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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,
OVERSEERS OF POOR, TREASURER,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF WINTHROP,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12,
1883.

WINTHROP, ME. :
PRESS OF THE BUDGET, JOHN A. STANLEY, PROPRIETOR.
1883.

Town Officers elected March, 1882.

MODERATOR,
WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK,
BELA R. REYNOLDS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,
ELLIOTT WOOD,
RUTILLUS ALDEN,
THOMAS H. WHITE.

TREASURER,
JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
A. ROBINSON CRANE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,
CHARLES H. GALE.

COLLECTOR,
ALBERT C. CARR.

CONSTABLES,
A. C. CARR, L. M. BERRY,
C. H. GALE, J. L. METCALF,
JOSEPHUS STEVENS, J. E. BRAINERD.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WINTHROP :

Agreeably to the usual custom we herewith respectfully submit our annual report and invite your candid consideration.

The past year has been one of general health and prosperity throughout our beloved municipality, for which we have reason to return thanks to Him who presides over the destinies of man.

We have put forth every effort to keep the current expenses at the lowest possible figure, and in this we believe we have been quite successful. In some directions we were compelled to expend considerable sums of money, notably in the matter of cemeteries. The Haskell burying ground was enlarged a year or two since and of course had to be fenced, and Mr. S. B. Page, who had the contract, finished it in the early part of the year and we paid him the stipulated price.

At your last annual meeting you made your board a committee to see at what price land could be obtained, to enlarge the village cemetery, and if it could be purchased at a reasonable figure, to buy it. The best price we could get on one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) acres was \$700, one acre, \$500 and one-half acre, \$200. As we were compelled to provide some place to bury those bodies then lying in the tomb we bought the half acre of Mrs. M. J. Bates and paid her the \$200.

The "North Wayne road case" reappeared again this year for a short time in the shape of a petition for a writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Judicial Court. The law court at Portland in July dismissed the petition. Further proceedings are threatened by those interested for the road, but it is not believed that it will amount to anything.

For further particulars we refer you to the figures herewith submitted :

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of Real and Personal Estate, as valued by your board, is	\$950,595 00
Amount of tax on same, the rate being 14½ mills,	13,545 98
Whole number of polls, 556, at \$3.00 each,	1,668 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 9 mills on the dollar.	

TOWN GRANTS.

The town at its annual meeting in March last, granted the following amounts :

Common Schools,	\$1,800 00	
Support of Poor and other necessary town charges,	1,500 00	
Repairing highways,	2,500 00	
Discharge of indebtedness,	2,000 00	
Lighting and care of street lamps,	200 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
		\$8,050 00
State tax,	\$5,070 12	
County tax,	1,739 27	
Overlayings,	524 83	
		7,334 22
		\$15,384 22

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	\$411 51
Amount appropriated by town,	1,800 00
Amount received from State,	918 55
	3,130 06

The above amounts received from town and State have been apportioned to the several districts.

Whole number of scholars April 1, 1882, was 583, a decrease of 29.

The amounts due the several districts March 1, 1883, are as follows :

District No. 1,	\$58 94	District No. 7,	54 50
2,	121 42	8, overdrawn,	46
3,	12 88	9,	26 53
4,	47 45	10,	3 56
5,	51		
6,	69 80	Total,	\$395 13

Leaving amount expended for schools the current year, \$2,734.93.

TOWN FARM.

Mr. A. N. Remick and his estimable wife have continued in charge of the farm for the past year and we can safely repeat all we said last year in relation to their management of its affairs. Mrs. Remick we consider a model housekeeper. We made a thorough examination of all matters at our annual visit and we believe we have six very extra cows, one pair of nice oxen and 17 1-2 tons good hay by actual measurement, allowing 500 cubic feet to the ton. Unless the stock at the farm is increased we shall be compelled to sell hay or enlarge the barn.

Mary Fairbanks, Rebecca J. Lambert, Geo. C. Chandler, Silas C. Pettengill and Geo. Kelton were at the farm at the beginning of the current year. Mary Fairbanks died June 18th, 1883. Geo. C. Chandler has been away a portion of the time. The town of Machias after inquiring acknowledged Geo. Kelton, paid the bill, and after he recovered his health he left the farm. Nine tramps have received aid at the farm during the year.

Schedule of personal property at farm,		
March, 1882.	\$843 99	
Paid family supplies, meal for stock		
and all incidental expenses,	606 07	
Paid for stock bought now on farm,	270 00	
		\$1,720 06
Produce sold from farm,	322 22	
Profit on oxen bought and sold,	55 00	
Schedule of personal property,		
March, 1883,	1193 60	
		1,570 82
Balance against the farm,		149 24
Salary of Superintendent		250 00
		399 24

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

1 yoke oxen,	\$190 00
6 cows,	330 00
2 heifers, one year old,	30 00
2 shoters,	36 00

2 shotes,	24 00
1 bushel beans,	3 00
148 gal. cider,	14 80
90 gal. vinegar,	13 50
7 casks,	7 00
300 pounds salt pork,	36 00
25 bushels potatoes,	18 75
25 bushels beets,	6 25
76 pounds bacon,	11 25
56½ pounds lard,	8 47
8 pounds dried apple,	50
15 gal. soap,	1 50
20 pounds cheese,	2 60
131 pounds butter,	39 30
35 pounds fresh pork,	3 50
25 bushels oats,	15 00
11 bushels corn,	9 90
2½ M. shingles,	5 50
28½ cords green wood,	99 75
11 cords dry stove wood,	66 00
17½ tons hay,	210 00
1 ton swale hay,	8 00
½ ton straw,	3 00
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	1,193 62

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

Your board have made special effort to reduce the expenditure in this direction and have met with partial success.

Charles Wing, son of T. L. Wing, lost his arm in the Woolen Mill at Wayne. We were compelled to care for him at his boarding house, he not being able to be moved home. The expenses were therefore much more than they otherwise would have been.

The bill for the support of Nancy Eastman was contracted last year.

Paid Town of Cornish, support Nancy Eastman,	\$105 45
medical attendance and care Chas. Wing,	62 50
Medical attendance and funeral expenses of Fred Torsey,	34 01
medical attendance and funeral expenses of child of W. F. Frost,	28 00
City of Hallowell, support of Mrs. Z. Wing	4 92

Paid City of Lewiston, support of Joseph Stevens and wife,	11 20
Willis Cobb, for wood furnished Samuel Torsey,	1 25
George L. Lowell, for wood furnished B. Peterson,	2 75
City of Auburn, for supplies for Joseph Stevens and wife,	10 82
City of Auburn, for supplies furnished Gorham Luce,	16 17
City of Auburn, for supplies furnished I. C. Hanson and family,	6 50
C. D. Wood, for supplies furnished B. Peterson,	25 05
C. D. Wood, for supplies furnished Wm. F. Frost,	9 00
C. D. Wood, for supplies furnished Samuel T. Torsey,	5 04
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	322 66
Paid support of Lucy S. Smith at Insane Hospital,	122 26
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	444 92

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid Elliott Wood, Selectman,	\$85 00
R. Alden, Selectman,	75 00
Wm. H. Parlin, Selectman,	75 00
L. T. Carleton, Director Dist. No. 4,	25 00
J. C. Prescott, Director Dist. No. 4,	15 00
L. Jones, Director Dist. No. 4,	15 00
B. R. Reynolds, Town Clerk,	15 00
F. Fuller, services before Legislative Committee on flowage case,	10 00
E. O. Kelly, printing town report,	28 50
A. R. Crane, Supervisor of Schools,	65 00
A. N. Remick, Superintendent farm, balance of salary,	200 18
Geo. C. Jacobs, for oxen,	145 00

Paid Geo. E. Macomber, insuring farm buildings,	\$10 00	
Charles Keyes, for cow,	40 00	
J. Henry Moore, for cow,	55 00	
C. W. Taggart, for medical at- tendance on Mary Fairbanks,	3 00	
For robe and coffin for Mary Fairbanks,	13 10	
E. O. Kelly, printing voting list,	15 00	
A. G. Chandler, pair of steers,	90 00	
Alanson Perry, wood for select- mens' office,	2 25	
Jeremiah Gordon, for oxen,	175 00	
H. E. Morton, goods furnished farm,	12 75	
H. Penniman, goods furnished farm,	29 73	
Newland Bishop, goods fur- nished farm,	113 39	
L. O. Cobb, goods furnished farm,	15 57	
Winthrop Grange,	147 32	
L. T. Carleton, services in North Wayne road matter,	20 00	
Elliott Wood, pauper expenses, stamps, stationery, &c.,	14 30	
A. C. Carr, Collector, abatement taxes, commitment 1880, 1881 and 1882,	118 31	
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes for 1881,	103 07	
A. C. Carr, notifying, &c.,	7 50	
B. R. Reynolds, for blank books and stationery,	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,743 17
We have received for oxen and cow sold,	475 00	
Received of the Town of Machias for support of George Kilton,	21 00	
	<hr/>	496 00
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		1,247 17

Paid S. B. Page for fencing the Has-			
kell burying ground,	100	20	
Mary J. Bates for land to en-			
large the village cemetery,	200	00	
C. W. Dillingham fencing same,	55	28	
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			\$355 48
Paid E. H. Norcross, land damage			
on Maranocook road,			280 00
interest on school fund,	170	24	
support of poor off farm,	322	66	
insane person at Hospital,	122	26	
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			615 16
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			2,497 81

ROADS.

At your last annual meeting you raised, for highways, \$2,500, over \$900 of which had already been expended in breaking snow, leaving something over \$1,500 for the summer repair of sixty miles of road. You then voted to build the Maranocook road and pay for it out of the amount raised for roads, and you also appropriated \$150 from the same fund for sidewalks.

The Maranocook road cost to build, nearly \$250, and we consider it one of the best investments the town ever made. Taking the above \$900, \$250 and \$150 from the amount raised, leaves about \$1,200 to be applied for summer repair, an amount you will readily see is very insufficient. We are aware that many roads have needed repairing the past summer that have not received it. We are also aware that no road commissioner can properly repair 60 miles of road for \$1,200. We recommend that you raise \$3,000 for highways the coming year. Below is the commissioner's report.

Balance of appropriation,			\$18 93
Amount appropriated March, 1882,			2,500 00
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			2,518 93
Paid snow bills for winter 1881-82,	\$905	45	
Summer repairs and building			
Maranocook road,	1,527	00	
for sidewalks,	150	00	
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			2,582 4
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Overdrawn,			\$63 52

STREET LAMPS.

The town appropriated for care and lighting street lamps \$200, which we have paid to Mr. Elias Pullen for attending to this service.

TOWN HALL.

Since Packard Hall was erected, your hall is little used by transient parties. By vote of the town it is free to certain organizations and societies; therefore the net income is very small, and only amounts to five dollars this year.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding bonds,	\$5,000 00	
Unpaid interest on same		
(estimated,)	125 00	
Bills of town officers(estimated,)	600 00	
Unsettled bills,	“ 50 00	
Snow bills,	“ 800 00	
Outstanding orders,	32 73	
Due School districts, special tax,	85 97	
Due school district No. 4, loan account,	670 71	
	<hr/>	\$7,364 41

RESOURCES.

Due from A. C. Carr, Collector,	\$5,519 31	
Due from J. E. Brainerd, Collector,	18 30	
Cash on hand,	814 12	
	<hr/>	\$6,351 73
Balance against the town,		<hr/> <hr/> \$1,012 68

Respectfully submitted.

ELLIOTT WOOD,
RUTILLUS ALDEN,
THOS. H. WHITE,

Selectmen of Winthrop.

WINTHROP, ME., March 3, 1883.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

March 2, 1883.	Cash balance from last account,	\$108 63
	Received of A. C. Carr, Collector,	11,249 23
	“ for three pairs oxen and cow sold,	475 00
	“ of State for Schools,	937 76
	“ of Machiasport, support Geo. Kelton,	21 00
	“ of State pensions, R.R. and Tel. tax,	114 47
	“ for use of Town Hall,	5 00

\$12,906 09

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town Bonds,		1,100 00
	orders for support of Poor and Town charges,	3,294 27
	orders for support of Highways,	3,344 25
	orders for support of Schools,	2,561 57
	orders School District No. 1, special tax,	86 14
	on account of District No. 4, loan account,	1,422 74
	State pensions,	87 00
	interest on town bonds,	196 00
Balance on hand,		814 12

\$12,906 09

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due in 1882,		\$700 00
Town Bonds due in 1883,		2,050 00
Town Bonds due in 1884,		2,250 00
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Due on account of Schools,		\$5,000 00
	School districts on special tax,	593 56
	School District No. 4, loan account,	85 97
Balance in favor of the town,		670 71
		1,885 37
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		8,235 61

RESOURCES.

Due from A. C. Carr, Collector,		\$5,519 31
	from J. E. Brainerd, Collector,	18 30
	from State,	1,010 04
Deficiency in Highway account,		724 54
Deficiency in Support of Poor account,		149 30
Cash in treasury,		814 12

8,235 61

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP, March 2, 1883.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

ELLIOTT WOOD,	}	SELECTMEN OF WINTHROP.
RUSTILLUS ALDEN,		
THOMAS M. WHITE,		

ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.
- ART. 3. To grant a sum of money for the support of Schools.
- ART. 4. To grant a sum of money for the support of Poor, and other necessary town charges.
- ART. 5. To grant a sum of money for repairing Highways.
- ART. 6. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to discharge the present indebtedness, or any part thereof.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will grant a sum of money for lighting and care of street lamps.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will choose one or more road commissioners.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will discontinue so much of the Sedgley road, so called, as lies between Stevens Corner and the point where the Maranocook road intersects it.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to build a sidewalk from the end of the concrete walk on Main Street near the schoolhouse to the Maine Central Railroad depot.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended by A. H. Frost Post, No. 21, for Decoration Day, or act anything thereon.
- ART. 12. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to purchase or assist in the purchase of a Fire Engine, with hose and such other equipments as may be necessary to its use, for the benefit and use of the inhabitants of the town, or to lay and supply aqueducts, construct hydrants, reservoirs, &c., or to take such other action as will best protect the inhabitants from the ravages of fire.
- ART. 13. To hear reports of committees, choose committees and instruct them.
- ART. 14. To allow accounts against the town.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The following report for the year ending March, 1883, is respectfully submitted.

The agents made the following returns of the number of school children in their several districts, in April, 1882.

No. 1, Geo. C. Towns, agent,	41 scholars.
2, S. S. Towle, agent,	62
3, J. E. Brainerd, agent,	47
4, L. T. Carleton, agent,	327
5, J. H. Moore, agent,	29
6, T. F. Buzzell, agent,	18
7, R. A. King, agent,	14
8, Geo. D. Frost, agent,	13
9, D. R. Hodgdon, agent,	20
10, O. S. Shaw, agent,	12

Total, 583

The town appropriated for school purposes	
at its last annual meeting,	\$1,800 00
Received from State,	918 55

Total, \$2,718 55

This amount was divided among the districts in the following manner :

Dist. No. 1,	\$209 00
2,	278 00
3,	243 00
4,	1,364 55
5,	171 00
6,	112 00
7,	76 00
8,	72 00
9,	110 00
10,	83 00
Total,	\$2,718 55

DISTRICT No. 1, M. Alice Robbins, teacher. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 19. Average attendance, 17. Fall term, 9 weeks. No. scholars, 22. Average attendance, 20. Winter term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 23. Average attendance, 20. There has been a marked improvement in this school since Miss Robbins took charge of it.

DISTRICT No. 2, Nettie Towle and Ada E. Spaulding, teachers. Summer term, 9 weeks. No. scholars, 28. Average attendance, 22. Fall term, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 30. Average attendance, 24. Winter term, 12 weeks. No. scholars, 31. Average attendance, 25. Misses Towle and Spaulding, though differing in their methods, are both thorough and systematic teachers.

DISTRICT No. 3, Jennie P. Flood, teacher. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 21. Average attendance, 20. Fall term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 29. Average attendance, 28. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 28. Average attendance, 26. Miss Flood worked hard, won the good will of the scholars and gave general satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 5, Stella O. Sumner, teacher. Summer term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 16. Average attendance, 15. Fall term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 18. Average attendance, 17. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 16. Average attendance, 14. Under Miss Sumner's management this school has made rapid progress and is in some respects a "model school."

DISTRICT No. 6, Lettie F. Smith and Louise B. LaCroix teachers. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 6. Average attendance, 5. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9. The school made fair progress especially the last term.

DISTRICT No. 7, Addie I. Weymouth and Emma F. Robbins, teachers. Fall term, 7 weeks. No. scholars, 19. Average attendance, 13. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 13. Average attendance, 11. There has been an improvement in this school the past year both in attendance and interest.

DISTRICT No. 8, Leonora C. Dexter, teacher, Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 10. Average attendance,

8. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. Miss Dexter is an efficient and faithful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 9, Luella J. Smith, teacher. Summer term, 8½ weeks. No. scholars, 8. Average attendance, 7. Winter term, no report. The schoolhouse was burnt soon after the term commenced and the school was discontinued.

DISTRICT No. 10, Conie Young, teacher. Summer term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 9. Average attendance, 9. Fall term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9. This was Miss Young's first experience in teaching and she succeeded well.

The results of the year's work have been in many respects gratifying, though not altogether satisfactory; and I do not see how satisfactory work can be done until some of the small districts shall be consolidated. It seems to me practicable and desirable to unite Districts No. 7 and 9; and I think the plan suggested by some of the inhabitants to unite Districts No. 5 and 6 worthy of consideration. I also think arrangements should be made with the directors of the village district, by which advanced scholars in the outlying districts may be allowed to attend the high school. As a rule the brightest scholars in these districts complete the studies usually pursued in district schools at an early age and leave school altogether. If permitted to do so, some of them would gladly attend the high school, and would be greatly benefited by the instruction they would receive, and by associating with scholars equal to them in age and attainments. And as the school is maintained by the town for the special purpose of furnishing instruction in the higher English branches as well as the classics, there appears to be no good reason why any scholar who is able to pass the required examination should be denied the privilege of attending it.

I have visited the schools forty-seven times during the year, and have charged for the same sixty-five dollars.

I have endeavored to faithfully perform my duties as supervisor, and trust my successor will do his work with equal fidelity and greater efficiency.

A. R. CRANE, *Supervisor.*

WINTHROP, March, 1883.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

The directors of this district submit to the town the following abstract of their district report for the school year 1882-83.

There have been twenty-nine weeks of school in this district. The whole number of scholars in the district according to the last school census is 327, a decrease of 13 from last year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Juliet M. Stanley, Teacher.

Summer term—Whole number, 53 ; average attendance, 48.

Fall term—Whole number, 53 ; average attendance, 39.

Winter term—Whole number, 51 ; average attendance, 43.

It is enough to say of this school, that it has been fully up to the average in the years gone by when Miss Stanley has taught it.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Maud McElroy, of Winthrop, Teacher.

Summer term—Whole number, 33 ; average attendance, 31.

Fall term—Whole number, 33 ; average attendance, 30.

Winter term—Whole number, 31 ; average attendance, 29 to 7th week, then on account of measles the average was but 26.

Notwithstanding this was Miss McElroy's first attempt to teach, she took hold of the work like a veteran, and made a grand success. Great improvement was made in reading. Perhaps the most important branch in this de-

partment, the deportment, was all that could be desired, and we are pleased to be able to say that it was in every respect a model school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss May Norcross, Teacher.

Summer term—Whole number, 35 ; average attendance, 32.

Fall term—Whole number, 37 ; average attendance, 34.

Winter term—Whole number, 35 ; average attendance, 32.

Miss Norcross has taught this school for several years and always with perfect satisfaction ; suffice it to say that she fully maintained her former high reputation as a faithful, successful and painstaking instructor of youth.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Alice M. Hinckley, of Georgetown, Me., Teacher, Summer term.

Miss N. E. Hunton, of Readfield, Me., Teacher, Fall and Winter terms.

Summer term—Whole number, 33 ; average attendance, 28.

Fall term—Whole number, 37 ; average attendance, 30.

Winter term—Whole number, 29 ; average attendance, 28.

Miss Hinckley came very highly recommended by the faculty of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College of Kent's Hill, Me., from which institution she had recently graduated with honor. She was an excellent scholar and labored hard to succeed, and if she failed of that success which her talents and standing gave promise of, it was not wholly her fault. Parents and scholars are oftentimes more to blame for failure in the school-room than the anxious, willing, hard-working teacher.

We were so fortunate as to secure the services of Miss Hunton for the Fall and Winter terms, and can speak of her work only in terms of highest praise, and indulge the hope that District No. 4 may be so fortunate as to secure her services for many years to come.

We feel justified in saying that no money has been wasted in this district this year. The winter term was rather abruptly terminated on account of the sickness of

Miss Norcross and many of the scholars, and the work of promotions was therefore deferred until the commencement of next summer term. We are compelled to take notice of the fact that the schools are growing smaller each year, and it is a serious question if they should not all be consolidated into three departments instead of four as now arranged. This question should receive the early attention of those elected to take our places. The seats especially in the primary school room, are unfit for use, being too low, and should be replaced with others more suitable. Compelling little children to sit with legs doubled up under a low seat is a cruelty that ought not to be allowed. Some better arrangement for warming the different school rooms ought to be had; for many days during the winter term, teachers and scholars alike were shivering with cold with their wraps on, while the furnaces were driven to their utmost capacity, and much of the sickness that so abruptly terminated the term is no doubt traceable to this cause. We boast of our fine school house; let us not permit it to become a death trap.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. CARLETON,

C. A. COCHRAN,

R. C. McILROY,

Directors School District No. 4.