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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Richmond,

FOR THE

Municipal Year, Ending February 20, 1884

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITOR,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1884.



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REPORT OF SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending Feb. 20, 1884.

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

FEBRUARY 20, 1883.

LIABILITIES.

New $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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	
	\$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	
	\$1,253 15	
Tempest Engine Co.....	270 00	
J. M. Allen.....	6 00	
	\$276 00	
	\$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.....	5,108 05	
“ Topsham.....	21 95	
“ Bowdoinham.....	2 00	
“ Auburn.....	3 50	
“ Hay.....	175 00	
“ G. W. Brown farm for taxes.....	25 47	
“ Huntington “ “.....	22 74	
“ Big Pasture, “ “.....	41 99	
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1883....	25,872 61	
	<hr/>	\$33,629 15

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883.

For Resources, Feb. 20, 1883.....		\$6,756 54
Interest on Taxes of 1880 1881 and 1882		87 81
Collections on Tax Sales and Interests...		118 80
State Tax.....	4,891 81	
County Tax.....	1,786 01	
Repairs Roads, Bridges etc.....	4,000 00	
Support of Schools.....	2,500 00	
“ Free High School.....	500 00	
“ of Poor.....	800 00	
Interest and Discount.....	1,600 00	
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00	
Tempest Engine Co.....	300 00	
Care Town Clock.....	25 00	
Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00	
Reservoir.....	150 00	
Night Watch.....	600 00	
Lighting Streets.....	100 00	
Land Damages, Streets.....	750 00	
Engine Hose.....	190 00	
Overlays.....	632 36	
Supplemental Tax.....	656 86	
	<hr/>	\$22,482 04
Borrowed on Orders Nos. 1 and 261 (temporary loan paid.)		2,400 00
Collections, per Treasurer's Report,		2,748 07
		<hr/>
		\$34,593 26

EXPENDITURES FOR 1883.

Paid on State Tax.....	\$2,000 00	
County Tax.....	1,786 01	
	<hr/>	\$3,786 01

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid C. B. Foster & Son, lumber for sidewalks and bridges.....	918 70
Green, and others, gravel.....	360 80
Lawrence Bros., lumber for bridge.....	26 78
Paid Labor Bills, Dist. 1. James Parks, Surveyor	47 85
“ 2. H. Randall, “	41 77
“ 3. W. H. Smith, “	44 06
“ 3. B. V. Stinson, “	60 75
“ 4. H. Ring, “	73 19
“ 5. J. W. Woodward, “	51 86
“ 5. W. Beedle, “	86 44
“ 6. S. F. Blanchard, “	57 92
“ 7. O. Shephard, “	71 18
“ 8. G. B. Umberhind, “	42 00
“ 8. C. H. Reed, “	59 30
“ 8. M. A. Brown, “	34 00
“ 9. F. B. Plummer, “	30 05
“ 9. Henry Skelton, “	43 45
“ 10. J. Galusha, “	12 24
“ 11. B. Peacock, “	42 45
“ 11. D. R. Abbott “	47 73
“ 1. Village, “	175 17
Village and town bills.....	1.618 95
	\$3,919 86

ROAD BILLS AND BREAKINGS.—1882-3.

District No. 1. O. A. Parks, Surveyor.....	\$22 84
“ 2. H. Randall, “	51 26
“ 3. W. H. Smith, “	29 91
“ 3. B. V. Stinson, “	31 43
“ 4. H. Ring, “	27 83
“ 5. W. Beedle, “	12 49
“ 5. J. W. Woodward “	4 15
“ 6. D. G. C. T. White, surveyor.....	11 45
“ 6. S. F. Blanchard, “	11 94
“ 7. O. Shepherd, “	76 24
“ 8. E. Totman, “	15 65
“ 8. C. H. Reed, “	10 50
“ 8. M. A. Brown, “	26 20
“ 9. Henry Skelton, “	16 07
“ 9. C. B. Harlow, “	6 30
“ 10. J. Galusha, “	25 23
“ 11. J. R. Patterson, “	27 77
“ 11. B. Peacock, “	36 30
Village,	193 27
Village and town bills,	272 26
	\$909 09

NIGHT WATCH.

Paid C. F. Reed watching nights.....	\$510 00	
Morang, Newell and others.....	153 50	
	<hr/>	\$663 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Tempest Engine Co. bal. '82 appropriation,	\$270 00	
S. W. Russell, care engine.....	5 00	
H. C. Reed, for lanterns for engines.....	5 00	
G. D. Putnam & Co., for 200 feet hose....	111 35	
James Litch, for 4 fire ladders.....	16 00	
Thomas Brown, care of engines.....	20 00	
" " repairs etc.....	80	
	<hr/>	\$428 15

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid H. C. Reed, oil and fixings.....	\$89 28	
A. L. Theobald, oil.....	6 00	
C. F. Reed and others, lighting lamps.....	80 30	
	<hr/>	\$175 58

POOR ON FARM.

Paid Mrs. Alfred Woodman, for oxen.....	\$135 00	
J. L. Fogg and wife, services to Mar. 28, '84	275 00	
Dr. A. Libby, medical attendance.....	7 50	
W. H. Whitney, coffins etc.....	44 50	
S. E. Skillins and others, supplies in cash..	319 23	
S. E. Skillings and others, supplies in produce etc., from the farm.....	126 38	
	<hr/>	\$907 61

POOR OFF FARM.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, A. Webber.....	105 95	
" " F. Kerrins.....	110 88	
Industrial School for Simms children.....	33 00	
Levi Small, care Robert Brown.....	26 10	
L. L. in sickness, (reimbursed).....	6 74	
N. A. in distress, (reimbursed).....	10 00	
A. L. Theobald, et als, supplies, Owen Driscoll	11 50	
Washburn, supplies, James Lint and family	48 00	
H. C. Reed and others, supplies, rent, med. att., and care Mrs Kidder and children	141 43	
Lyman E. Tripp and family, sickness, Topsham.....	104 02	

Wm. Gardiner, last sickness and expenses. Topsham.....	21 08	
H. C. Reed and others, supplies, med. att., for D. P. Collins, family, sickness.....	48 72	
H. C. Reed and others, supplies etc Hop- kins family.....	22 54	
A. P. Jewett and others, cloth and supplies for poor.....	26 23	
A. Libby, M. D. Med. att. on poor.....	10 00	
H. C. Reed and others, tramps etc.....	7 97	
Expense Selectmen, car fare, etc.....	10 65	
	-----	\$744 81

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid expenses of Johnson boys, sickness, Bow- doinham, (reimbursed).....	\$123 50	
.. Obediah Aditou, sickness, Tops- ham, (reimbursed).....	44 52	
.. Joseph Denny, Oldtown Indian, (reimbursed).....	40 15	
.. Annie Frothingham, (should be rein- bursed by State).....	112 88	
.. Richard Murray.....	4 00	
	-----	\$325 05

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

DISTRICT No. 1. A. E. PURINGTON, AGENT.

Paid A. M. Thomas, teaching.....	25 75	
Carrie A. Odiorne, teaching.....	64 00	
Emily M. Clark, teaching.....	256 00	
Etta Jack, teaching.....	256 00	
Ada F. Odiorne, teaching.....	218 40	
Florence M. Robinson, teaching.....	224 00	
Clara E. Suckling, teaching.....	256 00	
Loretta E. Parks, teaching.....	224 00	
Mary E. Flagg, teaching.....	30 00	
For wood.....	151 12	
For supplies, care, etc.....	263 03	
	-----	\$1,968 30

DISTRICT No. 2 O. A. LANCASTER, AGENT.

Paid Mary P. Lancaster, teaching.....	85 75	
For wood and supplies.....	5 75	
	-----	\$91 50

DISTRICT NO. 3. WM. P. LANCASTER, AGENT.

Paid C. E. Dinslow, board, teacher.....	26 76	
For wood.....	21 40	
Lettie A. Stinson, teaching.....	36 12	
	<hr/>	\$84 28

DISTRICT NO. 4. WM. H. CUTTS, AGENT.

Paid Charles E. Lancaster, teaching.....	90 00	
Lettie W. Curtis, teaching.....	56 00	
Flora E. Rogers, teaching.....	50 00	
Board, teachers.....	29 50	
For wood, supplies, etc.....	15 63	
	<hr/>	\$241 13

DISTRICT NO. 5. GEO. E. ALEXANDER, AGENT.

Paid Adelle B. Marson, teaching.....	22 00	
H. O. Buker, teaching.....	84 00	
Board, teachers.....	38 16	
Wood, supplies, etc.....	17 85	
	<hr/>	\$162 01

DISTRICT NO. 6. S. F. BLANCHARD, AGENT.

Paid Lettie C. Blair, teaching.....	45 00	
Emma E. Cotton, teaching.....	112 00	
Board, teachers.....	18 00	
For wood.....	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$184 75

DISTRICT NO. 7. O. SHEPARD, AGENT.

Paid Charles E. Lancaster, teaching.....	141 50	
For wood and supplies.....	10 25	
	<hr/>	\$151 75

DISTRICT NO. 8. CHARLES H. REED, AGENT.

Paid C. A. Buker, teaching.....	66 25	
Lizzie L. Booker, teaching.....	40 00	
C. A. Buker, teaching.....	49 40	
Board, teachers.....	36 09	
For wood and supplies.....	6 55	
	<hr/>	\$198 29

DISTRICT NO. 9. HENRY SKELTON, AGENT.

Paid Charles M. Tibbetts, teaching.....	181 00	
Effie Savage, teaching.....	20 00	
For wood and supplies.....	14 05	
	<hr/>	\$215 05

DISTRICT No. 10. JOSEPH GALUSHA, AGENT.

Paid James R. Cunningham, teaching.....	45 00	
Lucy E. Meserve, teaching.....	25 00	
C. E. Lancaster, teaching.....	69 75	
Board, teachers.....	17 20	
For wood, insurance, repairs and supplies....	25 14	
	-----	\$182 09

DISTRICT No. 11. DAVID R. ABBOTT, AGENT.

Paid Liddie M. Maxwell, teaching.....	38 80	
For wood.....	9 50	
	-----	\$48 30

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid A. M. Thomas, teaching.....	614 25	
Carrie A. Osborne, teaching.....	192 00	
Alice M. Libby, teaching.....	12 00	
	-----	\$818 25

		\$4,345 70

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Paid A. B. Gaubert, abatement.....	\$4 25	
H. F. Hanover abatement.....	3 91	
John Morang, services.....	1 00	
I. J. Preble, land damages for street.....	150 00	
G. M. Gaubert, cutting bushes.....	5 00	
W. T. Hall, postage.....	3 00	
John Lint, work on Citizen engine.....	2 00	
Gave F. J. Libby, release order '81 taxes.....	60 99	
Paid Wm. H. Smith, surveying.....	13 50	
D. G. C. U. White, watering trough.....	3 00	
W. T. Goodwin, fixing N. End well.....	1 50	
Gave E. Totman release order '82 taxes.....	51 98	
Paid George A. Beale for order book etc.....	8 73	
J. Haynes & Son, wire fencing.....	12 43	
J. Hathorn, use of screws.....	62	
G. H. Farrin, use of screws.....	62	
Walker and Thompson, printing 650 reports..	43 34	
G. B. Raudlette, looking for engine hose.....	2 00	
A. W. Paine, labor.....	1 12	
R. R. tickets to Portland etc. about R.R. gates	3 50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, alphabets.....	1 80	
D. Bugbee & Co., valuation blanks.....	3 00	
H. Springer, bill compromised.....	88 00	
Walker and Thompson, printing assor's notice	2 00	
Bank discount on check.....	25	
Job Mansur, keys for lockup.....	1 00	
	-----	\$468 54

Brought over.....	\$468	54
R.R. tickets, selectmen, Gardiner, about flowage	2	00
H. W. French, section for road machine.....	5	00
Team to get School returns.....	1	50
J. M. Hagar, land damages for street.....	100	00
J. M. Hayes Repr. deeds copies.....	2	50
For making State pension papers etc.....	6	00
J. K. and A. Hathorn, rent engine house lot.	5	00
J. Morang, services.....	5	00
Tax of 1882, G. W. Brown farm.....	26	95
Fire bill, Lincoln House fire.....	53	50
Job Mansir, key for tomb.....		25
Haynes & DeWitt, abatement.....		80
Gave F. J. Libby release taxes, 1880.....	282	52
Paid J. W. Spaulding, Allen matter.....	10	00
Paid H. C. Reed, paid for lockup.....		20
J. C. Curtis, watering trough.....	3	00
E. M. White, work on tomb.....	3	90
Wm. G. Webber, abatement.....	4	68
C. H. Hodges and others, search.....	4	00
W. S. Hagar, wood, lockup.....	3	00
E. G. Pert, blacksmith bill.....	12	60
J. F. & D. C. Ames blacksmith bill.....	5	50
Joel Howe, trucking.....		50
H. C. Reed, telegrams.....	2	17
L. K. Purington, pound rent.....	4	00
R. G. Meserve's farm sold for taxes.....	39	82
F. J. Libby, pressing hay.....	49	57
W. H. Smith surveying Water street.....	3	00
W. H. Stuttevant, Justice Peace.....	1	87
T. J. Southard, granite etc.....	165	60
C. Houdlette, office rent.....	20	00
A. Small, watering trough.....	3	00
James Thomas, care clock.....	25	00
Gave F. J. Libby collector, release order, taxes of 1880.....	115	26
F. J. Libby, collector, release order, taxes of 1881.....	141	52
E. Totman, collector, release order, taxes of 1882.....	112	25
E. Totman, collector, release order, taxes of 1803.....	120	82
Paid I. L. Lake, nails, etc.....	15	45
J. G. C. Farnham, hardware.....	6	45
F. J. Libby, commissions, collections '81 taxes	6	60
E. Totman, commissions, collections '82 taxes	48	31
E. Totman, commissions, collections '83 taxes	253	75

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. T. Hall, Assessor, Selectman, Overseer and Agent.....	\$300 00	
S. Cunningham, Assessor, Selectman, and Overseer.....	75 00	
H. C. Reed, Assessor, Selectman, and Overseer.....	50 00	
J. M. Odiorne, Treasurer.....	60 00	
J. M. Odiorne, custodian Randall fund.....	10 00	
W. H. Sturtevaut, Clerk.....	15 00	
C. H. T. J. Southard, Auditor.....	20 00	
C. E. Dinslow, Supervisor of Schools.....	120 00	
C. H. Hodges, Constable.....	28 00	
		\$678 00

TOWN DEBT.

Paid on orders, see Treasurer's acct.....	\$3,000 00	
on bonds, see Treasurer's acct.....	1,600 00	
		\$4,600 00

INTEREST ON DEBT.

Paid on orders.....	224 92	
on coupons.....	1,282 50	
		\$1,507 42

STATE PENSIONS.

Paid, see Treasurer's acct.....	\$96 00	
		\$96 00

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Appropriations and Receipts.....	\$34,593 26
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EXPENDITURES.

State Tax.....	\$2,000 00
County Tax.....	1,786 01
Repairs Roads and Bridges.....	3,919 86
Road Bills and Breaking, 1882-3.....	909 09
Night Watch.....	663 50
Fire Department.....	428 15
Lighting Streets.....	175 58
Poor on Farm.....	907 61
Poor off Farm.....	744 81
Poor of other Towns.....	325 05
Schools.....	4,345 70
General Account.....	2,141 38
Town Officers.....	678 00
Town Debt.....	4,600 00
Interest.....	1,507 42
State Pensions.....	96 00
	\$25,228 16

Brought over.....		\$25,228 16
Due from Topsham.....	21 95	
Due Bowdoinham, Collected.....	2 00	
Due Auburn.....	3 50	
Due G. W. Brown taxes, collected.....	25 47	
Due Huntington farm, taxes collected.....	22 74	
Due Big Pasture, taxes collected.....	41 99	
Due Hay (in sales to Totman).....	175 00	
Due from Collector of 1881.....	336 30	
Due from Collector of 1882.....	276 55	
Due from Collector of 1883.....	7,474 55	
Cash in Treasury February 20th, 1884.....	985 05	
		<hr/> \$9,365 10
		<hr/> \$34,593 26

LIABILITIES.

New $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Bonds outstanding	\$27,400 00	
Town Order No. 269, issued Feb. 20, '79....	1,900 00	
" 270, " Feb. 20, '79....	100 00	
" 89, " July 6, '80....	500 00	
		<hr/> \$29,900 00
Due School Dis No. 1.....	\$1,154 80	
" 2.....	1 81	
" 3.....	97 75	
" 4.....	3 72	
" 5.....	30 05	
" 6.....	53 77	
" 7.....	7 72	
" 8.....	18 03	
" 9.....	9 26	
" 10.....	12 10	
" 11.....	88 82	
Free High School.....	66 00	
		<hr/> \$1,543 83
On State tax.....	2,891 81	
Tempest Engine Co.....	300 00	
J. M. Allen.....	6 00	
		<hr/> \$3,197 81
		<hr/> \$34,641 64

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1884.....	\$985 05
Due from Collector, 1881 taxes.....	336 30
" " 1882 taxes.....	276 55
" " 1883 taxes.....	7,474 55

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..	Topsbam (doubtful).....	21 95	
..	Auburn.....	3 50	
..	State.....	112 88	
..	R. G. Merserve, tax '82.....	39 82	
..	J. P. Norton, for bog hay.....	92 12	
	Oxen purchased this year for sale.....	180 00	
	Liabilities over Resources Feb. 20, 1884.....	25,118 92	\$34,641 64

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. HALL	} Selectmen of Richmond.
S. CUNNINGHAM,	
H. C. REED,	

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1883.

MEMORANDA OF TOWN PROPERTY, FEB. 20, 1884.

Town Farm and Buildings, Estimated value..	\$2,500 00	
Stock on Farm.....	366 00	
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	308 00	
Farming Tools.....	270 00	
Furniture.....	200 00	
Wood, Lumber and Shingles.....	80 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.....	150 00	
Scrapers and Road Tools.....	100 00	
		\$6,674 00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1884.

Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Gravel....	\$4,000 00
Support of 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.....	650 00
Lighting Streets.....	200 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF RICHMOND,

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

DR.	
To paid Town Orders, series 1883.....	\$15,684 64
Town Orders, series 1880.....	600 00
Town Bonds.....	1,600 00
Compons	1,282 50
State Pensions.....	96 00
Release Orders favor F. J. Libby, Col- lector, 1880.....	397 78
Release Orders favor F. J. Libby, Col- lector, 1881.....	202 51
Release Orders favor E. Totman, Col- lector, 1882.....	164 23
Release Orders favor E. Totman, Col- lector, 1883.....	1,414 49
Cash on deposit First National Bank.	985 05
	\$22,427 20
CR.	
By cash on hand, Feb. 21, 1883.....	\$71 76
Taxes received on account of year 1880	429 03
" " " 1881	518 75
" " " 1882	4,831 50
" " " 1883	11,221 48
Interest received on taxes of '80 '81 '82	87 81
C. W. Whitmore, land sold for taxes 1881	22 74
G. W. Brown, land sold for taxes 1881	25 47
" " " 1882	26 95
A. Whitmore, land sold for taxes.....1881	41 99
" Cost and Interest on same	1 65
	\$17,279 13
State Treasurer, School fund and Mill tax	1,396 38
" High School fund.....	250 00
" Railroad and Telegraph tax.....	54 00
State Treasurer Reimbursement for State Pensions	96 00
Damage to Town Farm bog by flowage...	300 00

Reimbursement for expense on account of		
Indian, J. Denny.....	40	15
D. Roach for overcredit.....		85
F. Galusha for overcredit.....	1	42
W T. Hall, Selectman for produce sold from farm.....	126	38
E. Totman, for hay sold.....	213	24
W. T. Hall, for hay sold.....	8	04
C. H. Hodges, for hay sold.....	4	25
F. J. Libby, board of oxen.....	5	60
Use Engine, watering ship.....	10	00
Town of Bowdoinham, pauper bills.....	125	50
Town of Topsham, pauper bills, O. Adirton	54	52
Help advanced N. A., reimbursed.....	10	00
Help advanced L. L., reimbursed.....	6	74
License, H. H. Hooker, billard room.....	20	00
" P. H. Foster, Intelligence office...	1	00
" C. Q. Haley, Auctioneer.....	2	00
" G. B. Randlette, Auctioneer.....	2	00
" Bishop's Minstrels.....	2	00
" Jollities.....	2	00
" Corinne Merrymakers.....	2	00
" Cohan's Minstrels.....	2	00
" Baird's Minstrels.....	3	00
" Circus.....	5	00
" Guy family.....	2	00
" Bishop's Minstrels.....	2	00
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		\$2,748 07
Borrowed on Town order, No. 1.....	1	500 00
" " " No. 261.....		900 00
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		\$2 400 00
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		\$22,427 20
J. M. ODIORNE, <i>Town Treasurer.</i>		

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1884.

RANDALL FUND.

In account with J. M. ODIORNE, <i>Town Treasurer, Trustee.</i>	
By amount invested as per last year's account	\$3,375 22
Income from Town of Richmond Bonds...	121 50
Income on deposit Richmond Savings Bank	28 61
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	\$3,525 33
To paid order No. 9, favor L. Maloon.....	\$10 00
To paid order No. 10, favor Angelic Loud.....	10 00
	<hr/>
	\$20 00

Brought over.....	\$20 00	
To paid order No. 11, favor True G. Hatch.....	8 00	
To paid order No. 12, favor L. Maloon	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$38 00
To amount invested in Town of Richmond Bonds	2,700 00	
To amount deposited, Richmond Savings Bank	787 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,487 33
		<hr/>
Amount received to be perpetuated per terms of will		\$3,286 22
Amount of unexpended income this date.....		201 11

J. M ODIORNE, *Town Treasurer. Trustee.*

Richmond, Feb. 20, 1884.

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, 1884, 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, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT

Fellow Citizens:

The following is most respectfully submitted as the report of your schools for the school year 1883-4.

DISTRICT No. 1. A. E. PURINGTON, AGENT. FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. A. M. Thomas, Hallowell, Me., Principal; Miss Carrie A. Odiorne and Miss Alice M. Libby, Richmond, Me., Assistants.

Wages of Principal, \$80 per month, including board; of 1st Assistant, \$8 per week including board; 2d, \$1 per week including board.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 46; average 40. Term, 12 weeks.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 41; average 37. Term, 12 weeks.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

During the Spring term the pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day were: Homer Alexander, Annie Odiorne, Wm. T. Hall, Jr., Nellie Hurley, and George R. Theobald. The Fall term: Homer Alexander, Alecia S. Hager, George R. Theobald, and Mary Toothaker.

Mr. Thomas and Miss Odiorne are both well known in this school, having occupied the same position since the Fall term of 1881. During the past year the school has taken a higher stand, the pupils working more heartily with the teachers, if possible, than ever before.

At the beginning of the Fall term Miss Libby was called upon to instruct one class, which she did with satisfaction during the term, being a very fine scholar and one capable of imparting instruction.

Those who graduated at the close of the Spring term were: Durward Clayton Adams, Nellie Adcle Adams, Mary Elizabeth Flagg, Nellie Hurley, George Bickford Jenkins, Alice May Libby, Adelaide May Lancaster, Fannie Ora Richards, Charles Franklin Ring, and Mary Elizabeth Thurlow. All of whom, in the the graduating exercises, did themselves and the school honor.

A few outside of this district have availed themselves of the privileges of this "Free High School," and we think quite a number more could have done so with profit.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Emily M. Clarke, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages, including board, \$8.00 per week.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 34; average, 27½. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day: Edna M. Drew, Mabel A. Small, Effie M. Stinson, Laura B. Dinslow, and Charles Smith.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 62; average, 54. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day: Ida Reed, Ida Pease, Julia Richards, James Alexander, Alice Pushard, Fred Libby, Herbert Baker, Charles Smith, Maud Harlow, Fannie Libby, Annie Ring, and Charles Randlette.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

We still find Miss Clarke the same firm and exacting, yet pleasant teacher as heretofore. It is always a pleasure to visit her school, where we find good, order and the pupils and teacher working harmoniously together. At the close of the Spring term the following were promoted to the High School, viz:—Bertie Wharf, Elna M. Drew, Mabel A. Small, Bertha Raymond, Charles Purington, Frank G. Hager, Wesley Ueberhind, and Lizzie E. Parks. The last two, conditionally. Four other members of this class chose to stay back one year more, which will be greatly to their advantage as they will be so much better prepared when they do enter the High School.

Besides those promoted to this school from the Second Grammar School, the following were admitted from Miss C. J. Call's Primary School: Ida Reed, Annie Ring, Gertie Drew, May Gardiner, Alice Pushard, Fannie Stuart, Julia Richards, Maud Hodges, Lula Robinson, Mary Robinson, Annie Call, Fred Jewett, Frank Libby, Fred Harward and Burnham Purington.

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Etta S. Jack, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages including board \$8.00 per week.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 51; average 46. Term, 12 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day: Mary Conley, James Alexander, Fred Libby, Hattie Meserve, Joseph Allen, Cora Burrill, George Bates, and Hattie Merriman.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 53; average 49. Term, 12 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day: Joseph Allen, George Bates, Mabel Baker, Mary Conley, Charles Dunham, Simmie Carr, Lina Carr, Edith Burrill and Alice Voter.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

Miss Jack is a very efficient teacher, and although her school is crowded, we find a good degree of order maintained, and the classes give evidence of a thorough and systematic drill. At the close of the Spring term, there were promoted from this school to the first Grammar School, the following: James Alexander, Eddie Crosby, Fred Libby, Cora Burrill, Suie Weeks, Mabel Crosby, Hattie E. Meserve, Alice Farrin, Cora Hinkley, Nellie Dailey, Theresa Stuart, Arthur Runnells, Belle Edgar, Will Foster, Mabel Burrill, Charles Palin and Ida Pease.

CENTRAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Ada F. Odiorne, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages including board, \$7.00 per week.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 59; average, 57. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Lillie Card and Delia Kelley.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 47; average, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; May Whitney, Belle Stuart, Charles Brown, Charles Lemont, Earnest Odiorne, Frank Wyman, Alice Baker, May Costellow, Ada Collins, Lizzie Merrill and Marcia Reed.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

Miss Ordiorne is a zealous worker, but her school requires a great deal of skill and patience to overcome that habit of whispering and loud study which creates considerable disturbance at times. The reins of government drawn a little more tightly, we think would be of advantage.

The following were promoted to the Second Grammar School at the close of the Spring term, viz:—Alice Voter, Charlie Lilly, Blanche Parks, Ralph Scott, Oscar Stetson, George Frisbee, Nellie C. Thomas, Tene Whitney, William R. Claffin, Hattie Whitney, Joe. H. Collins, Lillie M. Card, Delia Kelley, Charles Dunham, F. Annie Flaggg, Archie D. Baker and Donald Edgar. The latter conditionally, and he was afterwards returned to this school.

NORTH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Miss Loretta E. Parks, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages including board \$7.00 per week.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 33; average, 28. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Minnie M. Johnson, George A. Reed and Wallace Eastman.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 37; average, 31. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Minnie M. Johnson, Ada J.

Blaisdell, Annie C. Reed, Sadie A. Marco, Merton Lovell, Edward Johnson, Everett Johnson, Warren Blaisdell and Hermon Smith.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

Miss Parks is fully at home here. She rules with that firmness which maintains a fair degree of order. In a school made up of this class of pupils we do not expect to find that quietness that we would in one made up of older and larger ones. The classes give evidence of united work on the part of teacher and pupils. At the close of the Spring term, George A. Reed was promoted to the Second Grammar School. There were others who passed the required examination, but as they were quite young to go into the Grammar School, their parents wished them to remain here another year.

SOUTH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Clara E. Suckling, Bingham, Me., teacher. Wages including board, \$8.00 per week.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 40; average, 33. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Ruth Carr, Simmie Carr, Willie Gilpatrick, Rosie Hilton and Myra Hopkins.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 43; average, 35. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Willie Gilpatrick, Roland Hilton, Lillie Hewett and Charlie Small.

WINTER TERM In progress.

Miss Suckling still maintains her former reputation as a teacher. Her school always appears under good discipline, and her methods of instructions are good. At the close of the Spring term the following were promoted to the Second Grammar School:—Myra F. Hopkins, Simmie Carr, Dadie C. Ames, Harry F. Rowe, Nellie M. Ames, Edith M. Burrill, Sidney M. Hopkins and Rosie S. Hilton.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Florence M. Robinson, Richmond, Me., Principal; Miss Mary E. Flagg, Richmond, Me., Assistant. Wages including board: Principal, \$7.00 per week; assistant, —.

SPRING TERM. Whole number of pupils, 60; average, 45. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Nellie Card and Julia Judge.

FALL TERM. Whole number of pupils, 69; average, 57. Term 12 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Daniel Tallman, Evy M. Pert, George Davis and Carrie M. Brown.

Here we find Miss Robinson laboring with a great amount of patience to preserve even a respectable degree of order. Were it not for her

tact in governing this class of pupils, certainly he could not do even this. When we think of the 60 pupils (at one visit we found 63 present) from 4 to 7 or 8 years of age, with those long settees for seats and no desks for the accommodation of the little ones, it is surprising that we find the progress made, as good as it is.

At the beginning of the Fall term, the agent thought best to put in an assistant for the term, and thereby give each little one more personal attention. The plan worked admirably. This was Miss Flagg's first attempt at teaching in the public schools, and we predict for her much success as a teacher.

It being utterly impossible, with the present facilities for heating this school room (the town hall) to keep it comfortable for the pupils, the winter term was postponed till later in the season when the weather would be warmer.

At the close of the Spring term, the following were promoted to the Central Intermediate School: Harry E. Haynes, W. Frank Higgins, L. May Whitney, Charlie W. Jackson, Percy C. Frisbee, Fred C. Calhoun, and Lizzie Merrill.

DISTRICT No. 2. ORA A. LANCASTER, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Mary P. Lancaster, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.35 per week; board \$1.65 per week. Whole number of pupils, 10; average, 9. Term 7 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Harry C. Lancaster, Fannie Lancaster and Alice Lancaster.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.25; board \$1.75 per week. Whole number of pupils, 17; average 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. Term 10 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Willie Allen, Charlie Buker, Winnie Buker, Harry C. Lancaster, Fannie Lancaster, Alice Lancaster and Freddie Buker.

Miss Lancaster labored zealously in the interest of her school and success. Had there been a uniformity of text books it would have aided her greatly. Several of the smaller pupils attracted particular attention by their ready answers to questions upon the punctuation marks, and also upon the sounds of the letters. With a little more attention to discipline, Miss L. will rank high as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3. WILLIAM P. LANCASTER, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Lettie A. Stinson, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.25; board \$1.05 per week. Whole number of pupils, 10; average 8. Term 8 weeks and 2 days. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Bertie D. Page, Freddie S. Page, Genie Harlow and

Cora M. Bickford. Those who did not miss a word in spelling during the term were: Percy C. Smith, Eugene Harlow, Bertie D. Page, Freddie S. Page, Ida L. Rankins and Cora M. Bickford.

WINTER TERM. C. E. Dinslow, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages, excluding board \$27.20 per month, board \$1.95 per week. Whole number of pupils, 29; average $24\frac{1}{3}$. Term 11 weeks $1\frac{1}{2}$ days. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Eugene Harlow, Bertie D. Page, Freddie S. Page and Aggie G. Dinslow.

This school was small during the Spring term, and thus did not exhibit that vigor and ambition which we are pleased to see. The teacher and pupils seemed to be working harmoniously.

The pupils in one class in reading made themselves conspicuous by their carelessness, mispronouncing small words and paying no attention to pauses, etc. Attention was called to this fact, and at the closing examination we were pleased to find by the reading of one piece that special attention had been given to this, and that marked improvement had been made.

The teacher who had charge of the Winter term, has about the same ideas of teaching as we have, therefore we will offer no comment upon the teaching. The pupils worked earnestly and the different classes, we think, made fair progress. A class of eight took up Meservey's Book-keeping and did exceedingly well.

DISTRICT No. 4. WILLIAM CUTTS, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Lottie W. Curtis, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.00, board \$1.00 per week. Term 8 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 8; average, $7\frac{1}{8}$. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Earnest H. Ridley, Augustus Cutts, Horace Booker, and Wallace Booker.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Wages excluding board, \$3.00; board \$1.50 per week. Whole number of pupils, 13; average 9 1-5. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Earnest H. Ridley, Augustus W. Cutts and Frank Proble.

WINTER TERM. Miss Flora E. Rogers, Litchfield Plains, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$5.00; board \$1.16. Whole number of pupils, 19; average 15. Term 10 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Walter Moise and Gussie W. Cutts.

It was with some little anxiety on our part that Miss Curtis entered this school, yet at each visit during the Spring and Fall terms, we found the teacher ever a faithful, ardent worker, and the few pupils ever

ready to do their part as far as they could, and by so doing the two terms were profitable.

At our first visit in the Winter term, we found a different class present—more and larger pupils, which would have a tendency to make the school more interesting. Three visits were made during the term, and we were much pleased by the thoroughness exhibited by the different classes: in Arithmetic every part of the work being thoroughly analyzed and made plain. It would be a difficult matter to find another school where *all* would so thoroughly analyze the different principles which they had been over during the term, as these did: no one making a failure. Notwithstanding some in this district were opposed to having a female teacher in the winter school, and did not co-operate with the teacher in the interest of the school, we think the school was very profitable. In order to receive the greatest amount of benefit from our schools, the parents should co-operate with the teacher, and strive to have the pupils do the same. We recommend Miss Rogers to future agents.

DISTRICT No. 5. G. E. ALEXANDER, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Adella B. Marson, Pittston, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$2.75; board ——. Whole number of pupils, 14; average, 9. Term, 8 weeks. Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Margie Trott.

WINTER TERM. H. O. Buker, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$28.00 per month; board \$2.27. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, $9\frac{1}{2}$. Term, 12 weeks. Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Clinton G. True, Willis L. Blair, Susie D. Yeaton and Alice M. Blair.

This was Miss Marson's first term. The classes in general did well. Had the reading classes received a more thorough drill, it would have been to their advantage. The classes in Geography did exceedingly well, and deserve special mention. Discipline was good. With experience Miss M. will rank well as a teacher.

The winter term, taught by Mr. Buker, was a small school, yet there was a good amount of work done. Mr. B. labored hard to teach his pupils self-dependence, to study, each one for himself, and then to impart what he learned. At the closing examination a few of the parents and some other visitors were present, and had it not been for the circumstances of sickness and death in the district, many more would have been present. At this examination the pupils did themselves credit. The copy books were examples of neatness. The two terms have been very successful.

DISTRICT NO. 6. S. F. BLANCHARD, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Mrs. W. C. Blair, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$5.00; board \$2.00 per week. Whole number of pupils, 35; average, 28. Term 9 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Amie Estes, Arthur Estes, Elmer Eastman, Georgie Jackson, Annie Marson, Nettie Lancaster, Carrie Lancaster, Wesley Lancaster, John Lancaster and Sammie Lancaster.

WINTER TERM. Miss Emma E. Cotton, West Bowdoin, Me., teacher. Wages, excluding board, \$6.00; board, \$2.00. Whole number of pupils, 29; average, 25. Term 14 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: George A. Hawkes, George E. Baker, Lelia A. Coleman, Lizzie E. Reed, Annie Marson, Georgie Jackson, Lena M. Patten, John H. Lancaster, Sammie S. Lancaster and Carrie Lancaster.

This was Mrs. Blair's first term in town. She came well recommended, and we had no fears for the welfare of the school. At the closing examination we were somewhat disappointed in a few of the pupils, to find a lack of that thoroughness which is so essential to a sound education; but we think it may be owing to some other circumstances than any neglect on the part of the teacher.

The winter term taught by Miss Cotton was particularly successful; this being the eighth term she has filled this position. The school was visited three times, and we were very sorry that circumstances interfered with our being present at the regular closing examination. Our visit one week before the close of the term was very unexpected to the school, yet we found all fully prepared for an examination which did credit to both teacher and pupils. Classes in Book-keeping, Physiology, United States History, Algebra and Maine Manual, acquitted themselves nobly and deserve special notice. Composition writing had received considerable attention. Quite a number of maps drawn by some of the younger pupils were very fine.

Miss Cotton is too well known as a teacher to need commendation from us, and we hope she may be found frequently in our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 7. ORIN SHEPARD, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Charles E. Lancaster, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$20.00 per month; board \$2.25 per week. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 16. Term 7 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day: Clara M. Sheperd, Harry C. Merriman, Jos. C. Sheperd, Emmie D. Sheperd, Alicia M. Sheperd, Lena A. Watson and Georgie Reed.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Wages, excluding board, \$32.00 per month; board \$2.00 per week. Whole number of pupils, 25; average 21½. Term 9 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day: Clara M. Sheperd, Jos. C. Sheperd, Emmie D. Sheperd, Alicia M. Sheperd, Mary E. Raymond and Georgie Reed.

This school, under the guidance of this well-tried teacher, needs no particular comments. Suffice it to say that both terms at our several visits, were orderly and studious, and gave evidence of faithful labor on the part of both teacher and pupils. We found here some very fine maps drawn by the pupils. Classes in Book-keeping, Physiology and Algebra, did well. Future agents will do well to secure the services of Mr. Lancaster.

DISTRICT NO. 8. CHARLES H. REED, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Lizzie L. Booker, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages—; board \$1.60 per week. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 10. Term 8 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day; Percy Clark, Fred Clarke, Silas Clarke.

FALL TERM. Mr. Clarence A. Buker, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$26.50 per month; board 2.80, per week. Whole number of pupils, 21; average, 17. Term 7 weeks. 3 pupils not absent ½ day; names not given.

Miss Booker exhibited good interest in her school, and the term's work was quite satisfactory; yet if the teacher could exhibit more enthusiasm in her work, and thus inspire her pupils to more zealous labor, it would be to her advantage as a teacher. The copy books were very neatly kept. At each visit the school appeared under good discipline.

This was Mr. Buker's second term in the district, and he maintained his former reputation as a teacher. Although circumstances necessitated closing the school sooner than was expected, it was a successful term.

DISTRICT NO. 9. HENRY SKELTON, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Effie L. Savage, Augusta, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.20; board \$1.80 per week. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 7¾. Term 4 weeks.

FALL TERM. Mr. C. M. Tibbetts, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Wages including board \$36 per month; board \$1.80 per week. Whole number of pupils, 19; average 17. Term 11 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day; Nellie Harlow, Bertie D. Page, Freddie S. Page, Albert Meserve, Perley Meserve, Sidney Meserve, Freddie Meserve, Earnest Meserve.

This was Miss Savage's trial term, and we regret that a misunderstanding arose, soon after the term began between her and some of the parents, which caused them to keep their children at home for a number of days before we were notified. Upon investigation we did not find charges sustained. From all appearances, had the teacher received that hearty co-operation from the parents, which is demanded in order to make the school a success, this would have been a profitable term. As it was, with the feeling which existed, it was very evident that the term could not be completed profitably, therefore, the teacher voluntarily closed the school at the end of four weeks.

In the Fall school Mr. Tibbetts found himself perfectly at home, having taught the last winter term here. The teacher and pupils were well acquainted and went to work, immediately, in earnest. The closing examination showed that good work had been done. The general improvement of the different classes was all that could be expected. While his school was not disorderly, there was a certain restlessness which was annoying, and we think a little more attention to discipline would be advantageous. The following communication was received from Mr. T., with his school register, and we take the liberty to publish it:

Dear Sir:—During the two terms that I have had charge of the school in district No. 9, the pupils have made constant and in some cases *marked progress*. The improvement among the smaller scholars the last term was especially fine. For a portion of this success I feel indebted to the good will and support of the parents in the district, for which they will please accept my thanks. I would also take this opportunity to express my thanks to the scholars for the gift of a very nice writing desk at the close of the last term. The present was as acceptable as it was unexpected, and will always be kept as a token of the esteem and good will of the donors."

C. M. TIBBETTS.

DISTRICT NO. 10. JOSEPH GALUSHA, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Lucie E. Meserve, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$3.12½; board \$2.15 per week. Whole number of pupils, 7; average, 5.8-10. Term 8 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day; Alice Foster, Luther Litch.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Charles E. Lancaster, Richmond, Me., teacher. Wages excluding board \$37.00 per month; board \$2.00 per week. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 17. Term 6 1-5 weeks. Pupils not absent ½ day; L. M. Litch, Louisa Foster, Mary E. Raymond, Freddie Galusha, Alecia M. Sheperd.

In the Spring term we find Miss Meserve endeavoring to interest and instruct a few pupils, and finding it hard work to keep them interested.

In the winter term we meet Mr. Lancaster again, and many of the pupils whom we found with him before, making the school much larger than the Spring term, and also more interesting. We also find the same degree of order and industry manifested which we find wherever he teaches. The term, although short, was profitable.

DISTRICT No. 11. DAVID ABBOTT, AGENT.

SPRING TERM. Miss Lidie M. Maxwell, Bowdoinham, Me., teacher; Wages excluding board \$3.25; board \$1.60 per week. Whole number of pupils, 16; average 14. Term 8 weeks. Pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day; 3: names not given.

WINTER TERM. In progress.

Miss Maxwell does well with a class of small pupils. More ambition manifested in the school room would have a tendency to awaken more interest in the pupils and make the school more successful, especially with the larger ones; yet this term had a fair degree of prosperity. The discipline was good.

CLOSING REMARKS.

Fellow Citizens:—It is said that the "School Report" is the least read of any publication. Allowing this to be so, you who do read this will please pardon me for calling your attention once more to the great want and need of more school rooms in district No. 1.

We have a *prosperous High School*, but the *room* which it occupies, term after term, is not inviting, being (as was said of the ruins of Pompeii) very much out of repair. We all know that the High School pupils cannot adapt themselves to that fine tone of respectability and gentlemanly deportment which should characterize our High School, unless the *surroundings* are similar.

Our First Grammar School, which is convened in the Academy, consists of over 60 pupils. My attention was called at the commencement of the Fall term to the idea of giving Miss Clarke an assistant, but as the classes are arranged, this could not be done with profit. The only way to give each pupil the attention from the teacher which he should have, is to divide the school, or change the arrangement of studies, which just would necessitate a change in other schools. In either case we must have more rooms.

The Second Grammar School is also over-crowded so the pupils cannot receive the personal attention from the teacher, which is demanded for the success of a school of this grade.

The Primary School has had no winter term on account of the unsuitable room. Even in Summer, when the weather is warm, it is not suitable. Just for a moment, think of those little ones occupying the high settees, day after day, while you and I could not occupy them for an *hour and a half* at a lecture without suffering all the pains of rheumatics.

We trust that you will not let another year pass without taking some decided action in this matter, and thus be prepared to reap the benefit of the school money which is yearly expended. The *health, the constitutions* of those whom you love and cherish, demands that you take immediate action.

Our text books in the rural schools are still in a mixed state, necessitating a great waste of time by the large number of classes. Your attention is called once more to the "free text book system" by which we may have a uniformity. Many very pertinent remarks were made by your Supervisor for the closing remarks of his report one year ago, to which I would call *your especial attention*, as they are just as applicable at the present time.

All of which is most 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 first and second Saturdays in April; for the Winter schools, the first and third Saturdays in November, at one o'clock P. M.

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

