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REPORT
OF THE
AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN * OF * WISCASSET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

And Estimates of the Selectmen for the
Ensuing Year.

EMERSON, PRINTER, WISCASSET.

1887.

APPROPRIATIONS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886-7.

For paupers and town farm.....	\$1500 00
schools	1500 00
town officers.....	600 00
fire department.....	350 00
sidewalks and bridges.....	800 00
contingent expenses.....	700 00
abatements	300 00
commissions	250 00
special fund	5000 00
highways, in labor, \$1800.00.	5000 00
Total Town tax.....	\$11000 00
State tax.....	1204 29
County tax.....	390 40
Overlay	209 72
	\$12804 41

ASSESSMENTS.

Tax on real estate.....	\$8973 33
personal estate.....	2544 08
polls.....	1287 00
	\$12804 41
Delinquent highway taxes returned.....	93 69
Total amount committed to collector.....	\$12898 10

**Bills Paid by Orders drawn by Selectmen during the
Year Ending March 1st, 1887.**

ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM AND PAUPERS.
APPROPRIATION, \$1500.00.

Superintendent :

Frederick Colby, to Jan. 15, '87. (one year.) \$385 00

Store Accounts :

L. L. Lowell.....	\$21 07	
Samuel F. Marston, hay.....	3 00	
Geo. B. Sawyer, ".....	28 90	
Alfred Lennox.....	30 53	
Charles B. Seekins.....	5 29	
Jesse White.....	53 63	
R. H. T. Taylor.....	150 71	
John C. Budd.....	24 03	
S. E. Carr.....	9 28	
C. P. Knight.....	2 25	
Seth Patterson.....	1 25	
F. T. Dana.....	6 09	
Gibbs & Rundlett.....	5 62	
Nath. Lincoln.....	10 60	
H. W. Hawes.....	5 00	
Colby & Taylor.....	20 37	
J. F. L. Clifford.....	38 13	
J. M. Knight.....	104 51	
F. E. Johnson.....	6 05	
		\$526 31

Miscellaneous :

Sidney B. Cushman, Physician.....	\$20 00	
Lincoln Davis, shoeing oxen.....	1 75	
R. H. T. Taylor, insurance.....	15 00	
Orrin Pottle, labor on building.....	1 75	
Isaac G. Williamson, 2 pigs.....	4 00	
		\$42 50

Total for Town Farm..... \$958 81

Deduct:

Sales made.....	\$37 50	
Exchange of stock.....	25 00	
Use of stock.....	17 50	
Board	5 00	
		\$85 00
<i>Net Town Farm for Year.....</i>		\$868 81

PAUPERS NOT ON FARM.

Geo. W. Bailey, wood.....	\$2 00	
L. L. Lowell.....	3 00	
Joseph W. Munsey.....	7 42	
Alfred Lennox.....	23 87	
Abby C. Southard, rent.....	24 00	
Bradford Clark, wood.....	21 50	
Jesse White.....	34 46	
John Cowley, repairs.....	3 05	
Wilson Lewis.....	12 50	
R. H. T. Taylor.....	7 16	
Sam'l Foye, wood.....	2 25	
J. P. Hilton, ".....	4 76	
Joseph Segars, wood.....	2 50	
S. E. Carr.....	1 92	
C. P. Knight	35	
Gibbs & Rundlett	3 00	
J. G. Bailey.....	15 39	
Nath. Lincoln	11 38	
H. W. Hawes.....	3 90	
L. Nute.....	6 00	
F. E. Johnson	5 03	
Colby & Taylor	17 50	
J. F. L. Clifford.....	5 50	
S. L. Young.....	12 54	
		\$231 03

Which amount is chargeable as follows:

Dennis Munsey	\$162 08
Isaac Foster.....	39 57
Wilmot Blake.....	29 38
	\$231 03

Miscellaneous :

Mrs. Margaret Walker, fare to Wisconsin....	\$28 45
Seth Patterson, tramps, 1884.....	54 37

Insane Hospital Patients :

Judith A. Dickinson	\$125 53
Sarah A. Haraden.....	125 41
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	\$250 94
Net expenses Paupers not on farm.....	564 79
“ “ “ on farm	868 81

Total..... \$1433 60

Total Orders Drawn

\$1518 60

Less cash received as above..... 85 00

\$1433 60

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

APPROPRIATION, \$700.00.

Printing and Stationery :

Charles E. Emerson, printing reports, &c. . .	\$28 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, printing bonds....	20 00
McClellen Mosher & Co., blank books.....	21 55
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	\$69 55

Legal Services :

Strout & Holmes.....	\$59 31
Holmes & Payson	6 20
R. S. Partridge, services in Barter case.....	5 00
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	\$70 51

Miscellaneous :

William L. Putnam, costs in bond suits.....	\$132 16
W. Gilbert, “ “ “ “	41 50
Henry Ingalls, expenses.....	17 22
N. & H. B. Cleaves, costs in bond suit.....	100 00
Town Pittston settlement Knight pauper suit.	70 00
Minnie C. Varney, copying records.....	10 00
Seth Patterson, tramps, 1885.....	34 13
John Cowley, ringing bell	44 00
A. W. Plumstead, removing draw Birch Point	2 00
Thos. Cromwell, “ “ “ “	2 00

Freeman B. Lewis, trimming trees.....	4 00	
Edwin Coffin, Jr., " "	4 00	
John Cowley, whitewashing tomh.....	3 00	
Freeman B. Lewis, watchman.....	6 00	
Bradford Clark, "	4 00	
Joseph Groves, "	4 00	
William G. Hubbard, teams.....	7 00	
E. S. Grover, posts for cemetery fence.....	6 00	
Wilson Lewis, labor on " "	4 37	
W. G. Cunningham, labor " "	3 00	
" " " wood, Selectmen's Office	3 00	
Warren Sheldon, sawing wood at " "	1 50	
Sam'l Foye, cleaning vault.....	2 00	
Geo. H. White, storing road machine 2 years.	6 00	
Jas. M. Knight, use of Hall	12 00	
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		\$522 88
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Total		\$662 94
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Town Nobleboro bill costs in Barter case	\$215 00	
Timothy Cunningham, rent of pasture.....	8 00	
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		\$223 00
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		\$439 94

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATION, \$350.00.

Care of Engines:

Sam'l Folsom, 1 year and 3 months.....	\$30 50	
A. S. Jackson, repairs and new hose.....	55 00	
R. H. T. Taylor, express on do	4 40	
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		\$89 90

Payment of Firemen:

No. 1, 50 men	\$147 27	
No. 2, 40 men	120 00	
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		\$267 27
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Total		\$357 17

TOWN OFFICERS.
APPROPRIATION, \$600.00.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor :

Charles Weeks.....	\$175 00	
W. G. Cunningham.....	100 00	
Warren Lowell.....	100 00	
		\$375 00
<i>Clerk :</i> Solomon Holbrook.....		\$7 74
<i>Treasurer :</i> Alfred Lennox.....		75 00
<i>Supervisor :</i> I. H. W. Wharff.....		60 00
<i>Auditor :</i> F. W. Sewall.....		25 00
<i>Police Officer and Constable :</i> Alfred Call.....		35 00
Total.....		\$577 74

SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES.

APPROPRIATION, \$800.00.

Lumber :

J. Manchester Haynes.....	\$187 24	
Isaac T. Hobson.....	16 22	
Jos. G. White.....	8 72	
E. S. Grover.....	4 24	
Abram Nute.....	2 50	
		\$218 92

Materials :

Edward B. Neal.....	\$30 85	
F. T. Dana.....	7 63	
		\$38 48

Labor :

Bradford H. Pushard.....	\$2 62	
John Baker.....	3 48	
Edward Emerson.....	30.12	
Thomas A. Lowell.....	14 47	
Joseph Groves.....	13 75	
Abram Nute.....	3. 50	
Bion Mahar.....	2 00	
Moses Rines.....	5 25	
T. H. Cutten.....	4 50	

Alex. Blagdon	1 31	
Sewell Groves	2 00	
Charles McKenney	2 40	
Alden Bailey	12 30	
Isaac T. Hobson, labor filling bridge.....	100 00	
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		\$197 70
<i>Trucking:</i>		
Fred West	\$13 20	
Joshua P. Hilton.....	15 00	
George F. Rines.....	3 55	
W. S. Damon.....	3 40	
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		\$35 15
Total		<hr/>
		\$490 25

HIGHWAY & SNOW ACCOUNT.

Delinquent highway tax returned		\$98 69
District No. 1, Warren Lowell, Surveyor.		
" labor	\$6 75	
George Seavey, "	5 25	
Samuel Seavey, "	2 25	
Scott C. Averell, "	3 75	
Abram Nute, "	4 50	
James Grover, "	18 00	
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		\$40 50
No. 2, James L. White, Surveyor...	3 14	
Jesse White, powder and fuse	25	
3, Rufus Clark, Surveyor....	8 78	
4, Silas Y. Jackson, "	23 78	
6, Abram Nute, "	9 00	
7, Philip Foye, "	11 27	
8, James V. Sproul, "	5 00	
9, David McKenney, "	17 05	
10, John Baker, "	7 67	
12, John R. Stinson, "	7 32	
14, James Dickinson, "	6 16	
21, George Bailey, "	3 00	
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		\$142 82

APPORTIONMENT OF HIGHWAY MONEY AND APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYORS, 1886.

District No. 1,	Warren Lowell.....	\$337 86
2,	James L. White.....	117 57
3,	Rufus Clark.....	61 73
4,	John H. Dow.....	61 99
5,	Jeremiah Nute.....	58 77
6,	Abram Nute.....	95 36
7,	Philip Foye.....	81 07
8,	James V. Sproul.....	62 26
9,	David McKenney.....	70 85
10,	John Baker, 2nd.....	61 44
11,	Francis J. Brookings.....	71 07
12,	John R. Stinson.....	88 80
13,	Daniel H. Wakefield.....	84 82
14,	Samuel Averill.....	64 84
15,	Albert H. Gould.....	61 97
16,	Timothy Cunningham.....	58 74
17,	James Grover.....	115 55
18,	Wilson Lewis.....	85 80
19,	Charles W. White.....	89 38
20,	Abiel G. Greenleaf.....	62 61
21,	George Bailey.....	31 30

\$1823 78

CENSUS OF SCHOOLS AND APPORTIONMENT OF MONEY.

The census of schools in the several Districts in the town as they existed on the first day of April, 1886, give the number of scholars as 610, divided as follows:

District No. 1,	Chas. E. Emerson, Agent...	347
2,	John H. Dow, ".....	112
3,	William P. Foye, ".....	24
4,	James W. Gibbs, ".....	32
5,	Joseph G. White, ".....	21
6,	Luther F. Porter, ".....	74

Appropriated by the town.....	\$1500 00
State fund and mill tax.....	1009 29

610

\$2509 29

SCHOOLS.

Appropriations.....	\$1500 00	
State fund and mill tax.....	1009 29	
Free High School fund.....	250 00	
Tuition.....	104 71	
Rec'd from John C. Budd, Coll. 1886.....	418 00	
" " A. Call, Coll. 1882 & 3.....	9 40	
Balance due Districts, March 6, 1886.....	697 19	
Overdrawn by District, No. 1.....	86 58	
		<hr/> \$4075 17

DISTRICT NO. 1.

For wages of teachers for year ending Mar. '86	\$645 00	
" " " " " " " " '87	1800 00	
care of rooms " " " " '86	24 00	
" " " " " " " " '87	57 00	
taking census.....	5 00	
insurance.....	16 00	
assessing district tax.....	15 00	
maps, stationery, and furniture.....	19 42	
repairs, clock, &c.....	2 35	
painting.....	43 00	
trucking.....	5 95	
materials and repairs.....	114 17	
sawing wood.....	10 75	
fuel.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$2807 64

DISTRICT NO. 2.

For wages of teacher.....	\$365 00	
labor, materials and repairs.....	16 40	
care of room.....	3 50	
taking census.....	2 00	
fuel.....	23 00	
crayons and sundry items.....	3 33	
clerk's fee.....	2 00	
agent.....	5 00	
		<hr/> \$420 23

DISTRICT NO. 3.

For wages of teacher.....	\$126 00	
fuel	6 02	
insurance	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$136 02

DISTRICT NO. 4.

For wages of teacher	\$120 00	
board of "	36 00	
fuel	6 50	
cleaning room.....	2 00	
sundry items.....	1 18	
	<hr/>	\$165 68

DISTRICT NO. 5.

For wages of teacher	\$167 00	
fuel	6 25	
painting school-house.....	15 72	
	<hr/>	\$188 97

DISTRICT NO. 6.

For wages of teacher	\$251 50	
fuel, and sawing same.....	21 00	
maps, &c.....	16 75	
sundry materials for repairs.....	2 79	
cleaning and repairs	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$298 04

Balance due District No. 2, March 1, 1887...	\$29 31	
do 3, do ...	7 89	
do 4, do ...	13 21	
do 5, do ...	1 60	
do 6, do ...	6 58	
	<hr/>	\$58 59

\$4075 17

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Alfred Call, Collector, District No. 1.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes, 1882 \$51 83

Cr.

By cash \$4 67

balance to new account 47 16

\$51 83

Dr.

To uncollected taxes, 1883 \$163 43

Cr.

By cash \$4 73

balance to new account 158 70

\$163 43*John C. Budd, Collector, 1885.*

To uncollected taxes, 1885 \$164 85

Cr.

By cash \$41 00

commissions 1 64

uncollected taxes to new account 122 21

\$164 85*John C. Budd, Collector, 1886.*

To amount tax committed for year 1886 \$509 84

Cr.

By cash \$377 00

commissions 15 08

uncollected taxes to new account 117 76

\$509 84

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

APPROPRIATION \$5000 00

Unexpended balance March 6th, 1886 2546 76

\$7546 76

By orders drawn by Selectmen \$3375 26

unexpended balance March 1st, 1887 4171 50

\$7546 76

ABATEMENTS.

APPROPRIATION, \$300.00.

I. G. Williamson, 1885.....	\$58 73	
do 1886.....	84 15	
	<hr/>	\$142 88

COMMISSIONS.

APPROPRIATION, \$250.00.

I. G. Williamson, 1885.....	\$62 75	
do 1886.....	175 10	
	<hr/>	\$237 85

TOWN COLLECTOR.

Isaac G. Williamson.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1885.....	\$3137 81
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CR.

By cash.....	\$2995 61	
abatements.....	58 73	
non-residents returned.....	20 72	
commissions.....	62 75	
	<hr/>	\$3137 81

Isaac G. Williamson.

DR.

To amount taxes committed 1886.....	\$12898 10
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CR.

By paid State tax in full.....	\$1204 29	
“ County “ “ “.....	990 40	
cash.....	6985 50	
abatements.....	84 15	
commissions.....	175 10	
uncollected taxes to new account.....	4058 66	
	<hr/>	\$12898 10

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Town farm and paupers	\$1518 60
Contingent expenses	662 94
Fire department.....	357 17
Town officers	577 74
Sidewalks and bridges	490 25
Highway account.....	142 82
Schools	4016 58
Special assessment.....	3375 26
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	\$11141 36

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Contingent account No. 34.....	7 00
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Amount paid by Treasurer.....	\$11134 36

Alfred Lennox, Treasurer, in account with the town of Wiscasset,

DR.

To balance in the treasury, March 6, 1886..		\$4629 36
Received from taxes :		
I. G. Williamson, Collector, 1885.....	\$2995 61	
“ “ “ 1886.....	6985 50	
Alfred Call, Collector, District No. 1, 1882...	4 67	
“ “ “ 1883...	4 73	
J. C. Budd, “ “ 1885...	41 00	
“ “ “ 1886...	377 00	
Chas. E. Emerson, Agent, District, No. 1...	104 71	
Non-resident taxes paid	21 31	
	<hr/>	\$10534 53
Received from State, mill tax and school fund	\$1009 29	
Free High School fund.....	250 00	
R. R. and telegraph tax.....	3 65	
for pension	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$1298 94
Received from Knox and Lincoln R. R.....	2342 55	
town Nobleboro, Barter case cost	215 00	
for rent of pasture.....	8 00	
Town farm sales, &c.....	85 00	
overpayment interest.....	1 00	
sale new bonds and earned int.		
on same.....	1167 12	
	<hr/>	\$20281 50

CR.

By paid orders drawn by Selectmen.....	\$11134 36
old outstanding orders.....	5 09
coupons.....	1069 50
pension to Mrs. Fredson.....	36 00
for treasurer's account book.....	10 00
on account indebtedness.....	3062 02
for lithographing bonds	55 00
Balance, March 7, 1887.....	4909 53

\$19961 45

I have examined the several accounts as above stated and find them correct.

F. W. SEWALL, Auditor.

Wiscasset, Me., March 7th, 1887.

ESTIMATES FOR 1887-8.

For paupers and expenses of town farm	1500 00
schools	1500 00
town officers	600 00
fire department	350 00
sidewalks and bridges	600 00
contingent expenses	500 00
abatements	300 00
commissions	300 00
snow bills and highways	100 00
aid in refunding town debt and paying interest on new bonds issued	7000 00
highways \$1400 in money or \$1800 in labor.	
	\$12750 00

CHARLES WEEKS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
W. G. CUNNINGHAM,	
WARREN LOWELL,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Wiscasset.</i>

STATE OF MAINE.

To Alfred Call, one of the Constables of the Town of Wiscasset, in the County of Lincoln, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Wiscasset, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in Franklin Hall in said town, on Monday the fourteenth day of March instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First :—To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Second :—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Third :—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, for the support of the poor, and the repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year:

Fourth :—To see what action the town will take in relation to raising money to aid in paying, refunding or renewing the existing indebtedness of the town in whole or in part:

Fifth :—To see if the town will vote to provide school books for the use of the pupils in the public schools, at the expense of the town, and will raise a sum of money for that purpose.

Sixth :—To see if the town will vote to pay Benjamin B. Jackson, the sum of three hundred dollars, claimed to be due to him under the vote of the town passed July 25, 1863, as a bounty for having furnished a substitute for the service of the United States under the Act of Congress of March 3d, 1863.

Seventh :—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey by deed, the piece of land on the west side of the new Bath road, conveyed to the town by John Grover and James Dickinson, Sept. 15, 1869, for a cemetery, on such terms and for such sum as the Selectmen may deem it for the interest of the town to accept.

Eighth :—To see if the town will vote to set off David G. Stinson, from School District No. 2, to School District No. 1, in said town.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, on Saturday, the twelfth day of March, instant, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock noon.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March, A. D. 1867.

CHARLES WEEKS, WILLIAM G. CUNNINGHAM, WARREN LOWELL,	}	Selectmen of Wiscasset.
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Report of Supervisor of Schools.

In accordance with my duty as required by law, I submit the following report for the year 1886-87:

Amount of money appropriated by the Town

for Common Schools.....	\$1500 00
The Mill Tax, from State.....	1009 29

Total for Common Schools..... \$2509 29

Amount of money appropriated by District

No. 1 for Free High School.....	\$500 00
" " " " " by State	250 00
" " " " " Tuition &c..	104 71

Total for Free High School..... \$854 71

Total for all schools..... \$3364 00

The above was apportioned to the several school districts as follows:

No. of District.	Agent.	No. of Schl'rs.	Am't per Schol'r.	Am't to District.	Raised by or apportioned to Small Districts	Total to Districts.
1.	C. E. Emerson	347	\$3 90	\$1353 30	\$854 71*	\$2208 01
2.	John H. Dow.	112	3 90	436 80	436 80
3.	Wm. P. Foye.	24	3 90	98 60	42 00	135 60†
4.	J. W. Gibbs.	32	3 90	124 80	25 20	150 00
5.	J. G. White.	21	3 90	81 90	58 29	140 19
6.	L. F. Porter.	74	3 90	288 60	4 80	293 40
Total,		610		\$2379 00	\$985 00	\$3364 00

*For Free High School. †Add to this \$18.80 from Dresden.

It affords me great pleasure to announce that there has been a good degree of progress made in the schools of Wiscasset during the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

More than one-half of the scholars in town are in this district. These scholars are divided into the following schools: (For names of teachers, number of scholars &c. see tabular statement on page 22.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. George D. Bartlett, A. M. at the beginning of the year. Under his tuition the school has been advanced from its very low position to one of great usefulness. The attendance has been good and the interest manifested excellent. We consider it second to no school in the county.

The increased number of scholars and a greater increase of work, occasioned in part by the entering class being so far below the standard, has made it necessary to employ an assistant in this school a part of each day. To overcome certain difficulties in and about the building the principal of this school has been required to take charge of the whole building. Thus the three schools in the building are brought under his influence. The effect has been very marked and the people living in the vicinity of the building have had little or no reason to complain as in years past, and fewer scholars have been noticed upon the streets during school hours.

A course of study has been arranged for this school, so that in four years a scholar may secure a good understanding of all the studies usually taught in a school of this grade and our children may prepare for college. The advantages of following the course cannot be over estimated. By the old method scholars were five or six years in completing the work of this school, and then taking the studies as they did it was very uncertain when they had completed the course. The scholars are no longer required to take Latin and Greek, but may choose between an English and Classical course.

The graduating exercises of the High school were held in the Methodist Episcopal church July 1. Programme: Music, Prayer.

ESSAY, *The Crusades*.....NINA FRANCIS RUNDLETT.

RECITATION, *The Last Hymn*.....NANNIE GERTRUDE ARTHUR.

MUSIC.

RECITATION, *The Famine*.....CARRIE SMITH VARNEY.

ESSAY, *The Drama*.....MARY YOUNG.

MUSIC.

RECITATION, *Mona's Waters*.....CARRIE EATON WHITE.

ESSAY, *Woman's Rights*.....MARY FOSTER LINCOLN.

MUSIC.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

BENEDICTION.

Music was kindly furnished by the Wiscasset Cornet Band.

The names of the graduates: Nina Francis Rundlett, Mary Young and Mary Foster Lincoln.

The prospects for next year are for a larger school than this year. Two scholars are expecting to graduate and a class of eight will enter the school.

1ST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The order, discipline and system in this school are of the very best. The general exercises and many of the recitations are fine, while other recitations are not such as we could commend. We believe that scholars at this age should be taught to think for themselves and not depend upon the book for every word. Especially is this true in regard to Arithmetic. Facts and not words should be fixed in the mind. The school by this method might not be able to make quite so good a showing, but in the end better results could be obtained.

2ND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school for several reasons is the hardest in the village. The scholars are of that age when they are restless and uneasy so that it requires great tact on the part of the teacher to keep them in good order and have the recitations what they should be. The teacher has worked hard and there has been some improvement each term. There is yet considerable room for improvement.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

For the first time in a long series of years Miss Lydia M. McLean's name fails to appear as teacher of this school. Last spring she took her position as usual but sickness in the early part of the term obliged her to give up the school for a time. Her place was very acceptably filled by Miss Grace L. Knight. At the beginning of the fall term after a long rest and change of air Miss McLean was thought able to return to her work again. Only a few days were necessary to prove that her strength was insufficient and to the regret of school officers and parents she was obliged to resign her position.

Miss Dora O. Jackson, the assistant in the school, was elected to fill the position and her success with the school has more than filled our expectations. The advancement in studies, discipline and deportment has been good.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This is the most unsatisfactory school in the village. The large number of scholars from four to seven years of age makes it almost impossible for one teacher to do much with the school. At the beginning of the year to relieve this school as much as possible a large number of scholars were advanced to the next grade. But there were enough left for nearly two schools and had there been another room available we should have advised a division of the school. The

extra cost would have been but a trifle above the cost of an assistant and the gain to the children very large in proportion to the outlay. During the winter term the large amount of sickness among the small scholars has caused a falling off in the number of scholars but the irregular attendance of those who did come added largely to the amount of work.

Under these very discouraging circumstances Miss Sewall has been laboring the past year. By a remarkable tact she has been able to interest and for a larger part of the time each day keep the little ones busy. They have also made a good degree of advancement.

It is hoped that the District will arrange for another room so that the one hundred and twenty-five children in this building may be divided into three schools instead of two.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The school in this District has been rather above the standard of former years. It has been in charge of able and experienced teachers, who have worked hard: During the Spring and Fall terms the younger scholars enjoyed especial advantages, while in the Winter term there were several features deserving especial mention, viz: the drill in analysis of problems in Arithmetic, sounds of letters, Geography and writing. The number of scholars and daily recitations in this school is very large (see tabular statement) but every scholar seems to have received proper care and made rapid advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The system of ranking in this school and the encouragement of the teacher during the Summer term was such as to encourage the scholars to put forth their every effort. As a result there were nice lessons, good deportment and excellent advancement. The Winter term was a continuation of the results of the Summer term, but different methods were used.

This school is supported in part by the town of Dresden. A great drawback here is the lack of uniform text books.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The same disadvantage, as in District No. 3 in regard to the lack of uniform text books, is felt here. The attendance on both terms of school in this district was small and the teacher by extra work was able in a measure, to overcome this disadvantage. In both the

Summer and Winter schools the teachers were young in experience, but they worked hard and were interested to have their schools succeed well. Our several visits to the school revealed the fact that much was accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This District has the smallest number of scholars and the smallest school in town. It is usually considered difficult to hold the interest of so small a school, but in this case, the teachers, both in the Summer and Winter schools, succeeded finely and the advancement was the most marked of any school in town. The scholars worked hard and seemed to have been impressed with the motto:—"This one thing I do."

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This District ranks third in number of scholars. In advantages it endeavors to be equal to the best. In these endeavors the past year it has been very successful. The Spring term as well as the Fall and Winter terms were seasons of hard work, both on the part of the teacher and scholars. The examinations revealed the fact that much care had been taken and good advancement made.

This school at the beginning of the year was without charts or maps of any kind to assist the scholars in the study of Geography. A set of the "Eclectic Maps" was purchased and have proved a great help to the school.

NEW COURSE OF STUDY.

At the beginning of the year the course of study that the teachers *didn't* follow was placed in my hands. It required several visits to the schools to learn what course was being pursued. In a large measure each school was independent of the others and the benefit of graded schools was almost wholly overcome. Each teacher did what she thought best for the allotted time and the scholar was passed along. Part of the work was gone over several times, part was neglected all together. In some studies the scholars were well up with the required work, in others far behind. That there was need of a radical change here was very apparent. The old course of study, with courses from several other towns that pride themselves on their good schools, was secured and carefully studied. The wants of the schools here was considered and after several weeks of thought and care a new course of study adapted to our schools was arranged.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

School or District	Teachers	Terms	Weeks of School	Wages of Teachers per. week	Number Scholars in District	Number Scholars attending school	Average number attending school	No. daily Recitations	Visits by Supervisor	Visits by citizens
High	Geo. D. Bartlett, A. M. Mrs. Izetta R. Taylor,*	Spring.	10	\$18.75 4.00		49	45	18	3	15
"	Geo. D. Bartlett, A. M. Bertha R. Folsom,*	Fall.	12	20.00 4.00		44	38	18	2	15
"	"	Winter.	10	"		44	39	18	3	16
1st Gram-mar	Emma F. Knight,	Spring.	10	9.00		29	26	11	4	10
"	"	Fall.	11	9.00		28	24	11	3	14
"	"	Winter.	10	9.00		25	22	11	3	4
2d Gram-mar	Jessie M. Jackson,	Spring.	10	7.00		34	29	12	6	4
"	"	Fall.	11	7.50		33	25	12	3	22
"	"	Winter.	10	7.50		36	25	12	3	..
Intermediate	Lydia M. McLean & Dora O. Jackson,* Grace L. Knight, Sub't. "	Spring.	10	9.00....		46	42	20	4	19
"	Dora O. Jackson & Ida B. Neal,* Dora O. Jackson,	Fall.	11	9.00....		50	44	12	5	22
"	"	Winter.	10	7.00....		51	39	12	3	6
Primary	Mary E. Sewell & Dora O. Jackson,* Ida B. Neal,	Spring.	10	9.00....		73	65	23	3	23
"	"	Fall.	11	9.00....		74	64	19	4	22
"	"	Winter.	10	9.00....		66	46	13	3	23
No. 1.	Village Schools,				347	239	191			
No. 2.	Sadie D. Varney,	Spring.	9	8.25....		54	50	18	4	..
"	"	Fall.	8	8.25 112		45	37	20	2	..
"	Charles E. Lancaster,	Winter.	14	15.75....		67	53	27	3	..
No. 3.	Nellie S. Jackson, H. Chester Jackson,	Sum'r.	8	5.50	24	16	15	25	2	2
"	"	Winter.	10	10.00....		19	17	28	2	1
No. 4.	Janie A. Gibbs, Fred H. Bickford.	Sum'r.	9	5.00	32	17	11	23	2	..
"	"	Winter.	12	9.25....		19	14	33	2	17
No. 5.	Mary S. Beedle, Edwin M. Trafton,	Sum'r.	8	6.00	21	10	9.5	26	2	..
"	"	Winter.	8	8.50....		13	12	21	1	3
No. 6.	Bertha R. Folsom, Ida C. Morien,	Spring.	10	7.00....		48	39	22	2	6
"	"	Fall.	11	8.00	74	41	32	28	2	20
"	"	Winter.	11	8.50....		38	29	25	3	..
Rural Schools					263	160	120			
Total					610	405	311			

* Three hours per day.

The lower grades of schools are well under way on this course. The other grades will in the course of two or three years at most be up to it. Then the work of the schools will be well graded, each teacher will have a definite work, the scholars will make the most of their school time and our schools will be equal to the best. During the past year many of the classes have been required to make up work, that had been neglected in previous years, as fast as they could

consistant with good work. More work has been required the past year than will be in the same time hereafter. By this new arrangement the school year will begin with the Fall term. This will give several advantages over beginning the year with the Spring term.

THE TEXT BOOKS.

There has been only a single exchange in the text books the past year. The Fish-Robinson Arithmetic has been replaced by White's Arithmetic. In order to reduce the cost of this exchange as much as possible we handled the book without charge, so that the scholars received their new books at the lowest wholesale price. By the change a book much better adapted to the school has been introduced and a saving of 25 cts. is made on each book bought. In accordance with the law passed by the legislature two years ago, Physiology, with reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics on the human system, has been introduced into all the schools. The book adopted is recommended by the *State Board of Health* and it has been adopted by all the cities of Maine except two. It is also in use in many of the towns. We believe it to be the best book as yet published upon the subject. In order to prepare the way for the Physiology and to meet another felt want "The Child's Book of Nature" was introduced. The other books remain the same.

The cost of the text books has been carefully considered. To send a child through our common schools and furnish him with one set of new books, that with proper care would serve several scholars, for the entire course of nine or ten years will cost only \$10.60; or if we add to this, the cost of writing and drawing books, spelling blanks etc. we have an annual cost of about \$1.25. In order to reduce even this small amount many towns in the state furnish free text books and the cost of the text books for each scholar is reduced to about 50 cts. per year. There are other advantages, every scholar has all the books necessary, more scholars go to school, and the teacher has an opportunity to teach the scholars to take care of their books. I believe that it would be for the interest of Wiscasset to furnish free text books and I would recommend that \$300 be appropriated for this purpose for next year.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We wish we were able to speak in the same high terms in regard to our school buildings that we used in reference to the schools. District No. 6 has a fine building nearly new. District No. 5 repaired and painted their house a little more than a year ago. It is very neat and comfortable. Districts No's 3 and 4 have very old buildings. The best way to repair would be to pull down and begin anew. A little work outside and in on the school-house in District No. 2 would put it in good condition. In the village the buildings are in good repair, but the ventilation is poor and in several cases the rooms are exceedingly inconvenient. During the past year the Primary building has been thoroughly cleansed, painted and Kalsomined throughout

and made quite attractive inside. The High School room has been made much more convenient by a new entrance, class and cloak rooms. Coat and hat hooks have been put up in both buildings to accommodate all the scholars. The yards and outbuildings have received careful attention. All this has been done without extra tax to the District and had the regular district tax been paid in as promptly as we had reason to expect the schools would have been of their usual length. We hope the day is not far distant when the village will have a school building equal to, if not better than the best in the county.

THE SPELLING MATCHES.

At the beginning of the year \$19.82 was placed in our hands as the proceeds of the spelling match held a few weeks before. This money was to be used for the benefit of the schools as the Supervisor saw fit. It was expended as follows:

Paid for Anatomical charts, District No. 1	\$9.00
Paid toward Geographical maps District No. 6	4.50
Paid toward curtains for High school	1.32

In response to a very general desire a series of spelling matches was arranged between the several schools. To encourage the scholars to do their best, the balance of \$5.00 left from the spelling fund was increased by subscription to \$13.00. A Webster's Unabridged Dictionary was purchased as a prize to the team that should win, and a prize of one dollar was offered to the scholar that should stand best in each match. The balance of the money was used to help pay expenses. All the scholars worked hard and their improvement in spelling was very marked. The committee of award consisting of Rev. I. H. W. Wharff, Rev. H. R. Pyne and Rev. H. E. Morrow after careful attention to the matches awarded the Dictionary to the High school and the one dollar prizes to Alger Munsey and Lillie Nute of the Grammar school, Jessie Jones of North District school and Mary Seats of the High school.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the work of the past year has been considerably more than usual. More visits have been made and a large number of calls that do not appear in the tabular statement have been necessary. It has required considerable care to turn the schools from old customs and practices, and to establish a new order of things. Gladly would we have avoided many duties and have said "yes" when we were obliged to say "No," but the good of the schools required these things. The kindness and consideration of teachers, parents and scholars has encouraged and cheered, and has enabled us to do many things that could not otherwise have been done. We have done the best we could under the circumstances. We desire in closing this report to return thanks for the many favors conferred.

Respectfully,

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