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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**OF**

**Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,**

**TOWN TREASURER,**

**AND**

**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,**

**FOR THE**

**TOWN OF WINTHROP,**

**For the Year ending March 8th, 1875.**



**AUGUSTA:**  
**PRESS OF HOMAN & BADGER.**  
**1875.**

TOWN OFFICERS,  
Elected March, 1874.

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MODERATOR,  
WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK,  
LUGAN P. MOODY.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,  
FRANCIS H. McINTIRE,  
A. GORHAM CHANDLER,  
SILAS T. FLOYD.

TREASURER,  
JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
REV. STEPHEN ALLEN,  
REV. A. BOSSERMAN,  
A. CLIFTON PARLIN.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,  
CHARLES H. GALE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,  
ALBERT C. CARR—APPOINTED.

CONSTABLES,  
A. C. CARR,                      GEORGE O. SHEPARD,  
GANCELO WHITE,              ALFRED JEWELL.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate....	\$940,395 00	
Amount of taxes on real and personal estate, the rate being 16 mills on the dollar....	\$15,046 32	
Number of polls 500, at \$3.00 each.....	1,500 00	
Number of dogs 87, at \$1.00.....	87 00	
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		16,633 32
Percentage paid for collecting, 12½ mills on the dollar.		

## TOWN GRANTS.

Common schools.....	\$1,629 76	
Poor and other necessary town charges....	1,500 00	
Repairing highways.....	2,500 00	
Discharge of indebtedness ...	3,000 00	
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		8,629 76
State tax .....	\$5,639 94	
County tax.....	1,635 99	
Overlayings.....	629 63	
Dog tax .....	87 00	
Supplemental tax.....	11 00	
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		8,003 56
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		\$16,633 32

## COMMON SCHOOL FUNDS.

Amount assessed.....	\$1,629 76	
Interest on School fund.....	170 24	
Received from State.....	1,207 96	
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		\$3,007 96

The amount was duly apportioned to the several districts and parts of districts. Number of scholars, 703.

## Amount due school districts February 26, 1875 :

No. 1 .....	\$149 86	No. 6 .....	\$11 78
No. 2 .....	235 43	No. 7 .....	7 38
No. 3 .....	38 08	No. 8 .....	41 56
No. 4 .....	81 24	No. 9 .....	110 03
No. 5 .....	90 76	No. 10 .....	20 65

No. 8 in Wayne, received their apportionment.

No. 3 in Monmouth, \$12.30.

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TOWN FARM.

Elbridge Hutchins and wife, Superintendents, have performed their duties with prudence and economy, Mrs. Hutchins fully sustaining her former reputation for management and motherly care of the sick and infirm.

Mary Fairbanks, Joseph Cummings, Richard M. Frost and William Dicker, all very old and feeble, have been supported at the Farm during the year.

Nathan Frost and family fell into distress in the town of Palmyra, and we removed them to the Farm the 23d day of June last, where they remained until the 25th day of July following, and then left.

Hope W Briggs, belonging to the city of Augusta, has been at the Farm since the 23d day of June last, adding greatly to the cares and labors of the house. Augusta still denies her settlement there, and the case is now waiting the decision of the court.

Thirty-three transient paupers have also received relief at the Farm, varying in time from one night to five weeks.

Expenditures for family supplies, meal for stock, &c ....	\$708 04	
Income of Farm.....	\$611 15	
Increased value of personal property.....	31 28	
		<u>642 43</u>
Balance against the Farm.....		65 61
Salary of Superintendent .....		275 00
		<u>\$340 61</u>

## SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE FARM.

2 oxen .....	\$210 00	25 lbs. cheese.....	4 00
8 cows .....	480 00	22 lbs. butter .....	7 70
2 shoats.....	30 00	45 lbs. lard .....	7 50
8 tons of hay.....	128 00	125 lbs. dried apples..	12 50
3½ bushels beans ...	10 00	6 bbls. cider.....	36 00
80 bushels potatoes..	40 00	6 bbls. apples.....	9 00
10 bushels other roots	2 50	½ bbl. vinegar .....	5 00
350 lbs. pork.....	52 50	½ bbl. flour.....	3 00
100 lbs. beef.....	10 00	1 bbl. soap.....	4 00
150 lbs. ham.....	22 50	12 cords wood .....	36 00
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			\$1,110 20

Farming tools, household goods, and other articles that have not been enumerated from year to year in reports, remain about the same as last year.

## SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid town of Palmyra, support of John Frost and family,	\$8 03
Town of Palmyra, support of N. H. Frost and family .....	201 84
O. H. Stanley, supplies to I. E. Watson and family at Rome.....	6 15
For support of "Jack" (a Frenchman).....	17 77
Mrs. Betsey Friend, support of insane son .....	75 00
Insane Hospital, for John Williams .....	131 64
On bills for transient paupers.....	96 50
Town of St. Albans, for support of Nathan H. Frost and family.....	5 90
Oren McGrath, boarding transient pauper.....	8 00
S. Holden, sexton, services for Allen House, Jr., and F. E. Bonney.....	11 50
A. G. Chandler, for pauper expenses to Bath....	5 90
City of Augusta, for support of William F. Frost and family .....	5 37
Town of Monmouth, to Dr. Bell, for David B. Torsey.....	23 50
A. P. Snow's medical bill.....	33 00
City of Bath, support of Edwin Packard and family,	45 42
S. H. Stanley, for coffins for Francis E. Bonney and Allen House, Jr.....	29 00
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	\$704 52

We received notice from the city of Bath that Edward Packard and family of this town, had fallen into distress there, and steps have been taken to have them removed to our Town Farm.

### HIGHWAYS.

#### ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Expended for summer repairs .....	\$2,092 39	
Expended for making new road from Green to Bowdoin Street .....	416 14	
Expense of breaking snow the present winter, to Feb. 27th, 1875, estimated.....	1,200 00	
Appropriation.....		2,500 00
Left over from last year .....		317 09
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		2,817 09

We have drawn orders on the Treasurer for the payment of the snow bills of last winter, to the amount of.....	965 92	
For summer repairs.....	2,092 39	
For building new road from Green to Bowdoin Street.....	416 14	
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The oxen purchased to work on the highways are still on hand. The expense of keeping them is included in the above.

#### CURRENT EXPENSES.

E. S. Briggs, Selectman.....	\$115 00
F. H. McIntire, " .....	65 00
A. G. Chandler, " .....	55 00
J. M. Benjamin, Treasurer.....	75 00
A. Bryant, Supervisor of Schools.....	75 00
L. P. Moody, Town Clerk.....	20 00
L. Whitman, damages alleged to have been received on town way.....	45 00
Masters & Livermore, for printing Reports .....	28 00
Interest on school-fund loan.....	170 24
F. H. McIntire, books, stationery, &c.....	17 41
F. H. McIntire, for repairs on Town House.....	21 77
Ezra Hammond, land damage .....	25 00
Cyrus B. Whittier, land damage.....	150 00

H. A. Stanley, repairing hearse .....	\$11 00
J. L. Savage, abatement of taxes.....	3 00
A. C. Parlin, services as S. S. Committee.....	12 35
A. C. Carr, for collecting taxes for 1873 .....	166 92
A. C. Carr, for Constable services.....	13 00
Cyrus Bishop, supplies for Town Farm.....	13 84
Jones & Bradford, for meal .....	104 78
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes.....	184 20
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	\$1,371 51

## REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Gross receipts.....	\$48 00
Expenditures.....	7 50
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Net receipts for hall.....	\$40 50

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount of Town Grants assessed.....	\$9,729 76
Bank tax and School mill tax from State.....	1,207 96
Overlayings.....	629 63
Dog tax.....	87 00
Received for rent of town hall.....	40 50
Received of town of Rome for supplies to I. E. Watson's family .....	6 15
Supplemental tax.....	11 00
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	\$11,712 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to Common Schools.....	\$3,007.96
Payment towards indebtedness.....	3,000.00
Orders drawn for town Free High School..	19.23
“ support of Poor and town charges.	2,141.64
“ Highways .....	3,474.45
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Unexpended.....	\$68 72

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding Bonds.....	\$21,550 00
Unpaid interest on same, estimated..	500 00
Bills of Town Officers and Farm Supt., estimated.....	700 00
Unsettled bills, including snow bills, estimated.....	1,200 00



School money due to districts.....	\$789 07	
Interest on School Fund Loan.....	170 24	
Outstanding orders.....	1,240 09	
Due School District No. 7, special tax.....	23 02	
"    "    No. 9,    "    .....	37 90	
"    "    No. 4,    "    .....	1,139 68	
Due Free High School, No. 4.....	22 35	
		<u>\$27,372 35</u>

## RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes.....	\$12,379.64	
State Bonds on hand.....	1,500.00	
Due from State.....	1,426.96	
Cash in Treasury.....	331.41	
Value of oxen.....	225.00	15,863 01
		<u>15,863 01</u>
Indebtedness of the town.....	\$11,509 34	

F. H. McINTIRE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
A. G. CHANDLER,		
S. T. FLOYD,		} <i>of</i>
		} <i>Winthrop.</i>

WINTHROP, February 27, 1875.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, MARCH, 1875.

### RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

March, 1874.	Cash balance from last account .....	\$163 64
	“ received of A. C. Carr, collector..	11,401 48
	“ for town bonds issued.....	7,350 00
	“ for interest on State bonds .....	90 00
	“ of State, mill and savings bank tax	1,215 65
	“ for use of town hall.....	40 50
		\$20,261 27

### EXPENDITURES.

Town bonds paid .....		\$7,300 00
Interest on town bonds.....		1,396 00
Highway orders paid.....		3,022 60
Support of poor and town charges.....		2,129 74
State pensions paid.....		84 00
School orders paid.....		2,757 20
School district No. 4, on loan and interest.....		1,755 40
“ “ “ 4, free high school .....		227 65
“ “ “ 2, on special tax.....		600 00
“ “ “ 3, “ “ .....		527 27
“ “ “ 7, “ “ .....		130 00
Cash on hand.....		331 41
		\$20,261 27

### LIABILITIES.

Town bonds due in 1875.....		\$6,700
“ “ 1876.....		4,650
“ “ 1877.....		2,850
“ “ 1878.....		2,800
“ “ 1879.....		2,600
“ “ 1880.....		1,300
“ “ 1884.....		650
		\$21,550 00

LIABILITIES—*Concluded.*

Due to school districts for support of schools. ....	\$768 46
“ balance of appropriation for highways.....	66 73
“ “ for support of poor, &c.....	1,055 80
“ school districts on special tax.....	566 42
“ school district No. 4, loan account.....	1,139 68
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	\$25,147 09

## RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes.....	\$12,379 64
State bonds on hand .....	1,500 00
Due from State.....	1,426 96
Cash on hand.....	331 41
Balance against the town.....	9,509 08
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	\$25,147 09

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP, March 1, 1875.

## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

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*Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March 8, 1875, at  
half past 9 o'clock A. M.*

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- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.
- “ 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
- “ 3. To grant a sum of money for support of Schools.
- “ 4. To grant a sum of money for support of Poor, &c.
- “ 5. To grant money for Highways, and how pay and expend  
the same.
- “ 6. To see if the town will choose one or more Road Com-  
missioners.
- “ 7. To see if the town will accept a road laid out by Select-  
men near the house of W. T. Sears.
- “ 8. To see if the town will establish a Free High School,  
and grant money for support of same.
- “ 9. To see if the town will grant money to build a road laid  
out by County Commissioners near the dwelling  
house of Shubael Wing.
- “ 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to discharge  
present indebtedness of the town, or any portion  
thereof.
- “ 11. To see if the town will hire money to pay indebtedness.
- “ 12. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
- “ 13. To see if the town will vote to build a Lock-up.
- “ 14. To see if the town will vote to buy a Safe.
- “ 15. To choose and instruct committees.
- “ 16. To allow accounts against the town.



# S C H O O L S .

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The Superintending School Committee of Winthrop, submit their report for the year ending March 8, 1875 :

The committee met soon after their election, and designated by lot their respective terms of service. Rev. A. Bosserman, three years ; Rev. S. Allen, two years ; Mr. A. C. Parlin, one year. Mr. Parlin left town in the Fall, and W. R. White, Esq., was chosen to supply his place.

All the schools have been visited, by one or more of the Committee, twice each term, with a single exception. The Committee have not found it necessary to exercise their authority to settle difficulties, except in the Winter term of Districts No. 3 and No. 9.

The number of days' time occupied by the Committee in their service has been 25½, cost.....	\$38 25
Travelling expenses, printing and stationery.....	21 75
	\$60 00

The whole number of scholars in town is .....	703
The number in town outside of Village District is.....	356

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term*—12 weeks ; number attending school, 18 ; average number, 14 ; taught by Miss Isabel Coffin. This was her first experience in teaching, but a decided success ; discipline good ; and the proficiency of the scholars in their studies was satisfactory.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average number, 11 ; taught also by Miss Isabel Coffin, with success equal to that of the Summer term.

DISTRICT No. 2. *Fall Term*—12 weeks ; number of scholars, 43 ; average number, 36 ; taught by Miss Mary A. Leach, a pleasant and well qualified teacher. Though mild in discipline, Miss Leach secured the good will of the scholars ; the instruction was thorough and the school made good proficiency.

*Winter Term*—14 weeks ; number of scholars, 58 ; average number, 28. The discipline of the school and method of instruction were excellent ; the classes were thoroughly drilled, especially in reading, and good improvement was made in all the studies. The committee were surprised at the small average attendance, and they cannot believe this was the fault of the teacher. They regard Mr. Smith a first class teacher, and recommend to the district to secure his services again, if possible.

DISTRICT No. 3. *Summer Term*—14 weeks ; number of scholars, 36 ; average number, 30 ; taught by Miss Emogene White. Miss White being called home by sickness several weeks, her place was supplied by Miss Ellen White. The school was well taught throughout ; good order was preserved, and thoroughness in all the branches were characteristics of the school. The improvement of the classes, especially in grammar, was highly satisfactory.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks ; number of scholars, 58 ; average number, 48. The school was commenced by Judson A. Sturtevant. The school was disturbed by the insubordination of some of the older scholars, and a formal complaint, signed by a large proportion of the voters of the District, was presented to the Committee, who, after a careful hearing, judged that the trouble in the school was not the fault of the teacher. Mr. Sturtevant, however, thought it best to resign his place. The school was afterwards taken by Mr. C. E. Owen, an experienced teacher, who succeeded in maintaining good order, and exciting a lively interest in the studies ; the improvement has been satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 5. *Summer Term*—8 weeks ; number of scholars, 15 ; average number, 11 ; taught by Miss Martha Wheeler. The teacher appeared to be well qualified for her work ; she secured the good-will of her scholars, and advanced them rapidly in their studies.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks ; number of scholars, 20 ; average number, 14 ; taught by Robert R. Tinkham, who, though without much experience in teaching, managed the school satisfactorily.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer Term*—12 weeks ; number attending school, 35 ; average number, 32 ; taught by Miss May Norcross. Miss Norcross is an experienced and successful teacher. The school was well governed and well taught, and of course, made good proficiency.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks ; number attending school, 35 ; average number, 32 ; taught by Irving Norcross. Mr. Norcross, though a

young teacher, was successful in his work. The school was well governed and thoroughly taught, and in orderly department and improvement, deserves the highest rank.

DISTRICT No. 7. *Fall Term*—12 weeks; taught by Miss May Norcross, whose reputation as a teacher is too well established to need any commendation. The term was, in all respects, successful and satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 8. *Summer Term*—8 weeks; number of scholars attending, 7; average number, 6; taught by Miss Ada E. Jacobs. The management of the school and the proficiency of the scholars were satisfactory.

*Fall Term*—7 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average number, nearly 7; taught by Mrs. Laura C. Dexter, an experienced and successful teacher. The progress of the scholars in study was good, and the school was satisfactorily managed.

DISTRICT No. 9. *No Summer Term.*

*Winter Term*—12 weeks; number attending, 11; average number, 9; taught by Mr. Cyrus C. Richmond.

Mr. Richmond, though a young teacher, succeeded well both in governing and teaching. The scholars made good proficiency in their studies. There was some trouble at the commencement of the school, growing out of a change in teachers. The teacher who commenced the school abandoned it after a few days trial, from an apprehension that the District was not satisfied with him, and from disgust at the noisy demonstrations of the scholars. The school has been on the whole successful.

DISTRICT No. 10. *Summer Term*—12 weeks; number of scholars attending, 6; average number, nearly 6; taught by Miss Abbie Wheeler, a successful teacher. Both scholars and parents appear to be satisfied with the school.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks; number of scholars, 6; average number, nearly 6; taught by Miss Martha Wheeler, an experienced and successful teacher. The school was well taught, and was satisfactory to the people.

The Committee are happy to say, that the schools, on the whole, have been successful.

The school-houses, with but few exceptions, are in good condition, and highly creditable to the town. Those in Districts No. 2, 3, 6 and 9, are especially excellent.



There is considerable embarrassment from lack of uniformity in text-books. This defect should be remedied as soon as practicable.

The Committee believe it will be for the interest of the town to avail itself of the generous provision of the Legislature, and raise a sufficient amount of money to support a High School two terms in the year. They therefore advise this measure. Such a school will afford instruction to a considerable number of the more advanced scholars, who will otherwise go abroad for instruction. A permanent High School attracts students from other places, and presents a strong inducement for desirable families to locate in the place. A liberal appropriation for schools is the best *policy*, and the *truest economy*.

S. ALLEN,  
A. BOSSERMAN, } *Superintending*  
W. R. WHITE, } *School Committee.*

WINTHROP, March 8th, 1875.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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The Directors of the village schools submit to the town the following abstract of their Annual Report for the school year 1874-75.

The whole number of scholars in the district..... 347

The largest number in school any term..... 261

The attendance upon the several schools was as follows :

### SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Summer Term*—Whole number 68 ; average attendance 57

*Fall* “ “ “ 67, “ “ 55

*Winter* “ “ “ 55, “ “ 43

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Summer Term*—Whole number 52 ; average attendance 48

*Fall* “ “ “ 52, “ “ 48

*Winter* “ “ “ 47, “ “ 43

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

*Summer Term*—Whole number 50 ; average attendance 45

*Fall* “ “ “ 48, “ “ 44

*Winter* “ “ “ 55, “ “ 51

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Summer Term*—Whole number 53 ; average attendance 50

*Fall* “ “ “ 56, “ “ 50

*Winter* “ “ “ 50, “ “ 45

### DISTRICT FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

*Summer Term*—Whole number 25 ; average attendance 19

*Fall* “ “ “ 38, “ “ 30

*Winter* “ “ “ 17, “ “ 16

There have been thirty weeks of school, in each grade, during the year. The four Common Schools had a Summer and Fall term of eleven weeks each, and a Winter term of eight weeks. The

Free High School had a Summer term of ten weeks, a Fall term of twelve weeks, and a Winter term of eight weeks.

A brief report of each of the schools, for the year, will occupy the space allotted for this abstract.

#### SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Juliet M. Stanley, who was teacher in this school last year, was engaged again for this year. Under her care this has been in all respects an excellent school. Parents and guardians, in sending their little children to this school, place them where they have thoughtful attention to their health and physical welfare; careful training in manners and morals; and intelligent instruction in the rudiments of learning. The school-room is capacious and comfortable at all seasons of the year; and most of the objections usually urged against sending young children to school, are not applicable to this particular school.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Scholars, who have learned to read quite well in the Second Reader, to spell readily in words of two and three syllables, and have acquired some little knowledge of mental arithmetic, are promoted into this school. Miss Martha W. Jackson has been the teacher in this school for several years past; and has sustained the reputation of being a good teacher. The several examinations during the year showed regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and fair proficiency in the several studies pursued; which are reading, spelling, writing, mental arithmetic, and primary geography, with map drawing.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

For admission into this school, scholars are expected to be able to read pretty well in the Third Reader, and pass a satisfactory examination in all the studies pursued in the Primary School, as far as required. Here they continue reading, spelling, writing, geography, with map-drawing, mental arithmetic, and take up written arithmetic and the elements of grammar.

Miss Helen M. Moody has taught this school for several years, and has always succeeded in giving much satisfaction to the Board of Directors. During the year past, the school has been orderly in deportment, has tried hard, and has succeeded in accomplishing

a good year's work. The attendance has been very punctual and regular. There were twenty-one scholars who were not absent or tardy during the winter term, and five who were not absent or tardy for the whole year.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Scholars, promoted into this school, continue reading, spelling, (writing the lessons), writing, grammar, geography and arithmetic, (completing the books), and take up "Child's Book of Nature," History of the United States, Physiology, (completing the books), Elementary Algebra (to "Involution of Radicals"), Compositions and Declamations; and the last term there was an excellent class of eighteen, in the Elements of Free Hand Drawing.

Miss Luella F. Beal has been the teacher in this school every term since the occupation of the new school-house. Under her able and judicious management and instruction, the school has attained to a very high degree of excellence. The attendance, deportment and proficiency of the scholars during the past year were most satisfactory. The final examination showed marked improvement in all the branches taught; but especially in Arithmetic, Algebra and History.

#### DISTRICT FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The town voted at the last annual meeting not to raise money for the support of a Town Free High School; and hence this district, at the annual district meeting, considered the question of establishing a District Free High School. It was decided by a very large majority to establish such a school; and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was raised for its support. It was hoped that this sum, together with the State bounty, would secure a Spring and Fall Term, amounting to twenty or twenty-two weeks. This expectation was realized; and by the pledges of a few individuals to make up by private subscription any balance that should be needed for that purpose, the Directors were enabled to have a *Winter term* of eight weeks, thus giving this school the same number of weeks during the year which the other schools in the district had.

Mr. G. A. Stuart, a gentleman highly recommended for his attainments, good character, and successful experience in teaching, was engaged to take charge of this school. The studies pursued, beyond those usually taught in the common schools, were

Algebra, Book-keeping, Geology, Natural Philosophy, Rhetoric, Latin and Greek.

The several visits of the Directors, and the examinations at the close of the several terms, showed that the school was orderly in deportment, and attentive to the studies prescribed; that the instruction was judicious and thorough; and that creditable improvement had been made in all the branches taught, while in some of them it had been very marked. The attendance, we think, was not so large, or so regular, as it ought to have been. But there are several reasons for this defect; one or two of which it may be well to notice here. In almost every community it may be observed that a certain class of pupils, on being promoted to a new school, under a strange teacher, and with advanced studies to take up, find themselves lacking the necessary ability or will to master the situation; and hence they become mere drones in the school, or, under various pretexts, leave it altogether. Again, a new school, with uncertainty as to its continued existence, fails to secure the attendance of the best class of scholars, if they can go elsewhere to a school permanently established, and with the superior facilities which time and well directed efforts bring to such schools.

The continuance of this school is not a question which the voters of this district can determine by themselves; for the law makes it necessary for the town to refuse, year by year, to support a town Free High School, before the district can take any action in regard to a District High School. If the town votes, this year, to raise money for the support of a Town High School, then there can be no District High School, receiving State aid; and there would, in that case, be no need for any such school. But if the town votes this year not to raise money for such Town School, then it will be the privilege and duty of the voters of this district to determine whether or not they will have a District High School for the year ensuing. It seems very desirable, if a High School is to be sustained in this town, that it become permanently, either *Town* or *District*, in its constitution. And we are of the opinion that the larger good will be found in the town organization.

There were 48 different pupils in attendance upon this school, some portion of the year; and many more might have received its advantages, without materially increasing its expenses.

The District raised by special taxation for the support of this school.....	\$250 00
There has been received from the State.....	194 50
There is still due from the State.....	58 00
There has been received, subscriptions and tuition.....	95 00
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Total of resources.....	\$597 50
The school cost for instruction.....	531 00
For repairs, supplies, &c.....	66 50
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Total expenditure for the school.....	\$597 50

A. P. SNOW, } *Directors of School*  
C. A. WING, } *Dist. No. 4,*  
B. R. REYNOLDS, } *Winthrop.*