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# OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF NORRIDGEWOCK FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 5th, 1888.

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EDWARD LOWE, . . . . .	} SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.
G. A. SAWYER, . . . . .	
H. C. POWERS, . . . . .	
ELBRIDGE PEPPER. . . . .	SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.
GEO. A. HUSSEY, . . . . .	TREASURER.
JOHN H. BURGESS, . . . . .	COLLECTOR.
EDWARD LOWE, . . . . .	CLERK.

# Report of Selectmen, Assessors and OVERSEERS OF POOR.

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

VOTED AT MARCH MEETING, 1887:

For Support of Schools,.....	\$1,200	
" " " Poor and Town Expenses.....	2,000	
" payment of interest and debts.....	11,000	
" Highways, (to pay arrearages,).....	500	
		\$14,700
State Tax.....	\$1604 50	
County Tax.....	887 17	
		\$2,491 67
Total amount to be raised.....		\$17,191 67

## INVENTORY.

Valuation April 1, 1887:

Real Estate,.....	\$414,490 00	
Personal Estate.....	123,523 00	
Total, .....	\$538,013 00	
Assessed 3 per. cent on valuation.....	\$16,140 39	
" 449 polls at \$3.....	1,347 00	
" 81 dogs.....	81 00	
" deficient of 1886.....	84 57	84 57
" Overlay .....		376 72
" 1 supplemental poll.....	3 00	3 00
Total Assessment,.....	\$17,655 96	\$17,655 96
Voted for highway labor tax.....		\$3500 00
Assessed on property at 5.6 mills.....	\$3,013 01	
" 449 polls at \$1.40.....	628 60	
" Overlay, .....		141 61
Total assessment,.....	\$3,641 61	\$3,641 61

## DEPARTMENT OF POOR.

PAID AS FOLLOWS:

For Elisha Shaw.....	\$ 47
" D. H. Keyes and family.....	2 50
" Elias Davis.....	62 50
" Daniel Woodman.....	14 00
" Edward S. Gould.....	2 95
" Cyrus Bradbury.....	101 03
" Elsie L. Spaulding.....	2 86
" Asa Green and wife.....	216 10
" Laforest Groves.....	18 00
" Randall A. Mullin.....	9 00

## DEPARTMENT OF POOR.—Continued.

" Wilmot E. Hussey and family.....	71 11	
" Ellen Cochrane.....	65 00	
" Francis Lassau.....	14 48	
" Lucinda Walker.....	95 50	
" Fred Walton.....	27 15	
" E. E. Adams and family.....	233 32	
" Chas. E. McDonald and family.....	6 92	
" Lizzie Brown.....	20 40	
" D. F. Fish and family.....	7 00	
" Tramps.....	3 75	
" Last year's order.....	1 50	
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Total paid.....		\$975 54
REC'D AS FOLLOWS:		
Town of Winslow for Elsie L. Spaulding.....	\$2 86	
" " Anson for D. F. Fish.....	7 00	
Mrs. Raudall A. Mullin, for child.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 86
Due from town of Smithfield, for Edw. S. Gould.....	\$2 95	
" " " " Fairfield, W. E. Hussey.....	71 11	
" " " " Cornville, C. E. McDonald.....	6 92	
" " estate of Laforest Groves.....	18 00	
" " R. A. Mullin for child.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 84
Net cost of Poor.....		\$857 70
There is due from Cornville for support of C. E. McDonald and family for 1886.....	\$10 52	
" " " either Cornville or Weld for support of D. H. Keyes and family:		
For 1883-4-5 and 6.....	\$43 70	
" 1887.....	2 50	
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Total.....		\$56 72
Riachard Smith has kept Asa Green and wife..... for \$3 00 per week		
Edwrd Taylor " " Lucinda Walker.....	" 1 75	" "
Frank Kilgore " " Ellen Cochrane.....	" 1 25	" "
H. B. Ramsdell " " Cyrus Bradbury.....	" 1 50	" "
Fred A. Witham " " Elias Davis.....	" 1 25	" "
We have furnished clothing and medicine extra in each case.		

## TOWN EXPENSES.

PAID AS FOLLOWS:		
" J. H. Burgess, commissions as collector, 1886...	\$	355 70
" Edward Lowe, services as Selectman, 1886.....		125 00
" G. A. Sawyer " " " " " ".....		50 00
" H. C. Powers " " " " " ".....		50 00
" F. J. Watts, services as Town Treasurer, 1886...		75 00
" C. S. Bates, services as Supervisor, 1886.....		65 00
" E. C. Whiting, safe for town.....		119 70
" S. S. Brown, services in Hale suits.....		50 00
" Bates Post for Memorial Day Services.....		30 00
" J. O. Smith, printing town reports.....		14 60
" Edward Lowe books for town.....		10 39

## TOWN EXPENSES.—Continued

Paid Edward Lowe, sundry town expenses.....	7 10	
“ Joseph Neddo, shovelling snow and heating town hall	50	
“ G. A. Sawyer, sundry expenses.....	3 95	
“ Thomas Tracy, rebate tax 1882-3-4 and 5.....	8 05	
“ M. M. Gould, witness fees in Greenleaf case....	2 34	
“ P. S. Lindsay “ “ “ “ “ “	2 10	
“ E. C. Doyen, services as constable, July 4, 1887..	1 50	
“ R. M. Baker “ “ “ “ “ “	1 50	
“ E. Lowe, sundry services and expenses.....	14 16	
“ A. N. Greenwood, insuring Court House.....	15 00	
“ G. A. Hussey, stamps, checks and stationery.....	3 00	
Last year's order paid.....	1 50	
Total,.....		\$1006 09
Add net cost of Poor.....		857 70
Total for Poor and Town Expenses.....		\$1863 79
Appropriations for these departments,.....	\$2000 00	
Less amount expended,.....	1863 79	
Balance Appropriation,.....		\$136 21

## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

At the last annual meeting the Town voted to raise for highways:

In cash (to pay arrearages),.....	\$ 500 00	
“ labor, or to be paid to Treasurer in cash by June 1, at 25 per cent. discount, \$3500		
Paid to Treasurer under that vote.....	1,034 64	
Received from Collector of 1886.....	43 63	
“ “ Selectmen on highway tax of 1886..	12 20	
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1887.....	85 92	
Total cash Highway Fund.....		\$1676 39

Against which orders have been drawing for labor and materials as follows:

1887		
March 1, Edward Lowe.....	\$	75
“ 2, W. E. Perkins.....		6 25
May 2, E. C. Tracy.....		19 11
“ “ E. F. Grant.....		7 05
“ “ W. E. Perkins.....		116 83
“ “ Thos. S. Totman.....		71 03
“ “ S. H. Holbrook.....		24 66
“ “ Chas. H. Spaulding.....		5 67
“ 3, Frank S. Morse.....		18 20
“ “ Russell S. Haynes.....		10 79
“ “ Lucius A. Wilder.....		26 28
“ “ Chas. Atkinson.....		19 30
“ “ David T. Frederic.....		8 00
“ “ H. G. Tilton.....		37 54
“ “ Alonzo P. Tobey.....		87 49
“ “ B. F. Jones.....		21 85
“ “ Richard S. Smith.....		10 20
“ “ Joshua Hilton, Jr.....		5 61



## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.—Continued.

"	"	Sumner Robinson.....	14	64
"	"	John H. Barker.....	4	48
"	"	Geo. A. Sawyer.....	13	22
"	5,	D. L. Rogers.....	15	75
"	"	Benj. F. Mitchell.....	6	42
"	6,	R. A. Davis.....	21	96
"	7,	Ebenezer Taylor.....	4	44
"	"	Ephraim Lowe.....	6	50
June	1,	O. D. Austin.....	2	47
"	"	Elisha Towns.....	10	74
"	"	Herbert George.....	10	61
"	"	John Smith.....	8	66
"	"	S. A. Gilman.....	10	00
"	"	Geo. Gilman.....	5	26
"	"	Chas. B. Jones.....	13	35
"	"	D. P. Field.....	9	82
"	"	Joshua Blackwell.....	1	88
"	"	Xantheus A. Withee.....	8	38
"	"	Warren A. Walton.....	5	63
"	"	Geo. H. Greenwood.....	4	20
"	"	C. P. Bigelow.....	8	09
"	"	J. F. Woodsum.....	7	23
"	"	Waterman Redmand.....	3	28
"	"	Amos R. Sawtelle.....	8	28
"	"	Isaiah C. Walton.....	2	62
"	"	Lorenzo McIntire.....	8	28
"	"	William C. Young.....	5	00
"	"	Geo. S. Jewett.....	4	52
"	"	L. K. Packard.....	9	00
"	2,	Chas. E. Warren.....	7	83
"	"	A. C. Heald.....	2	18
"	"	E. A. Heald.....	9	00
"	"	John B. Longley.....	7	42
"	4,	Cullen Ward.....	13	53
"	"	D. L. Will.....	9	75
"	6,	W. A. Moore.....	5	00
"	7,	Geo. F. Heald.....	8	37
"	11,	John Tibbetts.....	6	10
"	"	James Cambell.....	6	04
"	"	Ellis H. Tobey.....	8	54
"	13,	Jere Taylor.....	3	00
"	16,	Chas. H. Longley.....	5	00
"	"	Chas. H. Jones.....	15	00
"	17,	Isaac S. Wheeler.....	15	00
"	"	Chas. Morse.....	35	00
"	18,	Joseph S. Vickery.....	5	00
"	"	Geo. O. Weston.....	28	53
"	20,	John E. Hatch.....	4	80
"	24,	Edw. A. Webber.....	6	02
"	"	John O. Ward.....	8	1
"	"	Llewellyn Merrow.....	7	30
"	30,	Fred Longley, road machine.....	48	00
"	"	A. K. P. Hamlin.....	1	35
"	"	H. B. Merrill.....	3	58
"	"	Chas. G. Haynes.....	7	97
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"	"	John Smith.....	8	66
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## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.—Continued.

July 1	Gilead Bates.....	28 68
" "	William Curtis.....	16 00
" "	Eliza Hale.....	10 00
" 22,	Guy C. Haynes.....	3 50
" "	Enoch L. Hight.....	10 24
" 29	Frank I. Estes, for road machine.....	201 00
Aug. 17,	J. F. Libby, lumber.....	87 00
" 24,	Fred Longley, road machine.....	14 00
Sept. 19,	Geo. A. Sawyer, Martin Stream Bridge	133 78
" 27,	Edw. A. Webber.....	3 50
Oct. 6,	G. A. Sawyer, culverts.....	49 17
" "	" ".....	10 20
" 7,	J. F. Libbey, planks.....	11 92
" 26,	Hussey & Conant.....	9 60
Nov. 18	G. A. Sawyer.....	4 50
" 23	I. S. Bangs, stone.....	8 56
" "	J. N. Frizzell, plank.....	3 12
Dec. 5	H. C. Powers.....	9 49
" 16	Guy Dunlap, lumber.....	11 18
" 27	Henry S. Rogers.....	3 25
1888		
Jan. 30	J. M. Smith.....	3 45
" 31	Cullen Ward, lumber.....	3 82
Feb. 1	C. B. Jones.....	4 07
" 9	Elihu Mosher.....	1 87
" 14	E. Nugent.....	3 07
" 18	C. B. Whiting nails.....	1 23
	Total.....	\$1652 72
	Bal. in Treasury due highways Feb. 20, 1888.....	\$23 67

## COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.

1886.

J. H. Burgess, Collector of Norridgewock, Dr.		
To Bal. Tax of 1886, due at last report,.....		\$14,713 60
Cr.		
By Treas. Receipts for Cash.....	\$14,281 44	
" Non-res. tax ret.....	200 67	
" Abatements as per schedule.....	231 49	
	-----	\$14,713 60

1887.

To Tax committed for 1887.....		\$17,655 96
Cr.		
By Pay't State Tax.....	\$ 1,604 50	
" " County Tax.....	887 17	
" Treas. Receipts for Cash.....	1400 00	
Bal tax '87 unpaid, Feb. 20, '88.....	13,764 29	
	-----	\$17,655 96

## ABATEMENTS ON TAX OF 1886.

Baker, Wm P Jr, Non res., poll tax.....	\$ 3 00
Booker Geo H, error, " " .....	3 00
Boyington Chas, Non res " " .....	3 00
Clark John, poverty, " " .....	3 00
Cooley G C, error, (highway 1885 put in money tax)....	1 40
Davis Daniel, out of State, pers and poll.....	6 01
Dyer Elmer E, Non res, poll.....	3 00
" Henry, death, " .....	3 00
Fish D F, poverty " .....	3 00
Foss Amos L, poverty and death, poll, pers and real...	19 28
Fuller Edward L, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Flanders W H, error, pers prop.....	1 24
Gould Edward S, poll and dog.....	4 00
" Wm D, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Gilman Rufus B, poverty, pers prop.....	62
Hall Henry C, Non res, poll and highway '85.....	4 40
Haywood Elijah " " .....	3 00
Higgins Samuel M, gone off, poll.....	3 00
Hurd Roscoe V, Non res, " .....	3 00
Jones Wm H " " .....	3 00
Knowlton Willis E, left before commitment, poll.....	3 00
Lewis Edward S, poverty, poll.....	3 00
Leighton Nathaniel, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Mosher Elihu, poverty, real and pers.....	2 79
McDonald Chas E, poverty, real and pers.....	3 16
Mahar Thomas, out of State, poll.....	3 00
Moore Chas, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Odd Fellows Building Association tax on real estate, vote of town to exempt.....	62 00
Penney S C, error, real estate.....	3 10
Perkins Albro H Non res, poll and def highway.....	4 40
Philpot Allen S, over val pers.....	62
Powers Isaac, error, def highway, 1885.....	29
Rogers Geo G, dog tax, error.....	1 00
Redmond James, poverty, poll, pres and real.....	33 68
Sawtelle Caroline, error, pers.....	93
" Alvin P, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Taylor Wilber, " " .....	3 00
Tuttle Chas H, " " .....	3 00
Tuttle Chas S, " " and del highway.....	4 40
Washburn Elmer " " .....	3 00
Wescott Daniel F " " .....	3 00
Woodman Daniel, poverty, " .....	3 00
Wing Steward, error, pers prop.....	1 55
Whitney Alfred A, Non res, poll.....	3 00
Young Clara L, poverty, pers and dog.....	1 62
Total abatements.....	\$231 49

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 20, 1888.

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds outstanding issue 1868, 6 per cent.....	\$ 51,700 00
" " " 1872 " " .....	24,000 00
" " " 1883 4 " " .....	4,900 00
Town orders outstanding.....	54,594 29

FINANCIAL STANDING.—Continued.

Int. on bonds issue 1868, for year 1881.....	3 00
"    "    "    1882,.....	3 00
"    "    "    1883.....	3 00
"    "    "    1884.....	3 00
"    "    "    1885.....	72 00
"    "    "    1886.....	81 00
"    "    "    1887.....	72 00
"    "    from July 1, '87 to date.....	1,973 22
"    1872 " Dec. 15, " " .....	260 00
"    1883 " Oct. 1, " " .....	75 68
Int on Town orders.....	1689 37
Due highways.....	23 67
Due school districts.....	561 02
Bills due, estimated at.....	1000 00
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Total,	\$141,014 52

RESOURCES.

Uncollected Taxes of 1887.....	\$13,764 29
Due from R. B. Dunn for R. R. Bonds.....	10,588 50
"    "    E. C. Hale, (supposed to be good) .....	2,632 48
"    "    other Towns for support of poor.....	111 50
"    "    Geo. Kent for rent.....	24 00
One Safe.....	100 00
Court House Building.....	1,500 00
House on bank of river.....	100 00
Cash in Treasury.....	3,629 94
Net Debt, Feb. 20, 1888.....	108,568 54
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	\$141,014 25
Net debt, as reported Feb. 20, 1887. ....	\$114,442 35
"    "    "    "    "    "    1888 .....	108,568 54
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Reduction since last report.....	\$5,873 81
Interest paid since Feb. 20, 1887 :	
On bonds issue 1868.....	\$3123 00
"    1872.....	1440 00
"    1883.....	212 00
On floating debt.....	2363 13
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Total.....	\$7138 13

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS.

Due school districts Feb. 20, 1887.....	526 41
Raised by town March, 1887.....	1200 00
Received from state.....	807 93
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Total.....	\$2534 34
Paid during the year.....	1973 32

Balance due school districts,..... \$561 02

EDWARD LOWE, } *Selectmen, Assessors and*  
 G. A. SAWYER, } *Overseers of*  
 H. C. POWERS, } *Poor of Norridgewoåk.*

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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This exacted report looks three ways. 1st, "The condition of the schools for the past year" might have been better; might have been worse. Twenty-nine schools have been taught in twelve districts, by twenty-two teachers, two of whom were male, twenty female, eighteen of previous experience, four beginners and four of Normal School training. The school days of district No. 4 have been least, of No. 3 most. Five pupils in No. 2 composed the smallest school, forty-nine in No. 8 the largest, Thirteen weeks rounded up the longest school, in No. 11; two weeks the shortest, in No. 13.

The several school rooms have fairly served their purpose. One will soon need both a new floor, and additional repairs. Globes, maps, and other school furniture might improve all. Eight or ten would not presumably object to whitewash, paint and paper. Swinton's advanced grammar is not a success for beginners, if for any. Like criticism holds of the advanced reader in use. Substituting No.'s 1, 5 and 7 in place of No.'s 20, 16 and 13 and completing the district roll with No. 12 would end its present mixed confusion. "Discontinued" with "part districts" are unsavory reminders of a dead past which it were well to bury in this, or in some more effectual way.

The statute provision for a given "written notice before the commencement of a term of school, when it is to commence, whither it is to be taught by a master or mistress, how long it is expected to continue," has generally proved inconvenient. More or less irregularity of attendance has come from sickness and like causes.

2d. "The proficiency made by the pupils" has conformed largely to the rule of "like teaching, like proficiency." Instructors being the most efficient factors in school work, to know the quality, and amount of teaching received is in general to be assured of the proficiency that has been made. The year's teachers have mostly been experienced and of approved qualifications. The few with little or no experience or of inferior qualifications, in doing their level best, yet failing to effect for their pupils what those more capable, and better qualified have, merit other than censure. To expect in pupils, subjected to teachers of few years, little knowledge and discretion and no experience, equal proficiency with those under thoroughly furnished teachers, of mature years and experience, is simply unreasonable. One law holds in the directing head of a school room, farm, coat shop and mercantile house, viz: "Like direction, like proficiency, other conditioning factors being equal." That to be said of the several teachers will indicate further of this proficiency.

3d. "Success attending the modes of instruction and government thereof" has varied in the several schools. Teachers of best modes have in general met with best success. Those without method, or of inferior methods have been less successful; or to speak exactly their "modes of instruction and government" have. Comparatively few such have been employed.

Normal School methods, with like methods of other efficient and successful teachers, are hereby approved.

This in general answers the three exactions. That in particular to follow is more explicit; its given figures especially indicating "condition" in the several schools.

DISTRICT No. 2.—JOSEPH BUSWELL, AGENT.

Alice M. Rogers, teacher. Summer school, 10 weeks. Pupils, 8; average, 8. Fall school, 9 weeks. 5 pupils; average 5.

Miss Rogers alone appeared in response to the exacted "notices posted in two public places" for examination of teachers and she with no school engaged, but hoping by the aid of a certificate to secure the one desired. Such exceptional and deserving enterprise won both the qualifying paper and the school, which was retained for both terms of the school year. Doing her best in this first attempt she received general favor and encouragement and exhibits best judgement in returning to the Eaton School to acquire wider preparation for further work.

DISTRICT No. 3.—FRANK J. WOOD, AGENT.

Mrs. Sara A. Frederic teacher. Spring school, 10 weeks. 25 pupils; average 19. Fall school, 12 weeks. 20 pupils; average 13. Winter school 11 weeks. 26 pupils; average, 20.

Mrs. Frederic is one of the more practiced teachers of the town, having a mode of instruction and government quite her own and knowing how to make it best effective of success and proficiency in her pupils. Her black-board exercise is hereby especially commended. Her schools, in common with too many others, have suffered from irregularity in attendance, for which she is not in fault. The agent has exhibited commendable judgement in securing and retaining her services through the entire year.

DISTRICT, No. 4.—CHARLES G. HAINES, AGENT.

Nellie F. Nevens, teacher. Fall school, 11 weeks. 8 pupils; average 7.

This is one of the smaller schools of the town and favored with fewest days of instruction. Miss Nevens, of previous service in the district and approved, was prepared to enter at once upon faithful work in doing what could be done in the limited time allotted her. This she did and received due credit for the same.

DISTRICT No. 6.—JOHN LONGLEY, AGENT.

Hattie M. Longley, Lillia M. Otis, Alice C. Williams, teachers. Summer school 8 weeks. 16 pupils; average 13½. Fall school, 9 weeks. 20 pupils, average 18. Winter school, 11 weeks. 19 pupils; average 16.

Miss Lincoln came from the Gorham Normal School for her first experience in teaching. She exhibited tact, enterprise and an aptness to teach, especially with her reading classes. The love of teacher and taught for each other seemed mutual.

A ruling spirit, to put in force Heaven's first law, being in demand, Miss Otis was called to the work and proved that highest favor is consistent with requisite authority. Her term, was both enjoyable and profitable. Her declining a second term made necessary the misfortune of three teachers in one year for pupils deserving to have and to hold one teacher suited to them and the best to be had

Miss Williams from the Gorham training school came for the winter term. Knowing her place and what was expected of her she proved equal to both, and is commended for her modes of instruction and government, her persistence in them, and the work accomplished.



## DISTRICT NO. 8. H. C. POWERS, AGENT.

Minta J. Mosher, Mary E. Ward and Alfred S. Wright; teachers.

PRIMARY: Spring term, 10 weeks, 49 pupils, average 43. Fall term 10 weeks, 44 pupils average 34. Winter term, 10 weeks, 26 pupils, average 20.

GRAMMAR: Spring term, 10 weeks, 40 pupils, average 35. Fall term, 10 weeks, 29 pupils, average 26. Winter term, 10 weeks, 23 pupils, average 17.

ADVANCED: Winter term, 12 weeks, 46 pupils average 38.

Miss Mosher though inexperienced was given the Primary department and soon justified the confidence reposed in her by reducing to orderly quiet the forty-nine pupils under her care, and then giving to each a larger amount of teaching than could in reason have been expected. "If not insane before the year is out she will do well," was the expressed opinion of a previous supervisor. She is, to date, clothed in her right mind and evidently equal to further and satisfactory work.

Miss Ward was the agent's choice for the Grammar department and has justified his discretion by her methods of instruction and government and by the proficiency of her pupils. She is no novice, is eager to help on those under her care, some of whom possibly it were better should be compelled to lean less and rely more upon themselves.

Mr. Wright believes in doing well and thoroughly what is worth doing at all, and has his own way of doing things. Those under him are taught to know what they know and to know that they know it, a desirable acquisition in these days of school endeavor to know everything about everything resulting in knowing very little about anything and not being sure of that. Those moulded by this teacher will be able to give a good account of their school work.

## DISTRICT NO. 9. JOHN E. HATCH, AGENT.

Kate H. Butler, M. E. Smith teachers. Summer term, 5 weeks, 10 pupils, average 6. Winter term, 11 weeks, 15 pupils, average 13.

Miss Butler, without before having taught, undertook and held this school five weeks when the un"previous notice" was given that the school in No. 9 closed last week. Nothing more consequently was to be, or is said.

Miss Smith of thirty terms service in teaching, one or more in this district, took up the work doing it in her way. A veteran of her standing could but have something to teach, with a method of instruction and thorough government which she was able easily to put into execution, resulting in the creditable progress of those under her care.

## DISTRICT NO. 10. EDWARD MCINTIRE, AGENT.

Belle S. Fuller and Elton L. Blaisdell, teachers. Spring term, 8 weeks, 16 pupils, average 12. Winter term, 9 weeks, 14 pupils, average 13.

Miss Fuller was offered this school, accepted it and did what she could.

Mr. Blaisdell was employed to take up the work, practically where he had laid it down the year before. Not old, he is a professional, making teaching his business and well knowing how to attend to it. Like the master he is, he mows a clean swath, insisting on thoroughness in first principles with exact knowledge in that further gone over. His drill exhibitions in arithmetic, history and spelling were particularly gratifying.

## DISTRICT NO. 11. LORENZO MCINTIRE, AGENT.

Millie A. Cole and Mattie E. Heald teachers. Summer term, 3 weeks, 9 pupils, average 5½. Winter term, 13 weeks, 13 pupils, average 9½.

Miss Cole entered upon this charge with confidence and resolution, persisting in her endeavors to create and keep up an interest in that taught. This with few pupils is found more difficult than in schools of numbers sufficient to create a rivalry and awaken enthusiasm.

Miss Heald had a larger number to deal with and came to her work not as a prophet without honor even at home. With previous practice in this and

other districts she brought to her work the added advantage of a year or more in the training school at Gorham. This was made to tell with best effect in her school room endeavors. The cost of best teaching is a more prudent expenditure of money than cheapest teachers at any price.

DISTRICT No. 12. CHARLES L. HOLBROOK, AGENT.

Isa M. Austin and Carrie Leighton, teachers. Summer school 8 weeks; 13 pupils; average 10; winter term 12 weeks; 10 pupils; average 7. Miss Austin is at home in this district. As a first attempt at teaching her term's work was creditable. With further practice and wider knowledge she will make an acceptable teacher.

Miss Leighton from Skowhegan's advanced school had taught one term or more. "A good school" was the verdict of one parent, which is not here reversed. Miss Leighton's expressed opinion that this district, with others, requires somewhat of the governing faculty is also endorsed. The education coming of good discipline is quite as practical in life as remembering the names of bones in a human body.

DISTRICT No. 13. CHARLES E. BIGELOW, AGENT.

Clara O. Holmes and Josie S. Pease teachers. Fall school 2 weeks; 12 pupils; average 10. Winter school 9 weeks; 15 pupils; average 10. Miss Holmes, a teacher of best promise, was secured for a long term but sickness forced her to close after nine days.

Miss Pease was employed to take her place and gave expressed satisfaction till a week's recess was proposed and taken. A second recess from physical weakness, followed at the close of her ninth week and it seemed best to all to end the term at that point. The broken three schools of the previous year made especially desirable one solid term for this, but a destiny otherwise shaped this rough hewn way. The agent is especially commended for his painstaking care in trying to realize the expressed will of the district.

DISTRICT No. 16. CHARLES S. BATES, AGENT.

Lilla M. Thompson teacher. Winter school 11 weeks; 18 pupils; average 16. Mr. Bates for school agent was a selection eminently fit to be made. His experience with teachers and teaching gave promise of wise discrimination in his choice of one to take charge of the districts school work. This choice fell upon Miss Thompson, who at once engaged the love and respect of those under her care. She did her work faithfully and well. The measles abruptly closed her term, shutting off a last and desired visit.

DISTRICT No. 20. ELLIS H. TOBEY, AGENT.

Flora D. Pease, and Abbie S. Merrow teachers. Spring school 8 weeks; 20 pupils; average 17. Fall school 12 weeks; 20 pupils; average 15. Miss Pease full years work in the grammar department of District No. 8, gave promise of success in this school to which she had succeeded, which promise was realized. Skowhegan, coveting best gifts, enticed her from town, but home attractions have returned her to us.

Miss Merrow, of grateful memory for her works sake, returned to this field of her former conquest with the added power of Normal training, which was made to show in her blackboard practice and language teaching as with other teachers of like favor and methods.

Respectfully Submitted,

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