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ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
A C C O U N T S
OF THE
TOWN OF TOPSHAM,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
March 12, 1869.



BRUNSWICK TELEGRAPH PRINTING OFFICE:
1869.

To the Auditor of Town Accounts for the Town of Topsham :

The subscribers, as selectmen and overseers of the Poor, submit for your examination the following statement of the Appropriations, Receipts and Expenditures, for the year ending March 12, 1869.

Appropriations and Receipts.

For State tax,	4,056 57	
County tax,	1,088 31	
Poor and other town expenses,	2,000 00	
Schools,	1,800 00	
Highways, (in money)	1,000 00	
Notes and interest,	3,000 00	
Hearse,	600 00	
Highway taxes of previous year,	176 85	
Overlayings,	579 04	
Added by supplement,	56 70	
Added by supplement to tax of 1867,	5 30	
	<hr/>	\$14,362 77
Received from sale of Bonds,	6,488 87	
Raised by loan,	2,667 68	
Interest on school fund,	39 87	
From town of Lisbon,	10 00	
From town of Bowdoin,	9 00	
Oxen sold,	200 00	
Balance of highway money from selectmen	106 94	
Old hearse	15 00	
Amount of School Funds allowed for 1867,	41 66	
	<hr/>	\$9,579 02
Due from J. S. Newall, Treasurer and Collector for 1859,	6 18	
Due from J. F. Whitney, Treas'r and Collector for 1863, '64, '65, and '66.	736 22	
Due from Chas. E. White, Treasurer and Collector for 1867,	7,608 81	
Orders outstanding March 7, 1869,	371 12	
	<hr/>	\$3,722 33
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		\$32,664 12

Expenditures.

Balance of State tax for 1868,	3,749 18	
State tax for 1868 in part,	1,000 00	
County tax,	1,088 31	
Amount paid schools,	1,418 13	
Support of Poor,	1,117 95	
Highways,	1,803 92	
Hearse,	361 25	
Engine and engine house,	170 74	
Cisterns,	213 92	
Other town expenses,	729 71	
Abatements,	319 44	
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	438 36	
Amount of notes paid,	8,401 05	
Interest on notes and orders,	1,091 13	
Interest on bonds,	1,081 50	
	<hr/>	\$22,984 59
Due from J. S. Newall, Treasurer and Collector for 1859,	6 18	
Due from J. F. Whitney, Treas'r and Collector for 1863, '64, '65, and '66,	143 11	
Due from Charles E. White, Treas'r and Collector for 1867 and '68,	8,276 70	
Orders outstanding March 7, 1868,	1,253 54	
	<hr/>	\$3,679 53
		<hr/>
		\$32,664 12

Highway Account.

Raised for highways in money,	1,000 00	
Balance paid Treasurer of moneys paid Selectmen instead of labor,	106 94	
Amount of unpaid highway taxes of previous year committed,	176 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,283 79
Paid on account of highways in excess of appropriation,		520 13
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		\$1,803 92

Bills paid sundry persons for labor and material on highways.

Thomas Ross,	1 37
Joshua Foye,	4 27
John Knight,	118 41

George Whitten.	3 75
George W. Farrin,	8 00
Jona. Williams,	115 45
Oliver Brawn,	25 37
Smith Chase,	4 00
Joseph O. Beals, for himself and others,	101 52
Joshua Newall,	49 50
R. Tarr,	22 46
Norton Gilpatrick,	17 25
E. Gould,	26 00
S. J. White,	20 60
H. K. White,	20 20
J. F. Whitney,	7 53
O. W. White, for self and others,	272 07
Alvah Mallett,	77 24
Otis F. Thompson	5 28
Oliver F. Thompson,	9 50
C. T. Patten,	6 24
A. W. Dennett,	13 84
Benjamin Thompson	11 40
Alex. Ridley,	14 43
Nelson Whittemore,	4 78
I. E. Mallett,	7 00
Joseph S. Coombs,	5 55
George A. Rogers,	2 80
Benjamin Flagg,	39 63
W. E. Graves,	4 72
P. H. Thompson,	8 18
Patten Tate & Son,	22 00
Wm. S. Alexander,	23 50
Charles Barron,	21 87
A. E. Hewey,	33 25
John B. Larrabee,	26 62
Bart. Reed,	6 75
Swansey Wilson,	59 37
Jona. E. Tedford,	16 75
Thomas Whitehouse,	9 75
Joseph White,	19 73
Wm. Sprague,	97 88
Andrew Plummer,	3 62
Joseph Melcher.	3 12
Cabot Manufacturing Co., for derrick,	25 50
Stockbridge Howland,	12 00
Elbridge Cornish, Jr.,	11 00
Wm. H. Mallett,	46 21

Leonard W. Tedford,	42 50	
R. H. Holbrook,	2 00	
C. E. White,	6 81	
Purinton & Hall,	219 22	
Berry & Sands,	7 48	
Maxwell & Jameson,	31 64	
Rufus Rogers,	24 17	
Rufus Thompson,	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,803 92

Sums Rec'd by Selectmen on Account of Highways.

Balance in hand of Selectmen, March 7th, '68,	9 88	
Rec'd of S. E. Johnson,	73	
" J. Haskell's estate,	15 93	
" Wildes P. Walker,	6 74	
" A. L. Stanwood,	4 16	
" Booker & Hale,	1 61	
" Warren Johnson,	10 68	
" Chas. Thompson's estate,	56 92	
" J. B. Minott,	4 93	
" R. & F. E. Purington,	4 50	
" Joseph Barron,	1 94	
" Samuel Thompson's estate,	80 40	
	<hr/>	\$198 42

Bills paid.

Paid Swansey Wilson,	22 00	
W. P. Reed,	2 56	
Mrs. Haskell,	2 84	
James F. Mustard,	6 49	
Jos. O. Beal,	23 60	
Osgood B. Hewey,	4 53	
J. M. & C. A. Staples,	4 78	
Rufus Thompson,	2 14	
Alfred White,	4 00	
Jona. Crane & Son,	2 69	
Charles E. White,	15 85	
Balance paid to Treasurer,	106 94	
	<hr/>	\$198 42

Expenses of Engine and Engine House.

Mrs. Haskell rent of land for engine house,	17 33
John Furbish for stove for engine house,	17 67
A. W. Dennett's Oil, Buckets, &c.,	6 49
Tomas F'inerty, repair of hose,	18 00

Two Firemen's Axes,	8 55
D. A. Hall, for care of engine and repair,	17 45
C. E. White, oil, &c.,	6 22
B. F. Atkinson, work on engine house,	66 12
Purinton & Hall, lumber,	4 69
R. P. Whitney, oil, &c.,	64
Maxwell & Jameson's bill,	6 04
H. P. Mallett & Co.,	1 54

\$170 74

Expenses on Cisterns.

George W. Farrin, cleaning old cistern,	5 00
D. Y. Dudley, cleaning cistern near meeting house,	5 00
Smith Chase, work on new cistern,	19 00
N. Whittemore, " " "	2 19
T. Whitehouse, " " "	21 00
Geo. E. Stinson " " "	6 25
A. H. Small, " " "	1 00
Swansey Wilson,	93
C. E. White, for cement, &c.,	26 26
N. W. Quint, labor,	8 50
Thompson & Blondell, for brick,	43 65
Purinton & Hall, lumber for old cistern,	9 92
Stone & Atkinson, labor and material,	21 97
Maxwell & Jameson, ring for hatch,	75
S. A. Perkins' bill, timber for new cistern,	25 40
W. P. Walker's bill for labor, pipe, cock, &c.,	17 10

\$213 92

Hearse Expenses.

New Hearse and harness of David Rowe, Lewiston,	360 00
C. E. White, new lock for house,	25
Maxwell & Jameson's bill on old hearse,	1 00

\$361 25

Received for old hearse and harness,

15 00

\$346 25

Other Town Expenses (Exclusive of Poor.)

Jos. H. Purinton, services as Auditor,	3 50
J. F. Whitney, commission collecting taxes,	85 57
Benjamin Jaques, as Town Clerk,	12 00
A. D. Wheeler, services as School Committee,	54 75

Given Jameson, services as Selectman,	88 40	
A. A. Smith, services as School Committee,	8 25	
C. H. Small, notifying officers,	5 00	
A. G. Tenney, printing,	41 00	
A. W. Dennett, account,	4 20	
F. Adams, services as Selectman and expenses,	117 45	
Geo. A. Rogers, services as Selectman and expenses,	92 00	
Joseph H. Parinton, services as Selectman and expenses,	115 35	
Sag. Ag. Society, for use of Hall,	25 00	
Geo. F. Mallett, damage to wagon on highways,	5 00	
Geo. Barron, committee on road,	5 00	
Geo. A. Rogers, committee on road,	3 00	
Benjamin Thomson, committee on road,	4 00	
C. E. White, stationery for office,	3 48	
J. D. Simmons, services and expenses on Bridge Committee,	12 00	
Parinton & Hall, lumber for pound,	9 30	
R. P. Whitney, postage and paper,	1 28	
James Maxwell, services as Constable,	9 50	
C. E. White, commissions for collecting taxes and services as Treasurer,	74 59	
H. P. Mallett & Co., paper,	14	
		\$729 71

Bills settled with sundry persons for Support and Relief of the Poor.

Paid A. E. Hewey, for services on farm,	197 50	
A. W. Dennett, supplies,	186 87	
" for A. M. Cotton,	7 25	
C. E. White, supplies for farm and grass,	296 06	
" for Sarah D. Welch,	5 00	
" for A. M. Cotton,	7 25	
A. M. Cotton, order for his support,	3 50	
Nathaniel Ward, for use of bull,	1 50	
Dr. Joseph McKeen, for services and medicine,	37 50	
Daniel Hunter, hay for farm,	30 00	
Daniel Rumrill, " "	27 89	
Charles McDaffie, ditching on farm,	22 30	
1 yoke of oxen for farm,	197 50	
City of Lewiston, for A. L. Doughty,	5 00	
Horace M. Eaton, for digging grave of Sheppard child,	3 00	
Jona. Crane, wood for Ruth Mitchell,	5 50	
R. P. Whitney, supplies for farm,	18 38	
Maxwell & Jameson's bill,	75	
H. P. Mallett & Co., supplies for farm,	55 21	
		1117 95
Cash paid Treas'r for one yoke of oxen sold from farm,	200 00	
Rec'd of other towns,	19 00	
		219 00
		\$898 20

Relief furnished sundry persons out of the House, (Included in the Above.)

A. M. Cotton,	29 63	
Sarah D. Welch, (Lisbon.)	5 00	
A. L. Doughty,	5 00	
Sheppard child, (Bowdoin.)	3 00	
Ruth Mitchell,	5 50	
Dr. Joseph McKeen, medical attendance of poor in and out of house,	37 50	
		\$84 04

Town Farm Account.

Amount of supplies furnished by A. E. Hewey,	201 95	
Paid Purinton & Hall's bill for shingles and lumber for farm buildings,	79 31	
	<hr/>	\$281 26
Per Contra.		
By amount in A. E. Hewey's hands March 7th. 1868.	10 22	
Received for labor of A. E. Hewey and oxen, 1868,	45 00	
Produce sold,	131 75	
Purinton & Hall for 5685 feet lumber, sold from farm,	79 59	
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Cash due A. E. Hewey to balance account,	266 56	
	14 70	
	<hr/>	\$281 26
Estimated amount due from Nancy M. Hunter for labor of A. E. Hewey and oxen hauling lumber,	100 00	
Amount due A. E. Hewey,	14 70	
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Net balance due farm account,	85 30	
Supplies on hand March 12th, 1868,		\$245 00

Stock on Farm March 12th, 1869.

2 oxen,	250 00	
1 horse,	150 00	
3 cows,	180 00	
1 two year old,	30 00	
1 calf,	15 00	
16 sheep and lambs,	56 00	
2 swine,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$721 00

School Resources and Expenditures.

VILLAGE DISTRICT.

Amount apportioned for 1868,		\$883
Bills Paid.		
Amount overdrawn March 7, 1868,	76 61	
Geo. Barron, making list of scholars,	5 00	
Annie Dunlap, for teaching,	48 00	
Ann C. Purinton, for teaching,	48 00	
A. B. Dearborn, for teaching,	144 00	
Abbie M. Stone, for teaching,	48 00	
Edwin A. Scribner, for care of house,	5 25	
Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Brawn, cleaning house,	5 00	
Annie James, for teaching,	48 00	
Hannah Knight, for teaching,	44 00	
Abbie M. Stone, for teaching,	44 00	
Wm. E. Hogan, for teaching,	168 00	
C. E. White, for supplies,	9 27	
R. P. Whitney, for supplies,	30	
F. P. Curtis, repairs and wood,	61 06	
D. S. Curtis, care of school-rooms,	10 00	
F. W. Wilson, for teaching,	90 00	
Due District March 12, 1869,	29 36	
	<hr/>	\$883 86

DISTRICT No. 1.

Due District March 7, 1868,	08	
Apportioned for 1868,	81 77	
	<hr/>	\$81 95

Bills Paid.

Lizzie A. Barnes, teaching,	14 00	
John L. Ham, teaching,	66 00	
Due District March 12, 1869,	1 85	
	<hr/>	\$81 85

DISTRICT No. 3.

Due District March 7, 1868,	11 07	
Apportioned for 1868,	115 33	
	<hr/>	\$126 40

Bills Paid.

C. T. Patten, wood,	7 65	
Annie M. Tate, teaching,	20 00	
Chas. A. Clough, repairs, &c.,	1 57	
James W. Card,	70 00	
Due District March 12, 1869,	27 18	
	<hr/>	\$126 40

DISTRICT No. 4.

Due District, March 7, 1868,	16 59	
Apportioned for 1868,	169 02	
	<hr/>	\$185 61

Bills Paid.

P. E. Grows, teaching,	40 00	
R. K. Holbrook, proportion of school money allowed by vote of District,	3 73	
P. E. Grows, teaching,	48 00	
D. S. Blake, wood and repairs,	19 91	
Due District, March 12 '69,	73 97	
	<hr/>	\$185 61

DISTRICT No. 5.

Due District, March 7, 1868,	12 11	
Apportioned for 1868,	115 33	
	<hr/>	\$127 44

Bills Paid.

Alvah Mallett, repair of school house,	1 80	
W. E. Tedford, teaching,	25 00	
Due District, March 6, 1869,	100 64	
	<hr/>	\$127 44

DISTRICT No. 6.

Due District, March 7, 1868,	20 49	
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Apportioned for 1863,	152 24	
	<hr/>	\$172 73
Bills Paid.		
J. F. Whitney, wood,	2 00	
Jacob Graves, wood,	18 50	
M. J. Winchell, teaching,	35 00	
James Dike, teaching,	60 00	
Due District, March 12, '69,	57 23	
	<hr/>	\$172 73
DISTRICT No. 8.		
Due District March 7, '68,	1 85	
Apportioned for '68,	48 21	
	<hr/>	\$50 06
Due District March 12, '69,		\$50 06
DISTRICT No. 9.		
Due District March 7, '69,	41	
Apportioned for '68,	125 40	
	<hr/>	\$125 81
Bills Paid.		
John Mustard, board of teacher,	25 00	
M. F. Curtis, teaching,	25 00	
C. E. Mustard, repairs of school house,	3 00	
John Mustard, board of teacher,	27 50	
R. J. Millay, teaching,	44 00	
Due District March 12, 1869,	1 31	
	<hr/>	\$125 81
DISTRICT No. 11.		
Due District March 7, 1868,	23 56	
Apportioned for 1868,	105 26	
	<hr/>	\$128 82
Bills Paid.		
Henry Morang, board of teacher,	10 25	
A. E. Graves, teaching,	20 00	
John Graves, teaching,	13 60	
Wm. M. Howland, wood,	7 00	
Due District March 12, 1869,	77 97	
	<hr/>	\$128 82
DISTRICT No. 12.		
Due District March 7, 1868,	61	
Apportioned for 1868,	85 12	
	<hr/>	\$85 73
Bills Paid.		
Mellie E. Alexander, teaching,	27 00	

Due District March 12, 1869,	58 73	
	<hr/>	\$85 73
Due Elbridge Lincoln March 7, 1868,	4 74	
Paid E. Lincoln,		\$4 74

Note Account.

Paid Pejepscot Nat'l Bank, (3 notes,)	2,350 00	
R. & F. E. Purinton, (1 farm note,)	250 00	
Given Jameson, 2 notes,	1,512 50	
H. P. Mallett, 2 notes,	445 00	
Robert D. Hunter,	200 00	
Jos. Sprague,	101 00	
Betsy Morse,	120 00	
Uriah Jack,	200 00	
Robt. H. Randall, on notes,	1,046 21	
Cath. B. Andrews, in part,	50 00	
S. F. Cary, in part,	25 00	
William E. Haley, 2 notes,	412 56	
John Crowley,	350 00	
Rufus Patten, 2 notes,	240 00	
Elbridge Hunter,	300 00	
E. R. Hildreth,	200 00	
William Randall,	298 78	
Abijah Thompson,	200 00	
John F. Blondell,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,401 05

Notes given during year.

Pejepscot Nat'l Bank, (2 notes,)	1,350 00	
M. J. Hildreth,	1,000 00	
J. C. Purinton,	275 00	
Treas. of School Fund,	42 68	
	<hr/>	\$2,667 68
Notes reduced,		5,733 37
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		\$8,401 05

Bond Account.

Amount of bonds sold,	6,750 00	
Am't of interest accrued before time of sale,	81 37	
	<hr/>	\$6,831 37
Amount received for bonds sold,	6,488 87	
Discount on same,	342 50	
	<hr/>	\$6,831 37

The above amount added to the amount of \$13,250, sold prior to March 7, 1868, makes the whole amount of \$20,000 authorized to be issued.

Treasurer's and Collector's Account.

March 12, 1869, due from J. S. Newall, Treasurer and Collector for 1859,	6,18	
	<hr/>	\$6 18
March 7, 1868, due from J. F. Whitney, Treas. & Col. for 1863, '64, '65 & '66,	736 22	
	<hr/>	\$736 22

Per Contra.

By amount of orders rendered,	323 31	
Note to H. P. Mallett,	200 00	
Interest on same,	24 80	
Coupons rendered,	45 00	
Amount due March 12, 1869, to balance,	143 11	
	<hr/>	\$736 22

March 7, 1868, due from C. E. White, Treasurer and Collector for 1867,	7,608 81	
Amount of tax committed for 1868,	14,362 77	
Amount received from sale of bonds,	6,488 87	
Amount raised by loan,	2,667 68	
Cash received for 1 yoke oxen from town farm,	200 00	
Cash of town of Bowdoin,	9 00	
“ “ “ Lisbon,	10 00	
Received of Selectmen for highway taxes,	106 94	
Interest on school fund,	39 87	
State school fund for 1867,	41 66	
	<hr/>	\$31,535 60

Per Contra.

Amount of orders rendered,	7,694 65	
Balance of State tax 1867,	3,749 18	
Part of State tax 1868,	1,000 00	
Amount of County tax for 1868,	1,088 31	
Amount of notes paid and interest,	8,177 31	
Interest on bonds,	1,036 50	
Commission as Collector and Treasurer,	74 59	
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	438 36	
Amount to balance,	8,276 70	
	<hr/>	\$31,535 60

Liabilities of the Town for the year 1869, (in part estimated.)

Balance of State tax for 1868,	3,056 57	
Balance due schools,	478 30	
Outstanding orders,	371 12	
One farm note,	250 00	
Interest on farm notes,	30 00	
Am't of notes outstanding, exclusive of farm notes,	5,933 32	
Interest on notes (one year,)	356 00	
Coupons,	1,200 00	
Outstanding bills,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,875 31

Resources,

Due from J. S. Newall, Treasurer for 1859,	6 18	
Due from J. F. Whitney, Treasurer and Collector for 1863, '64, '65 and '66,	143 11	
Due from Chas. E. White Treas. and Col. for 1867 and 1868,	8,276 70	
Due from other towns,	3 00	
Excess of liabilities,	3,446 32	
	<hr/>	\$11,875 31

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to be raised, to meet the liabilities of the town for the ensuing year :—

For Schools,	1,800 00
For Highways (in money,)	1,000 00
For Poor and other expenses,	2,000 00
For Debts and interest,	2,500 00

FRANCIS ADAMS,	} Selectmen of Topsham.
GEO. A. ROGERS,	
JOS. H. PURINTON,	

I have examined the foregoing accounts, and compared them with the books, orders and bills, and find them correct.

DAVID SCRIBNER, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 29, 1869.

The general condition of the schools for the year now drawing to a close, has not been very different from that of previous years. The teachers have in general been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the progress of the scholars in regard to their studies has in most cases been commendable. In one case only has a change of teachers been deemed advisable for incompetency or lack of discipline. In several cases, however, the schools have not appeared to so good advantage as usual at the closing examination either in summer or winter, not through any fault of the teachers, but in consequence of prevailing sickness in the districts, diminishing the number of pupils in attendance, and in some instances, leaving only the smaller and less advanced. The committee are very glad to be able to report two more school houses thoroughly repaired and in good condition; one of them in District No. 5, and the other in District No. 11. Both of them have been removed to more favorable locations. These make five outside of the Village District, that have been rebuilt, or otherwise rendered convenient and comfortable within a few years. There are nearly as many more that need to go through the same process of renovation if the districts remain as they are; though the committee

would urgently recommend as they have often done before, that the number should be made less. The Districts could then afford to build better school houses, and they would be sure to have better schools. Experience has taught, almost without exception, that the largest schools are the best; and the smallest, the poorest. And the reason is obvious. Short schools, small wages, cheap teachers, few scholars, little or no emulation or interest, can never compete successfully with those of an opposite character. There may be an objection to distance, when there are no corresponding advantages, but no one should object to going further, if he is sure of faring better. More money, better teachers, longer schools, larger numbers, more competition will afford ample compensation for the more extended walks, which would be rendered necessary in going and returning.

It is very desirable that all our teachers and the older and more advanced classes in our schools should have ready access, at all times, to books of reference, such as dictionaries and gazetteers, and to maps and globes and other school apparatus; so that all questions may at once be definitely and authoritatively settled, and all important principles in matters of science may be fully and clearly illustrated. These also may be more readily procured in large schools than in small ones, whether by contributions, or exhibitions, or appropriations as by law allowed, or in any other way. Even as matters now stand, the committee would recommend that these articles be procured, as far and as fast, as circumstances appear to justify such purchases. In some cases the pupils in our schools, if so disposed, can do much for this object among themselves by contributions, exhibitions, &c., and the parents can do much to aid and encourage them. The plan was proposed during the past winter in the village High School, but for some cause was not carried out. It is hoped that another winter will witness better success.

The suggestion has often been made that parents themselves should manifest a deeper interest in the welfare of their children and the success of the schools, by more frequent visits, and a more cordial co-operation with the teachers instead of neglecting this duty altogether, and instead of operating against the teachers by unguarded remarks in the presence of their children, and against the character of the schools by improper interference, and by circulating complaints without due investigation. But the suggestion is one that will bear repetition even to the extent of giving "line upon line, and precept upon precept."

The committee would take this opportunity to call the attention of agents and teachers, the municipal authorities and the citizens generally to the following provisions of the Statute:

"SEC. 55. If any agent neglects to give written notice to the Superintending School Committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, *he shall forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given.*"

"SEC. 56. No teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services, until the register of his school, properly filled up, completed and signed, is deposited with the School Committee, or with a person designated by them to receive it."

The committee are every year subjected to much inconvenience by the neglect of these provisions. In consequence of it, schools are not always visited when they ought to be; a full and complete report cannot be made to the town for the want of the necessary information contained in these registers; nor the requisite returns to the Secretary of State.

The following statement of the condition of the several schools is as accurate as can be given from the facts obtained:

DISTRICT No. 1. Agent, Joseph Coombs. Whole number of scholars in the District, 20.

Summer Term. Teacher, Lizzie A. Barnes. Whole attendance, 10; average attendance 8. Length of school, 44 days. Miss Barnes has taught this school several terms before, and her work was well done the present season.

Winter Term. Teacher, John L. Ham. Whole attendance, 18; average 16. Length of school, 52 days. No notice was received of the time of closing. When visited at the commencement of the term, it promised an excellent school.

Nos. 2, 7, and 10, comprise the Village District.

DISTRICT No. 3. Agent, Charles Clough. Whole number of scholars in the District, 27.

Summer Term. Teacher, Annie M. Tate. Whole attendance, 16; average attendance, 13. Length of school, 55 days. The teacher was earnest in her efforts to do well, and met with very good success.

Winter Term. Teacher, James W. Card. Whole attendance, 23; average attendance, 15. Length of school, 55 days. Order in this school just what it should be. During both visits not a whisper heard or seen. A complete success.

DISTRICT No. 4. Agent, Daniel Blake. Whole number of scholars in the District, 31.

Summer Term. Teacher, Prudie E. Gross. Whole attendance, —; average attendance, — Length of school, — In consequence of prevailing sickness among the children, the number present at the last examination was very small, and it was impossible to judge fairly of the improvement that had been made.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Whole attendance, 22; average attendance, 20. Length of school, 66 days. The school was again small at the closing examination, for the same reason as before given; but the average attendance indicates great regularity, and the teacher appears to have been faithful in the discharge of her duty.

DISTRICT No. 5. Agent, C. W. Purington. Whole number of scholars in the District, 29.

Summer Term. Teacher, U. E. Tedford. Whole attendance, 21; average attendance, 14. Length of school, 53 days. At first visit found school orderly and promising well. Success fair.

Winter Term. Teacher, F. E. Stanley. Whole attendance,

22; average attendance, 19. Length of school, 60 days. To keep a better school would be a difficult task. We want more such teachers.

DISTRICT No. 6. Agent, Jonathan H. Hunter. Whole number of scholars in the District, 42.

Summer Term. Teacher, M. J. Winchell. Whole attendance, 27; average attendance, 20. Length of school, 55 days. This school appeared to very good advantage at the examinations, and gave evidence of faithful instruction.

Winter Term. Teacher, J. Dike. Whole attendance, 37; average attendance, 26. Length of school, 44 days. This school was visited but once, no notice having been given of the time of its close. The school appeared orderly, and gave good promise at the beginning.

DISTRICT No. 8. Agent, Joseph L. Jack. Whole number of scholars in the District, 8.

No Summer Term.

Winter Term. Teacher, Earl B. Parker. Whole attendance, 8; average attendance, 8. Length of school, 38 1-2 days. The school is small, but the teacher succeeded in interesting every scholar, and making it a very profitable term. The district is greatly in want of a new house. It should in some way be united with the district above or below.

DISTRICT No. 9. Agent, Cyrus E. Mustard. Whole number of scholars in the District, 34.

Summer Term. Teacher, M. F. Curtis. Whole attendance, 21; average attendance, 18. Length of school, 55 days. The school made good improvement, and the general appearance was satisfactory—with the exception of the school house, which needs renovating.

Winter Term. Teacher, R. J. Millay. Whole attendance, 18; average attendance, 16. Length of school, 60 1-2 days.—The appearance of the school, with the exception above stated, was quite favorable. Particular attention was given to the analysis of words, and with very good success. The discipline of the school was good. So far as known to the committee, Miss Millay gave general satisfaction to pupils and parents.

DISTRICT No. 11. Agent, David Thompson. Whole number of scholars in the District, 29.

Summer Term. Teacher, Alwilda E. Graves. Whole attendance, 15; average attendance, 13. Length of school, 55

days. The teacher tried hard to do well, and her efforts were attended with fair success.

Winter Term. Teacher, Augustine Simmons. Whole attendance, 19; average attendance, 13. Length of school, 44 days. A good scholar; success fair.

DISTRICT No. 12. *Summer Term.* Teacher, Me'lie Alexander. No Register received. Term, 66 days. The school appeared well when visited.

Winter Term, not yet closed.

VILLAGE DISTRICT. Agents, Charles Scribner, W. Merrill, Joseph Curtis. Whole number of scholars in the District, 258.

Teachers of the Summer Schools.	Wh. Att.	Av. Att.
U. P. Annie Dunlap,	24	23
M. P. Abbie M. Stone,	40	34
L. P. Carrie Purinton,	20	18

Length of these schools, 66 days.

Teachers of the Winter Schools.	Wh. Att.	Av. Att.
U. P. Annie Dunlap,	—	—
M. P. Abbie M. Stone.	38	32
L. P. Hannah Knight.	23	18

Length of schools, 60 days.

The teachers of the Grammar Schools acquitted themselves in a manner creditable to themselves and satisfactory to the committee.

Grammar School. This school during the summer term was united with the High School.

Winter Term. Teacher, Theodosia M. Wilson. Whole attendance, 32; average attendance, 28. Length of school 66 days. Miss Wilson is a teacher of established reputation and is too well known among us to require any endorsement as regards character, qualifications or success.

High School and Grammar School united.

Summer Term. Teacher, Alvah B. Dearborn. No Register. Mr. Dearborn has proved himself an acceptable teacher, and his efforts have been attended with a very gratifying success.

Winter Term. Teacher, William E. Hogan. Whole attendance, 38; average attendance, 25. Length of school, 63 days. Mr. Hogan is a conscientious and faithful teacher. The school when visited always appeared in a good condition. From various causes there was a falling off in the number of scholars during the latter part of the term, which had the effect to lessen the average number in attendance.

