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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 9, 1885.

WINTHROP:
PRESS OF JOHN A. STANLEY.
1885.

TOWN OFFICERS

Elected March 10, 1884.

Moderator,

L. T. CARLETON.

Town Clerk,

B. R. REYNOLDS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor,

J. E. BRAINERD, LEVI JONES, H. PENNIMAN.

Treasurer,

JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

Supervisor of Schools,

A. R. CRANE.

Road Commissioners,

C. H. GALE, JOHN E. BRAINERD, LEVI JONES,
H. PENNIMAN.

Collector,

ALBERT C. CARR.

Constables,

A. C. CARR, C. D. WOOD, J. E. BRAINERD,
JOSEPHUS STEVENS, S. G. DAVIS, THOMAS DEALY,
E. O. KELLY, GEO. R. SMITH, J. A. STANLEY,
J. L. METCALF.

Selectmen's Report.

To the citizens of Winthrop:

Another year is numbered with the past. In accordance with the custom and the law, we respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending March 9, 1885, and as we have endeavored to have all bills against the town paid, we believe that it represents very nearly its financial condition.

We have been called upon to pay several quite large pauper bills to different towns and cities, one of which should have been paid by the relatives of him who caused the expense, as they are abundantly able, but they would not, so the town was obliged to cancel it.

The "North Wayne road case" has at last dragged its slow length along to a terminus. The matter has been decided in favor of the town.

We are still paying one dollar per week to Mrs. Roxie Smith, for the board of Catherine Batcheller.

Suit has been commenced against the town of Wayne, where we believe she belongs, for her support. As "justice is slow" it will be some time before the case is decided.

Since the 7th of last October we have been paying seventy-five cents per week toward the support of Mrs. Mary Williams. We deemed this better for the town than carrying her to the farm.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,	\$1,014,840 00
Amount of tax on same, the rate being 14 mills,	14,207 76
Whole number of polls 566, at \$3.00,	1,698 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 1 per cent.	

TOWN GRANTS.

Common Schools,	\$1,800 00	
Support of poor and other necessary town charges,	1,500 00	
Support of highways,	4,500 00	
Indebtedness,	1,000 00	
Street lamps,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,000 00
State tax,	4,507 46	
County tax,	1,642 64	
Overlayings,	755 66	
	<hr/>	6,905 76
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		15,905 76

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	197 76	
Amount appropriated by town,	1,800 00	
Received from State,	946 43	
Interest on school fund,	170 24	
	<hr/>	3,114 43

The above total was duly apportioned to the several school districts. Whole number of scholars April 1, 1884, 606, an increase of 52.

The amounts due the several districts February 28, 1885:

No. 1,	\$131 54	No. 6, overdrawn,	\$15 15
2,	1 71	7, due	12 60
3,	32 92	8, due	1 64
4,	349 78	9, overdrawn	28 60
5,	25 10	10, due	3 16
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		Total,	514 70

Leaving amount expended for schools during the current year \$2,599 73. The bills for the winter term of Districts No. 1 and 4 are not in.

TOWN FARM.

The care of the Town Farm has been in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ingham, who have endeavored to work for the interest of the town, judging from our various visits of inspection. We think that they have made those under their care as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

The buildings on the Town Farm are becoming somewhat out of repair, especially the barn. Measures will soon have to be adopted to either repair or rebuild it, as the town may deem best. An article has been inserted in the warrant for the town to act upon, touching the matter.

A valuable cow died on the farm a few weeks ago, which will lessen the inventory somewhat.

At the beginning of the year there were at the farm Silas C. Pettengill, Geo. C. Chandler, Rebecca Lambert, Mrs. Benj. Peterson, wife of David B. Torsey and her six children. Samuel Knights came July 10th and died February 1, 1885. Mrs. Torsey and her children left the farm April 1st, leaving now on the farm four, viz: Silas C. Pettengill, Geo. C. Chandler, Mrs. Benj. Peterson and Rebecca Lambert. Thirty-seven tramps have been lodged and fed at the farm the year past.

Schedule of personal property at farm March, 1884,	
according to report of 1884,	\$1,146 10
Paid for family supplies, meal for stock, &c.	\$417 40
Paid for oxen,	128 00
Paid for creamer,	30 00
Paid salary of superintendent,	250 00
	<u>825 40</u>
	1,971 50
Income of the farm,	527 20
Schedule of personal property at the farm,	
less cash in hands of superintendent,	1,100 62
	<u>1,627 82</u>
Balance against the farm,	348 68

We have appraised the property at the farm much lower than last year, which shows an unfavorable balance.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

5 cows,	\$250 00
1 pair oxen,	150 00
2 heifers three years old,	60 00
2 heifers two years old,	50 00
2 heifers one year old,	30 00
2 shotes,	10 00
4½ bushels beans,	9 00
4 bushels corn, home raised,	4 00

7 bushels meal,	\$4 20
65 bushels oats,	29 25
1750 pounds bran,	18 27
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	3 00
12 tons hay,	144 00
30 bushels potatoes,	15 00
12 bushels roots,	4 80
6 barrels apples,	10 00
125 pounds dried apples,	7 50
160 gallons cider,	46 00
80 gallons vinegar,	10 00
7 casks,	7 00
300 pounds salt pork,	30 00
135 pounds fresh pork,	13 50
65 pounds lard,	9 10
10 pounds butter,	3 00
10 cords dry wood,	60 00
18 cords green wood,	90 00
1 creamer,	30 00
Butter fund due from factory (estimated)	33 00
Cash in hands of superintendent of farm,	109 80

1,210 42

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, support Lucy J. Smith,	\$132 64
Roxy Smith, support of Catherine Batcheller,	52 00
C. W. Taggart, medical attendance Mrs. S. Torsey,	3 00
City of Portland, support Alice M. Brown,	128 57
South Berwick, support Seth E. Maxim,	50 00
J. W. Foss, Monmouth, supplies D. B. Torsey,	18 00
Wayne, support of Mary Bowman,	42 50
Webb & Richardson, support of tramps,	4 00
C. W. Dillingham, coffin for child of Geo. Deshene,	5 00
C. W. Dillingham, coffin Mrs. E. Bragdon,	8 50
C. W. Dillingham, coffin Benj. Peterson,	12 00
C. W. Dillingham, coffin child of A. Hammond,	7 00
C. A. Cochran, attendance on Alfred Talbot,	3 00
C. W. Dillingham, coffin furnished Mrs. T. Wing,	11 25
Mrs. Clouche, support of Alfred Talbot,	10 00
Monmouth, for wood furnished David B. Torsey,	4 50
A. J. Crowell, for goods furnished David B. Torsey,	50
N. Bishop, goods furnished Samuel Torsey,	14 25
N. Bishop, goods furnished Thomas Wing,	6 69
D. T. Moody, for wood furnished S. T. Torsey,	4 00
A. H. Bailey & Co., goods furnished B. Peterson,	7 64
Town of Turner, support of Wm. L. Fellows,	64 00

City of Hallowell, aid furnished Mrs. Z. Wing,	\$2 00
City of Auburn, aid furnished I. C. Hanson	7 00
Town of Oakland, aid furnished David B. Torsey,	23 44
Levi Jones, for pauper expenses,	3 75
A Winslow & Co., supplies for D. B. Torsey,	8 86
E. D. Hutchings, boarding Mrs. Mary Williams,	15 00
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	649 09

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid L. T. Carleton, Director School District No. 4,	\$25 00
C. A. Cochrane, " " " "	15 00
R. C. McIlroy, " " " "	15 00
Elliott Wood, Selectman, Overseer of Poor,	100 00
Rutilus Alden, " " " "	75 00
Thomas H. White, " " " "	65 00
B. R. Reynolds, Town Clerk,	15 00
A. R. Crane, Supervisor of Schools,	65 00
A. N. Remick, Superintendent of Farm,	250 00
E. R. Packard printing town reports,	25 00
B. R. Reynolds, stationery,	5 00
for one pair oxen,	128 00
D. N. Gower, supplies for town farm,	28 52
A. L. & E. F. Goss, for creamer,	30 00
C. D. Wood, supplies for town farm,	49 03
C. P. Hannaford, medicine for farm,	15 00
H. Penniman, pauper expenses,	4 00
H. Penniman, goods for farm,	26 77
F. Tinker, lumber for farm,	13 00
Payson Tucker Hose Company,	75 00
N. Bishop, goods for farm,	69 18
L. O. Cobb, repair of Lockup,	3 35
L. O. Cobb, goods for town farm,	13 63
L. T. Carleton, professional services,	5 00
C. W. Taggart, attendance at town farm,	13 50
H. E. Morton, goods furnished town farm,	7 65
B. R. Reynolds, stationery,	5 30
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes, 1878,'80,'81-2-3,	150 10
A. C. Carr, constable fees,	12 00
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes,	148 73
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Total,	1,452 76
Paid interest on school fund,	\$170 24
support of Poor Farm,	649 09
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	819 33
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	2,272 09

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Overdraft, 1884,	\$62 06	
Paid snow bills, 1883-'84,	772 87	
summer repairs,	3,726 47	
	<hr/>	4,561 90
Amount appropriated March, 1884,	2,500 00	
Amount appropriated April, 1884,	2,000 00	
Overdraft,	61 90	
	<hr/>	4,561 90

STREET LIGHTS.

Amount appropriated,	200 00
Amount expended,	200 00

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding bonds,	\$1,250 00	
Amount of water loan notes,	3,000 00	
Interest on bonds and notes, (estimated)	150 00	
Bills of town officers,	600 00	
Snow bills,	800 00	
Outstanding orders,	26 98	
Unsettled bills,	50 00	
	<hr/>	5,876 98
Balance in favor of town,		387 36
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		6,264 34

RESOURCES.

Due from A. C. Carr, collector,	\$4,613 19
Due from State of Maine,	1,118 95
Cash on hand,	537 20
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	6,264 34

ABATEMENTS.

A. A. Alley, town tax 1878, \$3.00, District No. 4 tax, \$1.12		
C. E. Goldthwait, " " 3.00, " " 1.12		
A. K. Harvey, " " 3.00, " " 1.12		
Wallace Herrick, " " 3 00, " " 1.12		
George Foss, " 1880, 3.00,		
Ed F. Raymond, " " 3.00, " " 1.00		
E. J. Smith, " " 3.00, " " 1.00		
Wesley T. Stanton, " " 3 00, " " 1.00		
Fred Tinker, " " 3.00, " " 1.00		
Adolph Fournier, " 1881, 3.00.		

O. V. Hale,	town tax,	\$3.00.		
Nelson D. Gatchell,	" "	3 00.		
D. P. Knowlton,	" "	3.20.		
A. C. Parlin,	" "	3.96.		
Ed F. Raymond,	" "	3.00.	District No. 4 tax,	93
John A. Stanley,	" "	3.00.	" "	93
L. S. Turner,	" "	3.00.		
R. T. J. White,	" "	3.00.		
Asa Adams,	1882,	3.50.		
Geo. W. Berry,	" "	3.00.		
David Cioutier,	" "	3 00,	" "	80
Adolph Fourtier,	" "	3 00,	" "	80
Nelson D. Gatchell,	" "	3.00.		
Chas. H. Howard,	" "	3.00.		
O. V. Hale,	" "	3.00.		
Joseph Labree,	" "	3 00,	" "	80
D. Labree,	" "	3.00,	" "	80
Isaiah Morancy,	" "	3.00,	" "	80
Norton, Chas. F.,	" "	4.07.		
Geo. W. Berry,	1883,		District No. 5,	3.00
Enos Bragdon,	" "	3.00.		
J. W. Esty,	" "	3.00.		
Frank Fourtier,	" "	3.00.		
Henry N. Fogg,	" "	3.00.		
S. B. Friend,	" "	3 00.		
Nelson D. Gatchell,	" "	3.00.		
Hiram Hammond,	" "	3.00.		
Howard L. House,	" "	3.00.		
A. C. Hodgkins,	" "	3.00.		
Chas. A. Howard,	" "	3.00.		
Frank S. Leavitt,	" "	3.00.		
Chas. E. Lawler,	" "	3.00.		
Isaiah Morancy,	" "	3 00.		
F. H. Parlin,	" "	3.00.		
Rose V. Stevens,	" "	3.37.		
Enoch D. Staples,	" "	3 00.		
Hiram Stevens,	" "	3.00.		
L. H. Turner,	" "	3.00.		
Augustus Wood,	" "	3.00.		
Isaac Yeaton,	" "	3.00.		

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BRAINERD, } SELECTMEN
 LEVI JONES, } OF
 H. PENNIMAN, } WINTHROP.

Winthrop, Feb. 26, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1885		RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 25.	Cash balance from last account,	\$329 08	
	Received for use of Town Hall,	8 00	
	for town bonds issued,	650 00	
	for auctioneer's license,	2 00	
	of School Dist. 4 on note,	800 00	
	of A. C. Carr, Coll.,	11,859 30	
	of State, sup. of schools,	876 09	
			\$14,519 47
		EXPENDITURES.	
	Paid town bonds,	2,800 00	
	Interest on town bonds,	81 00	
	Interest on Water Loan notes,	126 00	
	orders for support of poor and town charges,	2,449 88	
	orders for support of highways,	4,499 84	
	orders for support of schools,	3,011 79	
	orders on account of School District No. 4 (special tax)	814 25	
	orders on account of School District No. 5 (special tax)	3 00	
	orders on account of School District No. 9 (special tax)	196 51	
	Balance on hand,	537 20	
			14,519 47
		LIABILITIES.	
	Town bonds due in 1882,	\$700 00	
	Town bonds due in 1885,	550 00	\$1,250 00
	Water Loan notes due in 1884, '85, '86,	3,000 00	
	Due school districts on acct. of schools,	460 31	
	Due school districts on acct. special taxes,	97 40	
	Due School Dist. No. 4 on special tax,	756 18	
	Unexpended balance of water works fund,	02	
	Balance in favor of the town,	1,539 92	
			7,103 83
		RESOURCES.	
	Due from A. C. Carr, Collector,	\$4,613 19	
	Due from State,	1,113 93	
	Deficiency in highway account,	549 84	
	Deficiency support of poor account,	289 65	
	Cash in treasury,	537 20	
			7,103 83

J. M. BENJAMIN, TREASURER.

Winthrop, February 26, 1885. We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

J. E. BRAINERD, } SELECTMEN OF
LEVI JONES, } WINTHROP.

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 raise a sum of money for support of schools.
- Art. 4. To raise a sum of money for support of poor, and other necessary town charges.
- Art. 5. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to discharge present indebtedness, or any part thereof.
- Art. 6. To raise a sum of money for highways.
- Art. 7. To raise a sum of money to repair gravestones.
- Art. 8. To raise a sum of money for free high school.
- Art. 9. To raise a sum of money for sidewalks.
- Art. 10. To raise a sum of money for a watering place on Main Street.
- Art. 11. To raise a sum of money for Memorial Day.
- Art. 12. To raise a sum of money for buildings on Town Farm.
- Art. 13. To raise a sum of money for repair of town hall.
- Art. 14. To raise a sum of money for Payson Tucker Hose Company.
- Art. 15. To raise a sum of money to move buildings of G. L. Lowell.
- Art. 16. To see if the town will choose one or more road commissioners.
- Art. 17. To see if the town will tax dogs.
- Art. 18. To see if the town will elect a superintending school committee.
- Art. 19. To hear reports of committees, etc.
- Art. 20. To allow accounts against the town.

School District No. 4.

The Directors of School District No. 4 submit to the town the following abstract of their district report for the school year of 1884-'85 :

By law towns are required to raise and expend annually for support of schools therein, not less than 80 cents for each inhabitant ; and by Sec 15 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes the assessors are required to apportion to each district, and to any inhabitants not embraced in a district, the money so raised, and all funds derived for the support of schools in their town, in proportion to the number of scholars aforesaid. In 1875 the Legislature passed a law which is now Sec. 12 of Chap. 11 of the Revised Statutes as follows : " The assessors and Superintending School Committee, or School Supervisors of towns, may annually apportion twenty per cent. of all money required to be raised by Section six (of Chapter 11) and twenty per cent. of all money received from the State for schools, except money received under Section twenty-eight (free high school) among the districts in the several towns, in such manner as in their judgment shall give to the smaller districts as nearly as may be, an equal opportunity for a common school education." It will be borne in mind that the Directors in District No. 4 exercise by law all the duties, powers and privileges of the superintending school committee or supervisors in this district. At the time appointed by the assessors for the division of the school money according to law, the Directors claimed a voice in the proceedings, so far as District No. 4 was concerned ; yet the assessors and supervisor were pleased to deny us this legal right, therefore the taking of any money from this district under these circumstances was clearly illegal,

and we have disregarded it entirely and treated it as though not withdrawn. There have been 31 weeks of school as follows: 9 weeks in spring term, 12 weeks in fall term, and 10 weeks in winter term.

Miss Juliet M. Stanley has taught the primary department with her accustomed success.

Spring term — whole number 70, average attendance 60.

Fall term — whole number 58, average attendance 50.

Winter term — whole number 50, average attendance 42.

The intermediate department has been under the charge of Miss Carrie Young. Miss Young is a graduate of our own High School, and it is very gratifying to be able to say that she has met with marked success and is deserving of much praise. She is a good teacher.

Spring term — whole number 34, average attendance 31.

Fall term — whole number 36, average attendance 34.

Winter term — whole number 31, average attendance 29.

Miss Jennie M. Thorne of Wayne taught the Grammar School the spring term with the same result that has always attended her presence in the school room.

Whole number 40, average attendance 38.

It has been the policy of the Directors, other things being equal, to select the teachers from among the graduates of the High School. And Miss Maud McIlroy has taught the Grammar School during the fall and winter term. We have not been disappointed with the results of her work. This school has, under her guidance, fully maintained its high standing, and has made steady progress in the right direction. Miss M. is a "born" teacher and we consider her one of the best equipped young ladies for the school room in the State.

Fall term — whole number 34, average attendance 33.

Winter term — whole number 35, average attendance 34.

HIGH SCHOOL—

Spring term — whole number 25, average attendance 23.

Fall term — whole number 25, average attendance 23.

Winter term — whole number 26, average attendance 23.

This school has been taught by Miss N. E. Hunton of Readfield. Miss H. is no stranger to the citizens of District No. 4,

nor are they unacquainted with the character of her work in the school room. Commendation from us can add nothing to the grand results attained by this school. The 1st class has completed Philosophy, five books in Cæsar, four books in Geometry, and commenced Astronomy. 2d class has taken fifty-six lessons in Jones' Latin Book, Advanced Algebra as far as Ratio and Proportion, and in Philosophy to Hydraulics. 3d class has finished Elementary Algebra, and 120 pages in Advanced Algebra, Natural History as far as "Wading and Swimming" birds, and part 1st in Physical Geography. 4th class has taken Natural History and Physical Geography with the 3d class and in the Elementary Algebra to "Radicals." Miss Hunton is pre-eminently a worker and she never fails to infuse the same spirit into her pupils and inspire them with intense earnestness in the prosecution of their studies. Having taught here several years and knowing full well its necessity, she advises a free High School.

Nearly or quite a thousand dollars has been expended in painting and repairing the school house so that now it is neat and warm, and reflects credit upon the district. We feel confident in saying that no money has been wasted in this district this year. The citizens ought to be proud of the high character of these schools and see to it that their efficiency is fully maintained in the future.

The Directors desire to take this opportunity of thanking those interested in our school affairs who have repeatedly honored us by placing us in the very responsible position of Directors, and to add that we do not desire a re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. CARLETON,	}	<i>Directors</i>
C. A. COCHRAN,		<i>School</i>
W. E. WHITMAN,		<i>Dist. No. 4.</i>

REPORT OF

Supervisor of Schools.

The Supervisor of Schools respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March, 1885:—

The school agents made the following returns of the number of school children in the several districts on the first day of April, 1884.

Dist. No. 1, H. T. Clough, agent,	51 scholars.
2, H. V. Dudley, “	71 “
3, H. Keyes, “	44 “
4, L. T. Carleton, “	339 “
5, R. Alden, “	28 “
6, N. Kimball, “	15 “
7, C. Grover, “	10 “
8, C. B. Stanton, “	15 “
9, G. L. Gray, “	22 “
10, S. L. Bonney, “	11 “
	606 “

The amount of money available for school purposes the past year was \$2916.67, and was derived from the following sources viz :

Appropriated by town,	\$1800 00
Interest on fund,	170 24
Received from State,	946 43
Total,	\$2916 67

This amount was apportioned among the districts in the following manner:—

Dist. No. 1,	\$230 00
2,	319 50
3,	235 00
4,	1525 50
5,	169 67
6,	90 00
7,	60 00
8,	80 00
9,	107 00
10,	80 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2916 67

The following statements will indicate the manner in which those sums of money have been expended and the amount of work that has been done in the several districts.

Dist. No. 1, M. Etta Chandler, teacher, summer term, and Ella S. Whitney, fall and winter term. Summer term, 9 weeks; No. scholars 22, average attendance 19; fall term 11 weeks, No. scholars 26, average attendance 25; winter term, 12 weeks, No. scholars 28, average attendance 22.

Dist. No. 2, Lizzie E. Bass, teacher; summer term, 8 weeks, number scholars 34, average attendance 31; fall term, 10 weeks, number of scholars 32, average attendance 28; winter term, 12 weeks, number scholars 29, average attendance 23.

Dist. No. 3, Abbie C. Clifford, teacher; summer term 8 weeks, number of scholars 19, average attendance 18; fall term 10 weeks, number scholars 21, average attendance 18; winter term, 10 weeks, number scholars 21, average attendance 18.

Dist. No. 5, Louise B. Lacroix, teacher summer and fall terms, and Albion H. Brainard winter term; summer term 10 weeks, number scholars 18, average attendance 16; fall term 8 weeks, number scholars 14, average attendance 12; winter term, 12 weeks, number scholars 17, average attendance 13.

Dist. No. 6, Louise B. Lacroix, teacher; winter term 10 weeks, number scholars 14, average attendance 10.

Dist. No. 7, Eva F. Durfee, teacher; summer term 8 weeks, number scholars 10, average attendance 7.

Dist. No. 8, Hattie B. Peabody and Leonora C. Dexter, teachers; summer term 9 weeks, number scholars 9, average attendance 6; winter term 8 weeks, number scholars 10, average attendance 9.

Dist. No. 9, Emma F. Robbins, teacher; summer term 7 weeks, number scholars 14, average attendance 12; fall term 8 weeks, number scholars 19, average attendance 16; winter term 7 weeks, number scholars 17, average attendance 16.

Dist. No. 10, Katie A. Hegarty and Ella A. Shaw, teachers; summer term 8 weeks, number scholars 5, average attendance 5. Fall term, 12 weeks; number scholars 5, average attendance 5.

By these statements it appears that schools have been maintained in District No. 1, 3 terms, 32 weeks; in No. 2, 3 terms, 28 weeks; in No. 3, 3 terms, 28 weeks; in No. 5, 3 terms, 30 weeks; in No. 6, 1 term, 10 weeks; in No. 7, 1 term, 8 weeks; in No. 8, 2 terms, 17 weeks; in No. 9, 3 terms, 22 weeks; and in No. 10, 2 terms, 20 weeks. The average length of the schools during the year has been about 22 weeks.

The work of the year has, on the whole, been quite satisfactory. Mrs. Whitney, Misses Bass, Clifford, Lacroix, Robbins, Mr. Brainard and Mrs. Dexter commenced their work with the advantages arising from previous experience in teaching, and though differing in their methods of instruction as well as their qualification, labored faithfully and successfully. And Misses Chandler, Durfee, Shaw, Hegarty and Peabody, though young and without previous experience, were equally faithful and exhibited a good degree of aptitude for teaching.

My aim has been, as stated in former reports, to arrange such courses of study for the schools as would insure a thorough drill in the elementary branches, and furnish opportunity to acquire some knowledge of the higher branches. The tendency of this plan is, when steadily pursued, to insure more thorough training, rapid advancement and to awaken in the minds of the scholars a desire for higher attainments. The advantages of this course are already beginning to be apparent. Within a short time at least a dozen of our scholars have become teachers, and twice that number have left our schools to pursue their studies in higher institutions of learning.

I have made forty-five visits to the schools during the year and charged for the same sixty-five dollars

A. R. CRANE, *Supervisor.*

THE WINTHROP BUDGET.

JOHN A. STANLEY, Editor and Publisher,

WINTHROP, MAINE.

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