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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

❁ TOWN ❁ OFFICERS ❁

—OF THE—

TOWN OF WATERBOROUGH,

—FOR THE—

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1888-9,

Closing Feb'y 28, 1889.

WATERBORO', ME.:
SANBORN BROS., PRINTERS.
1889.

❖ Town Officers for 1888. ❖

Moderator,

✓ JOSEPH A. HOBBS. - 92

Town Clerk,

J. A. ROBERTS. G. N. Roberts

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

FRANK W. BLAISDELL, JOHN HARPER,
J. L. CHADBOURNE.

Old Board - 92

Treasurer,

RUEL W. RICKER. - 92

Town Agent,

CHARLES KNIGHTS.

T. G. Broderson

Supervisor of Schools,

GEORGE H. SMITH.

Auditor,

J. F. LORD.

B. H. Stoughton

Collector and Constable,

BUTLER LIBBY.

Agent on Town Farm,

DARLIN P. KNIGHTS.



*Johnston
J. H. Shaw
E. S. Cole* } *Com. to assess
State Town Bond*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

❖ SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS ❖

AND

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen, Assessors and overseers of the Poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year beginning March 1st, 1888, and ending February 28th, 1889.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Resident Real Estate,	\$138,640 00	
Non-resident Real Estate,	43,078 00	
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Total Real Estate,		\$181,718 00
Resident Personal Estate,	\$25,278 00	
Non-resident Personal Estate,	135 00	
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Total Personal Estate,		\$25,413 00
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Total Valuation of Estates for 1888,		\$207,131 00
No. of Polls, 331 ; at \$2.00, 662 00		
Money tax cast at 3 cents on a dollar.		
Highway tax cast at 11 mills.		

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888.

State Tax,	\$1,031 38
County Tax,	455 34
Town Bonds,	2,000 00
Interest,	600 00
Town Schools,	1,185 60

Support of Poor,	\$ 600 00
Incidentals,	650 00
Bridges,	200 00
J. W. Brown Post,	50 00
Overlay on money tax,	103 60
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Total appropriations,	\$ 6,875 92

Highway tax, Summer,	\$ 1,500
" " Winter,	1,000
Overlay on Highway Tax,	109 44
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Total Highway Tax,	2,609 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole number of orders drawn 26; amounting to	\$ 8,923 39
Order No. 1.— John W. Brown Post, G. A. R.	
To John F. Lord, Quartermaster,	\$ 50 00
Order No. 2. Town Bonds and Interest.	
Town Bonds June 1st, 1888,	\$ 2,000 00
Interest " " "	360 00
" December " "	300 00
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	\$2,660 00
Order No. 3. Discount on Taxes.	
To Butler Libby Collector, 1888,	\$ 110 69
Order No. 4.— Expense incurred for Newcomb family.	
N. C. Goodwin, for board of John D. Newcomb,	\$ 21 00
W. J. Downs, Medical Supplies furnished J. D. Newcomb,	4 10

J. N. Plaisted, Medical attendance to Mrs. Mary Newcomb,	\$ 48 00
J. H. Chase, Supplies furnished Mary Newcomb,	56 71
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	\$129 81
Order No. 5.— Expense of Poor on Town Farm to March 1, 1889.	
Nathan Graffam, Blacksmith work, 1887,	\$ 6 13
J. H. Chase, goods to Town Farm from Oct. 1, 1887, to April 1, 1888,	133 98
D. P. Knights, Agent on Town Farm from Oct. 1, 1887, to April 1, 1888,	100 00
D. P. Knights, Agent on Town Farm from April 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1888,	100 00
J. H. Chase, goods to Town farm from April 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1888,	108 78
Roberts Bros., goods to Town farm,	53 44
C. S. Carll, " " " "	14 56
C. S. Jordan " " " " (1887)	22 20
C. M. Hartford, Plastering at Town farm,	2 50
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	\$541 59
Order No. 6.— Expense of Poor off Town Farm to March 1, 1889.	
J. T. G. Emery, Medical Services to Thomas Hanscom, in 1887,	\$ 2 50
Roberts Bros., to goods furnished B. F. Durgin's family 1887,	30 19
Town of Cornish, to aid rendered Mary Hoyt,	5 00
Swett Bros., wood furnished B. F. Durgin's family,	2 50

F. A. Southwick, Medical Services to Alphonso Henderson,	32 00
Roberts Bros., goods furnished	23 15
J. H. Chase, goods furnished Samuel Tredwell,	25 05
Town of Bridgton, aid to Benj. Hoyt, 1887,	23 02
" " " " " " " " 1888,	21 50
Roberts Bros., goods to Thomas Hanscom,	17 90
C. S. Carll, supplies to Mrs. George Jellison,	47 27
John Baker, lodging tramps,	4 00

 \$234 08

Order No. 7. Highway Bills prior to March 1st, 1888.

Seth S. Carll, breaking road,	7 20
James Mills, " " "	8 50
J. W. & Amasa Foss, breaking Portland road,	10 00
Wm. P. Chadbourne, " " "	16 00
Albion Fluent, Cutting bushes,	1 50
J. E. Brown, Labor with Road Machine,	6 00
Sherman Young, breaking New Road,	1 81
Frank S. Libby, labor on " "	7 50
Lawson C. Smith, Labor,	2 25
S. A. Knights, labor and material,	7 75
C. H. Pitts, breaking road,	6 00
R. B. Carpenter, breaking road,	2 25
Abram Jellison, labor on road and moving fence,	4 00
Seth Littlefield, labor 1886,	7 00
Frank Williams, " "	2 55
J. T. Scribner, " "	3 75
Seth Walker, " "	12 00
M. G. Haley, " "	2 25
H. E. Carpenter, " "	6 00

Farnsworth Durgin, labor in 1886,	\$ 1 50
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	\$ 115 81
Order No. 8.	Highway bills of 1888.
C. H. Jellison, breaking New road,	\$ 8 00
B. F. Davis, " " "	12 00
Stephen Chick, " " "	1 05
Frank S. Libby, " " "	6 00
J. T. Scribner, " " "	6 00
Will H. Webber, breaking roads,	2 50
R. B. Carpenter, " "	11 00
Fred E. York, " "	4 50
Howard Chase, " "	2 25
J. H. Pitts, " "	5 25
Jere H. Anderson, breaking Stage road near Edgecomb's bridge,	8 00
E. T. Flood, breaking road,	9 00
Frank Williams, breaking road,	3 00
Simon Knights, Money paid for breaking stage road,	6 50
Nathaniel Knights, work on stage road,	4 00
Herbert E. Carpenter, work on stage road,	4 00
Charles F. Chase, labor on road,	4 00
Frank E. Hamilton,	10 62
George C. Dolly, Labor,	1 45
C. C. Andrews, "	5 00
Jason E. Brown, " on Portland road,	13 50
J. C. Roberts, " " road,	12 50
John C. Chick, " " New road,	4 00
Sherman Young, " " " "	12 00

C. C. Hamilton, labor on new road,	\$4 40
F. W. Blaisdell, " " " "	11 75
Levi Robinson " " " "	1 50
R. B. Carpenter, " " " "	3 00
H. B. Libby, " " " "	1 20
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	\$ 180 97

Order No. 9.	Bridges, 1888.	
David Russell, bridge plank,		\$ 15 99
George H. Emery, plank and labor,		18 60
C. W. Smith, bridge plank,		57 50
J. H. Chase, stringers and bridge plank,		13 49
Estate of H. P. Thing, bridge plank,		5 17
Abram Jellerson, bridge plank,		1 14
Joseph Chadbourne, " "		23 50
Fred E. York, plank and labor, 1887,		3 87
J. L. Chadbourne, bridge plank, 1888,		10 50
H. P. Thing, plank and labor, 1886-7,		12 67
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		\$ 162 43

Order No. 10.— Abatement to J. C. Roberts, Collector
of taxes for the year 1886.

Wm. H. Johnson, error,	poll,	\$ 2 00
Howard Deering, "	"	2 00
Richard Bailey, away,	"	2 00
Wm. Gorman, balance,	"	1 50
D. W. Hubbard, away,	"	2 00
Will Henderson, "	"	2 00
John Spencer, poor,	"	2 00

J. C. Batchelder, uncollectable,		\$ 2 76
Samuel Ricker, “		4 33
A. F. McKenney, “		2 43
David Kimball, “		1 47
Mrs. Eunice Pike, poor,		83
I. P. Hamilton, away,	Poll,	2 00
Charles L. Chase, under age,	“	2 00
Will E. Storer, uncollectable,	“	3 33
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		\$ 32 65

Order No. 11.— Abatement to J. C. Roberts, Collector
of taxes for the year 1887.

Noah Robinson, error,		\$1 72
Charles Berry, “		1 93
J. C. Batchelder, uncollectable,		4 58
Samuel H. Carll, away,		3 28
Henry Bean Jr., “		2 00
Isreal Day Jr., lame,		2 00
B. F. Durgin, uncollectable,		5 20
Wm. Gorman, away,		3 44
Will E. Dorr, “	Poll,	2 00
Howard S. Deering, “	“	2 00
Howard Henderson, “	“	2 00
Fred Hamilton, “	“	2 00
I. P. Hamilton, “	“	2 00
Geo. C. Merriman, “	“	2 00
Geo. E. Thing, “	“	2 00
Wesley Temple, dead,		2 00
Henry Johnson, poor,		2 64

Eunice Pike, Poor,	80
Will E. Storer, "	1 28
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	\$44 87

Order No. 12. Board of Health. \$ 8 75

L. E. Langley, Services from Apr. 1887, to Feb. 1888, \$ 8 75

Order No. 13. Expense with road Machine.

George W. Tibbetts, use of road Machine 7½ days. \$ 37 50

Order No 14. School Bills of 1888, as per Treasurer's record.

District No. 1, Frank S. Libby, Agent,	\$ 194 50
" " 3, Frank Kimball "	90 75
" " 4, Daniel A. Hobbs, "	108 04
" " 5, Levi Thing, "	71 60
" " 6, Eugene Walker, "	76 15
" " 7, J. L. Chadbourne, "	313 20
" " 8, J. M. Harper, "	24 50
" " 9, B. L. Cluff, "	205 15
" " 10, J. S. Carll, "	281 37
" " 12, C. K. Carll, "	111 00
" " 14, D. P. Knights, "	51 25
" " 15, C. H. Cook, "	4 00
" " 16, Warren Goodwin, "	195 23

\$1,726 74

Order No. 15. Highway Surveyors' Bills for 1886, \$123 42

Order No. 16. " " " " 1887, \$1,236 87

Order No. 17. " " " " 1888, \$77 41

Order No. 18. Abatement to I. N. Deering by authority
of vote of town. School district tax of 1879, \$15 44

Order No. 19. Abatement to J. C. Roberts Collector of
taxes for 1885, by authority of vote of town.

Samuel Cluff, (heirs) returned highway,	\$5 71
Bickford L. Cluff, " "	90
W. J. Downs, " "	2 37
A. F. McKenney, " "	1 75
Timothy Woodard, " "	3 63
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	\$14 36

Order No. 20. Abatement to Treasurer by authority
of vote of town, of non-resident and owners unknown,
taxes for 1883 and 1884.

Samuel Roberts, (heirs) 1883,	\$3 40
Oliver Hamilton, " "	11 40
Noah Randall, " "	8 75
C. W. McKenney, " "	8 24
Ira T. Drew, " "	5 32
Benj. Durgin, " "	6 10
Amos Felch, 1884,	7 45
John H. Woodsome, " "	8 78
Mrs. John Sinclair, " "	53
C. W. McKenney, " "	28 01
Daniel Edgecomb, " "	2 15
John Davis, " "	82
Geo. S. Durgin, (heirs) " "	6 60
Littlefield & Thing, " "	5 00
" " Co., " "	1 65

Jamin Seavey,	1884,	\$	33
Edmund Warren,	"		13 47
Oliver Hamilton,	"		13 20
Owners Unknown,	"		
John H. Anderson,	"		6 15
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
Philip Brown,	"		13 20
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
J. C. Batchelder,	"		1 82
Samuel H. Carll,	"		17 36
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
Charles Berry,	"	"	2 00
Joseph Durgin,	"	"	2 00
Benj. Durgin,	"		3 25
Benj. F. Durgin,	"		7 73
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
Anthony Gerry,	"		5 22
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
B. F. Gowen,	"		4 62
Jason Hamilton, (heirs)	"		22 91
M. G. Haley,	"		3 00
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
Harmon C. Kimball,	1884,		4 29
Eliza Laurell,	"		2 27
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
Daniel Laurell,	"		1 50
Stillman Maddox,	"		5 80
" " " "	"	Poll,	2 00
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		\$	250 32

Order No. 21. Amount of tax deed and taxes on same prior to 1885. Abated by authority of vote of town 1888.

David Kimball,	\$ 32 13
J. W. Holland,	26 51
David Carpenter,	6 70
Alfred Hill,	4 21
Richard Palmer, (heirs)	85 40
J. M. Mason or owner,	59 35
R. P. Tebbetts,	48 92
Otis Gilpatrick,	10 67
J. M. Jellison,	5 77
Joseph G. Day,	3 07
J. H. Anderson,	5 08
Benj. F. Durgin,	5 08
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	\$ 292 89

Order No. 22. Abatement to J. C. Roberts, Collector, by authority of vote of town, 1888.

Charity Clark, tax of 1885,	\$ 7 20
“ “ “ “ 1886,	9 24
“ “ “ “ 1887,	9 24
I. L. Walker, “ “ 1885,	7 20
“ “ “ “ 1886,	8 67
“ “ “ “ 1887,	8 17
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	\$ 49 72

Order No. 23. Abatement to R. W. Ricker, Treasurer, for 1886-7,

Mrs. John Sinclair, 1886,	69
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Frank Russell,	1886,	\$ 2 00
Richard Maddox,	"	1 30
John T. Littlefield,	"	1 08
Mrs. John Sinclair,	1887	72
Richard Maddox,	"	1 29
John T. Littlefield,	"	86
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		\$ 7 94

Order No. 24. Incidental Expenses.

Charles Knights, care of Town house in 1887,	\$ 4 00
Sanborn Bros., Printing Town reports of 1887,	24 00
Highway tax receipts and Teachers' certificates,	2 40
Collector's receipts and hand bills,	2 75
Assessors' notices,	1 00
Gilbert Hasty, insuring Town buildings,	20 00
Geo. P. Chase, School guardian, 1887,	3 00
Frank H. Hobbs, books furnished, 1886-7,	12 50
John Harper, Auditing accounts, 1886,	3 00
" " " " 1887,	2 00
F. A. Bragdon, M. D., Damage and costs,	15 00
H. A. Small, Advertising taxes of 1887,	9 00
Sanborn Bros., Printing Treasurer's receipts,	75
J. M. Leavitt, recording tax deeds,	1 00
J. A. Hobbs, services as Constable, 1888,	3 00
" " " " " School guardian, 1888,	6 00
" " " " " " " " 1887,	5 00
J. C. Roberts, Collector, 1887,	188 00
" " " Services as Constable, Postage and Stationery,	10 00
F. W. Blaisdell, Postage and Stationery,	4 00
" " " Town books furnished,	12 00
Alvah Bagley, repairing damages on Wm. H. Bradeen's wagon,	1 00
F. W. Blaisdell, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	60 00

John Harper, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$ 54 00
J. L. Chadbourne, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	55 00
R. W. Ricker, Treasurer,	40 00
" " " Postage and Stationery,	4 00
" " " Deficiency, interest on town bonds,	21 00
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	\$ 563 50

Order No. 25. School District No. 5.	
Special tax for repairing School house,	\$ 25 00
Order No. 26. School District No. 4.	
Special tax for repairing School house,	230 63

TOWN FARM, MARCH 1, 1889.

1 yoke oxen, 4 cows, 1 two year old heifer, 1 year old heifer, 2
shoats, 35 bushels potatoes, 10 bushels corn on cob, 1 bushel
beans, 7 bushels oats, 75 gallons vinegar, 100 pounds pork, 15
hens, 5 tons hay, 20 cords of wood at door.

Cr.

By produce as per J. H. Chase's Store book,	\$ 61 71
" cash to Treasurer, boot between Oxen,	30 00

NUMBER OF INMATES 9, VIZ:

Noah Deshon, age 93; Thomas Webster, 77; John Taylor, 86;
Samuel Treadwell, 67; Mrs. S. Treadwell, 55; Mrs. Silas Brown,
89, Mary Hoyt, Betsy Chick, Lydia Williams, last three ages
not known.

F. W. BLAISDELL,	} Selectmen of Waterboro'.
JOHN HARPER,	
J. L. CHADBOURNE,	

Treasurer's Report.

Resources in Treasury March 1, 1888,	\$7,988 10
Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 1, 1889,	9,085 85
	\$17,073 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total amount of Town orders paid,	\$8,923 39
Resources of Town March 1, 1889,	8,150 56
	\$17,073 95

Dr.

To balance in Treasury March 1, 1888,	\$7,988 10
“ “ received State School fund of “	\$691 01
“ “ commitment of taxes to Butler Libby, 1888,	7,998 64
“ “ commitment of taxes to Butler Libby, School District No. 4,	313 93
“ “ commitment of taxes to Butler Libby, School District No. 5,	52 27
“ “ D. P. Knights, difference between oxen on Town Farm,	30 00
	\$9,085 85
	\$17,073 95

Cr.

By paid Town orders,	\$8,923 39
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RESOURCES.

By due from J. C. Roberts, Collector, 1887,	\$257 07
.. .. " Butler Libby, .. 1888,	5,841 45
.. .. " .. " School Dist. No. 4,	150 88
.. .. " .. " .. 5,	27 27
.. .. " Town of Harrison, expense of Newcomb Family,	129 81
.. .. " Tax deeds and taxes prior to 1885,	101 23
.. .. " .. " for 1885-6,	78 99
.. .. " Non resident taxes of 1887,	84 79
To balance,	1,479 07
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	\$8,150 56
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	\$17,073 95
Amount of bonded debt of town after paying appropriations, of 1888,	\$8,000 00

R. W. RICKER, TREASURER.

WATERBORO, MARCH 1, 1889.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report and find it correct.

JOHN F. LORD, AUDITOR.

ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
For the year ending March 1st, 1889.

Dist. No.	Amt. due Dist. March 1, 1888.	Amt. Approp'd Dist. for 1888.	Amt. paid.	Amt. due Dis. March 1, 1889.
1	\$107 30	\$186 03	\$194 50	\$98 83
3	77 06	82 55	90 75	68 86
4	31 63	124 94	108 04	48 53
5	30 42	87 01	71 60	45 83
6	31 77	82 70	76 15	38 32
7	164 76	183 26	313 20	34 82
8	108 24	38 16	24 50	121 90
9		200 34		
"	for tuition	4 50	205 15	ov'dr'n 31
10	162 97	396 87	281 37	278 47
12	34 94	186 03	111 00	109 97
14	14 03	81 66	51 25	44 44
15	76 60	26 72	4 00	99 32
16	ov'dr'n 21	195 57	195 23	34
B. Scribner		4 77		4 77
	\$839 72	\$ 1,881 11	\$ 1,726 74	\$ 994 40

Report of the Supervisor of Schools.

DISTRICT No. 1.—FRANK S. LIBBY, AGENT.

Spring term was taught by Miss Alice Lane of Limerick. Visited the school at both its opening and close. A good degree of interest was maintained throughout, and the examination at the close was satisfactory. Fall term was taught by Miss Estella Deering, a teacher of considerable experience. The progress and general management of the school were up to the average.

Winter term was taught by John R. Mann of Shapleigh. The regular attendance was not what it should have been, but the examination at the close showed that there had been an earnest and faithful work on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.—FRANK KIMBALL, AGENT.

Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Maud Smith of this town. This school, although composed of small scholars, made good advancement.

DISTRICT No. 4.—DANIEL HOBBS, AGENT.

Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Frances M. Hamilton, a faithful and intelligent teacher. The scholars made good progress in their studies. The general management of the school was perfectly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—LEVI THING, AGENT.

In this district there were two terms of school, and both were taught by Miss Lettie Wormwood of Limerick. Visited each term twice and found a good degree of interest manifested. Was pleased to see the high average of attendance throughout both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—EUGENE WALKER, AGENT.

In this district there have been two terms of school, and both were taught by Miss Ida Gray of Limerick. Both teacher and scholars were interested in their work, and the examination exercises were satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—J. L. CHADBOURNE, AGENT.

There have been three terms of school in this district during the year. The first two were taught by Miss Ella Deering, a capable and successful teacher. Visited each term twice. Excellent order was maintained throughout both terms, and the examinations at the close showed that thorough and rapid progress had been made.

Winter term was taught by Geo. N. Brock, a teacher of excellent abilities. Visited the term at both the opening and close. The best of order was maintained, and at the close the examination gave satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—BICKFORD CLUFF, AGENT.

There have been two terms of school in this district during the year. Spring term was taught by Miss Rosa Emery, a young lady

of no previous experience in teaching. Visited the school at the commencement and close. The order was not at all what it should have been, but the examination at the close was fair.

Winter term was under the instruction of Frank H. Hobbs. At my first visit the school was noisy, and the general order poor. At the close there was a good degree of interest manifested, and the order was good. The examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 10.—J. S. CARLL, AGENT.

In this district there have been three terms of school. The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Imogene R. Hamilton, an experienced and faithful teacher. Visited each term at both the opening and close, and found a good degree of interest. Good order was maintained throughout both terms. The scholars made excellent progress, and the examination at the close showed that an earnest and faithful work had been done.

A third term is now in session under the instruction of Arthur J. Roberts, a young teacher of excellent abilities. The prospects under which the term opened were very pleasing.

DISTRICT No. 12.—CHARLES K. CARLL, AGENT.

Spring term was taught by Mr. John F. Lord, a teacher of many years' experience. When I first visited the school the order was poor and there was a lack of interest on the part of the scholars. At the close there was a better degree of interest, and the order much improved, but the examination was not up to the average.

Fall term was in charge of Miss Ella Deering. The teacher labored earnestly for the advancement of her pupils, but yet the examination was not what it ought to have been.

The schools in this district during the past year have been taught by Miss Lizzie Sawyer of Limerick. It is sufficient to say that the school did good work under her instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—WARREN GOODWIN, AGENT.

Spring term was taught by Miss Sadie Kimball of Wells. The teacher labored hard for the advancement of her pupils, and good progress was the result.

Winter term, Edward C. Clark, teacher. The indications at the commencement were favorable for a profitable term. As no notice of the time of closing was received, am unable to make further report.

GENERAL MATTERS.

The following report of the condition of the schools in town is respectfully submitted. Careful attention is asked to the following points in the line of improvements.

One great obstacle in the way of the best results is the old district system, which throws only a part of the responsibility of the schools upon the supervisor, where it would properly belong if the hiring power of the teacher were vested in the Supervisor, and not in Agents, who, from the very nature of things, cannot select a teacher as well adapted to a special school, as the Supervisor, who hires all the teachers and locates them with reference especially to their qualifications for particular districts. Just as it often happens that one scholar in a school is better than another, so it happens that one school is, from various circumstances, more advanced than another, and that school should have the advantage of the instruction of a judicious and carefully selected teacher, rather than one selected at

random, or worse because she is related to the agent's family. The common school system was designed to secure the best instruction to the greatest number, not to bring a few paltry dollars into this or that friend's pocket. The town system, if understood, would meet the approval of all who are interested in the cause of education. It is now in successful operation in N. H., and Mass., and was the first system in vogue in all New England. Now under this system each teacher would be engaged by the supervisor, examined and located, where the best results might be expected from the harmonious conditions of a teacher adapted to the work. An old experienced teacher would take charge of a large troublesome school, the inexperienced young Miss who has just ceased to be a scholar would take the small school. If things were to go wrong the blame would come on the Supervisor, and he, seeing his mistake in one case would avoid making another in the same direction. The advantage of the town system is not confined to instruction alone. As things are now, one school has thirty weeks during the year, while another only three miles distant has but eight or ten, simply because there are fewer pupils in the district. When the old system is laid aside, as it certainly will be in the near future, each child will have an equally good chance with every other pupil in town. It is often difficult for parents to understand how this result can be secured without an additional expenditure of money. The explanation is a simple one and of every day occurrence in ordinary business life. One head is better than many; when different individuals are drawing from a common fund, each according to his own notions, and without consulting the other, one can scarcely expect to find as economical expenditure, as when one, who understands the end to be attained, manages the finances of the schools. The little school with two or three scholars would, of course, be closed, but provision would be made for better

instruction in a neighboring district. The best argument is in the fact that the Town system is in successful operation in many states, with no disposition to return to the old irregularity which was one of the inevitable results of the old district system.

The Arithmetics have been changed, it seems to me, for very good reasons. The old book was never satisfactory to teachers, pupils or supervisor. For this reason many different books on the subject have crept into the schools of the town, often many in one school. Now if there is any evil to be deplored it is too many classes. How can this be helped where each pupil has a different book? Raub's series have been considered the best for our system of schools, and have been adopted in many of the neighboring towns with satisfaction. I do not say entire satisfaction, for no book can be that in every particular. Disinterested parties have endorsed it, and the results secured thus far are entirely satisfactory and have confirmed the judgment which directed a change. Let each supervisor see that the text-books are kept uniform.

Something should be done to relieve the crowded condition of the school in district No. 10. The place has doubled in size, in business, and in the number of scholars within the memory of the youngest voter, and yet the school accommodations are no better, indeed not so good as they were 15 years ago for the reason that half a certain number can be instructed much better than double the same number. Another story should be put on the present school house, the school graded, and a man teacher employed to teach the school the year around. It would cost more of course, but a good education is valuable anywhere and something which remains longer than anything else. If the town were to vote to raise \$250. for the support of a high school, the state would furnish \$250. more, making in all \$500. A lady teacher could be employed to teach the

lower school for \$ 7.00 per week, thus saving \$ 100 to help support the school up stairs. Now with this \$ 600 a good teacher could be secured the year around, pupils from other parts of the town and village have three terms of ten weeks each, every year. This extra \$ 250 would thus do an almost incalculable amount of good, not only to the village but to the town, and would be a trifling expense to each individual voter. The non-resident property would pay one-third of this amount, leaving an average to each voter of less than fifty cents! Let everyone consider this matter carefully and let no petty local jealousy come in to defeat so valuable and worthy an object as this. There are bright scholars who would make much of themselves if they could have opportunities, which could be provided with so little trouble and expense. Let each be interested and zealous in this matter and it may easily be accomplished.

The schools in general have been successful and a large amount of good work done. Teachers have, on the whole, been interested in their work, and most of them have had previous successful experience. Our schools are largely what the teachers make them; how important then it is to secure good teachers! Each coming supervisor should have the important studies carefully taught; for example, in teaching reading it is just as important that the child know what the selection MEANS, as to properly pronounce the words. Writing is important and should never be neglected for a smattering of Rhetoric, or something studied for the sake of saying, "I study Physics". The useful practical part of Arithmetic should be studied carefully, and explained by the teacher. Have each pupil understand taxation so well that he may be able to do any or all the work if he were ever called upon to take the place of selectman. Our schools have been a large factor in making our country what it is

and as such we ought to take a lasting interest in them. Let parents visit the schools; if they haven't time, as many haven't, let them manifest an interest by inquiring of the scholars what they are learning, what studies they like best, what methods they employ. These things are trivial to parents, but vital to the pupils' interest. Above all, never condemn a teacher upon the abstract testimony of a scholar, remembering that different persons reach the same end by different means. Let us be charitable one to another and aim to make our schools the garden where may be cultivated all that pertains to true manhood and womanhood.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM TEACHERS' REGISTERS

No. of district. No. of scholars in district.	Names of Agents.	Names of Teachers Summer and Fall Terms.				Names of Teachers Winter term.							
		No. of scholars registered.	Average attendance.	No of weeks in term.	Wages of teachers per week.	Price of board per week.	No. of scholars registered.	Average attendance.	No. of weeks in term.	Wages of teachers per week.	Price of board per week.		
1 39	Frank S. Libby.	Alice M. Lane.	14	12	8	\$4 00	\$2 00	John R. Mann,	18	12	10	\$5 50	\$2 00
		Estella C. Deering. (Fall term)	16	13	8	4 00	2 00						
3 15	Frank Kimball.	Maud E. Smith.	7	5	8	3 00	1 75	Maud E. Smith.	4	3	9	3 50	2 00
4 22	Daniel Hobbs.	Frances M. Hamilton.	19	18	8	3 50	1 45	Frances M. Hamilton.	14	12	8	3 50	1 45
5 13	Levi Thing.	Lettie Wormwood.	8	7	8	3 25	1 30	Lettie Wormwood.	12	11	7	3 25	1 30
6 10	Eugene Walker.	Ida Gray.	7	7	7	3 25	1 65	Ida G. Gray.	9	8	8	3 50	1 80
7 38	J. L. Chadbourne.	Ella Deering.	22	19	8	3 25	1 50						
		“ (Fall term)	20	18	4	3 75	1 50	Geo. N. Brock.	19	15	12	7 50	2 50
8 8	J. M. Harper.	No school.											
9 42	Bickford Cluff.	Rosa M. Emery.	40	37	7	4 00	2 25	Frank H. Hobbs.	41	32	12	7 00	3 00
10 104	J. S. Carll.	Imogene Hamilton.	63	51	9	4 00	2 25						
		Imogene Hamiton. (Fall term)	64	53	10	5 00	2 00	Arthur J. Roberts.†					
12 39	Charles K. Carll.	John F. Lord.	23	22	8	3 00	3 00	Ella Deering.	28	22	8	4 50	1 50
14 14	D. P. Knights.	Lizzie M. Sawyer.	7	6	8	3 50	1 50	Lizzie M. Sawyer.	8	6	6	4 00	1 50
15 7	C. H. Cook.	No School.											
16 41	Warren Goodwin.	Sadie Kimball. *						Edward C. Clark.	28	19	14	7 00	3 00

*Register not returned.

†In session.