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Town of Dexter.

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REPORT  
OF  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st,  
*1877.*

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



# Selectmen's Report.

## HIGHWAYS.

By whom expended.	Summer.	Winter.
Geo. E. Farmer,	\$240 82	
E. F. Copeland,	289 04	
H. H. Jose,	118 69	53 76
Wm. N. Lane,	35 19	68 16
John M. Farrar,	36 60	48 75
J. H. Cobb,	48 32	32 99
R. A. Carr,	25 34	75 64
C. H. Lowell,	77 45	79 48
Geo. E. Watson,	51 34	32 75
I. F. Mower,	27 90	59 91
John Martin,	12 54	48 19
John Brown,	33 75	36 42
B. F. Dunham,		54 37
John Q. Whittemore,	81 43	94 33
W. R. Deering,		23 65
John H. Gould,	27 18	3 31
Jacob Puffer,	3 09	66 52
G. D. Blake,	48 12	41 94
Richard Nutter, Jr.,	65 50	79 96
Charles O. Marsh,		5 75
Stephen F. Wheeler,	20 81	29 85
A. T. Robinson,	36 07	26 22
Darius Sampson,	25 24	21 33
James Leighton,		48 57
Charles Jewett,	27 00	92 86
Andrew S. Farrar,	12 13	
Frank Wheeler,	31 95	47 72
Loring Mower,	35 03	82 92
E. D. Jumper,	56 12	55 24
Charles M. Pullen,	10 13	28 99
James W. Lane,		23 10
Hiram E. Randall,	3 12	33 02
John W. Farrar,	11 19	20 97
Hiram Carr,	18 61	61 90
Leonard M. Hazeltine,		47 54
Orange Jewett,		9 61
S. S. Watson,		63 97
A. B. Fogg,	35 61	23 09
Charles Parkman,	1 80	16 22
Edward F. Libbey,		14 72
J. C. Trickey,		26 77
H. I. Safford,	28 39	31 41
J. M. Haseltine,	50 71	58 95
Expended by Selectmen,	1299 04	
	\$2024 85	1771 45
		2924 85
Amount expended on Highways, not including new roads,		\$4696 30
Appropriation,		\$4,000 00
Overdrawn,		696 30

## NEW ROADS.

Charles O. Marsh,	\$655 97
Appropriation,	600 00
Overdrawn,	55 97

New roads all completed.

## RECAPITULATION.

Expended on roads and sidewalks within the limits of the village,	\$1790 64
"    on highways outside the limits of the village,	2905 66
"    on new roads outside the limits of the village,	655 97
Total amount expended on highways for the year	\$5,352 27

## PAUPER SUPPORT.

Dr. G. B. Clough, medical attendance,		\$75 00
J. F. Witherell, attending funeral Thomas Bickell,	3 00	
Wm. M. Johnson, burial	3 00	6 00
East Livermore, support of Henry R. Hallowell & family,		59 67
Wayne, Wm. Hallowell,		73 11
W. D. Eaton, A. P. Bond,	4 00	
Eaton & Sawyer,	7 50	
Cash Order,	6 00	17 50
Norred Hurd,		10 00
N. F. Roberts, Mrs. S. P. Haines,	2 00	
Mrs. Asa Spooner, Mrs. C. Pouliard,	10 00	12 00
Jenkins & Hill, Joseph Clukey,		4 00
C. P. McCrillis, Otis Butler,	10 00	
J. W. Leighton & Son,	1 15	
H. E. Hatch,	1 00	
Eaton & Sawyer,	2 00	14 15
A. H. Knight & Co., James Clukey,	4 00	
Geo. Hamilton,	3 00	7 00
W. G. Morrill,		5 50
C. P. McCrillis, Wm. Crocker,	9 80	
Bridgham & Son,	2 50	12 30
John H. Brown, Wm. Widgor & family,		6 00
Wm. M. Johnson, digging grave,		3 00
C. P. McCrillis, Hiram W. Page,	9 80	
H. E. Hatch,	6 43	
E. A. Ayer,	2 73	
E. M. Tibbetts, Coffin,	9 50	
Wm M. Johnson, digging grave,	3 00	31 46
J. W. Leighton & Son,	40 74	
E. A. Ayer,	2 50	
Eaton & Sawyer,	7 50	
J. Hersey,	4 00	
A. C. Stevens,	2 00	
N. F. Roberts,	4 50	
E. M. Tibbetts, Coffin,	3 50	
Delano Leighton, digging grave,	1 50	
J. M. Skinner,	1 58	67 82
Eaton & Sawyer, Susan Morgan,		7 00
Hatch & True, Levi Clukey,		3 00
S. S. Jones, Wm. Brawn,	20 00	
Jenkins & Hill,	18 00	
Dr. S. Mudgett,	30 75	
Dr. J. Springall,	5 00	
J. W. Barron,	1 00	74 75
N. F. Roberts, Emma A. Rodgers,	2 00	
Dr. S. Mudgett,	1 25	3 25
Hiram Bassett, Mrs. Isaac H. Brown,	10 18	
W. D. Eaton,	4 00	
Edwin H. Durgin,	5 23	
James Clukey,	1 75	
N. F. Roberts,	1 50	
Dr. Jos. Springall,	23 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, Coffin,	8 00	
H. G. Parishley,	2 50	
Wm. M. Johnson,	1 00	57 16
Stephen D. Meader, Drusilla A. Flanders,	39 63	
E. A. Ayer,	4 51	
G. B. Clough,	4 00	48 14
Jenkins & Hill,		10 00
H. E. Hatch, Lewis E. Hovey,		2 66
H. E. Hatch, Mrs. Jane Hamilton & child, /		4 40
	Mrs. Joseph Neddeau, /	
W. H. Durgin, John C. Hines,		15 00
	Alonzo A. Hines,	33 00
Dr. S. Mudgett,	23 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, Coffin,	4 50	
Wm. M. Johnson, Digging grave,	1 50	\$62 00

## PAUPER SUPPORT—CONTINUED.

W. D. Eaton,	Julia A. Weymouth,	6 00	
S. S. Jones,	"	9 50	
Jenkins & Hill,	"	2 00	
D. Dolloff, Jr.,	"	3 13	
Miss Curtis,	"	6 00	
Dr. S. Mudgett,	"	49 00	
W. H. Durgin,	"	5 75	81 38
Jenkins & Hill,	Geo. S. Dow,	14 00	
Abner Shepherd,	"	6 00	
C. P. McGrillis,	"	2 00	
Dr. S. Mudgett,	"	5 00	27 00
C. P. McGrillis,	Levi Roncou,		5 00
W. D. Eaton,	Sophia Ellis,	2 00	
D. D. Flynt,	"	3 75	
N. F. Roberts,	"	7 75	
J. W. Leighton & Son,	"	7 86	21 36
W. D. Eaton,	Amos Roberts, Jr.'s fam.	8 00	
James S. White,	"	1 00	
Geo. Hamilton,	"	4 00	
G. B. Clough,	"	15 00	28 00
E. M. Tibbetts, 12 coffins for the poor,			54 00
N. L. Haskell, burial Mrs. S. Ireland,			3 00
Geo. Hamilton, cash paid out to ascertain the residence of paupers, and sundry pauper bills,			25 00
Daniel Dolloff, Jr., support of stranger,			1 00

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\$942 61

Balance Samuel Murphy and wife, salary,

232 41

Total amount of pauper support,

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\$1,175 02

Deduct the amount received and due from other towns as follows:

Rec'd from Corinth for sup.	A. S. Boiton,	\$10 00	
Parkman,	Lewis E. Hovey,	2 66	
Athens,	Mrs. Jane Hamilton,	4 40	
"	Emma A. Rogers,	3 25	
Hartland,	Wm. Brawn,	70 75	
Exeter,	Mrs. Isaac H. Brown,	57 16	
St. Albans,	Sophia Ellis,	15 61	
Unity,	Alonzo A. Hines,	62 00	
"	John C. Hines,	10 00	
Alna,	Geo. S. Dow,	25 00	
Due from Medford, for sup.	Julia A. Weymouth,	81 38	
Garland or Bangor,	Drusilla A. Flanders,	48 14	
Unity,	John C. Hines,	5 00	
Alna,	Geo. S. Dow,	2 00	
Hartland,	Wm. Brawn,	4 00	
St. Albans,	Mrs. Sophia Ellis,	5 75	
Sangerville,	A. Roberts, Jr.'s fam.	28 00	435 10

Whole amount of pauper expense for the year,

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\$739 92

Appropriation,

\$1,500 00

Balance unexpended,

760 08

## TOWN FARM.

Paid Samuel Murphy and wife for care of farm,		\$825 00
" for supplies for farm,		573 38
		<hr/> \$808 38
Received for stock and produce sold,	\$641 97	
" from Athens for support of E. A. Rogers,	24 00	\$665 97
		<hr/> \$232 41
Produce and stock on hand more than last year,	\$157 10	
Reduction in valuation of stock from "	80 00	\$237 10
		<hr/> \$ 4 69

Balance in favor of farm,

## TOWN FARM—CONTINUED.

## PRODUCTS OF FARM.

35 tons hay;	27 bushels beets.
68 bushels wheat;	31 " carrots;
20 1-2 " beans,	25 " turnips;
350 " potatoes;	2 3-4 " buckwheat;
318 " Mangel Wurzels;	989 3-4 lbs. pork.

## STOCK ON HAND.

2 oxen	\$140 00
4 cows	160 00
1 2-year old	16 00
1 1-year old	15 00
1 Horse,	150 00
19 sheep	133 00
4 swine	60 00
30 hens	15 00

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\$689 00

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

13 tons hay	\$156 00	160 bushels potatoes,	\$136 00
2 1-2 " straw,	15 00	37 " wheat,	74 00
145 bush. beets & carrots,	58 00	3 " corn,	2 70
5 " turnips,	1 50	7 " beans,	14 00
150 lbs. dried apples,	10 50	2 3-4 " buckwheat,	2 75
1 bbl. vinegar,	10 00	1-2 " peas,	1 00
2-3 " pickles,	9 00	1 bbl. flour,	8 00
shorts,	1 87	2-3 " pork,	15 00
17 lbs. butter,	3 40	18 lbs. lard,	2 88

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\$265 27

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\$256 33

265 27

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\$521 60

Also, 44 cords wood prepared for stove; 300 fence rails.

Received for surplus products sold, and included in the amount of produce sold:

From the Dairy—Cheese,	\$53 78	
Butter,	51 03	\$104 81
From Sheep. Wool and Lambs,		62 17
Also three added to the number.		
From Hens—Poultry,	\$17 00	
Eggs,	25 51	\$42 51

## MEAT ACCOUNT, &amp;C.

3 Hogs—989 3-4 lbs. pork,	\$69 28	
Pigs sold,	25 00	\$94 28
Meat and Fish used on the farm during the year:		
1 bbl. extra beef,	\$17 75	
2 1-3 " pork,	46 25	
Fresh meat,	9 25	
200 lbs. cod fish,	10 00	\$83 25
Surplus		\$11 03

## POOR AT THE FARM.

Whole number 8, as follows:

William Sturtevant,  
 Lucien Jose.  
 Charles K. Howard,  
 Mrs. Ward Safford,  
 " A. P. Lovejoy,  
 " S. Grover,  
 David Berry,  
 James Dyer.

Emma A. Rogers was admitted and remained until removed by the town of Athens.

William Hallowell left and died in the town of Wayne, Feb. 9, 1877.

## TOWN FARM—CONTINUED.

The Farm has been under the continued care of Samuel Murphy and wife. Mrs. Murphy has been very successful in her care of the inmates and in the management of her department. Mr. Murphy has also exhibited great skill and ability in the management of the farm. The Crops were put in as soon as the ground was in condition, thoroughly cultivated, and were excellent. The Stock has been well cared for, is now in fine condition, and has been a source of profit. The farming tools kept in good repair and well housed.

He has, with the help of the inmates, in addition to the regular work, completed an under drain, about 44 rods in length, 31-2 feet deep. Stoned and covered, thereby reclaiming the easterly part of the farm, which, with proper cultivation, will no doubt become the most valuable part of the farm. Four acres of this drained land has been plowed and made ready for a crop, with the fencing ready to be put up.

## TOWN CHARGES.

R. O. Robbins, for printing Report, 1876,	\$ 27 90
Allen Merrill, Abatements,	275 22
Percentage on collecting,	378 42
F. R. Webber, error in tax,	4 70
Wm. M. Johnson, labor in new cemetery,	28 20
Pollard, Leighton & Co., Police badges,	14 25
J. W. Maxwell, freight on guns to Bangor,	5 65
Wm. M. Johnson, Constable services,	4 00
Eldridge Brothers, Bulletin board,	4 00
E. F. Copeland, grading town lot,	160 00
J. W. Barron, non-resident taxes,	11 70
Springall & Co., Blank books,	3 10
Cyrus Foss, rep. furnaces Town Hall,	4 76
Ezra Roberts, services S. S. Committee,	43 35
Joseph Sanborn, " "	47 50
Mrs. Allen Merrill, " "	38 50
N. Dustin & Co., rep. slate Town Hall,	98
Josiah Crosby, legal services,	29 10
Johnson & Ayer, lock for Town Hall,	2 25
Jenkins & Hill, powder,	76
W. H. P. Bement, rep. slate on Town Hall,	3 06
L. K. Bryant, rep. furnaces in Town Hall,	3 50
Warren Mower, damage on sleigh,	5 00
B. B. Lucas, Constable services, &c.,	3 90
D. D. Flynt, Constable services,	5 50
Bailey French, " "	4 00
H. L. Haskell, labor in old cemetery,	15 00
I. F. Mower, Constable services,	2 50
E. H. Witham, " " &c.,	20 00
B. F. Mills, " "	4 00
Allen Merrill, " "	8 50
E. B. Fifiel, rep. windows Town Hall,	1 00
Geo. Hamilton, stationery, postage, express and sundry small bills,	20 00
Geo. E. Farmer, rep. slate Town Hall,	4 25
Bridgham & Son, blank books, &c.,	2 04
D. Dolloff, Jr., sundry small bills,	2 38
John H. Swanton, Constable services,	1 50
R. O. Robbins, printing,	24 67
Daniel Delloff, Jr., services Selectman,	70 00
Horace Jennings, " "	95 00
Geo. Hamilton, " "	100 00
" " assessing and recording school dist. taxes,	25 00
J. W. Barron, services as Town Treasurer,	30 00
	\$1535 14



## BILLS OF FORMER YEARS.

V. A. Sprague, cost and legal services in the Moses Giles' cider case, resulting from a warrant signed by Nathan Wyman and E. M. Tibbetts, Selectmen in 1873,	\$92 12
Josiah Crosby, legal services in above case,	15 00
Hiram Carr, storing engines, 1875,	4 00
P. McCrillis, abatements 1871-2,	18 00
Josiah Crosby, legal services 1875,	14 00
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	\$143 12

## RECAPITULATION.

Town charges,	\$1,535 14
Bills of former years,	143 12
Fire Department,	109 26
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	\$1,787 52
Appropriation,	2,000 00
Balance unexpended,	212 48

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance unexpended March 1, 1877,	\$300 00
Appropriation by Town,	500 00
State,	500 00
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	\$1,300 00
Amount expended,	1,012 50
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Balance unexpended,	\$287 50

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways,	\$4,696 30
New roads,	655 97
Support of poor,	739 92
Town charges,	1,535 14
Bills of former years,	143 12
Fire Department,	109 26
Support of schools,	4,564 06
High School,	1,012 50
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	\$13,456 27

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

G. Safford, labor,	\$12 48
Jenkins & Hill, oil,	50
Johnson & Aver, hardware,	45
Eldridge Brothers, engine house,	2 80
M. C. R. R., freight on hose,	3 52
J. H. Fitzgerald, care of Hook & Ladder carriage,	10 00
Springall & Co.,	2 60
Eaton & Sawyer,	1 37
W. H. Durgin, oil,	1 54
G. Safford, services Chief Engineer,	10 00
N. F. Roberts, Fire Warden,	10 00
Hatch & True, oil, engine house,	75
H. A. Johnson, care of Eagle Engine No. 1,	15 00
M. C. Crane, care of engine house,	2 00
J. D. Maxfield, care of force pump,	10 00
J. S. Campbell, Fire Warden, &c.,	11 25
Bethuel Stearns, care of Tiger Engine,	15 00
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	\$109 26

## FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN.

Amount of Fire Dept. Loan, March 1, 1876,	\$2,197 53
Appropriation,	600 00
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Balance Fire Dept. Loan,	\$1,597 53
Expenditures authorized by vote of the town, 1000 feet of rubber-lined hose,	\$750 00
Expended on reservoirs,	610 52
Hose carriage ordered,	100 00
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	\$1,460 52

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Roncisco Safford,	July 24, 1869,	\$ 500 00
Ann L. Mower,	May 7, 1867,	200 00
Samuel Abbott,	Nov. 19, 1869,	342 00
Samuel F. Marble,	July 1, 1870,	1,500 00
Nancy J. Palmer,	" 20, 1870,	347 00
Hosea B. Crowell,	June 10, 1871,	537 00
Abigail Crowell,	May 11, 1872,	315 00
Funded debt,		8,000 00
Ann L. Katen,	Feb. 17, 1873,	100 00
Mary F. Leighton,	May 13, 1873,	527 50
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,	" 31, 1875,	300 00
Cyrus Eoss,	May 13, 1875,	1,000 00
Olive M. Crawford,	June 22, 1875,	600 00
Samuel Morrill,	July 17, 1875,	1,000 00
Harriet M. Briggs,	Aug. 24, 1875,	575 00
Emma F. Briggs,	" 24, 1875,	430 00
Ellen E. Whittemore,	Sept. 14, 1875,	225 00
Mrs. R. Knowles,	Oct. 4, 1875,	400 00
Susan B. Lincoln,	Sept. 30, 1875,	660 00
Due the High School,		287 50
Unexpended school money,		837 07
Due for hose carriage ordered,		100 00
Amount of liabilities, including Fire Dept. loan, and also amount expended for new hose, reservoirs, and hose carriage,		\$19,708 07

## RESOURCES.

100 shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock,	\$ 7,000 00
Cash in the Treasury,	293 77
" in the hands of Collector less percentage,	2,447 02
Due from other towns for support of paupers,	174 27
Execution against W. H. Gould,	104 24
Due on non-resident taxes,	11 70
	\$10,031 00
Total indebtedness of the town, including Fire Department, new hose, reservoirs and hose carriage,	\$9,677 07
Town indebtedness as reported March 1, 1876, including Fire Dept. Loan,	\$10,123 94
Add amount expended by vote of the town for new hose, reservoirs and hose carriage,	1,460 52
Amount of indebtedness,	\$11,584 46
Deduct appropriation for Fire Dept. Loan,	600 00
Amount for which no appropriation was made,	\$10,984 46
Total balance against the town, March 1, 1877,	9,677 07
Amount saved from appropriations and other resources during the year,	\$1,307 39

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Support of Schools,	\$2,400 00
" High School,	500 00
" Poor,	1,500 00
Town charges,	2,000 00
Highways,	4,000 00
Fire Dept. Loan,	600 00

# VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF DEXTER BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT	No. 1 (Union)	No. of Polls,	Valuation,
	2	12	\$ 10,857
	3	19	17,700
	4	16	16,055
	5	22	32,187
	6	17	31,205
	7	450	636,783
	8	18	19,600
	9	20	16,050
	10	18	14,069
	11	22	25,008
	12	17	16,237
	13	15	19,597
	4 (United with Ripley)	4	2,495

Whole number of polls	650	Total	857,851
Valuation of property in School District No. 6, outside the limits of the village,			\$26,012 00
Number of polls,			18
Valuation of property outside the limits of the village and owned by persons living in the village,			\$20,085 00
Valuation of property in the village and owned outside the limits of the village by residents of the town,			\$3,100 00
Valuation of property within the limits of the village,			\$610,771 00
Number of polls in the village,			432
Valuation of property owned by residents of the village,			\$627,756 00
Valuation of property owned outside the limits of the village,			\$230,095 00
Number of polls outside the village,			218

## AMOUNT EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS, INCLUDING NEW ROADS, FOR THREE YEARS, AS FOLLOWS :

	Am't exp. in the village.	Am't exp. outside the village.	Total.
1874	\$1,694 12	\$4,663 69	\$6,357 81
1875	1,300 00	4,057 59	5,357 59
1876	1,793 64	3,561 63	5,355 27
	<u>\$4,784 76</u>	<u>\$12,282 91</u>	<u>\$17,067 67</u>

## AMOUNT OF TAXES PAID FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THREE YEARS, AS FOLLOWS :

	Am't paid by the Village.	Am't paid outside the Village.	Total.
1874	\$9,921 81	\$3,418 42	\$13,340 23
1875	11,698 03	4,010 50	15,708 53
1876	9,457 04	3,263 51	12,720 55
	<u>\$31,076 88</u>	<u>\$10,692 43</u>	<u>\$41,769 31</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Am't Taxes for Municipal purposes by Village for three years,	\$31,076 88
outside	10,692 43
Total,	\$41,769 31
Am't exp. on Roads and Sidewalks within limits of Village,	\$4,784 76
Highways outside Village, including New Roads,	12,282 91
Total Am't exp. on Highways for three years,	17,067 67
Am't exp. on New Roads outside the limits of the Village, and included in the above.	2,655 97

Amount of State Tax,	\$3,780 98
County "	2,217 47

Percentage, .0195.

Number of Scholars, 855.

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town March 1, 1877, and expenditures for one year.

GEO. HAMILTON,  
HORACE JENNINGS,  
DANIEL DOLLOFF, JR., } Selectmen,  
of  
DEXTER.

**Town Treasurer's Report.****TOWN OF DEXTER,**

IN ACC'T WITH J. W. BARRON, TREAS.

Amount in Treasury at commencement of the year,	\$ 3,231 08
" hands of the Collector,	3,327 22
" of tax bills to Allen Merrill, Collector,	12,779 52
" Int. on R. R. stock, Sept. & March,	600 00
" Circus license from G. Hamilton,	25 00
" cash rec'd from Town Farm,	201 00
" " Int. and costs, non-resident taxes,	13 05
" " Sarah Morgan,	11 00
" rec'd from A. Shepherd for liquor casks sold,	1 00
" " State School fund,	609 75
" " Mill tax	866 60
" " High School	500 00
" " Treasurer of Town School fund,	150 00
" " Town of Exeter,	57 16
" " Alma,	25 00
" " Corinth,	10 00
" " Parkman,	2 66
" " Athens,	7 65
" " Hartland,	70 75
" " St. Albans,	15 61
" " Unity,	74 75
" " Town Hall,	158 22
" " several School Districts, small balances,	7 36
" " bal. of grass sold in new cemetery, 1875,	2 00
" " grass sold in new cemetery, 1875,	30 00
" " lots	50 00
" " old	10 00
" " all other sources,	80 38

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\$22,917 45

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To paid on orders drawn,	\$15,623 76
" town debts,	2,950 00
" Int. on town debts,	774 45
" " funded debt,	495 00
" tax to St. Albans,	95
" balance in hands of collector,	2,779 52
" " treasury,	293 77

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\$22,917 45J. W. BARRON,  
TREASURER.**Report of Treasurer of Trustees of Dexter School Fund.**

Whole amount of fund,	\$2,689 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds,	\$1,900 00
" Corinna "	600 00
David McG. Jones note,	150 00
John & Hiram Morgan note,	30 00
Cash in treasury,	9 47
Interest amounting to \$150 00 has been collected and paid into the town treasury.	\$2,689 47

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

**Report of School Agent.**

School money unexpended March 1, 1876.	\$	296	82
Balance due the several school districts,		1,067	07
Town appropriation,		2,400	00
Received from the State,		1,476	44
"    "    Town school fund,		160	80
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			\$5,401 13
Paid Union School District, No. 1,	\$	61	36
Fuel and repairs,		513	49
School books and stationery,		651	06
Teachers' salaries, including board,		3,318	15
Agent's salary,		20	00
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Balance unexpended,			\$837 07

HORACE JENNINGS, AGENT.

**Town Hall.**

Cash rec'd for use of Hall during the year,		\$307	75
"    paid for wood during the year,	\$	45	53
"    "    oil, &c.,		31	50
"    "    E. H. Witham, care of Hall,		72	50
"    "    Town Treasurer,		158	22
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			\$307 75

N. F. ROBERTS, AGENT.

**Dexter Fire Department.**

The Engineers would respectfully submit the following report, for the year ending Feb., 1877:

**Fire Alarms as Follows:**

- No. 1. A bon-fire near Swanton's Dwelling, in the north part of the village. April 1st, 1876.
- No. 2. N. H. Bates' Stable, Main St. Apr. 27th, 1876.
- No. 3. Mercantile Block. Apr. 29th, 1876.
- No. 4. N. Dustin & Co.'s Shed, situated between Machine Shop and Chas. Bassett's Store and Dwelling, Main St. May 25th, 1876.
- No. 5. Dr. Springall's Dwelling, Spring St. June 27th, 1876.

This Department has been supplied with 1000 feet of 2 1-2 in. Rubber Lined Linen Hose, new. Has 1650 feet of 2 in. Unlined Linen, not reliable; also, 300 feet 2 in. Leather Hose.

Would recommend one or more Extension Ladders.

G. SAFFORD, CHIEF OF DEP'T.

# Report of S. S. Committee.

The Superintending School Committee submit to the Town their Annual Report:

Your Committee are happy to report the general prosperity of the schools of the town, for the year now closed. Of the eighteen schools in town, eleven have had twenty-four weeks of schooling each, five twenty-eight and two, viz: the High School and the Grammar School, will have had thirty weeks each at the close of their spring term, now in session. Nineteen different teachers have been employed within the year, and we congratulate ourselves and the town on our good fortune in the selection of teachers. Of the whole number employed, we have to report no entire failure of any, and with very few exceptions, their services were quite satisfactory; while a large majority evinced degrees of excellence in their calling. The twenty four weeks of schooling for most of the rural schools were comprised in a summer term and a winter term, of twelve each, but we think the money would have been more profitably expended in three terms, of eight weeks each, for we are convinced that a period of twelve weeks is, for the younger portion of scholars, at least, too long a term of confinement to study—especially so in the heat of summer. We therefore recommend that a similar amount of schooling, for the coming year, be given in three terms instead of two. School district limits, within the town, having been abolished, in reporting the schools severally, we designate those not graded, by the respective numbers of their original districts.

SCHOOL No. 1, we pass, as being connected with a portion of Corinna, in a union district, and under the supervision of the officials of that town.

SCHOOL No. 2. Summer term taught by Miss Fannie Marble. Miss Marble has taught this school for several successive terms, in all of which she has merited the highest commendation of parents and Committee. Whole number of scholars, 14; average, 11. Winter term taught by Miss Bessie Nutter, who well sustained the good reputation she had earned elsewhere, as a very successful teacher. Whole number in attendance, 15; average, 10.

SCHOOL No. 3. Summer term taught by Miss Lettie Daggett. The order and discipline of this school were excellent; and, though the instruction was not so thorough as would have been expected from an old teacher, we have no doubt more experience will render Miss Daggett one of our most successful teachers. Whole number of scholars, 16; average, 13. Winter term taught by Miss Abbie Jennings, a smart, energetic and systematic teacher, such as always succeeds.

SCHOOL No. 4, has had three terms, 24 weeks in all; taught by Miss Ella Mower. Miss Mower sustained her former reputation as a first class teacher in every respect. Whole number in attendance, 20; average, 13.

SCHOOL No. 5. Summer term taught by Grace Gilman. This school made fair progress, but did not quite come up to what we deem a success. Whole number, 8; average, 6. Winter term taught by Cora Robinson—a good school. Whole number, 8; average, 6.

SCHOOL No. 7. Summer term taught by Miss Abbie Jennings, who fully justified the expectations of the committee, by successfully discharging the duties of an excellent teacher. Winter term taught by Miss Fannie Marble, who, by her rare faculty of inducing her pupils to think, attained the success which enables her to rank with our best teachers.

SCHOOL No. 8. Summer term taught by Miss Bessie Nutter, whose efforts for a good school were happily appreciated and seconded by the parents of her pupils, and gave excellent satisfaction. Whole number, 15; average 12. Winter term taught by Miss Jennette S. Barton. The excellent discipline and good advancement observable in this school, bespeak the kindly disposition of the scholars, and judicious management of the teacher. Miss Barton has had but little experience in teaching, and we predict for her an enviable reputation as a teacher, if she continues in the avocation.

SCHOOL No. 9. Summer term taught by Miss Cora Robinson. Winter term by Miss Mary E. Hoyt. Both Miss Robinson and Miss Hoyt



have hitherto been regarded as excellent teachers, but failed to give entire satisfaction in this school. There seemed to be a lack of co-operation on the part of parents and scholars of this school, which is detrimental to its best interests.

SCHOOL No. 10. Summer term taught by Miss Mary E. Hoyt. Miss Hoyt sustained her former reputation as being one of our best teachers. Winter term taught Miss Nellie Carr. This was Miss Carr's second term. She gave very good satisfaction, and we think will make one of our best teachers.

SCHOOL No. 11. Summer term taught by Miss Mary C. Drew. A first-class school in every respect. Number, 26; average, 21. Winter term taught by Mrs. O. M. Merrill. Mrs. Merrill is an experienced teacher, and gave the best satisfaction. Whole number scholars, 24; average, 20.

SCHOOL No. 12. Summer term taught by Miss Nellie Carr. This was Miss Carr's first attempt at teaching, and was attended with fair success. Winter term taught by Miss Alice M. Smart. This school was injured somewhat by sickness in the neighborhood, but was withal a very satisfactory school.

SCHOOL No. 13. This school has had three terms of eight weeks each; the first two taught by Miss Alice M. Smart, with tolerable success. Winter term by Mr. Percy Crosby. Visited at commencement, not visited at the close, but from what can be learned of the school, and from appearances at beginning, it is judged to have been entirely satisfactory. The number appropriated to this school is one higher than we had of districts, as it was formerly a portion of district No. 6, but being one of the number not graded, and the thirteenth of that number, it was thought proper to so designate it.

The Village schools, except the High School, have been taught by the respective teachers under whose instruction they had been for several consecutive terms, and who continue to merit the approbation they have heretofore received.

The High School had been for seven years under the instruction of Mr. E. F. Ambrose, whose services were most acceptable to our citizens; but at the close of the spring term, one year ago, he was compelled by failing health to dissolve his connection with the school. The Committee then engaged the services of Mr. Timberlake, who came to us well recommended as a gentleman of some experience and of uniform success in teaching, but his ideas and methods of discipline were not quite suited to the latitude of our High School, and we deemed a change advisable after the first, or fall term. To take charge of the winter term, we engaged Mr. Goodsoe, who likewise came highly recommended from schools in which he had taught; but, though he labored conscientiously, and with great anxiety to achieve success, yet he failed to come up to the desired point in discipline, and we released him at the close of the winter term. The school is now under the charge of Mr. Bumps, formerly the successful teacher of the Grammar School, and we have no fears for the discipline under his administration. In this connection, we mention with high appreciation the services of Miss M. J. C. Thompson, the efficient assistant in the High School. Miss Thompson is a lady of eminent literary ability, and her untiring energy and "aptness to teach," render her labors invaluable to the school.

The Grammar School is now being taught by Miss L. E. Weymouth, who, in a succession of terms in the Primary and intermediate grades, has proved herself second to none in the management of schools.

Our village schools were interrupted, and some of them suffered no little loss in numbers, by the ravages of a fearful contagion during the winter term; the schools were suspended two weeks, in the hope that the "overflowing scourge" would pass by, and, though the afflictive visitation was in some degree mitigated, yet its shadow still darkens many homes in our community.

The Committee respectfully represent to the town the necessity of some action in relation to more suitable school houses. The annual report of the S. S. Committee of last year stated the necessity of new school houses, in what was formerly Dist. No. 10, and in the territory of Dist.'s No. 9 and 12.

That necessity still exists, and is no less imperative now than it was a year ago. Much-needed repairs on other school houses are being too long neglected, for the benefit of the schools and the interests of the town. We earnestly recommend the building of a good and suitable house, the present season, in each of the localities mentioned, and that necessary repairs be made, and furniture provided, for several other schools in town.

We refer with much pleasure to the kindly disposition manifested by the scholars generally, to second the efforts of teachers and Committee for good and profitable schools; and that any exceptions to this general rule should exist, is a matter of regret; yet such exceptions have appeared in a few instances. Some of the older scholars, boys from fifteen to eighteen years of age, (young gentlemen, doubtless, in their own estimation and that of their fond parents) seem to regard obedience to any authority or law of school government as derogatory to their dignity; and, rather than comply with the requirements of necessary and wholesome school discipline, will voluntarily absent themselves, or for persistent misconduct, be suspended or expelled from school; and parents, instead of interposing authority to prevent it, allow them to neglect and abuse their privileges, and suffer this important period in the lives of their children to pass unimproved. Strange that such parents do not consider they are "sowing to the wind, and will reap the whirlwind;" and they can have no just cause for complaint, when, from the future of their children, they gather the unsatisfactory harvest. In closing our school labors for the year, we express thanks for the kindness and co-operation of citizens generally, and for the uniform tokens of respect we have received from their children, the scholars of the schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH SANBORN,	}	S. S. COMMITTEE
EZRA ROBERTS,		
ANN J. MERRILL,		
		OF
		DEXTER.





