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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AUDITOR

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND

For the Year Ending February 20, 1873.

GARDINER: H. K. MORRELL & SON, PRINTERS, HOME JOURNAL OFFICE. $1\,8\,7\,3\,\,.$

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Repair of Highways	\$3,000	0σ
Support of Schools	3,500	00
Maintenance of Poor	1,000	00
Interest and Discount	3,000	00
Contingent Fund	1,000	00
Three per cent. on Factory Stock	600	00
Reduction of Town Debt	2,000	00
School District No. 3	245	
	\$14,345	92
State Tax	7,137	
County Tax		
Overlayings	1,123	
Supplemental	100	
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	\$24,542	22
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RECEIPTS.		
Balance in Treasury Feb. 21, 1872	\$4,673	58
Tuition High School, paid into Treasury	67	
Wood sold from School District No. 1	1	00
Engine for Watering Ships	40	00
Old Couplings sold	30	26
Use of Town Hall	12	00
Cash of John O. Neal	51	25
Cash from Wiscasset	6	00
Confiscated Barrels	2	25
Use of Mowing Machine	5	00
Interest of Samuel Brown, Collector	62	55
Profits of Liquor Agency	239	24
Borrowed on Town Order	600	00
" No. 34	400	00
	\$6,190	81

EXPENDITURES.

State and County Tax.

Paid State Treasurer, nothing.	21.100	00
County Treasurer on account	\$1,100	00
Town Officers.		
Paid Services as follows:		
F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman	\$1 65	00
A.P. Jewett, " "	80	
J. Watson Libby, " "	55	
Carleton Houdlette, Treasurer	50	
Wm. H. Stuart, Town Clerk	15	
Samuel Brown, Collector	413	19
B. F. Tallman, S. S. Committee, D. S. Richards, " S. W. Jack. "	100	00
S. W. Jack, " J Levi Whitney, Constable	25	00
	\$903	19
Schools.		
Amount due the several Districts Feb. 21, 1872	\$842	24
Appropriation by the town	3,500	
State School Fund for 1866	71	
" 1870	64	
Savings Bank Tax	284	48
Mill Tax	836	99
Tuition High School	67	68
Wood sold	1	00
	\$5,668	
Paid School Districts during year \$3,931 86	\$9,000	44
Balance due Districts Feb. 20, 1873 1,736 58		
Dalance due Districts Pet. 20, 1010 1,700 00		
\$5,668 44		
School District No. 3.		
Tax assessed District	. \$237	00
Overlayings		92
Poid F C Page on Town Order	\$24 5	92
Paid E. G. Page on Town Order		
Abatement		
Expense		
\$ 245 92		

Repairs of Highways. Paid Foster and Spaulding for Lumber..... \$632 56 James Houdlette, 7 00 Samuel Toothaker, Nails and Spikes..... 31 61 Iron and Labor..... 5 66 Dist. No. 1, under Libbeus Jenkins, Surveyor..... 260 51 31 00 Paid Johnson Cunningham for Labor.... under George W. Parks, Surveyor..... 145 42 Dist. No. 2, 80 70 Hatherly Randall, " Dist. No. 3, Prescott Keyes, 66 68 98 66 66 B. V Stinson, 87 59 Dist. No. 4, 46 .. Jerome Ridley 96 58 46 Dist. No. 5, John W Trott, 86 00 6. F. A. Yeaton, 66 75 72 66 66 Dist. No. 6. S. F. Blanchard, 75 62 66 46 George W. Merrill, 64 80 .. Dist. No. 7, A. K. Merriman, 66 110 40 Dist. No. 8, 67 55 Geo. B. Umberhind, 66 Chalmers Harlow, 66 76 95 66 " William S. Booker, 35 60 Dist. No. 9, 44 66 Otis Plummer, 103 50 66 44 Dist. No. 10, James Litch, 50 61 Dist. No. 11, " John Alexander. 39 48 46 Benj. Peacock, 70 04 \$2,303 88 Breaking Roads, 1871. 1, Paid Wm. M. Lancaster..... \$2 55 Dist. No. Libbeus Jenkins, Surveyor..... 73 22 14 66 Dist. No. 11, Benj. Peacock, \$90 43 Breaking Roads, 1872. Dist. No. 1, Paid Libbeus Jenkins, Surveyor..... \$44 5365 14 George W. Parks, 44 48 62 Dist. No. 2, Hatherly Randall, Prescott Keyes, 26 33 Dist. No. 3, 66 59 20 B. V. Stinson, 66 77 27 Dist. No. 4, Jerome Ridley,

J. W. Trott,

F. A. Yeaton,

S. F. Blanchard, George W. Merrill,

A. R. Merriman,

Dist. No. 5,

Dist. No. 6,

Dist. No. 7,

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Dist. No, 8, 1	Paid G. B. Umberhind, S Chalmers Harlow, Wm. S. Booker,	urveyo)r	15 14 28	
Dist. No. 9,	Otis Plummer,	46		53	
		66		35	
Dist. No. 10,	James Litch,	"		21	
Dist. No. 11,	John Alexander,			55	
	Benj. Peacock,				
				\$644	54
	Highway Acc	ount	•		
Appropriated	by the Town			3,000	00
	m report of 1872		\$836 79		
	Repairs of Highways		2,303 88		
"	Breaking Roads, 1871		90 43		
46	" 1872.	• • • •	644 54		
		-	3,875 64		
Deficienc	y, Feb. 20, 1873			875	64
	,				
			95	3,875	64
Sn	ow Bills unpaid F	eb. 2	0, 1873.		
Dist. No. 1, u	nder Libbeus Jenkins, S	urvevo	r	\$39	03
,	" A. G. Collins,	"		37	28
Dist. No. 2,	" Hatherly Randall,	66	•••••	52	
Dist. No. 3,	" Prescott Keyes,			28	
	" B. V. Stinson,	66		63	
Dist. No. 4,	" Jerome Ridley,	"		76	
Dist. No. 5.	" F. A. Yeaton,	46		10	
Dist. 110. 5.				17	
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Dist. No. 6,	o. r. D. Dianonaru	,	• • • • • • • • •	$\frac{23}{27}$	
Dist No #	oco. w. monin,	46	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	37	
Dist. No. 7,	zz. iv. micriman,		• • • • • • • • •	28	
Dist. No. 8,	Oco. D. Chibermin	,			03
	" Chalmers Harlow,	"		24	
TO 1	" Wm. S. Booker,	"		$3\overline{2}$	
Dist. No. 9,	" Otis Plummer,	**	not in.	32	26
Dist. No. 9, Dist. No. 10,					26
	" Otis Plummer,	**	not in.	32	26 34
Dist. No. 10,	" Otis Plummer, " Samuel Getchell,	"	not in.	32 51	26 34 55

Town Farm.

200010 2101 1100		
To Stock on Farm Feb. 21, 1872, valued at. Hay, Grain and Provisions. Farming Tools. Furniture. Wood. Shingles Logs for shingles, &c. Interest on \$3,000 in farm for one year. Paid Prescott Keyes and wife for 1 year's Service, Mrs. Keyes for Extras. by Mr. Keyes for Mowing Machine. "Supplies. for Insurance. Wm. H. Winslow for Screws.	\$721 579 309 174 105 16 40 180 350 50 80 486 20	61 00 50 00 50 00 00 00 00 00
School Tax for Dist. No. 3	16	08
By Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1873, valued at Hay, Grain and Provisions. \$522 00 Hay, Grain and Provisions. 540 21 Farming Tools. 373 50 Furniture. 196 75 Wood. 90 00 Shingles. 53 25 Lumber. 10 00 Road Breaker. 10 00 Produce sold by Mr. Keyes. 190 59 Stock 230 00 Labor of Mr. Keyes in Dist. No. 3. 31 25 " Oxen 28 00 Received for use of Mowing Machine. 5 00 " from John O. Neal. 51 25 Cost of supporting poor on the Farm the past year. 796 92	\$3,128	
φυ,120 <i>12</i>		
INVENTORY, Feb. 20, 1873. Stock.		
1 Yoke of Oxen 200 00 2 Hogs	25	00
	. 5	00
	••	00
1 Horse	\$522	00
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12 tons English Hay \$180 00 10 bu. Corn	. 8	50
12 " Bog " 96 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Pop Corn		50
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton Straw 6 00 $\frac{1}{4}$ "Beans	. 13	00
17 bu. Barley 13 60 5½ " Peas	. 8	25
2. pui municipation de voite de la constant de la c		

	100 bu. Potatoes 3 " Turnips 1 " Parsnips 1 " Onions 2 bbl. Flour 2 gals. Molasses 425 lbs. Pork 150 " Beef 20 " Butter 51 " Dried Apples, 12 " Candles	1 7 42 15 6 5	50 75 00 50 90 50	40 " L 1 Ham an 12½ bbls. 100 gals. (12 Cabbas Pickles Soap Grea	Apples Cider & Viges	Rib.	$34 \\ 20 \\ 1$	54 80 75 87 00 00 75 21
		Farr	ning	y Tools.				
•	1 Wagon	40 55 110 13 10 3 4 4 15 20 12 14	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	6 Ox Yoko 1 Drag Ra 3 Hay For 3 Hoes 2 Shovels. 1 M. Fork 1 Spade 2 Crow Ba 1 Grindsto 3 Ladders 1 Tackle a 2 Hand Ra	rs	•••	1 2 1 1 4 5 6	00 00 50 75 75 50 00 50 50
	2 Harrows		00				373	50
	Paid out for carrying on "Mowing M: To Services from Feb. 2 paid Mrs. Keyes for	Farnachine	n as 2 72 t	o Feb. 20,	past year 1873		\$486 80 350 50	00 00
	By am't received from s Produce sold Cash on Town Order	ale of	· 2 y	oke oxen.	. \$230 0 . 190 5	0 9 8	\$966	
	Persons supp Stephen Robbins, died J Mrs. Julia Doughty Charles Doughty Elizabeth Doughty John Booker Ellen O. Neal, since Ma Olive Ridley, since April	Jan. 1	7, 1 7, 1	873	Ag	ge, 68 26 7 80	; " ; ;	ırs.

Timothy Huntington, since Oct. 15, 1872 Age 43 years John Franklin Dale, four weeks	š.
Poor off the Farm.	
Paid for Mrs. Hannah Shaw \$8 5 "Olive Ridley 79 0 "Mehitable Harmon 15 0 "Malinda Smith 30 6 Burial Lot for Nathaniel Langdon 2 0 Stephen Rollins, Dr. A. Libby's Bill 47 0 "Coffin 11 0 Stragglers 19 7 Lot in Burial Ground in Dist. No. 3 8 0 Ellen O. Neal, at Insane Hospital 41 2 Frederic Kearns 142 4)5 0 2 0 0
\$404 6	1
ACCOUNT.	
Appropriated for Support of Poor \$1,000 0 Received from town of Wiscasset 6 0 " John O. Neal 51 2	00
Expended in Cash for Poor on Farm \$545-48 " " Insurance 20 00 " " School Tax 16 08 " " Poor off Farm 404 61 -Balance unexpended, carried to sundries. 71 08	5
§1,057 25	
	
Liquor Agency.	
Amount of Liquors on hand Feb. 21, 1872	$egin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$
By Cash paid into Treasury by Agent \$1,156 06 Barrels sold	7
2	

Fire Department.

Borrowed on Town note	\$400	00
Received from sale of Couplings	30	26
for watering ships	40	00
	\$470	26
Paid for new Hose \$371 25		20
Repairing engine house—Lumber 38 40		
Stephen Williams, labor		
James Thomas, mason work 14 87		
P. Connerly, labor 4 00		
H. Springer, brick, etc 5 80		
C. Houdlette, lime, etc		
Tinworker's bill		
Truckage		
W. H. Winslow's bill		
Oil for engine		
C. H. Colburn, labor on engine 1 50		
J. I. & D. C. Ames, bill		
Engine Company, one year's service 100 00		
	•	
Deficiency, carried to Sundries 129 33		
\$470 26 		
Town Notes, 1872.		
Town Order, No. 0	\$600 400	
-	\$1,000	00
Paid Note Richmond Nat. Bank \$1,500 00 Town Order, No. 0	, 1, 000	
\$2,100 00 Decrease in Town Notes during year 1,100 00		
\$1,000 00		
<u> </u>		
Interest and Discount.		
Daid Campana and Manager Dail 1	000	00
	2,388	
Interest on Town Orders and Notes	594	91
		91

Appropriated by the Town	\$3,000 00		
Paid by Sam'l Brown, Coll	62 55		
Deficiency, carried to Sundries	476 09		
	\$3,538 64		
——— Sundries.			
Paid B. F. Tallman, Auditor		\$3	00
H. K. Morrell, printing reports			00
J. W. Spaulding, services and disburs	sements		33
Wood for Selectmen's office	• • • • • • • • •	4	25
3 per cent. on Factory Stock	• • • • • • • • •	660	00
Care of Town Clock	• • • • • • • •	20	00
Repair of Town Hall			50
Stationery	••••••		37
C. Houdlette, office rent	11070		00
Alpheus Small, watering trough 1871 Horse hire for School Com	and 1872.		00
Selectmen			$\frac{00}{25}$
A. P. Jewett, fare to and from August			60
Difference of Liquors 1872 and 1873,			11
Abatement of Taxes, 1871	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	209	
1872		770	
		\$1,869	68
Amount paid Town Officers as per account.		903	
Deficiency, brought from Fire Dep't account	1t	129	
" Interest and Disco	ount acet	476	-09
		\$3,378	29
Surplus from 1872	\$ 13 7 8		
Appropriated by Town, Contingent Fund.	1,000 00		
3 per ct. on factory,	600 00		
Overlayings	1,123 78		
Supplemental	100 54		
Brought from Poor account	71 08		
Liquor account	239 24		
Receipts	14 25		
	\$3,162 67		
Deficiency	215 62		
Donot de la constant			
	\$3,378 29		
Taxes of 1872.			
Whole amount committed to Collector	• • • • • • • •	\$24,542	22
Collected under 5 per cent. discount	310,558 87	,	
			

Collected after discount time Five per cent. discount allowed Abatements to Collector on factory stock. Uncollected Taxes	$1,773 \\ 555 \\ 970 \\ 471 \\ 10,213$	73 00 00
	\$24,542	22

LIABILITIES.		
Town Bonds outstanding Feb. 20, 1873	\$39,950	00
Note to Samuel Wilson, May 5	200	
Town Order No. 45 of 1863, Aug. 24	832	
" dated Feb. 20, 1866	200	00
" No. 85 of 1866	100	00
" " 72 " Sept. 11	60	00
" 35 of 1870, April 4	600	00
" " 97 " Aug. 6	$2,\!158$	
" 245 of 1871, Feb. 20	175	
" " 10 " March 2	800	
" 19 " 4	1,000	
" " 20 " 4	1,000	
" " 22 " April 7	1,000	
" 146 " Nov. 22	1,500	
" 34 of 1872, June 29	400	00
	\$49,975	10
Coupons and Interest due on above Feb. 20, 1873	1,629	
Due School Districts	1,736	
State Treasurer	7,137	
County Treasurer	734	
	\$61,212	83
RESOURCES.		
Balance in Treasury, exclusive of Collector's note	\$2,213	
Amount of taxes in hands of Collector	10,213	
" liquors on hand	239	
Due from State for Mill Tax	836	
" "Savings Bank Tax	284	48
	\$13, 786	77
Liabilities over Resources	47,426	
	\$61,212	83

	over Resou	rces, Feb.	20, 1869	• • • • • • • • •	\$62,538	95
			1870		51,015	55
46	• •		1871		49,628	51
	"	" "	1872		48,768	29
					,	• •
	TO	WN PE	OPER	RTY.		
Town Far	m and Outfi	t 			. \$4,545	61
	Engines					
	Proof Safes.					
	ouse					
	Town Hous					
Interest in	I IOWII IIOUS			• • • • • • • • •	1,000	00
					\$8,315	61
	RF	CAPIT	$\overline{TL}AT$	ION	\$0,010	O.L
				-		
Appropria	itions	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •		
Receipts.	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	6,190	81
					\$30,733	03
Paid Cour	ity Tax, in	part		\$1,100 00		**
	n Officers			903 19		
	ools			3,931 80		
	ol District			238 00		
	air of Highw			2,303 88		
Rres	king Roads	ay 5		734 9		
	on Farm			582 5		
	off the Far			404 6		
				599 5	-	
	Departmen				-	
	n Notes			2,100 00		
	rest and Dis			3,538 6		
	dries			1,869 6		
	lue from Col	I. on State	Tax	7,137 3		
"	46		ty "	734 60		
Bal. in T	reasury, incl	uding Coll'	rs note,	4,554 1	1	
				\$30,733 0	- 3	
		F. H	OUDLE	TTE.	Selectmen	n
			JEWE'		of	-
				LIBBY,		d.
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I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen of Richmond for the municipal year ending February 20, 1873, and found the same properly kept and vouched, and correctly cast, and the foregoing is a true exhibit of the same.

J. W. SPAULDING, Auditor.

RICHMOND, Feb. 25, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Richmond in acc't with C. Houdlette, Treasures.

Cr.		
By Bal. in Treasury Feb. 21, 1872, as per Report	\$4,673	58
Cash on Town Order No. 0	600	00
34	400	00
Town of Wiscasset	6	00
Confiscated Jugs and Barrel	2	25
Liquor Barrels sold	8	00
Couplings "	30	26
Wood "	1	00
Use of Engine	40	00
Use of Town Hall	12	00
Use of Mowing Machine	-	00
Tuition High School	67	
John O. Neal		25
Cash from Liquor Agent	$1,\!156$	
Interest of Samuel Brown, Collector		55
Amount from Samuel Brown, Collector, 1872	,	20
Note of Samuel Brown, Collector	$2,\!341$	04
TD	\$22,685	87
Dr.		
Paid Coupons on Town Bonds \$2,388 00		
Note Richmond National Bank 1,500 00		
Interest on Notes and Orders 19 50		
Abatements to Sam'l Brown, Coll. 970 00		
Selectmen's order for 5 per ct. dis. 555 73		
Abatement for factory stock 471 00		
Abatement for taxes worked 1,898 73		
Selectmen's orders for money 10,328 80		
Bal. in Treasury including Coll's note 4,554 11		
\$22,685 87		

C. HOUDLETTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the town of Richmond for the municipal year ending February 20, 1873, and found the same properly kept and vouched, and correctly cast, and the foregoing is a true exhibit of the same.

J. W. SPAULDING, Auditor.

RICHMOND, Feb. 25, 1873.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The Annual Report of your Superintending School Committee is new presented for your consideration:

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Dr. ABIAL LIBBY, Agent.

High School.

Spring Term.—E. H. LORD, A. B., Brunswick, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 40; average, 28. Term, 9 weeks.

Summer Term. - Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; aver-

age, 21. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Whole number of pupils, 47; average, 35. Term. 9 weeks.

Winter Term.—Whole number of pupils, 41; average, 32. weeks.

For the entire year this school has again been under the management of Mr. E. H. LORD, Brunswick, as Principal. There have been four terms of nine weeks each, making in all thirty-six weeks.

For three terms Mr. LORD was sole instructor, but during the winter

term, he was ably assisted by Miss Lizzie Rogers, of Richmond.

In our last year's report, we spoke at some length of Mr. Lord's abilities as a teacher, -also of his earnest and persistent efforts to advance the interests of the school by the introduction and establishment of a regular and more extensive course of study. During this year, he has never lost sight of the accomplishment of this end, and notwithstanding, he has met with difficulties, has succeeded to an extent which is very gratifying.

Mr. LORD still has charge of the High School, with Miss Rogers as assistant; and we are happy to add that, judging from our experience of last term, we regard Miss. R. as being a very valuable acquisition

to the school.

Grammar School.

Spring Term.-Miss Emily M. Clarke, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 31. Term, 9 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 37; average—no report. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 67; average—

no report. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 57; average—no report. Term. 9 weeks.

For another year this school has again been taught by Miss EMILY M. CLARKE, and under her efficient management, it has continued to maintain its deservedly good reputation. At each visit made during the respective terms, we have been highly gratified with the general appearance of the school, the pupils being very orderly and correct in deportment, as well as studious and attentive. Evidently there has been a very fair proficiency in all the studies. The standard of scholarship, however, needs to be raised so as not only to embrace a wider range of studies, but also to necessitate a more thorough and extended examination on the part of those who may be desirous of entering the High School. Without this the grade of scholarship admitting to the high school, will continue to be ranked much too low.

North Intermediate.

Spring Term.—Miss Sadie E. Hewitt, Windsor, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 47; average, 40. Term, 9 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 46; aver-

age, 36. Term, 9 weeks.

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

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 38; average, 34. Term, 9 weeks.

We feel to congratulate the parents and friends of this school on having been able to retain the services of Miss Hewitr during another school year. She is not only zealous, active and enthusiastic herselfa real live-teacher—but she awakens a lively interest in her pupils and inspires them with hope and courage. She is thorough and critical in her instruction, and demands of her pupils promptness and accuracy. She is also a good disciplinarian, though seldom being compelled to resort to any undue severity. Miss H. is still teaching this school.

Central Intermediate.

Spring Term.—Miss Carrie J. Call, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 52; average, 43. Term, 9 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 54; aver-

age, 43. Term, 9 weeks.

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

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; average, ... Term, 9 weeks.

During the entire year, Miss Call has been as untiring as heretofore in her efforts to make her school interesting and profitable, and we are happy to know that success has crowned her labors in a very marked degree. The fall and winter terms have not been so large as usual. This was owing, for the most part, to the sending up so many to the grammar school at the close of the summer term. Some have been kept away on account of sickness, while a few who might do better, are always irregular in their attendance. Miss CALL has not abated one jot or tittle in the matter of accurate and thorough instruction; and if we mistake not, there has been quite a gain in the matter of discipline. Granting this, in order that the school may be eminently successful, it only remains for parents to take interest enough in their children's best welfare to see to it that they are punctual in their attendance at school at all times and under all circumstances, when it is not absolutely necessary for them to be absent. It is to be hoped that ere long this school will be a model one in all respects, as it already is in very many. The spring term is at present time under her care.

South Intermediate.

Spring Term.—Miss Blanche E. Payne, teacher. No report. so Miss Achsa E. Curtis, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 35; average, 29. Term, (in part) 16½ days.

Summer Term.—Same teacher as at first. Whole number of pupils,

40; average, 35. Term, 10 weeks.

Fall Term.—Miss Louisa Thomas, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41; average, 36. Term. 9 weeks.

Winter Te:m.—Miss Nellie S. Spaer, Lisbon, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; average, 17. Term, 9 weeks.

The spring term was interrupted by the sickness of Miss PAYNE, after which Miss Curtis taught the school for a few weeks, with evident

The summer term found Miss PAYNE again at her post as teacher. It is enough to say that she fully maintained her reputation. The agent was disappointed in not being able to engage her for the remaining terms of the year.

There was an average amount of advance during the fall term taught by Miss Louisa Thomas. On the occasion of each visit, the Committee noticed considerable unnecessary restlessness on the part of some.

This state of things we judged to be detrimental to the school.

Evidently, the school was in good hands during the winter term.

The instruction was thorough, and the school as a whole exhibited very satisfactory results. Miss SPEAR possesses tact, skill and capacity.

Spring Term-Mrs. M. H. HANOVER, Richmond, teacher.

number of pupils, 32; average, 20. Term, 9 weeks.

Summer Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; aver-

age, 42. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 34. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term-Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 40; aver-

Term, 9 weeks. age, 19.

This school has had the advantages which arise from employing the same teacher for successive terms. The school during the year, has been comparatively small, yet there has been a chance for hard work, while at the same time, more attention could be given to each one. The pupils of this school were always very lively and wide awake when your Committee were present. During the year the pupils of this school have advanced in their lessons, in proportion to their regular attendance. Owing to sickness among the children, the Winter term has been almost constantly interrupted, and it has been hard to keep up so good an interest, as is always desirable. There is now a good deal of sickness in this District, and all the school are suffering more or less.

Miss H. is one of the corps of village teachers, who have been teaching in their respective departments, for many successive iterms; and whom we noticed quite at length in our last year's report. She is very successful in the matter of interesting her young pupils, and advancing them in their studies. She is still at the head of the Primary Depart-

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Amount due District No. 1., as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from Savings Bank Tax, " " One Mill Tax,	\$612 90 2,135 33 165, 60 492 39
" Tuition and Wood,	68 68
Expended during the year,	\$3,474 90 2,810 22
Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1873.	\$663 68

DISTRICT NO. 2.-WM. LANCASTER, Agent.

Summer Term-Miss Leona Ring, Richmond, teacher. Whole num-

ber of pupils, 20; average, 15. Term, 35 days.

At our first visit the school seemed to have started well, and according to our notes, we believed that a due amount of energetic and persistent effort, on the part of all, would ensure success. At the close we found less than half of the whole number present, some of the absent ones being sick. That the school had suffered on account of irregular attendance, caused by sickness or otherwise, was a matter of serious regret to your Committee. Of course the advance of the school as a whole could not be correctly estimated. Those present, however, did very well in their respective studies.

Winter Term-Mr. LEANDER M. SMALL, Bowdoinham, teacher.

Whole number of pupils, 22; average, 18. Term, 8 weeks.

As nearly as your Committee could judge, the school made a very fair advance, under the instruction and management of Mr. SMALL. At our first visit, there were twenty-one pupils present; at our second, fourteen. For this latter reason, as in the summer, we were unable only to fully satisfy ourselves, as to the amount of proficiency made by the school as a whole. We could but feel, however, that the school had not yet been made to do all that it has capacity for doing.

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Amount due District No. 2., as per report of 1872,	\$83 18
Appropriated by the Town and State,	108 48
Received from Savings Bank Tax,	10 00
" " One Mill Tax,	24 98
Expended during the year,	\$226 64 202 94
Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1873,	\$23 70

DISTRICT NO. 3.-WM. LANCASTER, Agent.

Summer Term—Miss Augusta H. Edgecomb, Litchfield, teacher.

Whole number of pupils, —; average, —. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss E. taught a good school. The proficiency made by the several

Miss E. taught a good school. The proficiency made by the several classes was quite satisfactory. Class in Geography had done remarkably well. Class of four in oral Grammar made a good beginning. In Arithmetic, the instruction had been thorough. Good attention had been paid to reading and spelling. Our notes say "a good teacher, and a very profitable school." Speaking generally, those present at the closing examination, acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.

Winter Term—MR. CYRUS PURINTON, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole

number of pupils, 22; average, 18. Term-no report.

MR. P. being a teacher of experience, we anticipated a very profitable school. On making our first visit, we found a plenty of work on hand for both teacher and pupil. Most of the pupils were orderly and correct in deportment, and appeared to be much interested in the work in which they were engaged. We feared however, that the almost perpetual motion of some of the smaller pupils, interfered with good discipline; and would, if still allowed to continue, detract very materially from the prosperity and actual advance of the school. On visiting the school near the close of the term, most of the pupils were present, a fact worthy of record. We went into as thorough an examination as possible in our limited time, of the various branches taught, feeling on our part, that even the classes made up of the smaller pupils, were en-

titled to notice. Results showed that there had been some progress on the part of all, and that some had made marked proficiency in their respective studies, while this school as a whole, has not yet done so well as it should, it has an average amount of good material as well as some pupils who rank as to scholarship, second to but few in town.

During the examination, some of the pupils spoke so low as to necessitate a repetition of the answers, thereby failing to do themselves justice, and consuming more time than would otherwise have been required. Another source of serious detriment and annoyance, was the whispering and consequent want of attention and studiousness of some of the pupils on the one part, and their visiting friends, as we were afterwards informed, on the other part. It seemed to your Committee that more decision and force on the part of the teacher, together with prompt and decisive action, would have done much towards improving the order, and making the school not only in the matter of discipline, but also in general scholarship, what it is capable of being, and hence what it ought to be.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 3, as per report of 1873, Appropriated by the Town and State,	\$7 55 180 80
Received from Savings Bank Tax,	14 00
" " One Mill Tax,	41 64
Expended during the year,	\$243 99 68 85
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1873,	\$175 14

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Otis Preble, Agent.

Summer Term-Miss Nellie S. Spear, Lisbon, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 22. Term, 8 weeks.

This school was in good hands. At both visits the pupils were all very orderly, attentive and studious. Very commendable progress was made by the school as a whole. Miss P. is a good teacher, doing her work in a very thorough manner. Reading had been carefully taught and some of the pupils excel in this art. We recommend MISS SPEAR to the favorable notice of our Agents.

Winter Term—MR. Daniel W. Robinson, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; average, 21½. Term, 43 days.

As is well known to many in town, Mr. B. is a teacher of experience

and reputation. He has taught this school through two successive Winter terms before, besides one or two private terms. The teacher and pupils worked harmoniously, and the term was a profitable one. As usual, Mr. R. was active, skillful and energetic, and hence could but succeed in his efforts to arouse his pupils to a very high pitch of enthusiasm, and make the school a success.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 4, as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from the Savings Bank Tax, "One Mill Tax,	\$1 90 140 12 10 85 32,27
Expended during the year,	\$185 14 129 00
Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1873,	\$56 14

DISTRICT No. 5-Granville Blair, Agent.

Summer Term-Miss Ellen M. Yeaton, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 14; average, 12. Term, 7 5-11 weeks.

MISS YEATON is one of our oldest teachers, having taught eighteen terms before. Her reputation as a successful teacher was well sustained in this school. The examination of the different classes was quite satisfactory. The school as a whole, made a fair advance. We were pleased with the progress of the younger pupils especially. This school was visited three times by your Committee.

Winter Term—Daniel. W. Röbinson, Gardiner, teacher. Whole

number of pupils, 26; average, 20. Term,—weeks.

MR. R. taught this school last Winter with great success. On entering upon the work of the present term, he knew just what was most needed, and hence no time was lost in the starting. On making our first visit, we found him as zealous, active and laborious as ever, and evidently determined to make the term a profitable one in a high degree. At our second visit, we did not have time to see all the workings of the school as we desired, but saw enough to satisfy us that the final examination would be creditable to both teacher and pupils. This school has an average number of good readers, and does well in Arithmetic and Geography, but has not made much proficiency in Grammar as yet. The school is still in progress, and we are to make our third and last visit on Thursday, the 27th inst., at which time we hope to meet a goodly number of the citizens and friends of the District, and that all will find the occasion one of great interest and profit.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 5, as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from the Savings Bank Tax, " " One Mill Tax,	\$ 15 144 64 11 20 33 31
Expended during the year,	\$189 30 86 05
Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1873,	\$103 25

DISTRICT NO. 6.—PHILIP GRAVES, Agent.

Term.-Miss S. LILLIE TWYCROSS, Dresden, teacher.

Whole number of pupils, 24; average, 20. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss T. manifested a lively interest in her work, and tried hard to advance her pupils. Some of the classes in reading made good advance; also in arithmetic. There were two that studied algebra, going to page 127, of Greenleaf's Elementary. Two went through Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic. But this school as a whole does not rank as to scholarship as we believe it ought. A good deal of work remains to be done. We are also satisfied that nothing will do away with the necessity of hard and persistent study and labor. While subjects, pertaining to, and out of the range of the lessons, may be profitably discussed, the text-books should be thoroughly learned. We must have a good deal of solid work here. This school was visited three times.

Winter Term.—First part.—Miss MARY L. GOODWIN, Dresden, teach-Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 17. Term, 10 days. Last part.—Miss Julia E. Lowell, Farmington, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 17. Term, 65 days.

After teaching two weeks and learning of dissatisfaction out of the

school-room, Miss Goodwin voluntarily left this school to teach one at home. We visited her soon after the commencement of the school, and found everything apparently in good working order; and had the parents of the district visited the school, we doubt not they would have been pleased with its general good appearance as well as its workings. On Miss G.'s leaving, Miss Lowell took charge. Found her, at our first visit, doing well, and felt assured that she would keep a good school. At our last visit, we found that our first impressions were correct. The school has made at least an average amount of advance. Reading has been carefully taught. In short, Miss L. aimed at thoroughness in all her work. We considered it a good school.

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Amount due District No. 6. as per report of 1872,	\$ 3 10
Appropriated by the Town and State,	153 68
Received from the Savings Bank Tax,	11 90
Received from One Mill Tax,	35 40
	\$204 08
Expended during the year,	167 67
Balance due the District, February 20, 1873,	\$36 41

DISTRICT NO. 7.—OREN SHEPARD, Agent.

Summer Term.—Miss Achsa E. Curtis, teacher. Whole number

ot pupils, 36; average, 29. Term, 8 weeks.

This school as a whole made fair progress. Miss C. had taught seven terms before, being therefore a teacher of some experience. Nevertheless, we had considerable anxiety at first as to her success in this particular school. At both visits, we found her trying to do her best, and not in vain. But this school, in our opinion, like some others, is not doing as well as it might. To be sure it has some very good pupils as to scholarship, but as a whole it does not rank as well as it should. Let us have hereafter more enthusiasm and more hard and persistent labor on the part of all. And allow us to add, let the parents and friends visit the school and observe its workings for themselves, and thus encourage the pupils to do their best.

Winter Term.-Miss Ellen M. Yeaton, Richmond, teacher. Whole

number of pupils, 37; average, 29. Term, 16 weeks.

Miss Yeaton's abilities as a teacher were well known to the district before she was engaged. For two years past, she has taught this school both summer and winter, always giving, so far as we are informed, very general satisfaction. We visited the school after it had been in progess some two weeks and were pleased and gratified to find everything going on well. The teacher was active and thorough—the pupils industrious, orderly and attentive. Through some oversight, your Committee received no notice of the time of closing. This we very much regretted.

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Balance due District No. 7., Feburary 20, 1873,	\$0 00
Appropriated by the Town and State,	158 20
Received from the Savings Bank Tax,	12 25
Received from One Mill Tax,	36 47
	\$206 82
Expended during the year,	139 90
Balance due the District, Feburary 20, 1873,	\$ 66 92

DISTRICT NO. 8.—Mr. — HARLOW, Agent.

Summer Term.—Miss Melvina Cornish, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 10. Term, 8 weeks. This was Miss C.'s first attempt at teaching and we naturally had some anxiety as to

The school, however, did better than we anticipated, and we think that we are right in saying that the parents and friends of the district were generally pleased with the results.

Winter Term -Mr. Frank L. Buker, Litchfield, teacher. Whole

number of pupils, 29; average, 16. Term, 11 weeks.

Mr. Buker is a teacher of growing reputation. He has taught two terms before, but not in the town. On making our first visit, we concluded that the school would not be an unprofitable one. At our last visit, we made the examination as thorough and critical as possible. and were gratified with the prompt manner in which our questions were answered. In arithmetic there had been a decided advance. The first class had been through Greenleaf's practical. The second class had gone to Banking, page 204. The members of these classes were ready to answer questions promptly and correctly on whatever they had been over. The classes in geography, grammar and reading all did well. In a word, we were highly gratified with the general advance made by the school as a whole and the interest manifested by both teacher and pupils throughout the whole of your Committee's somewhat protracted visit.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 8. as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from the Savings Bank Tax, Received from One Mill Tax,	\$40 9 144 64 11 20 33 31
Expended,	\$189 64 41 25
Balance due the District, February 20, 1873,	\$148 39

DISTRICT NO. 9.—Mr. J. WEBB LIBBY, Agent.

Summer Term.—Miss Leona H. Ring, teacher. Whole number of

pupils, 14; average, 11. Term, 30 days.

This was a small and quiet school. It was visited but once. your Committee feel to regret, it is but just to the Agent to say that the omission is not to be regarded as his fault. At the time he informed us of the commencement of the school, he also stated to us when it would close; but owing to the general practice of our Agents in giving us notice of the close just previously to the time, we inadvertently allowed ourselves to look for a special notice from the agent of this district, until it was too late to visit a second time. The school is reported to us as a success.

Winter Term.-Miss Fannie E. Cunningham, Monmonth, teacher.

Whole number of pupils, 10; average, 9. Term, 41 days.

The school made a good beginning. It was a cause for regret that she was obliged to leave before the close of the term on account of sickness. Miss C. is a thorough and skillful teacher.

Latter part of Winter Term.—Mr. FRANK J. LIBBY, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 11; average,—. Term, 3 weeks.

At our first visit, we examined the school with special reference to

satisfying ourselves as to how much advance was made while it was under the care of Miss Cunningham, as well as to gain some knowledge of Mr. Libby's abilities as a teacher. It was very evident that Miss C. had done more than well. We alse felt assured that the school would continue to advance while in the hands of Mr. L. At our last visit, there was evidence that all had done very well, and made as much progress as could have been reasonably expected. Though there were but eight pupils present, we went into our work with as much interest and spent as much time as there had been three or four times as many present.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 9., as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from the Savings Bank Tax, Received from One Mill Tax,	\$7 87 95 00 8 43 20 82
Expended during the year,	\$132 12 79 51
Balance due the District, February 20, 1873,	\$52 61

DISTRICT NO. 10.-Mr. James Litch, Agent.

Summer Term—Miss Fannie D. Cunningham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 18. Term, 8 weeks.

We watched this school with more than usual interest. On visiting it the first time we were favorably impressed with the general appearance of the school, and the method of instruction. Miss C. evidenced skill and capacity. She was also active and energetic. We visited the school twice more-one of the visits being made at the special request of Miss C., in order to aid her in the matter of discipline. All things considered, the school was as profitable as had been anticipated.
We do not hesitate to recommend Miss C. to the favorable notice of

our agents.

Winter Term-Albert C. True, Litchfield, teacher. Whole num-

ber of pupils, 26; average, 23. Term, -

Mr. TRUE is well known to many in town as an experienced and highly successful teacher. He has done well for this school, and fully maintained his former excellent reputation. He is one of our hardest and most active workers. During the present term he has done much to awaken a lively interest on the part of his pupils generally, and advance the school one step at least towards what we have ever felt it possessed the capacity of becoming. The discipline of the school was of a higher order than heretofore, a fact which we are happy to be warranted in recording. The school has not closed as yet.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 10, as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the town and State, Received from Savings Bank tax, " one mill "	1000	
Expended during the year,	386 160	
Balance due the District Feb. 20, 1873,	\$225	91

DISTRICT NO. 11.—Joseph R. Patterson, Agent

Summer Term—Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 21. Term, 8 weeks.

At each visit we were pleased with the general appearance of the school, and the evidence of its being a progressive one. Certainly it has been a prosperous school. Miss P. labored with interest and success; and there has been a most happy harmony of action between teacher and pupils throughout the term.

Winter Term—Horace Purinton, teacher. Whole number, 27;

average, 24. Term, 11 weeks.

This school has again enjoyed the advantages which are secured through having a good teacher. Mr. P. had labored zealously and skillfully to make himself useful, and results showed that he had been successful in a marked degree. We were greatly interested in the clear and lucid explanation which his pupils gave to the solutions of their questions in Arithmetic. In fact all the work of the school bore the impress of thorough and critical teaching. A class of beginners in Grammar had done so well as to deserve special notice. Reading by the first class was of a high order. Notwithstanding, this school is still taught in an uninviting and highly inconvenient school room, yet it will rank in many respects second to none in town. The order of the school was mild, but good. In closing our report of this school, we wish to say, that we felt more *hopeful*, on being informed that the matter of building a new school-house the ensuing Spring, was heing agi-When we consider how much the wants of this school demand a new, attractive and convenient school room, we can but feel to greatly regret that the hope expressed in our last year's report, namely, "that another year would find this District in the possession of one of the best in town," has not yet been realized.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 11, as per report of 1872, Appropriated by the Town and State, Received from Savings Bank Tax, " One Mill Tax,	\$4 81 171 76 11 30 39 56
Expended during the year,	$\frac{-}{\$227} \frac{-}{43}$ $\frac{-}{46} \frac{-}{00}$
Balance due District,	\$181 43

In closing our report, it may be well to speak briefly of the general condition of our schools, and the work of your Committee.

In the judgment of your Committee the schools as a whole, have been more successful, than during the previous year. The progress made by individual schools and the pupils of the same, has been in most instances highly gratifying, not only to your Committee, but also, we doubt not, to all who have visited them and observed their condition and workings.

This encouraging state of our schools is owing in some measure at least, to the real live interest manifested, and judicious care exercised by your Agents, in most cases, in the matter of securing competent

teachers.

The somewhat frequent applications made to your Committee for information pertaining to good, yea, the best teachers, was to us an indication of a growing interest on the part of your Agents, and an increased demand for better schools, on the part of the people. Believing this, we were inspired anew with hope and courage, as we entered upon the responsible duties of another school year. And now we are led to enquire what is most needed to secure to the citizens of Richmond still better schools? Of course we can only direct your attention to a few points which may be worthy of careful consideration.

Granting then that we have a sufficient amount of school funds, good, attractive and convenient school rooms, good Committees, good agent, good teachers, the best of text books, we shall still need something more to make our schools what they should be, or even keep them no

to when they now are.

If, for example, with all these there is great irregularity of attendance, the schools must suffer more or less, while the absentees or ir-

regular attendants will suffer to a greater extent.

In this connection comes to view our duty and obligations as parents, guardians and citizens, in the matter of doing *all* in our power to secure the regular daily attendance, not only of all those children and pupils over whom we have almost or quite absolute control, but all such as we may be able to influence, either directly or indirectly.

This also being done, we should then frequently visit our schools and give to our teachers all the encouragement and hearty co-operation possible, in all their efforts to make our schools what they ought to be. Especially, your Committee believe, should we co-operate with our teachers in their endeavors to maintain good order and discipline, and to establish such a course of studies in our respective schools as will be judged for the best interests of all who attend. Or, as we wrote one year ago, "in all matters of improvement, as well as matters pertaining to discipline and the ultimate success of our schools, our teachers should have our hearty and discreet co-operation."

In conclusion, your Committe would take occasion to say that they have endeavored to do the work assigned them to the best of their judgment and ability; and also to extend our most sincere thanks to those who have rendered us valuable aid in our labors, by their noble

words and wise counsel.

BENJ. F. TALLMAN, Superintending D. S. RICHARDS, School 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, etc., at the Academy, as follows: for the Summer schools the third and fourth Saturdays in April, at one o'clock P. M.; for the Winter Schools, the first and second Saturdays in November, at one o'clock P. M.

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

TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

National Readers and Spellers; Greenleaf's Arithmetics (new series) and Algebras; Quackenbos's 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's series Higher Mathematics; Wells's Physical Geography; Welch's Object Lessons; Bryant & Stratton's Book-keeping. Latin—Harkness's Complete Course. French—Harkins's and Pujol & Van Normand's Advanced Course.

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 torfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.