Annual Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor, and Superintending School Committee, of the Town of Richmond, for the Year Ending Feb. 20, 1871

Richmond (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer,

AUDITOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND,

For the Year ending Feb. 20, 1871.

GARDINER;

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1871.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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EXPENDITURES.

State and County Tax.

Paid State Treasurer, Nothing.
County Treasurer................................. $1,716 36

Town Officers.

Paid for Services as follows:

F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman, ... $195 00
Wm. H. Stuart, do., do., ........................................ 20 00
Samuel Brown, do., do., ......................................... 20 00
C. Houdlette, Treasurer.................................................. 40 00
Samuel Brown, Collector............................................... 445 44
Wm. H. Stuart, Town Clerk........................................... 15 00
J. W. Spaulding, S. S. Committee
Geo. W. Parks, ....................................................... 110 00
Wm. C. Curtis, ........................................................ 20 00
Levi Whitney, Constable............................................

$935 41

Schools.

Amount due the several Districts, Feb. 21, 1870... $865 34
 Dist. No. 6, from Tax of 1869 .......... 15 00
Appropriation by the Town ......................... 3,500 00
Received from the State........................................ 60 97
Tuition High School............................................ 72 95
Wood sold......................................................... 1 00

$4,515 26

Paid Districts during the year ........ $4,254 84
Bal. due Districts, Feb’y 20, 1871............. 260 42

$4,515 26

Town Farm.

To Stock on Farm, Feb. 21, 1870, valued at .......... $950 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions........................................ 458 25
Farming Tools....................................................... 332 00
Furniture........................................................... 198 00
Interest on $3000 in Town Farm, for one year ...... 180 00
Cash paid for Insurance................................. $20 00
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<td>780 33</td>
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<td>$2,898 58</td>
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<td>By Stock on Farm, Feb. 20, 1871</td>
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<td>Hay, Grain and Provisions</td>
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<td>Cash paid on Highways by Mr. Keyes, in Supply account</td>
<td>8 10</td>
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<td>Railing and Covering Pond Bridge, furnished by Mr. Keyes from Town Farm</td>
<td>28 50</td>
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<td>Labor of Mr. Keyes on Highways, Dist. 3.</td>
<td>23 92</td>
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<td>10 00</td>
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<td>Hay used by Dist. No. 1</td>
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<td>Cost of supporting Poor on the Farm</td>
<td>282 76</td>
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<td>$2,898 58</td>
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List of Persons Supported at Town Farm for the year ending Feb. 20, 1871.

Nathaniel Langdon........................................... Age, 84 years.
Stephen Rollins.............................................. " 66 "
Mrs. Julia Doughty.............................. " 24 "
Charles Doughty................................................... " 5 "
Elizabeth Doughty............................................. " 3 "
Thomas Lint, a small portion of the year.

Poor off the Town Farm.

Paid for Mrs. Mehitable Harmon........................................... $8 25
Mrs. Luther Ridley............................................... 20 00
William Webber and family.................................. 4 39
Thomas J. Clary and family.................................. 102 67
John Chase and family, supplies.......................... 12 48
“ “ Dr. A. Libby's Bill.................................... 21 50
Mrs. Hannah Shaw.............................................. 27 00
William M. Gardiner and wife............................. 4 60
Order No. 259 paid back, to be credited in 1872 report....................... 10 00
Traveling Expenses of F. Houdlette to look after paupers............. 13 00
Stragglers........................................................ 29 38

$252 67


## Repair of Highways.

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<td>Paul Foster, Spaulding &amp; Co., for Lumber</td>
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<td>10 80</td>
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<td>Robert Wilson</td>
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<td>Samuel Brown, two Plow Beams</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<td>S. Toothaker, Meal, Nails, &amp;c.</td>
<td>16 46</td>
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<td>C. Houdlette, Sundries</td>
<td>20 59</td>
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<td>Dist. No. 1. Paid Jefferson Hathorn, Surveyor</td>
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<td>Dist. No. 1. Thomas Scott, Labor</td>
<td>28 30</td>
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<td>15 00</td>
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<td>Dist. No. 7. Howard Robinson, for Plow</td>
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<td>Dist. No. 11. Oscar B. Edgecomb</td>
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<td>Dist. No. 11. Benj. Peacock</td>
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**Total:** $2,619 74

## Breaking Roads.

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<td>15 25</td>
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Highways.

Appropriated by the Town $3,000 00
Deficiency from Report of 1870 $823 28
Expended for Repairs of Highways 2,619 74
  Breaking Roads 256 95

$8,699 97
Deficiency Feb. 20th, 1871 699 97

Total $3,699 97

Liquor Agency.

Amount of Liquors on hand February 21, 1870, $244 27
Paid Eaton Shaw for Liquors during the year, 612 01
Freight and Truckage on same 5 81
Internal Revenue Tax for 1869 25 00
  " 1870 25 00
for Record Book 2 00
Theodore Patten, Agent 150 00
Profits to town on liquor sold 240 15

$1,334 24
Cash paid into the Treasury......................... $1,154 02
Kegs sold............................................. 14 45
Liquors on hand Feb. 20, 1871...................... 165 77

$1,334 24

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**Town Debt.**

Paid Town Order No. 153, of 1864................... $2,100 00
" " 183, " 1867.................. 600 00
Note Richmond National Band.............. 3,000 00
" First "........................................ 3,000 00
" J. R. Blanchard......................... 400 00
" Samuel Harlow.......................... 400 00
Town Bonds, due March 1st, 1870............. 9,800 00

$19,300 00

Borrowed on Town Order No. 11............. $2,000 00
" " 35........ 600 00
" " 97........ 2,158 10
" " 165........ 400 00
" " 245........ 175 00
Decrease in Town Debt....................... 13,966 90

$19,300 00

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**Interest and Discount.**

Paid Coupons on Town Bonds............... $2,697 00
Interest on Town Orders and Notes........... 419 60
6 per ct. Dis. on Taxes paid prior to Sept. 1, '70, 605 83
" Jan. 1, '71, 192 32

$3,914 75

Balance unexpended, carried to Sundries........ 85 25

$4,000 00

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**Sundries.**

Paid George W. Parks, S. S. Com., 1869........ $30 00
H. K. Morrell, Printing Reports, 1869........ 35 00
Wm. H. Smith, Rent of Pound, " ................ 4 00
" 1870 .................................. 1870 00
James Parks, Land Damage, Parks Road....... 7 00
for Fred Kerrins, at Insane Hospital......... 118 71
Alpheus Small, Watering Trough, 1868 and 1869 6 00
Frederick Bates, Jr., " 1869 ............... 3 00
J. W. Spaulding, for Services............... 58 38
Paid Fees in Parks and Williams Case .......... 25 00
Samuel Odiorne, Jr., Horsehire .................. 24 25
Gen. Hodson, Services 1869 in Soldiers' Case .... 27 25
Susie L. Smith, Damages ........................ 175 00
one-half of Labor Bill Shingling Town House .... 13 61
Bill for Shingles for same ...................... 33 93
Carlton Houdlette, Nails for do .................. 7 10
John Blair, Trucking shingles for do ............. 75 00
C. B. Foster, Damage for Water Flowage ......... 25 00
James Thomas, Repairs on Town House .......... 1 25
J. T. Robinson, Books, Stationery and Stamps .. 31 66
H. E. Merriman, Wood for office ................. 1 00
John Hurley, Sawing the same .................... 50 00
Wm. Randlette, Care of Town Clock ............... 20 00
F. Houdlette, Travelling Expenses in Grey case .. 5 00
C. Houdlette, Office Rent ........................ 15 00
Daniel Randall, Care of Engines ................ 20 00
B. F. Tallman, Expense to Augusta ............... 5 00
Wm. T. Hall, .................................. 6 00
Abatement of Taxes to Wm. H. Smith, Col. 1867 .. 20 50
Samuel Brown, 1869 ................................ 94 88
Samuel Brown, 1870 ................................ 99 30
Paid Stamp on Note ................................ 30 00

Amount paid Town Officers as per account ........ 935 41

Appropriated by the Town ...................... $1,000 00
Brought from Interest and Discount Act .. 85 25
Deficiency .................................. $13 59

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds outstanding Feb. 20, 1871 ............... $39,950 00
Note to Samuel Wilson ........................... 200 00
M. M. ..................................... 800 00
C. T. ...................................... 500 00
Town Order No. 45 of 1863 ............. 832 00
dated Feb. 20, 1866 ....................... 200 00
No. 85 of 1866 ............................. 100 00
72 .................................. 60 00
79 of 1869 ................................ 1,500 00
11 1870 ................................ 2,000 00
35 .................................. 600 00
97 .................................. 2,138 10
### RESOURCES.

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<td>Hearse</td>
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<td>Engine House</td>
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<td>Interest in Town House</td>
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Town Debt......................... 19,300 00
Interest and Discount ............ 3,914 75
Sundrys............................  933 40
Amount in hands of Collector ..........  7,447 49
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1871.....  1,573 88

$44,075 83

F. HOUDLETT, \Selectmen of
WM. H. STUART, \Richmond.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, of the Town of Richmond, for the fiscal year ending February 20, 1871, carefully compared them with more than eleven hundred vouchers, and find the books correctly kept, the money faithfully and honestly disbursed and their entire account with the town correct.

I cannot too highly commend the plan adopted by the Selectmen, in not receiving a dollar of the town's money, but have it all paid into the Treasury, and drawn out by their orders, without which it is difficult to keep correct accounts.

A. DEERING, Town Auditor.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Richmond in account with C. Houdlette, Treasurer.

Cr.
By Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1870, as per report, $14,723 83
State School Fund, 1869.............................. 60 97
Town of Damariscotta, Pauper Account.......... 6 45
Interest, Samuel Brown.......................... 33 98
Cash from Liquor Agent.......................... 1,154 02
Use of Town Hall.................................. 21 00
Tuition High School............................... 72 95
Wood sold......................................... 1 00
Use of Engine..................................... 15 00
License of Auctioneer............................. 3 00
Tax Deed.......................................... 50
Cash on Town Order, No. 11.....................
  "  "  "  35.................................. 600 00
  "  "  "  245.................................. 175 00
Amount from Samuel Brown, Collector 1870.... 13,974 53

Dr.
To paid abatement orders to S. Brown, Col. 899 30
  Coupons on Town Bonds......................... 2,697 00
  Town Bonds.................................... 9,800 00
  Selectmen's order 6 per ct. disct........... 605 83
    "  "  "  3 "  "  "  192 32
    "  "  "  Taxes worked, 1,695 67
    "  "  "  Money......................... 16,178 23
Balance in Treasury Feb. 20th, 1871....... 1,573 88

$32,842 23

C. HOUDLETTE, Treasurer.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:
The Annual Report of your Superintending School Committee is now presented for your consideration:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—J. W. SPAULDING, Agent.

High School.

Summer Term—A. A. Woodbridge, teacher. Attendance, no report. Term, 9 weeks.

Previous reports have sufficiently indicated the quality of Mr. Woodbridge's instructions, and his power of easy control. The usefulness of the school, this term, was greatly impaired by non-attendance. Before the close of the term the attendance had dwindled to less than a dozen pupils, detracting greatly from the enthusiasm of both teacher and pupils.

During the spring private term Mr. Woodbridge secured the services of Dr. N. T. True, of Bethel, Me., who delivered, before the pupils of the academy and the citizens generally, a very interesting and profitable course of lectures on Geology. During the summer term we held a very pleasant and profitable series of teachers' meetings—attended by the teachers of the district. The principle feature of them was Mr. Woodbridge's interesting explanation of his method.

Fall Term—J. W. Keene, Bremen, Me., teacher, Miss Clarke and Miss Thomas, assistants. Whole number of pupils, 76; average, 66. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teacher with same assistants. Whole number of pupils, 66; average, 62. Term, 9 weeks.

Mr. Keene is a teacher of considerable experience; scholarly, and possessed of sufficient governing power; a conscientious worker, and demanding honest and thorough work from his pupils. Those pupils, who have been regular in their attendance, have for the most part evinced satisfactory deportment and unquestioned progress. Your Committee are assured that they express the sentiments of most of our citizens, in their regrets that Mr. Keene should so soon have been called from us, to take charge of a larger and pecuniarily more profitable school.

This school suffers greatly in its general regimen, by the irregularity of attendance; and especially from the habit, (a habit of long standing we should judge from previous reports,) of leaving the school, some a week or two, others two or three days before the close of the term. A very commendable effort was made, on the part of Mr. Keene, to prevent this, and to secure a higher standard of scholarship, by demanding that all pupils should pass an examination in the studies of the term.
before entering upon the studies of the following term. This has not
been done heretofore, and the consequence is, from the protracted ab­
sence, or unfaithful work on the part of the pupils, or both, that in
some instances we have pupils in the High School, attending term af­
ter term, at intervals, who could not pass the examination necessary
for passing from the Grammar to the High School; and from the diffi­
culty of putting pupils back from one class to another, or from one
school to another, all the classes must, and do suffer, from a general
degradation of the standard of scholarship. These things ought not
so to be.

But another difficulty occurs right here, and that is in the matter of
private terms. Heretofore these private terms have alternated with
the public terms, and the teacher could not demand satisfactory ac­
quaintance with the studies of the previous term, as a qualification of
entrance. This year there is but one private term, following the win­
ter term. The demand in the matter of qualification should be cumu­
lative—should be repeated and increased. Instead of that, it had to
be let down altogether. The pupils saw this, and with, or without the
consent of their parents, a large number of them were absent the last
week of the term. It is folly to think of bringing our High School to
any gratifying standard of scholarship, while this evil of private terms
is permitted. The terms should all be public; and the course of study
so marked out and so adhered to, that a pupil by remaining in the
school three years shall have accomplished the work which the school
proposes. As it is, there is no meaning to "graduation."

Grammar School.

Summer Term—EMILY M. CLARK, Richmond, teacher. Whole
number of pupils, 37; average, 29. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 60; averag
40. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 56; aver­
age, 46. Term, 9 weeks.

Miss CLARK does well in her department. She is at once earnest
and helpful; inventive and thorough. The order of the school has been
good, and the progress uniform and reliable. Miss CLARK has good
reason to be proud of her school.

Miss THOMAS assisted in the instruction of this school, with unques­
tioned success.

North Intermediate.

Summer Term—ELLEN C. HUTCHINS, teacher. Whole number of
pupils, 44; average, 34. Term, 9 weeks.

A very poor school; much ground was lost.

Fall Term—SAME E. HEWITT, teacher. Whole number of pupils,
31; average, 41. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; aver­
age, 40. Term, 9 weeks.

This school has been ably manned these two terms. The aspect of
the school is very much improved every way, more orderly in deport­
ment, more prompt in recitations. Miss HEWITT shows considerable
tact and aptitude for both government and instruction; the faculty of
despact is especially marked in her methods, bringing all the classes
up to time, permitting no delay, demanding instant response to her
questions. Under her rule and instruction, the school has made rapid
strides towards what it ought to be. We hope she may be retained as
a permanent teacher for this school.
Central Intermediate.

Summer Term—Carrie J. Call, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 35; average, 32. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 54; average, 45. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 51; average, 45. Term, 9 weeks.

This school presents the best average attendance of any in the district. For a good school, there must be uniform attendance as well as good instruction.

Miss Call has not yet learned to maintain that order in the schoolroom, which we would like to see; yet we must concur with the estimate of her expressed by the County Supervisor, regarding her as “in many respects a model teacher.” The quality of her work will compare favorably with that of any teacher in town. Her method of conducting reading and spelling classes has been favorably noticed in former reports. Her forte is in the drill which she gives her pupils in accuracy and appropriateness of style. We wish this feature in her instruction might be imitated more generally in our schools. The Spelling, Arithmetic and Geography classes also indicate thorough instruction, seconded by general studiousness on the part of the pupils.

South Intermediate.

Summer Term—Clara E. Donnell, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 52; average, 41. Term, 9 weeks.

This was Miss Donnell’s first experience as a teacher, and though she brought an earnest spirit to her work, her success was not all that we expected; still, as the teacher gained in experience, the school grew into better system and made good progress in their studies.

Fall Term—Mary E. Wilson, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 40; average, 33. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 42; average, 35. Term, 9 weeks.

The school, under the charge of Miss Wilson, has done very well, though the drill has not been as careful and accurate as it should have been. Much injury is occasioned to the regime and comparative rank of this school by the frequent absence of some of the pupils, who need most to be always at school. A difficulty has also been experienced in the fact that the reading classes are generally in books too difficult, so that too much time has to be spent in the apprehension of the sense of the author, and not enough in the expression of that sense. We find this a difficulty common to most of the schools of the town. It needs time and good judgment on the part of the teachers to correct the evil.

Primary School.

Summer Term—Miss M. H. Hanover, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 82; average, 62. Term, 9 weeks.

It was rather an imposition to put a teacher in a room so small and poorly ventilated, with an average of over sixty children. The school ought to have been divided, but we have no suitable place for a second school; nor could the needed assistant work to advantage in the same room. The order of the school was very good, considering the crowded condition of the pupils, and the interest in their work all that could be expected.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 46; average, 40. Term, 9 weeks.
Winter Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 45; average, 35. Term, 9 weeks.

Since the upper class went into the Intermediate school, giving elbow room to the little ones and a better opportunity to the teacher to concentrate her efforts, quite an enthusiasm has developed among the pupils, and the year's work shows a progress creditable to both teacher and pupils. More should be made of the Primary school than heretofore.

**ACCOUNT.**

Amount due District, as per report of 1870, $12 38
Appropriations, 2128 00
Received from other sources, 77 16

**$2217 54**

Expended during the year,

2138 97

Balance due the district,

$78 57

**DISTRICT NO. 2.—ISAAC STARBIRD, Agent.**

Summer Term—Blanche A. Payne, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 17. Term, 9 weeks.

The instruction and order in this school was good. Our notes indicate progress, though some of the older pupils were evidently at a disadvantage on account of embarrassment.

Winter Term—S. M. Small, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 20; Term, 9 weeks, 3½ days.

Mr. Small seems to understand his business. In reading and geography the classes showed progress; but we were at a loss in estimating their progress in arithmetic; the deficiency probably being the result of embarrassment, as was the case last term.

**ACCOUNT.**

Amount due the District, $6 99
Appropriation, 143 18

**$150 17**

Expended,

**$150 17**

**DISTRICT NO. 3.—BRADLEY V. STINSON, Agent.**

Summer Term—Ella M. Stinson, Richmond Corner, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 17. Term, 66 days.

This was Miss Stinson's first effort in teaching. The committee regret not having secured a more experienced teacher, as the school evidently needs the drill and discipline of one accustomed to teach and to govern. At our first visit the school did not appear well, either in the promptness or accuracy of their recitations, or in the matter of order. At our second visit the school appeared well, but we could hardly estimate progress as so many of the pupils were absent.

Winter Term—Albert G. Smith, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; average, 25. Term, 9 weeks.

Mr. Smith came to us with the experience of three terms' teaching; his qualification in the knowledge of the studies of the school was quite satisfactory, and your committee hoped that they had secured the right man for the place. Though qualified in other respects, he failed in the matter of government. Certain of the larger pupils, taking advantage of his want of tact and firmness, conducted themselves
in a way which called for the interference and censure of the committee. This school was visited three times by your committee—twice to attend to matters of discipline. We fear the progress of the school in their studies, owing to the teacher's want of tact and ability to enforce discipline was not what it ought to have been.

We are sorry to see that the hope expressed in our last report—that another year would find this District in possession of the finest schoolhouse in town, instead of the poorest—is still unrealized.

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Balance due the District, $20.25

DISTRICト NO. 1.—X. KINO, Agent.

*Summer Term*—CELLA A. CHAPMAN, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average 20. Term, 6 weeks.

Miss CHAPMAN had taught as assistant in the schools at Bath, but had never before taken full charge of a school. At our first visit, the school seemed deficient in carefulness and accuracy. We called the attention of the teacher to this fact, and, so far as we could judge from the examination at the close of the term, there was great improvement in this respect.

*Winter Term*—D. W. ROBINSON, Gardiner, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 23. Term, 11 weeks.

The teacher of this school has shown himself a master-workman in his department. He has put in solid work here, and the pupils have worked with him. In all their studies the pupils showed progress, and made it evident that the measure of progress had been quality as well as quantity. The wonder is, that they could have done so much and so well; much credit is due to both teacher and pupils. Though not beyond criticism, the school deserves to be placed among the foremost in our estimate of the schools of the town.

**ACCOUNT.**

| Amount due District at commencement of the school year, | $3.25 |
| Appropriation, | 155.77 |
| Expended, | $159.00 |

DISTRICト NO. 5.—WALTER BEEDELE, Agent.

*Summer Term*—LOUISA THOMAS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average 10. Term, 6 weeks.

This was Miss THOMAS's first school, and was only a partial success. The extreme diffidence of the teacher, prevented her taking in the school-room, that position to which her education entitled her. However, the school worked with her in a quiet way, and seemed to acknowledge the thoroughness of her instructions.

Miss THOMAS has been employed as assistant in the Grammar and High school in District No. 1. this fall and winter, and has justified the hopes entertained for her as a teacher.

*Winter Term*—GEO. B. PREELE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 23. Term, 8 weeks and 4 days.
On our first visit, we were not favorably impressed with the workings of this school. We frankly showed the teacher what seemed to us his defects, and gave him further trial. After a few weeks we visited the school again, fully determined to close the school if there was not a decided improvement. We found the teacher had determined to close the school. But the general appearance of the school—their order and progress, especially in those studies and respects to which we had called the attention of the teacher on our previous visit, was so marked and satisfactory, that we would not, ourselves, have discontinued the school. Judging from the final examination, the school was fully up to the average of the schools of the town.

ACCOUNT.

### DISTRICT NO. 6.—SAMUEL LANCASTER, Agent.

**Summer Term**—Sarah L. Knight, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 22. Term, 9 weeks.

The note which we made of this school, after visiting the second time, was, "One of the best schools in town—well-instructed and prompt in their recitations." In the report of the teacher we notice, "13 visits by citizens." This is a good indication.

**Winter Term**—George A. Wilson, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 23. Term, 12 weeks.

The good opinion formed of this school last term was in no particular abated by what we saw of it under Miss Wilson's care. The progress of the school in geography and arithmetic was most marked. The Reading and Spelling, especially, of the second class, showed a good drill.

### DISTRICT NO. 7.—JOHN D. WATSON, Agent.

**Summer Term**—Elene M. Yeaton, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 17. Term, no record.

**Winter Term**—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 22; average, 17. Term, 15 weeks.

Your committee received no notice of the close of the summer term of this school; we were therefore unable to visit the school but once during the term. We visited it three times during the winter term. It was always a pleasure to visit this school, for we always found evidence of faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and of careful, honest work on the part of the pupils. The order of the school was excellent, and our marks indicate unusual progress. In Reading, Geography and Arithmetic the classes did themselves and their teacher great credit. We wish that the citizens of the district could have been present at the
final examination, such a visit could but have been satisfactory to them­selves and gratifying to the pupils.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District, $10 72
Appropriation, 122 09

Expended, $132 81
Overdrawn, $1 40

DISTRIBUTION NO. 8. — JACOB REED, Agent.

Summer Term.— AUGUSTA E. RIDLEY, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 10. Term, 8 weeks.

This school was small, easily managed and not difficult to instruct. Though a teacher of considerable experience, Miss Ridley's success was not satisfactory.

Winter Term.— MARY ELLEN BEEDLE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 19. Term, 10 weeks.

In both our visits the government and method of instruction adopted by the teacher, commended themselves to us as highly satisfactory. Though the classes did not show that progress we would have liked, yet we were convinced it was not the fault of the teacher. The unfavorable appearance of the classes at our last visit was easily accounted for, on the score of embarrassment, and the want of successive terms of drilling. We would reiterate the suggestion made in the last re­port of your committee—that the interests of this district in the mat­ter of education, could not be better shown than by erecting a new, and commodious school-house. It can hardly be expected that pupils will show much enthusiasm in their studies, while the citizens of the district are so indifferent to their comfort and convenience.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due the District at the commencement of the school year, $2 58
Appropriation, 122 09

Expended, $124 67
Overdrawn, $126 59

DISTRIBUTION NO. 9.— JOHN CURTIS, Agent.

Summer Term.— EVA LIBBY, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 10. Term, 8 weeks.

This was Miss Libby's first experience in teaching; and though qualified as regards information, we found that the school suffered some through her lack of self-assertion. We trust that age and experience will give her that force and tact which are wanting to make her a success­ful teacher.

Winter Term.— SARAH L. KNIGHT, teacher. No report.

The same qualities in Miss Knight which made her successful as a teacher in her summer school, found profitable exercise in this school. She succeeded admirably in imparting a more vigorous tone to the school. The classes in reading and arithmetic showed special pro­gress.
ACCOUNT.

Amount due District at the commencement of the school year, $35 07
Appropriation, 115.16
Expended,

Balance due the District, 15.35

DISTRICT No. 10—JAMES H. SMITH, Agent.

Summer Term—MARY L. GOODWIN, W. Dresden, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; average, 19. Term, 8 weeks.

We found this school in good hands. At our first visit, we observed a considerable deficiency in the style of reading, and in the matter of thoroughness and promptness generally. At the close of the term, we found quite an improvement in these respects. Mr. SMITH, the Agent, visited the school with us, and seconded our approbation of the decorum and improvement of the school.

Winter Term—OSCAR H. HERSEY, Richmond Corner, Teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 22. Term, 10 weeks.

We could not better indicate our impression of this school, than by writing over against the winter term, what we said of the summer school. The deficiencies still exist, though Mr. HERSEY has exercised much care in the direction specified. The Grammar, Geography and Reading classes show a decided advance. In Arithmetic, the progress was not so evident. Some of the most faithful pupils fail in the matter of explanation. Special attention will be given to this in the two weeks which remain of the term.

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DISTRICT No. 11.—LINCOLN ROBINSON, Agent.

Summer Term—MARY S. RIDLEY, Richmond, teacher. No Report.

Winter Term—WM. E. CHASE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 25. Term, 7 weeks.

Your Committee visited this school after the opening of each term, but from some oversight were not officially notified when either term was to close, and so to their regret, were unable to estimate the progress of the school.

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Before concluding this report, the Committee would offer a few words by way of explanation and suggestion:

We have not, in all instances, been able to furnish such teachers as were needed. Such teachers did not offer themselves, nor could we always find them for the wages which we felt at liberty to offer. We may have every other advantage, yet if we fail here, the loss is irrepa...
rable; and it is quite as important when practicable, that we should secure the same teacher successive terms, as a really good teacher is worth much more to a school the second term than the first. He understands the attainments of each pupil, and so knows how to classify him. He can thus go on from the highest point reached in the previous term, adapting himself at once to the attainments or deficiencies of the various pupils or classes, instead of spending a week or two in finding the standing of the different pupils.

We suppose our citizens are generally aware of the difficulty of estimating the condition and workings of the different schools; as some schools are but slightly embarrassed, or may even appear better than usual in the presence of visitors, while others are at a decided disadvantage. Another reason for the difficulty in forming a correct judgment, arises from the fact that in many instances the classes are using books too far advanced for them. This is especially true in our Reading classes. How shall we judge a class in the Fourth Reader which ought to be in the Third? They read poorly in the Fourth; they would rank well in the Third. Nor can we in all cases learn the deficiencies of a teacher as soon as desirable, at our distance from the school; nor after we have become acquainted with any trouble or deficiency that may exist, can we always act with unerring judgment.

It is needful that the parents should remember that there are many things to be taken into consideration in such matters; and sometimes more than one side to the question proposed. We would urge upon the citizens of the various districts, that they visit the schools more frequently, and thus become acquainted with their workings. And in order to prevent disagreements between the parents and the school authorities, that there should be friendly conference between parents and teacher, and between parents and Committee, as to the best methods of promoting the good of the school. This will accomplish far more, than hasty and resentful action, where the real facts of the case are but imperfectly understood.

We notice throughout the town, and even in some of our village schools, a deficiency in the matter of school apparatus—Globes, Wall-maps and Charts. Except in District No. 1, the blackboard is the only help to the teacher. This is not a good indication.

While we are laboring to improve our schools, the parents should remember that they have much to do in the matter of co-operation, especially in securing attendance. We are not in favor of compulsory education. The genius of our institutions forbids it. At the same time, no parent can allow his child to neglect the means of education, without inflicting an injury upon the community as well as upon the child; nor can any parent allow his child to be frequently absent from school without deranging the order and effectiveness of the school, besides missing many a link necessary for the proper connection of his studies.

J. W. SPAULDING, { Superintending
GEO. W. PARKS, \ School
WM. C. CURTIS, } Committee.
NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants whom they may employ to teach, that the Committee will be in session for their examination, &c., at the Academy, as follows: for the Summer Schools, the third and fourth Saturdays in April, at 1 o'clock P. M.; for the Winter Schools, the first and second Saturdays in November, at 1 o'clock P. M., 1871.

It is absolutely necessary that teachers apply for their certificates on the days above mentioned.

TO SCHOOL AGENTS.

GENTLEMEN:—Your School Committee would very respectfully call your attention to the following section of the revised statutes of this State:

Section 55, Chapter 11, reads as follows: If any agent neglects to give written notice to the Superintending School Committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, he shall forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.

TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

National Readers and Spellers; Greenleaf's Arithmetics (new series) and Algebras; Quackenbos' Grammars, History and Rhetoric; Cornell's Geographies (new series); Peck's Ganot's Philosophy; Porter's Chemistry; Peterson's Familiar Science; Gray's Botany; Davies' series Higher Mathematics; Wells' Physical Geography; Welch's Object Lessons; Bryant & Stratton's Book-keeping. Latin—Harkness' Complete Course; French—Harkins', and Pujol & Van Normand's Advanced Course.