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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

**Municipal Officers,**

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF DENMARK,

—FOR THE—

*Municipal Year of 1882.* - 6 3

Chas. Holbrook & Co., Printers, 53 Temple Street, Portland



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# REPORT.

## VALUATION FOR YEAR 1882.

Amount of Resident Real Estate.....	\$187825.00
“ Non-Resident “ .....	79219.00
“ Personal “ .....	32489.00
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Total.....	\$299533.00
Whole No. of Polls, - - -	253.
Rate per-cent of Highway Tax.....	.008.5
Rate per-cent of Money Tax.....	.01.2

## MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED FOR 1882.

For Support of Poor.....	\$500.00
For Support of Schools.....	1000.00
For defraying Town Charges.....	1000.00
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Total.....	\$2500.00
Money raised for repairing Roads and Bridges.....	\$3000.00

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount of School Money voted by the Town.....	\$1000.00
Amount Received from State.....	471.08
Amount of Interest on School Fund.....	32.80
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Total.....	\$1503.88

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**LIABILITIES**

Amount of outstanding Town Orders drawn 1873.....	\$15.50
Same, 1875.....	89.75
" 1876.....	88.21
" 1877.....	439.88
" 1878.....	745.79
" 1879.....	1490.29
" 1880.....	330.12
" 1881.....	822.79
" 1882.....	1373.95
" 1883.....	530.04
Interest on above orders, estimated.....	966.00
Amount due the several School Districts.....	460.03
Amount due commission for Collecting Tax, 1881.....	36.00
Same 1882 .....	65.99
Amount due S. T. Brown, 4th Quarter 1882.....	12.50
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Total.....	\$7466.84

**ASSETS.**

Amount due from Geo. R. Bean on Tax 1881.....	\$386.41
" " Edwin Pingree " 1882.....	2718.46
" " Non-residents for Highway Taxes, 1882.	113.64
" in Treasurer's hands.....	2103.97
" interest on G. R. Bean's note.....	12.00
" due from John Blake for 1 heifer sold by H. H. Hart-	
ford.....	18.00
" due from Frank True on Cattle.....	10.00
" " C. A. Brooks for one yoke Oxen, L. A. In-	
galls accountable.....	80.00
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Total.....	\$5342.48

Total amount of Liabilities.....\$2124.36.

*Statement of the Expenditures of the  
Town of Denmark, from Feb. 20,  
'82 to Feb. 20, '83.*

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

Paid Samuel D. McKusic for working out Samuel Warren's Highway Tax.....	1.75
" Geo. W. Walker for work on Highway in Dist. No 16	11.00

Paid Robinson and Allen, same, Dist. No. 6.....	25.00
“ Albert F. Trumbull, same, Dist. No. 8.....	5.00
“ Samuel H. Colby, same, Dist. No. 12.....	12.00
“ Hadley Jack, same, Dist. No. 1 .....	16.50
“ Isaac H. Berry for stringers for Walker Bridge.....	9.25
“ Clarence Bragdon for work done on Walker Bridge....	8.00
“ Orrin I. Pingree for work and putting in Water Course in Dist. No. 12.....	7.75
“ Walter B. Blake for building Stone Water Course on Cold Brook.....	16.00
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Total.....	\$112.25

### *Printing. Books, Stationery, Wood, Etc.*

Paid Chas. Holbrook & Co. for Town Reports for 1881.....	\$13.25
“ Hoyt, Fogg & Donham for Books and Stationery.....	8.75
“ Geo. A. Wentworth for Wood and repairs on Town House .....	5.00
“ Augustine Ingalls for Wood furnished office for 1881.	1.00
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Total.....	\$28.00

### **TOWN OFFICERS.**

Paid E. P. Pingree balance due for Selectman 1881.....	\$9.00
“ Augustine Ingalls, same.....	12.15
“ H. H. Hartford, same.....	9.50
“ Elmore E. Swan, Constable for 1881.....	1.00
“ L. A. Ingalls, Selectman and Assessor for 1882.....	60.00
“ Samuel H. Colby, same.....	42.64
“ Rufus G. Fessenden, same.....	20.00
“ Moses G. Cobb as Supervisor for 1882.....	50.00
“ Geo. W. Gray, as Treasurer, and postage 1882.....	17.00
“ C. R. Berry, as Town Clerk, express, and postage 1882	11.00
“ Edwin Pingree as Constable for 1882.....	4.00
“ E. P. Pingree, for services on Town line and cash paid Gordon.....	11.68
“ E. P. Ingalls for services on Town line.....	12.00
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Total.....	\$250.97

## TOWN FARM.

Paid R. G. Fessenden as Superintendent on Town Farm to	
April 1, 1882.....	\$60.00
“ L. A. Ingalls Mdse. for Farm to April 15.....	33.00
“ T. P. Merrill, for Vinegar and Barrel.....	5.00
“ Albert G. Berry, Lumber for Farm year 1881.....	2.25
“ S. T. Brown, Medical attendance 4th quarter, 1881....	12.50
	\$112.75
Total.....	
Paid Amos M. Sanborn as Superintendent on Town Farm to	
April 1, 1883.....	250.00
“ Amos M. Sanborn for Cash paid for mdse for Town Farm.....	65.55
“ Pendexter & Sanborn for Clothing.....	10.85
“ G. F. Ames for Blacksmith work.....	4.40
“ J. N. Smith for Merchandise.....	42.82
“ L. A. Ingalls for “ to Feb. 17.....	123.01
“ Horace Gore for one yoke Oxen.....	135.00
“ S. T. Brown, medical attendance, 1st, 2d and 3d qt....	37.50
“ Geo. Wight, for Insurance of Town Farm Buildings....	20.00
	\$689.13
Total Amount.....	\$801.13

## *Paupers not on TOWN FARM and ACCIDENTAL EXPENSES.*

Paid Rev. Larkin L. Jordan for preaching Otis Walker's	
funeral sermon.....	\$2.00
“ Eben McIntire for digging grave for Otis Walker....	3.00
“ A. P. Merrill, for coffin, robe and box for Otis Walker	15.00
“ John W. Holt for damages and injuries received by defect in Causeway, near G. Warren's.....	15.00
“ Potter and Ordway for coffin, Robe and box for Sally Whidden.....	13.50
“ L. Ingalls for cash paid out for the burial of Moses Gould.....	5.50
	\$54.00
Total.....	\$54.00
Amount of Abatement to William Fessenden on Tax of 1880, \$8.95	
Paid William Fessenden for an Order lost, No. 440.....	85.00

**CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

No. of Scholars, April 1882.....	75
Unexpended balance Feb. 16, 1882.....	\$167.89
Appropriations for 1882.....	382.34
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	\$550.23
Paid Geo. A. Barker.....	\$55.00
“ Andrew Saunders.....	20.00
“ Cynthia E. Pingree.....	61.50
“ Luther Trumbull.....	7.75
“ Cynthia E. Pingree.....	65.00
“ Geo. A. Barker.....	60.00
“ Andrew Saunders.....	25.00
“ Cynthia E. Pingree.....	65.00
“ Augustine Ingalls.....	23.50
“ Andrew Saunders.....	20.00
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	\$402.75
Balance unexpended.....	\$147.48

**DISTRICT NO. 1.**

No. of Scholars April 1882.....	21
Unexpended balance Feb. 16, “ .....	.31
Appropriated for 1882.....	107.05
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	\$107.36
Paid Georgia A. Bennett.....	\$30.00
“ Sydney Orcutt.....	4.50
“ Horace Wentworth.....	2.10
“ Georgia A. Bennett.....	55.00
“ Sydney Orcutt.....	11.00
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	\$102.60
Balance unexpended.....	\$4.76

**DISTRICT NO. 2.**

No. of Scholars, April, 1882.....	33
Unexpended Balance, Feb. 16, 1882.....	\$75.25
Appropriations for 1882.....	168.23
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	\$243.48

Paid M. K. Mabury.....	\$58.33
“ John Colby.....	5.00
“ S. H. Colby.....	18.00
“ H. H. Hartford.....	8.40
“ Emma O. Knoe.....	28.00
“ Stephen Rowe.....	10.80
“ Georgia A. Bennet.....	32.00
“ M. B. Cobb.....	72.62
“ Stephen Rowe.....	10.33
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	\$243.48

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

No. of Scholars, April, 1882.....	39
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....	\$119.86
Appropriated for 1882.....	193.81
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	\$318.67
Paid Sidney Smith.....	\$55.00
“ A. F. Bradbury.....	19.80
“ Flora M. Bradbury.....	52.50
“ “ “.....	52.50
“ Chas. B. Smith.....	10.00
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	\$189.80
Balance Unexpended.....	\$128.87

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

No. of Scholars April, 1882.....	21
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....	\$83.73
Appropriated for 1882.....	107.05
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	\$190.78
Paid Charleton H. Warren.....	\$65.00
“ Myra J. Beau.....	24.75
“ O. Q. Libby.....	11.25
“ Myra J. Bean.....	32.50
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	\$133.50
Balance Unexpended.....	\$57.28



**DISTRICT NO. 5.**

No. of Scholars, April, 1882.....	4	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....		\$26.80
Appropriations for 1882.....		20.40
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		\$47.20
Paid Mabel Rounds.....	6.00	
“ Issachar Bradgdon.....	9.00	
“ Chas. Barker.....	3.00	
“ Alwilda G. Warren.....	22.50	
“ Clarence Bragdon... ..	6.00	
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	46.00	
Balance Unexpended.....		.70

**DISTRICT NO. 6.**

No. of Scholars, April, 1882.....	22	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....		6.19
Appropriations for 1882.....		112.15
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		\$118.34
Paid Mary S. Lowell.....	41.50	
“ Thirsa P. Davis.....	40.25	
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	\$81.75	
Balance Unexpended.....		\$36.59

**DISTRICT NO. 7.**

No. of Scholars April, 1882.....	5	
Unexpended Balance, Feb. 16, 1882.....		\$31.00
Appropriations for 1882.....		25.49
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		\$56.49
Balance Unexpended.....		\$56.49

**DISTRICT NO. 8.**

No. of Scholars, April 1882.....	27	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....		\$109.11
Appropriated for 1882.....		137.65
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		\$246.76

Paid Gilbert Warren.....	\$10.00	
“ Roland Cross.....	99.00	
“ Ada L. Mackey.....	30.00	
“ S. F. Handen.....	15.00	
“ Dennis Cole.....	50.00	
“ Gilbert Warren .....	5.50	
“ Walter B. Blake.....	29.75	
		\$239.25
Balance Unexpended.....		\$7.51

### DISTRICT NO. 9.

No of Scholars, April, 1882....	.....15	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....		\$26.20
Appropriations for 1882.....		76.47
		\$102.67
Paid Mary H. Cutler.....	\$22.20	
“ “ “ .....	19.50	
“ Hollis Plant.....	6.00	
“ Edwin Hodge.....	51.34	
		\$99.04
Balance Unexpended.....		\$3.63

### DISTRICT NO. 10.

No. of Scholars April, 1882.....	.....16	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882 .....		\$13.96
Appropriations for 1882.....		81.56
		\$95.52
Paid Ella M. Stuart.....	\$30.00	
“ H. F. Lord.....	10.00	
“ M. Ella Stuart.....	40.00	
“ A. F. Bradbury.....	10.00	
		\$90.00
Balance Unexpended.....		\$5.52

**DISTRICT NO. 11.**

No. of Scholars April, 1882.....	11	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 16, 1882.....		\$10.03
Appropriations for 1882.....		56.08
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		\$66.11
Paid Maria L. Burnham.....	\$40.00	
“ Charles Blaisdell.....	17.50	
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	57.50	
Balance Unexpended.....		\$8.61

**DISTRICT NO. 13.**

No. of Scholars April, 1882.....	6	
Unexpended Balance, 1882.....		\$21.24
Appropriations for 1882.....		30.60
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		\$51.84
Paid Ceba M. Cram.....	\$18.00	
“ Levi W. Merrifield.....	6.00	
“ J. P. Smith.....	2.00	
“ Ceba M. Cram.....	15.00	
“ L. W. Merrifield.....	7.65	
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	\$49.25	
Balance Unexpended.....		\$2.59

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We have endeavored in this report to give you the financial condition of said town as near as we are able. You will see by reports that we are indebted to the amount of \$2124.36.

We have put an article in said warrant for you to act on, in regard to paying a part or the whole of town debt. You probably are aware, that quite an amount of Resident and Non-Resident property is being hauled the present winter and the Valuation must be less next year.

In regard to Collectors, choose one that will collect promptly and pay into the treasurer, and stop interest.

Orders must be paid or put on interest when presented.

In regard to the town Farm we have put an article in said warrants for you to act on, to see if the town will vote to sell said farm. If you conclude not to sell, there ought to be repairs made on said buildings, to keep the inmates comfortable. We think we were fortunate in getting so good a master and mistress as we did, They have had a number of years experience in carrying on said town farms, and we are satisfied they have tried to give satisfaction, and make the inmates as comfortable as they could. Our paupers are, most of them, quite aged, and need care, and warmth, especially in cold weather.

LEONARD A. INGALLS, } Selectmen and Over-  
SAMUEL H. COLBY,     } seers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF DENMARK,

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CENTER DISTRICT.

G. A. Wentworth, Agent—The summer term was kept in the Primary department by Cynthia E. Pingree, of Denmark. Began May 1st, continued ten weeks. I visited this school on May 2nd and July 5th. There were 45 scholars present at my first visit, and 41 at my last. Whole number attending, 48 ; average number, 44.

The Fall terms were taught by Miss Pingree in the Primary department and George A. Barker, of Naples, in the High School. Began Sept. 25. and kept ten weeks. My first visits were on Oct. 2, in the Primary, where I found 25 scholars, and Oct. 3, in the High School ; present 21. My second visit was on Nov. 29 ; present 27 in the Primary and 21 in the High School. Whole number attending Primary School 32, average number 27. Whole number attending High School 32, average number 24.

The Winter term began Dec. 18, with the same teachers. The Primary School is now in session. The High School closed Feb. 8, two weeks sooner than was intended on account of illness in Mr. Barker's family. I visited the school Dec. 26 ; present, 26 in the Primary, and 21 in the High

School. This District has been fortunate in its choice of teachers. Of Miss Pingree it is recommendation enough to say that she is now teaching her 15th consecutive term in this school. Mr. Barker is a careful painstaking teacher who holds the scholars interest throughout the term.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Horace Wentworth, Agent. The Summer term of ten weeks was taught by Georgie A. Bennett of Denmark. Began May 8. I visited this school May 11, and July 14. Present, 18 at my first visit and 21 at my second. Whole number attending, 21, average number, 19.

The Winter term of eleven weeks was taught by the same teacher. Began Dec. 4. I visited this school Dec. 11, and Feb. 16. Present, 24 at my first visit and 15 at my second. Whole number attending, 24; average number, 19. This school has made excellent progress. Mrs. Bennett is an able and experienced teacher, having taught 21 schools, of which, at least, one-half were in this Town.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Samuel H. Colby, Agent. The Summer term was taught by Emma O. Knox, Fryeburg. Began May 29 and continued eight weeks. I visited this school May 31, Present 14. On account of illness in my family, I was unable to visit this school at its close. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 15. This was Miss Knox's first school. As I did not visit it but once I was unable to learn what progress the scholars had made, but from reports from parents in the district I should judge that she did well.

The Fall term was taught by Georgie A. Bennett. Began Sept. 3, and continued eight weeks. I visited this school Sept. 7, and Oct. 26. Present at my first visit, 17,

and 20 at my second. Whole number attending, 21 ; average number, 19.

The Winter term of nine weeks was taught by myself. Began Dec. 18. Whole number attending, 17 ; average number, 15.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Rufus C. Harmon, Agent. The Summer term was taught by Flora M. Bradbury. Began April 24, and continued ten weeks. I visited this school May 2, and June 29. At my first visit there were 24 scholars present ; at my second, 22. Whole number attending, 29 ; average number, 25.

The Fall term was taught by the same teacher, Began August 1, and continued five weeks to Sept. 1 ; then there was a vacation of five weeks. School began again Oct. 2, and kept five weeks more to finish the term. I did not visit this school at its beginning because I did not know of its being in session until the second week of the vacation. I visited it at its close on Oct. 25. Present, 19 scholars ; whole number attending, 22 ; average number, 18. Miss Bradbury is well known in town as a smart, capable teacher, and her two terms of school in this district were fully in keeping with her previous record as a teacher.

The winter term began Dec. 4, and is now in session, under the able management of Roland A. Crosse of Denmark. I visited it Dec. 7 ; present 29 scholars.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Charles E. Smith, Agent. The Summer term began May 1, and was under the instruction of Myra J. Bean, of Brownfield. It kept nine weeks. I visited this school on May 4, and June 29 ; present, 10 at my first visit, and 12 at my second ; whole number attending school, 11 ; average, 10.

The Winter term of ten weeks began Nov. 13, and was taught by the same teacher. I visited this school but once, Dec. 6, and found 13 scholars present; whole number attending school, 13; average number, 12. These terms of school were attended with uniform progress, and were profitable to the scholars. I noticed that the school room was neat and clean, and quite homelike in appearance.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

Clarence Bragdon, Agent. The only term of school in this district began June 5, Mabel F. Rounds of Bridgton, teacher. There was so much dissatisfaction in the district that, after making inquiries, I went into school at the close of the third week, and, acting under my advice Miss Rounds chose to leave. I visited this school June 9, and on the day on which it closed, June 23, There were 6 present at each of my visits; whole number attending, 6; average number 6. Miss Rounds is a fine scholar but lacks the necessary quality of self-government, which is so requisite in one who is to govern others.

After a vacation of one week this school began again under the management of Wilda G. Warren of Denmark, who kept 9 weeks, finishing the term. I visited school July 5, and Sept. 1. At my first visit there were 4 present, and 4 at my last. Whole number attending, 4; average number, 4. On both my visits I found the best of order and good recitations. The scholars made rapid progress under Miss Warren's instruction.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

William H. Buswell, Agent. The Summer term of ten weeks was taught by Mary S. Lowell of Denmark. Began May 29,. I visited this school June 1, and Aug. 3; present, 11 at each of my visits; whole number attending, 14; average number, 10. Miss Lowell is an able teacher,



who keeps pace with the improved methods of instruction, and possesses that most important trait in a successful teacher—patience.

The Winter term of school in this district began Oct. 9, and continued eleven and one-half weeks. Thirsa P. Davis of Hiram, teacher. I visited the school Oct. 18; present, 10 scholars. Not knowing when the school was to close I did not visit it at the end of the term.. Whole number attending, 17; average number 15. When I visited the school Miss Davis appeared to be doing all that she could to make the term profitable, and I have no doubt but that it was.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Abel F. Sanborn, Agent. The one term of school in this district began Dec. 4, and is now in session. Annie C. Pike of Cornish, teacher. I visited this school Dec. 6, present, 10 scholars. The school-room was neat and cosy. Miss Pike appeared to be fully sustaining her previous name as a firstclass teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. '8.

Walter Blake, Agent. The Summer term was under the instruction of Ada C. Mackey of Fryeburg. It began April 17, and kept twelve weeks. I visited this school April 19, and July 6; present, 4 at my first visit and 5 at my second; whole number attending, 8; average number, 5. Although this was a small school, Miss Mackey appeared to find something to do all the time, as any good teacher will. The scholars made good progress.

The Winter term began Nov. 13, and continued ten weeks, teacher Dennis M. Cole of Fryeburg. I visited this school but once, Nov. 13; there were 8 scholars present. As I did not know when the school was to close, and so was unable to visit it at its close, I cannot tell what progress was made.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

George W. Walker, Agent. The Summer term of six weeks began May 29, and was kept by Mary H. Cutler of Denmark. I was not notified of the close of this school and so visited it but once, June 1; there were 9 present at that time. This is the second term that Miss Cutler has taught in this district with good success.

The Winter term began Nov. 6, and was in session ten weeks. Edward ; C. Hodge of Denmark, teacher. I visited it Nov. 7, and January 13; there were 9 present at each visit. Whole number attending, 14; average number 9. This was Mr. Hodge's first school; the term was a profitable one; there was the best of order.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

James F. Lord, Agent. The Summer term began May 29, and kept nine weeks under the management of M. Ella Stuart of Bridgewater, Mass. After the first week there was a vacation of five weeks on account of the teacher being ill. I visited the school May 31, and Aug. 30. At my first visit there were were 16 present, at my second, 13; whole number attending, 17; average number, 13.

The Fall term began Sept 18, with the same teacher, and continued eight weeks. I did not know that there was to be a fall term until I received notice from the Agent that the school would close on the Friday following. I visited it upon that day, Nov. 10, and found 10 scholars present; whole number in attendance, 14; average number, 13. Although these were Miss Stuart's first and second schools, she showed such admirable qualities that I confidently predict a brilliant future for her as a teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 11

Charles W. Blaisdell, Agent. There was but one term of school in this district, which began Sept 25, and continued ten weeks. It was taught by Maria L. Burnham, of So. Bridgton. I visited this school Oct. 3, and found 20 scholars present. The attendance dropped off until there was but one scholar for the last week. By my advice the school closed Dec. 1. Whole number attending, 18; average number, 12. This was Miss Burnham's second term in this district.

## DISTRICT NO. 13:

Joseph P. Smith, Agent. Ceba M. Cram, of Hiram, taught the Summer term of six weeks, It began May 1, I visited it May 4, and June 9; there were 3 present at each visit; whole number attending school, 4; average number, 3.

The Fall term began Aug. 7, under the management of the same teacher. Length of school five weeks and two days. I visited this school Aug. 30. I did not know of its beginning until the end of the fourth week, Whole number attending, 5; average number 4. Under Mis Cram's care the scholars made rapid advancement. These were her first and second terms of school. The school-room was kept tidy and the scholars were quiet and studious.

## REMARKS.

I have tried to make the work done in the schools this year, thorough, believing that a few pages committed to memory are better than more partially learned. I have endeavored to have the lessons recited, as far as practicable, by topics instead of questions and answers. The question nearly always suggests the answer, and thorough study is not necessary when that method is practiced. Hence, scholars forget, between term, a part of what they learn,

and are obliged to go over the same ground a number of times. This beginning at the first every time makes a sort of 'potato race' of it, and the distance gained at each "leap" is not enough to keep the scholars courage good. Both teachers and scholars have thought that the work done was small, but in nearly every instance it was well done, and the effects of it will be seen, by both, in the summer schools.

The districts were generally supplied with good teachers. Agents are making a practice of hiring the same teachers for a number of terms. This is as it should be. It takes nearly all the term for teachers and scholars to get acquainted. The teacher will bear me out in saying that they just begin to know how to treat each scholar, how to govern, how to encourage, how to keep each scholar interested, as the school closes. Our most prosperous terms of school were in those districts which were supplied with the same teacher throughout the year.

The duty of notifying the Supervisor of the beginning and close of school, which has heretofore been a part of the teachers' duties, now devolves upon the Agent. As this was new work some of the Agents either neglected or forgot to notify me of the beginning and ending of their fall terms of school. Teachers, also, should remember that their certificates are good only for the term specified in them, and they are not duly qualified to teach a second term in the same district unless they have a certificate for that term.

For the benefit of my successor I would say: that the several districts hold their school meeting as early as possible to facilitate the making of the annual report to the State Superintendent of Schools.

Our smaller districts have each year to solve the problem, how to get the greatest number of weeks school for least number of dollars. District Nos. 1 and 11 have

adopted a plan which might be advantageously copied by many other small districts. No. 1 holds a Summer and Winter term of school, while No. 11 holds a Fall term between the two, and the scholars go back and forth from one district to the other. The smaller districts should be united. Nos. 1, 6, 9, and 11 might form one district which would not be much larger than the Center district. The scholars would have the privilege of attending, at least, forty weeks school a year, which would more than compensate for the additional travel. The school houses generally are not very attractive places for the children to spend so much of their time in. In Nos. 4 and 7 the school houses are very neat and attractive, especially in No. 4. The school rooms generally are not warm enough for comfort. The floor is full of cracks, or the snow blows in around the windows, or the plastering is off and the wind comes in there. Ventilation is an excellent thing if properly applied, but that it is injurious as applied in our school houses, is shown by the fact that scholars invariably have colds while the winter school is in session. Neither teacher nor scholars can do their best while they are suffering from cold feet and have a headache from the heat from an overhead funnel. The remedy is obvious; make the school rooms as warm and comfortable as you would your homes and you will save the cost of the necessary work to be done, in wood, say nothing of the precious health and lives of the scholars.

Respectfully,

MOSES B. COBB,

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Denmark, Feb. 17, 1883.

## *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

To the inhabitants of the town of Denmark. The Overseers of the Poor for the year ending March 4th, 1883, respectfully submit the following report.

### *Town Farm Expenditures.*

Paid Salary of Amos M. Sanborn as master of Poor House and farm on year ending April 1st, 1883.....	\$250.00
Paid L. P. Merrill for Vinegar and Barrel.....	5.00
" Pendexter and Sanborn for clothing.....	10.85
" G. F. Ames for Blacksmith work.....	4.40
" L. A. Ingalls for Merchandise.....	229.53
" J. N. Smith for " .....	42.82
" Horace Gore for one yoke Oxen.....	135.00
" Wm. Cross for " " " .....	135.00
" Edward Weeman for one Cow.....	15.00
" Geo. Wight for Insurance.....	20.00
" S. T. Brown for medical attendance.....	50.00
" A. M. Sanborn for Cash paid out for Mdse.....	65.55
	\$964.15

### *Town Farm Receipts*

Recd Cash of Frank True.....	\$10.00
One Yoke Oxen sold C. A. Brooks.....	80.00
One " " " C. A. Brooks .....	138.00
One " " and Cow sold C. A. Brooks.....	175.00
Produce and Sweet Corn to L. A. Ingalls.....	106.55
	\$509.52