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TOWN OF DEXTER.

REPORT OF

**Selectmen, Treasurer, Treasurer of
School Fund, and S. S. Com.,**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1876.

R. O. Robbins, Printer, Dexter, Me.

PAUPER SUPPORT—CONTINUED.

Geo. Hamilton	Alec Mowing and fam.,	3 00
Dr. S. Mudgett	Med. attendance on J. C. Hines and fam.,	2 75
Wm. M. Johnson	Burial of Sam'l Lowell,	4 00
" "	S. Blake's child,	1 50
" "	A. Ireland "	1 50
" "	Entombing Thomas Bickell,	1 00
Town of Atkinson	support of C. H. Burton,	12 10
E. M. Tibbetts	Coffin for S. Lowell,	9 00
" "	Thomas Bickell,	9 00
Sam'l Murphy and wife	Services on Farm,	300 00
Supplies for Farm.		40 30
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		\$1,142 04
Received from other towns,	69 54	
Due " " "	7 75	77 29
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Amount of pauper support.		\$1,064 75
Appropriation,	1,500 00	
Balance unexpended,	435 25	

MISCELLANEOUS.

R. O. Robbins, printing report of 1875,	\$29 40
" " " "	4 25
J. F. Wetherell, labor, etc., in new cemetery,	22 03
D. S. Hooper, repairing fence—cemetery over pond,	2 25
Snow fence—new cemetery,	40 50
Springall & Safford, Collector's book,	1 15
Wm. M. Johnson, labor packing guns,	6 00
D. D. Flynt, Constable services,	7 00
Hudson Sawyer, services as S. S. Committee,	17 10
C. F. Ambrose, " " "	28 00
Ezra Roberts, " " " and Agent,	88 40
G. B. Clough, blank books,	8 80
L. K. Bryant, labor on furnaces—Town Hall,	16 00
H. L. Haskell, " in cemetery,	9 00
Levi Bridgham, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
" " Paid express, etc.,	81
Allen Merrill, expenses and services com. Oscar N.	
Additon to Reform School,	30 00
Hiram Carr, Town Agent, costs in W. H. Gould case,	168 00
Wm. Oakes, surveying,	3 00
L. French, " "	1 50
N. F. Roberts, cash paid for expenses to ascertain the residence of paupers,	9 20
Eldridge Bros., box for guns,	2 00
Dexter Mills, for 100 bbls. ashes now on hand,	55 00
R. O. Robbins, printing,	9 00
E. H. Witham, Constable services,	7 00
Horace Jennings, services as Selectman,	84 00
Geo. Hamilton, cash paid out for sundries,	8 00
N. F. Roberts, " " " "	5 40
N. F. Roberts, services as Selectman,	67 50
Geo. Hamilton, " " "	100 00
Nathan Wyman, writing deeds,	1 00
B. B. Lucas, Constable service,	5 25
Allen Merrill, " " "	3 00
J. W. Barrow, services as Treasurer,	30 00
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	\$884 64

TOWN FARM.

Paid Sam'l Murphy and wife, for care of farm,		\$300 00
" for stock, supplies, farming tools, and household goods,		901 55
		<u>\$1,201 55</u>
Received for stock and produce sold,	516 79	
16 sheep added during the year	128 00	
Farming tools and household goods added,	150 00	
Received from Thomas Bickell,	18 05	
" " Samuel Lowell,	4 90	
" " other towns,	43 50	861 25
		<u>340 30</u>
Other stock and produce on hand more than last year,		61 00
		<u>\$279 30</u>

STOCK ON FARM.

2 oxen, 5 years old,	200 00	
2 cows,	90 00	
2 three year old heifers,	80 00	
1 yearling,	15 00	
1 calf,	8 00	
1 horse	150 00	
4 hogs,	55 00	
30 hens,	15 00	613 00
		<u>128 00</u>
16 sheep added during the year,		

PRODUCE ON HAND.

13 tons hay,	\$130 00	175 bush. potatoes,	52 50
Straw,	3 00	1 bbl. pork,	25 00
50 bush. carrots and beets,	20 00	11 gals. molasses,	6 05
50 " turnips,	15 00	1 bbl. vinegar,	10 00
16 lbs. lard,	2 75	1-2 " pickles,	6 00
101 " dried apples,	10 00	3 bush. buckwheat,	3 00
5 1-2 bush. beans,	11 00	5 " seed wheat,	10 00
1-2 bbl. flour,	4 09	4 " corn,	3 20
	<u>\$195 75</u>		<u>115 75</u>
			195 75
			<u>\$311 50</u>

POOR AT THE FARM.

March 1, 1875,		7
Admitted since that date,		6
		<u>13</u>
Whole number,		13
Discharged,	2	
Died,	2	4
		<u>9</u>
Now at the farm,		
Samuel Lowell, died April 19, 1875.		
Thomas Bickell, " Feb. 9, 1876.		

The following persons are now at the farm: William Sturtevant, Lucien Jose, Charles K. Howard, Mrs. Ward Safford, Mrs. A. P. Lovejoy, Mrs. S. Grover, William Hallowell, David Berry, James Dyer.

PAUPER SUPPORT—CONTINUED.

The farm has been under the charge of Sam'l Murphy and wife with an increased number of inmates. Mrs. Murphy has taken good care of the inmates and they have been furnished with a good and comfortable home. Mr. Murphy with the help of the inmates has performed more labor and made more improvements on the farm than has been done in any former year. The farm was in a very destitute condition at the beginning of the year. The farming tools were short and in very bad order. These have been repaired and increased. The house was very destitute in every respect. It was necessary to furnish a new stove and new crockery, and as the bedding was not sufficient to make the inmates comfortable, it had to be replenished and increased to meet the wants of the increased number of inmates. This has required additional expense, but as the articles are on hand for future use, this expense should not be charged to the pauper account of the past year.

But little profit could be derived from the stock. The two cows were nearly worthless for dairy purposes. These have been exchanged and good ones put in their places. The sheep had been sold and none replaced. A thrifty flock of sixteen was purchased, but too late for profit the past year. The hog department has been a success. A sufficient amount was received for pork, and pigs sold to furnish the family with meat during the year.

Miscellaneous bills,	884 64
Bills of former years,	847 51
Fire department,	160 61
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	\$1,892 76
Appropriation,	2,500 00
Balance unexpended,	607 24
Paid on highway orders drawn and not reported or paid last year,	248 20

BILLS OF FORMER YEARS.

P. McCrillis, abatement,	9 00
A. R. Dunlap, services on town farm to March 1, 1875,	107 50
Josiah Crosby, legal services,	30 00
Allen Merrill, abatements,	197 62
“ “ Percentage on collecting,	352 85
“ “ School District tax on town farm,	4 42
Paupers,	75 95
E. Bickell, damage to wagon. 1874	2 25
D. S. Reed, “ “ “ 1874,	2 50
Jenkins & Hill, town hall, 1874,	5 80
Cyrus Foss, stationery,	2 25
C. P. Toward, error in tax, 1873,	8 04
Highways,	49 23
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	\$847 51

LOCK-UP UNDER TOWN HALL.

Expended,	\$92 71
Appropriation,	250 00
Balance unexpended,	157 29

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways, Summer,	\$2,974 61
" Winter,	1,282 98
Paupers,	1,064 75
Fire department,	160 61
New Roads,	1,100 00
Miscellaneous, including bills of former years,	1,735 15
Support of Schools,	5,169 48
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	\$13,487 58

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Ann L. Mower,	May 7th, 1867,	\$ 200 00
Roncisco Safford,	July 24th, 1869,	500 00
Samuel Abbott,	Nov. 19th, 1869,	342 00
Samuel F. Marble,	July 1, 1870,	1,500 00
Nancy J. Palmer,	July 20, 1870,	347 00
Hosea B. Crowell,	June 10, 1871,	537 00
Abigail Crowell,	May 11th, 1872,	315 00
J. W. Barron,	July 19th, 1872,	1,000 00
Funded Debt,		8,000 00
Ann L. Katen,	Feb. 17th, 1873,	100 00
Mary F. Leighton.	May 13, 1873,	527 50
J. W. Barron,	May 13, 1874,	1,000 00
" " ,	July 2, 1874,	350 00
Mary W. Katen,	July 20, 1874,	300 00
Ellen E. Whittemore,	Aug. 29, 1874,	125 00
Isaiah Bean,	March 31, 1875,	500 00
Obed Foss,	March 31, 1875,	300 00
J. W. Barron,	April 17, 1875,	800 00
Cyrus Foss,	May 13, 1875,	1,000 00
Olive M. Crawford,	June 22, 1875,	600 00
J. W. Barron,	June 28, 1875,	200 00
" " ,	July 15, 1875,	100 00
Samuel Morrill,	July 17, 1875,	1,000 00
Harriet M. Briggs,	Aug. 24, 1875,	575 00
Emma F. Briggs,	Aug. 24, 1875,	430 00
Ellen Whittemore,	Sept. 14, 1875,	225 00
Mrs. R. Knowles,	Oct. 4, 1875,	400 00
Susan B. Lincoln,	Sept. 30, 1875,	660 00
Due the School Districts,		1,067 07
Due High School,		540 89
Unexpended School Money,		296 82
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Amount of Liabilities, including Fire Dep't Loan,		\$238,83 28

RESOURCES.

100 Shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock,	\$7,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	3,327 22
Cash in Collector's hands, less the percentage,	3,175 13
Due from other Loans for Support of Paupers,	7 75
Liquors on hand,	100 00
Execution Against W. H. Gould,	104 24
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Balance against the town, including Fire Dep't Loan,	\$13,714 34
	10,123 94

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

G. Safford, labor on hose, &c.,	\$16 20
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FIRE DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

" "	repairing force pump,	14 00
" "	fire warden,	12 00
" "	chief engineer,	10 00
Samuel Morrill,	care of Eagle Engine, No. 1,	15 00
Springall & Safford,		9 00
Eldridge Bros.,		3 00
J. H. Fitzgerald,	care of Hook and Ladder carriage,	10 00
H. E. Hatch,	fire department,	40
G. Safford,		7 33
D. Doll off, Jr.,	labor on engines,	5 00
J. D. Maxfield,	care of Force Pump,	10 00
C. Foss,		1 60
Bridgham & Son,		8 50
Fassett & Stearns,		8 75
N. Dustin & Co.,		4 81
B. S. Rowell,	care of Tiger Engine, No. 2,	15 00
J. S. Campbell,	labor on engines,	8 50
S. A. Winslow,		1 52
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		\$160 61

NEW FIRE ENGINES.

L. Button & Son,	for two new engines,	2,604 20
Freight on same,		85 33
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		\$2,779 53
Appropriation,		600 00
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Amount of fire department loan,		\$2,179 53

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 4th, 1876.

TOWN OF DEXTER in Acc't with J. W. BARRON, Treas.
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By Cash on hand at commencement of year,	\$2,171 10
" in hands of Collector,	2,539 23
" from Town of Hartland,	2 00
" " " Athens,	5 00
" " " Ripley,	2 54
" " " St. Albans,	38 00
" " " Newport,	25 67
" " Interest on R. R. Stock,	900 00
" " Interest on School Fund,	166 20
" " Frank Brawn,	10 00
" " Town Farm,	133 37
" " Town Hall,	130 00
" " Lots in Cemetery,	20 00
" " Grass in Cemetery,	18 00
" " Books Sold,	70 30
" " State School Funds,	1,002 50
" " State High School Funds,	491 57
" " Loans,	6,790 00
" " Tax Bills to Merrill,	15,727 22
" " Interest on Non-resident Tax,	87
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	\$20 865 57

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.
DR.

To Paid on Orders for the year,	17,823 31
" on Loans,	5,403 00
" Interest on Loans,	570 60
" Interest on Funded Debt,	465 00
" on Orders for last year,	42 60
" Tax to Town of St. Albans,	2 16
" Cash in Hands of Collector,	3,327 22
" " the Treasury,	2,281 68
	30,865 57

Report of Trustees of Dexter School Fund.

Whole amount of Fund,	\$2,689 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds,	\$1,900 00
Town of Corinna Bonds,	600 00
David McG. Jones' Note,	150 00
John and Hiram Morgan's Note,	30 00
Cash in Treasury,	9 47
	\$2,689 47

Interest, amounting to \$166.20, has been collected and paid into the town treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREASURER.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

The Selectmen would recommend that the appropriations for the ensuing year be reduced \$3000.00 from the amount appropriated the past year, and recommend as follows :

Support of Schools,	\$2400.00
" High School,	500.00
" Poor,	1500.00
Town Charges,	2000.00
New Roads,	600.00
Highways,	4000.00
Fire Department Loan,	600.00
Value of Real Estate,	\$628,780.00
Value of Personal Property,	236,421.00
State Tax,	4,083.97
County Tax,	1,863.21
Percentage,	.0235
Number of Polls, 641.	
Number of Scholars, 911.	
Number of Dogs, 89.	

Town Indebtedness, as reported March 1, 1875,	\$11,180.49
Add Highway Orders, drawn and not reported last year,	248.20
Add Fire Department Loan, authorized by vote of town,	2179.53

Amount for which no appropriations were made,	\$13,608 28
Balance against the Town March 1, 1876,	10,123.94

Amount saved from appropriations and other resources during the year, \$3484.28

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town, March 1st, 1876, and expenditures for one year.

GEORGE HAMILTON, HORACE JENNINGS, N. F. ROBERTS,	}	Selectmen of Dexter.
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S. S. Committee's Report for 1876.

The S. S. Committee have the honor to submit their annual Report.
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1875-76.

INCOME.

Appropriation,	\$2500 00
From State Treasurer,	1602 50
From School Fund,	160 80
Appropriation for Books,	500 00
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	\$4763 30

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$2924 50
Fuel and Repairs,	498 17
School Books and Stationery used,	697 40
Paid District No. 1,	65 50
Books and Stationery on hand,	124 97
Balance unexpended,	448 76
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	\$4763 30

Free High School Fund,	\$1000.00
Expended,	\$700 00
Unexpended,	300 00
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	\$1000 00

With pleasure the Committee are able to state that the condition and prosperity of the schools will compare favorably with any preceding year.

The relative standing of the several schools is shown in the following statement:

DIST. NO. 1. This district is connected with a district in Corinna, and not under our supervision.

DIST. NO. 2. *Summer Term of 12 weeks.* By Miss Fannie S. Marble. *Winter Term of 10 weeks*—By the same teacher. Miss Marble saw fit to leave before the winter term had reached its intended length, and a short additional term of four weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Hoyt. All these schools have been first-class in every respect. Attendance in summer 20, average 15; in winter 23, average 20.

DIST. NO. 3. *Summer Term of 12 weeks.* Was taught by Miss Mary C. Lane, with fair success. Attendance 17, average 12. *Winter Term of 12 weeks*—By Mr. George Arnold. A profitable school, well managed. Attendance 18, average 15,

DIST. NO. 4 This district has had three terms, 24 weeks in all, by Miss Ella Mower. Miss Mower is an excellent teacher and has had marked success in these schools. Attendance 14, average 13.

DIST. NO. 5. *A Summer and a Winter Term, each 12 weeks*—By Miss Lettie Daggett. Though her first experience, Miss Daggett has given good satisfaction, and is a teacher of much promise. Attendance in summer 8, average 6; in winter 9, average 7

DIST. NO. 7. *Summer Term of 12 weeks*—By Miss Faustina M. Towle. Good instruction was given and term profitable. Attendance 13, average 10. Miss Fannie L. Brackett commenced the Winter Term, and continued it about 4 weeks. We think she began her work with an honest purpose to do her duty faithfully; but, from lack of

sufficient firmness and decision on the teacher's part, and from a disposition not to co-operate on the part of some of the parents, the school failed to be satisfactory, and a change was thought advisable. The term of eight more weeks was ably and profitably taught by Mr. I. M. Russ. Attendance 21, average 19.

DIST. NO. 8. *Summer Term of 12 weeks*—By Miss Helen Jones. Government and progress very good. Attendance 16, average 12. *Winter Term of 12 weeks*—Was under the instruction of Miss Faustina M. Towle. An excellent school and satisfactory advancement made. Attendance 18, average 15.

DIST. NO. 9. *Winter and Summer Terms of 12 weeks*—each were taught by Miss Abbie W. Jennings. Good order was maintained and excellent instruction given. Miss Jennings is one of our best teachers. Attendance in summer 11, average 8; in winter 16, average 13.

DIST. NO. 10. *Summer Term*—By Miss Louisa E. Judkins, 11½ weeks. School not visited at close, as the teacher, on account of sickness, went home sooner than was expected. Miss Judkins failed to secure the love and respect of her scholars, and the term from report was not very satisfactory. Attendance 19, average 17. A pleasant and profitable Winter Term of school of 12 weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Hoyt. Attendance 22, average 19.

DIST. NO. 11. *Summer Term of 12 weeks*—By Miss Fannie L. Brackett. This was her first attempt. She worked hard, and the scholars made very good progress. Attendance 21, average 17. *Winter Term of 11 weeks*—By Miss Adella A. Mower. Miss Mower is an excellent instructor. There was a lack of good order both terms. Attendance 22, average 19.

DIST. NO. 12. *Summer Term of 12 Weeks*. By Miss Dora A. Jewett. The teacher was painstaking and the scholars made fair improvement, but had there been more system and order, the appearance of the school would have been more satisfactory. Attendance 16, average 13. *Winter Term of 12 Weeks*. By Miss Alice J. Jewett. Miss Jewett needs more age and experience for a really successful teacher. The term was not a very profitable one. Attendance 22, average 17.

DIST. NO. 6—VILLAGE. *South Branch School*. This school has had three terms, in all 24 weeks. Miss Alice M. Smart, teacher. This is a small school, and the teacher needs the inspiration of an earnest purpose to call out all her energy and resources. The government and instruction were good. Attendance 12, average 10. *Upper Primary*—Summer, Fall and Winter Terms. By M. Lizzie Bailey. Miss Bailey sustained her previous reputation for a successful and efficient teacher. Attendance 61, average 53. *Lower Primary*. Summer, Fall and Winter Terms. By Miss Lydia B. Weymouth. This school is fortunate in having the services of a teacher so capable and faithful. A very satisfactory school. Attendance 56, average 49. *Free Street Primary*. Summer Term—By Miss Lauraetta Additon. Miss Additon was painstaking and untiring in her efforts to govern and instruct her scholars, and yet the full measure of success desired was not attained. Fall Term—By Miss N. Ellen Bassett. Order excellent and fair progress made. Winter Term—By Miss M. Olive Winslow. Well taught and satisfactory to committee and parents. Attendance 36, average 27. *Upper Intermediate*. Summer Term—By Miss Hattie Marble. There was lack of thoroughness and system, and best results were not attained. Fall and Winter Terms—By Miss Clara E. Marble. Under this teacher the scholars made marked improvement, and showed the handling of a skillful workman. Attendance 41, average 34. *Lower Intermediate*. Summer, Fall and Winter Terms—By Miss Lu-

cia E. Weymouth. The appearance and improvement of this school for the past year have been eminently satisfactory. Miss Weymouth is a workman who needeth not to be ashamed. Attendance 32, average 29. *Grammar School.* Spring Term—By N. W. Taylor. Fall and Winter Terms—By Mr. W. A. Bumps. Although the fall term was interrupted by the sickness of the teacher, and a week's substitute was not a success, this school has had the strict discipline it so much needed, and has made excellent progress. A Spring Term is now under way in the hands of the same teacher. Attendance in fall 47, average 29; in winter 37 and 34. *High School.* This school remains under the instruction of E. F. Ambrose, Principal, and Miss M. J. C. Thompson, Assistant, and maintains its previous standing. A course of study is adhered to as closely as circumstances will admit. It is an injury to this school, and some others in town, that scholars are allowed by parents to leave before the close of the term. Except for unavoidable reasons, parents should insist upon their children remaining till the end of the last day. Attendance 63, average 52.

MATTERS IN GENERAL.

ATTENDANCE.

The number of scholars actually enrolled, as compared with the whole number returned, is much smaller than it ought to be. Out of 911 scholars returned but about 690 have been found at all in school, and many of these only a few weeks. Parents, ought this to be? Are the few dollars they may earn, or the gratification of their indifference, a sufficient offset to the life-long ignorance that may be entailed upon your children? Require them to be regular in their attendance to school duties while the schools are in session, and lay the foundation of industrious habits and business tact by employing those of sufficient age on your farms or in your stores and shops, during a fair share of the rest of the year, and they will make far better, more intelligent, and more prosperous citizens. Strive to make men and women of your children and not mere pleasure seekers or machines. Intelligence and a good character are the best guarantees of success in any calling.

CO-OPERATION.

Parents should heartily co-operate with teachers to aid and encourage them in their work; this they can best do by frequent visits to the school room, by urging their children to be orderly and attentive to their duties, and by being deaf to trifling complaints and making no adverse criticisms in their presence.

ONE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

The action of the town last spring in this matter was insufficient to put this system into full operation, but enough was done under it, we trust, to convince any unprejudiced person that it is an improvement upon the old. The rural districts have had more schooling, and on the whole better instruction. The responsibility of hiring teachers is placed, where it ought to be, in the hands of the S. S. Committee; and they are thus enabled to select the best teachers for particular schools, to retain acceptable ones in the same schools through the year, or to change when that seems best. This system will work other advantages when put in complete operation by further action of the town this spring. It is strongly recommended that no back steps be taken.

SCHOOL BOOKS AT TOWN EXPENSE.

The plan of furnishing school books and stationery at town expense has worked to the entire acceptance of the committee and teachers, and generally to parents. Every scholar can have a book and just the

one wanted. Teachers have not been under the disagreeable necessity of reminding parents that a new book was needed, to be met by a curt refusal or a grumbling acquiescence. It has saved to some hard-earned dollars which they could ill afford to devote to that object,

The estimated expenses for the year, which was but a guess, has been considerably exceeded. As an average for ten years, this will, in our judgment, prove nearly if not quite sufficient; but it is not enough for the first three or four years. The estimate was made upon the Bath Report, but that city furnishes only school books, while this town has furnished both books and stationery, on the Lewiston plan; and yet, if the expenses for next year should be the same as this in proportion to the number of scholars, the cost will not be greater than the average cost in Bath for the first two years. We believe every large-minded citizen will consider this justifiable expenditure of town money. It is recommended that an addition of \$600 be made to the amount raised for other school purposes and this be not an object for a special appropriation. The town this year has purchased its books at 30 per cent. discount clear of all expenses, and stationery at better rates. Writing books that cost at retail fifteen cents have cost the town only about eight. The experience of other places shows that the longer this plan has been in operation the more popular it has become. Wisdom says "in a good cause never turn back."

SCHOOL HOUSES AND GROUNDS.

The school houses in the village are in a fair state of repair; of those in the rural districts one is very good, three respectable, three are no credit, and the remaining three are a positive disgrace. It is due to the good name of the town that steps towards remedying this evil be taken the present year. Districts 9 and 12 should be united and have a new house, a new one built in No. 10, and some of the others repaired. Only one or two school houses in town have any convenient play ground. This was a sad oversight in those who located the present structures, and should not be overlooked when new houses are built. It is also recommended that we begin to make our school rooms more inviting with maps, mottoes and pictures hung upon the walls. Something might be done each year with trifling expense, and school rooms be made to exert a refining influence of great benefit. The ornamentation is now left entirely to the skill and taste of scholars, with what effect visitors can judge.

We will close this report by urging upon parents a careful scrutiny of the influences that are moulding the moral character of their children. Are not the so-called amusements that so often rob scholars of a night's sleep, tending to undermine health, weaken the intellect, and deprave the morals of your children? A pernicious literature is by no means rare, and is sapping the very foundation of intellectual improvement and true knowledge. In reading low, cheap publications that are positively bad, and a great many books and papers in which the little good is excessively diluted, all love or taste for that which will truly amuse, refine, or inform, is lost or never acquired. We invite candid reflection upon this subject.

E. F. AMBROSE, }
EZRA ROBERTS, } S. S. COMMITTEE.

