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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN.

— AND —

S. S. COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF DEXTER,

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.



DEXTER:
ROBBINS & HERRING, STEAM JOB PRINTING HOUSE,
1878.

Report of Selectmen.

HIGHWAYS.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.

E. F. Copeland,	\$581 22
Jeremiah Page,	62 11
J. C. Crowell,	59 23
A. T. Robinson,	54 19
E. W. Eaton,	37 12
Stephen F. Wheeler,	17 79
William Oliver,	29 41
John Q. Whittemore,	59 93
J. C. Trickey,	23 07
I. F. Mower,	48 11
John M. Farrar,	49 88
Lyman K. Lane,	8 24
Wm. R. Arno,	24 03
John Kittredge,	44 50
G. D. Blake,	26 28
Cyrus S. Drew,	237 23
Joseph H. Cobb,	35 63
Hiram W. Randall,	27 38
Isaac P. Emerson,	19 00
W. H. Dering,	36 27
Darius Sampson,	47 84
Almon S. Chase,	35 65
John Brown,	23 62
Hiram A. Bement,	44 44
Chas. M. Pullen,	44 56
Richard Nutter, Jr.,	40 50
Hosea B. Crowell,	96 65
Thomas O. Additon,	15 88
Alvin B. Fogg,	34 02
John Martin,	11 32
Sewall Bond,	15 23
Hiram Carr,	10 12
Charles A. Marsh,	17 53
Luther Young,	33 56
J. M. Haseltine,	8 00
David McG. Jones,	15 50
Henry I. Safford,	12 48
Jacob Puffer,	10 33
James Leighton,	17 16
Edward F. Libbey,	18 70
Leonard M. Haseltine,	3 85
Andrew S. Farrar,	6 21
Chas. W. Farrar,	15 83
L. D. Packard,	7 69
Expended by the Selectmen,	845 98
Amount expended on highways,	\$2912 19
Appropriation,	4000 00
Balance unexpended,	\$1087 81

SUPPORT OF POOR.

G. B. Clough, medical attendance,.....			\$75 00
Levi C. Morgan, support of Susan Morgan,.....	\$10 00		
W. H. Durgin, do do	7 00		
Eaton & Sawyer, do do	9 50	26 50	
W. H. Durgin, support of A. A. Hines,.....	43 00		
Dr. S. Mudgett, med. att. do	8 00		
Dr. G. B. Clough, do do	7 00		
A. H. Knight & Co., sup't of do	2 15	60 15	
W. H. Durgin, support of John C. Hines,.....	24 00		
J. W. Leighton & Son, support do	3 50		
N. F. Roberts, do do	3 50		
Dr. S. Mudgett, medical att. of do	2 25	33 25	
W. H. Durgin, support of Julia A. Weymouth,	20 70		
Mrs. James Dinsmore, do do	4 00		
Wm. M. Johnson, do do	1 00		
Dr. S. Mudgett, med. att. of do	3 00	28 70	
H. E. Hatch, support of Mrs. Jane Hamilton and child,....		4 00	
do do Mrs. John Willard,	4 00		
A. H. Knight & Co., sup't of do	1 65	5 65	
H. E. Hatch, support of A. S. Bolton,	8 75		
Eaton & Sawyer, do do	10 00		
N. F. Roberts, do do	4 00		
Frank Wheeler, do do	5 00	27 75	
Chas. Lewis, cow for Wm. Crocker,		20 00	
S. S. Jones, support of Wm. Brawn,	20 00		
Jenkins & Hill, do do	35 00		
Dr. S. Mudgett, med. att. of do	24 25	79 25	
Mr. James Dinsmore, support of Amos Roberts Jr., and family,		12 00	
Stephen D. Meader, " Drusilla A. Flanders,...	25 00		
Ezra S. Silver, digging grave do	3 00		
E. M. Tibbitts, coffin do	11 00		
A. B. Kendall, robe, do	1 24		
J. F. Witherell, funeral service do	3 00		
H. G. Parshley, do do	2 00		
H. Jennings, paid charges, do	5 00	50 24	
Jenkins & Hill, support of Geo. S. Dow,.....		5 00	
C. P. McCrillis, support of Dexter Esty,	24 00		
J. W. Leighton & Son, " do	8 00	32 00	
C. P. McCrillis, support of Levi Ronco,.....		25 00	
Jenkins & Hill, support of Joseph Clukey,.....	7 00		
John Hamilton, do do	3 25		
H. E. Hatch, do do	2 00	12 25	
W. S. Giles, support of Mrs. R. H. Lan ^g ,		10 00	
Julia A. Pease, support of Abigail Watson,		32 00	
Wm. M. Johnson, burial of Nancy Tapley,.....		5 00	
Wm. M. Johnson, entombing Weymouth child,		1 00	
J. W. Leighton & Son, support of Sewell Blake,.....	10 81		
Jenkins & Hill do do	1 73	12 54	
J. W. Leighton & Son, do T. A. Leighton,.....		10 27	
do do Frank Clukey,	14 00		
Cobb & Moore, do do	3 00	17 00	
J. W. Leighton & Son, do Chas. A. Dexter,.....	13 08		
Hatch & True, do do	2 25	15 33	
J. W. Leighton & Son, do B. F. Longley,.....	23 61		

SUPPORT OF POOR—CONTINUED.

Eaton & Sawyer,	do	do	.....	3 08	
B. F. Mills,	do	do	.....	5 00	
Eaton & Sawyer,	do	do	.....	7 50	
Lyman K. Lane,	do	do	.....	1 78	
Cobb & Moore,	do	do	.....	2 87	
Geo. Hamilton,	do	do	.....	1 76	45 60
J. W. Leighton & Son, support of J. Dyer,			.....	2 50	
Felix Swanton,	do	do	.....	5 00	
Hatch & True,	do	do	.....	16 75	
P. L. Lowell,	do	do	.....	3 12	
C. P. McCrillis,	do	do	.....	8 00	
Eaton & Sawyer,	do	do	.....	8 00	
Bridgham & Son,	do	do	.....	90	
E. M. Tibbetts, coffin for		do	.....	11 50	
do coffin for child of	do	do	.....	5 25	61 02
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Nancy Bridgham.			.....		33 01
Hiram Bassett, support of Mrs. W. J. Star,			.....	3 74	
N. F. Roberts,	do	do	.....	1 75	
Cash order,	do	do	.....	18 65	24 14
Hatch & True,	do	W. J. Page,	.....		3 00
Jenkins & Hill,	do	Peter Clukey,	.....	5 00	
Geo. Hamilton,	do	do	.....	15 00	20 00
Jenkins & Hill,	do	Otis Ellis,	.....		7 68
Thomas A. Chandler, support of Nathan A. Daggett & wife,			.....		10 00
Bridgham & Son,	do	Augustus White,	.....		27 60
Wm. M. Johnson, burial of Hannaford child,			.....		2 50
do do Burgess child,			.....		2 00
H. L. Haskell,	do	Mrs. J. P. Lovejoy,	.....		3 50
Geo. Hamilton, support of Mark Porter,			.....		7 00
do do strangers,			.....		3 00
do cash paid out for sundry paupers, and to ascertain residence, etc.,				25 00
L. D. Hayes, support of Wm. Brawn,				5 00
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					\$879 93
Balance Samuel Murphy and wife's salary,				289 27
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					Total amount of Pauper support,.....\$1169 20

DEDUCT AMOUNT RECEIVED AND DUE FROM OTHER TOWNS, AS FOLLOWS :

Received from Town of Alna, support of G. S. Dow,			.....	\$5 00
do do Corinth, do	A. S. Bolton,		.....	27 75
do do Unity, do	A. A. Hines,		.....	56 15
do do " do	John C. Hines,		..	27 50
do do Solon, do	B. F. Longley,		...	45 00
do do Athens, do	Jane Hamilton,		...	4 00
do do Medford, do	Julia Weymouth,			24 70
do do Wellington, do	Abigail Watson,		..	24 00
do do Exeter, do	Mrs. Willard,		....	5 65
do do Hartland, do	Wm. Brawn,		....	79 25
do do Sangerville, do	Amos Roberts, Jr.			12 00
do do Garland, do	Drusilla Flanders			50 24
do do Greenville, do	Levi Ronco,		.....	25 00
do do Detroit, do	Dexter Esty,		.....	30 00
do City of Augusta, do	T. A. Leighton,		..	10 27

SUPPORT OF POOR—CONCLUDED.

do	Town of Paris,	do	Mark Porter,	7	00	
do	do	Corinna,	do	Burgess child,	2	00
do	do	Embden,	do	Nathan A. Daggett,	10	00
do	do	St. Albans,	do	Otis Ellis,	4	68
Dne from the	do	Unity,	do	A. A. Hines,	4	00
do	do	"	do	John C. Hines,	5	75
do	do	Medford,	do	Julia Weymouth,	4	00
do	do	St. Albans,	do	Otis Ellis,	3	00
do	do	do	do	Simon Ellis,	3	00
do	do	Wellington,	do	Abigail Watson,	8	00
do	do	Sangerville,	do	Nancy Brigham,	31	01
do	do	Detroit,	do	Dexter Esty,	2	00
do	do	Hartland,	do	Wm. Brawn,	5	00
						<u>516 55</u>
Whole amount of Pauper support for year,						\$652 65
Appropriation,						1500 00
Balance unexpended,						846 85

TOWN FARM.

Paid Samuel Murphy and wife, for services on the farm,	\$325	00
Paid for supplies for farm,	628	77
		<u>983 77</u>
Received for stock and produce sold,	\$660	50
Care of 34 tramps,	34	00
Amount paid out more than received,		694 50
Depreciation in value of farm stock, produce, etc., during the year,		289 27
		<u>260 60</u>

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

30 tons Hay,	325 bushels of Potatoes,
23 1-2 bushels of Wheat,	305 do Mangel Wurzels,
23 do Corn,	50 do Beets,
51 do Beans,	32 do Carrots,
2 2-3 do Peas,	58 do Turnips,
55 do Barley,	1300 lbs Pork.

STOCK ON HAND.

2 Oxen,	\$140	00
4 Cows,	160	00
1 Yearling,	8	00
21 Sheep,	126	00
1 Horse,	100	00
4 Swine,	30	00
30 Hens,	15	00
		<u>\$579 00</u>

TOWN FARM—CONTINUED.

PRODUCE ON HAND.

9 tons Hay,.....	\$135 00	196 bush. Mangolds & Carrots,	\$74 40
1 ton Straw,.....	6 00	11 bush. Turnips,.....	3 00
30 bush. Early Rose Potatoes,	12 00	100 lbs. Shorts,.....	1 50
150 bush. Potatoes,.....	40 00	3 bush. Corn Meal,.....	2 50
10 lbs. Butter,.....	2 00	1 1-2 bush. Peas,.....	1 50
30 lbs. Lard,.....	3 00	7 bush. Beans,.....	14 00
60 lbs. Dried Apples,.....	6 00	1-2 bbl. Flour,.....	4 00
11 1-2 bush. Barley,.....	10 35	3-4 bbl. Vinegar,.....	7 50
80 lbs. Fish,.....	4 80	1 bbl. Pork,.....	16 00
1-2 bbl. Soap,.....	2 00	1-3 bbl. Pickles,.....	4 50

 350 05

Also, 45 cords Wood prepared for Stoves, and 300 Fence Rails.

RECEIVED FOR SURPLUS PRODUCTS, SOLD AND INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT OF PRODUCE SOLD.

From Dairy—Cheese,.....	\$81 89	
Butter,.....	39 70	
Veals,.....	25 78	147 46
From Sheep—Wool,.....	34 49	
Lambs,.....	33 00	67 59
Also, three added to the number.		
From Hens—Poultry,.....	24 00	
Eggs,.....	24 14	48 14
From Hogs—Surplus Pork sold,.....	26 81	
Pigs sold,.....	29 00	55 81

During hot weather the cellar is unfit for dairy purposes, and the milk was carried to the cheese factory, from which \$81 98 was realized—thus proving the great benefit of having a cheese factory.

POOR AT THE FARM.

Whole number, nine, as follows :

William Sturtevant,
 Lucien Jose,
 David Berry,
 James Dyer,
 Mrs. Ward Safford,
 Mrs. S. Grover,
 Sewell Blake,
 Mrs. Sewell Blake,
 H. L. Blake.

Mrs. A. P. Lovejoy died March 26, 1877.

Chas. K. Howard died April 25, 1877.

Sewell Blake and family admitted October 12, 1877.

On account of the low price of farm stock and produce, the running expenses of the farm show an increase of \$56.86 as compared with last year; but if potatoes, pork, and other farm products had sold as high as they did last year, the account would have been much in favor of the present year.

This is the third year that the farm has been under the care of Samuel Murphy, Jr., and wife, and the results show the right persons have been in the right place. Mrs. Murphy is entitled to great credit for her excellent care of the inmates, and for the skill she has exhibited in the management of the dairy and poultry departments. Mr. Murphy is a live man, and the farm has greatly im-

TOWN FARM—CONCLUDED.

proved under his management, and the products increased. The stock is well arranged for profit, consisting of the necessary team and cows, sheep and hogs, all of which are in fine condition.

The farming tools have been kept in good repair and housed.

Twelve acres are plowed and in good condition for a crop the coming season, and about six acres of this is in condition to be seeded to grass. Four acres of the land reclaimed by ditching, was plowed last year and in crop the present season, and four acres more of this land was cleared of rocks and plowed the present season, requiring a large amount of labor.

A large quantity of muck has been hauled, which, with the help of the hogs, has greatly increased the manure heap.

Nearly one hundred apple trees have been set, and fencing hauled and prepared for fencing the same.

If Mr. Murphy's system of farming is continued, viz: increasing the products of the farm by increasing the manure heap, coupled with clean and thorough cultivation, keeping good animals and giving them the best of care, the town will soon have a farm to which they can not only point with pride, but which will be a source of profit.

TOWN CHARGES.

R. O. Robbins, printing reports of 1877,	\$36 00
Allen Merrill, abatements,	92 86
do percentage for collecting,	333 74
Dexter Cornet Band, hall rent remitted by vote of the town,	28 00
John H. Swanton, lot added to High School house,	118 00
John M. Farrar, damage to horse in 1876, as per vote of the town,	25 00
Dresser, McClellan & Co., blank books,	40 00
John L. Leighton, setting trees in Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	85 00
O. K. Gerish, 95 apple trees for Town Farm,	23 75
W. M. Johnson, labor in Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	20 25
E. H. Witham, repairing settees, Town Hall,	20 00
J. G. Moody, pickets, etc., for fence for burying ground,	16 45
M. W. Pierce & Co., lamp brackets for Town Hall,	35 94
H. L. Haskell, fencing old burying ground,	40 00
J. Dyer, setting trees in Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	6 67
N. Dustin & Co., piping Town Hall,	46 78
S. S. Jones, lamps for do	31 47
J. W. Barron, non-resident taxes,	4 24
Johnson & Ayer, fence in old cemetery,	9 70
W. H. P. Bement, repairing slate and truss on Town Hall,	23 72
Wood, Bishop & Co., furnace for Town Hall,	38 50
I. M. Russ, repairing do do	6 25
W. P. Thompson, repairing furnace do	12 25
E. M. Tibbetts, repairing tables, etc., do	13 15
Cyrus Foss, repairing slate and furnace of Town Hall,	26 63
H. F. Spooner & Bros., cedar posts for Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	3 50
E. B. Fifield, repairing window of Engine Hall,	50
Frank Wheeler, removing dead horse,	1 00
A. S. Varney, tax in St. Albans,	1 80
B. B. Lucas, constable service,	7 50
Bailey French, do	7 00
Geo. E. Farmer, do	15 00
Joseph Sanborn, services as S. S. Committee,	40 50
Ezra Roberts, do do	43 60
Mrs. Allen Merrill, do do	50 50

TOWN CHARGES—CONCLUDED.

Ezra Roberts, do School Agent,.....	25 00
Allen Merrill, do Constable,.....	10 00
Levi Bridgham do Town Clerk,.....	15 00
Bridgham & Son, blank books, etc.,.....	11 21
Josiah Crosby, legal services,.....	30 00
E. M. Tibbetts, wood for Town Hall,.....	8 75
E. H. Witham, constable service,.....	15 85
W. D. Eaton, boards, etc., for old burying ground,.....	18 91
do wood for Town Hall,.....	20 00
Harrison Jones, service, civil engineer, 1870—1,.....	18 00
E. F. Copeland, labor on town lot,.....	66 10
Geo. Hamilton, cash paid for cleaning Town Hall,.....	8 95
H. E. Hatch, wood for Town Hall,.....	27 63
N. F. Roberts, wood and care of Town Hall,.....	8 00
D. C. Doughty, wood for Town Hall,.....	5 00
W. P. Thompson care of do.....	49 75
do labor and repairs on Town Hall,.....	1 50
L. D. Hayes, oil for Town Hall,.....	1 35
Jenkins & Hill, oil, etc., for Town Hall,.....	20 00
do powder and fuse,.....	2 36
S. S. Watson, services as constable,.....	5 00
B. F. Mills, do do and cash*paid out,.....	19 00
D. S. Reed, do do.....	7 50
S. S. Ireland, error in tax,.....	43 40
Herbert Kendall, services as watchman,.....	10 50
Geo. Hamilton, postage, stationery, and sundry bills,.....	40 91
A. F. Macomber, constable services,.....	7 50
F. A. Pennington, services as watchman,.....	12 50
John Hamilton, services as Selectman,.....	65 00
Horace Jennings, do do.....	95 00
Geo. Hamilton, do do.....	100 00
do assessing district taxes,.....	25 00
Hiram Bassett, services as Treasurer,.....	25 00
B. C. Thompson, blacksmithing,.....	1 69
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	\$2099 61

RECAPITULATION.

Town charges, including bills of former years,.....	\$2099 61
Fire Department, including hose carriage,.....	362 19
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	\$2461 80
Appropriation,.....	2000 00
Overdrawn,.....	461 80

TOWN HALL.

Paid Wm. Hall, as per contract,.....	\$800 00
Paid lien claims, etc,.....	\$813 12
Deduct amount due from Oriental Dramatic Company,....	250 00
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	\$1363 12
Appropriation,.....	800 00
Overdrawn,.....	563 12

Lien claims are all settled.

16.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Hunneman & Co., hose carriage,	\$135 00
Maine Central Railroad, freight on hose carriage,	4 40
Fassett & Stearns,	6 25
B. F. Rowell, care of engine,	15 00
Sam'l Morrill, do	15 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, care of Hook and Ladder carriage,	10 00
J. D. Maxfield, do force pump,	10 00
J. H. Swanton, services as Chief Engineer,	10 00
do labor, etc.,	6 50
do services as Fire Warden,	4 25
J. S. Campbell, " Assistant Engineer,	10 00
do cash paid out,	2 00
Bridgham & Son,	6 40
Hatch & True, oil, etc.,	1 05
W. H. Durgin, do	40
N. Dustin & Co., hose pipes, etc.,	85 63
A. Abbott & Co., repairs on force pump,	39 01
Jenkins & Hill, oil,	1 30
	\$362 10

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid O. M. Robinson for lot,	\$25 00
Paid Joel Burton do	35 00
Paid H. W. & I. F. Mower, per contract,	1660 00
	\$1720 00
Appropriation,	2000 00
Balance unexpended,	280 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN.

Amount of Fire Department Loan, March 1, 1877,	\$1579 53
Appropriation,	600 00
	\$979 53

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways,	\$2912 19
Support of Poor,	652 65
Town Charges, including bills of former years,	2099 61
Fire Department, including hose carriage,	362 19
Support of Schools,	4966 86
High School,	1012 50
New School Houses,	1720 00
Town Hall,	1363 12
	\$15,089 12

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Roncisco Safford,	July 24, 1869,	\$500 00
Ann L. Mower,	May 7, 1867,	200 00
Samuel Abbott,	Nov. 18, 1869,	342 00
Samuel F. Marble,	July 1, 1870,	1500 00
Nancy J. Palmer,	July 20, 1870,	347 00
Hosea B. Crowell,	June 10, 1871,	537 00
Abigail Crowell,	May 11, 1872,	315 00

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN—CONCLUDED.

Funded debt,.....		8000 00
Ann L. Katen,.....	Feb'y 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,.....	1:5 00
Isaiah Bean,.....	Mar. 31, 1875,.....	500 00
Obed Foss,.....	Mar. 31, 1875,.....	300 00
Cyrus Foss,.....	May 13, 1875,.....	1000 00
Olive M. Crawford,.....	June 22, 1875,.....	600 00
Samuel Morrill,.....	July 17, 1875,.....	1000 00
Harriet M. Briggs,.....	Aug. 24, 1875,.....	575 00
Emma F. Briggs,.....	Aug. 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 High School,.....		295 46
Due J. W. Barron, services as Treasurer,.....		30 00
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		\$18,808 96

RESOURCES.

100 shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock,.....		\$7000 00
Cash in Treasury,.....		1832 53
Cash in hands of Collector, less percentage,.....		2525 03
Execution against W. H. Gould,.....		104 24
Due on Non-resident Taxes,.....		11 70
Cow at William Crocker's,.....		20 00
Due from Town Schools,.....		184 31
Amount collected for Dog Licenses,.....		65 00
Due from other towns for support of Paupers,.....		67 76
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		\$11,810 37
Total indebtedness of the town March 1, 1878,.....		6,998 59
do do do 1877,.....	\$9677 07	
Total balance against the town March 1, 1878,.....	6998 59	<hr/>
Reduction of town indebtedness during the year,.....		\$2678 68
Deduct appropriation for Fire Department,.....		600 00
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Amount saved from appropriations, etc., during the year,.....		\$2078 68

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Support of Schools,.....	\$2400 00
Support of High School,.....	500 00
Support of Poor,.....	1500 00
Town Charges,.....	2000 00
Highways,.....	4000 00
Fire Department Loan,.....	600 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town, March 1, 1878,
and expenditures for one year.

GEO. HAMILTON, }
HORACE JENNINGS, } Selectmen
JOHN HAMILTON, } of
Dexter.

STATEMENT,

As shown by the late Treasurer's books; J. W. BARRON, Treas., in acct. with the Town of Dexter, March 1, 1878.

DR.

Amount in hands of Collector at Commencement of year,	\$2779 52
Amount of cash in Treasury,	293 77
Received of town of Alna,	2 00
do do Hartland,	6 00
do treasurer of School Fund,	9 00
do town of Corinth,	8 50
Received from circus license,	30 00
do interest on R. R. Stock,	300 00
do from town of Hartland,	42 00
Amount tax bills to Allen Merrill,	14,800 64
Received from town of Medford,	81 38
do do Unity,	23 00
do do Exeter,	5 65
do State School Fund,	1407 22
do town of Detroit,	30 00
do State High School Fund,	479 48
Received Supplementary Tax,	8 68
do from town of Alna,	5 00
Received of town of St. Albans,	5 75
do city of Augusta,	10 27
do town of Corinna,	2 00
do do St. Albans,	4 68
do do Unity,	65 65
do do Solon,	45 60
Received loan, Dexter Savings Bank,	1617 57
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	\$22,063 36

CR.

Paid on orders drawn,	13,649 14
Paid interest on town debt,	646 90
do funded debt,	480 00
Paid tax, town of St. Albans,	1 12
do do	1 88
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Amount paid out,	\$14,779 04
n hands of Collector,	7,284 32
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	\$22,063 36

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Dexter in acct. with H. Bassett, Treas.

CR.

Amount tax bills in Allen Merrill's hands, March 1, 1878,	\$7281 30
Amount received from town of Athens,	4 00
do do Sangerville,	40 00
do do Greenville,	25 08
do do Garland,	98 35
do do Hartland,	35 20
do do Embden,	10 00
do do Corinth,	19 00
do lot sold in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,	85 0

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT—CONCLUDED.

do	dividend on R. R. Stock,.....	300 00
do	Treasurer of School Fund,.....	150 00
do	grass sold on Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,.....	20 84
do	casks sold by Allen Merrill,	2 00
do	town of Wellington,	24 00
do	do Medford,	24 70
do	rent of Town Hall,	191 40
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		\$8313 89

DR.

Paid on orders drawn,	\$2297 27
Paid on Loan,	1267 57
Paid interest on Loan,	27 20
Amount in Allen Merrill's hands,	2889 32
Amount in Treasury,	1832 53
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	\$8313 89

HIRAM BASSETT, TREAS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF TRUSTEES OF DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

Whole amount of fund,	\$2689 47
Invested as follows : -	
Town of Dexter Bonds,	\$1900 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
	2689 47

Interest amounting to \$159.00 has been collected and paid into the Town Treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

Your Engineers would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1878.

Fire April 21st, near Brick Mill,—small unoccupied house owned by F. Hill.

October 30th, fire on Main street,—small unoccupied house owned by George Haines.

Nov. 13th, fire on Main street,—house owned and occupied by D. D. Flynt.

Jan. 11th, fire on Main street,—store owned and occupied by N. Dustin & Co.

Jan. 17th, store owned by S. Covell and occupied by H. Bassett.

Your Engineers cannot refrain from speaking of the promptness, efficiency, and untiring efforts of the officers and members of the different companies, in the faithful discharge of their duties.

The following are the facilities for extinguishing fires:

Three engines, situated in the village, each with company.

One engine situated at Spooner's Mill, with company.

One Hook & Ladder Company, with apparatus.

One Independent Hose Company, with carriage, etc.

Hydrant, with attachment for two streams at corner of Cyrus Foss' store.

Hydrant at Grist Mill, with attachment for one stream.

Hydrant near Jenkins & Hill's store, with attachment for two streams.

Five Reservoirs, in good condition and well filled.

One thousand feet 2½ inch rubber lined hose, new last year.

One thousand feet 2 inch unlined hose, not reliable.

Three hundred feet 2 inch leather hose, not reliable.

J. H. SWANTON, CHIEF ENGINEER.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

School money unexpended March 1, 1877.....		\$837 07
Town appropriation.....		2400 00
Received from the State.....		1407 22
Received from Town School Fund,		159 00
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		\$4803 29
Paid Union District No. 1,	\$41 58	
School books and stationery,.....	464 31	
Teachers' salaries, including board,.....	3179 50	
Fuel, repairs and building fires,	1277 21	
Agent's salary,	25 00	4987 60
Overdrawn,		184 31
School books and school material now on hand at Bridg- ham & Son's.....		237 22

EZRA ROBERTS, SCHOOL AGENT.

Report of S. S. Committee

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

In taking a survey of what has been done in our schools the past year, we think there has been a decided advancement over any previous year. Instead of twenty-four weeks in the rural districts, with two terms in the year, as last year, we have divided the school year into three terms, a spring term of eight weeks, a summer term of the same length, and a winter term of ten weeks, which we think is a better arrangement, especially when we can secure the services of the same teacher for the school year, which we have endeavored to do where it has been possible. Nearly all of our teachers have had large experience in the school room. Our teachers have been unusually successful in the management of their schools, there being only one case where the teacher has called for advice, which is unusual.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL No. 2. Summer and fall terms taught by Miss O. M. Merrill, with fair success.——Winter term taught by Miss Abbie Jennings; this term was very satisfactory in every respect. Miss J. is one of our best teachers.

No. 3. Three terms by Miss Nellie M. Carr. The standing of this school is medium: there is a disposition in this school to go over much ground, but a lack of thoroughness somewhat impairs the quality of the work.

No. 4. The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary C. Drew, whose reputation as an excellent teacher is so well known that it is sufficient to say that her labors here were attended by her usual success.

No. 5. Three terms taught by Miss Alice M. Smart, with fair success; the last term, however, showed decided improvement on the first.

No. 7. Summer and fall terms taught by Miss Fannie Marble, with excellent success. Miss Marble has talent for teaching of a high order, and with regret we parted with her services for the winter term. However, her place was well supplied by Miss Ella J. Mower, who sustained her former reputation as a very successful teacher.

No. 8. The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Bessie Nutter, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned,—scholars, parents and committee. Miss Nutter is one of our best teachers.

Nos. 9 and 12. These two districts have been united, and are now known as Union district. The first terms of these schools were taught by Miss Abbie Jennings and Miss Lettie Daggett; both were attended with very good success, although the schools were very small in numbers.——Fall term by Miss Jennings, with her usual good success.——Winter term by Miss Sue Emery, an experienced teacher, with fair success.

No. 10. Summer term, taught by Miss Dora Jewett, in the dilapidated remains of the school house, was as good as could have been expected under the circumstances.——The fall and winter terms, taught by the same teacher under a different name, with a different prefix, and in the new school house, gave good satisfaction.

No. 11. Summer term, taught by Miss Ella J. Mower, like all of her schools, was excellent.——Fall term was taught by Miss Minnie McLellan; the school was visited but once, but from its appearance at that time, it is judged to have been very good.——Winter term by Mrs. O. M. Merrill, an experienced and competent teacher, who will discharge the duties of her responsible position.

SOUTH BRANCH. Two terms, spring and fall—18 weeks, the spring term taught by Miss Fowles. This was Miss Fowles' first school; it was very small, and we cannot judge of what Miss Fowles could do with a better chance and in a larger school.——Fall term by Miss May Cleaves, who had a larger school, and gave excellent satisfaction. We think she will be one of our best teachers, with a little more experience.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

PRIMARY No. 1. Taught by M. Lizzie Bailey, who has had large experience in primary schools, and been very successful as usual.

PRIMARY No. 2. Taught by Lydia B. Weymouth, who has an easy way of managing the little folks, and has kept her school in the first rank, in order and progress.

PRIMARY NO. 3. The first term, taught by Miss L. E. Weymouth, an experienced teacher, with her remarkably good management, was an entire success. ——— The second and third terms were taught by Miss Addie S. Ireland. This is Miss Ireland's first experience in teaching. We think that she came nearly up to our expectations as a beginner; school made very good progress under her instruction.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 1. Has been instructed by Miss N. Ellen Bassett during the past year. Miss B. is a very good instructor and manager. Her school is always orderly; she maintains her standing as an excellent teacher.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 2. Miss Clara Marble, teacher. Miss Marble is an energetic and hard working teacher, who has maintained her former reputation, as a first-class instructor.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Miss L. E. Weymouth, teacher. Miss Weymouth had marked success in this school; under her management, this school has become the model school of this town, and we think, it will compare well with any school of this grade in the State.

HIGH SCHOOL. The High School has been taught the past year by W. A. Bumps and A. H. Pennell, assisted by Miss M. J. C. Thompson. At the time Mr. Bumps took the management of the High School, it was a difficult school to manage successfully, but under his care he soon brought order out of chaos; Mr. B remained with us two terms, and gave very general satisfaction, but having very poor health, the Committee decided that to retain his services in the school would not be for the best interests of all concerned. Mr. A. H. Pennell was then engaged, who has been with us one term, with general satisfaction. We hope he will prove to be the teacher for the school, and we have every reason to believe that he will. The school is now under the management of Mr. Pennell. Miss Thompson has been in the school throughout the year, and has maintained her former reputation as an able and competent assistant.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

This system has been on trial in our schools for the past three years, and now the town own nearly all of the books. We think all are satisfied that this was a move in the right direction; our school books are now as free as the instruction, and there seems to be nothing to hinder any child from acquiring a good education.

TOWN PLAN.

Some of the benefits of this plan can already be seen; it has caused school houses to be erected where they could not otherwise have been, without very burdensome taxation. We are having longer schools throughout the town; the smaller districts are getting the same number of weeks for schools as the larger; it has secured better teachers, and greater permanence of teachers; it enables the committee, when they have obtained good teachers, to secure their services for any length of time that they are found profitable; it enables the committee to do the work with less difficulty than under the district system. We think the Town Plan is working to the entire satisfaction of all.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Two school houses have been built the past year. One in District No. 10; another in Districts 10 and 12; House in No. 2 has been put in good repair, in fact as good as new; house in No. 4 repainted; house in No. 11, new seats and black-boards; also repaired the High School room; besides a great many small repairs in other districts. There should be several wood-houses built the coming season, and the foundations of some of the houses should be relaid.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The times demand increased effort in every department of life. Education is the power to which we owe our liberty, our positions and our influence. The source of that power is the common school system, which has scattered school houses all over our country, and gathered within their walls the children of all classes. The foundation stone on which the future of our State and Nation will be built is being laid in every school district. Parents and teachers have a large share of responsibility in the matter. Parents, are you trying to give your children an education which will be more to them than all the gold and silver, or houses and lands that you can leave to them? A brain well stored with useful knowledge is of more value to your children than a well filled pocket. Then encourage the children to improve all the advantages they may have; let them know that you are willing to make sacrifices for them; let them see by your presence in the school room that you are interested; be sure that they are not tardy; be sure they are punctual in attendance; be sure they comply with all the requirements of the teachers; be sure you do not speak disrespectfully of the teacher in their presence, for adverse criticism is the surest possible way to make any kind of a school worse.

What we need is the hearty, earnest co-operation of the parents. It is almost indispensable to success that parents should interest themselves in the schools, and should know that their children attend, and that, too, regularly, and that they perform all their tasks, and conform in all respects to the established regulations.

The past year there have been but very few of the parents in this town who have visited our schools; see to it this year that you visit your schools as often as once in each term; if you cannot visit any other time, be sure and come in on examination day.

EZRA ROBERTS,	}	S. S. Com.
MRS. A. J. MERRILL,		OF
J. SANBORN,		DEXTER.

