendable.

District No. 3. George J. Parrott, Agent.

Amount of school money for the year,	\$758 77
Length of school in weeks,	27
" Spring and Summer terms in weeks,	9
" Autumn and Winter " " "	18
Whole number of scholars in the district,	201
Registered in first terms,	108
Average attendance,	93
Registered in second terms,	111
Average attendance,	93 1-2
Wages of teachers exclusive of board per week,	\$24 50
Number between ages of 7—15 yrs. not attending school not given.	

Miss Nellie M. Pendexter has continued in charge of the Primary, and the result of her year's work has been most gratifying. Her school, numbering more than fifty small scholars, is orderly and her methods such as to secure the entire confidence of all those under her charge. The change wrought in this school since her connection with it is most marked. Her school-room is too small and measures should be at once taken to enlarge it. Miss Lizzie M. Griggs has also been retained in the Intermediate and has fully sustained the place given her in former reports. Her methods are systematic, her discipline mild but effective and her work as shown by the closing examination has been quite satisfactory. The following list of names of her scholars who have not been absent a day during the term speaks more eloquently of the interest of her scholars than any words of mine. Fall term—Carrie Wardwell, Amy Jones, Nellie Roberts, Nellie Wood, Lulu Cushman, Frank Farris, Effie Haskell, Cora Records, Christie Roberts, Frank Hawkes, Hartley Roberts, Charles Edwards, Perley French, Fred Parrott, Harry Littlewood, Fred Hayes, Eddie Hayes, Everett Morse, Orrin Scribner, Bertie Eaton, Charles Andrews, Willie Whitney, Walter Holden. All the scholars in this school gave unmistakable evidence of punctual attendance and intelligent devotion to the work.

The Grammar School under the instruction of Miss D. Albra S. Young for the past year has taken a high rank both in scholarship and deportment. The experiment of placing a lady teacher at the head of this department has resulted most fortunately. Miss Young is an energetic, accomplished teacher and has rare tact for governing her school and maintaining the best of order, with very little show of force. Her system of instruction is modern and she requires thorough work from her scholars. I hope she may be retained in the position for which she is so admirably fitted. The good instruction in the schools in District No. 3 for the past three years has wrought a most gratifying change in their condition. From a state that can best be described as chaotic, they have risen to a most commendable rank both as to scholarship and deportment. That the citizens are being aroused to this improvement seems evident from the fact that more than forty of them were present in each room at the closing examination. This is as it should be and augurs well for the future of the school. There are a large number of scholars in this district who stay away from the schoolroom altogether, and who are growing up destitute of even the first principles of a business education. If those individuals who are the subjects of this neglect were the

only sufferers. the matter would be deplorable enough, but the community at large must also share in the evils of this indifference. The penalty for this negligence is so circumscribed and light that it fails in securing the object. The penalty against employing children during session of the district School is sufficient in severity, but the prosecutor who would enforce the law would certainly have his best motives misinterpreted, as one half the severe fine would inure to his benefit. In manufacturing towns this matter is of sufficient importance to secure concerted action to remedy the evil. Those parents who would barter the blessings of such an education as is attainable in our common schools for the pittance their children can earn in the mills are more the object of pity than censure, as they cannot appreciate the result of their folly.

District No. 4. Samuel Webber, Agent (deceased, and Geo. F. McAllister chosen to fill vacancy.)

Amount of money for year,	\$159 00
Length of school in weeks,	21 1-2
"    Summer term in weeks,	8
"    Winter " " "	13 1-2
Whole number of scholars in the district,	44
"    "    attending in Summer,	28
Average attendance,	24 1-2
Registered in Winter,	28
Average attendance,	21
Wages of teacher in Summer per week exclusive of board	\$3 75
"    "    "    Winter    do.    do.	\$7 50
Number between 7—15 yrs. not attending school	4

Miss Annie S. Parker teacher in Summer. The school was a success, Miss P. fully sustaining her reputation of last year. The scholars, as usual under good instruction, made rapid progress. doing their work in a manner to obviate the necessity of retracing their steps. The Winter term taught by Mr. F. J. Sawyer, was a fitting conclusion of the year's work. A marked interest is noticeable among the pupils in this district, the result, without doubt, of the employment for several successive terms of good instructors.

District No. 5. J. W. Problee, Agent,

Amount of school money for the year,	\$109 18
Length of school in weeks,	22
"    "    Summer,	14
"    "    Winter,	8
Whole number attending Summer term,	13
Average attending,	9 3-4
Whole number attending in Winter,	10
Average attendance,	9
Number between 7—15 yrs. not attending,——	
Wages of teacher per week exclusive of board,	\$4 25

The Summer term was commenced by Miss Lizzie S. Staples, but closed at the expiration of three weeks, in consequence of the exposure of her family to small pox,—Miss Annie S. Parker taking charge and keeping the remainder of the school year. Her success in this school was hardly up to her former efforts, from what reason I failed to discover. The school was by no means a failure and was much above the average. The school is small and the ir-

regularity in the attendance of several of the scholars keeps it from making the advance it otherwise would.

District No. 6. Geo. W. Thomas, Agent.

Amount of school money for the year,	\$116 60
Length of school in weeks,	23
"    "    Summer term in weeks,	11
"    "    Winter term in weeks,	12
Whole number of scholars in the district,	30
Registered in Summer,	18
Average attendance,	15
Registered in Winter,	
Average attendance,	
No. between 7 and 15 not attending, not returned,	
Wages of teacher in Summer per week exclusive of board,	\$3 00
"    "    Winter    "    do    do	

Miss A. Louise Doe was the teacher for the Summer term, and I am sorry to report the school as not a success. Miss Doe although well qualified in the matter of education is hardly up to the demand for a successful teacher. The Winter term under the instruction of Mr. — Cummings was not visited by me at its close, my professional engagements preventing. The school appeared fairly at the commencement, but a succession of first-class teachers is needed to place this school on an even footing with many others in town. I fear there is not quite the interest among the citizens of this district there should be.

District No. 7. B. M. Pratt, Agent.

Amount of money for the year,	\$182 32
Length of school in weeks,	24
Length of Summer term in weeks,	10
Length of Winter term in weeks,	14
Whole number of scholars in the district,	48
Whole number attending in Summer,	18
Average attendance,	14
Whole number attending in Winter,	22
Average attendance,	20
No. between 7 and 15 years not attending in Summer,	
Wages of teacher per week in Summer exclusive of board,	\$4 00
Wages of teacher per week in Winter exclusive of board,	\$4 50

Miss S. E. Ripley, teacher in summer, wrought with her usual good success, the school making a good exhibit at the close. The Winter term by Miss Bertie Phillips was also a profitable school, the scholars being very regular in attendance and applying themselves with commendable energy to the task in hand. This district has in the main been fortunate in its selection of teachers and the result is as usual.

## District No. 8. Albert Witham, Agent.

Amount of money in the district, \$106. I have no register from this district and consequently can give no statistics in relation to how the money has been spent. Miss Eliza Ripley has been the teacher for the year. Her reputation as a teacher is a guarantee that faithful work has been done.

This district has at present not more than five scholars within its limits, and the question presents itself, what shall be done with it. By an error in the apportionment the district has received much more than its just proportion of the school money for the past year. They can hardly support a school on a fair distribution of the money. The parents in the district have taken great interest in their little school and would part with their organization reluctantly. It is apparent that some arrangement must be made before the commencement of another school year, and the wishes of the inhabitants should determine what steps shall be taken.

## District No. 10. S. B. Waterman, Agent.

Amount of money for the year,	\$300 05.
Length of school in weeks,	31
"    "    Summer term in weeks,	8
"    "    Fall term,	11
"    "    Winter term in weeks	12
Registered in Summer,	41
Average attendance,	35
Registered in Fall term,	40
Average attendance,	36
Registered in Winter, Register not returned,	
Average attendance.	
No. not attending between 7 and 15 years,	
Wages of teacher, Summer and Fall per week exclusive of board, \$5 00	

Miss Lizzie Barrett teacher for Summer and Fall terms. She made the school successful in spite of adverse circumstances. The summer term was closed abruptly in consequence of the supposed invasion of small pox in the district. She completed her term in the autumn and the examination revealed a marked interest on the part of the scholars and faithful work.

There are a large number of scholars of all ages in this school, necessitating the division into more classes than any one teacher can manage successfully. A new house with a grade with ten departments is the one condition of the highest possible success, and I hope the day is not distant when the citizens will move in the matter.

The winter term, not yet closed, is under the instruction of Mr. Decoster who seems amply qualified in a literary point of view, but who lacks the tact and energy to cope with the formidable difficulties by which he is surrounded. In a school with less difficulties he might achieve a higher degree of success.

## District No. 11. Horace B. Rich, Agent.

Amount of money for the year,	\$107 50.
Length of school in weeks,	14
"    "    Summer term,	6
"    "    Winter term,	8
Whole number of scholars in the district,	24
Whole number attending in Summer,	17
Average attendance,	13
Whole number attending in Winter,	18
Average attendance in Winter,	16
No. between 7 and 15 years of age not attending,	
Wages of teacher per week in Summer exclusive of board,	\$3 00
"    "    "    Winter    "    "	\$2 00

Mrs. Lizzie A. Wardwell has been employed as teacher for the year and with marked success. Mrs. W. is willing to work faithfully for her wages, and has brought about a marked improvement in the status of this school. The continued employment of teachers as faithful as Mrs. W. will soon give this school a better rank.

District No. 12. A. T. Stone, Agent.

Amount of money for the year,		\$119 25
Length of school in weeks,		19
Length of Summer term in weeks,		10
Length of Winter term in weeks,		9
Whole number of scholars in the district,		27
Registered in Summer,		15
Average attendance	do	do
Registered in Winter,		13
Average attendance	do	do
Number between the ages of 7 and 15 years not attending,		1

Miss Alice M. King teacher for both terms. Miss K. has a natural aptitude for teaching, and is not satisfied with superficial work from her scholars. This district was fortunate in securing her services, and she takes rank among the good teachers in town. The attendance was good and the interest marked.

In summing up the year's work, I am pleased to say that at no time since my connection with the schools has the amount and quality of the work done been so satisfactory. This is largely due to the greater efficiency of the teachers employed, who by their energy and aptitude in inspiring their pupils to a love of the work have secured a remarkably high average of attendance and punctuality, and the result is in many of the districts a decided elevation in the standard of the schools. I cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance of the employment of the best teachers. Indifference in this matter is sure to result disastrously to the school. It needs no argument of mine to fully convince many of you of this fact. If you wait for a first class teacher to apply for your school, you will surely be disappointed. If you employ the first one who applies, and who will work cheap, you are unfaithful to your trust. You might perchance secure a good teacher, but the reverse is the rule. I am inclined to the opinion that the duty of employing teachers should be exercised by the Superintendent. The citizens would then have the satisfaction of anathematizing that individual, if he supplied a poor article. Many of the districts are destitute, or nearly so, of school apparatus, they not having a map or globe for the use of the scholars in Geography. I would urgently recommend the purchase of a set of modern outline maps, a globe and Webster's unabridged Dictionary in every district. The cost would be doubly repaid in the greater fa-

cility in which scholars in Geography and Grammar could pursue these branches. I would also say that many of the schoolhouses are poorly furnished with blackboards, what little they have being almost unfit for use. The districts should attend to this matter at the annual meeting.

I would again urge upon the town the importance to your educational interests of the Free High School plan as provided for by the State, and would recommend its immediate adoption. I know of nothing that can give such an impulse to our schools as to establish a place within the town where the advanced scholars from every district can be so cheaply supplied with the advantages to be had at the Academy. There are in many of the districts those who bid fair, with suitable academic advantages to become useful as teachers. Many of the parents of these children are unable to bear the heavy expense of sending them away to school, but if a High School was at hand could at little cost secure a room where they could supply their children with board from their own homes. This is most certainly a poor man's institution, and there can be no valid argument against it. More than twelve thousand children are now reaping its advantages and we are assisting to pay the cost; why should we not share benefits we are bestowing upon others? If we would have the full benefit to be derived from the State, we have only to raise the sum of \$250, which will be met by an equal amount from the State, which would, with economy, give us a Fall and Spring term of eleven or twelve weeks each year. This would be open free to all scholars in town who have the attainments to enter, and here they would receive all the advantages to be had at almost any Academy. The tax on each inhabitant would be but a trifle less than sixty-five cents to each voter, and the benefits would be almost incalculable. Hoping you may see it for your interest and the interest of Education in town to at once avail yourselves of this wise provision of our legislation, I remain, yours, truly,

A. L. HERSEY, Supervisor.