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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 20th, 1874.

GARDINER:
H. K. MOBELL & SON, PRINTERS, HOME JOURNAL OFFICE.
1874.

Borrowed on Town Order No. 240.....	1,500 00
“ “ “ 241.....	300 00
School Mill Tax 1872 from State.....	836 99
Savings Bank Tax 1872 from State.....	284 48
Profits from Liquor Agency	276 88
Difference of Liquor, 1873 and 1874, decrease	48 78
Collected and paid of 1872 Tax into Town Treasury .	1,774 09
“ “ “ “ State “	2,744 02
“ “ “ “ County “	734 60
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	\$21,905 83

EXPENDITURES.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid S. C. Hatch, State Treasurer on State Tax, 1873	\$4,150 00
H. M. Boovy, County Treas. County Tax 1873..	1,837 05
State Treas. on State Tax 1872, by Town Treas.	4,393 36
State Treas. on State Tax, by S. Brown Col. 1872	2,744 02
County Treas. by S. Brown, Collector 1872, balance...	734 60
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	\$13,859 03

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Services as follows :	
F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman.....	\$175 00
A. P. Jewett, “ “ “	90 00
J. Watson Libby, “ “ “	60 00
Carlton Houdlette, Treasurer.....	50 00
Wm. H. Stuart, Town Clerk.....	15 00
John F. Meserve, Collector.....	375 25
B. F. Tallman, S. S. Committee, }	100 00
D. S. Richards, “ }	
S. W. Jack, “ }	
Levi Whitney, Constable.....	25 00
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	\$890 25

SCHOOLS.

Amount due the several Districts Feb. 20, 1873.....	\$1,736 58
Appropriation by the Town.....	3,000 00
School Mill Tax for 1873 by State.....	804 80
Savings Bank Tax for 1873 by State.....	540 17
Tuition High School.....	35 40
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	\$6,116 95
Paid School Districts during the year.....	\$5,017 53
Balance due Districts Feb. 20, 1874.....	1,099 42
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	\$6,116 95

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Foster & Spaulding for Lumber		\$800 52
Dist. No. 1, under I. S. Alexander, surveyor } ..		427 91
“ 1 “ Libbens Jenkins, “ } ..		106 76
“ 1 “ H. B. Jaques, “ } ..		106 76
“ 2 “ Parker Curtis, “ } ..		54 83
“ 3 “ Prescott Keyes, “ } ..		95 67
“ 3 “ C. Tarbox, “ } ..		116 50
“ 4 “ M. W. Toothaker “ } ..		76 06
“ 5 “ John Woodward “ } ..		78 10
“ 5 “ Leander Blair “ } ..		57 12
“ 6 “ C. C. Hathorn “ } ..		73 69
“ 6 for Bridge on Langdon Road		76 40
“ 6 under Geo. W. Merrill, Surveyor....		110 93
“ 7 “ R. H. Bates, “ } ..		68 64
“ 8 “ Sumner Berry, “ } ..		89 46
“ 8 “ H. C. Hatch, “ } ..		36 87
“ 8 “ R. J. Clarke, “ } ..		108 70
“ 9 “ Otis Plummer “ } ..		60 96
“ 10 “ John Jackson, “ } ..		90 09
“ 11 “ Geo. E. Peacock, “ } ..		91 68
“ 11 “ J. H. Booker, “ } ..		
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		\$2,727 65

BREAKING ROADS, 1873.

Paid Dist. No. 1, under L. Jenkins, Surveyor.....		\$105 38
“ “ A. G. Collins “ } ..		97 56
Dist. No. 2, “ H. Randall, “ } ..		101 94
Dist. No. 3, “ P. Keyes, “ } ..		61 81
“ “ B. V. Stinson, “ } ..		124 00
Dist No. 4, “ J. Ridley, “ } ..		121 46
“ “ D. Perry, “ } ..		41 13
Dist. No. 5, “ F. A. Yeaton, “ } ..		76 49
Dist. No. 6, “ J. W. Trott, “ } ..		118 60
“ “ S. F. Blanchard, “ } ..		91 46
“ “ C. C. Hathorn, “ } ..		60 76
“ “ Geo. W. Merrill, “ } ..		85 77
Dist. No. 7, “ A. R. Merriman, “ } ..		67 66
Dist. No. 8, “ C. Harlow, “ } ..		45 51
“ “ G. B. Umberhind “ } ..		103 94
“ “ Wm. S. Booker, “ } ..		89 24
Dist. No. 9, “ Otis Plummer, “ } ..		73 96
Dist. No, 10, “ James Litch, “ } ..		99 09
“ “ S. Getchell, “ } ..		
Dist. No. 11, “ J. Alexander, “ } ..		
“ “ Benj. Peacock, “ } ..		
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		\$1,565 76

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Appropriated by the Town.....	\$4,000 00
Deficiency from report of 1873.....	\$875 64
Expended for Repairs of Highways.....	2,727 65
“ Breaking Roads.....	1,565 76
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	\$5,169 05
Deficiency, Feb. 20, 1874	\$1,169 05
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	\$5,169 05

SNOW BILLS UNPAID FEB. 20, 1874.

Dist. No. 1, under Libbeus Jenkins, Surveyor.....	\$109 99
“ H. B. Jaques, Surveyor.....	85 39
Dist. No. 2, “ Parker Curtis, “	90 25
Dist. No. 3, “ Prescott Keyes, “	34 77
“ C. Tarbox, “	76 71
Dist. No. 4, “ M. W. Toothaker, Surveyor	115 10
Dist. No. 5, “ John Woodward, “	14 67
“ Leander Blair, “	30 52
Dist. No. 6, “ George W. Merrill, “	39 54
“ C. C. Hathorn, Surveyor	48 85
Dist. No. 7, “ Reuben R. Bates, “	63 37
Dist. No. 8, “ Sumner Berry, “	48 06
“ Robert J. Clark, “	32 91
“ H. C. Hatch, “	67 78
Dist. No. 9, “ Otis Plummer, “	52 42
Dist. No. 10, “ John Jackson, “	65 73
Dist. No. 11, “ Geo. E. Peacock, “	59 08
“ J. H. Booker, “	44 17
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	\$1,079 31

TOWN FARM.

To Stock on Town Farm, Feb. 20, 1873, valued at...	\$522 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions, “	540 21
Farming Tools, Feb. 20, 1873.....	373 50
Furniture, “	196 75
Wood, “	90 00
Shingles, “	53 25
Lumber, “	10 00
Road Breaker, “	10 00
Interest on \$3,000 in Farm for 1 year.....	180 00
Prescott Keyes and Wife for 1 year's service	375 00
Stock Bought	40 00
Supplies and Repairs.....	407 42
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	\$2,798 13

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,798 13
By Stock on Farm Feb, 20. '74, valued at	\$524 00	
Hay, Grain and Provisions	491 26	
Farming Tools	320 50	
Furniture	207 00	
Wood	90 00	
Shingles	24 00	
Logs and Lumber.....	38 00	
Road Breaker	10 00	
Amount due from A. W. Smith for pro- duce	27 66	
Produce sold by Mr. Keyes.....	413 09	
Stock sold by Mr. Keyes.....	35 00	
Labor of Mr. Keyes and team in Dis- trict No. 3	57 00	
Sale of Mowing Machine	19 00	
Received from John O. Neal.....	59 86	
Cost of supporting Poor on the Farm the past year	481 76	
		<u>\$2,798 13</u>

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid on Order No. 4, (returned).....	\$4 00
for Mrs. Malinda Smith, digging grave.....	1 00
" Mrs. Mehitable Harmon.....	15 00
" Frank Dale.....	3 50
" Charles Clary.....	20 00
" James Lint and Family.....	44 80
" Frederic Kerrins at Insane Hospital.....	123 29
" Mrs. Olive Ridley " "	95 69
" Chas. and Elizabeth Doughty, to Benj. Reed for adopting	110 00
" Stragglers.....	40 35
	<u>\$457 63</u>

Poor of Other Towns.

Mrs. Sarah Poor, of Bath.....	\$1 00
James and John H. Sedgely and families of Bowdoinham	3 62
	<u>\$4 62</u>

POOR ACCOUNT.

Appropriated for Support of Poor.....	\$1,000 00
Received from city of Bath.....	1 00
" town of Bowdoinham.....	3 62
" John O. Neal.....	59 86
" Town Order No. 4.....	4 00
	<u>\$1,068 48</u>

Amount brought forward.....		\$1,068 48
Expended in Cash for Poor on Farm.....	\$401 99	
" " Poor off Farm.....	457 63	
" " Poor of other Towns..	4 62	
Balance unexpended, carried to sundries.....	204 24	
		<u>\$1,068 48</u>

FARM ACCOUNT.

Paid by Superintendent to carry on Farm past year..		\$417 87
Selectmen for Supplies.....		29 55
Services of Superintendent Feb. 20, '73 to Feb. 20, '74		375 00
Amount due from A. W. Smith for Produce.....		27 66
		<u>\$850 08</u>
Amt. Produce and Stock sold by Sup't... \$448 09		
Cash to Sup't in Town Orders	372 44	
Cash paid for Supplies by Selectmen.....	29 55	
		<u>\$850 08</u>

Persons supported on Farm during year.

Mrs. Julia Doughty, to September 1873.....	Age 27
Charles Doughty.....	" 8
Elizabeth Doughty.....	" 6
John Booker.....	" 81
Ellen O'Neal.....	" 36
Olive Ridley, to March 27, 1873	" 36
Timothy Huntington, to July 4, 1873. Dead.	
10 stragglers over night.	

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Amount of Liquor on hand Feb. 20, 1873.....		\$239 21
Paid Eaton Shaw for Liquors.....		964 18
Freight and Truckage.....		12 02
One faucet		30
Theodore Patten, Agent.....		150 00
Profit to Town on Liquors sold.....		276 88
		<u>\$1,642 59</u>
By Cash paid into the Treasury	\$1,438 66	
By Cash for Barrels sold	13 50	
Liquors on hand Feb. 20, 1874.....	190 43	
		<u>\$1,642 59</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation by the Town for Reservoir.....	\$1,000 00
Received for watering ships.....	25 00
Appropriation by the Town for Engine Co.....	200 00
	<u>\$1,225 00</u>

Amount brought forward.....		\$1,225 00
Paid for Labor on Reservoir.....	\$302 55	
Brick for Reservoir.....	104 00	
Cement ".....	72 30	
Lumber ".....	67 49	
Gravel ".....	11 95	
Trucking ".....	20 43	
Blacksmith Bill for Reservoir.....	1 40	
Drain Pipe ".....	12 56	
S. Toothaker, Bill ".....	3 65	
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	\$596 33	
Care of Engines 1872 and 1873.....	40 00	
Engine Company services '72 and '73,	200 00	
Wood for engine house	4 05	
S. Toothaker, for Kerosene.....	34	
W. H. Winslow, Sundries.....	1 95	
H. M. Gardiner, Oil for hose.....	1 60	
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	\$844 17	
Balance unexpended.....	380 83	
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		\$1,225 00

TOWN NOTES AND BONDS, 1873.

Paid Town Bonds, due March 1st, 1873.....	\$5,500 00	
Town Order No. 72 of 1866, Sept. 11.....	60 00	
" " 245 of 1871, Feb. 20.....	175 00	
" " 93 of 1873.....	700 00	
" " 94 of ".....	375 00	
Town Note of March 11, 1873.....	1,000 00	
Town Note of Richmond National Bank.....	3,000 00	
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		\$10,810 00
Borrowed on Town Note of May 12, 1873. \$400 00		
Town Note of Richmond Nat.		
Bank.....	3,000 00	
Town Note of March 11, 1873. 1,000 00		
Town Order No. 17 of 1873... 700 00		
" " 18 ".....	500 00	
" " 27 ".....	200 00	
" " 93 ".....	700 00	
" " 94 ".....	375 00	
" " 95 ".....	540 00	
" " 114 ".....	800 00	
" " 239 ".....	470 00	
" " 240 ".....	1,500 00	
" " 241 ".....	300 00	
Decrease in Town Bonds and Notes during the year.....	325 00	
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		\$10,810 00

INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

Paid Coupons on Town Bonds.....	\$2,214 00
Interest on Town Orders and Notes.....	1,008 59
5 per cent. Discount on Taxes.....	862 67
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	\$4,085 26
Appropriated by the Town.....	\$3,500 00
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	585 26
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	\$4,085 26

SUNDRIES.

Paid H. K. Morrell for Printing Reports	\$42 00
Expense on same.....	5 25
W. H. Smith, Rent of Pound for '72 and '73....	8 00
John Purinton, Commutation	300 00
J. W. Spaulding for Services	79 95
Wm. Harlow, damage on land	4 00
Chas. H. Colburn, repairing hearse	2 00
S. S. Williams, labor on Town Hall	1 25
J. F. Ames, bolts for bounds of White House....	1 20
Geo. B. Randlett, Constable services	4 50
A. P. Jewett, travelling expenses for paupers ...	6 64
A. P. Jewett, travelling expenses for tax claim..	1 50
A. P. Jewett, for witness and other expenses Al- len suit.....	41 60
H. Randall, travelling expenses for George W. Brown pension	7 50
M. L. Harlow of Auburn, certificate for George W. Brown pension	1 50
Alpheus Small, watering trough 1873.....	3 00
Judge May, bill on tax claim	1 25
A. Bates, Jr., wood for Selectmen's office.....	3 87
Frank H. Lovell, care of Town Clock.....	20 00
C. Houdlette, rope for clock	1 87
C. Houdlette, office rent	15 00
Samuel Odiorne, horse hire for Selectmen.....	20 25
D. S. Richards, horse hire for S. S. Com.....	25 00
H. M. Dinslow & Co., stationery.....	15 42
Abatement of taxes to Samuel Brown, Collector 1871 and 1872.....	236 82
Abatement of taxes to J. F. Meserve, Col. 1873, being \$97.03 paper orders and \$14.44 money orders.....	111 47
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	\$960 34
Amount paid Town Officers as per account.....	890 25
Deficiency brought from Interest and Discount acct ..	585 26
Deficiency from report of 1873.....	215 62
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	\$2,651 47

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,651 47
Appr. by Town, Contingent Fund	\$1,500 00	
Overlayings.....	433 38	
Supplemental.....	29 84	
Brought from Poor Account	204 24	
Brought from Liquor Account.....	276 88	
Difference of Liquor on hand '73 and '74.	48 78	
Receipts.....	38 00	
Deficiency	120 35	
		<hr/> \$2,651 47

TAXES OF 1873.

Whole amount committed to Collector.....		\$25,015 97
Collected under 5 per cent. discount....	\$17,253 28	
Collected after discount time.....	4,722 85	
Five per cent. discount allowed.....	862 67	
Abatement to Collector, Abatement Or- ders, \$97.03, Money Orders, \$14.44..	111 47	
Taxes in hands of Collector.....	2,065 70	
		<hr/> \$25,015 97

TAXES OF 1872.

Samuel Brown, Collector.

Uncollected Taxes from Report of 1873.....		\$10,213 02
Paid by Collector into County Treasury....	\$734 60	
" Town " 	1,774 09	
" State " 	2,744 02	
Taxes of 1872 uncollected.....	1,963 38	
Deficiency including Note lying in Treas- ury 2,341.04.....	2,996 93	
		<hr/> \$10,213 02

Amount of Town Bonds, and when Due.

March 1st, 1875.....	\$13,900 00
" " 1877.....	10,500 00
" " 1880.....	10,050 00
	<hr/> \$34,450 00

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm and Outfit, valued.....	\$4,732 42
Two Fire Engines " 	2,000 00
Two Fire Proof Safes " 	245 00
Hearse " 	175 00
Engine House " 	350 00
Interest in Town House " 	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$8,502 42

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds outstanding Feb. 20, 1874	\$34,450 00
Note to Samuel Wilson, May 5	200 00
Town Order No. 45 of 1863, Aug. 24.....	832 00
" dated Feb. 20, 1866.....	200 00
" No. 85 of 1866	100 00
" 35 of 1870, April 4	600 00
" 97 " Aug. 6	2,158 10
" 10 of 1871, March 2	800 00
" 19 " " 4	1,000 00
" 20 " " 4	1,000 00
" 22 " April 7	1,000 00
" 146 " Nov. 22.....	1,500 00
" 34 of 1872, June 29.....	400 00
" 17 of 1873, March 1	700 00
" 18 " " 	500 00
" 27 " 	200 00
Town Note of 1873, May 12th.....	400 00
Town Order No. 95 of 1873, July 1	540 00
" 114 " 	800 00
" 239 " 	470 00
" 240 " 	1,500 00
" 241 " 	300 00
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	\$49,650 10
Coupons and Interest due on above Feb. 20, 1874 ..	1,385 91
Due School Districts	1,099 42
Due State Treasurer.....	2,065 70
Town Order No. 287, outstanding.....	177 94
Town Order No. 323, outstanding.....	35 37
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	\$54,414 44

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury, cash.....	\$1,104 15
Due from J. F. Meserve, Col. 1883 on State Tax ...	2,065 70
Sam'l Brown, Col. 1872.....	4,960 31
State School Mill Tax 1873.....	804 80
State Savings Bank Tax 1873.....	540 17
Liquors on hand valued at.....	190 43
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	\$9,665 56
Liabilities over resources	\$44,748 88
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Liabilities over Resources February 20, 1869.....	\$62,538 95
" " " " 1870.....	51,015 55
" " " " 1871.....	49,628 51
" " " " 1872.....	48,768 29
" " " " 1873.....	47,426 06
" " " " 1874.....	44,748 88

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations.....	\$25,015 97
Receipts.....	21,905 83
Town Order, No. 287 outstanding.....	177 94
" " 323 " 	35 37
Error.....	01
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	\$47,135 12
Paid State and County Tax as per Acct. \$13,859 03	
Town Officers.....	890 25
Schools.....	5,017 53
Highways.....	2,727 65
Breaking Roads.....	1,565 76
Poor on Farm.....	401 99
Poor off Farm.....	457 63
Poor of other Towns.....	4 62
Fire Department.....	844 17
Town Bonds and Notes.....	10,810 00
Interest and Discount.....	4,085 26
Sundries.....	960 34
Due from Col. 1873 on State Tax.....	2,065 70
Sam'l Brown, Col. 1872, Note in Treasury	
Feb. 20, 1873.....	2,341 04
Balance in Treasury.....	1,104 15
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	\$47,135 12

F. HOUDLETTE, } *Selectmen*
A. P. JEWETT, } *of*
J. W. LIBBY, } *Richmond.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen of Richmond for the municipal year ending February 20, 1874, and found the same properly kept and vouched, and correctly cast, and the foregoing as far as it appertains, is a true exhibit of the same. The foregoing also includes statistics, tables and accounts, not appearing on the books of the Selectmen proper, but have been compiled by them and inserted herewith, for the information of the town.

J. W. SPAULDING, *Auditor.*

RICHMOND, March 2, 1874.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

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By Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1873 (S. Brown's note \$2,341.04, cash \$2,213.07).....	\$4,554 11
Cash on Town Order No. 17.....	700 00
" " 18.....	500 00
" " 27.....	200 00
" " 93.....	700 00
" " 94.....	375 00
" " 95.....	340 00
" " 114.....	800 00
" " 239.....	470 00
" " 240.....	1,500 00
" " 241.....	300 00
Cash on Note to Richmond National Bank.....	3,000 00
Note March 11, 1873.....	1,000 00
Note May 12, ".....	400 00
School Mill Tax, 1872.....	836 99
Sav'gs Bank ".....	284 48
License of Circus.....	10 00
Town Order No. 4, paid back.....	4 00
Use of Engine.....	25 00
Use of Town Hall.....	28 00
Tuition High School.....	35 40
John O. Neal.....	59 86
City of Bath.....	1 00
Town of Bowdoinham.....	3 62
Liquor Agency.....	1,452 16
Back Taxes collected and paid in.....	1,774 09
Amount from J. F. Meserve, Collector 1873.....	16,963 23
	\$36,516 94

Credit brought forward \$36,516 94

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Paid Coupons on Town Bonds.....	\$2,214 00	
Interest on Notes and Orders.....	103 96	
Note Richmond National Bank.....	3,000 00	
Note March 11, 1873.....	1,000 00	
Town Bonds due March 1, 1873....	5,500 00	
Town Order, No. 93.....	700 00	
Town Order, No. 94.....	375 00	
Town Order, No. 245.....	175 00	
State Treasurer on 1872 Tax.....	4,393 36	
Abatements for Taxes worked.....	2,638 16	
Abatements to Sam'l Brown, Col..	236 82	
Abatements to J. F. Meserve, Col..	97 03	
5 per cent. Discount to Collector...	862 67	
Selectmen's Money Orders.....	11,775 75	
Balance in Treasury (Note of S. Brown 1873— \$2,341.04, Cash \$1,104,15.....	3,445 19	
		<u> </u> \$36,516 94

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, 1874, 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, March 2, 1874.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

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

DISTRICT NO. 1.—DR. ABIAL LIBBY, *Agent*.

High School.

Spring Term.—E. H. LORD, A. B., Brunswick, teacher, Miss LIZZIE A. ROGERS, Richmond, assistant. Whole number of pupils, 36 ; average, 31. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 22 ; average 14. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—GEORGE H. STOCKBRIDGE, Lewiston, teacher, Miss LIZZIE H. LIBBY, Richmond, assistant. Whole number of pupils, 47 ; average, —. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 39 ; average, 31. Term, 9 weeks.

For two terms of this year Mr. LORD continued to teach the High School, with his usual ability and success. During the Spring term, he was assisted by Miss LIZZIE A. ROGERS, who rendered very valuable and efficient service. Owing to the small number in attendance, no assistant was employed during the Summer term. With the close of this term, Mr. LORD closed his labors as teacher of the High School. He left for a more lucrative position in one of the schools in Lowell, Mass.

For the remainder of the year, the High School was under the care of Mr. GEORGE H. STOCKBRIDGE, Lewiston, as Principal, and Miss LIZZIE H. LIBBY, Richmond, as Assistant.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE possesses a fine education and some experience in teaching. Under his management the school has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. Both in school and out of school he has manifested a deep interest in his work. During the fall term we had reason to fear that the discipline was rather too lenient. The habit of some of the pupils of leaving school for a day, or a part of a day, whenever they were so inclined, was not only a serious injury to themselves, but also highly detrimental to the interests of the school as a whole. The government of the school has been more exacting during the winter term. This is as it should be. Through the combined and harmonious efforts of *all*

we hope soon to see our High School the pride of every citizen, of our village. In order to this, it is not only necessary that a certain course of study should be "marked out," but that it be "so adhered to, that a pupil, by remaining in the school three years, shall have accomplished the work which the school proposes."

Miss LIBBY labored zealously and rendered efficient service in her department.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE is still engaged in teaching the High School.

Grammar School.

Spring Term.—Miss EMILY M. CLARKE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 54; average, 42. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 58; average, 47. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 60; average, 45. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 59; average, 48. Term, 9 weeks.

This school has had the continued services of Miss CLARKE, during the entire year, this being her fourth successive year. The number and wants of its pupils require a good deal of hard and persistent labor, on the part of the teacher. The present course of study embraces a wider range than formerly. This has been found necessary, in order to give those who may never enter the High School, an opportunity to acquire a fair, *practical* knowledge of the common English branches, without which, it will be impossible for them to act well their part, in the not far off future. It is also advantageous to the High School, in as much as those who enter it, must possess a more thorough and extended preparation. This school as a whole, has done well during the year just passed. It is still under the efficient management of Miss CLARKE.

Central Intermediate.

Spring Term.—Miss CARRIE J. CALL, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 22. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 24. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 36; average, 29. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 42; average, 32. Term, 9 weeks.

A steady and commendable advance has been made in this school during the entire year. The instruction in all the branches has been, as heretofore, critical and correct. The classes in reading and spelling have received marked attention. At our visits in the former part of the school year, we noticed that the girls pretty generally excelled the boys in reading, as to fluency, naturalness and distinct utterance. We called attention to this fact, and endeavored to inspire the boys with a laudable spirit of

emulation. The subsequent examination, showed that some of them had profited by the hints given. MISS CALL is a very diligent and careful teacher. All the classes are well drilled in their respective lessons. If she was as exact and firm in the matter of discipline, as in teaching, her school would be a model one in all respects. As a general exercise, she continues the practice of reading to the school from Hooker's "Child's Book of Nature," at certain times of each day or week, and subsequently questioning them on the subject read. This is a pleasing and instructive exercise.

During the Winter term, the average attendance on the part of the boys, was better than usual. Some of those in the first division are evidently determined not to be outdone in any of the studies pursued. MISS CALL still continues to teach in this school.

South Intermediate.

Spring Term. Mrs. ANNIE H. COOPER, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average ——. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 46; average, 37. Term 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 39; average, 35. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 22. Term, 8 weeks.

This school has been taught the entire year by Mrs. COOPER, and with more than the average of success. She is in all respects a very thorough and exacting teacher. At our own various visits we always found the school remarkably quiet and orderly. The pupils were studious and obedient. The teacher was always most earnestly and actively engaged in the work before her. She gave marked attention, not only to all matters of importance connected with the lessons, but also such as pertained to the neatness of the schoolroom and the keeping it from injury. This last point, we fear, is too often overlooked. The school is now in excellent condition in all respects.

North Intermediate.

Spring Term.—Miss SADIE E. HEWITT, Windsor, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 38; average, 34. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 43; average, 38. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Miss CLARA SUCKLING, Bingham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 40. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 45. Term, 9 weeks.

For two terms this school was again favored with the services of Miss HEWITT. She continued to labor with great diligence and success to the last. At the close of the Summer term, she abandoned the business of teaching to fulfill other and important

engagements. For the rest of the year, the school has been taught by Miss SUCKLING of Bingham. She is a teacher of experience and accurate and thorough in her teaching. Having been accustomed to teaching schools made up largely of older pupils, it took some little time for her to become acquainted with all the wants of this school, but more especially as to the matter of discipline. She has, however, succeeded in advancing her pupils in a very uniform and commendable degree. On visiting the school from time to time, we were much pleased with the good deportment and studious habits of the majority of the pupils in the schoolroom. But the girls as a whole, excelled in these respects. At our last visit, made quite recently, we were much gratified to find that some of the boys, who had heretofore ranked somewhat below the average, both as to deportment and scholarship, were now orderly and studious, and as a consequence were making excellent progress in their studies, especially in Arithmetic. Miss SUCKLING still has charge of this school.

Primary School.

Spring Term.—Miss M. H. HANOVER, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 38; average, 22. Term, 8 weeks.

Summer Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 40. Term, 9 weeks.

Fall Term.—Miss LIZZIE A. ROGERS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 40. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter Term. Same teacher.

This school has changed teachers during the year. The Spring and Summer terms were taught by Miss HANOVER, this being, we believe, her third successive year in the school. Miss H's abilities as a teacher in this department, have been fully set forth in our former reports.

Miss ROGERS' reputation and experience as a teacher, warranted the belief on the part of all, that the school under her management, would be a profitable one. In this, we were not mistaken. Her thorough knowledge of the wants and capacities of the little ones, and her power to skillfully adapt her methods to the same, have rendered her a highly successful and satisfactory teacher. The pupils are greatly benefitted by the general exercises and singing. Long and continued application to study, would be injurious to both the *mental* and *physical* health of such little children. Hence, we can not too highly commend the judicious introduction in a general way, of those exercises, which afford them innocent enjoyment and opportunity for change of position. Drawing, Bartholomew's System, has been taught as a useful, general exercise, with excellent results. Miss R. has also given oral instruction from Hooker's "Child's Book of Nature" to the whole school; and at our last examination, we were surprised and pleased at the many prompt and correct answers to the review questions asked. At the present time the school is in excellent condition.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 1, as per report of 1873,	\$664 68
Appropriated by the Town,	1,834 94
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	824 12
Received from Tuition,	35 40
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	\$3,359 14
Expended during the year,	2,869 65
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$489 49

DISTRICT NO. 4.—HENRY FOSTER, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss JULIA E. LOWELL, Farmington, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; average, 19. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter Term.—Mr. AUGUSTUS SMALL, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; average, —. Term. —

The Summer school was visited but once, owing to a want of knowledge on the part of the Committee, as to the precise time of closing. When visited, the school was well classified, orderly and industrious, and we believed it well started for a successful term. As the Agent was absent from the District, Miss LOWELL, with great apparent willingness, agreed to inform us of the exact length of the term in season for our second visit. We very much regretted her failure to do so. From what we learned through inquiries of members of the District and school, during the term and subsequently, we have reason to believe that the school was regarded a good one.

The Winter term is being taught by Mr. AUGUSTUS SMALL, of Bowdoinham. The school is in good hands. Mr. S. is active, and knows how to interest his pupils, and incite in them a desire to learn. As yet, we are not informed of the length of the term.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 2, as per report of 187',	\$23 70
Appropriated by the Town,	115 90
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	52 05
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	\$191 65
Expended during the year,	177 37
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$14 28

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

Summer Term.—Miss LEONA H. RING, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 16. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter Term.—CHARLES E. DINSLOW, Richmond, teacher.

The school, during the Summer term, was taught by Miss LEONA H. RING, who is well known as a teacher in this town. A fair degree of advance was made in the respective studies. The school was quiet and orderly, the pupils obedient and diligent.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. CHARLES E. DINSLOW. At both visits we found the school in most excellent condition, in all respects. We would say, however, that our second visit was made some weeks before the close of the term, and was not then regarded as final. It is seldom that we are favored with the privilege of visiting a more interesting and industrious school. Both teacher and pupils have harmoniously and zealously labored to do their best. Mr. D. was very active and energetic. His manner of conducting the recitations was thorough, and his explanations were very clear, while, on the other part, the pupils were generally prompt and correct in their answers.

Unfortunately, the school has suffered from interruption, on account of sickness of both teacher and pupils. But, in spite of all adverse circumstances, the school has been a profitable one, to such as have been able to attend all, or nearly all of the time, when it has been in progress.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 3, as per report of 1873,	\$175 14
Appropriated by the Town,	100 45
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	45 11
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	\$320 70
Expended during the year,	181 00
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$139 70

DISTRICT NO. 4.—A. S. WOODMAN, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss SUSIE L. CENTER, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 18; Term, 7 weeks.

Full Term.—Miss A. H. EDGEComb, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 18. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter Term.—FRANK BUKER, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 24; average, 20. Term, 9 weeks.

The Summer term of this school was not satisfactory. The fall term was a success. Miss EDGEComb is a very conscientious and thorough teacher. The winter term has been interesting and profitable. Mr. BUKER is a teacher of good reputation and experience. He evinced a determination from the first to teach a good school, and not in vain. He is an active and zealous worker. There is rather more than an average of good material in this school. The pupils, like their teacher, aimed at success, and with gratifying results. The former good reputation of this school, has, on the whole, been well sustained. The citizens of this District take a lively interest in the welfare of their school, and manifest the same by their presence in the school-room from year to year. We most sincerely and heartily wish that this was the fact concerning every district in town.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 4, as per report of 1873,	\$56 14
Appropriated by the Town,	123 64
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	55 52
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Expended during the year,	\$235 35
	197 30
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Balance due District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$38 30

DISTRICT NO. 5.—J. C. BLAIR, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss MARY A. BARTLETT, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number, 15; average, 12. Term, 6 weeks.

Winter Term.—C. M. TIBBETTS, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number, 20; average, 18. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss BARTLETT, who taught the Summer term, is a teacher of some experience, having taught three terms, but not in this town. The school was very satisfactory to your Committee and so far as we are informed, to the District. Miss B. is a promising teacher.

The Winter school was taught by Mr. TIBBETTS of Litchfield. At our first visit, we somehow were led to fear that the school was not showing so decided a determination, as heretofore, to accomplish all that was possible. On making inquiries, however, from time to time, we were always informed that the school was doing well. At our last visit the school, as a whole, gave evidence of having made good proficiency. The examination in the respective studies was well sustained and quite satisfactory. The pupils were prompt and correct in their answers to questions on review. Thus their former good reputation as to studiousness and deportment, was well sustained.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 5, as per report 1873,	\$103 25
Appropriated by the Town,	108 18
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	48 58
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Expended during the year,	\$260 01
	203 27
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$56 74

DISTRICT NO. 6.—PHILIP H. GRAVES, *Agent*.

Spring Term.—Miss S. LILLIE TWYXCROSS, Dresden, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 14. Term, 4½ weeks.

Summer Term.—Miss JULIA E. LOWELL, Farmington, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18. average, 16. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter Term.—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 17. Term, 14 weeks.

Miss TWYXCROSS made a good start in this school, but owing to

the fact that it closed without our being able to visit it the second time, we are unable to report progress.

The school during the Summer term was again taught by Miss JULIA E. LOWELL. The several classes did very well, and there was evidence of advance. But evidently there was a growing dissatisfaction, and some other teacher would have been more generally acceptable, if not more profitable. Notwithstanding this state of things, Miss LOWELL was employed to teach the fall and winter term. We visited the school soon after its commencement, (Oct. 9.) and again on the twentieth of November. At each visit we found the school quiet and orderly, with indications of success. On or about the time we were purposing to make our third and final visit, we received a note from the teacher stating that the school would not close so soon as anticipated. The Agent informed us that the school would not close until the following week on Tuesday. On the morning of that day, we started to visit the school, but before reaching the school house, learned from one of the district that the school had closed. On again seeing the Agent he informed us that the school had closed one day sooner than agreed upon, and without his knowledge or consent. Comment is unnecessary.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 5, as per report of 1873,	\$36 41
Appropriated by the Town,	123 64
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	55 52
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	\$215 57
Expended during the year,	194 62
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Balance due District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$20 95

DISTRICT NO. 7.—NOAH ALEXANDER, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss LOUISA THOMAS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number, 26; average, 23. Term, 12 weeks.

Winter Term.—FRANK J. BUKER, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 37; average, 29. Term, 8 weeks.

This school was visited three times. Miss THOMAS has taught for several years in town, and hence her abilities as a teacher are well known. The instruction was good. But at our last visit the school was somewhat noisy, especially towards the close, and owing to the absence of nearly all the more advanced pupils, this school did not appear so well advanced as a whole, as we had anticipated. The Winter term was taught by Mr. BUKER with good success. It was fortunate for the District, that the services of a male teacher were secured for this term. Mr. Buker's experience and reputation as a teacher, have already been alluded to in report of District No. 4.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 7, as per report of 1873,	\$66 92
Appropriated by the Town,	131 36
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	58 99
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	\$257 27
Expended during the year,	177 77
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$79 50

DISTRICT NO. 8.—JACOB REED, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss McCLELLAN, Bath, Teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 6. Term 8 weeks.

Winter Term.—Mr. GORGE W. PARKS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 12. Term, 10 weeks.

This was Miss McCLELLAN's first attempt at teaching. With an average attendance of only six pupils out of fifteen, not much progress in the aggregate could have been reasonably expected. At our first visit no estimate of the teacher's abilities could be formed from actual observation, for the pupils were nearly all absent. Of course your Committee could not regard this state of things as being allowable; but as several of the pupils were known to be loitering on the road, we had reason to believe that their absence was without the knowledge or consent of their parents. We advised as to the course that should be pursued in order that the attendance of such might be made certain, otherwise we believed that it would be useless to permit the school to continue. In a few days we were informed by the agent that the matter had received prompt attention, and with the desired results. At our last visit seven pupils were present; but the school could not be regarded as satisfactory.

The winter term was taught by Mr. GEO. W. PARKS, Jr., it being his first attempt. It will be seen that the average attendance was very good. This speaks well for the school. This school was visited three times, the second visit being made during the third week. At first visit were pleased with the order and general appearance of the school. On the occasion of our second visit, we also found the school very orderly, and apparently in good condition. Our last visit was made at a time when the roads were almost impassible, yet, according to our notes, thirteen pupils were present, seven *girls* and six boys. With such an average attendance, other things being equal, a school can not be a failure. The examination of the classes in their respective studies was very interesting, and, for the most part, satisfactory. A few of the more advanced pupils were apparently embarrassed, and hence, we believe, failed to do themselves full justice. On the other hand, some were not to be excelled in the promptness and correctness of their answers in any branch in which they were examined.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 8, as per report of 1873,	\$148 39
Appropriated by the Town,	112 04
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	50 31
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	\$310 74
Expended during the year,	260 80
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Balance due the District Feb. 20, 1874,	\$49 94

DISTRICT NO. 9.—JOHN F. MESERVE, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss ANNIE B. CHAPMAN, Topsham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 14; average, 12. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter Term.—Miss ALICE H. MESERVE, Rockland, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 11. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss CHAPMAN taught a very acceptable school. The closing examination showed that considerable profitable work had been done. Miss CHAPMAN is a teacher of experience and ability.

The Summer term was taught by Miss ALICE H. MESERVE. This was her first attempt at teaching. At first visit found she had made a good start. At last visit there was not so much stillness as desirable. Miss M. is a fine scholar, and with experience and perseverance, will, we believe, make a successful teacher.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 9, as per report of 1873,	\$52 61
Appropriated by the Town,	75 53
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	31 59
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	\$159 73
Expended during the year,	154 54
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$5 19

DISTRICT NO. 10.—MR. J. H. SMITH, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss ANNIE F. R. MCMANUIS, Gardiner, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26, average, 21. Term, 7 weeks.

Fall Term.—Mrs. ANNIE BOOKER, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 28; average, 20. Term, 4 weeks.

Winter Term.—Mr. ALBERT C. TRUE, Litchfield, teacher. This was Miss MCMANUIS' first effort. At our first visit, it seemed as though Miss M. had taken hold of her work in a way to warrant success. The general appearance of the school was good; the pupils were obedient and attentive. These favorable indications caused us to be hopeful as to results. At our last visit, the school did not appear to so good advantage as anticipated; this was owing, in some measure, at least, to the illness of the teacher. More force and energy on her part, would have

secured a better state of discipline, and made the school more satisfactory in all respects.

The Fall term was taught by Mrs. ANGIE O. BOOKER. Owing to sickness of the teacher, the school closed sooner than we expected. It was visited but once, on this account. As Mrs. BOOKER was spoken of as being a teacher of experience, we anticipated a good school. Indeed, the school appeared remarkably well, when visited; but so far as we have been informed, the school was not a success or satisfactory, and the failure seemed to be owing, in a large measure, to a want of good discretion and sound judgment on the part of the teacher, in the matter of discipline. Where such almost absolutely necessary qualities exist, they must, generally speaking, be *very* incorrigible pupils, that can *not* be governed without harsh treatment and constant appeals to their fears. In order to win their pupils to habits of obedience and studiousness, there should always be great firmness and moderation on the part of their teachers.

The Winter term was again taught by Mr. ALBERT C. TRUE, and with great success. We have had occasion during the past two years, to set forth the abilities of Mr. T. as a highly successful teacher, quite at length. His success in District No. 11, two winters ago, as well as in this District last year, is still fresh in our memories. By exercising good discretion and sound judgment, he was enabled to govern his pupils, without resort to undue severity. The discipline of the school was of a high order. At our last visit, we were much gratified with the excellent condition of the school, in nearly all respects. The examination of the several classes was very satisfactory. A good degree of advance had been made in all the studies. This could not have been so, without persistent effort on the part of both teacher and pupils.

Some of the oldest and best pupils were not present at the examination, they having necessarily left only a few days before. But I was assured by the teacher that they had made excellent progress in all their studies, and had they been present, would have passed the examination in a highly creditable manner. Their absence was regretted by teacher and Committee. We bespeak for this school a prosperous future.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 10, as per report of 1873,	\$225 91
Appropriated by the Town,	135 23
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	60 72
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Expended during the year,	\$421 86
	\$357 35
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$64 51

DISTRICT NO. 11.—JOSEPH R. PATTERSON, *Agent*.

Summer Term.—Miss ELLEN M. YEATON, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; average, 18. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter Term.—Mr. HORACE A. PURINGTON, Bowdoinham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; average, 27. Term, 12 weeks.

Miss YEATON has long been engaged in teaching in our public schools, and has now a good reputation as an efficient teacher. In teaching this school she has added to her good name. At first visit found the school well classified and in good condition generally. A few of the boys, however, seemed a little too impatient of restraint, and we feared they might not do so well as they ought. That the teacher succeeded so well in the matter of discipline, as well as in advancing her pupils, as was evident at the last visit, is proof of her possessing skill, tact and energy.

Mr. PURINGTON taught the winter school with good success. The school at each visit was very orderly, and the pupils manifested a lively interest in their studies. The general progress was commendable. As we spoke of Mr. P.'s abilities as a teacher in last year's report, we need only add that he has well sustained his former good reputation.

As to the matter of a better and more suitable school-house, which the wants of this school so emphatically demand, we would most respectfully and earnestly call attention to the facts contained in Sec. 28 and 32 of the School Laws of Maine. It is the conviction of some of the citizens of this District, that the time has fully come when this matter should be brought to a close. In this your Committee concur.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District No. 11, as per Report of 1873,	\$188 43
Appropriated by the Town,	139 09
Received from Savings Bank and Mill Tax,	62 46
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	\$384 98
Expended during the year,	244 66
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Balance due the District, Feb. 20, 1874,	\$140 32

Having spoken of the condition of your schools separately, and, as we believe, fairly, we will close our report with a few general remarks.

From what has already been said of your schools, it will be seen that they have, for the most part, advanced in a good degree under the management of their respective instructors. They have at least been as well taught as ordinarily. In this your Committee have always endeavored to encourage and assist the teachers in their work. Those districts that have been the least fortunate in their teachers have been sufficiently indicated.

It is not claimed or supposed that any school has arrived at perfection. We are free to admit that there are faults and deficiencies existing even in the best schools. We would be most happy to see it otherwise with each and every school in town. To remedy these defects and evils has been the constant aim of your Committee, so far as able. But this is not wholly a work of the Committee. Parents and friends are responsible in large measure for this condition of your schools.

In reporting your High School we spoke of one of its existing evils, the practice of some of its pupils of absenting themselves at will. And we ask, how can such a serious evil be remedied without the co-operation of parents and guardians? Without this is it not beyond the power and skill of any teacher or committee?

We cannot rid our minds of the belief that parents and others who have the control of children, by neglecting to enforce a regular and punctual attendance of the same, become chargeable for the want of that success which is so desirable, and against which they are often the first to enter complaint. Your committee would then most earnestly impress upon the minds of parents and guardians the importance of giving this matter their serious consideration, with a view to discharging faithfully and conscientiously their whole duty to their children.

BENJ. F. TALLMAN	} <i>Superintending</i>	
S. W. JACK,		<i>School</i>
D. S. RICHARDS,		<i>Committee.</i>

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 SCHOOL.

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 Family Science; Gray's Botany; Davies' series Higher Mathematics; Wells' 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 districts 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.