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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
AUDITOR  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF RICHMOND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20 1879.

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1879.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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## APPROPRIATIONS.

Repairs of Highways and Bridges .....	\$3,000 00
Support of Schools .....	2,000 00
Free High School.....	500 00
Maintenance of the Poor.....	800 00
Interest and Discount.....	2,500 00
Tempest Engine Company, for 1878.....	300 00
Care of Town Clock.....	20 00
School District No. 4.....	41 89
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00
Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00
	\$12,161 89
State Tax.....	4,973 66
County Tax.....	2,042 26
Overlayings .....	800 88
Supplemental Tax.....	214 68
	\$20,193 37

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 20, 1878:.....	\$3,462 31
State of Maine, Railroad Tax.....	19 68
State of Maine, School Fund.....	433 97
State of Maine, Mill Tax.....	815 44
State of Maine, High School.....	500 00
Balance Tax of 1877, A. P. Ring, Collector.....	5,319 11
Interest on the above taxes.....	88 38
Engine, Watering Ships.....	40 00
License for Show.....	5 00
License for Auctioneer.....	4 00
License for Wharf.....	5 00
Tuition, School District No. 1 .....	4 34
Sale of Stone.....	4 50
Return Premium, Town Farm Buildings.....	1 90
Town of Bowdoinham.....	35 18
Town Order, repaid.....	7 00
Received on Tax of 1872, S. Brown, Collector.....	175 55
Town orders of 1878. Nos. 1, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 36, 46, 57, 61, 70, 76, 115, 152, 154, 156, 203.....	20,957 00
Town Order No. 217, Jan. 17, 1879.....	1,000 00
Town Orders, Nos. 269, 270, 271, Feb. 20, 1879....	2,440 00
	\$55,511 62

## EXPENDITURES.

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax for 1878.....	\$4,973 66
Paid County Treasurer, County Tax for 1878.....	2,042 26
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	\$7,015 92

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid for Services, as follows :

F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman..	\$175 00
Solon White, " " " ..	75 00
J. Watson Libby, " " " ..	50 00
J. W. Spaulding, Treasurer .....	50 00
Wm. H. Stuart, Town Clerk.....	15 00
D. S. Richards, S. S. Committee.....	57 00
Roland Curtis, " .....	45 00
F. J. Buker, " .....	39 00
Levi Whitney, Constable.....	25 00
A. P. Ring, Collector for 1877.....	222 91
A. P. Ring, in part for 1878.....	100 00
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	\$853 91

## SCHOOLS.

Amount due the several Districts, Feb. 20, 1878....	\$1,077 80
Appropriated by the town for 1878.....	2,000 00
Appropriated by the town for Free High School.....	500 00
Received from the State for Schools.....	1,249 41
Received from the State for Free High School.....	500 00
Received for Tuition.....	4 30
Overpaid District No. 3.....	10 00
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	\$5,341 51

Amount due town from Districts 3, 4, 5 and

10, Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$14 55
Paid School Districts during the year.....	5,195 49
Balance due Districts Feb. 20, 1879.....	131 47
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	\$5,341 51

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4.

Tax assessed.....	\$41 89
Paid on order M. W. Toothaker.....	\$40 00
Expense of Collection.....	1 89
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	\$41 89

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Foster & Spaulding, for Lumber.....	\$678 58
Building bridge on Langdon Road.....	230 65
S. B. Hathorn and Ruel Bickford for building and repairing roads.....	181 99
Solon White, repairs Main and Pleasant streets .....	202 24
Dist. No. 1, Libbens Jenkins and others .....	369 54
“ 1, Amount paid for gravel .....	60 08
“ 1, James Parks.....	138 27
“ 2, O. A. Parks.....	131 17
“ 3, Prescott Keyes.....	47 62
“ 3, Wm. B. Dingley .....	100 64
“ 4, A. P. Ring .....	106 61
“ 5, George Newell.....	108 26
“ 5, John W. Woodward .....	113 56
“ 6, S. B. Hathorn .....	96 66
“ 6, Geo. W. Merrill.....	83 70
“ 7, Orin Shepard.....	132 91
“ 8, Bates Curtis .....	78 93
“ 8, H. W. Cunningham.....	95 26
“ 8, R. I. Clarke.....	49 49
“ 9, Otis Plummer.....	100 43
“ 10, Geo. M. Curtis .....	105 41
“ 11, W. O. Baker .....	111 25
“ 11, J. H. Booker .....	76 12
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	\$3,399 37

## SNOW BILLS FOR 1877 AND 1878.

Dist. No. 1, Thomas Scott and others .....	\$51 61
“ 3, Wm. B. Dingley .....	5 35
“ 6, S. B. Hathorn .....	3 60
“ 8, Geo. B. Ueberhind.....	6 90
“ 11, J. R. Peterson.....	3 42
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	\$70 88

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid for Highways and Bridges .....	\$3,399 37
Snow Bills 1877 and 1878 .....	70 88
Deficiency from last report .....	137 11
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	\$3,607 36
Appropriated by the Town .....	\$3,000 00
Received from sale of stone .....	4 50
One-half of the Overlayings.....	400 44
Deficiency .....	202 42
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	\$3,607 36

## SNOW BILLS DUE AND UNPAID FEB. 20, 1879.

Dist. No. 1, James Parks, Surveyor.....	\$33	23
“ 2, Osbert A. Parks, Surveyor .....	26	11
“ 3, Wm. B. Dingley, “ .....	57	72
“ 3, Prescott Keyes, “ .....	19	85
“ 4, A. P. Ring, “ .....	72	89
“ 5, John W. Woodward, “ .....	10	63
“ 5, George Newell, “ .....	20	48
“ 6, Geo. W. Merrill, “ .....	32	14
“ 6, S. B. Hathorn, “ .....	35	93
“ 7, Orin Shepard, “ .....	42	04
“ 8, H. W. Cunningham, “ .....	27	61
“ 8, Bates Curtis, “ .....	16	91
“ 8, Robert I. Clarke, “ .....	37	37
“ 9, Otis Plummer, “ .....	29	38
“ 10, Geo. M. Curtis, “ .....	54	12
“ 11, J. H. Booker, “ .....	20	45
“ 11, W. O. Baker, “ .....	53	74
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	\$590	60

## TOWN FARM.

To Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1878, valued at .....	\$416	00
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	347	00
Farming Tools.....	235	00
Furniture .....	200	00
Wood .....	119	00
Shingles .....	40	00
Lumber.....	5	00
Supplies furnished by Mr. Keyes.....	296	44
Repairs on Farm buildings .....	4	19
Insurance on Farm buildings.....	18	10
Interest on \$2,000 in Farm for one year.....	100	00
Prescott Keyes and wife for one year .....	300	00
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	\$2,080	73
By Stock on Farm Feb. 20, '79, valued at .....	\$370	00
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	298	95
Farming Tools .....	191	25
Furniture .....	200	00
Wood, Lumber and Shingles.....	146	00
Stock sold by Mr. Keyes.....	31	00
Produce sold by Mr. Keyes.....	237	09
Labor of Town Team in Dists. Nos. 1 & 3 .....	51	44
Balance, cost of supporting poor on Farm .....	555	00
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	\$2,080.	73

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Mrs. Hittie Harmon, balance for 1877 .....	\$12 00
Mrs. Hittie Harmon, balance for 1878 .....	30 00
Mrs. John Chase.....	58 55
James Lint and family.....	56 40
Travelling expenses looking after paupers .....	15 60
Jeremiah Thornton and family .....	47 97
Mrs. Wm. Gardiner.....	11 50
Wm. H. Colby's wife and family .....	37 25
Mrs. Lorenzo Mitchell.....	5 50
Cash to Poor paid back .....	7 00
Tramps.....	38 75
Mrs. Vague for Mr. Spooner of New Bedford.....	2 00
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	\$322 52

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Levi Johnson and family of Bowdoinham.....	\$35 18
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POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid Prescott Keyes on Town Orders.....	\$403 75
Repairs on Town Farm buildings.....	4 19
Paid Insurance on Farm building.....	20 00
Poor off the Farm.....	322 52
Poor of other Towns .....	35 18
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	\$785 64
Balance unexpended .....	58 44
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	\$844 08
By Appropriation of the Town.....	\$800 00
Cash paid in the Treasury.....	7 00
Return premiums .....	1 90
Cash of Town of Bowdoinham.....	35 18
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	844 08

Persons supported on the farm during year: John Booker, age 85; Augustus Webber, age 28; Mary E. Holman, age 39; Wm. Miller, on from December, 1878; Julia M. Doughty, age 33; fifteen tramps, lodging and meals.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To paid Tempest Engine Company .....	\$300 00
C. Houdlette, for line.....	1 52
Care of Engine for 1878 .....	20 00
Alcohol for engine .....	6 25
Repairs on engine house .....	1 00
Repairs on engine pole.....	1 00
Unexpended.....	10 23
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	\$340 00



Dr. brought up .....	\$340 00
By Appropriation of the Town.....	\$300 00
Amount received for watering ships.....	40 00
	<u>\$340 00</u>

#### INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

To paid coupons on Town Bonds.....	\$612 00
Interest on Town Orders and Notes .....	1,917 58
	<u>\$2,529 58</u>
By Appropriation of the Town.....	\$2,500 00
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	29 58
	<u>\$2,529 58</u>

#### TOWN BONDS OUTSTANDING.

Issue due March 1, 1880 .....	\$10,050 00
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#### TOWN BONDS AND ORDERS.

Paid Town Bonds.....	\$300 00
Town Order No. 20, March 4, 1871.....	1,000 00
“ “ 22, April 7, 1871.....	1,000 00
“ “ 34, June 29, 1872.....	400 00
“ “ 18, March 1, 1873.....	500 00
“ “ 95, July 1, “ .....	540 00
“ “ 171, Dec. 8, 1874 .....	498 20
“ “ 6, March 1, 1875.....	300 00
“ “ 15, “ “ .....	800 00
“ “ 21, “ “ .....	600 00
“ “ 23, “ “ .....	500 00
“ “ 16, “ “ .....	100 00
“ “ 12, “ “ .....	900 00
“ “ 9, “ “ .....	400 00
“ “ 52, April 4, 1876 .....	500 00
“ “ 65, “ 27, 1877.....	450 00
“ “ 21, Mar. 1, “ .....	100 00
“ “ 33, “ 8, “ .....	1,000 00
“ “ 34, “ 8, “ .....	160 00
“ “ 20, “ 1, “ .....	500 00
“ “ 36, “ 1, “ .....	225 00
“ “ 37, “ 1, “ .....	255 00
“ “ 31, “ 1, “ .....	300 00
“ “ 17, “ 1, “ .....	450 00
“ “ 23, “ 3, “ .....	2,000 00
“ “ 25, “ 3, “ .....	400 00
“ “ 19, “ 1, “ .....	1,000 00
“ “ 114, July 19, 1873.....	800 00
“ “ 112, Sept. 1, 1876.....	1,600 00
“ “ 116, “ 1, “ .....	2,167 00

Paid Town Order No. 177, Jan. 10, 1877.....	\$1,500 00
“ “ 133, Sept. 1, “ .....	850 00
“ “ 142, “ 1, “ .....	500 00
“ “ 191, Dec. 8, “ .....	1,500 00
“ “ 211, Jan. 7, 1878.....	1,000 00
“ “ 217, “ 7, “ .....	8 90
“ “ 29, Mar. 1, 1875.....	100 00
“ “ 20, “ 1, 1878.....	340 00
“ “ 269, Feb. 20, “ .....	2,300 00
“ “ 20, Mar. 1, “ .....	300 00

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\$28,114 10

Borrowed Feb. 22, 1878, on Order No. 1,	\$500 00
“ Mar. 1, 1878, “ 9,	1,000 00
“ “ 1878, “ 10,	500 00
“ “ 1878, “ 11,	900 00
“ “ 1878, “ 15,	600 00
“ “ 1878, “ 16,	300 00
“ “ 1878, “ 19,	800 00
“ “ 1878, “ 20,	640 00
“ “ 1878, “ 24,	1,350 00
“ “ 1878, “ 25,	500 00
“ “ 1878, “ 28,	2,000 00
“ “ 1878, “ 36,	1,250 00
“ Mar. 8, 1878, “ 46,	1,000 00
“ Apr. 4, 1878, “ 57,	400 00
“ “ 20, 1878, “ 61,	100 00
“ “ 27, 1878, “ 70,	450 00
“ June 1, 1878, “ 76,	700 00
“ July 19, 1878, “ 115,	800 00
“ Sept. 2, 1878, “ 152,	1,600 00
“ “ 1878, “ 154,	2,167 00
“ “ 1878, “ 156,	2,400 00
“ Dec. 9, 1878, “ 203,	1,000 00
“ Jan. 7, 1879, “ 217,	1,000 00
“ Feb. 20, 1879, “ 269,	2,000 00
“ “ 1879, “ 270,	100 00
“ “ 1879, “ 271,	340 00

Decrease during the year..... 3,717 10

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\$28,114 10

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SUNDRIES.

Paid for printing Town Reports for 1877 .....	\$33 00
Wm. H. Smith, pound rent for 1878 .....	4 00
John C. Curtis, watering trough, 1878 .....	3 00
Wm. H. Smith, “ “ .....	3 00
Alpheus Small, “ “ .....	3 00
Wm. H. Smith, surveying Myrtle street.....	2 00
Wood for Selectmen's office .....	2 25

Wm. H. Smith, surveying Thoroughfare Hill on A.	
P. Bines .....	3 00
<b>Bills</b> for lockup .....	20 92
<b>Court fees</b> for Farmers' Club .....	25 71
<b>Geo. C. Lovell</b> , for care Town Clock and repairs ....	23 46
<b>For rent</b> of office for Selectmen .....	15 00
<b>Samuel Odiorne</b> , horsehire for Selectmen .....	12 50
<b>Repairs</b> on Town Hall .....	10 33
<b>Bill</b> on Tomb .....	4 50
<b>Samuel L. Weeks</b> , damage to carriage .....	15 00
<b>S. S. Williams</b> , to build wire fence and remove trees.	50 00
<b>O. B. Edgecomb</b> , damage to intervale, 1872 .....	20 00
<b>Joseph M. Hayes</b> , printing court reports, Town vs.	
Toothaker & Hagar .....	68 00
<b>J. T. Robinson</b> and G. A. Beale, Stationery .....	8 49
<b>J. W. Spaulding</b> , term fees and argument, Town vs.	
Toothaker & Hagar .....	45 00
<b>Drawing</b> pension papers, bond and petitions .....	14 83
<b>Check Book</b> for Town .....	11 00
<b>Wm. H. Stuart</b> , Auditor for 1877 .....	5 00
<b>F. Houdlette</b> , expense to Bath and Bowdoinham on	
A. Q. Randall's will .....	5 80
<b>F. Houdlette</b> , postage and check stamps .....	1 00
<b>Samuel Brown</b> , Watchman .....	1 00
<b>Insane Hospital</b> , Ellen O'Neal .....	114 31
<b>Insane Hospital</b> , Fred Kerrins .....	127 79
<b>Abatement</b> to Samuel Brown, Col'r, on taxes 1871...	53 33
<b>Abatement</b> to Samuel Brown, Col'r, on taxes 1872...	172 55
<b>Abatement</b> to A. P. Ring, Col'r, on taxes 1877 .....	257 33
<b>Abatement</b> to A. P. Ring, Col'r, on taxes 1878 .....	19 73
<b>A. P. Ring</b> , for 5 per cent. discount on taxes, 1878 ..	651 65
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	\$1,807 48
<b>Deficiency</b> on Interest Account .....	29 58
<b>Amount</b> paid Town Officers, per account .....	853 91
<b>Balance</b> unexpended .....	252 01
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	\$2,942 98
<b>Amount</b> brought from last year's account. \$1,269 42	
<b>Appropriated</b> by the town .....	1,000 00
<b>Overlaysings</b> , one-half .....	400 44
<b>Supplemental</b> tax .....	214 68
<b>Brought</b> from Poor Account .....	58 44
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	\$2,942 98
<b>TAXES OF 1878</b>	
<b>Whole amount</b> committed to Collector .....	\$20,193 37
<b>Paid</b> State Treasurer .....	\$4,973 66
County Treasurer .....	2,042 26
Town Treasurer .....	9,531 53
<b>Balance</b> uncollected Feb. 20, 1879 .....	3,645 92
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	\$20,193 37

## LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds outstanding Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$10,050 00
Town Order No. 241, 1873, Dec. 8, .....	300 00
“ “ 12, 1877, Mar. 1.....	1,500 00
“ “ 15, 1877, “ 1.....	500 00
“ “ 30, 1877, “ 1.....	200 00
“ “ 45, 1877, “ 1.....	250 00
“ “ 49, 1877, “ 21.....	500 00
“ “ 120, 1877, Sept. 1.....	600 00
“ “ 130, 1877, “ .....	1,500 00
“ “ 131, 1877, “ .....	900 00
“ “ 136, 1877, “ .....	200 00
“ “ 139, 1877, “ .....	400 00
“ “ 171, 1877, Nov. 20.....	1,500 00
“ “ 1, 1878, Feb. 22.....	500 00
“ “ 9, 1878, Mar. 1.....	1,000 00
“ “ 10, 1878, “ .....	500 00
“ “ 11, 1878, “ .....	900 00
“ “ 15, 1878, “ .....	600 00
“ “ 16, 1878, “ .....	300 00
“ “ 19, 1878, “ .....	800 00
“ “ 24, 1878, “ .....	1,350 00
“ “ 25, 1878, “ .....	500 00
“ “ 28, 1878, “ .....	2,000 00
“ “ 36, 1878, “ .....	1,250 00
“ “ 46, 1878, March 8.....	1,000 00
“ “ 57, 1878, April 4.....	400 00
“ “ 61, 1878, “ 20.....	100 00
“ “ 70, 1878, “ 27.....	450 00
“ “ 76, 1878, June 1.....	700 00
“ “ 115, 1878, July 19.....	800 00
“ “ 152, 1878, Sept. 2.....	1,600 00
“ “ 154, 1878, “ .....	2,167 00
“ “ 156, 1878, “ .....	2,400 00
“ “ 203, 1878, Dec. 9.....	1,000 00
“ “ 217, 1879, Jan. 7.....	1,000 00
“ “ 269, 1879, Feb. 20.....	2,000 00
“ “ 270, 1879, “ .....	100 00
“ “ 271, 1879, “ .....	340 00
	<u>\$42,157 00</u>
Coupons and Interest due on above Feb. 20, 1879....	1,285 23
Due School Districts Feb. 20, 1879.....	131 47
Due Alvin P. Ring for Collecting Taxes of 1878.....	101 93
Snow Bills due and unpaid Feb. 20, 1879.....	590 60
	<u>\$44,266 23</u>

## RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$1,723 56
Due on Execution vs. Samuel Brown.....	2,340 89
Due from A. P. Ring, Collector of Taxes, 1878....	3,645 92

Due from School District No. 3.....	10 00
Liabilities over resources Feb. 20, 1879.....	36,545 84

		\$44,266 23
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 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	
“ “ “ “ 1875.....	43,003 78	
“ “ “ “ 1876.....	39,884 64	
“ “ “ “ 1877.....	41,397 59	
“ “ “ “ 1878.....	37,263 23	
“ “ “ “ 1879.....	36,545 84	

### TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm and outfit, valued at.....	\$3,200 00
Two Fire Engines.....	1,200 00
Two Safes.....	200 00
Hearse.....	45 00
Engine House.....	400 00
Interest in Town House.....	800 00
	\$5,845 00

### RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations.....	\$20,193 37
Receipts.....	35,318 27
	\$55,511 64
Paid State and County Tax.....	\$7,015 92
Town Officers.....	853 91
Schools.....	5,195 49
School District No. 4.....	40 00
Repairs of Highways and Bridges..	3,399 37
Snow Bills of 1877 and 1878.....	70 88
Poor Account.....	785 64
Fire Department.....	329 77
Interest and Discount.....	2,529 58
Town Bonds and Orders.....	28,114 10
Sundries.....	1,807 48
Uncollected Taxes of 1878.....	3,645 92
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1879.....	1,723 58
	\$55,511 64

F. HOUDLETTE,	}	Selectmen
SOLON WHITE,		of
J. WATSON LIBBY,		Richmond.

RICHMOND, Feb. 20, 1879.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. SPAULDING, Treas., in acc't with Town of Richmond, DR.	
To Cash on hand February 20, 1878.....	\$3,462 31
Rec'd from Samuel Brown, Cash and Abatements 1872 taxes .....	175 55
Rec'd from A. P. Ring, Col'r, 1877 taxes & interest,	5,407 44
A. P. Ring, Col'r, 1878 taxes.....	9,531 53
State of Maine, R. R. tax.....	19 68
State of Maine, School Fund .....	433 97
State of Maine, Mill Tax .....	815 44
State of Maine, High School .....	500 00
Town of Bowdoinham, Poor Account...	35 18
Town Order No. 216 repaid .....	7 00
Sale of stones .....	4 50
Use of Engines, watering Ships.....	40 00
Licenses for Auctioneers.....	4 00
"    Wharf.....	5 00
"    Show.....	5 00
Returned Fire Insurance Premium.....	1 90
Tuition .....	4 30
Borrowed by Selectmen on Town Orders .....	24,397 00
	\$44,849 80
	Cr.
By paid Town Bonds.....	\$300 00
Coupons .....	612 00
Town Orders of 1871.....	2,000 00
"    1872.....	400 00
"    1873.....	1,840 00
"    1874.....	498 20
"    1875.....	3,700 00
"    1876.....	4,267 00
"    1877.....	14,468 90
"    1878.....	12,607 95
Town Abatement Orders.....	2,432 17
Balance on hand Feb. 20, 1879.....	1,723 58
	\$44,849 80

J. W. SPAULDING, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Richmond for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1879, and have carefully compared them with their vouchers on file, and consider them correct; and I also certify that the foregoing reports are true exhibits of the same.

WM. H. STUART, Auditor.

RICHMOND, ME., March 1, 1879.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Repair of Highways and Bridges.....	\$3,000 00
For Support of Poor.....	800 00
Schools.....	2,000 00
Interest and Discount.....	2,200 00
Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00
Repair of Town Farm Buildings.....	400 00
Tempest Engine Company.....	300 00
Town Clock.....	30 00
Snow Bills for 1878.....	600 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00
Gravel Bed.....	800 00
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	\$13,130 00

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## FELLOW CITIZENS :

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

DISTRICT NO. 1.—*SOLON WHITE, Agent.*

### High School.

Summer term—Free High School. *MR. J. G. LIBBY*, Wells, Me., Principal. *MISS DELLA K. LAWRENCE*, Pittston, Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 46 ; average, 37. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—Free High School. Same Principal and same Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 40 ; average, 34. Term, 11 weeks.

Winter term—Free High School. Same Principal and same Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 42 ; average, 32. Term 11 weeks.

For the entire year this school has been under the control of Mr. Libby, assisted by Miss Lawrence. The average attendance of the school has been less than last year ; yet, for the respective terms as given above, it has been good. Under the direction of Mr. Libby, the work of the school has been such as to secure very gratifying results. The studies pursued have embraced all the branches usually taught in schools of this grade.

At the commencement or the school year, it was thought best by your committee to prepare a higher grade of scholarship as a standard of admission to the High School. This regulation necessitated one year of study in advance of former requirements.

The discipline has been fair. Considerable annoyance has been caused by pupils when passing to and from the recitation room ; but we hope to see this obviated. We were pleased to notice that the building has been kept in a very good condition during the year. While there is still room for improvement in this school, there is reasonable cause for satisfaction with its condition.



### Grammar School.

Spring term—Miss EMILY M. CLARK, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 47; average, 43. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 46; average, 41. Term 11 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 43; average, 33. Term 11 weeks.

This school has remained in charge of Miss CLARKE, who has continued with unabated energy her patient and thorough work.

During the year the grade of this school has been advanced, so that each class remains another year here before entering the High School. This course we think will be beneficial to the school.

The discipline of the school has been firm and steady. Advancing the course of study has made more work for teacher and pupils, but both have been very successful. The attendance, especially in the winter term, has been less than for a number of years.

### Second Grammar School.

Spring term—Miss CARRIE J. CALL, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 44; average, 38. Term, 10 weeks.

Fall term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 53; average, 44. Term 12 weeks.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 52; average, 43. Term 11 weeks.

During the year the grade of this school has been raised to concur with the other schools. This has caused extra work, but Miss C. has labored earnestly to accomplish it, and has succeeded in a marked degree. The attendance has been larger than at any of the village schools. The following is a summary of the work accomplished in the winter term:

**FIRST CLASS.** White's Arithmetic—Commenced at Compound Numbers; completed the book; then reviewed from the first to page 129, making 164 pages for the term. Geography, Harper's—20 pages. Swinton's Language Lessons—From first to page 75.

**SECOND CLASS.** Arithmetic—From Simple Division to Decimal Fractions, making 66 pages. Geography—Asia and Africa, with a general review of the book. Reading and Spelling three times a day by both classes. A. M., Oral Spelling. P. M., Written Spelling. Hooker's Book of Nature, Part III—56 pages. Drawing each Wednesday and Friday.

### North Intermediate.

Spring term—MISS CLARA J. SUCKLING, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 35; average, 27. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 24. Term 11 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 19. Term 11 weeks.

Under the instruction of Miss Suckling the school has been profitable. It has always ranked as one of the first, in order and in progress, and it has in no way lost ground in the past year. The classes in Reading have been well taught, and fair improvement has been made. Classes in Geography have done well.

In the winter term the attendance was considerably less than former terms.

### South Intermediate.

Spring term—MISS CARRIE A. ODIORNE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 44. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 33; average, 27. Term 11 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 28; average, 20. Term 11 weeks.

The general appearance of the school has been good. The teacher was active, and evidently desirous of making her school both interesting and profitable, and she succeeded in a good degree. A commendable degree of interest and effort were observable on the part of some of the pupils. The discipline was mild, but efficient. Miss Odiorne possesses tact and ability, and we bespeak for her, as a teacher, a successful future.

### First Primary.

Spring term—MISS ETTA S. JACK, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 49; average, 42. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 50; average, 44. Term 11 weeks.

Winter term—MISS GERTRUDE DINSMORE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 48; average 40. Term 11 weeks.

This school was taught the first two terms by MISS ETTA JACK, Richmond, who labored with zeal and energy to make her school a success. At the close of the Fall term Miss Jack left the school to attend the State Normal School

at Castine. Miss Jack's success as a teacher was good, and she carried with her the best wishes of the committee.

The winter term was taught by Miss GERTRUDE DINSMORE, Richmond. This was her first attempt at teaching. She entered on her work with a full determination to succeed. Miss D. was firm in the matter of government. She was very faithful in the matter of teaching the pupils to read correctly, drilling them thoroughly in the first principles. The result of her efforts was very satisfactory.

#### Second Primary School.

Spring term—Miss MATTIE PROVINS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 51; average, 42. Term 10 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 55; average, 38. Term, 11 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 34; average, 23. Term, 11 weeks.

Owing to the unsuitableness of the school-room, Miss Provins found it difficult to secure all the order and attention of the pupils, which was not only desirable, but necessary, to make her school satisfactory. Another hindrance was the lack of suitable text-books on the part of some pupils. This want was finally supplied in part by your committee. Notwithstanding, the results of her persistent and laborious efforts were very gratifying.

#### ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$706 26
Appropriated by town.....	1,107 20
Mill and Savings Bank Tax from State.....	799 77
Cash for Tuition.....	3 80
Total.....	<hr/> \$2,617 03
Expended during the year.....	2,563 06
Balance due.....	<hr/> 53 97

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.—HENRY FOSTER, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss SARAH A. COLBATH, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 8. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—Miss EMILY SMILEY, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; average, 14. Term 10 weeks.

This was Miss Colbath's first term as teacher. She labored carefully and faithfully. The school at each visit seemed interested, and showed a measurable degree of advancement at the close of the term.

At our visit of the winter term we found Miss Smiley giving especial attention to the principles, which is the key to successful study and teaching. Her method of instruction was clear and correct. Owing to circumstances over which we had no control a closing visit was not made.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$3 85
Appropriated by the town.....	76 80
Mill and Savings Bank Tax from State.....	38 16
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	\$118 81
Expended during the year.....	112 55
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	\$6 26

DISTRICT NO. 3.—BRADFORD HARLOW, *Agent*

Summer term—MISS NELLIE E. WEBBER, teacher. No report.

Winter term—CHARLES E. DINSLOW, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 15. Term, 6 weeks.

The summer term was well taught by Miss Webber. The average number of pupils in attendance was small; yet, owing to a want of uniformity in text-books there were so many classes as to make the work equal to that of a school of twenty-five or thirty pupils, when rightly classified. At our last visit we found that much hard and profitable work had been done. This was creditable alike to pupils and teacher. Six had attended to writing during the term.

The winter term was ably taught by Mr. Dinslow, a teacher of ability and experience. Mr. D. found it impossible to classify his school in anything like a satisfactory manner; but the closing examination, in spite of hindrances, showed that progress had been made in the several studies. The real condition of the school is well set forth in Mr. D.'s report to your committee, as follows:

*To the S. S. Committee of Richmond, Me.:*

As recommended by the School Register, I will say in reference to the progress made in the winter school in Dist. No. 3, that I consider that the progress made in Mathematics has not been what it ought, on account of not having a uniformity of text-books, thereby making so many classes that neither could receive sufficient attention from the teacher. However, one class of small boys in White's Intermediate Arithmetic did all that could be expected of them in the short time. The first and third class in Reading did well. In the others the advancement was not so marked, the second using a book much too hard for them. In Grammar each did all that could be expected. The first class in Geography did very well; but the other, having to use two kinds of books—Harper's and Cornell's Primary—did not seem to have the interest that they would if they had all had the new one; yet two

of the boys did well, drawing some of the maps quite readily. All seemed to take considerable interest in Penmanship. Some made extra improvement.

Respectfully submitted, C. E. DINSLOW, *Teacher*.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated by town.....	73 60	
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	38 60	
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		\$112 20
Overdrawn Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$9 90	
Expended during year.....	112 30	
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	\$122 20	
Overdrawn Feb. 20, 1879.....		\$10 00

DISTRICT NO. 4.—HEZEKIAH RIDLEY, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss AUGUSTA H. EDGECOMB, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 12. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 22; average, 18. Term 13 weeks.

Miss EDGECOMB is a teacher of considerable experience. She is also very energetic and thorough in her work. The average attendance was small; yet Miss E. was always active, filling up all the time to good advantage. The final examination showed that all had been studious and well taught, and that excellent progress had been made by the school as a whole. Writing has been taught with fair success. This important branch should never be neglected.

Your committee were well pleased with the winter term of the school. Mr. C. had the respect and active co-operation of both pupils and parents, from the commencement. At the first visit we were well assured that the school would be pleasant and profitable. At the close, only a few of the pupils were present—quite a number of the more advanced ones being absent on account of sickness. This was much to be regretted. Enough however were present to show that no inconsiderable amount of good work had been accomplished.

In Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geography, marked progress was made. One studied Latin. Eighteen had attended to writing. Especial care had been given to the classes in reading. In short, all the work of the school has been, we judge, thorough and profitable.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated by Town.....	\$118 40
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	58 83
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	\$177 23

Receipts brought up .....	\$177 23
Expended during the year.....	172 56
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Amount due District .....	\$4 67

DISTRICT NO. 5.—GILMORE TROTT, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE J. REED, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 9. Term, 5 weeks.

Winter term—Mr. EMERY E. PURINGTON, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 16. Term, 9 weeks.

This was Miss REED's first attempt at teaching. She possesses the requisite qualifications for a teacher, and with experience will make one of our best. At our first visit we were well pleased with the appearance of the school. Everything seemed to be moving in perfect harmony, and we felt assured that a profitable term would surely follow. On account of sickness it was deemed advisable to close the school at the end of the fifth week, so this term did not receive but one visit from your committee.

The winter term was taught by Mr. PURINGTON. This was also his first school. At our visit the first of the term, we were well pleased with the appearance of teacher and pupils. Everything looked neat and orderly, and we felt assured of a good term. We learned however, that Mr. P. had made some rules in relation to the government of the school which were a little different from those of former terms, but of so slight importance that we thought an acquaintance with each other would overcome all difficulty. At the last visit our expectations were realized. The examination showed hard labor on the part of both teacher and pupils. We found some of our young men attending this school. It would be gratifying to see more of this class in the schools in town.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$1 48
Amount appropriated by Town.....	80 00
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	39 75
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	\$121 23
Expended during year .....	114 71
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Balance due District .....	\$6 52

DISTRICT NO. 6.—JOSIAH EASTMAN, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss MATTIE L. PREBLE, teacher.

Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 23. Term, 10 weeks.

Winter term—Miss ADDIE WHARFF, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; average, 18. Term, 10 weeks.

This was Miss PREBLE's first attempt at teaching. Notwithstanding her youth and inexperience, her success was fully equal to the average. Her executive ability, interest and energy in the school-room was commendable. At each visit the school-room was clean and tastefully decorated. On the part of the pupils there seemed to be too great an effort to memorize the words, regardless of the ideas which they were intended to convey.

The value of the winter term was much lessened by illness of the teacher and a majority of the pupils. However Miss WHARFF's interest, experience and ability as a teacher resulted in a praiseworthy degree of improvement. This school labors under the disadvantage of too many classes—because of a multiplicity of text-books in use.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$14 50
Amount appropriated by Town.....	105 60
Bank and Mill Tax from State .....	52 47
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	\$172 57
Expended during the year.....	161 00
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Balance due District.....	\$11 57

DISTRICT NO. 7 — WINFIELD P. ALLEN, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss CARRIE L. WHEELER, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 20. Term 8 weeks.

Fall term—Mr. GEORGE D. PARKS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 23. Term 13 weeks.

Miss Wheeler is a teacher of considerable experience, this being her eighth term. She was qualified and seemed interested and careful in the work done by the several classes. We were much pleased with the interest manifested at each visit during the fall term.

Mr. PARKS is a well qualified and careful instructor. During both terms the pupils made a commendable degree of advancement. This school suffers the disadvantage of a multiplicity of text-books.

During the summer term there were thirty daily recitations, and during the fall term there were twenty. So many classes seriously detract from a teacher's usefulness. Another very great discomfort during the fall term was the

almost uniform quantity of *mud*, without and within the school-room. A few loads of gravel or sand around the school-house would remedy this annoyance very much.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$82 77
Appropriated by town.....	96 00
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	47 70
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Expended during year.....	\$226 47
Balance due District.....	193
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DISTRICT NO. 8.—G. B. UMBERHIND, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss ADDIE WHARFF, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 13 1-2. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—Mr. DANIEL BROWN, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 24; average, 20. Term 10 weeks.

The District was fortunate in securing the services of Miss WHARFF, she being a teacher of ability, together with experience. The only thing lacking in the school was an uniformity of text books, especially the Reading books. However, the pupils were well taught and made marked improvement. We class Miss WHARFF among our best teachers.

Mr. BROWN commenced the winter term with the determination to keep a good school, and we were confident at our first visit that if the pupils would labor as hard for their own interest as the teacher, their efforts would be crowned with success. We are sorry to say your Committee were called upon about the middle of the term to settle a difficulty between the teacher and some of the larger boys in a matter of discipline. An investigation showed that it was necessary to remove one of the boys. At our last visit the most of the pupils had made fair progress. Had there been a determination on the part of *all* to make the school what it is capable of being, and what it *ought* to be, evidently the results would have been more satisfactory.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878 .....	\$7 99
Amount appropriated by Town .....	99 20
Mill and Bank Tax from State .....	49 29
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Expended during year.....	\$156 48
Balance due District .....	149 00
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	\$7 48



DISTRICT NO. 9.—N. H. SKELTON, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss MARY L. SKELTON, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 16. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 14; average, 13 1-2. Term 8 weeks.

Miss SKELTON had previously taught two terms of school so that she entered upon her task as a teacher of some experience. At our first visit we found the school-room tidy and pupils orderly and apparently attentive to their studies. At our second visit we were satisfied that good progress had been made, taking into consideration that this school is composed principally of small children.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher, and the examination at the close was satisfactory.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$0 37
Amount appropriated by Town .....	67 20
Mill and Bank Tax from State .....	37 39
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	\$104 96
Expended during year .....	101 13
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Balance due District .....	\$3 83

DISTRICT NO. 10.—EDWIN TOTMAN, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss ADA PATTERSON, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 14. Term 7 weeks.

Winter term—MR. GEO. D. PARKS, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 24. Term 8 weeks. This was Miss Patterson's first school. The deportment was creditable at each visit. The teacher manifested much interest in her work. A good degree of progress was noticeable.

For the winter term Mr. Parks brought his interest, qualification and experience as a teacher, the influence of which was manifest at the closing visit. We feel that more interest on the part of the pupils in this school would greatly increase the value of a teacher's labor.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated by town.....	\$96 00
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	47 70
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	\$143 70
Expended during year.....	142 96
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Balance due District.....	74

DISTRICT NO. 11.—SAMUEL LEAVITT, *Agent*.

Summer term—Miss LAURA M. TEMPLE, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; average, 5 1-2. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter term—JAS. D. SMITH, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 11. Term, 7 7-11 weeks.

The number of pupils attending the winter term was very small, the average being only five and one-half. Still, Miss TEMPLE labored zealously and faithfully, and fair progress was made in the several studies.

During the winter term there was a better attendance than in the summer. Mr. SMITH was a teacher of experience and perseverance. He evidently did his best to advance the school. The pupils were studious and teachable. Under these favorable circumstances, the school was harmonious and progressive. The closing examination showed that the work of the term had been well done. While the classes in reading, arithmetic, geography and grammar had been carefully instructed, writing was not neglected. The books shown gave evidence of care and advance. This should be so in all the schools in town.

## ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1878 .....	\$3 56
Amount appropriated by Town .....	80 00
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	39 75
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	\$123 31
Expended during the year.....	120 25
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Balance due District.....	\$3.06

In closing, your committee feel warranted in saying that your schools during the past year have, for the most part, been well taught, and the aggregate improvement will compare favorably with that of former years. In noticing the several schools separately, we have hinted at some of the defects in our schools. These have not been chargeable to the teachers or pupils to any considerable extent, but mainly to the want of proper school-rooms, and uniformity of textbooks, and in some cases, a more active and hearty co-operation on the part of parents and guardians.

Irregular attendance, from whatever cause, is a great hindrance to the proper advancement of any school. This real *misfortune* has befallen a number of your schools, as you will readily perceive on carefully noticing the average attendance of each school. In two or three instances, we

regret to say, the harmony and advancement of your schools have been seriously interfered with on account of the neglect or refusal of a *few* to promptly and cheerfully co-operate with their respective teachers in the matter of establishing and maintaining good order and discipline, without which no school can be successful in the highest degree.

We would again urge upon your serious attention the matter of the town's purchasing and owning the school-books. It seems to your committee desirable for several reasons: First—it would be less expensive. Second—it would enable each pupil to be properly supplied with the necessary text-books at the commencement of the school. As it now is, they are often without books for no inconsiderable portion of the term. This is a real misfortune. Third, It would secure a uniformity of text-books, and consequently a much better classification in one and all of our schools. This latter fact alone would prove of the highest advantage to our schools.

Those who have carefully studied the wants of our schools know full well how absolutely necessary it is to introduce a radical reform as to classification, in order to make our schools what they should be.

Again, your Committee would invite your attention to the matter of furnishing more school-room for the pupils of District No. 1. At present there is no school-room whatever for the Second Primary, and for nearly two years (five terms) this school has been taught in the Free Baptist Vestry, a very unsuitable place for a school-room, as every person, we believe, who is at all conversant with the wants of a school of this grade, will affirm.

D. S. RICHARDS, }  
 ROLAND CURTIS, } *S. S. Committee.*  
 F. J. BUKER, }