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Report of Selectmen.

VALUATION OF 1886.

Real Estate.....	\$1,464,520	
Personal Estate.....	918,060	
		\$2,382,580
No. of Polls 1295, at \$2.50 each.....		\$3,237 50
Rate \$8 50 on \$1,000.		

ASSESSMENTS.

For State Tax.....	\$7,711 96	
“ County Tax,	2,370 66	
“ Schools,	3,700 00	
“ Support of Poor and Town Expenses,.....	2,500 00	
“ Highways,.....	4,000 00	
“ Culverts and Bridges,	600 00	
“ Breaking Roads,.....	1,200 00	
“ Hearse House.....	300 00	
“ Overlayings,	\$1,106 81	
“ Tax on Dogs,.....	132 00	
		\$23,621 43

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Rec'd Road and Telephone Tax from State,.....	\$ 877 50	
Cash of Starks Pauper Bill of 1885.	64 70	
“ for Circus License.....	20 00	
“ “ Horse sold from Farm	135 00	
“ “ Auctioneers License.....	3 00	
“ of Waterville Pauper bill.....	10 50	
“ for Sewer Pipe.....	3 55	
“ of Town of Bingham Pauper bill 1885,.....	4 00	
“ “ Samuel E. Morrell in part payment for expense of E P. Morrell at Hospital,.....	10 00	
Cash of Palmyra Pauper bill,.....	25 00	
“ hired of Stephen Steward.....	2000 00	
“ of Embden Pauper bill,.....	4 00	
“ of John Murray,.....	4 70	
Interest on Railroad Bonds.....	14 00	
R. B. Shepherd use of Road Machine.....	5 00	
		\$3,180 96

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

1886.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

May 1,	Cash paid	Asa Estes, care of Hall two meetings,	\$ 3 00
“ 31,	“	“ Charles F. Jones, memorial service, ..	100 00
Nov. 3,	“	“ Joseph O. Smith for Blanks.....	3 50
Dec. 1,	“	“ Insurance of Town Farm,.....	90 00
1887.			
Jan'y 6,	“	“ for Watering Tub on Madison Street,	12 00
“ 15,	“	“ E. N. Merrill, Cost of Commissioners on Williams road,.....	45 39
	“	“ A. L. Weston, Lettering Bridge,.....	7 00
	“	“ Locating Varney Road,.....	4 00
	“	“ Bixby & Buck School Books for poor	1 65
	“	“ “ Books and Stationary for Town, ..	13 69
	“	“ George S. Webb, Recording Births and Deaths.	11 84
	“	“ George S. Webb, Small Trunk &c....	1 45
	“	“ George Cushing School Books for Poor,.....	1 77
	“	“ Robinson Brothers, use of Target Ground,.....	8 00
	“	“ Capt. H. M. Weston, Rent of Hall to March 1st, 1887,.....	75 00
	“	“ John Griffin, care of Hall two meet- ings,.....	4 00
	“	“ for Electric Light on South Bridge to March 1st 87,.....	52 85
	“	“ S. A. Bickford, Posting 2 Town war- rants,.....	2 00
	“	“ A. Prescott, Postage Stamps and Te- legraphy, ..	7 39
	“	“ A. Prescott, R. R Fare and Expens- es to Brunswick,.....	4 33
	“	“ A. Prescott for Freight &c.,.....	1 51
	“	“ A. Weston, Locating road near W. G. Trask's, ..	2 00
	“	“ Paid L. W. Weston, use of Tomb, ..	15 00
	“	“ H. L. Hight, Damage to Horse and Carriage, ..	100 00
	“	“ Philip Libby, Injury to self,.....	15 00
	“	“ T. B. Barrett, Damage to self and Horse, ..	52 62
	“	“ L. G. Lord, Damage to self and horse	50 00
	“	“ Elias Hutchins, Damage to Wagon, ..	12 00
			<hr/> \$ 702 99

EXPENSE OF ROAD MACHINE.

May 15,	Paid B. F. Ford, 5 days work,	\$ 50 00	
" 29,	" John Turner for Road Machine,	223 00	
June 2,	" B. F. Ford, 15 days work,	150 00	
" 12,	" F. I. Estes, 5 " "	50 00	
" 19,	" B. F. Ford, 14½ " "	142 50	
	" " " Repairs, Help, &c.,	10 10	
July 24,	" F. I. Estes, 35½ days work,	353 33	
" 29,	" B. F. Ford, 1 " "	10 00	
" "	" John Turner, 10 " "	100 00	
Aug. 14,	" " " 14½ " "	147 00	
Oct. 2,	" B. F. Ford, 1 " "	10 00	
" 18,	" O. E. Blackden, repairs on machine, ...	1 05	
" 30,	" F. I. Estes, 2½ days work,	25 00	
Nov. 13,	" B. F. Ford, 9½ hours work,	9 50	
" 20,	" F. I. Estes, 1 day's work,	10 00	
1887.			
Jan'y 3,	" J. W. Delano, repairs on machine,	1 30	
" 10,	" B. N. Foss, " " "	7 25	
	" M. J. Allen, " " "	2 25	
			\$1,302 28
Due J. W. Hobart, repairs and use of Machine,			38 50
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			\$1,340 78

EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER 1885 and '86.

Frank Trask Breaking in 1884,	\$ 5 72
Joseph Adams " " 1885,	3 60
Thomas Kellett " " 1885 and '86,	9 00
Abel Homestead " " " " "	6 47
Simon Reo " " " " "	1 00
Charles Smith " " " " "	16 50
Charles Provo " " " " "	3 15
Wm. Parkman " " " " "	5 40
S. F. Steward " " " " "	15 00
Peter Malbon " " " " "	5 00
John B. Neal " " " " "	2 51
H. H. Gilman " " " " "	46 00
Frank Williams " " " " "	1 85
Fred R. Gower " " " " "	8 44
Geo. E. Goodwin " " " " "	38 50
C. A. Leighton " " " " "	2 16
Wilbert Green " " " " "	5 40
J. S. Steward " " " " "	60
Hazen M. Greer " " " " "	6 75
L. J. Palmer " " " " "	2 03
Horace Jewett " " " " "	2 12
H. M. Reed " " " " "	3 35

C. W. Lewis, Breaking in 1885 and '86.....	1 35
A. Lawrence " " " " "	20
Joseph Moody " " " " "	1 50
Edwin Ricker " " " " "	2 50
Albert Smith " " " " "	3 90
C. A. Marston " " " " "	12 15
Daniel Lambert " " " " "	90
Wm. Holway " " " " "	60
Abram Wyman " " " " "	1 87
C. H. Cushman " " " " "	3 45
I. C. Dorothy " " " " "	6 53
Ervin Bigelow " " " " "	6 37
Weston & Brainard Lumber for Triangle.....	1 35
Orders handed to S. A. Bickford to pay taxes to those that broke roads.....	1177 58

\$1410 80

EXPENSE OF CULVERTS AND BRIDGES.

1886.

Mar 13,	Joseph P. Adams,.....	\$2 76
June 8,	George E. Morrill,.....	7 50
" 26,	David Horn,.....	8 30
July 1,	Joseph I. Burrill,.....	12 55
" 2,	F. G. Penney, lumber,.....	19 88
" 29,	Weston & Brainard, lumber,...	18 49
Aug. 9,	R. F. Holt,.....	5 50
Sep. 18,	Wm. B. Fletcher,.....	3 60
Oct. 5,	George M. Buzzell,.....	3 91
" 16,	Oscar Williams,.....	5 50
Nov. 3,	Wm. Parkman,.....	9 91
" "	John H. Wyman,.....	3 00
" "	Charles Smith,.....	3 00
" 15,	Wm. H. Weston,.....	6 01
" 20,	Benjamin M. Steward,.....	3 20
" "	Sidney L. Pooler,.....	12 75
" "	John A. Swain,.....	13 75
Dec. 1,	Charles French,.....	5 95
" 18,	Weston & Brainard,.....	15 42
1887.		
Jan'y 10,	Joseph P. Adams, lumber,.....	25 46
Feb. 5,	Benois Loomis, lumber.....	1 10
	A. G. Blunt. nails, 1885 & 1886.....	8 41

\$195 95

LABOR ON ROADS IN SUMMER OF 1886.

April 28.	Charles Lewis work on Notch Road,	\$ 1 00
May 8,	A. Strickland work in Dist. No. 15, North,	15 00
June 2,	Theo. Richardson, work in Dist. No. 23, North,	12 45
" 8,	John W. Ross, " " 24, "	14 70
" 12,	Royal F. Holt, " " 16, "	18 00
" 18,	Joseph I. Burrell, " " 22, "	15 00
" 19,	Geo. E. Morrill, " " 13, South,	12 00
" 25,	Fred R. Hill, " " 21, North,	16 76
" 26,	J. P. Whittemore, " Notch Road,	111 00
" 26,	C. A. Leighton, work on road in Dist No. 1,	
	South,	18 00
July 13,	Horace Eaton, " " " No. 17,	
	North,	18 45
Aug. 9,	R. F. Parker, " " " No. 19, "	17 50
" 18,	Charles Smith, " " " 28, "	15 75
" 21,	Alvah Kimball, " " " 13, "	17 00
Sept. 27,	Wm. B. Fletcher, " " " 6,	
	South,	5 25
Oct. 2,	Jos. Whittemore, " " " 11,	
	North,	22 50
" 5,	Geo. M. Buzzill, " " " 14,	
	South,	8 25
" 16,	Abel Patten, " " " 9,	
	North,	16 50
" 30,	E. O. Harris, " " " 16,	
	South,	5 70
Nov. 3,	P. C. Steward, " " " 10, "	11 12
" "	John H. Wyman, " " " 7, "	5 05
" "	Ansel Holway, " " " 4, "	4 77
" 13,	Ensign Frye, watering tub, Dist. No. 3, "	2 25
" 15,	Wm. H. Weston, work in " " 12, "	13 60
" 20,	David Horn, " " " 5, "	17 25
" "	Scammon Burrill, " on Notch Road, North,	6 00
" "	Benj. M. Steward, " in District No. 11, South,	27 75
" "	Sidney L. Pooler, " " " 20, North,	3 63
" "	A. K. Perkins, " " " 3, "	13 50
" "	John L. Kendall, " " " 9, South,	3 00
" "	John A. Swain, " " " 8, "	6 76
" 27,	Nathan Fowler, " " " 6, North,	18 45
" "	A Hood, " " " 6, "	4 50
" "	Ruel M. Malbou, " " " 5, "	13 38
Dec. 1,	Charles French, " " " 14, "	9 05
" 4,	John R. Webb, " " " 2, South,	4 50
" "	Robert Harris, " " " 15, "	20 77
" "	H. H. Dillingham, " " " 15, North,	9 00
" "	Moses R. Cain, " " " 18, "	6 00
" 8,	T. H. Bosworth, " " " 4, "	4 05
" "	Francis Lowe, " " " 8, "	15 00
" 15,	H. A. Archer, " " " 27, "	2 30

1887.			
Jan'y 9,	E. Richardson, work in	Dist. No. 25, North,	12 45
" 22,	Abner S. Hoxie, " "	" " 11, South,	16 13
" "	Evander Mitchell, " "	" " 19, North,	5 70
" "	Frank P. Malbon, " "	" " 5, "	4 48
" "	Samuel E. Morrill, " "	" " 8, South,	2 62
" "	J. H. Sandford, " "	" " 25, North,	2 40
" "	A. F. Adams, " "	" " 2, South,	7 49
" "	R. F. Holt, " "	" " 16, North,	1 50
" "	Benj. K. Snow, " "	" " 7, South,	10 36
1886.			
May 8,	H. H. Gilman, in Village District,		100 00
" 22,	Same, " "		100 00
June 12,	Same, " "		400 00
July 29,	Weston & Brainard, lumber in Village District,		186 40
" 31,	H. H. Gilman, in Village District,		300 00
Nov. 13,	Same, " "		400 00
1887.			
Jan'y 27,	Same, " "		284 08
			—————\$2,416 10

PERSONS HELPED BY THE TOWN WITH THE AMOUNT PAID
FOR EACH.

Sumner Steward,.....	\$ 144 32
John C. Foster,.....	118 07
Edward P. Morrill,.....	144 05
Elbridge Nicholas,.....	83 43
Mrs. Anne Davis,.....	32 07
John H. Caldwell,.....	89 00
Alfred Austin,.....	37 13
Hiram Steward,.....	79 88
Mrs O'Neil,.....	30 00
Mrs. Olive Emery,.....	41 00
Hiram Dulac's Family,.....	12 30
Addie Sawtelle,.....	52 00
James Clough,.....	53 40
Deborah Priest,.....	30 12
Mrs. Thomas Boyce,.....	12 00
Joseph W. Young,.....	8 08
Amelea Cluky,.....	5 38
Will Stearns,.....	21 00
Augusta Vigue,.....	6 00
Eunice Varney,.....	13 58
Mary Rowe,.....	9 00
George Doloff,.....	26 00
— Lombier,.....	26 00
Thomas Steward,.....	21 26
Addie Lambert,.....	38 64

Of the Town of Skowhegan,

Augustus Roderick,.....	22 50
Annie L. Symonds,.....	155 38
Edward Flora,.....	8 00
George Dulac,.....	6 00
Wilbur C. Austin,.....	13 38
Hannah Ireland,.....	36 38
Luther Weston,.....	56 25
Manny McFadden,.....	9 70
Horace Clark,.....	11 10
Theodore Pooler,.....	18 83
Mrs. Gay,.....	4 50
Anna Boynton's Boy,.....	7 03
Lewy Lashon,.....	17 49
James Dutell,.....	24 00
Sarah Blair,.....	3 50
Paul Murray,.....	13 75
John Clukey,.....	2 00
Mary Telouse,.....	18 25
Clarissa Kendall,.....	3 00
John Groder,.....	4 50
Thomas Trucott,.....	134 64
Thomas Trucott's Family,.....	81 76
Mrs. Isaac Gage,.....	50 00
Mrs. William Scallon,.....	9 00
George Billadeau,.....	2 00
Twen Flaro,.....	3 00
Dr. Wilbur. Doctoring Poor for year.....	40 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,889 60

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Mrs. Fifield Ireland, Embden,.....	4 00
Clyde Thompson, Corinna,.....	32 14
John Smith, Wellington,.....	25 25
Margaret Smith, Birgham,.....	2 00
James H. Fairbrother,.....	37 00
	<hr/> \$100 39

EXPENSE OF TRAMPS.

1886.	
April	Nath. Horn, Keeping Tramp,.....\$ 2 00
	H. P. Thing's Bill,..... 17 25
	H. H. Tufts,..... 14 25
	<hr/> \$33 50

BREAKING ROADS.

Amount assessed for breaking roads,.....	\$1,200 00
Overdrawn,.....	210 80
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Amount expended breaking roads,.....	\$1,410 80

HEARSE HOUSE.

Amt. assessed for Hearse House,.....	\$300 00
Amt expended for new Hearse House,.....	\$274 35
“ “ repairs Hearse House on Dyer Hill,.....	15 00
Balance unexpended,.....	10 65
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	\$300 00

SEWERS.

Amount hired for Sewers,.....	\$2000 00
“ expended for Sewers,.....	1305 03
Balance unexpended “ “	694 97
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	\$2000 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

E. F. Danforth, Superintending Committee,.....	\$ 74 00
S. A. Patten, “ “	73 50
Miss Lizzie Miller, “ “	43 50
A. G. Emery, Treasurer,.....	40 00
S. A. Bickford, Collector,....	359 81
A. Prescott, one of Selectmen,.....	300 00
S. F. Steward, one of Selectmen,.....	150 00
J. W. Packard, “ “	120 00
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	\$1,160 81

Abatements on S. A. Bickford's bills for the year 1886 and '87, ...\$417 72

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Due the several school districts,.....	\$976 96
“ “ Insane Hospital (estimated)	138 00
“ “ Town of Harmony, “	125 00
“ George Doloff,	26 00
“ James Clark for support of D. H. Clark,	13 00
“ F. Morrison, “ “ “ Deborah Priest,.....	9 75
“ Stephen Steward for hired money,.....	2000 00
Balance due the town,.....	3315 80
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	\$6,604 51

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from Town of Corinna,	\$32 14	
“ “ “ “ Wellington,	25 25	
“ “ “ “ Bingham,	2 00	
“ “ “ “ Palmyra,	12 00	
“ “ “ “ Thorncliffe,	33 53	
Cash in Treasury,	6,499 59	
		\$6,604 51

A suit against the town has been commenced by Alonzo Brown for personal injury. The selectmen upon investigation have concluded that the town is not liable, consequently have not settled same.

ESTIMATES FOR THE COMING YEAR TO BE RAISED.

Support of Poor and Town Expenses,	\$2,500 00
Bridges and Culverts,	500 00
Breaking Snow Roads,	1,500 00

Together with such other sums as the town shall vote to raise under the specific articles named in the Warrant.

A. PRESCOTT,	} Selectmen	
S. F. STEWARD,		of
J. W. PACKARD,		Skowhegan.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL

COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

The Committee respectfully submit the following as their report for the year ending March 1st, 1889 :

FINANCIAL.

	P.T.B
Amount designated by vote of Town for Support of Schools,...	\$3,700 00
“ received from State Fund and Mill Tax,.....	2,155 89
“ “ “ State for High Schools,.....	375 00
Total for Support of Schools,.....	\$6,230 89

STATISTICAL.

Number of Scholars in Town, April 1st, 1886,.....	1,294
“ in Village District,.....	975
“ of different Scholars attending school in Village District,..	603
“ in all other districts,.....	232
Total number attending school,	835
Number of different teachers employed,.....	37
Male teachers employed,.....	4
Female teachers employed	33
Number of School Districts,.....	18
“ “ different terms of school in town during the year,.....	68

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

It is not necessary that our report of the Schools of the Village District should be lengthy, as with one exception, our teachers are the same as those reported to you one year ago.

At the commencement of the Fall term, Mrs. Caro M. Palmer resigned the position which she had faithfully and acceptably filled for four years, as Assistant in the High School. Miss Belle Allen, whose reputation as a teacher was well known among us, and who was familiar with the duties of this position, was asked to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Taylor, with Miss Allen as Assistant, is fully sustaining the reputation which our High School has enjoyed for so long a time, that of being one of the best schools of the kind in the State.

Miss Dora Cleveland and Miss Hattie Mayo are working faithfully and efficiently, as teachers of the First Grammar School, and the work and methods of Miss Alice Emery, teacher of the Second Grammar School, give increasing satisfaction. These three teachers of the Grammar department have classes from the High School.

The Intermediate Schools on the North Side and South Side, continue in charge of Miss May Pollard and Miss Annie Hoxie. Under their instruction the pupils are making good progress.

Miss Helen Blackden remains with Second Primary on the North Side and Miss Stella Foster on the South Side. These Schools show faithful and painstaking work on the part of the teachers.

The Primary Schools on North and Pleasant Streets continue under the care of Miss Addie Swaine and Miss Zetta Pierce. Miss Mae Smith and Miss Helen Hoxie remain with those on Front and Mechanic Streets. These teachers are all laboring earnestly and conscientiously for the good of their schools. Such labor is rewarded by good results.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS—NORTH.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Spring Term taught by Miss Olive A. Harris; whole number attending school, 21; average 17. Fall term of 8 weeks was taught by same teacher; whole number in attendance 21; average 15. The teacher anxiously labored in both of these schools to get the best and largest results possible, and was fairly successful; but a lack of discipline, especially in the Fall term, interfered with her work, lessening her usefulness and causing some complaint.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Abram Wyman and continued eight weeks; whole number attending 22; average 18. This was Mr. Wyman's second effort at teaching and may properly be regarded a success. His pupils made good progress in their studies, and seemed to understand well the ground they had gone over.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Spring term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Della Ames; number attending school 11; average number 10. This was Miss Ames first effort at School-teaching and she made it a success. All the scholars were interested, the discipline was good and the progress satisfactory. The Fall term was kept by the same teacher, and with like results. Number in attendance 15; average number 12.

Winter terms of eight weeks was taught by Miss Rose E. McIntire; Whole number in attendance, 11; average number 9. This school did not come up to our expectations, based upon its appearance at the beginning of the term. Miss McIntire is a good scholar, thorough in her work, and desirous to be as useful as possible to those intrusted to her care; but the usefulness of this school was materially and unfavorably affected by laxity of discipline, for which, however, the teacher was not wholly at fault.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Mary J. Cain. Whole number attending school 7, average 5. I visited this school at its commencement and was pleased with its appearance. On account of the sickness of the teacher it closed prematurely and therefore was not visited the second time. The Winter term is now under the instruction of Della Ames and promises to be very profitable.

DISTRICT NOS. 5 & 6.

Summer term was taught by Miss Gertrude Gower. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number attending school 4, average 4. Although this was Miss Gower's first effort at teaching she made the school very profitable to the few pupils she had under her care.

The Fall Term of 6 weeks was taught by Miss Alta Gifford. Whole number in attendance 12, average 8. This was a profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term of 8 weeks kept by Mr. J. Howard Stone. Whole number attending school 16. Average number 14. This school was well managed, the order was good, arrangement of classes satisfactory, and methods of instruction such as commended themselves to our approval. Winter term was kept by same teacher and gave entire satisfaction to all concerned. Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole number in attendance 17, average 14.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term of 6 weeks was taught by Miss Millie J. Boston. Miss Boston had never taught before, but entered upon her work like one who appreciated the duties and responsibilities of a teacher, and she made her school very profitable. Number of scholars in attendance 8, average no. 7. Same teacher taught the Fall Term with entire satisfaction to all concerned. Length of school 13 weeks. Number in attendance 11, average 10.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The Spring term was under the management of Miss Hannah E. Leavitt. Length of school 8 weeks. Number in attendance, 15, average 14. This was a profitable term of school. The scholars were interested in their studies and made excellent improvement, especially in reading.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Sadie A. Tobey. Length of school 10 weeks. Number in attendance 13, average attendance 11. Miss Tobey is a teacher of large experience and she spared no pains to make herself useful to her pupils. Her general management of the school and methods of teaching met the hearty approval of the committee and the results were every way satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss F. Dilla Berwise. Whole number attending school 13, average 10. Fall term was under supervision of same teacher. Length of school 8 weeks. Number in attendance 15, average 13. Winter term of 12 weeks was also taught by Miss Berwise. Whole number attending school 14, average 11. The teacher deserves much praise for her management of these schools.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Alta Gifford. Whole number attending school 14, average 12. For some reason the teacher failed to awaken in her scholars that interest and enthusiasm which is necessary to the best and largest results. There was also a noticeable lack of discipline which is likely to be found in such a school. We think Miss Gifford has usually made her schools a success.

Winter term was under the direction of Miss Annie Fuller. Whole number attending school 20, average 17. Length of school, 7 weeks. There was no doubt in the minds of your committee of the competency of Miss Fuller to instruct in all the branches of learning studied in this school. She entered upon her work with the best intentions, and gave evidence of more than ordinary ability to impart knowledge so clearly that pupils could readily see and understand what was taught; but failure in government very much lessened the usefulness of the school, and created so much dissatisfaction, on the part of the parents, that it was thought advisable to bring it to a close. After a vacation of one week the school was reopened, and Miss Olive Frost, a teacher of large experience, put in charge. I visited her school a few days after its beginning, and found everything promising well. The school is now in session.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS —SOUTH.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The Summer Term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Helen M. Hoxie; with an attendance of 13 and average of 12. This was a very

successful term. The pupils showed a commendable interest and conducted themselves in such a manner that it plainly indicated that they were in sympathy with their teacher who was ever alert to the best interests of her scholars. The Fall Term of six weeks was taught by Miss Nye; with an attendance of 11. We believe that this school was not profitable. The Winter school is in session under the care of Miss Martha Wentworth. We have visited the school but once, and at that time we thought we could see that the results would be meritorious.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term nine weeks; attendance 5, average 5. Teacher, Miss Lillian Gould; good progress was made and the interest seemed to be satisfactory for such a small school.

The Fall Term of 12 weeks was taught by Miss Lillian Smith; attendance 8 average 7. The teacher labored hard in the interests of the school, and a reasonable amount of success was attained as the result,

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Alice Fletcher taught the only school for the year in this district. Length of term 14 weeks. Miss Fletcher's abilities as a teacher are of the first order, and a school under her charge could not help being successful.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The Spring Term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Martha E. Wentworth with an attendance 9, average 7. Miss Wentworth taught a good school and gained the respect of her pupils.

The Fall Term was taught by Mr. Joseph G. Wyman. Length of term nine and four-fifths weeks; attendance 11 average 9. The scholars for some reason seemed to lack interest in their work, though Mr. Wyman did honest work.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer and Fall Terms of this school were taught by Miss Annie Barbeau. At the Summer Term there was an attendance of 13 with an average of 11. At both terms there was good interest in the school work and we believe them to rank among the most profitable schools of the year. The winter term is now in session under the charge of the same teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The Summer Term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Effie Bickford with an attendance of 8 and average of 7. This was quite a good school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer Term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Belle Gray with an attendance of 9 and average of 7.9. Miss Gray worked hard to secure the interest of her pupils which labor was fairly reciprocated on their part.

The Fall term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Anne Russell. At-

tendance 9, average 8.6. It was very gratifying to observe the progress made by the school during these 10 weeks. Thorough work is found in Miss Russel's schools.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The Fall Term of 13 weeks was under the charge of Miss Carrie I. Sullivan. Owing to circumstances not under our control this school was visited but once though we feel assured from our knowledge of the school and from Miss Sullivan's past experience as a teacher that good progress was made and that the school was a success in every sense of the word.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In concluding this Report allow us to say, that our school interests as a town, deserve and should receive the earnest attention of our people, and especially of every parent, who has resting upon him the responsibility of the duties and work of life.

Next to home and its influences, may properly be placed the school-room, and the instruction imparted there. The law wisely provides that the School Committee or Supervisor who grants a certificate, shall be satisfied not only as to the intellectual capacity of the applicant to teach, but, also, as to his reputation of being a person of good moral character. Intellectual and moral instruction, should go hand in hand in the school-room. What avail the highest mental development and culture, if the heart is void of principles of justice and right? The law requires supervisors or school committees to visit the schools under their care, at least twice during each term. These visits can and should be made, profitable. And we believe it would be highly advantageous if parents would frequently visit the schools in which their children are instructed. Such calls would not only show a commendable interest on their part in the work of education, but their presence in the school-room would help to rouse the pupils to increased action and earnestness in the work of acquiring knowledge, and so would be helpful to scholars and teachers. Some of our schools have suffered, and their usefulness has been materially lessened, because of a lack of proper discipline. Order is said to be Heaven's first law, and its importance in the school-room cannot well be over-estimated.

Parents can help or hurt a teacher much in his effort to govern his school. How can it be expected that a boy who has no regard for his parents—who cares nothing for their commands, but violates them purposely every day, shall respect his teacher and submit patiently or otherwise to the restraints he imposes? Parents should be very careful not to speak in condemnation of the teacher in the presence of their children:—but whatever is said should rather go to aid the master in holding his

pupils up to a strict compliance with wholesome school regulations. Some of our schools in the outlying districts are obviously too small to be run with profit. For instance in district No. 4 North the whole number of scholars in the district as reported is 10. The whole number attending school last Summer term, 7. In district known as 5 and 6, the whole number attending school, 4. In district No 8 whole number of scholars as reported, is 12, whole number attending school, 8. Now we submit that it is impossible in such schools, no matter what the capacity of the teacher to create and maintain an interest sufficient to get the best and largest results. While human nature remains what it is, pupils in such schools will be lonesome and listless, and the teachers will find time hanging heavily on their hands.

It is gratifying to notice an improvement in the school houses throughout the town. A few still stand as monuments of antiquity, weather-beaten, and dilapidated inside and out, but the greater number have a neat and inviting appearance, and clearly show by their internal construction and arrangement an adaptation to the work for which they were made. This we regard as complimentary to the districts and the town, showing an increasing interest, on the part of the people, in school work, and indicating, as we hope, a desire for progress and improvement in all that pertains to the education and highest good of the young and rising generation.

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