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OF THE

**Municipal Officers
and Superintendent of Schools**

1905-1906



T O W N . O F R O M E

For the Municipal Year Ending Feb. 6, 1906

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

E. L. BLAISDELL

Selectmen

L. G. MARTIN E. T. FOSTER G. W. CROWELL

Town Treasurer

T. S. GOLDR

Tax Collector and Constable

A. S. TURNER

School Committee

C. T. WORKMAN E. L. RICHARDSON
E. T. FOSTER

Superintendent of Schools

U. E. CHARLES

Board of Health

A. S. TURNER IRA T. WENTWORTH
W. W. PERKINS

Road Commissioner

IRA T. WENTWORTH

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rome we submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 16, 1906:

VALUATION

Real estate, resident.....	\$50,150 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	24,012 00
Personal estate, resident.....	17,064 00
Personal estate, non-resident.....	323 00
	\$91,549 00
Total valuation.....	\$91,549 00

TOWN APPROPRIATED FOR THE YEAR 1905

For State tax.....	\$ 231 71
“ County tax.....	140 55
“ Support of schools.....	400 00
“ School books.....	25 00
“ Repairs on schoolhouses.....	50 00
“ Support of poor.....	500 00
“ Repairs of roads and bridges.....	1,500 00
“ Town officers' bills.....	300 00
“ Miscellaneous expenses.....	700 00
Overlayings by assessors.....	77 03
	\$3,924 29
Total amount of commitment.....	\$3,924 29
117 polls assessed at	\$3.00
Rate of taxation	.039
Supplementary tax	6.58

PAID TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR YEAR 1904

L. G. Martin, services as Selectman.....	\$55 00
S. W. Clement, services as Selectman.....	40 00
W. D. Damren, services as Selectman.....	26 00
H. B. Abbott, services as Town Clerk.....	13 46

T. S. Golder, services as Town Treasurer.....	\$ 25 00
L. G. Martin, services as Town Agent.....	10 00
A. S. Turner for posting town meeting warrants	6 00
A. S. Turner for enforcing dog law.....	6 00
Reuel Foss for services as Board of Health.....	3 00
A. S. Turner, services as Board of Health.....	3 00
Total.....	<u>\$187 46</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY AND BREAK-
ING SNOW PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1905

David French for breaking snow.....	\$ 20 00
John Foster " " "	7 15
Fred Robinson " labor on highway.....	1 50
C. T. Workman " breaking snow.....	34 17
John Frost " " "	1 40
Charles Frost " " "	1 40
Cecil Estes " " "	4 10
E. D. Mosher " " "	17 12
Will, Ernest and Lee Warren for breaking snow	11 25
A. S. Tracy for breaking snow.....	10 00
Elwin Kelley " " "	17 50
G. H. LeBaron " labor on highway.....	1 50
Charles Tibbetts for breaking snow.....	9 70
Wm. V. Mosher " " "	3 90
Chas. Tracy " " "	5 70
Fred Mosher " " "	2 20
A. P. Damren " " "	1 50
Webster Tracy " " "	5 25
E. A. Farnham " " "	5 00
E. H. Austin " labor on highway.....	1 80
David Perkins " breaking snow.....	20 45
A. D. Watson " " "	15 00
E. L. Richardson " " "	3 95
G. W. Crowell " " "	11 42
E. T. Foster " " "	16 30
A. M. Dudley " " "	1 86
C. M. Brown " " "	2 60
George Pratt " " "	3 50
L. E. Blaisdell " " "	8 00

Lester Brown	for breaking snow.....	\$ 3 15
Sanborn Mosher	“ “ “	10 00
F. E. Blaisdell	“ labor on highway	1 50
Albion Hersom	“ “ “ “	1 50
A. M. Dudley	“ breaking snow.....	1 49
Charles Blaisdell	“ labor on highway.....	4 25
Moses O. Hawes	“ breaking snow.....	9 95
Henry Hammond	“ “ “	1 90
John Young	“ “ “	7 55
Alfred Stevens	“ “ “	4 85
Foss Brothers	“ “ “	3 25
Mert Young	“ “ “	3 50
Will Bromily	“ labor on highway.....	6 00
Peter Walls	“ “ “ “ and break- ing snow.....	6 00
F. A. Thurston	for breaking snow.....	2 40
Will and Geo. Blaisdell	for labor on highway and breaking snow.....	15 00
A. S. Turner	for breaking snow.....	13 20
Luther Ellis	“ “ “	2 95
J. A. Littlefield	“ “ “	4 70
Orin Frost	“ “ “	4 50
John Young	“ “ “	4 60
Bert E. Farnham	“ “ “	23 55
L. E. Blaisdell	for labor on highway.....	1 90
Bert Turner	“ “ “ “ and break- ing snow.....	10 00
Sanford Blaisdell	for breaking snow and cutting bushes	5 70
Elizabeth Walls	for labor on highway and breaking snow.....	4 50
Ira T. Wentworth	for breaking snow.....	13 45
Reuel Foss	for labor on highway.....	5 00
Wm. Smith	“ “ “ “ and break- ing snow.....	10 50
Albion Hersom	“ “ “ “	1 50
Wilson Clement	“ breaking snow.....	18 95
Reuel Foss	“ labor on highway.....	3 00
H. M. Hooper	“ “ “ “	1 00
George Tracy	“ “ “ “	2 40

C. H. Lovejoy for breaking snow.....	\$ 1 80
David Nickerson " " "	14 25
J. H. Littlefield " " "	1 85
Henry Hammond for " " "	1 00
Hosea Briggs " " "	1 20
Sanford Blaisdell " labor on highway.....	2 25
George Tracy for " " "	2 00
Isaac Mosher " breaking snow.....	5 25
S. B. Mosher " labor on highway and break- ing snow.....	5 30
Orin Frost for breaking snow.....	3 00
Cecil Estes " labor on highway.....	2 18
Cecil Estes " breaking snow.....	1 60
Isaac Mosher " labor on highway and break- ing snow.....	3 30
Alfred Stevens for breaking snow.....	2 85
Levi LeBaron " labor on highway.....	1 95
A. D. & J. R. Watson, for labor on highway and repairs on plow.....	13 50
Luther Ellis for breaking snow.....	2 20
Will Warren " " "	2 90
Arthur Perkins for labor on highway.....	1 50
Henry Lord " breaking snow.....	5 20
F. S. Pray " " "	5 65
G. W. Crowell " labor on highway.....	12 85
G. S. Tibbetts " breaking snow.....	3 10
J. H. Morrill " " "	15 00
S. W. Clement " service as Road Commission- er and labor on highway.....	20 00
E. L. Richardson for breaking snow.....	2 00
Ezekiel & John Wentworth for breaking snow	14 50
S. W. Clement for breaking snow.....	6 00
Cyrus Watson for labor on highway, building culvert and breaking snow.....	15 50
A. P. Dudley for breaking snow.....	2 90
Edwin Clement " " "	8 00
Geo. G. Downs " " "	5 65
E. L. Blaisdell " watering tub.....	3 00
C. E. Wentworth for breaking snow and repair- ing culvert.....	3 25

M. E. Wentworth for breaking snow.....	\$ 2 00
Total.....	\$653 39

EXPENDITURE BY ROAD COMMISSIONER FROM APR. 1, 1905

Wilson Clement for labor on highway.....	\$30 75
John Foster " " " "	24 25
David Nickerson " " " "	4 95
Charles Walls " " " "	3 00
Leon Watson " " " "	3 00
Hartley and Cecil Estes for labor on highway and cutting bushes.....	6 75
E. T. Foster for labor on highway.....	12 00
Ira T. Wentworth for horse labor.....	21 98
Perkins & Brown " breaking snow.....	1 50
B. F. Charles " labor on highway.....	10 00
J. H. Littlefield " " " "	8 75
Alvin Frost " " " "	21 75
J. H. Morrill " " " "	47 00
Charles Tracy " " " "	4 50
Edwin Mosher " " " "	9 00
Perkins & Brown for cutting bushes.....	1 60
G. W. & E. H. Crowell for labor on highway	3 00
David Perkins for labor on highway.....	1 50
Eben Foss " " " "	43 62
A. S. Foster " " " "	14 87
Albion Hersom " " " "	10 50
J. S. Blaisdell " " " " and cut- ting bushes.....	8 00
C. H. Tibbetts for labor on highway.....	1 75
Levi Wentworth " " " "	1 50
C. E. Wentworth " " " "	21 37
David Watson " blacksmith work, labor on road machine, and watering tub.....	15 06
John Watson for labor on highway.....	4 50
Wilson Clement for labor on highway.....	3 00
George H. LeBaron for labor on highway.....	2 25
E. T. Foster for plank and cutting bushes.....	3 68
E. T. Foster for labor on highway.....	6 50
W. W. Perkins for plank and labor on highway	9 08

Elwin Kelley	for labor on highway.....	\$ 8 15
Webster Tracy	" " " "	5 90
Alfred Stevens	" " " "	3 50
Charles Trask	" " " "	1 50
Lyman Tracy	" " " "	4 50
Mark Wentworth	for labor on highway.....	15 00
Peter Warren	for labor on highway.....	75
Albion Watson	" " " "	7 50
I. T. Wentworth	" dynamite caps and fuse....	7 00
M. H. Hooper	" labor on highway.....	4 50
Alton Bickford	" " " "	1 50
Charles Tracy	" " " "	7 00
George Pratt	" " " "	10 50
George Pratt	" " " "	15 75
Levi Wentworth	" " " "	26 62
Charles Tracy	" " " "	12 00
Albion Watson	" " " "	15 00
George Pratt	" " " "	7 50
Alton Bickford	" " " "	4 50
George Pratt	" " " "	20 25
David Perkins	" " " "	35 99
Albion Watson	" " " "	9 00
Fred Robinson	" " " "	4 50
Allie Damren	" " " "	1 50
Fred Robinson	" " " "	1 50
Charles Trask	" " " "	3 00
Charles Tracy	" cutting bushes.....	2 70
Ira T. Wentworth	for nails and bolts.....	1 17
M. E. Wentworth	for labor on highway.....	29 25
Lester Brown	for labor on highway.....	2 15
Wilbert Foster	" cutting bushes.....	2 00
Total.....		\$ 632 64

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, RESIDENCE
ELSEWHERE

H. W. Smith	for medical aid furnished Alonzo Shepard	\$ 3 50
Wm. B. Meader	for boarding Wm. Lawrence...	8 86
Wm. B. Meader	for boarding Andrew Robbins	9 96

Fred Robinson for boarding Wm. Robinson.....	\$ 74 73
J. E. Dyer " medical aid furnished Wil- liam Robinson.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 121 05

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, BILLS OF 1904

Elbridge Blaisdell for supplies furnished Jona- than Trask.....	\$ 41 46
Town of Manchester for medical aid furnished Jonathan Trask.....	16 00
H. F. Shaw for medical aid to Meader family	8 50
O. B. Head " " " " " "	5 50
Elbridge Blaisdell for supplies furnished Meader family.....	19 15
Total.....	\$ 90 61

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, BILLS OF 1905

A. S. Turner for boarding Mrs. Littlefield.....	\$ 51 00
Charles Trask " " E. W. Grant and wife	16 00
City of Augusta " groceries furnished Orin Grant's family.....	19 43
E. T. Foster for clothing for Orin Grant's family.....	7 00
Elbridge Blaisdell for groceries furnished Wm. B. Meader's family.....	11 74
L. G. Martin for clothing for Meader children	11 29
H. F. Shaw, M. D., for medicine for Asa Trask	1 00
City of Hollowell for aid to E. W. Grant.....	53 25
Elbridge Blaisdell for groceries to E. W. Grant	13 99
Abbie Turner for boarding Ruby Mosher.....	100 00
Asa L. Trask " " Jonathan Trask.....	75 00
E. T. Foster " supplies furnished Asa L. Trask	4 00
Erancis Ladd for milk furnished Asa L. Trask family.....	3 34
Elbridge Blaisdell for groceries to Meader family.....	38 15

L. G. Martin for clothing and transportation of Meader children.....	\$ 16 54
Town of Bucksport for medical aid to J. C. Mosher.....	25 00
Nancy Estes for boarding Cynthia Estes.....	46 07
L. A. Bartlett " clothing furnished Meader family.....	2 55
J. F. Bilodeau for shoes for Grant family.....	3 28
Town of Mercer for groceries for Cyrus Mosher	2 88
Total.....	<u>\$ 501 51</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE
YEAR 1905

Elsie M. Foster for teaching.....	\$ 122 00
Lura M. Leigh " "	126 00
Dora P. Lawrence " "	122 00
Lottie M. Brown " "	122 00
Annie R. Webber " "	122 00
Expended in town of Belgrade.....	36 70
Total.....	<u>\$ 650 70</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONVEYING SCHOLARS

Lottie M. Brown.....	\$19 00
Lura M. Leigh.....	10 50
Total.....	<u>\$29 50</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR WOOD FOR THE YEAR 1905

E. T. Foster.....	\$6 00
George Foss.....	6 00
Alvin Frost.....	1 00
Elwin Kelley.....	7 00
David E. French.....	6 00
W. W. Perkins.....	5 25
Total.....	<u>\$31 25</u>

ORDERS DRAWN FOR JANITORS' SERVICE FOR YEAR
1904—1905

Hermon Morrill.....	\$2 00
Frankie Gage.....	2 00
Charles Frost.....	2 00
Willie E. Thurston.....	3 00
Rexford Morrill.....	2 00
John Frost.....	2 00
Georgie Mosher.....	2 00
Barton P. Richardson.....	2 00
Annie R. Webber.....	2 00
Total.....	\$19 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Levi LeBaron.....	\$1 00
E. L. Richardson.....	3 86
Total.....	\$4 86

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL BOOKS FOR YEAR 1904

American Book Co.....	\$31 10
Town of Mt. Vernon.....	6 88
B. H. Sanborn & Co.....	3 25
George D. Loring.....	9 10
Total.....	\$50 33

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL BOOKS FOR YEAR 1905

B. H. Sanborn & Co.....	\$2 34
American Book Co.....	14 40
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	8 33
Total.....	\$25 07

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS

Elwin Kelley.....	\$8 00
Mahala Foster.....	3 00
Total.....	\$11 00

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS DRAWN FOR YEAR 1905

State School for Boys.....	\$37 43
Maine Insane Hospital.....	71 89
Services as Supt. of Schools.....	35 00
U. E. Charles for collection of taxes year 1903	106 76
A. S. Turner part payment as collector, 1904...	50 00
A. S. Turner, services as Constable.....	9 00
A. S. Turner, services as Truant Officer.....	4 25
E. L. Blaisdell, services as Town Clerk.....	9 80
Frost L. French, services as Ballot Clerk.....	4 50
Laura Morrill for cleaning schoolhouse	1 50
Nina M. French " " "	1 50
Elsie M. Foster " " "	1 50
Mrs. Frank Thurston " " "	1 50
A. S. Turner for blanks.....	1 25
A. S. Turner for tax deeds.....	55 16
J. Bailey Smith for building new road.....	1,200 00
O. B. Head for reporting births and deaths.....	5 25
A. S. Turner for tax of M. N. Trask, year 1904	13 32
H. M. Hooper, reimbursement of tax deed.....	4 47
Sheldon & Sawtelle for legal service.....	2 00
Lorenzo Littlefield for stone monuments for new road.....	3 00
L. G. Martin for recording tax deeds.....	2 85
Loring, Short & Harmon for order books.....	4 50
J. D. Ames, recording births and deaths.....	1 50
L. G. Martin for miscellaneous expenses.....	5 00
E. T. Foster for broom and pail.....	50
Waterville Sentinel for printing Town Reports	18 90
Harriet D. Burbank, Ext.....	1 00
U. E. Charles for express on school books.....	3 00
Lester A. Brown for going after Orin Grant's family.....	6 00
S. W. Clement for money paid out.....	1 60
E. T. Foster for money paid out on Grant family.....	3 10
Henry Turner for going after Grant family.....	6 00
A. D. Watson for moving goods of Ed. Grant	8 00
U. E. Charles for tax of E. H. Turner.....	4 41

A. S. Turner for tax on real estate of Henry Turner	\$ 6 12
A. S. Turner for tax on real estate of Wilbert Foster.....	8 50
Total.....	<u>\$1,700 06</u>

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEB. 16, 1906

Due from A. S. Turner, Collector.....	\$2,316 26
Due from State dog license, estimated.....	40 00
Due from O. D. Baker, costs in Avon case...	102 94
Due from O. D. Baker, costs in Robinson case	5 00
Due from W. D. Damren, error in settlement	6 70
Due from tax deeds.....	338 38
Due from mortgage on Meader farm.....	93 12
Due from over-expended school fund.....	69 21
Due from Town of Mercer school fund, estimated	5 00
Due from State on account of sheep killed.....	6 00
Due from Town of Manchester on account Wm. Robinson	100 21
Cash on hand in treasury.....	620 98
Total resources.....	<u>\$3,703 80</u>

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEB. 16, 1906

Outstanding orders bearing interest:	
George S. Tibbetts order No. 230.....	\$1,407 48
George Mosher " " 242.....	600 00
Phebe Tracy " " 594.....	631 40
George Mosher " " 243.....	100 00
Carrie M. Blaisdell " " 682.....	108 00
E. T. Foster " " 269.....	159 62
E. T. Foster " " 50.....	670 32
Accrued interest on interest-bearing orders.....	199 09
Outstanding orders not bearing interest:	
Mert Young, order No. 28.....	\$ 1 50
Pearlie George, " " 39.....	1 50

Norridgewock & New Sharon Tel. Line, order No. 45.....	\$ 1 35
W. W. Perkins, order No. 48.....	3 00
Bert Hawes, " " 49.....	10 36
A. S. Foster, " " 63.....	3 00

OUTSTANDING ORDERS OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

Will Warren order No. 48.....	\$ 2 25
John Young " " 54.....	1 00
Foss Hawes " " 62.....	75
E. D. Mosher " " 65	4 50
Moses O. Hawes " " 67.....	80
Frost L. French " " 72.....	80
A. D. Watson " " 40.....	4 20
David E. French " " 73.....	1 49
Geo. Leydecker " " 74.....	2 04
Elmer E. French " " 76.....	3 00
Due Ira T. Wentworth for horse labor.....	58 52
Due Ira T. Wentworth for labor on highway...	75 75
Due Elwin Kelley Apr. 1, for breaking snow...	35 00
Due A. D. Watson " " ".....	15 00
Due Alvin Frost " " ".....	10 00
Due David French " " ".....	10 00
Due E. L. Blaisdell for watering tub.....	3 00
Due A. S. Foster " ".....	3 00
Due L. G. Martin services as Selectman.....	60 00
Due E. T. Foster " " ".....	40 00
Due G. W. Crowell " " ".....	18 00
Due T. S. Golder services as town Treasurer...	25 00
Due A. S. Turner services as Collector.....	73 62
Due Board of Health officers.....	9 00
Due L. G. Martin miscellaneous expense.....	5 00
Due E. T. Foster " ".....	1 60
Due O. D. Baker for legal services.....	129 85
Due B. F. Charles for fencing schoolhouse lot	1 50
Estimated due O. B. Head, M. D.	2 50
Due Elbridge Blaisdell, groceries to E. Grant..	15 00
Due Elbridge Blaisdell, groceries to Meader family.....	19 00
Due L. Brown, M. D., reporting births and deaths	50

Due H. F. Shaw, M. D.....	\$	13	35
Due Maine Wesleyan Seminary for tuition of of Harry Burgess.....		20	00
Due Selectmen for horse hire.....		6	00
Estimated due city of Hallowell.....		10	00
Estimated due on snow bills.....		30	00
Estimated due for printing Town Reports.....		18	00
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Total liabilities.....	\$	4,625	64

. RECAPITULATION

Total liabilities.....	\$	4,625	64
Total resources.....		3,703	80
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Balance against town.....	\$	921	84

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. Martin	}	<i>Selectmen of Rome.</i>
E. T. Foster		
G. W. Crowell		

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN OF ROME IN ACCT. WITH T. S. GOLDER, TREASURER

DR.

To payment of orders not bearing interest.....	\$4,708 73
“ “ “ State tax	242 71
“ “ “ County tax.....	140 55
“ “ “ dog licenses.....	70 00
“ “ “ State pensions.....	48 00
“ abatements.....	27 13
“ cash on hand.....	620 98
	\$5,858 10

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By cash on hand.....	\$ 529 90
“ “ received from A. S. Turner.....	3,849 91
“ “ “ “ U. E. Charles.....	194 91
“ “ “ “ State reimbursement dog licenses.....	38 74
By cash received from E. L. Blaisdell on dog licenses.....	70 00
By cash received on State pensions.....	48 00
“ “ “ from State on account of Lewis Smith.....	7 56
By cash received from Wm. T. Haines for peti- tioners for road.....	200 00
By cash received from County Treasurer.....	400 00
“ “ “ “ State Treasurer school fund.....	356 17
By cash received from E. L. Blaisdell.....	5 00
“ “ “ “ State bounty on hedge- hogs.....	1 25
By cash received from City of Belfast.....	9 96
“ “ “ “ Ralph Stuart.....	71 89

By cash received from	Town of Fairfield.....	\$ 8 86
" " "	" " State on sheep killed.....	8 00
" " "	" " S. W. Clement.....	3 50
" " "	" " Town of Oakland:.....	9 44
" " "	on tax deeds.....	45 01
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		\$5,858 10

T. S. GOLDER, *Treasurer.*

SCHOOL REPORT

DISTRICT No. 1

Spring and fall terms were both taught by Miss Annie R. Webber of Mt. Vernon who was very faithful in her labors, and those attending profited in such a manner that the time spent will never be regretted.

The whole number of scholars registered, spring term was 14; average, 11. Fall term was 17; average number, 12.

DISTRICT No. 3

Spring and fall terms were both taught by Mrs. Lura M. Leigh of this town. These being her first schools I think she will be perfectly willing to let the advancement of her pupils and the opinion of the parents of those who attended regularly for speak themselves.

Whole number of scholars registered spring term, 25; average number, 15. Fall term, 15; average number 10.

DISTRICT No. 4, BLAISDELL

Spring term was taught by Miss Dora P. Lawrence of Smithfield. She had 12 scholars registered and an average attendance of 10.25. As Miss Lawrence is not a teacher of long experience, if there were any mistakes you should place the blame on your Superintendent as this school was conducted according to his instructions.

Fall term was taught by Mrs. Lottie Brown of this town. She had 15 scholars registered and an average attendance of 12.6. Mrs. Brown being an inhabitant of this town and having taught here before, it is useless for me to comment upon the subject, as you could all see at the entertainment which she had at the close of her school that she was not idle by any means,

DISTRICT NO. 5, HERSOM

Spring and fall terms were both taught by Miss Elsie M. Foster of this town. Whole number of scholars registered spring term, 12; average, 9; fall term, 9; average 8; these were Miss Foster's first schools; her scholars were all small and not very well advanced, but I was very much surprised to see at my last visit the advancement made the last term.

DISTRICT NO. 7

Spring term was taught by Mrs. Lottie Brown of this town, whole number of scholars registered, 18; average, 17.5. I will but say in regard to this term that the parents were all perfectly satisfied.

Fall term was taught by Miss Dora P. Lawrence of Smithfield. Whole number of scholars attending school, 15; average, 13.8.

I can but say the same as of our teacher in the spring, parents all perfectly satisfied as far as known to me. I think these teachers are *all* worthy of *patronage*.

I will now be brief in telling you where the main trouble lies in our schools. It is almost wholly with the parents with a small amount to be laid on your town officers in not doing their duty in seeing that scholars attend school *regularly*. The teachers cannot educate your scholars if you allow them to stay at home whenever they wish, or if one does something contrary to rules and has to be corrected and you side in with him and take him out of school. These are but two very bad features of the many which I might offer if time and space would allow. The only way to make the advancement we should, is first, to hire the best teachers we can; second, parents, see that your scholars attend school every day unless sick; third, if parents won't send their scholars, for the town officers to enforce the law to the full extent.

Respectfully submitted,

URBAN E. CHARLES, *Superintendent*.