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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

AND

Supervisor of Schools

OF THE

Town of Denmark

FOR THE

Municipal Year of 1883.
REPORT.

Valuation for year 1883.

Amount of Resident Real Estate ...................................... $178,411.00
" Non-Resident " ...................................... 34,680.00
" Personal " ...................................... 103,295.00

Total. ............................................................ $316,386.00

Whole Number of Polls, - 261

Rate per cent. of Highway Tax, - .008
" " Money. " - .014

Money Raised and Assessed for 1883.

For Support of Poor............................................. $500 00
" " Schools ................................................................. 1000 00
" defraying Town Charges...................................................... 1000 00
" Amount on Town Debt ...................................................... 1000 00

$3500 00

Money raised for repairing Roads and Bridges............... $3000 00

School Money.

Amount of School Money voted by the Town ................. $1000 00
" Received from State .......................................... 507 63
" of Interest on School Fund ...................................... 32 80

$1540 43
Liabilities.

Amount of Outstanding Town Orders drawn 1873 ............. $15 50
Same, 1875 ...................................................................... 25 50
Same, 1876 ................................................................ ...... 12 58
Same, 1877 ...................................................................... 32 45
Same, 1878 ...................................................................... 197 50
Same, 1879 ...................................................................... 1122 88
Same, 1880 ...................................................................... 330 12
Same, 1881 ...................................................................... 822 79
Same, 1882 ...................................................................... 1374 01
Same, 1883 ...................................................................... 505 63
Same, 1884 ...................................................................... 822 79
Interest on above Orders, estimated ................................... 741 00
Amount due the several School Districts ....................... 545 50
" " Commission for Collecting Tax 1883 ......................... 79 75

$6061 18

Assets.

Amount due from Edwin Pingree on Tax 1883 ................... $3758 05
" in Treasurer's ............................................................... 1202 17
" due from Taxes returned to Treasurer ......................... 106 42
" due from Non-Residents on Highway Taxes ........... 101 49
" due from Frank True on Cattle ................................ 10 00

$5178 04

Amount of Liabilities over the Assets, $883 14

Statement of the Expenditures of the Town
of Denmark, from February 20th, 1883
to February 15th, 1884.

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Augustus Hartford for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 9,
for 1882 and '83 ................................................................. $6 00
" L. A. Ingalls for plank for bridge near Stephen Libby's
for 1882 ........................................................................... 10 00
" Simeon Colby for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 9...  5 00
" Levi W. Merrifield for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 18,
for year 1882 ............................................................... 7 00
" Josiah W. Davis for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 6,
for year 1883 ............................................................... 5 00
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<td>Wm. G. Nason for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 5, for year 1883</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
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<td>Jacob H. Merrifield for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 9, for year 1882</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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<td>Stephen G. True for breaking Roads in Dist. No. 12, for year 1882</td>
<td>$4.89</td>
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<td>Osborn F. Richardson for covering Bridge near Beaver Pond</td>
<td>$17.00</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Gray, for plank, for Causeway near E. E. Swan's</td>
<td>$7.73</td>
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<td>Josiah W. Davis for repairs on Highway in Dist. No. 6, 1882</td>
<td>$13.00</td>
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<td>Augustine Ingalls for plank for Bridge near Mill</td>
<td>$8.38</td>
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<td><strong>$96.55</strong></td>
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### Printing, Books, Stationery, Wood, &c.

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<td>Paid Chas. Holbrook &amp; Co., for printing Town Reports for 1882</td>
<td>$15.75</td>
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<td>Hoyt, Fogg &amp; Donham for Books and Stationery</td>
<td>$12.15</td>
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<td>H. A. Shorey for Surveyor's Notices</td>
<td>$1.75</td>
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<td>James Wentworth for Wood and Repairs</td>
<td>$1.75</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$31.40</strong></td>
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### Town Officers.

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<td>Paid Samuel H. Colby bal. for services for 1882</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
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<td>Henry H. Hartford for services on Town line, 1882</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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<td>L. A. Ingalls for Selectman and Assessor for 1883</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Samuel H. Colby Selectman and Assessor for 1883</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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<td>E. P. Ingalls Selectman and Assessor for 1883</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
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<td>Moses B. Cobb as Supervisor for 1883</td>
<td>$55.00</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Gray as Treasurer, and postage for 1883</td>
<td>$17.00</td>
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<td>C. R. Berry as Town Clerk, and postage for 1883</td>
<td>$11.00</td>
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<td>Edwin Pingree as Constable for 1883</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>&quot; commission for collecting Tax 1882</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
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<td>Geo. R. Bean commission for collecting Tax 1881</td>
<td>$36.00</td>
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<td><strong>$353.00</strong></td>
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Town Farm.

Paid Chas. A. Ingalls as Superintendent on Town Farm from April 1st, 1883, to Jan. 1st, 1884 .................................................. $206.25
" L. A. Ingalls for Mdse. for Farm from Feb. 16th, 1883, to April 1st, 1883 .................................................. 18.73
" L. A. Ingalls for Mdse. for Farm from Apr. 1st, 1883, to Feb. 15, 1884 .................................................. 175.96
" S. T. Jewett for Mdse. for Farm, for year 1881 ............. 5.63
" Almon P. Pingree for one Yoke Oxen .......................... 180.00
" E. P. Ingalls for grafting Trees on Town Farm ......... 11.00
" " Seed Wheat .................................................. 7.50
" Pendexter & Sanborn for Clothing for Paupers on Farm 1.50
" J. N. Smith for Mdse. for Farm ............................ 18.23
" John T. Blake for Mdse. for Farm, for 1882 and 1883 12.00
" Burnham & Morrill for Phosphate ........................... 5.16
" Dr. S. T. Brown 1st, 2d and 3d quarters for year 1883 37.50

Total ..................................................................... $679.46

Paupers not on Town Farm, and Accidental Expenses.

Paid L. A. Ingalls for cash paid out in getting Mary P. Lord from Sanford .................................................. $7.90
" L. A. Ingalls for cash paid out in getting Mary P. Lord from Limington .................................................. 5.00
" Frank B. Warren for damages, injuries and cost ...... 35.00
" Dr. J. P. Sweat for medical services in case of Mary Gray, for year 1880 .................................................. 5.00
" D. R. Hastings, for services in case of Fanny White of Newport .................................................. 20.00

Total ..................................................................... $72.90

Amount of Abatement made for year 1883.

Paid Wm. Fessenden for balance on Town Order lost .... $1.13
" A. S. Harudden, Abatement on Tax for year 1882 ... 2.00
" Moses H. Bradbury " " " 1881 & '82 3.46
" C. E. Whidden " " " 1882 & '83 3.18
" Edwin Pingree " " " 1882 & '83 88.29
" Geo. R. Bean " " " 1.81 ...... 99.46

Total ..................................................................... 197.52
### Center School District

#### District No. 1.

**Number of Scholars April, 1883:** 23

- **Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883:** $476
- **Appropriations for year 1883:** 109.34

**Total:** $114.10

- **Paid Nellie A. Bennett:** $30.00
- **Frank True:** $8.00

**Total:** $38.00

**Balance Unexpended:** $76.10

#### District No. 2.

**Number of Scholars April, 1883:** 31

- **Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883:** $—
- **Tax committed to Edwin Pingree:** 193.42
- **Appropriations for year 1883:** 147.37

**Total:** $340.79

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**Center School District.**

**No of Scholars April, 1883:** 88

- **Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883:** $147.48
- **Appropriations for year 1883:** 418.35

**Total:** $565.83

- **Paid George A. Barker:** $48.00
- **Geo. A. Wentworth:** 7.85
- **Cynthia E. Pingree:** 68.00
- **Geo W. Gray:** 32.55
- **Katie F. Ingalls:** 65.00
- **Moses L. Sanborn:** 100.00
- **Fred Tolman:** 2.50
- **Katie F. Ingalls:** 65.00
- **Augustine Ingalls:** 21.00

**Total:** $409.90

**Balance Unexpended:** $155.93

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Paid Assessors ............................................................ $12 00

- William Bean .................................................. 7 50
- Edwin Pingree ................................................ 150 00
- Lizzie Ingalls ................................................ 34 80
- Georgie A. Bennett ......................................... 40 00
- Edwin Pingree abatement of B. B. Hartford Tax .......................................................... 1 50
- Edwin Pingree ................................................ 2 90
- ................................................. 35 00
- Stephen Rowe .................................................. 12 09

Total ...................................................... $295 79
Balance Unexpended ............................................................... $45 00

*District No. 3.*

Number of Scholars, April, 1883, - 40

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883................................. $128 87
Appropriations for year 1883................................................ 190 16

Total................................................................... $319 03

Paid Roland A. Cross..................................................$120 00

- Georgie A. Bennett ......................................... 44 00
- Chas. B. Smith ................................................... 2 50
- Georgie A. Bennett ............................................ 33 00
- Rufus Bennett...................................................... 10 55

Total.........................................................$210 05
Balance Unexpended............................................................... $108 98

*District No. 4.*

Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 19

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883................................. $57 28
Appropriations for year 1883................................................. 90 32

Total................................................................... $147 60

Paid Chas. E. Smith ..................................................$24 50

- Nellie Pillsbury............................................... 27 50
- Geo. W. Howard ............................................. 12 00

Total........................................................ $64 00
Balance Unexpended............................................................... $83 60
District No. 5.
Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 7
Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883.............................. $0 70
Appropriations for year 1883.................................. 33 27

Total........................................................................ $33 97
Paid Issacchar Bradgdon........................................... $10 00
" Alwilda Warren.................................................... 15 00

Total........................................................................ $25 00
Balance Unexpended.............................................. $8 97

District No. 6.
Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 27
Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883......................... $36 59
Appropriations for year 1883.................................... 128 35

Total........................................................................ $164 94
Paid E. P. Fessenden................................................ $19 04
" Lizzie Stevens..................................................... 30 00
" Walter Berry...................................................... 2 35
" Geo. H. Walker.................................................. 22 00
" Myron A. Deering.............................................. 90 00

Total........................................................................ $163 39
Balance Unexpended.............................................. $1 55

District No. 7.
Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 5
Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883.............................. $56 49
Appropriations for year 1883.................................. 23 91

Total........................................................................ $80 40
Paid Abel Sanborn................................................... $8 00
" Armond Warren.................................................. 3 50
" Abel Sanborn...................................................... 68 90

Total........................................................................ $80 40
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### District No. 8.

Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 31

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<td>Paid Geo. G. Wight</td>
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<td>&quot; S. F. Harnden</td>
<td>1500</td>
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<td>&quot; Ada Mackey</td>
<td>2750</td>
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<td>&quot; Flora M. Bradbury</td>
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<td>&quot; S. F. Harnden</td>
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<td>&quot; Aaron Welch</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>&quot; Gilbert Warren</td>
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### District No. 9.

Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 20

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<td>Appropriations for year 1883</td>
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<td>Paid Lillie M. Wentworth</td>
<td>$1600</td>
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<td>&quot; Geo. W. Walker</td>
<td>1160</td>
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<td>&quot; Edward Hodge</td>
<td>5600</td>
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<td>&quot; Hollis Plant</td>
<td>502</td>
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<td>&quot; Eben Hilton</td>
<td>675</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### District No. 10.

Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 18

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<td>$8557</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9109</strong></td>
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<td>Paid Phebe I. Pingree</td>
<td>$7600</td>
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District No. 11.

Number of Scholars April, 1883, - 9

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883 ....................... $8 61
Appropriations for year 1883 ......................... 42 78

Total ..................................................... $51 39

Paid Mrs. Frank Jewett .......................................... $40 00
Balance .................................................. $11 39

District No. 13.

No of Scholars April, 1883, - 6.

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1883 ................. $2 59
Appropriations for year 1883 .................. 28 66

Total ..................................................... $31 25

Paid Maud A. Bean ............................................ $21 00
" C. A. Pingree ............................................ 7 70

Total ..................................................... $28 70
Balance .................................................. $2 55

We present you with this Report, and give you the financial statements of said town. You will see by the Report that we are indebted to the amount of - $883.14

We have put an article in said warrant for you to act on in regard to paying our town debt. Our present Collector,—his book shows his work,—has saved to the town in abatements and interest enough to pay him his commission. The abatements made to Edwin Pingree was on highway taxes; of Chas. McKeny and J. F. Lord that was put in the money tax of 1881 and 1882. We told Mr. McKeny if he would settle all back taxes we would take seventy-five cents on a dollar for what highway tax that was put in money tax. He accepted the offer. In regard to J. F.
Lord, highway taxes returned, we accepted fifty cents on a
dollar rather than to have a law suit. He claimed he was
not legally notified. You will see by Report that our Town
Farm is a paying institution, and the longer we own it, the
more we shall have to invest in taxes. The paupers on
Farm are Harry Gilman, John Batchelder, Seth Grover,
John Noble, Arseneth Whidden, Betsey Richardson and
Mary P. Lord.

We are perfectly satisfied with the Master and Mistress
on said farm. They have done better than we expected.
You can find them there ready to attend to the wants of the
infirm, and quiet rebellious.

LEONARD A. INGALLS, Selectmen
SAM’L H. COLBY, and Overseers
EDMUND P. INGALLS, of the Poor.

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 2d, 1884, respectfully submit the
following Report:

Town Farm Expenditures.

Paid Salary of Chas. A. Ingalls as master of Poor House
and Farm on year ending April 1st, 1884 ..................$275 00
" L. A. Ingalls for Mdse. from Feb 20, 1883 to Feb. 15, '84 175 96
" J. N. Smith for Mdse. for Town Farm...................... 18 23
“Almon Pingree for one Yoke Oxen ...................... 180 00
“E. P. Ingalls for labor and cash paid out for Grafting 11 00
“" " " Seed Wheat ........................................ 7 50
“Pendexter & Sanborn for Clothing....................... 1 50
“Burnham & Morrill for Phosphate .................... 5 16
“John T. Blake for Mdse, for year 1882 and 1883...... 21 25
“Dr. S. T. Brown for medical attendance for year 1883 50 00
“Amount paid out by Overseers for Blacksmith Work, Clothing, Stock and Mdse,...................... 52 00

Total..................................................................... $797 60

**Town Farm Receipts.**

Amount of Stock and Mdse. sold from Farm ............. $50 00
“Recd. of Almon Pingree between Oxen .................. 15 00

Total..................................................................... $65 00

“of Stock on Farm, more than last year.................. 165 00
“paid out for improvements on Farm ...................... 11 00

Total..................................................................... $241 00

Amount cost the Town....................................... $556 60

**Amount of Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1883.**

4 Cows.
2 Swine.
21 Hens.

**Amount of Stock on Farm Feb. 15, 1884.**

4 Cows.
1 Yoke Oxen.
2 Swine.
21 Hens.
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

CENTER DISTRICT. George W. Gray, Agent.

The Summer Term of this School began May 7th and continued ten weeks, closing July 13th, under the instruction of Kate F. Ingalls of Denmark. Whole number registered, 43; average number attending, 36.

I visited the school May 11th, and July 12th. There were present at my first, 41 scholars; at my second 36.
The Fall terms were taught by Miss Ingalls in the Primary, and Moses L. Sanborn, of Denmark, in the High School. Both began Sept. 24th and kept ten weeks, closing Nov. 28th. Whole number registered in Primary department, 28; average number, 26. Whole number registered in High School, 27; average number, 22. My visits were made Sept. 27th and Nov. 28th. At my first visit I found 29 scholars in the Primary School and 20 in the High; at my second, 24 in the Primary and 21 in the High.
The Winter terms were taught by the same teachers, began Dec. 17th, continued nine weeks and closed Feb. 15th. Whole number registered in Primary, 21; average number, 17. Whole number registered in High School, 26; average number, 21.
My first visit was made Dec. 21st, when I found 20 scholars in the Primary School and 24 in the High. At my second visit, which was made Feb. 13th, I found 18 scholars in each school. These scholars have made wonderful progress during the past year. I was especially pleased with the recitations in the Primary department. There was that life and interest shown which is only seen where the teacher and scholars are in sympathy with one another. Both teachers have labored faithfully and well, and deserve a re-engagement. Miss Ingalls is a graduate of Gorham Normal School, and Mr. Sanborn is a graduate of Dartmouth College at Hanover, N. H.

DISTRICT No. 1. Samuel D. McKusick, Agent.

The Summer term of twelve weeks began May 14th with Nellie A. Bennett of Denmark as teacher, closing Aug. 3d. Whole number registered, 26; average number, 23. I visited this school May 17th, at which time there were 22 scholars present, and Aug. 3d when there were 21. This was Miss Bennett's first school, but she did well. She won the confidence of the scholars and was untiring in her efforts for their advancement. With the experience that years will bring she will make a successful teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Georgie A. Bennett of Denmark. It began Nov. 26th and continued twelve weeks, closing Feb. 15th. Whole number registered, 22; average number, 17. I visited this school Nov. 28th and Feb. 13. Present, 22 at my first visit and 19 at my second. Mrs. Bennett is too well known as a faithful, earnest teacher to need any word of commendation from me. She has taught 15 schools in this Town during the past seven years, and always with the best of results.
DISTRICT No. 2. Stephen Rowe, Agent.

The Summer term began May 28th and continued eight weeks, closing July 20th, under the charge of Lillie A. Allen of Denmark. Whole number registered, 21; average number, 17. I visited this school May 31st; there were 19 scholars present at that time. Circumstances rendered it impossible for me to visit this school at its close. At my first visit I found the school running along smoothly, and the interest shown by teacher and scholars at that time makes me confident that the time was profitably spent.

The Fall term, which began Sept. 10th and was eight weeks in length, was under the tuition of Georgia A. Bennett. It closed Nov. 2d. Whole number registered, 24; average number, 21. My visits were made Sept. 21st and Nov. 2d. Present, 20 at my first visit, and 24 at my second.

The Winter term began Dec. 11th, and closed Feb. 9th, having been in session nine weeks. This term of school was taught by Minnie J. Pingree of Denmark. Whole number registered, 19; average number, 17. I visited this school Dec. 12th; present, 21 scholars; and Feb. 9th, present, 18 scholars. Miss Pingree is an able and experienced teacher, and fully sustained her reputation as such. Being a graduate of Gorham Normal School she gave the scholars the benefit of the improved methods of instruction, which are superior, in many respects, to the old way of teaching.

DISTRICT No. 3, Joseph W. Colby, Agent.

The Summer term was taught by Georgie A. Bennett, beginning April 30th and closing June 22nd, making a session of eight weeks. Whole number registered, 25; average number, 22. This school was visited by me on
May 2nd and June 19th. Present at my first visit, 24; at my second, 20.

The Fall term of six weeks, was kept by the same teacher. It began July 16th and closed Aug. 24th. Whole number registered, 25; average number, 21. There were 21 present at my first visit, which was made July 17th. I found the same number on Aug. 24th when I visited the school the second time.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 3d and is now in session. This school is taught by Roland A. Cross, with the same success that has marked his previous career as a teacher; this school is fortunate in having his services a second term. I visited this school on the first day, Dec. 3d, when I found 34 scholars in attendance.


district No. 4. George W. Howard, Agent

The Summer term of school was in session ten weeks, commencing May 7th and closing July 20th. Nellie Pillsbury of Fryeburg having charge. Whole number registered, 10; average number, 9. I visited this school May 10th, and July 13th, and found 10 scholars present at each visit. Miss Pillsbury is a young teacher but is careful and painstaking in performing her duties in the school-room. There was a vacation of one week during the term, owing to the illness of the teacher.

The Winter term is under the management of Ada C. Harnden of East Fryeburg. It began Dec. 3d and will continue fourteen weeks, ending March 7th. I visited school Dec. 7th, at which time there were 15 scholars present. Mrs. Harnden is a teacher of considerable experience, having taught fourteen schools. I have no doubt but this school will be as profitable as her previous ones in this Town have been.
District No. 5. Clarence Bragdon, Agent.

There was but one term of school in this District, and that was taught by Wilda G. Warren of Denmark, with the same success as attended her efforts in the same school last year. It began May 14th, continued five weeks, and closed June 15th. Whole number registered, 3; average number 3. My visits were on May 15th and June 15th. Present, 3 at each visit.

District No. 6. Walter Berry, Agent.

The Summer term was taught by Lizzie Stevens of Bridgton. It began May 14th, and, after a session of ten weeks, closed July 20th. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 15. I visited this school May 15th and July 18th. Present, 13 at my first visit and 11 at my second. Miss Stevens is a graduate of Bridgton High School. The scholars made good progress and showed that their teacher had drilled them to good advantage.

The Fall term began Oct. 15th and continued twelve weeks, and closed Jan. 11th, with Myron A. Deering as teacher. Whole number registered, 18; average number, 15. I visited the school October 19th and Jan. 11th. Present at my first visit, 14; at my second 11. Although this was Mr. Deering's first school, yet he appeared perfectly at home in the school-room. No school in Town showed plainer signs of good work than this.

District No. 7. Abel F. Sanborn, Agent.

The Fall term of eight weeks began Sept. 3d and closed Oct. 26th, under the instruction of Adelia S. Walker of Fryeburg. Whole number registered, 8; average number, 6. I visited this school Sept. 13th and Oct. 26th. Present, 8 at my first visit, and 6 at my second.
The Winter term was kept by the same teacher. It began Dec. 3d and closed Feb. 15th, making a term of eleven weeks. Whole number registered, 8; average number, 6. I visited this term of school but once, Feb. 12th, at which time there were 6 scholars present. Miss Walker is a graduate of Fryeburg Academy, and is eminently qualified for a teacher’s position. These scholars made excellent progress. I found the school-room neat and clean, and all were busily at work.

**District No. 8. Aaron Welch, Agent.**

The Summer term was kept by Ada C. Mackey of East Fryeburg. It began May 7th and continued 10 weeks, closing July 13th. Whole number registered, 19; average number, 12. I visited the school May 10th, when there were 12 scholars present. My second visit was on July 12th, there being the same number of scholars present as at my first visit.

The Fall term of fourteen weeks, which began Sept. 24th, and closed Dec. 15th, was under the instruction of Flora M. Bradbury of Denmark. Whole number registered, 16; average number, 13. My visits were made Oct. 5th and Dec. 12th. Present, at my first visit, 14; at my second, 9. These scholars made good progress. Miss Bradbury has kept several schools in Town with success. I understand that she was liked very much by the people in the District.

**District No. 9. Hollis Plant, Agent.**

The Summer term was kept by Lillie M. Wentworth of Denmark. It began June 4th, continued 8 weeks, and closed July 27th. Whole number registered, 9; average number, 8. I visited this school June 8th and July 27th.
Present, 9 at my first visit and 8 at my second. This was Miss Wentworth's first school, but the progress made by the scholars showed that she was alive to the work she had undertaken and earnest in the discharge of her duty.

The Winter term began Nov. 5th, continued eight weeks, and closed Dec. 29th. It was taught by Edward W. Hodge of Denmark. Whole number registered, 14; average number, 9. The time of my visits was Nov. 9th and Dec. 28th. There were 10 scholars present at my first, and 4 at my second visit. This was Mr. Hodge's second school in this District. He seemed to be thoroughly in earnest and endeavored to instil as much knowledge as possible in the short time that the school was in session.

**District No. 10. James F. Lord, Agent.**

The Summer term commenced May 21st and closed July 13th, making a term of eight weeks; teacher, Phebe I. Pingree of Denmark. Whole number registered, 17; average number, 15. My visits to this school were made May 29th and July 13th. Present, 15 scholars at my first visit and 17 at my second.

The Fall term was conducted by the same teacher. It began Aug. 27th, continued twelve weeks, and closed Nov. 16th. Whole number registered, 20; average number, 17. I visited the school Aug. 29th and Nov. 16th. I found 17 scholars present at my first, and 18 at my second visit. These were two very profitable terms of school. The scholars were quiet and orderly and appeared to be attached to their teacher. At the close of each term the scholars had recitations, dialogues &c., which were very interesting.
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District No. 11. Moses B. Cobb, Agent.

There was but one term of school in this District, which began Sept. 3d and closed Nov. 9th, after a session of ten weeks. Teacher, Cathie A. Jewett of East Denmark. Whole number registered, 24; average number, 20. My visits were made Sept. 13th and and Nov. 8th. Present, 19 at my first visit and 22 at my second. Mrs. Jewett is a graduate of Farmington Normal School, and has had no little experience as a teacher. She held the scholars' interest unabated till the last, and did every thing in her power to make the term both pleasant and profitable. This school took up History as a study, and are better informed in regard to the History of the United States than any other school in Town. The scholars from District No. one attended this school, as also did several from District No. nine. These are included in the above commendation.

District No. 13. Augustus Pingree, Agent.

The one term of school in this District began Aug. 6th and continued seven weeks, ending Sept. 21st, with Maude A. Bean, of Denmark, as teacher. Whole number registered, 6; average number, 5. I visited the school Aug. 13th and Sept. 21st. There were 5 scholars present at each visit. This was Miss Bean's first school and her success in this should encourage her to apply for a larger school when she teaches again. I was much pleased with the recitations upon the Map of the United States. Augusta E. Merrifield, a little girl of only three years, pointed out and named correctly all the States and Territories and their Capitals.
IN CONCLUSION.

While reviewing the labors of the past year, I feel very much pleased that they have been so successful. Of the twenty-eight terms taught in Town during the past year, not one has been a failure, while most have been satisfactory. I have visited all the schools twice except two, and have endeavored to ascertain the methods of instruction pursued, always giving a word of encouragement or reproof whenever I have thought it required, and have tried to the best of my ability, to make the schools pleasant and profitable to both, teachers and scholars. I am pleased to say that the necessary study of History is receiving more attention. I wish that Physiology and Book-keeping were more generally studied in the schools, they might profitably take the place of Algebra, where that is taught. Single Entry Book-keeping can be advantageously taught in connection with Arithmetic.

Some of our school-houses are sadly out of repair. I am proud to speak of the school-house in District No. 2, which has been thoroughly repaired and furnished with seats and desks of the most approved pattern, next to the one in the Center District, it is the best school-house in Town. Let other Districts do likewise.

I am glad to note that the Agents have, in most cases, engaged the best of teachers. I notice, too, that there is a growing disposition on the part of Agents to retain a teacher during the year if possible.

I hope the year to come will be even more profitable than this. Parents, encourage your children to make the most of their school days. The time is short that they can attend school. Little girls grow to be young ladies, and boys to be young men, and both pass from our schools in a few
years time. Scholars used to attend school until they were of age, and the Districts were large and there was nearly double the number of weeks school than now. Now it is very seldom that I see a scholar who is over sixteen. They are allowed to leave school too young. Education is nearly as free as air; it only costs enough to make it worth striving for. It is something that, once attained, cannot be taken away nor destroyed by fire or flood. A great responsibility rests upon parents. They can make or mar the school by their words and influence. I would advise them to visit the school often. Depend upon it, your children will have no poor lesson, but will try to do their best if "Father" or "Mother" is coming into school.

I would not undertake, in this Report, to be wise above my years and experience, but I cannot help feeling the responsibility of my position, and its power for good or evil, and I feel conscious of having met its duties as fully and fairly as circumstances have permitted. With what success my labors during the past two years have been attended, I leave you and the future to decide. To teachers, parents and scholars, all whom I have met during the past school-year, I sincerely return my thanks for kindness shown.

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES B. COBB, Supervisor of Schools.

East Denmark, Maine.  Feb. 16th, 1884.
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