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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND,
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING
February 20, 1882,

RICHMOND:
BLEN, WALKER & CO., PRINTERS.
1882.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN
OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1882.

LIABILITIES OF TOWN,
FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

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<td>New 4½ per cent. Bonds outstanding</td>
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<td>&quot; 260, &quot; Feby. 20, 1880</td>
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- $38,600.00

Due School Dis. No. 1 | $102.66
| " 2 | 4.03
| " 3 | 60.37
| " 4 | 15
| " 5 | 113.48
| " 6 | 5.52
| " 7 | 4.55
| " 8 | 4.71
| " 9 | 31.38
| " 10 | 31.03
| " 11 | 4.22

Due Tempest Engine Co | $300.00
F. J. Libby, Collector of 1880, on collections | $131.27

$39,393.37
RESOURCES.
Cash in Treasury, Feby. 19, 1881............. $ 1,184 17
Due from A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879........ 179 59
" F. J. Libby, Collector of 1880........ 6,754 07
" Town of Topsham, for poor............. 21 95
" City of Bath, for poor.............. 11 87
" C. Russell & Co., for hay sold from
farm.................................... 98 00
Liabilities over resources, Feby, 19, 1881.... 31,143 72

———$39,393 37

RECEIPTS & APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881.
For Resources Feby. 19 1881..................... $8,249 65
Interest on Tax, 1879......................... 10 29
Interest on Tax, 1880.......................... 62 84
State Tax .................................. $5,502 48
County Tax .................................. 1,786 01
Repairs Road and Bridges....................... 3,000 00
Support of Schools.............................. 2,500 00
Support of Poor................................ 800 00
Interest and Discount........................... 1,700 00
Reduction of Town Debt........................ 2,000 00
Services Tempest Engine Company.............. 300 00
Care and repair Town Clock..................... 30 00
Contingent Fund................................ 850 00
Building Reservoirs......................... 500 00
Overlayings.................................... 935 67
Supplemental Tax................................ 66 25

———$19,970 41

Borrowed on Town Order No 150,............. 1000 00
Collections as per Treasurer's report,........ 2,162 90

———$31,456 09

EXPENDITURES FOR 1881.
Paid State Tax................................ $5,502 48
County Tax.................................. 1,786 01

———$7,288 49

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.
Paid C. B. Foster & Son for lumber........... $771 70
T. J. Southard & Son for lumber............ 28 20
Labor Bills, Dis. 1. O. A, Parks, Surveyor, 91 32
" 2. F. B. Randall, " 74 35
Paid Labor Bills Dis. 3. B. Harlow, “ 79 34
“ 3. B. V. Stinson, “ 73 10
“ 5. J. W. Woodward, “ 54 69
“ 5. Wm. M. Loud, “ 63 59
“ 6. F. M. Yeaton, “ 60 74
“ 6. S. F. Blanchard, “ 74 24
“ 7. A. R. Merriman, “ 110 84
“ 10. J. Galusha, “ 71 50
“ 11. O. B. Edgecomb, “ 83 47
“ 11. B. Peacock, “ 52 86
“ 1. Village, “ 513 63
Other bills all over town ..................... 250 00

$2,764 71

ROAD BILLS AND BREAKING.
1880-1 Bills.
Paid 84 Small bills, over the town .............. $365 37

RESERVOIR ACCT.
Paid Thurlow & Provins, for Lincoln St. Reservoir, $110 00
“ “ Pleasant St. “ 125 00
“ “ Front St. “ 125 00
“ “ Citizen Engine House 130 00
Rent, Land J. K. & A. Hathorn .............. 5 00

$495 00

NIGHT WATCH.
Paid C. F. Reed, Watching 115 nights .......... 172 50
Watchman’s badge ........................... 1 50
Wood etc. for Lockup ...................... 4 77

$178 77

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Paid Tempest Engine Co. 1880, Appropriation  $300 00
N. Anderson on acct. for care Engine .... 15 00
Paid Huuneman & Co. on acct. fixing Engine.. 13 50
Tempest Engine Co. on acct. 1881 Appropriation ........................ 33 50

$362 00

POOR ON FARM.

Paid J. Stevens, for oxen....................... $115 00
C. H. Robinson, sawing shingles............. 9 50
Expenses burial Mrs. Chase, (reimbursed) 22 00
J. L. Fogg and wife, services to March 28
1882........................................ 275 00
F. J. Libby, pressing swale hay............. 17 64
Dr. A. Libby,................................ 15 50
S. E. Skillins and others, supplies etc..... 434 93

$889 57

POOR OFF FARM.

Expenses burial Mrs. Loring, (reimbursed) $35 00
Anna Wilson and A. Scott, rent, Mrs. Mitchell 21 75
T. G. Assistance (reimbursed)............... 10 00
Insane Hospital F. Kerrins.................. 116 94
" T. Patten................................. 108 73
" A. Webber................................. 108 37
for J. W. Lint, at Gardiner.................. 26 00
H. S. Assistance in sickness................ 5 00
Wm. Randlette & Co. Clothing for poor people 14 00
On account Mrs. F. Moore.................... 5 50
Levi Small, care Robert Brown................ 19 00
W. H. Whitney for coffin, H. S. Child...... 8 00
S. Toothaker, for flour for T. G. H........ 8 50

$486 79

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Hodges, Brown and Robinson, care tramps $17 87
For John Hamilton, (reimbursed)............. 11 91
H. P. Hewey, " " ........................ 133 66
L. D. Johnson, " " ........................ 14 23
Johnson Girl and Boy " " .................... 27 75
M. G. Brown, " " ........................ 5 00
Hannah Roth, " " ........................ 55 75

$266,17
## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

### District No. 1. Wm. S. Hagar, Agent.

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<td>A. M. Thomas</td>
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<td>Gertrude Dinsmore</td>
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**Total:** $2,006.61

### District No. 2. George A. Buker, Agent.

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**Total:** $55.82

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<td>Leander Blair</td>
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**Total:** $244.51

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<td>Nellie S. Spear</td>
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### District No. 9. J. Watson Libby, Agent.

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### District No. 10. J. H. Smith, Agent.

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<td>C. D. Newell, teaching</td>
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**GENERAL ACCOUNT.**

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<td>Walker &amp; Lovell, repairing town clock</td>
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<td>J. M. Odiorne, Auditor of 1880</td>
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<td>W. T. Hall, telegram and stamps</td>
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<td>A. P. Ring, Abatement ’79 taxes</td>
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<td>Job Mansir, Keys for Lockup</td>
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<td>Daniel L. Baker, Abatement on taxes 1880</td>
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**TOTAL** $1,600 71

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**TOWN OFFICERS.**

Paid Wm. T. Hall, Assessor, Selectman, Overseer and Agent... $225 00
A. P. Jewett, Assessor, Selectman, and Overseer................. 75 00
S. Cunningham, Assessor, Selectman, and Overseer................. 50 00
J. M. Odiorne, Treasurer........................................... 50 00
W. H. Sturtevant, Clerk............................................. 15 00
C. E. Dinslow, Supervisor of Schools.........................120 00
C. H. Hodges, Constable............................................. 20 00

**TOTAL** $555 00

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**TOWN DEBT.**

Paid On orders, see Treasurer's acct............... $2,501 13
On bonds, see Treasurer's acct.......................... 800 00

**TOTAL** $3,301 13

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**INTEREST ON DEBT.**

Paid On Orders................................................. $328 91
On Coupons..................................................... 1446 75

**TOTAL** $1,775 66
RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Appropriation and Receipts .............. $31,456 09

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax ........................................ $5,502 48
County Tax ....................................... 1,786 01
Road Bills and Bridges .......................... 2,764 71
Road Bills and Breking 1880-1 .................. 365 37
Reservoir Acct .................................. 495 00
Night Watch ...................................... 178 77
Fire Department .................................. 362 00
Poor on Farm .................................... 889 57
Poor off Farm ................................... 486 79
Poor of other Towns .............................. 266 17
Schools ........................................... 3,378 73
General Account .................................. 1,600 71
Town Officers .................................... 555 00
Town Dept ........................................ 3,301 13
Interest .......................................... 1,775 66

— $3,708 10

Due from Town of Topsham for Poor ............... $21 95
Due from Collector 1880 ........................ 1,362 91
Due from Collector 1881 ........................ 5,387 45
Cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1882 .................. 975 68

$7,747 99

$31,456 09

LIABILITIES.

New 4½ per cent. Bonds outstanding .............. $32,200 00
Town Order No. 269, issued Feb. 20, '79 ....... 1,900 00
  270, “ Feb. 29, '79 ............. 100 00
  89, “ July, 6, '80 .............. 500 00
  90, “ July, 6, '80 .............. 500 00
  91, “ July, 6, '80 .............. 100 00
  200, “ Jan. 15, '81 .......... 1,000 00

$36,300 (½)

Due School Dis. No. 1 .......................... $603 92
  2 ............................................... 8 61
  3 ............................................. 13 43
  4 ............................................. 96 43
  5 ............................................. 79
  6 ............................................. 18 62
Due School Dis. No. 7 .................. 3 47
   8 ................................ 2 16
   9 ................................ 0 00
   10 ................................ 1 69
   11 ................................ 1 12

Due Tempest Engine Co. Balance of 1881 Appropriation ..................... $750 24
   J. M. Allen from Webster Payment ......... 6 00
   Estimated due on Snow Bill ................. 500 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 50, ..................... $975 68
   Due from F. J, Libby, Collector of 1880 .... 1,362 91
   F. J. Libby, Collector of 1881 .......... 5,387 45
   Town of Topsham for Poor .............. 21 95
   A. P. Jewett, hay .................... 96 50
   School Dis. No. 9 ..................... 119

Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1882 ...... 29,977 06

Respectfully Submitted,
WM. T. HALL, Selectmen of
A. P. JEWETT, Richmond,
S. CUNNINGHAM, Richmond.

MEMORANDA OF TOWN PROPERTY FEB. 20, 1882.

Town Farm and Buildings, Estimated value ... $2,500 00
Stock on Farm .......................... 162 00
Hay, Grain and Provisions ................... 300 00
Farming Tools ............................ 270 00
Furniture .................................. 200 00
Wood, Lumber and Shingles .................. 102 00
Two Fire Engines .......................... 1,000 00
One Safe .................................. 100 00
Hearses ................................... 100 00
Two Engine Houses ......................... 500 00
Interest in Town House ..................... 800 00

$6,034 00
ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1882.

Repairs of Highways and Bridges and for Gravel $4,000 00
Support of the Poor ........................................... 800 00
Schools .............................................................. 2,500 00
Interest and Discount ........................................... 1,700 00
Contingent Fund .................................................. 1,000 00
Tempest Engine Company ........................................ 300 00
Town Clock ........................................................ 25 00
Reduction of Town Debt ........................................ 2,000 00
Night Watch, for consideration ............................... 
Citizen Engine Co., for consideration .................
TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF RICHMOND,

In Account with J. M. ODORNE, Town Treasurer.

DR.

To paid Town Bonds.......................... $800 00
Coupons...................................... 1,446 75
Abatement order for highway taxes worked 1,201 18
  favor of A. P. Ring, Collector 1879........... 2 34
Abatement order favor of F. J. Libby, Collector

$36 00
$82 52
$79 17
$156 43

Discount order favor of account taxes 1881 345 35
Release order favor of A. P. Ring, 1879 85 87
Release order " F. J. Libby, 1880 24 44
From Orders Series 1877 500 00
  " 1878 700 00
  " 1879 300 00
  " 1880 1 13
  " 1881 10,856 12

Cash on deposit with Richmond National Bank $36 06
Cash on deposit First Nat. Bank $939 62

—— $17,395 29

CR.

By Cash on hand Feb. 21, 1881................. $1,184 17
Taxes received on account of year 1879... 189 88
  " 1880... 5,391 16
  " 1881... 7,294 47
Interest received on taxes of 1880........... 62 84
Borrowed on Town Order No. 150........... 1,000 00
State of Maine School fund and Mill tax... 1,245 73
State of Maine Railroad and Telegraph tax 94 68
Tuition collected by W. H. Smith, Dis. No. 3 45
Tuition collected in School Dis. No. 1..... 19 50
A. P. Witham, Billiard license............. 10 00
C. Q. Haley, Auctioneer license............. 2 00
H. Price Webber, Show license............. 4 00
J. G. Lake, Billiard license............. 10 00
G. A. Beale, Fireworks license............. 2 00
H. Mansir, Fireworks..................... 2 00
J. H. Murray, Circus..................... 10 00
A. W Smith, Auction..................... 2 00
Sullivan & Co., Show..................... 2 00
Smith & Co., Show..................... 2 00
Bennett & Moulton, Show............. 4 00
Geo. B. Randlette, Auctioneer license.... 2 00
White & Parsons, Show..................... 2 00
A. P. Witham, Town Hall..................... 7 50
Road money returned District No. 3........ 2 20
Sale of old Safe..................... 25 00
James Chase, funeral expenses of his mother 22 00
H. E. Merriman, oxen sold from farm........ 130 00
Sale of hay from farm..................... 98 00
J. L. Fogg, produce sold from farm........ 257 54
Poor bills reimbursed..................... 71 75
Town of Cumberland account J. Hamilton.... 11 91
Town of Lincoln, account Mrs. Roth........ 55 75
Town of Leeds, account Margaret Brown..... 5 00
Town of Bowdoinham, account L. D. Johnson............. 14 23
Town Webster, account H. P. Hewey........ 139 66
Town Webster, account J. M. Allen........ 6 00
City of Bath, account Johnson boy........ 11 87

$17,395 29

J. M. ODIORNE. Town Treasurer.

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1882.

"RANDALL FUND."

In Account with J. M. Odiorne, Town Treasurer and Trustee.

[DR]

1 : paid Selectmen’s Order
DR
No. 1 benefit of
Susau W. Dale $10 00
No. 2 benefit of
Alden Smith 10 00
No. 3 benefit of
Alden Smith 10 00
To paid Selectmen’s Order No. 4 benefit of John Edgcomb

Amount invested in Town of Richmond Bonds ......................... 2,700 00
Cash deposited in Richmond Savings Bank to balance .................. 88 49

CR.

By received of Estate of A. Q. Randall Town of Richmond Bonds $2,700 00
Accrued interest on Bonds 15 19
Cash 76 60

Income received from Town of Richmond Bonds Aug. 15, '81 to Jan. 1, '82 45 56
Dividend on Money deposited in Richmond Savings Bank .................. 1 14

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 the 20th day of February, 1882, have carefully compared the same with the vouchers on file, and consider them correct, and I also affirm that the foregoing reports are true exhibits from said books and accounts.  

J. M. ODORNE TOWN TREASURER, TRUSTEE.

RICHMOND, ME. FEB'Y 20, 1882.
SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Your Supervisor most respectfully presents the following report of the schools for the municipal year 1881.

District No. 1. Wm. S. Hagar, Agent.

High School.

Mr. A. M. Thomas, Hallowell, Me., Principal; Miss Carrie A. Odiorne, Richmond, Me., Assistant.

Spring Term. Whole number of pupils, 41; Average, 39. Term, 12 weeks.

Fall Term. Whole number of pupils, 51; Average, 47. Term, 12 weeks.

Winter Term. Is in progress.

Both Principal and Assistant have labored hard for the welfare of the school. Mr. Thomas governs with a firm, yet gentle manner. His methods of teaching are practical and thorough, and he aims to have his pupils thoroughly understand what they go over; in view of this he has introduced methods of written examinations, which have been a benefit, stimulating many to more faithful work.

Miss Odiorne has maintained her former good reputation as an efficient assistant, being critical and untiring in her efforts to interest and instruct her classes.

First Grammar School.

Miss Emily M. Clarke, Richmond Me., teacher.

Spring Term. Whole number of pupils, 39; Average, 32. Term, 12 weeks.

Fall Term. Whole number of pupils, 35; Average 32. Term, 12 weeks.

Winter Term. Is in progress.

Miss Clarke still ranks as one of our very best teachers, being a thorough scholar in the branches taught, and a good disciplinarian.
school is always ready for visitors. The classes in mathematics receive a thorough drill in analysis, which we do not find in many of our schools in town.

Second Grammar School.
Miss C. J. Call, Richmond, Me., teacher.
Spring Term. Whole number of pupils, 70; Average 58. Term, 12 weeks.
Fall Term. Whole number of pupils, 75; Average, 63. Term, 12 weeks.
Winter Term. Is in progress.
Miss Call is well known in this school. Her methods of instructing are excellent, being thorough and practical. The school is altogether too large to be profitable. Most certainly, with this grade of pupils there is material enough for two schools, and could the schools be thus divided, we might look for much greater improvement in the studies and also for good order. With the present arrangement very few, if any of the pupils can receive personal attention from the teacher, which is so much required by pupils of this class while studying their lessons.

North Intermediate School.
Miss Florence M. Robinson, Richmond, Me., teacher.
Spring Term. Whole number of pupils, 30; Average, 23. Term, 12 weeks.
Fall Term. Whole number of pupils, 32; Average, 24. Term, 12 weeks.
Winter Term. Is in progress.
Miss Robinson proved herself upon examination to be well qualified to teach all the branches to be taught in this school.
At our first visit the school was a little noisy, and we were somewhat anxious about what the discipline would be. At future visits we found the teacher laboring faithfully to keep her pupils interested and busy, and that the reins of government were being drawn more closely.
The several classes made fair progress, some receiving good oral instruction which is much needed in all our schools. The pupils generally made good progress in penmanship. On the whole we think the school for the year has been a success, and we predict for Miss Robinson a successful future as a teacher, providing she pays a little more attention to the discipline of her pupils. This was her first attempt at
teaching a town school, and was rather a hard position for an inexperienced teacher. She was found to possess many good ideas in regard to the theory of teaching.

South Intermediate School.

Miss Clara E. Suckling, teacher.

**Spring Term.** Whole number of pupils, 50; Average, 44. Term 12 weeks.

**Fall Term.** Whole number of pupils, 53; Average, 41. Term 12 weeks.

**Winter Term.** Is in progress.

Miss Suckling is another well-known teacher in town, but this was her first attempt in this school.

At the first visit we found her working quietly, but steadily to get the school up to her ideas of order.

She is one of our best teachers, one who can teach and at the same time govern, having the faculty of making her pupils think they are governing themselves.

At subsequent visits the school was found to be orderly and studious.

We feel sure that under the management of Miss Suckling, the school will rank second to none of its class.

**Spring Term.** Miss Gertrude Dinsmore, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 40; Average, 34. Term, 12 weeks.

**Fall Term.** Whole number of pupils, 46; Average, 38. Term, 12 weeks.

**Winter Term.** Miss Etta S. Jack, Richmond, Me., teacher.

Miss Dinsmore's experience in this school gave her perfect control of the work. At each visit the pupils appeared orderly, quiet and interested.

The reading classes received good instruction, being taught correct pronunciation by the sounds of the letters. Through the influence of the teacher, the agent procured for the school a set of Monroe's Primary School Charts, which is a great help in teaching this class of pupils. The advancement of the different classes was good.

Miss Dinsmore not being able to teach the winter term on account of ill health, resigned, and the agent was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Jack for the term.

Miss Jack is a graduate of the Eastern State Normal School and
well qualified for this position, having taught the same before attending
the Normal school.

**Second Primary School.**

Miss Mattie A. Provis of Richmond, Me., teacher.

**Spring Term.** Whole number of pupils, 84; Average, 67.
Term, 12 weeks.

**Fall Term.** Whole number of pupils, 72; Average 56. Term, 12 weeks.

Winter Term. Is in progress.

Miss Provis is fully at home in her school, and considering the
large number of pupils whose ages range from 4 to 10 years, and the
very inconvenient school room, (the Town Hall,) her school is a suc­
cess. She has a love for her work, and the peculiar faculty of winning
the love of her pupils. The winter term has been somewhat broken up;
that is, has not averaged so many pupils on account of sickness among
the little ones and it is a great wonder that many more are not sick.
During the very cold weather it is altogether impossible to keep the
room comfortable with one stove and not extra good wood. And then
the little ones sitting upon those settees, with their feet daugling in the
air is simply outrageous in a community like this.

**District No. 2. George J. Baker, Agent.**

**Spring Term.** Miss Hattie A. Knights, Bowdoinham, Me.,
teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; Average, 5. Term, 12 weeks.
Wages, $1.25 per week excluding board.

This was Miss Knights' first school and she worked zealously with
the few pupils. The closing examination showed that good work had
been done. One boy was noticed as having made marked progress in
the small geography.

The order was good, and we think with more energy exhibited on
the part of the teacher, she would be successful in a larger school.

**Fall Term.** Mr. D. Gustin Webber, Richmond Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 9; Average, 7. Term, 5 weeks. Wages,
$30 per month excluding board.

This was Mr. Webber's first term, and he too, worked earnestly
with a determination to succeed. We think the school did well under
his instruction, but a more thorough knowledge on the part of the
teacher would be demanded in a larger school. The deportment was
good.

Pupils not absent one half day, were Miss Fannie L. Lancaster
and Master Hewey Getchell.

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**District No. 3. W. H. Smith, Agent.**

**Spring Term.** Miss Costilla E. Rogers, Litchfield Plains, Me.,
teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; Average, 6. Term, 8 weeks.
Wages $2.75 per week, excluding board.

Miss Rogers is another of our young teachers, this being her first
term. Although the school was small she seemed to awaken a lively
interest and all appeared to work hard in the schoolroom. As a teach­
er she was exacting and the different classes exhibited a thorough drill.
Analysis of Arithmetic was good; a class in Algebra did very good
work; a class in Geography was noticed particularly. They took up
map drawing, (considerably against their will,) at the beginning of the
term, and at the close expressed great pleasure in drawing the maps,
placing some upon the boards in a fine manner. A class of small boys
was noticed as having made good progress in reading and spelling, also
some general exercises. The order was good.

We would cheerfully recommend Miss Rogers to future agents.

**Winter Term.** Mr. W E. Tarr, Bowdoin, Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 17; Average, 13. Term, 10 weeks.
Wages, $21.90 per month, excluding board.

This term was very ably taught by Mr. Tarr, and was a success.
He is a good disciplinarian and a thorough scholar in the branches
taught. As in the Spring term, the analysis of arithmetic was fine,
the pupils seeming to understand what they were talking about, thus show­
ing that it was not all form.

From the teacher, we learned that a class in Physiology had been
very much interested, but all were absent when the closing examination
was made.

Pupils not absent one half day were, James L. Ross and Robert
L. Foster.

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**District No. 4. M. W. Toothaker, Agent.**

**Spring Term.** Miss Achsa H. Williams, Litchfield Plains, Me.,
teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; Average, 13. Term, 8 weeks. Wages, $3.50 per week excluding board.

Having been acquainted with Miss Williams as a thorough and studious scholar, we felt confident that her school would be a success and were not disappointed. Her classes did well, especially the reading classes, which received a good drill in the principles, sounds of letters, etc. In geography the pupils were taught to draw the maps with good results. The smaller pupils received valuable oral instruction. The copy books were special examples of neatness.

The order at each visit appeared all that could be wished for.

We hope to see more of Miss Williams in our schools. Pupils not absent one half day are; Ellie Allard, Ernest Ridley, Gussie Cutts and Percy Clarke.

Winter Term. Mr. A. C. True, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; Average, 13. Term, 7 1-11 weeks. Wages $30 per month excluding board.

This was Mr. True's third term here and he is too well known to need commendation from us. The school was well governed and the pupils received much valuable instruction outside the text books. But two visits were made. The term closed suddenly on account of sickness in the district, therefore there was no closing examination. In his report to us he says: "The classes all did well both in labor and improvement, and never can a teacher be better sustained in sympathy, order etc., than I was throughout the term."

Pupils not absent one-half day were, George W Cutts, and Augustus H. Cutts.

District No. 5. John L. Beadle, Agent.

Spring Term. Miss Annie B. Crowell, Waterville, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 11; Average, 9. Term, 8 weeks. Wages, $2.50 per week, excluding board.

At the first visit, the school appeared as well classified as possible with the mixture of text-books. The teacher appeared to be diligent and working in a manner which dispelled all anxiety in regard to a successful term's work.

We were very sorry that no closing examination was made, which was owing to our having made an error in noting the agent's notice of the length of the term. We learned that both teacher and pupils had
labored faithfully throughout the term, with the view of having a critical examination at the close, and were "very much disappointed in not having the chance to show the supervisor what they had accomplished."

From the teacher's report we learn that, Misses Alice Blair and Margeret Trott, aged respectively 6 and 8 years, did not miss one word in spelling for the term, and that a class in United States History did extra work, and that other classes made satisfactory improvement.

From all reports we are justified in saying that the school was very profitable.

Pupils not absent one-half day were, Willis S. Blair and Margeret Trott.

Winter Term. Mr. Daniel Brown, Richmond Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils 16; Average, 14 1-4. Term, 8 weeks. Wages not reported.

This was Mr. Brown's third term in the district. Teacher and pupils were well acquainted and therefore able to set immediately to work. This term, also, received but one visit and that the first week. The last week of the term it was almost impossible to get there on account of the drifting storms. Good reports were heard from the school and we trust Mr. Brown sustained his former reputation.

From his report we quote as follows: "The Reading classes made marked progress; the Grammar classes did very well; owing to the extra work my first class in Arithmetic did not go the whole term, but the second class began on the Greatest Common Divisor and took up in a very thorough manner as far as Proportion; a class in Mental Arithmetic completed the Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication tables, learning them so they could repeat them forward or backward readily, one in the class being only seven years old.

A Geography class did good work, and I had a class in Book-keeping and one in History. The scholars manifested an interest to the close of the term."

Pupils neither absent one-half day, nor tardy, Susie N. Beadle, Margaret N. Trott, Alice Blair, Rufus W. Trott, Frank O. Getchell, Willis L. Blair and Gilmore Trott.

District No. 6. S. B. Hathorn, Agent.

Spring Term. Miss Nellie Spear,———, teacher. Whole number
of pupils, 26; Average, 24. Term 10 weeks. Wages $4.50 per week, excluding board.

Miss Spear is an experienced and thorough teacher. At our first visit the school was orderly and all seemed to be working harmoniously. The closing examination proved that diligent work had been done, in the proper direction, in the various branches taught. Spelling had received particular attention; one class attempted to learn to spell 1000 words correctly in the 10 weeks, writing 20 words each day; at the close of the term it was found that several had accomplished the task. The following are names of the successful ones; Misses Lelia A. Coleman, Lizzie E. Reed, Annie Blanchard and Mary Beedle. Miss Abbie Blanchard missed only 2 words and Miss Minnie Farnsworth only 10 of the number. The government of the school was good.

Pupils not absent one-half day were: Lelia A. Coleman, Annie Estes, Annie Marson, Maude Marson, Lena Pattie, Carrie Lancaster and Author Estes.

Amie Estes, a little Miss of 10 years has attended school 12 terms and has not been absent one hour.

Winter Term. Miss Annie S. Clifford, North Edgecomb, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 28; Average, 22. Term 12 weeks. Wages, $5.50 per week, excluding board.

Miss Clifford, is another experienced teacher, having taught 23 terms before this and has lately attended the State Normal School at Farmington, thus "keeping up with the times" and qualifying herself for a successful teacher. At each visit the school appeared well, being quiet, orderly and studious. Not only was she particular in instructing the larger pupils but the smaller ones received a good share of attention and oral instruction.

The teacher was not wholly confined to the text-books, but strove to make them her servants, therefore the pupils were taught to depend upon themselves, rather than their books.

The term closed with an exhibition, and all acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner.

The discipline of the school was excellent. If District Agents would procure more such teachers as Misses Spear and Clifford our schools would soon rank higher than they do at present.

Pupils not absent one-half day were: Lelia A. Coleman, Lizzie E. Reed, Abbie Blanchard, George Hawkes and George Biker.
District No. 7. H. E. Merriman, Agent.

Spring Term. Miss Lillie A. Allard, Richmond, Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 14; Average, 13. Term, 8 weeks. Wages $3.00 per week, excluding board.

Miss Allard came to this school well qualified for her work, for one no older than she. Instead of being a servant of the text books she made them her servants, and being qualified and capable of teaching orally, did good work. Several of the classes, at the closing examination gave evidence of close application to study.

The following is a portion of Miss Allard's report: "I consider the advancement made in Reading was good; the five classes read four times each day. The improvement of the scholars in the first, second and fifth classes in Arithmetic was highly creditable to themselves and gratifying to the teacher; a part of the third and fourth classes studied hard and did well. The improvement in Grammar was good, great interest being shown in analyzing, and the classes in Geography did all that could be expected, drawing some of the maps quite readily. Each scholar wrote and all seemed interested in this branch. The department of the school, with a very few exceptions, was such as deserves my highest esteem and warmest thanks."

Pupils not absent one-half day were: Emma D. Shepard, Ida M. Reed, George Bates, Lester Shepard, George Reed and Harry C. Merriman.

Fall Term. Mr. Emery E. Purington, Bowdoin, Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 19; Average, 16. Term, 9 weeks. Wages $28 per month excluding board.

Mr. Purington is a teacher of some experience and at the first visit we were satisfied he would have a good school. He was teaching understandingly, being ever ready to explain, and not being bound to the text-book gave profitable oral instruction.

When the closing visit was made, we were pleased to meet some of the older inhabitants of the district with the pupils. The several classes appeared well. The second and third classes in Geography and a class in Grammar were deserving of special mention.

Some of the copy books shown were very neatly kept and carefully written.

Had the teacher been more severe in government we think it would have been for the interest of the school.
Pupils not absent one-half day were: Georgie Reed, Ida M. Reed and Flora B. McFarland.

**District No. 8. G. B. Umbenhind, Agent.**

**Spring Term.** Miss Josie H. Verney, Litchfield Cor. Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 16; Average, 12. Term, 8 weeks. Wages, $3 per week, excluding board.

Miss Verney came well recommended and although a good scholar in the branches taught, her pupils seemed to lack that thoroughness so much required, especially in mathematics. The reading classes did quite well, the first class reading in concert was noticed particularly.

At the closing visit, we found the school room very tastefully decorated. At each visit the school was very quiet and studious, and the order good.

**Fall Term.** Mr. C. E. Lancaster Richmond, Me., teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 36; Average, 31. Term, 9 weeks. Wages, $30 per mouth, excluding board.

Mr. Lancaster is faithful and seemed to have the entire sympathy of his pupils. All seemed harmonious in the school room, all parties apparently bending every energy to the work, yet there was the same lack of thoroughness noticed in the summer term. Mr. Lancaster governs with a firm, yet not arbitrary manner. On the whole, we think both terms quite successful.

**District No. 9. J Watson Libby, Agent.**

**Spring Term.** Miss Loretta Parks, Richmond, Me, teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 14; Average, 12. Term, 7 weeks. Wages, $3 per week excluding board.

This was Miss Parks' second school and she seemed determined to succeed if possible, being very zealous and conscientious. Although a fine scholar, she labors under a disadvantage somewhat, in not being able to tell readily all she knows of a subject. The different classes appeared quite well at the closing examination. The copy books were very neatly kept. We have a very fine report from Miss Parks of the progress of the different classes and the amount of the term's work, which we would be glad to publish, but it is rather long. In it she says: "A prize was given to Florence A. Harlow for standing at the
head of her class. The excellent deportment of Nellie L. Harlow is also worthy of praise."

Pupils not absent one half day, were Perlie Merserve, Freddy Merserve, Sidney Meserve, Hattie M. Meserve and Mattie A. Morse. The first three were neither tardy nor dismissed.

Winter Term. Mr. C. E. Lancaster, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; Average, 19. Term, 8 weeks. Wages, $27.50 excluding board.

Here we find Mr. Lancaster again hard at work. Not only does he work, but his pupils, catching the same spirit, work too. We find also a quiet, well disciplined school, and a profitable one. Although having twenty-eight daily recitations, the different classes did fair work. Fifteen pupils were not absent one-half day. The following is a list of their names:

Mattie P. Reynolds, Clara M. Shepard, Mary P. Lancaster, Lucy E. Meserve, Albert Meserve, Sidney Meserve, Kate Harlow, Robert Harlow, Frankie Reynolds, Joseph C. Shepard, Bertie Morse, Hattie Meserve, Fred Meserve, Perlie Meserve, Nellie Harlow.

District No. 10. J. H. Smith, Agent.

Spring Term. Miss Nellie E. Webber, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; Average, 12. Term, 8 weeks. Wages, $3.25 per week, excluding board.

Miss Webber entered this school with a determination to do good work, and seemed much interested. Some of her pupils seemed to cooperate with her, and had she received more sympathy from some of her pupils the school would have ranked higher; as it was, the smaller pupils and a majority of the larger ones did quite well. At each visit the school was very quiet and orderly.

Six pupils not absent one-half day. Their names not reported.

Winter Term. Mr. C. D. Newell, Litchfield Cor., Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; Average, 15. Term, 7 weeks. Wages, $40 per month excluding board.

Mr. Newell is well qualified for this position, being firm in discipline and having that thorough knowledge of the branches taught, which qualifies him to conduct the recitations without being confined strictly to the book.

At the closing examination the pupils seemed to have a good
thorough knowledge of what they had been over. One class in Algebra analyzed very minutely each principle taken up. The Arithmetic classes showed that they had received critical instruction, being able to analyze readily.

A class in Grammar, which had been instructed orally, should not be passed without notice, and much interest was manifested in spelling. Miss Alecia Shepard was neither absent or tardy for the term.

District No. 11. G. E. Peacock, Agent.

Spring Term. Miss Lottie W. Curtis Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; Average 4. Term 7 1-5 weeks. Wages, 4.25 per week, excluding board.

This was Miss Curtis’ second school, and although averaging but 4 pupils, she labored hard to create and maintain an interest. At each visit the interest was better than could have been expected where there were so few pupils. The order was good. Below is a portion of the teacher’s report. “One class completed the Practical Arithmetic as far as the 303rd page; the first class in Geography did very well, drawing the maps quite readily; very little interest was manifested in penmanship on account of not being furnished with writing materials. All seemed to take considerable interest in spelling, one writing 1030 words of four syllables, and spelled them correctly except three.

Winter Term. Mr. Fred E. Foss, Lewiston Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 11; Average 8.28. Term 8 weeks. Wages $24. per month excluding board.

This term we find a few more pupils in attendance, yet not enough to make an interesting school.

Mr. Foss is a fine scholar, with very pleasant, easy manners in the school room, and holding the reins of government with a firm hand. We think with a little more energy he would rank among our best teachers.

The classes in Mathematics did very well, one class in the Practical, completing the book in quite a thorough manner. A class in Algebra also did well. Both teachers and pupils seemed much pleased with the progress made in book-keeping, there being two classes.

Sidney Peacock was not absent one half day, and Miss Marcia Peacock who lived two miles from the school house was absent only two days.
In conclusion I would say, that I think the schools in general, throughout the town have enjoyed a year of prosperity, there has been no failure, although not every one has enjoyed so great a degree of prosperity as all might wish.

Some of the schools in District No. 1 are in a deplorable condition. The attention of the district has been repeatedly called to this want of more school room, and it seems as though the time has come when something must be done to give these pupils more and better school room, which means more and better instruction also.

Many of our rural schools are very small, and we all well know that with a few pupils, our schools are not as interesting; and where there is a lack of interest there is, likewise, a lack of profit. With but few pupils in a district we do not draw so much money, therefore the school must necessarily be shorter; then again, when we have few pupils and little money there is a tendency sometimes to hire a teacher not fully qualified, because we can hire cheap, and we find to our sorrow, that he is cheap, and we have a cheap school. Of course this should not be, we need as good, (or a better) teacher in the small school than in the larger one.

Now shall we let our rural schools rundown as the number of pupils in each district decreases, and have five or seven weeks school, when we should have twelve? Let us bestir ourselves. Some towns around us have taken advantage of the "town system" and have placed their schools far above ours. Let us try and "get up out of these old ruts" and improve the condition of our schools.

The attention of the town has has been repeatedly called to the matter of the town furnishing the text-books to its pupils. One city of our State furnished its pupils, (about 1500 in number) with text-books at a cost of less than 7.5 cents per scholar, for the year 1880.

Our text-books are sadly mixed. by adopting this method we can have a uniformity, thereby gaining considerable in bettering the condition of our schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. E. DINSLOW, SUPERVISOR.
NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they employ to teach, that the Committee or Supervisor 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.: or 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 certificate on the days above mentioned.