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COMMITTEE

OF THE

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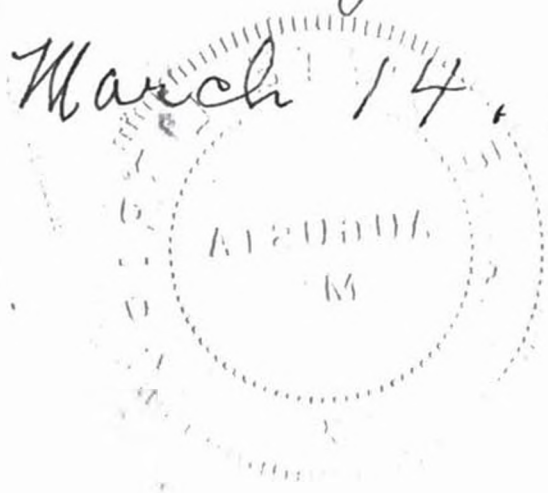
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Mary A. Faines.

Age 81 years. 6 mos.

March 14, 1940.



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VOTED, That all reports required to be made at the next annual Town Meeting be published and placed in the hands of the Town Clerk for distribution three days before the day of said Meeting.

VOTED That Five hundred copies of said Reports be printed.

*Attest,*

P. McCRILLIS, *Town Clerk.*

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## TOWN REPORTS.

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Dexter, March 2, 1857.*

The Selectmen would submit the following  
R E P O R T .

Amount of Balance in the Treasurer's hands at the commencement of the year,.....\$447,75

Amount of bills committed to the Collector at the commencement of the year,.....5609,52

Received into the Treasury from other sources during the year as follows:—

Received of A. S. French, Treasurer of School Fund,	\$ 87,72
“ of Town of St. Albans,	2,75
“ for balance of Liquors sold by D. Additon, Ag't,	143,71
“ for Circus License,	10,00
“ Amount of Bank Tax.	291,72
“ of B. F. Horton for Liquors sold him,	98,28
“ of Thomas Hersom,	9,00
“ for Hall Rent,	15,65
“ of School District No. 6,	59,92
“ of E. Lucas, for Grass at Cemetery.	5,00
“ of Town of Foxcroft,	4,04
“ Interest and Cost on Returned Taxes,	21,34

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\$ 6806,40

## EXPENDITURES.

There has been expended as follows :—

Amount paid out to the several School Districts, \$1910,72

Amount paid out for the support of the Poor, \$316,70

[See next page.]

Amount Expended on Highways, [See page6] \$1870,88

## OTHER EXPENSES OF THE TOWN AS FOLLOWS.

Paid Stephen Wing for Damage to Horse and Sleigh,	\$ 8,00
“ L. Greene Abatement of Tax in 1855,	10,97
“ R. H. Lane “ “ “	1,00
“ J. Goodwin, Abatement D. Sturtevant's Tax,	2,65
“ J. F. Witherell Printing Town Reports,	30,00
“ H. A. Bement, Fence at Cemetery,	35,40
“ Edwin Badger, Damage to Sleigh,	3,50
“ Josiah B. Lane, Damage for location of Road,	10,00
“ J. P. Ankerloo, abatement of Poll Tax,	1,00
“ James Leighton, Error in Tax of 1854 & 5,	3,66
“ A. K. P. Smart, Error in Tax,	1,40
“ Levi B. Bridgham, damage to Colt,	6,00
“ Use of Church for Town Meetings,	28,00
“ J. W. Libby, Guardian, Abatement of Tax,	1,00
“ A. S. French, Paid balance of Order No. 20, 1852,	9,87
“ E. Brawn, Error in Deficient Highway tax, 1855,	1,62
“ Paints for Buildings at Town Farm,	26,47
“ Eli Winslow, Bill for Painting at Town Farm,	13,50
“ W. H. P. Bement, Guardian, Deficient in 1855,	3,50
“ W. H. P. Bement, Deficient in 1855,	2,12
“ Samuel Keene, Error in Tax in 1856,	1,27
“ A. S. French, Paid for Blank Books, Printing Notices, &c.,	8,80
“ Richard Bickell, on Returned Taxes,	1,73
“ J. F. Witherell, Printing Blanks,	3,00
“ Jeremiah Abbott, Error in footing Tax,	10,00
“ P. McCrillis, Services as Town Clerk,	5,48
“ G. Bailey. Services as School Committee,	20,00
“ J. Sanborn, “ “	30,50
“ C. M. Herring, “ “	34,50
“ Nathan Wyman, Services as Treasurer,	20,00
“ A. S. French, Services as Selectman,	40,00
“ L. Cutler, “ “ “	15,00
“ Sam'l Keene, “ “ “	5,50
“ Henry Dunham, Services on Town Farm,	50,00
“ Asa Libby, “ “ “	50,00
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	\$495,49

## Paid for the Support of the Poor.

Paid City of Bangor for support of child of C. W. Mains,	\$16,50
" " " expenses of burial, child of " "	9,00
" Foss & Libby, Furnished for E. G. Patten,	2,50
" County of Penobscot, cost and board of Mrs. Bickell in House of Correction,	18,40
" Geo. H. Bailey, expenses of Mrs. Keith,	13,12
" W. H. Bradbury, support of child of Martha Cooper,	22,33
" for support of Jacob Larabee's family,	4,45
" for interment and other expenses of funeral of J. Coan,	5,13
" Expenses incurred in support of A R. Well's family,	39,94
" " " " " R. L. Brawn's "	68,96
" " " " " P Newman's "	42,10
" " " " " E. Buck's "	4,04
" " " " " Mrs. Kelly,	5,22
" " " " " Mrs. D. Gilman,	2,44
" " " " " Care of Wm. Maxwell,	3,75
Articles furnished and paid out for labor on town Farm,	58,82
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	\$316,70

Of the above amount, \$144,39 has been paid by, or is due from other towns.



## EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid \$ 1073,57 overwork on Highways in 1855-6 at 75 per cent,	\$ 805,18
Paid Wesley T. Thompson for labors on highways,	780,87
Paid Jona. Libby for job on Highways,	65,00
Paid for Repairs on Float Bridge,	106,67
Other highway expenses,	113,16
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	\$1870,88

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**Overwork on Highways in 1855-6.**

Benj. O. Holt,	4,83	L. B. Bridgham,	10,50
Tho's Hersom,	2,11	I. K. Safford,	2,72
Phineas Gee, & work,	5,98	Benj. Lougee,	79
Isaiah Beals, & work,	13,76	Benj. Beals,	4,13
Isaac Smith,	12,62	Luther Copeland,	2,00
Nathan Wyman,	1,45	Rufus Stillings,	1,50
Pinkham Moore,	6,54	Joseph Blaisdell,	6,59
Jeremiah Lane,	8,90	Matthias E. Puffer,	16,22
Llewellyn Moore	4,31	Felix Carnes,	1,69
Charles Curtis & work	13,00	John Martin, & work,	1,83
Joseph W. Libby,	9,28	John Martin, Jr. & work,	2,16
Curtis Sturtevant,	2,75	Wm. Heseltine, Jr.,	2,87
Gideon Wing,	85	Wm. Eaton, 2nd,	3,70
Silas Crockett, Jr.,	1,56	Wm. Oliver, Jr.,	2,75
Joseph M. Heseltine,	6,00	E. & J. C. Crowell,	1,50
Eleazer Keene,	6,68	Isaac White,	1,97
Alexander Labree,	5,10	Robert Eastus,	9,56
D. McG. Jones,	21,53	R. H. Merrill,	2,06
W. R. Hamilton & work	7,00	John H. Gould,	5,54
Tho's O. Additon,	3,06	Loring Mower,	2,18
Hiram Carr,	5,85	Timothy Daggett,	4,28
D. S. Pullen & work,	10,58	Henry Knight,	909
Darius Sampson,	1,88	A. W. Crane,	3,90
Abel Abbott,	1,37	D. H. Howard,	7,53
Isaac W. Whittemore,	5,72	Gideon Wing,	2,30
Levi Williams & work,	14,54	James Findley,	1,32
Shepard Ireland,	4,14	Silas Crockett, Jr.,	1,88
John Morgan, & work,	16,28	Luther J. Copeland,	2,01
T. P. Sawyer, & work,	9,98	Benson M. Arno,	1,92
John Puffer,	10,69	P. M. Additon,	2,74

Fayette Bridge,	3,40	G. W. B. Leonard,	75
Charles Elms,	5,82	Lawrence Greene,	6,08
John B. Leathers,	11,36	Henry I. Safford,	1,13
G. M. B. Flanders,	4,47	Ebenezer Cole,	75
W. S. Eldridge,	5,62	J. B. Arnold,	1,17
Otis Oaks,	2,81	E. Wyman,	2,25
Samuel Califf	3,63	S. C. Silver,	66
Samuel Abbott, Jr.,	11,72	Ebenezer Brawn,	1,22
A. L. Barton,	3,75	Samuel Keene & work,	9,45
Benj. Lane,	6,60	Horace Jennings,	5,52
Parker Copeland,	38	Stephen D. Jennings,	1,73
James Teward & work,	2,75	Robert Sampson,	8,63
Geo. H. Bailey,	13,05	Charles Parkman,	3,00
Henry Glass,	38	Micah Soule,	60
R. B. Wheeler,	3,28	Silas Burton,	8,13
S. F. Copeland,	6,76	Sam'l A. Swanton,	27
N. B. Arnold,	1,32	Sarchwell R. Lane,	6,09
Seth Drew,	2,91	Gamaliel Sturtevant,	7,50
Jonas Whittemore,	11,07	James Oliver,	9,25
Geo. B. Crowell,	8,63	N. G. Sturtevant,	7,18
Geo. E. Watson & work	1,80	N. S. Jewett,	1,12
D. P. Leonard,	75	Horace M. Pullen,	3,00
David Russell,	1,69	Charles Jumper,	38
Jere. A. Abbott,	17,57	Jefferson Gray,	1,12
J. Q. Whittemore,	3,94	Cornelius Drew,	56
E. Currier,	38	John Harris,	75
S. S. Jones,	1,13	Edward Goff,	38
Zibba Joss,	13,50	Nathaniel Bryant,	30,46
Aaron F. Mower,	2,89	Asa Merrill,	78
J. Hardison,	1,17	Isaac D. Blithen,	28
Samuel Arno,	3,19	Jason L. Hersey,	28
Jon. & Loring Shepley,	2,25	Calvin Safford,	2,63
Amos Storer,	9,10	Isaac C. Emerson,	75
Samuel Hooper,	3,56	Jere'h Page,	7,75
Samuel Libby,	2,48	James Dyer,	1,13
Lemuel Pullen,	3,04	Eli Winslow,	2,54
S. S. Gordon,	50	Joel Burton,	3,22
James Crawford,	1,59	G. Q. H. Putnam,	75
E. D. Jumper,	3,78	Edward Lucas,	1,03
B. F. Horton,	2,41	Geo. A. Haines,	23
Abijah Crane,	2,58	Jere'h McDaniel,	28
Silas Crockett,	10,12	Isaac E. Fifield,	50

Asa Libby,	1,46	Joseph S. Williams,	1,15
Farrar & Cutler,	7,12	B. F. Eldridge,	3,53
Horace Joss & work,	17,06	Benja. C. Ford,	50
John Trefetherin,	2,44	G. G. Fifield,	68
Hero Joss,	9,75	Eri Fletcher,	8,62
Alexander Labree,	3,59	M. M. Hersey,	7,72
Gershom Curtis,	1,60	Oliver Lane,	8,65
John S. Morgan,	60	Stephen P. Copeland,	4,73
Phineas Bond,	3,84	Simeon Morgan,	3,25
Ebenezer Cleaves,	2,63	Wm. G. Allen,	44
Jesse Holbrook,	75	N. H. Marr,	19
Asa W. Russell,	24	S. A. Oliver,	75
Henry W. Bean,	56	Josiah B. Lane,	19
Joseph B. Swanton,	1,77	Reuben W. Lane,	14
G. D. Blake,	2,72	Franklin R. Lane,	32
Silas Leavi t,	1,40	Andrew Seaver,	3,23
Jonas Wheeler,	68	John Spooner,	1,97
L. M. Macomber & work,	2,75	Wm. Kennedy,	81
Richard Joss,	2,35	E. D. Gould,	1,31
Nath'l Russell & work,	2,69	C. T. Heseltine,	1,00
Henry Dunham,	19	Ervin Copeland	25
Francis Brown,	5,36	Hiram Spooner,	1,81
J. W. Hodgkins,	2,91		
Charles Ramsdell,	1,50		
			<hr/> \$805,18

The items marked work include labor at cash prices on highways last spring after the annual meeting.

Due from town of Sangerville,	\$ 4,69
" " of St. Albans,	47,94
" " of Bloomfield,	42,00
" " of Skowhegan,	25,98
" Hartland or Skowhegan,	107,06
" others,	8,76
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	\$ 236,43

### OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Ruth Shaw,	\$324,00
Philena S. Sanborn,	143,71
Elizabeth A. Keene,	70,00
Nathan Wyman,	460,00
J. M. Waters,	500,00
Other outstanding orders,	6012,0
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	\$ 2108,00

### STANDING OF THE TOWN.

#### RESOURCES.

In Treasurers hands,	\$ 2504,51
Due from other towns and individuals [see above.]	236,43
Due from Treasurer of School Fund,	70,38
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	\$ 2811,32

#### LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders, [see above.]	\$2108,00	
Due the several School Districts,	160,80	
Balance of Resources more than Liabilities, 542,52		\$ 2811,32
	A. S. FRENCH, } Selection	
	L. CUTLER, } of	
	S. KEENE, } Dexter.	
March 2, 1857.		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Dexter presents the following report.

Balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the year,	500,51
Amount of Tax Bill committed to Joseph Shepherd, Collector,	5,609,52
Rec'd for Balance of Liquors sold by David Additon,	143,71
Amount of Bank tax rec'd from the State,	291,72
Loan of Elisha Cooledge,	3,820,00
Rec'd for Circus License,	10,00
“ of A. S. French Treasurer of School Fund,	34,96
“ of B. F. Horton for Liquors,	98,28
“ of Town of St. Albans,	2,75
“ of Thomas Hersom,	9,00
“ for use of Hall for Panorama,	8,40
“ for use of Hall for Exhibition,	7,25
“ of Town of Foxcroft,	4,04
“ of District No. 6, Cash advanced for Stoves,	59,92
“ of E. Lucas for Grass in the Cemetery,	5,00
“ Interest & Cost on old delinquent taxes,	21,34
	\$10,626,40
Paid orders drawn by Selectmen,	8,121,89
	\$2,504,51
Balance due to the Town,	\$2,504,51
Due from Joseph Shepherd, Collector,	1,418,33
Due on old unpaid Taxes,	58,60
Cash on hand,	1,027,58
	\$2,504,51

Respectfully Submitted,

NATHAN WYMAN, TREASURER.

*Dexter, March 2d, 1856.*

List of Property taxed in the Town of Dexter, on which the taxes remain due and unpaid. Said property having been returned to the Treasurer for Nonpayment of Taxes and become forfeited to the Town.

To whom taxed.	Tax.	Cost.	In't.	Due.	Description of Property.	Present occupant or owner.	
*Braddock Crowell,	2,78	34	2,80	5,52	80 Acres Homestead	George B. Crowell,	Those marked with a * were returned for nonpayment of taxes of 1842 by Samuel Copeland, Collector of taxes.
*John M. Fifield,	3,13	34	3,12	6,50	60 Acres Homestead,	John M. Fifield,	
*Charles Jennings,	7,00	34	6,60	13,94	80 Acres Homestead,	Charles Parkman.	
*Hero Joss,	6,24	34	5,92	12,50	75 Acres Homestead,	Hero Joss.	
*Isaac McKenny,	2,29	34	2,36	4,99	50 Acres Land,	James S. Curtis,	
*Non R., J. H. Perkins,	43	34	69	1,46	16 Acres Land,	William Eaton, 2d.	
*John Ellis, or unknown	54	34	79	1,67	Lot 4, Range 1,	Samuel McClellan.	
†Abram Bean,	34	25	49	1,08	50 Acres Land,	Samuel Calef.	
†David Berry,	32	25	47	1,04	50 Acres Land,	John Henry Swanton,	
†Park Dewitt,	77	25	85	1,87	Shop and Lot,	Farrar & Cutler.	
†Charles Jennings,	8,10	25	7,01	15,36	80 Acres Homestead.	Charles Parkman,	Those marked with a † were returned for nonpayment of taxes of 1843 by Otis Cutler, Collector of Taxes.
†Aber Knowles,	11,01	25	9,46	20,72	82 Acres Homestead,	Monkeyville Village.	
†Nehemiah Packard,	1,10	25	1,13	2,48	30 Acres Land,	Samuel S. Gooden.	
†Jonas Whittemore,	1,25	25	1,26	2,76	50 Acres Homestead,	Jonas Whittemore.	
†Henry Glass,	1,25	25	1,26	2,76	House & Lot near Canal,	Calvin Copeland.	
†Non Resident, Unknown	95	25	1,01	2,21	North half Lot 11 Range 10	James S. Curtis.	
†Isaac C. Emerson,	1,80	25	1,72	3,77	27 Acres of Lot 16, Range 1	G. Fifield, or E. D. Gould,	
††Non Resident unknown							
Webber Lot, so called.	45	25	50	1,20	Part of Lot 1, Range 4,	Loren Mower.	
†Elizabeth Foy,	1,80	25	98	3,03	House & Lot, R. 11 Lot 3,	Matthias Lane.	
†Asa Towns	6,00	25	3,00	9,25	Land and Buildings,	{ Cornelius Drew or Samuel { H. Blake, Bangor.	Those marked with a † were returned for nonpayment of taxes of 1849 by George Cutler, Collector of Taxes.
†John Ellis,	1,05	25	62	1,92	Lot 4, Range 1, Deficient Highway tax of 1847,	Samuel McClellan.	
	58,60	5,88	52,04	116,52			
School District No. 11							
Asa Townes,	11,50	25	5,64	17,39	Land & Buildings,	{ Cornelius Drew or Samuel { H. Blake, Bangor.	

NATHAN WYMAN, Treasurer.

## Report of Treasurer of School Fund.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the School Fund would submit the following statement.

The whole amount of School Fund of Dexter is \$2446,67 which is in the hands of the following persons:—

Edmund & J. C. Crowell,.....	\$30,
Richard Joss,.....	310,
Samuel McClellan,.....	165,
Calvin Safford,.....	316,
Phineas Bond,.....	47,
John & Hiram Morgan,.....	30,
Cyrus Foss,.....	100,
Silas Crockett,.....	40,
D. Mc G. Jones,.....	150,
G. M. Burleigh,.....	180,
Nathaniel Dustin,.....	166,67
Royal Copeland,.....	500,
Lysander Cutler,.....	275,
Charles Crockett,.....	137,

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\$2446,67

Annual interest on the above is

146,80

A. S. French, Treasurer of the  
Trustees of the School Fund of Dexter.

March 2, 1857.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Dexter, hereby submit to the town their annual Report.

Your Committee regret the necessity of reporting before the expiration of the school year proper, but, a vote of the town, passed at its last annual meeting, requiring all town reports to be printed, and ready for distribution three days before the next annual town meeting, obliges us to have our report in readiness for the printer, while as yet, there are unfinished terms of winter school in some districts in town. We are, however, enabled to present, as we trust, a very satisfactory account of nearly all the schools in town, for the year now drawing to a close. It will appear by the statistics submitted by the Committee, that the Agents of the several districts have been generally fortunate in their selection of teachers, and that the town has fully sustained the reputation it has acquired for the excellence of its schools. We have not had, during the year, a school which could be rated below medium, while several rank high in the scale of excellence; and our schools, in the aggregate, will favorably compare with those of any preceding year.

There has been a summer and winter term of school in each district in town, and, in district No. 6 there were six schools in summer, and seven in winter.

The average length of summer schools was  $9\frac{8}{10}$  weeks.

Average length of winter schools,  $9\frac{6}{10}$  weeks.

### TEACHERS' WAGES.

Lowest wages of female teachers per week, \$1,50.

Highest.....per week.....4,00

Average.....per week.....2,29

Lowest wages of male teachers per month, \$18,00.

Highest.....per month.....40,00

Average.....per month.....26,00

The whole number of children in town, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, as returned by Agents of the several districts in May 1st 1856, was.....889

Whole number attending summer schools,.....559

Whole number attending winter school,.....648



The relative standing of the several schools is exhibited according to the plan adopted by Committee in previous years.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Miss Zulema Seaver, Teacher.

Length of school, 9 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 38.

No. regular in attendance, 21.

Standing, Excellent.

#### WINTER TERM.

Mr. Jon'a. C. Lawrence, Teacher.

School now in progress.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Miss Ellen S. Brann, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 34.

No. regular in attendance, 17. Standing Medium.

#### WINTER TERM.

Mr. J. C. Lawrence, Teacher.

Length of School 10 $\frac{1}{3}$  weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 41.

No. regular in attendance, 18.

The fact that Mr. Lawrence has had charge of this school for three successive winters, is sufficient proof, that his services, as teacher, are very satisfactory to his employers. Some of the exercises at the examination of this school, particularly those in reading and spelling, and in arithmetic, were highly creditable to the school and to the teacher.

Standing Excellent.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Miss Harriet N. Treadwell, Teacher.

Length of school 8 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 23.

No. Regular in attendance, 22.

This school appeared remarkably well, considering the average age of the pupils which were mostly young.

Standing Excellent.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Harriet N. Treadwell, Teacher.

Length of school 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 28.

No. regular in attendance, 23.

This school closed before the anticipated time, and was visited but once when it appeared excellent.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

## SUMMER TERM.

Miss Samantha T. Perkins, Teacher.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars 29.

No. regular in attendance, 22.

This was a good school, well managed.

Standing Excellent.

## WINTER TERM.

Mr. Leander S. Coan, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 39.

No. regular in attendance, 33.

This was Mr. Coan's first attempt at teaching, in which he was very successful,

Standing Excellent.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

## SUMMER TERM.

Miss Sarah B. Keene, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No of scholars. 19.

No regular in attendance, 13.

A very fine school. Standing Excellent.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Sarah B. Keene, Teacher.

Register not returned in season for this report.

Standing Excellent.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

## SCHOOL NO 1—SUMMER TERM.

Miss Mary J. R. Higgings, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars 54.

No. regular in attendance 23.

This school closed two weeks before the anticipated time, in consequence of the failing health of the teacher, but, during its continuance, it evinced evidence of systematic management, and thorough and efficient discipline.

Standing Excellent.

WINTER TERM.

Mr. John B. Wilson, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 59.

No. regular in attendance, 49.

A very fine, orderly school, making good progress by quiet, and persevering industry.

Standing Excellent.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

No term of this school was had in summer, the scholars of which it is usually composed, being distributed among schools No. 1, 3 and 5.

WINTER TERM.

Mr. T. J. Bridgham, Teacher.

Length of School, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 54.

No. regular in attendance, 50.

Mr. Bridgham succeeded remarkably well in the management of this school—a little more stringent discipline would have been preferred, but the proficiency in study was most satisfactory. Standing Excellent.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss E. G. Roberts, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 47.

No. regular in attendance, 40.

Miss Roberts' reputation as a teacher, in this district, renders it unnecessary to say more, than, that her usual good success attended her efforts in this school.

Standing Excellent.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Samantha T. Perkins, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 54.

No. regular in attendance, 48.

Miss Perkins is favorably known to our community, as an efficient teacher. Standing Excellent.

## SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Adaline Gilman, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars about 50.

The Register of this school is missing, and the Committee have not the means of knowing the precise number of scholars, except at commencement of the term.

Standing Medium.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Aroline T. Downing, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 54.

No. regular in attendance, 49.

Miss Downing proved herself peculiarly well qualified for the discharge of her duties, in her management of this school. Standing Excellent.

## SCHOOL NO. 5. SUMMER TERM.

Miss Orianna J. Fowler, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 52.

No. regular in attendance, 30. Standing Excellent.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Orianna J. Fowler, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 53.

No. regular in attendance, 44.

Miss Fowler's judicious management, and eminent success, for two successive terms, in this school, entitled her to rank, in reputation, amongst our best teachers.

## SCHOOL NO. 6. SUMMER TERM.

Miss Emma F. Stickney, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 50.

The Register of this school not appearing, the No. in constant attendance can not be ascertained. Miss Stickney is a lady of good literary and moral endowments, but, of capacity, better adapted to teaching a higher grade of school, than the one she taught here. Standing Medium.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss L. Marcia Clark, Teacher.  
 Length of school, 10 week.  
 Whole No. of scholars, 41.  
 No. regular in attendance, 32.  
 Proficiency pretty good but discipline lax.  
 Standing Medium.

## SCHOOL NO. 7.

Commenced by Miss C. F. Morrill,  
 Whole No. of scholars, 28.  
 No. regular in attendance 0 under Miss Morrill.

This school was commenced by Miss Morrill, who is a lady of good mind, and well qualified to teach, but lacking experience. At the first visit of the Committee, the school appeared well—It was soon evident, however, from reports that there was trouble in the school; which continued to increase until the committee were finally called in, to settle it. After a careful investigation of the whole matter, the board were unanimously of the opinion, that the trouble arose mostly from misapprehensions and unfounded prejudices entertained, first, by the children and then by the parents, which continued to grow in the minds of the district, until they were determined to break up the school. This was at length accomplished, by keeping all the children at home; after which, the teacher left, having kept seven weeks. Miss L. Marcia Clark was her successor, who, to the very general satisfaction of the district, kept out the school.

No. regular in attendance under Miss Clark's instruction, 19.

## WINTER TERM.

Miss Fannie R. Lovejoy, Teacher.  
 Length of school, 10 weeks.  
 Whole No. of scholars, 20.  
 No regular in attendance, 15.  
 Standing Medium.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss Ann J. Hersey, Teacher.

Standing Excellent.

WINTER TERM, now being taught by Mr. I. M. Russ.  
Further particulars not yet known.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss Augusta N. Jones, Teacher.

Length of school, 6 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 11.

No. Regular in attendance, 8.

In consequence of no notice from the Agent or otherwise,  
when the school would close, it was visited but once, when  
it appeared very well.

WINTER TERM.

Miss Sarah K. Ladd, Teacher.

Length of school, 7 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 11.

No. regular in attendance, 9.

This school received the same attention from the Com-  
mittee that the Summer term did, and from the same cause.  
The school appeared well at the commencement.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss Caroline Haskell, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 22.

No. regular in attendance, 19.

Standing Excellent.

WINTER TERM.

Miss Caroline Haskell, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 22.

No regular in attendance, 20.

Miss Haskell has taught this school the last two terms to the satisfaction of the district and the honor of herself.

Standing Excellent.

### DISTRICT NO. 10.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Miss Aurelia Berry, Teacher.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 38.

No. regular in attendance, 23.

This is not a forward school, the pupils lack ambition. They, however, did better in some respects, than in previous years. Their attendance was more regular, and, consequently, their proficiency greater. Standing more than Medium.

#### WINTER TERM.

Miss Aurelia Berry, Teacher.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 39.

No. regular in attendance, 25.

Owing to extremely cold weather, and the drifted roads, this school closed a few days before its anticipated time, on account of which, the Committee failed to visit it the second time. We are assured, however, by all who have spoken to us of the school, that its standing was Excellent.

### DISTRICT NO. 11.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Miss Helen Morse, Teacher.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 21.

No. regular in attendance, 18.

Standing Excellent.

#### WINTER TERM.

Mr. Henry C. Ford, Teacher.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Whole No. of scholars, 20.

No. regular in attendance, 16.

Standing Excellent.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

## SUMMER TERM.

Miss Lucy W. Keene, Teacher.  
 Length of school, 10 weeks.  
 Whole No. of scholars, 25.  
 No. regular in attendance, 14.  
 Standing above Medium.

## WINTER TERM.

Mr. Henry B. Keene, Teacher.  
 Length of school, 8 weeks.  
 Whole No. of scholars, 30.  
 No. regular in attendance, 18.  
 Standing Excellent.

It is gratifying to know that some of our schools are provided with better, and more comfortable rooms than they have hitherto been. A good and convenient School-house has been built the present year, in district No. 7, and two ample and commodious school rooms, with all necessary and convenient appurtenances, have been built and furnished, in district No. 6. Although further improvement, in respect to school houses, is needed in two or three districts, yet, if school houses are the standard, by which to judge of the intelligence and enterprise of a community, we congratulate the people of Dexter on their eminence of rank, in this respect, in their neighborhood of towns. The law makes it the duty of the Superintending School Committee to visit each school in town, twice during each term; and, we apprehend the object contemplated is, by visiting the school near the commencement, and again at, or near the close of the term, to ascertain the state, and progress of the school during such term. The law also requires School-Agents to notify the Committee, in writing, of the commencement, and probable length of each term of school in their respective districts, and when an agent fails to do his duty in this respect, the Committee are left without data, from which to ascertain when the school will close; it is, therefore, liable to be visited but once, and the object contemplated is not attained. We regret having occasion to complain, in this respect, of any School Agent in Dexter, but regard for right and duty compels us to say that a majority of the School



Agents in town have failed to comply with this requirement which the law has made and the fulfillment of which it enjoins under penalty of one dollar per day, for every day a school shall keep under such circumstances.

But, we would not include all our School-Agents in the category of delinquents ; we mention, as prominent exceptions, the Agents of districts No. 6, 9 and 12.

G. Bailey, who from the commencement of the present municipal year, had been Chairman of the Committee, being about to remove from town, in January, resigned his office as a member of the Committee, and the remaining members deemed it unnecessary to fill the vacancy thus occasioned, unless a case should arise, which required the action of a full board, and no such circumstance having occurred, the responsibility, and the duties of the board have, since the 8th of January, devolved on the two members whose names are hereto affixed. In the resignation of Mr. Bailey as a member of the Committee, we realize the loss of a zealous, an active, and efficient member, and, one who, by his constant and able efforts, has accomplished much good, in behalf of our schools.

That the advantages offered by our free school system are not duly appreciated by all, appears too evident, on recurring to the Registers returned by teachers. Though in some schools, the number recorded as constant and regular, bears a gratifying proportion to the whole number registered, yet, in many instances, there is a lamentable disparity between them.

We fear that those parents, who countenance, or allow such delinquency, on the part of their children, do not rightly consider the responsibility under which they act, not only in regard to the claims which society has upon them, but, in respect to the interests and welfare of their children.

The Committee are happy to acknowledge the kindness and sympathy of their fellow citizens generally, which have rendered the performance of their official labors much more pleasant, and effective, than it could otherwise have been, and we indulge a confident hope, that, for time to come, the Superintending School Committee, School Agents, and parents will co-operate with each other, all striving for a common object, the elevation of the masses, in the scale of moral, intellectual, and social being. To this end, see to

it, fellow citizens, that all your schools are in fact, what they were designed to be, nurseries of morality and intelligence, to the rising generation ; then shall their healthful influence go down to latest time, elevating and ennobling humanity.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH SANBORN, { Superintending  
C. M. HERRING, { School Committee.

*Dexter, Feb. 25th, 1857.*

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