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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen & S. S. Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF 1885.

Real Estate,	1,407,680	
Personal Estate,	816,970	
	<hr/>	\$2,224,650
No. Polls, 1,227 at \$2.00 each,		2,454 00
Rate, \$8.90 on \$1000.		

ASSESSMENTS.

For State Tax,	7,711 96	
“ County Tax,	2,370 66	
“ Schools,	3,700 00	
“ Support of Poor and Town Expenses,	2,000 00	
“ Breaking Roads,	900 00	
“ Bridges across Kennebec River,	700 00	
“ Bridges and Culverts,	500 00	
“ Running Road Machine,	1,000 00	
“ Damages on Summer Street,	625 00	
“ Money for Highways,	1,800 00	
“ Overlayings,	945 76	
“ Tax on 105 Dogs,	105 00	
	<hr/>	\$22,358 38

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Railroad and Telegraph Tax from State,	1,080 00	
Interest on Railroad Bonds, 1884,	14 00	
Cash of G. W. Taft for defect in Road Machine,	8 00	
Cash of S. E. Morrell in part payment for expense of E. P. Morrell at Hospital,	12 98	
Cash of Z. Vaughn, sale of bottles,	25	
Cash for grass in Cemetery on south side,	4 00	
Cash for grass in Cemetery on Parkman Hill,	6 00	
Cash for license for Pool Room,	10 00	
Cash of St. Albans, Pauper bill, 1884,	18 05	
Interest on Railroad Bonds, 1885,	14 00	
Cash of Town of Carroll, Pauper bill,	8 67	
Cash of Town of Moscow. Pauper bill,	1 25	
Cash of Town of Fairfield, Pauper bill,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,182 70

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed for State and County Taxes,		\$10,082 62
Paid E. C. Burleigh, State Treasurer,	\$7,711 96	
Paid A. O. Frederic, County Treasurer,	2,370 66	
	<hr/>	\$10,082 62

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1885.		
June 5.	Cash paid Isaac Dyer, Memorial Service	\$100 00
Sept. 30.	" Digging ditch across Park,	9 00
Oct. 16.	" Capt. H. M. Weston, rent of hall, in part,	37 50
Oct. 17.	" Blanks, Smith & Mayo,	9 10
Nov. 14.	" Judge Buswell, locating south line Leavitt St.,	5 00
Nov. 21.	" For Aqueduct near depot,	12 00
Dec. 8.	" Robinson Brothers. for target ground,	8 00
Dec. 12.	" For Vaccinations, Fred Varney,	45 45
Dec. 12.	" Geo. S. Webb, for postage,	47
1886.		
Jan. 18.	" Smith & Mayo, blanks,	2 25
Feb. 4.	" Wm. Holbrook, Electric Light on bridge to Jan. 4,	3 00
Feb. 13.	" Levi W. Weston, use of receiving tomb,	15 00
Feb. 15.	" Geo. Cushing. Electric Light on bridge, to March 1st, '86,	7 45
Feb. 15.	" H. P. Thing, for tramps in 1884,	2 25
Feb. 15-	" Use of bull for 1884,	2 50
Feb. 15.	" Alexander Weston, locating 2 roads,	5 00
Feb. 15.	" C. K. Turner, burial of Napoleon Fournier's wife,	2 00
Feb. 15.	" Walton & Walton, services in C. L. Rolf suit,	10 00
Feb. 16.	" Bixby & Buck. Books and Stationery,	13 85
Feb. 16.	" Bixby & Bck. school books for poor,	6 66
Feb. 17.	" Geo. S. Webb, recording births and deaths.	6 96
Feb 17.	" Geo. S. Webb, book for same,	85
Feb. 17.	" Capt. H. M. Weston, rent of hall to March 1, 1886,	37 50
Feb. 17.	" Asa Estes, care of Town Hall past year,	4 00
Feb. 18.	" Geo. Cushing, school books for poor,	7 61
Feb. 18.	" Daniel H. Clark, support of James Clark in 1884,	13 00
Feb. 18.	" Chas. F. McLellen, Aqueduct tub, south side,	3 00

Feb. 18.	"	C. L. Rolf, damage for loss of horse, 1884,	50 00
Feb. 18.	"	A. T. Hilton, damage of wagon,	5 00
Feb. 18.	"	S. P. Penny, damage of wagon and hay, Notch road, STE	122 00
Feb. 18.	"	Chas. H. Wheeler, damage to STE wagon,	1 50
Feb. 18.	"	Richard G. Chase, damage to STE wagon,	1 50
			\$449 40

EXPENSE OF ROAD MACHINE.

1885.			
May 25.	Paid B. F. Ford, 15 day's work,		\$150 00
June 15.	" " " 7 1-2 "		75 00
July 8.	" " " 2 1-2 "		25 00
July 21.	" " " 22 1-2 "		225 00
Sept. 21.	" " " 2 1-2 "		25 00
June 3.	" Francis I. Estes, 27 1-2 day's work,		275 00
July 25.	" " " 23 1-2 "		235 00
July 25.	" " " for repairs, etc.,		7 60
Sept. 19.	" " " 5 day's work,		50 00
Aug. 1.	" B. N Foss, repairs road machine,		7 00
Oct. 16.	" J. W. Delano, " "		3 00
Nov. 4.	" B. N. Foss, " "		6 00
Dec. 12.	" E. O. Blackden, " "		1 00
1886.			
Jan. 18.	" J. W. Hobart, " "		22 00
			\$1,106 60

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS IN WINTERS OF 1884-85.

Albert Lawrence,.....	\$2 20
A. F. & C. H. Leighton,.....	26 62
Samuel Whittemore,.....	8 29
Hazen M. Green,.....	2 60
John M. Lally,.....	2 94
Sidney L. Pooler,.....	1 22
C. K. Turner,.....	4 20
Perley Gower,.....	4 56
George E. Goodwin,.....	107 62
R. O. Hight,.....	22 65
James W. Jewett,.....	11 81
S. A. Bickford, orders to pay taxes to those who broke roads,.....	1,217 74
\$1,412 45	

EXPENSE OF CULVERTS.

1885.			
July 6.	Cash paid W. H. Weston, Dis. No. 12, south,.....		16 62
July 15.	" Abel Homstead, Dis. No. 6, north,.....		30 92

Oct. 3.	"	H. H. Gilman, culvert near W. B. Nutter's,.....	28 37	
Oct. 3.	"	I. C. Dorothy, Dis. 15, north,	45 50	
Nov. 15.	"	F. G. Penny, plank for Dis. No. 19, north,.....	4 87	
Nov. 25.	"	Weston & Brainard, lumber in several districts,.....	41 81	
Dec. 5.	"	James F. Buzzell, Dis. 14. south,.....	2 55	
				<u>\$170 64</u>

REPAIRING BRIDGES ACROSS KENNEBEC RIVER.

1885.				
		Altering letters on bridges,.....	1 50	
		Paid J. L. Hight, 33 3-4 M. shingles,.....	64 12	
		" E. G. Coffin, 14 1-4 M. shingles,.....	24 52	
		" Otis B. Friend, shingling and patching roof,.....	55 10	
		" Charles Luce,.....	67 50	
		" H. H. Gilman, as per bills,.....	519 11	
				<u>\$731 85</u>

EXPENSE OF LAND DAMAGE ON ROADS.

1885.				
June 15.		Mrs. Phebe Dinsmore,.....	\$15 00	
"		John Farnham,.....	140 00	
"		Samuel Robinson,.....	40 00	
"		Frank Wyman,.....	40 00	
"		Harriet Jennings,.....	80 00	
"		Sheldon Reed,.....	50 00	
"		R. H. Merrill,.....	60 00	
"		Mrs. Vina Coburn,.....	60 00	
"		Elbridge Herrin,.....	40 00	
"		John A. Dealy,.....	50 00	
"		Paid County Commissioners,.....	39 50	
				<u>\$614 50</u>

CASH EXPENSE ON ROADS.

1885.				
June		Amos C. Tobey, work on Tobey Hill,...	\$50 00	
"		Abel Patten, work on Notch Road,....	110 50	
"		Royal F. Holt, work in District No. 16. north,.....	18 90	
" 24.		Oscar Williams, work in Dis. No. 13. north,.....	22 50	
July 1.		Nathan Merrill,.....	3 00	
Oct. 3.		Amos C. Tobey, Russell Road,.....	200 00	
Oct. 6.		Isaac C. Dorothy, Dis. No. 15, north,...	4 50	
1886.				
Jan. 13.		Chas. H. Loomis, Dis. No. 11. north,	24 75	
Jan. 13.		Weston & Brainard, Dis. No. 1,.....	372 85	
Feb. 24.		H. H. Gilman,.....	112 00	
				<u>\$919 00</u>

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

Sumner A. Patten,	}	S. S. Committee,.....	56	25
E F Danforth,			53	70
Miss Lizzie Miller,			44	50
Abel Prescott,	}	Selectmen and Assessors,....	250	00
S F Steward,			115	00
John Weston,			115	00
Samuel A Bickford. Collector,.....			451	72
George S. Webb. Treasurer,.....			40	00

\$1,126 17

PERSONS HELPED BY TOWN WITH THE AMOUNT PAID FOR EACH.

Sumner Steward.....	\$163 94
John C. Foster.....	117 38
Edward P. Morrill.....	71 81
Elbridge Nicholas.....	58 05
Joseph Lewis.....	43 41
Lucy Foster.....	55 01
John Cluky.....	1 50
Levi Groder.....	12 25
Augustus Roderick.....	10 50
Augustus Vigue.....	14 48
Theo. Pooler.....	1 50
John Groder.....	2 00
John Lassau.....	1 00
Robert Ireland.....	57 50
Frank Cone and family.....	80 31
Mary Goodness.....	12 00
Charlotte Blackden.....	19 46
George Doloff.....	52 00
—— Lombier.....	25 50
John McMann.....	5 50
John Provo.....	19 75
John Lambert's children.....	11 00
Alfred Austin.....	38 25
Hiram Steward.....	99 49
Thomas Chilcot.....	236 05
Wm. Mitchell.....	27 00
James Clark.....	55 30
Deborah Priest.....	130 00
Mrs. O'Neil (for daughter).....	30 00
Frank Rowe.....	7 00
Cyrus Allard.....	10 00
Will Stearns.....	5 00
Hannah Ireland.....	37 99
John Willey.....	2 00
Mrs. Robert Kendall.....	43 68
Jennie Cowett.....	24 83
Mrs. Isaac Gage.....	50 00
Joseph Dore jr.....	3 62
Benjamin Davidson.....	41 63
Horace Clark.....	75
Mrs. Thomas Boyce.....	30 00
James Dutell.....	30 00

Levi Priest.....	10 50	
Mary Telouse.....	4 19	
Mrs. Dulac.....	9 00	
Addie Dore.....	5 50	
Wilbur C. Austin.....	10 37	
Mrs. Wm. Kirby.....	4 58	
Mrs. Olive Emery.....	78 00	
Addie Sawtelle.....	6 00	
Addie Lambert & Son.....	37 00	
Samuel Rowe.....	5 00	
Dr. Wilbur, doctoring poor.....	40 00	
		<u>\$1,948 48</u>

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Sheldon Howes, Moscow.....	1 25	
James A. Gibbs, Carroll.....	8 67	
Margaret Smith, Bingham.....	4 00	
Lydia McMann, Fairfield.....	5 50	
Nathaniel Allenbee, Frankfort.....	7 75	
		<u>\$27 17</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

DR.

FARM ACCOUNT.

Overseer and wife 's salary.....	\$250 00	
Paid for supplies.....	333 69	
Paid for insurance.....	22 50	
Stock and supplies on hand March 1, 1885.....	1,006 57	
		<u>\$1612 76</u>
Cr. By sales from Farm.....	\$180 77	
Stock and supplies on hand March 1 1886.....	1,159 85	
Balance against Farm.....	272 14	
		<u>\$1612 76</u>

Number of weeks board of Poor 412, or including Overseer and Family 620, at a cost exclusive of investment in Farm of 66 cents per week or including Overseer and Family 44 cents per week.

Expense of Poor off the Farm.....	\$1,948 48	
Expense of Poor on the Farm.....	272 14	
		<u>\$2,220 62</u>
Expense of Poor last year.....		\$1,917 09

SCHOOLS.

Amount assessed for schools,	\$3700 00	
School Fund and Mill Tax from State,	1975 85	
Balance due Districts last year,	509 64	
		<u>\$6,185 49</u>
Amount paid the several Districts,	\$5672 52	
Balance due " " "	512 97	
		<u>\$6,185 49</u>

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Amount assessed for Bridges and Culverts,		\$500 00
Amount expended,	\$170 64	
Balance unexpended,	329 36	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

ROAD MACHINE WORK.

Amount assessed for,	\$1,000 00	
Overdrawn,	106 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,106 60
Paid B. F. Ford, running Machine,	\$500 00	
“ F. I. Estes, “ “	560 00	
“ For repairs on Machines,	46 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,106 60

BREAKING ROADS.

Amount assessed for Breaking Roads. for 1884-5	\$900 00	
Overdrawn,	512 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,412 45
Amount expended for Breaking Roads,		\$1,412 45
Amount assessed in Cash for Roads,		\$1,800 00
Amount expended for Roads,	\$919 00,	
Amount unexpended,	881 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,800 00

REPAIRING BRIDGES ACROSS KENNEBEC RIVER.

Amount assessed for repairs,	\$700 00	
Overdrawn,	31 85	
	<hr/>	\$731 85
Amount expended for Bridges,		\$731 85

LAND DAMAGES ON ROADS.

Amount assessed for Damages on Road,		\$625 00
Amount paid out for same,	\$614 50	
Balance unexpended,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$625 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,		\$449 40
Abatements on S. A. Bickford tax bills for 1885,		\$280 40

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWM.

Due the several School Districts,	\$512 97	
“ In-sane Hospital estimated,	104 00	
“ Town of Brunswick “ “	150 00	
“ “ Embden, “ “	30 00	
“ “ Corinna “ “	10 00	
Balance in favor of Town,	3,773 15	
	<hr/>	\$4,580 12

RESOURCES.

Due from the Town of Bingham	\$4 00	
Maine Central Railroad bonds	200 00	
Due from the Town of Starks	64 70	
“ “ “ “ “ Bingham	4 00	
Cash in Treasury	4,307 42	
		<u>\$4,580 12</u>

ESTIMATE FOR THE COMING YEAR TO BE RAISED

Support of Poor and Town Expenses	\$2000 00
Bridges and Culverts including Skowhegan Bridges	600 00
Breaking Snow Roads	400 00

We recommend that the town raise \$4000 in money to run the Road Machines and for Highways, and raise no Highway Tax. Together with such other sums as the town may vote under the specific articles in the warrant.

ABEL PRESCOTT,	} Selectmen of Skowhegan
S. F. STEWARD,	
JOHN WESTON.	

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superint'g School Committee

For the year Ending March 1, 1886.

The Committee respectfully submit the following as their report for the year ending March 1st, 1886.

FINANCIAL.

Amount designated by vote of town for support of Schools,	\$3,700 00
Amount received from State Fund and Mill Tax,	1,975 85
Amount received from State for High Schools,	250 00
Total for Support of Schools,	\$5,925 85

STATISTICAL.

Number of Scholars in town April 1st, 1885,	1,244
Number in Village District,	923
Number of different scholars attending school in Village District,	583
In all other Districts,	215
Total number scholars attending school,	798
Number of different Teachers employed,	36
Male teachers employed,	3
Female teachers employed,	33
Number of School Districts,	18
Number of different terms of school in town the past year,	63

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Mr. Taylor continues as Principal of the High School, and Mrs. Caro M. Palmer as Assistant. These teachers continue to deserve the words of commendation which have been given them, for so many years, in these reports.

At the close of the school year Miss L. Maria Knight resigned the position of Principal of the First Grammar School. This position which was so ably filled by Miss Knight is now held by Miss Sadie Hight, a teacher of experience and success. Under her leadership and instruction the school is prospering. Miss Dora Cleveaud retains her position as Assistant in this school and by faithfulness in her work she has secured the affection of her pupils and the approbation of the Committee.

Much to the regret of all, Miss Annie Ward resigned her position in the Second Grammar School at the close of the fall term. This vacancy was filled by the promotion of Miss Alice Emery. The pupils of this school were under excellent discipline and had done thorough work. Miss Emery is fully sustaining the good reputation of the school.

There have been no changes of teachers on the north side. Miss Mae Pollard remains with the Intermediate School on Leavitt Street. Under her direction the classes are doing good work.

Miss Helen Blackden, Miss Addie Swain and Miss Zetta Pierce are the teachers of the Primary Schools and are laboring faithfully and successfully for the improvement of these scholars.

At the close of the school year Miss Dora Pollard retired from the Intermediate School, south side, and Miss Annie Hoxie was selected to take her place. She is doing good work and has secured the confidence and respect of her pupils.

Miss Stella Foster was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Miss Emery, in the Second Primary, south side. Miss Foster is a graduate from our High School, and though her experience has not been large she gives promise of making a successful teacher.

Miss Mary Smith retains her position in the First Primary on Front Street, and is doing her work thoroughly as in former years.

Miss Helen Hoxie has the Primary School on Mechanic Street, in place of Miss Annie Hoxie who was transferred. Miss Hoxie is a teacher of experience and enthusiasm and is sustaining her former good record.

NORTH—District Schools.

District No. 2.

Spring term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss Cora A. Cain. Whole number attending school, 15. Average 14.

Fall term was under the instruction of the same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number in attendance, 17. Average, 14.

These were very profitable schools.

District No. 3.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Allie F. Burrill. Whole number in attendance, 17. Average, 15.

Same teacher kept fall term of 10 weeks. Whole number in attendance, 14. Average, 9. This was Miss Burrill's first effort at teaching. She was interested in her work and was fairly successful. Experience will put her among our best teachers of district schools. Better discipline and a more thorough drill of her pupils in the different departments of study would have given better results.

District No. 4.

Length of summer term, 6 weeks. Number of scholars in attendance, 11. Average, 9. Winter term is now in session, and is under the direction of Miss Annie E. Barbeau, who also kept the summer term. Miss Barbeau is among our best teachers. She maintains good order and has the respect and confidence of her pupils.

District Nos. 5 and 6.

Fall term taught by Attie E. Gifford. Whole number attending school, 12. Average, 10. Length of term, 13

weeks. We were pleased with the appearance of this school at both of our visits. The pupils made good improvement, especially in reading.

District No. 7.

Summer term, 8 weeks. Number in attendance, 21. Average, 19. Teacher, Miss Alice E. Chase. Winter term was under the management of the same teacher. Length of school 12 weeks. Number in attendance, 19. Average, 17. Both terms of school were very profitable.

District No. 8.

Fall term of 12 weeks taught by Miss Emma G. Smith. Whole number of scholars, 5. Average, 4. This was Miss Smith's first effort at teaching and she made it a success.

District No. 9.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Hattie J. Friend. Number in attendance, 25. Average, 22. With better discipline this would have been a very profitable school. The kindest feelings seemed to exist between teacher and pupils, and as Miss Friend had a happy faculty of instructing, the school on the whole was quite a success.

The winter term of 8½ weeks was taught by Mr. Edward C. Keith. Whole number attending, 22. Average, 19. Mr. Keith is a good teacher, clear in his explanations and thorough in his drill. The school, however, lacked discipline, which materially interfered with its success.

District No. 11.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Attie E. Gifford. Number attending school, 21. Average, 13. Miss Gifford gave good satisfaction.

The winter term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Addie Wells. Number attending school, 17. Average, 16. Miss Wells entered upon her duties with the best intentions and tried hard to make the school a success. The order, however, was not good, and the pupils were not thoroughly drilled in their studies. With more experience we know of no reason why Miss Wells will not succeed well as a teacher.

District No. 12.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Cora A. Cain. Whole number attending school, 15. Average, 11.

The winter term of this school is now in session and under the supervision of Miss Cain. I visited this school at its beginning and found 24 pupils in attendance, and the indications were favorable for a very profitable term.

The parents in this district manifest a becoming interest in educational matters, as shown by frequently visiting their schools, by keeping their school house in good repair and by effort they make to secure first-class teachers.

SOUTH—District No. 2.

The summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Helen M. Hoxie, with an attendance of 13 and average of 12. Too much could not be said in praise of this term's work. The scholars did their work well and co-operated with the teacher in making it almost a model school.

Miss Rosalind Pierce taught the fall term. Length of term, 7 weeks. Attendance, 13; average, 11 1-70. There was not enough concert of action in this school to make it entirely profitable. The teacher labored hard for the best interest of her pupils, but yet the school did not appear as well at the last visit we made as it ought to have appeared.

The winter school in this district is in progress at the present time under the management of Mr. Charles Leighton and promises to be a profitable term.

District No. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Carrie B. Leighton. Attendance, 5; average, 5. There was fair progress made and Miss Leighton seemed to have the good-will of her scholars.

The fall term of 8 weeks was under the care of Miss Nettie M. Holway. Attendance, 6; average, 5.1. The work seemed to be done in quite a thorough manner.

Mrs. Delia A. Weston taught the winter school of 8 weeks. Mrs. W. is a teacher of considerable experience and made the term a very successful one. The scholars were interested and made excellent progress.

District No. 4.

Miss Alice M. Fletcher taught the only school for the year in this district. The agent was very fortunate in securing Miss Fletcher to take charge of the school. The progress was very marked and the discipline good.

District No. 5.

Summer term 8 weeks. Attendance 9; average 8. Taught

by Miss Lucy A. Dinsmore. Very good progress was made in studies, but there was a little laxness in the department of some of the scholars which took away much from the profitability of the school.

Miss Ella Nash taught the winter term. Though the numbers dropped off yet those remaining in attendance made good progress and appeared interested in their work.

District No. 6.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Olive A. Harris. Summer term: Attendance, 14; average, 12.5; length of term, 8 weeks.

Winter term: Attendance, 22; average, 17; length of term, 11 weeks. Both terms were successful, though the winter term was somewhat broken up by sickness.

District No. 7.

This school was taught by Miss Mary C. Allen. Attendance, 10; average, 9; length of term, 9 weeks. We never visited a school where the scholars were apparently more interested than in this school. Miss Allen is an accomplished teacher and cannot fail to make scholars interested.

District No. 8.

Both summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Alice Fletcher. Summer term: Attendance, 11; average, 10.6; length of term, 9 weeks.

Winter term: Attendance, 11; average, 10.6; length of term, 9 weeks. Good interest was manifested and the terms were very successful.

District No. 9.

The only school for the year is now in progress under the care of Miss Olive Harris. From Miss Harris' past success we judge that this school will be one of profit.

GENERAL COMMENTS.

We feel that we shall not trespass too much upon your time, if, after the brief statement we have made regarding the progress of the several schools, we speak of some things which do not pertain strictly to any one school in very great prominence.

A few districts have had poorer schools this year by employing teachers who were not competent to teach that particular school. We wish that the agents would be careful and make all investigations possible before engaging their teachers, see that your teacher has the proper governing power for your school. If she is a stranger to you don't engage her till you find her recommended by some one besides herself. If she has never taught and you are not perfectly satisfied that she will succeed well let some other district give her the first trial. *You want a good teacher for your school every term.* When your school has been brought up to a high standard by good teachers don't let it fall but continue with the best. Make your schools shorter if necessary but keep the standard high.

Some of the school houses are much out of repair. We noticed one, where, as we sat near the stove, on looking up at the ceiling we found the plastering off in many places, and from where we sat, we could see through between the laths into the attic above and out through the roof into the open air. The door to the dressing room was off, the outside door was held closed with the aid of the broom, the inner door kept closed by a chip being placed under it. On this particular day the scholars seemed to be too cold to do a good day's work. Give the scholars a comfortable, warm, well ventilated, attractive school room and a good teacher, if you expect good results and they, on their part, will not disappoint you.

E. F. DANFORTH, }
 S. A. PATTEN, }
 LIZZIE D. MILLER. } S. S. Committee.