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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**Town of Richmond,**

FOR THE

*Municipal Year Ending February 20, 1883.*

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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, 1883.

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1883.



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

## OF THE

# TOWN OF RICHMOND

FOR THE

*Municipal Year Ending Feb. 20, 1883.*

### LIABILITIES OF TOWN,

FEBRUARY 20, 1882.

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	
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		\$36,300 00
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	
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		\$750 24
Due Tempest Engine Co. Balance of 1881 Ap- propriation.....	\$266 50	
J. M. Allen from Webster Payment.....	6 00	
Estimated due on Snow Bill.....	500 00	
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		\$772 50
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		\$37,822 74

## RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1882.....	\$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.....	1 19
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1882....	29,977 06
	<hr/> \$37,822 74

## RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

For Resources, Feb. 20, 1882.....	\$7,845 68
Interest on Taxes of 1880 and 1881.....	147 43
State Tax.....	\$5,502 48
County Tax.....	1,786 01
Repairs Roads, Bridges and New Streets	4,500 00
Support of Schools.....	2,500 00
“ Free High School.....	500 00
“ of Poor.....	800 00
Interest and Discount.....	1,700 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00
Services Tempest Engine Co.....	300 00
“ Citizen “.....	150 00
Care and repair Town Clock.....	25 00
Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00
Reservoir.....	150 00
Night Watch.....	600 00
Lighting Streets.....	200 00
Purchase of Safe.....	200 00
Overlays.....	699 72
Supplemental Tax.....	1,526 45
	<hr/> \$24,139 66
Borrowed on Town Orders Nos. 40 and 85, (temporary loan).	1,500 00
Collections as per Treasurer's Report,	2,742 22
	<hr/> \$36,374 99

## EXPENDITURES FOR 1882.

Paid State Tax.....	\$5,502 48
County Tax.....	1,786 01
	<hr/> \$7,288 49

## REPAIRS ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND NEW STREETS.

Paid C. B. Foster & Son for lumber.....	\$946 05
S. Bates, culvert, Kimball Street.....	383 00
Green, Johnson and others, gravel.....	465 85

Paid Labor Bills, Dis.	1. O. A. Parks, Surveyor,	\$26 75
"	2. H. Randall, "	35 62
"	3. W. H. Smith, "	36 50
"	3. B. V. Stinson, "	58 00
"	4. H. Ring, "	64 58
"	5. J. W. Woodward, "	41 00
"	5. Walter Beedle, "	77 65
"	6. D. G. C. T. White, "	40 25
"	6. S. F. Blanchard, "	61 25
"	7. Orrin Shephard, "	60 80
"	8. Edwin Totman, "	53 73
"	8. C. H. Reed, "	49 02
"	8. M. A. Brown, "	31 75
"	9. C. B. Harlow, "	31 67
"	9. H. N. Skelton, "	12 83
"	10. J. Galusha, "	33 72
"	11. J. R. Patterson, "	57 80
"	11. B. Peacock, "	36 00
"	1. Village, "	1,522 22
Other bills all over the town, .....		225 24
		<hr/> \$4,351 28

## ROAD BILLS AND BREAKINGS.—1881-2.

District No.	1. O. A. Parks, surveyor.....	\$ 65 92
"	2. F. B. Randall, " .....	64 31
"	3. B. Harlow, " .....	88 21
"	3. B. V. Stinson, " .....	92 92
"	4. M. W. Toothaker, surveyor.....	100 69
"	5. J. W. Woodward, " ....	28 62
"	5. Wm. M. Loud, " ....	64 86
"	6. F. M. Yeaton, " ....	46 44
"	6. S. F. Blanchard, " ....	15 75
"	7. A. R. Merriman, " ....	106 47
"	8. J. H. Smith, " ....	52 76
"	8. H. W. Cunningham, " ....	41 85
"	8. M. A. Brown, " ....	49 56
"	9. F. J. Libby, " ....	79 00
"	10. J. Galusha, " ....	46 15
"	11. O. B. Edgecomb, " ....	66 68
"	11. B. Peacock, " ....	46 00
Village, .....		208 98
		<hr/> \$1,265 17

## NIGHT WATCH.

Paid C. F. Reed watching nights.....	\$515 50
John Morang watching Sundays.....	56 00
E. H. Starbird watching Saturdays & nights,	54 00
W. H. Hinkley, watching nights.....	3 00
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\$628 50	



## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Tempest Engine Co. bal. '81 appropriation,	\$266 50	
N. Anderson, care engine.....	5 00	
S. W. Russell, care engine.....	10 00	
Tempest Engine Co. acct. '82 appropriation,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$311 50

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid I. L. Lake, street lamp corner White and Front .....	6 00	
H. C. Reed and others, oil and fixings,....	35 35	
C. F. Reed, lighting lamps.....	85 50	
	<hr/>	\$126 85

## POOR ON FARM.

Paid W. Galusha for oxen.....	\$140 00	
F. Bates for cow.....	40 00	
Etna Ins. Co. insurance on buildings.....	18 00	
J. L. Fogg and wife, services to March 28, 1883.....	275 00	
J. P. Sturtevant and others, haying.....	68 50	
Harlow & Walker, coal.....	19 64	
S. E. Skillings and others, supplies, cash..	213 59	
S. E. Skillings and others, supplies in pro- duce, etc. from the farm.....	228 33	
	<hr/>	\$1,003 06

## POOR OFF FARM.

Paid City of Portland, burial Mrs. N. Moore...	\$28 00	
Parks & Rogers for (A. S.).....	10 00	
Levi Small, care Robert Brown.....	46 34	
Acct. sickness and burial Mrs. D.....	10 00	
J. T. Furber to settle A. Townsend matter	34 93	
W. H. Whitney, mattresses, etc, lockup...	7 50	
H. C. Reed, provisions for poor.....	6 37	
S. Cunningham, travel and expense pauper cases.....	9 00	
Insane Hospital, A. Webber.....	106 22	
" " T. Patten.....	104 67	
" " F. Kerrins.....	117 88	
" " J. Edgecomb, (reimbursed)	52 34	
	<hr/>	\$533 25

## POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid expense, C. Pushard, (reimbursed).....	5 74	
" L. D. Johnson and family, sick- ness, (reimbursed).....	64 00	

Paid expense Michael Crowley, (insane) (reim-		
bursed.....	71 16	
“ Woodman Crooker, (sickness)		
(reimbursed).....	95 09	
“ Tramps.....	26 84	
“ William Johnson (sick) of Bow-		
doinham.....	2 00	
“ W. S. Manley (sick) of Auburn	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$268 33

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

#### DISTRICT No. 1. WM. S. HAGAR, AGENT.

Paid A. M. Thomas, teaching.....	\$135 00	
Carrie M. Odiorne, teaching.....	90 00	
Emily M. Clarke, teaching.....	267 50	
Caro J. Call, teaching.....	274 00	
F. M. Robinson, teaching.....	245 00	
Clara E. Suckling, teaching.....	280 00	
Mattie A. Provins, teaching.....	238 00	
Etta S. Jack teaching.....	245 00	
For wood.....	285 70	
Supplies and care.....	116 56	
Rent, academy.....	150 00	
W. S. Hagar, agent, two years' services...	40 00	
E. E. Lewis, plans for school house.....	85 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,452 26

#### DISTRICT No. 2. O. L. CURTIS, AGENT.

Paid Lucy E. Meserve, teaching.....	30 00	
Lottie W. Curtis, teaching .....	50 00	
Care, repairs and insurance.....	15 30	
	<hr/>	\$95 30

#### DISTRICT No. 3. D. WEBBER, JR., AGENT.

Paid Nellie E. Webber, teaching.....	\$26 00	
L. B. Varney, teaching.....	62 50	
For wood and supplies.....	6 90	
	<hr/>	\$95 40

#### DISTRICT No. 4. B. R. FLANDERS, AGENT.

Paid A. C. True, teaching.....	\$58 50	
Lizzie Booker, teaching.....	22 00	
B. R. Flanders, board.....	20 00	
Wood and Supplies.....	35 08	
	<hr/>	\$135 58

## DISTRICT No. 5. H. S. YEATON, AGENT.

Paid Inez E. Hill, teaching.....	\$22 00	
J. B. Trott, boarding teacher.....	10 88	
Chas. E. Lancaster, teaching.....	49 00	
Leander Blair, board.....	16 80	
For wood and supplies.....	11 05	
	<hr/>	\$109 73

## DISTRICT No. 6. S. F. BLANCHARD, AGENT.

Paid Emma E. Cotton, teaching.....	179 00	
For wood and supplies.....	19 10	
	<hr/>	\$198 10

## DISTRICT No. 7. ORRIN SHEPHERD, AGENT.

Paid Loretta E. Parks, teaching.....	\$35 00	
Charles E. Lancaster, teaching.....	77 00	
For wood and supplies.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$120 00

## DISTRICT No. 8. GEO. D. CLARKE, AGENT.

Paid Helen F. Marr, teaching.....	\$26 00	
Geo. D. Clarke, board, teacher.....	10 80	
Geo. B. Ueberhird, board, teacher.....	12 49	
Wood and supplies.....	13 55	
	<hr/>	\$62 84

## DISTRICT No. 9. CORRIN B. HARLOW, AGENT.

Paid over draft of 1881.....	1 19	
Lottie W. Curtis, teaching.....	31 50	
	<hr/>	\$31 50

## DISTRICT No. 10. GEO. M. CURTIS, AGENT.

Paid Abbie Weymouth, teaching.....	\$5 50	
Bates Curtis' board.....	3 00	
W. S. True, teaching.....	68 00	
	<hr/>	\$76 50

## DISTRICT No. 11. SAMUEL LEAVITT, AGENT.

Paid Lillie A. Allord, teaching.....	34 00	
Charles W. Tibbitts, teaching.....	66 00	
Wood and repairs.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 00

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid A. M. Thomas, teaching.....	\$431 75	
Carrie A. Odiorne, teaching.....	184 00	
	<hr/>	\$615 75
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		\$4,098 96

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Paid George C. Lovell, stone post.....	\$ 1 25
John Smith, services.....	4 00
Stamps for selectmen, 1881.....	3 00
J. L. Robinson, team.....	1 25
J. F. and D. C. Ames, iron work.....	1 00
L. K. Purington, pound rent, 1881.....	4 00
Blen, Walker & Co., printing the '81 reports,	40 00
O. L. Curtis, wood.....	3 50
F. Smith, cleaning hall.....	25
Gravel for factory crossings.....	12 00
G. M. Perkins, services.....	1 00
Walker & Thompson, printing notices....	2 00
Squires & Pratt for two safes, freight and trucking.....	200 00
Wm. Palmer, valuation books.....	2 25
Job Mausir, keys, engine house.....	2 40
H. W. French, road machine.....	150 00
Clara E. Wyman for alleged damages.....	200 00
J. D. Knight's acct., repairs engine house,	5 00
J. A. Beal for care and repairs town hall stove.....	1 30
J.K. & A. Hathorn year's rent engine house lot.....	5 00
G. W. Sturtevant, wood.....	7 00
Star of the East, freight on road machine..	12 05
Lock, express, justice fees, wood, check list, etc.....	18 65
R. R. freight on scraper.....	25
R. R. Ticket, John Mayers, sick soldier....	3 50
G. R. Ridley, damage to wagon.....	2 00
D. Leavitt, rebate on tax of 1881.....	75
S. Toothaker for nails.....	4 50
Lawrence Bros., lumber.....	10 50
James A. Brown, abatement.....	1 75
John Jackson, abatement.....	5 00
W. H. Whitney, ballot box.....	1 50
Kendall & Whitney, iron scraper.....	7 23
J. H. Booker, for poles.....	3 00
G. W. Merrill, labor.....	1 60
Wm. T. Goodwin, labor.....	75
Walker & Thompson, printing state war- rant, etc.....	6 50
Sagadahoc Ice Co., discount on hay.....	6 50
J. C. Curtis, watering trough.....	3 00
C. B. Foster & Son, lumber.....	42 82

Paid James Haynes & Son, pump, hardware, etc.,	\$26 54
C. B. Foster & Son, lumber.....	43 87
C. H. Robinson, sawing lumber.....	4 00
L. Jenkins, labor.....	50 00
J. Smith, services.....	10 50
E. Totman, abatement 1882 taxes.....	94 51
E. D. Lamson; alcohol for engines.....	5 00
H. Smith, wood for lockup.....	3 75
W. A. Bibber & Co., oil and alcohol, engines,	12 70
H. Springer, care Hodges' horse, hurt, put-	
ting up warrants.....	9 75
E. G. Pert, blacksmith bill.....	6 20
D. Randall, plow beam.....	3 00
W. H. Allord, labor.....	3 00
Town treasurer for G. W. Brown, farm sold	
taxes.....	25 47
Wm. Randlette & Co. clothing poor people,	14 50
H. Smith, wood for engine house.....	1 63
R. R. Bates, heater for District No. 2....	8 00
J. Watson Libby, scraper.....	4 50
For stone, spade, fixing engine, and work,	9 25
W. H. Winslow, nails, etc.....	16 05
Job Mansir, fixing lockup door.....	1 00
James Thomas, care town clock. 1882....	25 00
James Thomas, abatement, 1882.....	1 70
L. K. Purington, pound rent of 1872....	4 00
J. Cunningham, work.....	12 75
C. H. Hodges, services.....	7 24
Town treasurer for Huntington farm sold	
taxes.....	22 74
Town treasurer, big pasture sold for taxes..	41 99
F. J. Libby, commissions, collecting 1880	
taxes.....	15 43
F. J. Libby, commissions, collecting 1881	
taxes.....	50 35
A. Small, watering trough.....	3 00
F. J. Southard, flagging stone.....	31 30
J. G. C. Farnham, nails, etc.....	20 40
H. Smith, wood for lockup.....	1 75
C. Houdlette, rent.....	20 00
E. Totman, abatement order, 1882 taxes..	34 87
E. Totman, commissions, collecting 1882	
taxes.....	190 00
Isaac L. Lake, nails, etc.....	13 33
F. J. Libby, release order on taxes of 1880	57 08

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 \$1,724 20

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. T. Hall, Assessor, Selectman, Overseer and Agent.....	\$300 00	
S. Cunningham, Assessor, Selectman, and Overseer.....	60 00	
S. Odiorne, Assessor, Selectman and Overseer.....	50 00	
J. M. Odiorne, Treasurer.....	50 00	
W. H. Sturtevant, Clerk.....	15 00	
C. H. T. J. Southard, Auditor.....	20 00	
D. S. Richards, Supervisor of Schools,....	120 00	
C. H. Hodges, Constable.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$635 00

## TOWN DEBT.

Paid on orders, see Treasurer's acct.....	\$2,500 00	
on bonds, see Treasurer's acct.....	3,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,700 00

## INTEREST ON DEBT.

Paid on Orders.....	\$248 50	
on Coupons.....	1,452 37	
	<hr/>	\$1,700 87

## STATE PENSION.

Paid, see Treasurer's acct.....	\$156 00	
	<hr/>	\$156 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Appropriation and Receipts.....	\$36,374 99
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## EXPENDITURES.

State Tax.....	\$5,502 48
County Tax.....	1,786 01
Road Bills and New Streets .....	4,351 28
Road Bills and Breaking, 1881-2.....	1,265 17
Night Watch.....	628 50
Fire Department.....	311 50
Lighting Streets.....	126 85
Poor on Farm.....	1,003 06
Poor off Farm.....	533 25
Poor of other Towns.....	268 33
Schools.....	4,098 96
General Account.....	1,724 20
Town Officers.....	635 00
Town Debt.....	5,700 00
Interest.....	1,700 87
State Pensions.....	156 00
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	\$29,791 46

Brought over .....	\$29,781 46
Due from Topsham .....	\$ 21 95
Due from Collector, 1880 .....	429 03
Due from Collector, 1881 .....	855 05
Due from Collector, 1882 .....	5,108 05
Due from Sug. Ice Co. A. P. Jewett, Collected,	96 50
Due from School Dis. 9, Collected .....	1 19
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1883, .....	71 76
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	\$6,583 53
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	\$36,374 99

## LIABILITIES.

New 4½ per cent. Bonds outstanding .....	\$29,000 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
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	\$32,100 00
Due School Dis. No. 1 .....	\$660 72
"        2 .....	3 31
"        3 .....	52 03
"        4 .....	100 85
"        5 .....	25 06
"        6 .....	13 52
"        7 .....	17 47
"        8 .....	82 32
"        9 .....	90 31
"        10 .....	64 19
"        11 .....	9 12
Free High School .....	134 25
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	\$1,253 15
Tempest Engine Co. ....	270 00
J. M. Allen .....	6 00
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	\$276 00
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	\$33,629 15

## RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1883 .....	71 76
Due from Collector, 1880 taxes .....	429 03
"        "        1881 taxes .....	855 05
"        "        1882 taxes .....	5,103 05
"        Topsham .....	21 95
"        Bowdoinham .....	2 00
"        Auburn .....	3 50
"        Hay .....	175 00

Due from G. W. Brown farm for taxes.....	25 47
“   Huntington   “   “   .....	22 74
“   Big Pasture.   “   “   .....	41 99
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1883....	26,872 61
	<hr/> \$33,629 15

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. T. HALL,        }  
S. CUNNINGHAM,    }  
SAM'L ODIORNE,    } Selectmen  
                                  of  
                                  Richmond.

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1883.

#### MEMORANDA OF TOWN PROPERTY, FEB. 20, 1883.

Town Farm and Buildings, Estimated value,..	\$2,500 00
Stock on Farm.....	226 50
Hay Grain and Provisions.....	367 25
Farming Tools.....	270 00
Furniture.....	200 00
Wood Lumber and Shingles.....	88 00
Two Fire Engines.....	1,000 00
Three Safes.....	300 00
Hearse.....	100 00
Two Engine Houses.....	500 00
Interest in Town House.....	800 00
Road Machine, new.....	150 00
Scrapers and Road Tools,new .....	100 00
	<hr/> 6,601 75

#### ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1883.

Repairs of Highways, Bridges, and gravel...	\$4,000 00
Support of Poor.....	800 00
Schools.....	2,500 00
Interest and Discount.....	1,700 00
Centingent Fund.....	1,000 00
Tempest Engine Company.....	300 00
Town Clock.....	25 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00
For Land Damages on Southard Street and Extension of Gardiner Street.....	750 00
Night Watch, for consideration .....	
Lighting Streets, for consideration .....	



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## TOWN OF RICHMOND.

In account with J. M. ODIORNE, *Town Treasurer.*

DR.	
To paid Town Bonds.....	\$3,200 00
Coupons .....	1,452 37
State Pensions.....	156 00
Abatement Orders for Highway Taxes worked.....	1,136 84
Release Orders favor E. Totman, Col- lector .....	129 38
Release Order favor F. J. Libby, Col- lector, 1880.....	97 08
Town Order No. 200, series 1880..	1,000 00
Town Orders, series 1882.....	11,331 30
Cash on deposit, First Nat. Bank...	71 76
	\$22,574 73.
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By cash on hand, Feb. 21, 1882.....	\$975 68
Taxes received on account of year 1880	933 88
"          "          "          1881	4,532 40
"          "          "          1882	11,743 12
Interest received on taxes of 1880 & 1881	147 43
	\$18,332 51.
State Treasurer School fund and Mill tax,	\$1,347 06
"          High School fund.....	250 00
"          Railroad and Telegraph tax .....	101 25
State Treasurer Reimbursement for State Pensions.....	156 00
State Treasurer Reimbursement for State Pauper.....	71 16
M. C. Railroad tax, 1881.....	15 50
Produce sold from Town Farm.....	228 33
J. Crowley, Oxen sold.....	180 00
H. C. Hatch, tax 1879.....	1 00
D. G. Reed, tax 1881.....	3 00
G. W. Smith, tax 1881.....	6 25
Thos. Roper, tax for 1880.....	1 50
Town of Bowdoin, poor, reimbursed....	2 00
" Bowdoinham, poor, reimbursed....	64 00
" Boothbay, poor, reimbursed.....	95 09

By Town of Dresden, poor, reimbursed.....	5 74	
W. S. Hagar, Agent, Tuition.....	6 00	
A. P. Witham, Billiard license.....	10 00	
J. G. Lake, " " .....	10 00	
Eugene Searls, " " .....	10 00	
A. P. Witham, use of Hall.....	5 00	
G. Chamberlain, " .....	2 00	
A. B. Haley, Auctioneer.....	2 00	
J. T. Oxnard, " .....	5 00	
New Orleans Minstrels, license.....	2 00	
Boston Comedy Co., license.....	4 00	
Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., license.....	2 00	
H. Smith, reimbursed.....	5 00	
Sagadahoc Ice Co., by A. P. Jewett, hay sold, 1881.....	96 50	
L. B. Dingley.....	2 50	
Harriet Wright, account J. Edgecomb..	15 00	
Mrs. J. Edgecomb, " " ...	15 00	
Martin Edgecomb, " " ...	22 34	
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Borrowed on Town order, No.40.....	500 00	
" " " No.85.....	1,000 00	
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		\$2,742 22
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		\$1,500 00
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		\$22,574 73

J. M. ODIORNE, *Town Treasurer.*

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1883.

#### RANDALL FUND.

In account with J. M. ODIORNE, *Town Treasurer, Trustee.*

By amount invested as per last year's ac- count.....	\$2,788 49	
Income from Town of Richmond bonds..	121 50	
Dividends Richmond Savings Bank.....	8 80	
Amount received from Executor's of will of A. Q. Randall, since last report..	494 43	
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		\$3,413 22
To paid order No. 5, favor J. H. Booker .....	\$15 00	
To paid order No. 6, favor D. Carter.....	8 00	
To paid order No. 7, favor True G. Hatch.....	5 00	
To paid order No. 8, favor Mrs. J. Loud.....	10 00	
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		\$38 00

Brought over.....	\$38 00	
To amount invested in Town of Richmond		
Bonds.....	2,700 00	
To amount deposited, Richmond Savings Bank,	675 22	
	<hr/>	\$3,413 22
To amount received to date to be perpetuated as per terms		
of will.....		\$3,286 22
J. M. ODIORNE, <i>Town Treasurer, Trustee.</i>		

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, 1883, 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.

C. H. T. J. SOUTHARD, *Auditor.*

Richmond, Me. Feb. 20, 1883.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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*Fellow Citizens :*

The annual report of your Supervisor for the school year 1882-3, is hereby respectfully submitted for your consideration :

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DISTRICT No. 1. WM. S. HAGAR, AGENT.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 36 ; average, 34. Term, 10 weeks.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 54 ; average 51. Term, 13 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

The average attendance has been good. The value of the privileges of this school is not easily over-estimated. Realizing this fact, Mr. Thomas has labored with renewed effort to inspire his pupils with a laudable ambition to avail themselves more completely of its educational advantages. By his practical methods and his persistent and unyielding efforts and exactions, he has succeeded in awakening a very general enthusiasm, which has shown itself in highly gratifying results, and has also served to render his exactions a pleasure, rather than a burden. While the discipline of the school has been mild, it has been firm and efficient. That the advanced pupils of the village and town are thus highly privileged with the opportunities of public education, should awaken feelings of universal gratification on the part of the citizens.

In all the work of the school, Mr. Thomas has been ably assisted by Miss Odiorne. Both have been untiring in the discharge of their respective duties, and thereby merit the thanks and confidence of the community.

## FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Emily M. Clarke, teacher.

**SPRING TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 29 ; average, 25. Term 10 weeks.

**FALL TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 35 ; average, 29. Term, 13 weeks.

**WINTER TERM.** Is in progress.

Miss Clarke still remains at the head of this school, which has continued to maintain its merited good reputation. In her school work, Miss Clarke is very methodical and thorough, always requiring good work on the part of her pupils in their several studies. Her school room is a pattern of neatness and order. The discipline is very firm and rational. With scarcely an exception, the pupils are very orderly, intelligent and industrious, and seem to take much pride in the general good appearance of the school, as well as a lively interest in its work. Thus the teacher and pupils are alike actively engaged in the noble work of making this one of the best and most successful of your public schools.

## SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Caro J. Call and Miss Etta Jack, Richmond, Me., teachers.

**SPRING TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 64 ; average, 59. Term, 10 weeks.

**FALL TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 61 ; average, 49. Term, 13 weeks.

**WINTER TERM.** Is in progress.

The Spring and Fall Terms of this school were taught by its former teacher, Miss Call. The Winter Term is being taught by Miss Etta Jack, who resigned her position in the Central Intermediate, formerly known as the First Primary School, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Call. Under their direction the school has continued to advance in a highly creditable manner. At the close of the Spring Term, a class of twenty was found to be qualified to pass to the First Grammar School. Almost without exception, the members of this class answered a large proportion of the requisite test questions correctly. Two did not miss any ; another, only one. We refer to this examination thus somewhat in detail, with much pleasure and gratification, as being an indication of the industry and enthusiasm which its members had maintained in school, as well as of the excellent and

highly successful methods of instruction which had been introduced and followed by the teacher.

In order to be well prepared to enter this school, the pupils of the several intermediates should be conversant with White's Intermediate Arithmetic as far as division of fractions, page 107. They should possess a fair knowledge of Harper's Primary Geography, and should be good readers and spellers. They should also be able to write neatly and quickly, at least, with pencil and chalk, as the pupils of this school are required to write some of their exercises both on the slate and blackboard. The pupil who enters this school without this necessary preparation is at a positive disadvantage, and not only finds it uphill work, but also hard to master the assigned lessons which are comparatively easy to be learned and understood by those who did not enter the school until after they were qualified so to do. In this connection, it may be well to say that in most instances the lack of the required preparatory course is not traceable to a want of natural ability on the part of the pupil, but to irregularity in attendance, followed by its unavoidable evil results. Whether this has been caused by some dire necessity or otherwise, it is none the less a serious evil: but in the former case, no one is to be held responsible, perhaps, for remissness in duty, while in the latter, to put it mildly, it often may become a questionable matter of grave import, as regards the right discharge of the duties of parents and citizens towards those children and pupils intrusted to their care.

Owing to the change made by the sending out of the advanced class, and the reception of a class of new and less advanced pupils, who had, as a matter of course, forgotten more or less of their preparation during the long summer vacation, and thereby making a thorough review of some portions of the preparatory course indispensably necessary, Miss Call found the labor of the Fall Term to be quite a severe tax on her physical strength, to say nothing of patience. But not being discouraged, she worked the harder, and soon her school began to assume its wonted appearance of industry and progress.

At our last visit, made near the close of the term, we found the school, in most respects, in excellent condition, and all the pupils much interested in its work, as evinced by their very regular daily attendance and studious habits.

With the close of this term, Miss Call's long and highly useful connection with the school as its teacher, ceased through her own volun-

tary act. Feeling that a further right and conscientious discharge of the onerous, yet pleasurable duties of her position,—a position which she had honorably and successfully held for some sixteen consecutive years—would be too much for her health and strength, she resigned it, to take charge of a select preparatory school in the village.

#### CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Etta S. Jack and Miss Ada Odiorne, Teachers.

**SPRING TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 44 ; average, 38. Term, 10 weeks.

**FALL TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 57 ; average, 46. Term, 13 weeks.

**WINTER TERM.** In progress.

As the advanced class of this school will be fitted for and passed from this to the Second Grammar School, it seems but just that this school shall now and hereafter be known as the Central Intermediate.

The Spring and Fall Terms were very successfully taught by Miss Jack, who assumed the position at the beginning of the winter term, one year ago. At the close of the fall term, Miss Jack was promoted by being engaged to fill the vacancy in the Second Grammar School, occasioned by the resignation of Miss Call, as has already been said.

At the close of the Spring Term, nearly all the members of the advanced class, having sustained the required examination in a creditable manner, were duly and honorably passed to the Second Grammar School.

The Winter Term is being taught by Miss Ada Odiorne. Miss Odiorne is a fine scholar, having graduated with honor from the Richmond High School at the close of last spring term. This is her first attempt at teaching in the public schools, and possessing skill, tact and patience, we unhesitatingly predict that she will win a good reputation as a teacher.

#### NORTH INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Florence Robinson and Miss Loretta Parks, Richmond, Me., teachers.

**SPRING TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 34 ; average, 25. Term, 13 weeks.

**FALL TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 31 ; average, 27. Term, 10 weeks.

**WINTER TERM.** In progress.

Until the close of the fall term, this school was under the manage-

ment of Miss Robinson. She then resigned the position in order to teach the Primary School. At our several visits, we always found Miss Robinson very diligent, and doing her best to advance her pupils. At the close of the Spring Term, Annie Stinson was passed to the Second Grammar School, after having answered correctly nearly all the selected test questions. The Winter term is being taught by Miss Loretta Parks. Miss Parks is a teacher of some experience. In school she is very faithful and industrious, and by her pleasant manner and kindly acts, she wins the respect, obedience and love of her pupils. We found her school very quiet and orderly, and the pupils manifesting a lively interest in its works.

#### SOUTH INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Clara E. Suckling, Bingham, Me., teacher.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 49; average, 40. Term, 10 weeks.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 45; average, 38. Term, 13 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

Miss Suckling had taught this school one year, before commencing the present year. On making our first visit, we found the school *very* quiet and industrious, and apparently starting for a profitable term. Teacher and pupils seemed to be working together in accord. Still, Miss Suckling found it necessary to be firm and decided in the matter of discipline. While she constantly strove to teach her pupils to acquire habits of respect and obedience, no dictation or unnecessary talk was allowed. This, in our opinion, was very proper. At all our subsequent visits, the same good order prevailed. The right and duty to control the conduct of the pupils, to a reasonable extent, out of the school-house, after they have left home for school, and before returning home again, also belongs, unquestionably, to the teacher. In this matter, in fact, there should be perfect co-operation with teacher on the part of parents. During the fall term, we were gratified to see that a due amount of attention was given to improvement in penmanship. Nineteen wrote twice a week with pen and ink, while most of the others were taught to write on their slates. At the close of the Spring Term, several of the advanced class passed the required examination successfully, and hence were allowed to enter the Second Grammar School.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Mattie A. Provins and Miss Florence Robinson, Richmond, Me., teachers.

**SPRING TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 81 ; average, 65. Term, 9 weeks.

**FALL TERM.** Whole number of pupils, 76 ; average, 47. Term, 13 weeks.

**WINTER TERM.** In progress.

For two terms, this school was taught by its former teacher, Mattie A. Provins, who continued to labor zealously and patiently to interest and instruct the bright young pupils of her school. At the close of the Fall Term, Miss Provins resigned, and the vacancy was filled by Miss F. M. Robinson, former teacher of the North Intermediate.

At the time of the division of the Primary School in the fall of 1877, Miss Provins was employed to teach the less advanced pupils, her school to be known as the Second Primary. From that time until her resignation, she taught it continuously—a period of six and one-third school years.

The school was first taught in the Free Baptist vestry—a very unsuitable place for it, but the best to be had. Four years later we find the school located in the Town Hall, where it has continued to be taught ever since. The lack of adequate and suitable school room has been a great hinderance to the best success of this school. Nor has this want been confined in its damaging effects to the pupils only, while they were in this school. With a lack of the fullest rudimentary preparation, the advanced pupil is deficient still in that very knowledge on which a good education must ever rest.

At the present time, the school is at its best, under the management of Miss Robinson. Her method of drilling her pupils thoroughly in the elementary sounds of the letters, meets our hearty approval. We were pleased also to see how apt and successful Miss Robinson was in the matter of interesting her pupils, and thus securing their attention to the work in hand. Another pleasing feature of the school was its stillness. When the unsuitableness of the room (Town Hall) for school purposes is taken into consideration, what wonder is it that the little children are more restless and uneasy than ordinarily? As was said in the beginning, and has been said every year since, the only way to remove this serious evil, is for the district, or *town*, to

provide adequate and suitable school rooms. Although it may be necessary to build, in order to do this, is it wise to neglect or refuse so to do? It is to be hoped that the movement already inaugurated by the district in this direction, and which at one time seemed almost a success, will not cease to claim the attention of the citizens, not only of District No. 1, but of the town, until the end sought shall have been attained.

#### DISTRICT No. 2. O. F. CURTIS, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lucie E. Meserve, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 8; average, 7. Term, 9 weeks.

FALL TERM. Miss Lottie W. Curtis, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 7. Term, 10 weeks.

This was Miss Meserve's first experience in school teaching, and she did well. At first visit, the school was orderly and industrious, and the teacher gave sure indications of good interest in the new work in which she was engaged. At last visit, was much pleased and gratified to find so much evidence of good, practical work in all the branches. Though the school was small, the number of the classes was not a few. Several pupils from an adjoining district in Bowdoinham, attended this school, bringing in a different set of text books. This necessitated extra classes for pupils of the same grade, and served to illustrate in a very clear and practical manner one of the very desirable advantages to be gained from adopting *state* uniformity of text books. Special attention was given to penmanship, and the writing books shown, presented a very neat appearance, and fair improvement. With experience, we feel assured that Miss Meserve will rank as one of our best teachers.

The work of the Fall Term, which was taught by Miss Curtis, was quite satisfactory. Miss Curtis is a teacher of some experience, having taught three schools before. In addition to the other work of the school, writing was taught daily—all the pupils writing as during the Summer Term.

#### DISTRICT No. 3. D. WEBBER, JR., AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Nellie E. Webber, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 6; average, 5. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Leander B. Varney, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 9½. Term, 10 weeks.

Although the number of pupils in attendance throughout the Summer term was small, yet they were industrious, and made commendable

progress. Several of the boys made fair improvement in writing. Miss Webber, who is a teacher of experience, fully occupied her time in the school room in teaching and advancing her pupils, thus making it certain that the work, even of a very small school, that may and should be accomplished, is both abundant and important. Masters Eugene Harlow, Bertie Page and Freddie Page, were not absent one-half day during the entire term.

Under the direction of Mr. Varney, fair progress was made in all the studies. The closing examination made on the afternoon of the last day, was very interesting, and gave evidence of advance in a very commendable degree. In reading, the classes had been well and carefully drilled. The classes in arithmetic did well. Attention had been given to penmanship, though but one writing book was shown. Bertie O. Page, Freddie S. Page, Genie Harlow, Robert T. Foster and Percy C. Smith, did not miss a half day during this term.

#### DISTRICT No. 4. B. R. FLANDERS, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lizzie L. Booker, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 14; average, 10 2-5; Term 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress. Charles E. Lancaster, teacher.

The work of the Summer Term was very fairly done by Miss Booker—this being her first attempt. On making first visit, found the school well, started. The closing examination was very satisfactory. In arithmetic good work had been done; also in geography. Three writing books were shown, two of which had been neatly kept. Miss Booker gave promise of future success as a teacher.

The Winter Term is in a very prosperous condition, under the skillful management of Mr. C. E. Lancaster, one of our most industrious, successful and justly popular teachers.

#### DISTRICT No. 5. H. L. YEATON, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Incz E. Hill, ——. teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; average, 5. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Charles E. Lancaster, Richmond, Maine, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 16 2-3. Term, 7 weeks.

An interesting Summer Term was taught by Miss Hill. This was her first attempt. The irregular attendance of a few was regretted. A commendable degree of good work was accomplished. Six writing books shown. They had been very neatly kept, and fair improvement was noticeable.

In teaching the Winter Term of this school, Mr. Lancaster met with his usual good success. Although this was his seventh term, and he had always done well, he realized the fact that in order to be again successful, he must again labor faithfully and persistently. The final examination was very satisfactory in all the studies.

A class in Algebra had done well ; also a class in book-keeping.

#### DISTRICT No. 6. S. F. BLANCHARD, AGENT.

Miss Emma E. Cotton, teacher.

SUMMER TERM. Whole number of pupils, 32 ; average, 28. Term, 10 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Whole number of pupils, 33 ; average, 25. Term, 13 weeks.

Miss Cotton had taught this school five terms before commencing the Summer Term of this year. Thus she was the better prepared to enter at once upon successful work. Both terms were visited three times respectively. At our visits, teacher and pupils were alike very industrious and highly enthusiastic. All the pupils, both young and old, seemed to be inspired to do their best. Under such favorable circumstances, failure was hardly possible. The closing examinations were well sustained. Whether in arithmetic, grammar, algebra, or bookkeeping, good work was evident on the part of both teacher and pupils. It was an excellent school. This was owing to the united and persistent efforts of teacher and pupils, without which, no school can be successful but partially.

#### DISTRICT No. 7. ORIN SHEPHERD, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Loretta E. Parks, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 10 ; average, 9. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Charles E. Lancaster, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30 ; average, 25½. Term, 8 weeks.

Miss Parks made a promising beginning. At second visit made when the term was about half through, found the school apparently in good working condition. The school closed during our absence from town, and sooner than we expected, so that we did not have the opportunity of making a third and final examination, as we had purposed. Lera A. Watson, Alicia M. Shepherd and Georgie Reed were not absent a day during the term.

Mr. Lancaster's reputation as an able and successful teacher, had become so well established that we felt certain he would teach none other than a good school. To secure through its agent the services of a good, live teacher is a great favor to any district. Although a goodly number of pupils from out of the district attended, all were advanced in a commendable degree. At our third and last visit, the examination was highly satisfactory, showing good advance in all the studies. *Special* attention had been given to writing. The prize for best improvement in penmanship was awarded to Miss Emmie D. Shepherd.

DISTRICT NO. 8. GEO. D. CLARK, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Helen F. Marr, Georgetown, Maine, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 13. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress. A Buker, Litchfield, Me., teacher. This was Miss Marr's first school in town, and her second attempt. She made a good beginning, giving promise of a good school. The final examination showed that our anticipations had been well grounded. A class of two had done finely in arithmetic. Marked advance had been made in reading, spelling and penmanship. Geography had been well taught. Thus there was good evidence of success and aptness to teach.

The Fall and Winter Term started well, but owing to severe sickness in district, it was closed for a time. It is now in progress again.

DISTRICT NO. 9. CORRIN B. HARLOW, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lottie W. Curtis, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 10; average 9 1-10. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress. Charles W. Tibbetts, Litchfield, teacher.

Under the direction of Miss Curtis, the summer term was profitable. At the close all the classes did well, showing a good degree of progress especially in arithmetic and geography. Writing had been taught twice a week.

The Winter Term is being taught by Mr. Tibbetts, it being his second school in town, the present winter. On visiting the school we found that a good beginning had been made, and hence we predict a profitable term.

Pupils not absent, tardy, or dismissed during Summer Term:

Hattie M. Meserve, Albert Meserve, Perlle Meserve, Freddie Meserve, Sidney Meserve and Earnest Meserve.

DISTRICT NO. 10. GEO. CURTIS, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Addie Weymouth, Dresden, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 12. Term, 2 weeks.

FALL TERM. W. S. True, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 10; average 12. Term, 2 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress, Mr. James R. Cunningham, teacher.

After apparently starting well, and teaching only two weeks, Miss Weymouth closed her school voluntarily. She seemed to doubt her own ability to teach a profitable school. It was her first attempt. Inasmuch as we had hoped that the term would be pleasant and profitable, we were not a little disappointed on learning that it had closed so prematurely.

The Fall Term was taught by Mr. True. At the end of the seventh week, the school closed all unexpectedly to your Supervisor. It was therefore visited but once. As Mr. True was a good scholar, and had had some experience, we felt assured that with the co-operation of his pupils, the term would be a profitable one. Without this co-operative labor, no school can succeed in a satisfactory and successful manner.

The Winter Term is being taught by Mr. Cunningham—a well-known teacher in town. At time of visit, there were but few pupils present, yet Mr. Cunningham was very busy instructing the few in the several branches taught.

DISTRICT NO. 11. SAMUEL LEAVITT, AGENT.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lillie A. Allard, Richmond, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 9; average, 7. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Charles M. Tibbetts, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 8. Term, 8 weeks.

The Summer Term was well taught by Miss Allard who is now to be ranked as one of our experienced and successful teachers. In addition to all the common branches—penmanship included—Miss Allard had a class of two in Algebra, and of one in book-keeping. The closing examination was highly creditable, both to teacher and pupils. Under the able direction of Miss Allard, the school, as a whole, has been a success.

Mr. Tibbetts taught the Winter Term with his usual good success. At our first visit, the school was very quiet and orderly, and gave

promise of successful work on the part of both teacher and pupils. Our second visit was made on the afternoon of one of the coldest and most uncomfortable days of the winter. Owing to this fact, several of the pupils were absent. Still, the examination was not cut short, and the few representative pupils present, sustained it in a creditable manner. The fine writing books shown, gave evidence of good work in penmanship.

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### CLOSING REMARKS.

As a whole, your schools have enjoyed another year of prosperity. In endeavoring to give a faithful sketch of the work of your respective schools, there has been no inconsiderable successful work to commend. The *partial* failure of *any* school is cause for deep regret while complete failure becomes a matter of grave import. In many of your schools, both in the village and the rural districts, marked advancement in the majority of the studies has been noticeable. This has been due, in great measure, to the earnest efforts of the active, hard-working and conscientious teachers whose efforts have been appreciated, and seconded, by their respective pupils. Without this co-operative labor on the part of the pupil the success of any given school can not be secured even though the teacher may be one of the best. But this last assertion is not to be construed as meaning that incompetent teachers are not to be held duly responsible for their failures, and want of success.

Much of the lack of that complete success which is demanded in the Primary and Intermediate Schools of the village is due primarily, we think, to the want of adequate and suitable school-rooms.

Out of a total number of eight hundred and fifty-five pupils in town, there are six hundred and eleven in District No. 1, an increase of about *one hundred pupils* during the last three years. The District owns *only four* school-rooms, with a seating capacity of about two hundred and twenty-five. The Academy building, which is *hired* by the District, will seat one hundred and forty. There are *then* four hundred and seventy-one pupils belonging in the district for whom suitable school-rooms should be furnished. With fifty pupils to a room, the district would need more than twice the present number of school-rooms, in order to accommodate only the pupils, who belong to the Primary, Intermediate, and Second Grammar Schools. In making this

estimate, the Town Hall, which is *not* at all a suitable place for a school, is left entirely out of the question.

Again, allowing that the number of pupils actually attending school at one time, exclusive of those who attend in the Academy building, is only three hundred, how can they be properly accommodated in only four school-rooms?

As it now is, several of these schools are too large to allow each pupil to receive that help from the teacher which is so often needed. Provide the much needed suitable school-rooms, and then the number of schools demanded by the wants of the district, can be established, and thus many of the present hinderances to better school-work and more complete success would cease to be.

Besides, with the necessary number of schools made certain, they can be better and more satisfactorily graded. Other things being equal, this would add largely to the efficiency of your school, for then, pupils of widely-different degrees of advancement in their studies would not be compelled to be crowded together in the same school-room. On the contrary, each school could be composed of pupils of nearly the same attainments. Thus the classification could at once be made more desirable and efficient; for the necessity of more than two divisions in each school would no longer exist. This being the fact, the work of your lower schools could be done in the same systematic and thorough manner, as it now is in your First Grammar School.

Again, remove the *primary* evil now under consideration, by furnishing the school-rooms, demanded by the wants of the District, and that other evil, which in part, at least, seems to be traceable to it, might, without doubt, be more easily overcome. For what parent or guardian, is there, who would not more readily and heartily co-operate with teacher and committee in the matter of placing his or her child in the school for which it was the best fitted, provided said school was in a school-room equally as good as any other, in all respects? Whether or not this would be so, some parents have desired to have their children taken from a given school and passed to some other,—contrary to the rules for grading—assigning as one reason, at least, and very justly, too, that the room in which they then were, was wholly unfit for a school-room.



It is then to be most earnestly hoped that the citizens of School District No. 1, working in the best interest of their children, and hence, of themselves and of the community, will, by their united and voluntary acts, help to remove the existing hinderances to the highest degree of success in the work of your schools, that have thus been spoken of somewhat at length.

Finally, your Supervisor believes that it would be greatly in the interest of your schools to abolish the school district system, and adopt the town system. Some forty towns in the State have done so already, and not one would now return to the old district system again. We can do no more than call your attention to this important matter, that you may give it your best consideration. It is also to be hoped, that the time is not far distant, when the town will adopt the "free text-book plan," or some plan by which the town will purchase the necessary text-books at the lowest possible rates, and either loan them to the pupils, or furnish them at greatly reduced rates.

D. S. RICHARDS, *Supervisor.*

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#### NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

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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..

