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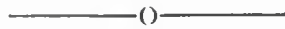
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THE WARRANT.



State of Maine.

TO ALLEN MERRILL, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEX-
TER, IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT,
GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby re-
quired to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town
of Dexter, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to as-
semble at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the
twentieth day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the
forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3d. To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.
- 4th. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 5th. To choose three or more Assessors.
- 6th. To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- 7th. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 8th. To choose a Town Agent.

9th. To choose three Superintending School Committee, or a Supervisor.

10th. To choose a School Agent.

11th. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

12th. To choose all other town officers required by law to be chosen at the annual town meeting.

13th. To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce town ordinances.

14th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay town charges.

15th. To see how much money the town will raise to support the poor.

16th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Schools, and the Free High School.

17th. To see how much money the town will raise to purchase school books and school material.

18th. To see how much money the town will raise to make and repair highways, and how it shall be expended.

19th. To see what method the town will adopt for breaking highways, and how it shall be expended.

20th. To see what method the town will adopt for carrying on the town farm and support of the poor the ensuing year.

21st. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to let the medical attendance of the poor to the lowest bidder, provided a suitable bid is received.

22d. To see if the town will vote to sell a part or all of the railroad stock owned by the town, to pay the debts of the town.

23d. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.

24th. To see if the town will vote to let the Town Hall free of expense for temperance meetings, school exhibitions, and the firemen, the ensuing year.

25th. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying the Dexter fire department the ensuing year.

26th. To see if the town will vote to build three or more reservoirs, and raise money for the same.

27th. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the barn, put cistern in the house, and cement cellar bottom at the town farm, and raise money for the same.

28th. To see if the town will appropriate twenty-five dollars to defray expenses Memorial Day, as requested by H. F. Safford Post, G. A. R.

29th. To see if the town will vote to raise three hundred dollars for the Dexter Town Library.

30th. To see if the town will establish an ordinance increasing the powers of the Engineers of the fire department as examiners of property to prevent fires and promote public safety.

31st. To see if the town will vote to repair the engine house, and raise money for the same.

32d. To see if the town will vote to raise seventy-five dollars towards purchasing a bell for engine house.

33d. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Highway Surveyors to remove obstructions from the highways.

34th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Highway Surveyors to repair the highwys in the month of June.

35th. To see if the town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at or near land owned by J. Bridge, on the road leading from the Dover road

to Gilman's Corner, across J. Bridge's land to Charles Bridge's house.

36th. To see if the town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at land occupied by Frank Nute to land occupied by Jeremiah Page.

37th. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay the night watchman, and how much.

38th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay a new floor in Town Hall, and raise money for the same.

39th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue road leading from Joel Burton's woods to B. F. Brawn's house.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday the eighteenth day of March instant, from one until three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands, at Dexter, this eighth day of March, A. D. 1882.

N. F. ROBERTS,	}	Selectmen of Dexter.
E. M. TIBBETTS,		
L. M. HASELTINE,		

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Amount of Money Appropriated at Last Annual Meeting, March, 1881.

Highways	\$3500 00
Town Charges	2000 00
Support of Poor	1500 00
" of Town Schools.....	2200 00
" of High School	800 00
" of Library	300 00
For School Books	250 00
" Engine Companies	300 00
" Rubber Coats, Caps, &c.	135 00
" Hose	500 00

Total.....\$11485 00

Valuation of Resident Real Estate	\$555,772 00
" " " Personal Estate.....	290,059 00
" " Non-Resident Real Estate.....	37,140 00
" " " Personal Estate.....	1,691 00

Total Valuation.....\$884,662 00

Sum Assessed State Tax.....	\$4,340 42
" " County Tax	1,799 37
" " Town Tax	11,485 00

Total\$17,624 79

No. of Polls, 705. No. of Dogs, 65. Percentage, 17½ mills.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS.

By whom expended.	Summer.	Winter.	
Darius Sampson	\$ 10 70	200 78	
F. M. Haseltine.....	57 14		
J. M. Farrar		50 21	
C. M. Pullen.....	24 99	20 14	
Jefferson Watson.....	33 37	50 61	
Augustus Whitcomb.....	50 62	46 64	
Jacob Puffer.....	60 66	35 56	
A. T. Robinson.....	65 74	11 37	
David Russell 2d.....	22 74	60 76	
N. G. Brackett.....	23 88	33 12	
Darius Sampson.....	26 65	30 22	
John Martin.....	50 33	42 06	
Jeremiah Knox.....	21 00	30 91	
W. O. Eaton.....	39 08	26 63	
Henry W. Mower.....	44 62	39 94	
H. H. Jose.....	23 36	19 05	
C. Dinsmore.....	21 39	37 74	
F. E. Moore.....	16 29	14 03	
Melzer Curtis.....	6 00	37 78	
L. M. Haseltine.....	34 88	20 05	
W. P. Hamilton.....	40 54	14 62	
J. B. Arnold.....	47 10	58 57	
Luther Young.....	59 89	27 63	
B. S. Gerry.....	18 98	16 23	
C. W. Farrar.....	53 30	28 26	
Harrison W. Mower.....	9 89	15 95	
Chas. Jewett.....	34 88	47 59	
J. H. Cobb.....	75 53	16 23	
L. D. Packard.....	22 46	22 59	
Oringe Jewett.....	16 39	8 66	
A. S. Chase.....	50 14	38 13	
H. I. Safford.....	71 00	32 39	
Chas. Parkman.....	6 15	11 84	
W. C. Gerry.....		10 42	
Moses M. Hersey.....	98 06	16 75	
C. C. Hatch.....	6 00	35 55	
Thomas Randall.....	8 75	47 03	
Selectmen.....	772 28	95 08	
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	\$2,074 87	\$1,220 12	Appropriation \$3,500 00
			323 4 90
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			Unexpended, \$205 01

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1880.

James Stott, 1877.....	\$3 00
J. F. Collett.....	6 68
Wm. Leach	1 50
C. C. Boston	3 00
J. F. Collett, 1878	7 30
E. W. Fairbrother.....	3 00
Wm. Leach	3 00
F. A. Pennington	4 50
Jacob Frost.....	1 75
Geo. Randall.....	20
James Crawford Estate	2 50
C. G. Card, 1879.....	3 00
C. F. Carlton	3 98
Fred C. Campbell	3 00
James Champeon.....	3 00
Fred Dinsmore.....	3 00
A. Drake	75
O. C. Day, error	3 00
Jacob Frost.....	3 00
E. W. Fairbrother.....	3 00
E. F. Fisher.....	1 00
A. C. French.....	3 00
Jethro Goodwin.....	1 86
Wm. H. Hayden.....	1 25
Chas. S. Hutchinson, error.....	3 00
Dennis Hersey.....	3 95
Chas. Jennings.....	3 00
Wm. Leach	3 00
Geo. Myrick	3 00
J. Mansfield.....	3 00
A. C. Moore.....	3 00
Frank Pennington.....	4 47
Everett Pullen	3 00
Geo. Randall.....	3 00
W. L. Starbird	3 00
E. Weymouth.....	3 00
Samuel York.....	2 00
John G. Denslow	3 00
Thomas Atkins, 1880	3 00
Chas. Baker.....	3 00
C. M. Blagden	3 00
Lewis C. Curtis	3 00
A. Hopkins	3 00
A. J. Hodgkins.....	3 00
J. D. Mansfield.....	3 31
Allison Pierce, error	3 00
James T. Staples, error.....	3 00
Stephen Weymouth.....	3 00
H. S. Nickerson.....	3 00

Amount carried forward,..... \$145 95

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1880—CONCLUDED.

Amount brought forward,	\$145 95
Eben Phelps	8 28
Joseph Pomroy	3 00
C. T. Carlton	3 88
E. L. Whitney	5 02
Total	\$166 13

TOWN CHARGES.

Allen Merrill, abatements	\$166 13
“ percentage, 1880	228 62
M. F. Herring, printing reports, 1880	50 00
Freeman Hubbard, error in tax, 1880	3 90
Dresser, McLellan & Co., blank books	35 00
Expense of V. A. Sprague, on investigating committee	103 25
“ J. W. Hodgkins, do	45 00
“ H. A. Bement, do	22 25
“ printing report of do	30 00
H. C. Parsons, insurance on buildings at farm	22 50
Daniel Wyman, damage to carriage	4 00
Joshua Frost, work on reservoirs, 1876	25 00
Almon Kimball, work in old cemetery	9 50
Jontahan Shepley, damage to horse and carriage	5 00
E. D. Leeman, watchman one night	1 00
J. H. Larrabee, do	1 50
M. F. Herring, printing	2 50
Lucian French, surveying roads	3 75
E. H. Witham, constable service	1 50
C. F. Parshley, work on hall	1 25
Geo. Hamilton, making deeds	4 00
Amos Abbott & Co., office rent	36 00
Geo. E. Farmer, constable service in 1880	6 75
T. Daggett, wood for Town Hall	31 50
“ “ Selectmen's office	2 00
J. D. Maxfield paid D. Merryman for target range	10 00
“ paid D. McG. Jones “	3 00
Willard B. Goff, care of Town Hall	66 00
“ for oil “	1 20
“ piling wood, and stationery	3 25
“ repairs on Town Hall	8 25
“ watchman, town property	25 00
“ constable service	10 00
Jenkins & Hill, oil and chimneys, Town Hall	23 79
Josiah Crosby, legal services	21 00
Paid T. Daggett, land for road	75 00
Amount carried forward,	\$1,103 39

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,103 39
A. H. Knight, School Agent.....	25 00
J. Eugene Clarke, Supervisor of Schools.....	166 85
Hiram Carr, Town Agent.....	5 00
Hiram Bassett, Town Treasurer.....	50 00
Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk.....	15 00
L. M. Haseltine, services as Selectman.....	65 00
E. M. Tibbetts, do.....	90 00
N. F. Roberts, do.....	100 00
Total.....	\$1,520 24
Appropriation.....	2,000 00
Balance unexpended ..	\$379 76

DEXTER, March 7, 1882.

I this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, aggregating for services for 1881-2, two hundred and fifty-five dollars, and believing the amount correct and reasonable, have approved the same.

C. W. CURTIS,

AUDITOR OF SELECTMEN'S ACCTS.

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TO PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

CORINTH.

Leighton & Haines, support of A. S. Bolton family.....	\$10 00
A. S. Farrar " " "	2 00
W. A. Bumps " " "	8 00

HARTLAND.

L. D. Hayes, support of Wm. Brawn family.....	10 50
Leighton & Haines " " "	11 00
N. F. Roberts " " "	12 50
G. B. Clough " " "	2 50
W. A. Bumps, support of Albert C. Littlefield.....	7 00
Storer & Bigelow " " "	4 00
J. W. Hodgkins " " "	5 00

ABBOT.

L. D. Hayes, support of Otis Merrow family.....	12 00
E. M. Tibbetts " " "	15 25
Augustus Cummings " " "	2 00

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR—CONTINUED.

DETROIT.

H. A. Bement, support of Elizabeth Esty	25 00
E. Palmer " " "	6 00

ATHENS.

S. Mudgett, support of Lydia Wing	2 00
W. A. Bumps " " "	12 00

PARKMAN.

W. A. Bumps, support of Geo. Spauldin.....	6 00
J. M. Jordan " " "	12 25

\$165 00

DEXTER.

Paid Town of Dover, support of Otis Butler.....	41 39
" Abbot, " Susan Moore	10 50
" Livermore " Eliza Hollowell, 1880 ...	76 00
" " " " " 1881	10 50
Maine Insane Hospital, support of W. Crocker.....	110 64
W. A. Bumps, medical attendance on the poor	14 00
Abel Adams, support of J. R. Fletcher family.....	52 00
C. B. Porter, " " " "	34 00
Bridgham & Son " " " "	4 75
C. P. McCrillis, support of Mrs. Joseph Dyer	7 00
Swanton Bros., " " "	63
Jenkins & Hill, " " "	3 63
A. S. Farrar, " " "	2 00
N. F. Roberts, " " "	6 70
E. M. Tibbetts, support of Chas. Baker family.	11 00
A. S. Farrar, " " "	2 00
Leighton & Haines " " "	6 57
Geo. Hamilton, " " "	6 00
Mrs. C. Hannaford " " "	8 25
Mrs. E. A. Ayer, " " "	2 16
G. B. Clough, " " "	2 00
N. F. Roberts, " Samuel Tapley, wood.....	4 00
Jenkins & Hill, " "	1 00
Elizabeth J. Thurston, support of S. B. Holt.....	16 25
N. F. Roberts, " "	3 00
Norrod Hurd, " Abby C. Haines.....	35 00
E. M. Tibbetts, coffin, box and robe, James Finley.....	15 50
" " " John Bates.....	15 00
J. F. Boynton, burial of John Bates.....	1 50
Wm. M. Johnson " James Finley.....	3 00
W. A. Bumps, urinal, "	5 12
Swanton Bros., support of Mrs. Pooler.....	2 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " "	6 75

Amount carried forward..... \$519 84

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR—CONCLUDED.

Amount brought forward.....	\$519 84
Paid Springall & Co., morphine for Augusta White.....	2 80
Bridgham & Son, " ".....	12 35
J. M. Jordan, keeping strangers	1 50
Jere Page, support of Thos. Higgins.....	4 50
support of French girl	10 50
Jere Page, support of Charles Ronco.....	4 50
Geo. Hamilton, " ".....	4 00
Swanton Bros., " ".....	6 50
Leighton & Haines " ".....	8 25
N. F. Roberts, " ".....	1 75
Jenkins & Hill, " A. Lessau, Jr.....	1 51
G. R. Palmer, attending funerals of James Finley and John Bates.....	5 00
for support of sundry paupers.....	4 00
Total.....	\$587 00
Deduct amount due and received from other towns.....	290 66
	\$296 34
Balance against town farm.....	169 06
RT:	
Total pauper support for the year.....	\$465 40
Appropriation	1,500 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$1,034 60

Received from Hartland.....	\$36 00
" Corinth.....	12 00
" Athens.....	21 00
" Abbot.....	91 48
" Shirley.....	20 93
" Detroit.....	31 00
" Canaan.....	6 00
" Harmony.....	30 00
Due from Hartland.....	16 00
" Corinth.....	8 00
" Parkman.....	18 25
	\$290 66

TOWN FARM REPORT.

Paid Herbert T. Additon and wife, services on farm.....	\$262 50
Supplies for farm.....	576 99
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	\$839 49
Received for stock and produce sold.....	492 80
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	\$346 69
Stock on hand more than last year.....	\$ 70 00
Produce on hand more than last year.....	107 63
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	177 63
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Balance against the farm.....	\$169 06

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

40 tons hay.	34 bushels barley.
6 tons straw.	16½ “ beans.
300 bushels potatoes.	20 “ corn.
100 “ Globe beets.	3 “ peas.
67½ “ wheat.	1405 pounds pork.

STOCK ON HAND.

2 oxen, six-year-old	\$165 00
2 oxen, four-year-old.....	120 00
3 cows.....	105 00
2 steers, two-year old.....	75 00
2 heifers, two-year-old.....	40 00
1 colt, three-year-old	75 00
25 sheep	150 00
2 swine	25 00
30 hens.....	15 00
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	\$770 00

Estimated cash value of farm and buildings, \$3,000 00.

PRODUCE ON HAND.

18 tons hay	\$13 00.....	\$234 00
3 tons straw.....	8 00.....	24 00
47 bushels wheat....	1 50	70 50
6½ “ beans.....	2 75.....	17 87
2½ “ peas.....	2 00	5 00
2 “ corn.....	90.....	3 60
225 “ potatoes	70.....	157 50
275 pounds shorts.....	01½.....	4 12
100 “ dried apples.....	05.....	5 00
25 “ butter	25.....	6 25
40 “ lard.....	15	6 00
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Amount carried forward..... \$533 84

PRODUCE ON HAND—CONCLUDED.

Amount brought forward.....		\$533 84
1 barrel flour.....		8 00
Spices		2 00
22 pounds tea.....	45.....	9 90
5 barrels vinegar.....	6 00.....	30 00
4 " soap.....	3 50.....	14 00
3 " pickles		5 00
75 pounds beef.....	06.....	4 50
2 barrels apples.. ..	1 25....	2 50
15 gallons molasses.....	53.....	7 95
450 pounds pork.....	12.....	54 00
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		\$671 69

Forty cords stove wood.

**RECEIVED FOR SURPLUS PRODUCTS AND INCLUDED IN AMT.
OF STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.**

From Dairy—butter sold.....	\$28 21
veal calf sold.....	18 50
beef sold.....	18 93
hide sold.....	4 20
From Sheep—lambs sold.....	51 50
121 pounds wool sold.....	32 00
From Hens—eggs sold.....	19 47
poultry sold.....	56
From Hogs—pork sold.....	26 79
pigs sold.....	23 00
From Stock—horse sold.....	75 00
From profit in exchange of oxen.....	32 00
From potatoes sold.....	23 20
apples sold.....	1 05
beets sold.....	64
beans sold.....	27 02
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	\$382 07

STOCK BOUGHT.

One pair oxen, One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars.

NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED AT THE FARM.

James Finley.....	Age, 80 years.
John S. Bates.....	" 73 "
William Sturtevant.....	" 61 "
Lucian Jose.....	" 44 "
Mrs. Sovina Grover.....	" 62 "
Mrs. Aroline Safford.....	" 56 "
Jethro Goodwin.....	" 75 "

DIED AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

James Finley died June 20th, 1881.

John S. Bates died December 2d, 1881.

Jethro Goodwin was admitted November 10th, 1881.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Companies as per vote of the town	\$300 00
B. F. Stearns, Chief Engineer.....	10 00
" Fire Warden.....	15 00
Sam'l Morrill, ".....	10 00
B. L. Rowell, care of Engine No. Two.....	15 00
J. H. Larrabee, care of Engine No. One.....	15 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, care of Hook and Ladder Carriage.....	10 00
J. D. Maxfield, care of force pumps.....	10 00
E. L. Holt, repairing hose house.....	8 00
Spooner Bros., lumber for hose house....	11 40
Eldridge Bros., lumber, etc., for hose house.....	10 20
Fay & Scott, couplings.....	17 00
C. F. Parshley, painting, and lettering coats and caps.....	8 80
M. F. Herring, printing.....	2 75
N. Dustin & Co., supplies..	11 39
S. M. Leighton, care of hose carriage.....	3 00
Leighton & Haines, lamps and fixtures.....	2 00
B. F. Stearns, labor repairing hose, etc.	8 85
Jenkins & Hill, oil and chimneys.....	49
Springall & Co., alcohol for engines... ..	2 70
Bridgham & Son, " ".....	3 75
W. J. Haseltine, supplies for Fire Department.....	3 00
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	\$178 33

TOWN HALL.

Paid W. B. Goff, care of Hall.....	\$66 00
Timothy Daggett, wood for Hall.....	31 50
Jenkins & Hill, oil and chimneys.....	23 79
W. B. Goff, ".....	1 20
" piling wood, and stationery.....	3 25
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	\$125 74

Received and paid into Town Treasury.... 189 00

Balance in favor of the Hall..... \$63 26

The Hall has been opened 68 times.

"	"	"	17	times for paying.
"	"	"	12	" expenses.
"	"	"	12	" temperance meetings.
"	"	"	18	" the military company.
"	"	"	3	" town meetings.
"	"	"	2	" lectures.
"	"	"	1	" High School.
"	"	"	1	" Memorial Day.
"	"	"	1	" Garfield memorial service.
"	"	"	1	" Firemen's ball.

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Dexter Town Library.....	\$300 00
Paid Geo. Hamilton.	300 00
For Memorial services	25 00
Paid Samuel Morrill.....	25 00
For hose for Fire Department.....	500 00
Paid Boyd & Sons for hose.....	425 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$75 00
For rubber coats, caps, etc.....	135 00
Paid F. D. Meigs.....	135 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways.....	\$3,294 99
Support of Poor.....	365 40
Town Charges, including bills of former years.....	1,650 24
Fire Department.....	478 50
Town Schools.....	3,786 50
High School.....	1,050 00
Dexter Town Library.....	300 00
School Books.....	265 65
Memorial service.....	25 00
Hose for Fire Department.....	425 00
Rubber coats, caps, etc., for Fire Department.....	135 00
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	\$11,776 28

Saved on Appropriations during the Year.

Saved on Highways...	\$ 205 01
Support of poor.....	1034 60
Town charges.....	379 76
Hose.....	75 00
Increased value of Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock.....	2000 00
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	\$3,694 37

LIABILITIES.

Funded Debt due April 1st, 1885, 6 per cent.....	\$4000 00
Floating Debt on demand:	
Ann L. Katen, given April 26, 1878, 4½ per cent.....	300 00
Mary W. Katen, " April 26, 1878, " "	300 00
Samuel Abbott, " June 1, 1878, " "	450 00
Samuel F. Marble, " July 1, 1878, " "	1500 00
Nancy M. Palmer, " July 20, 1878, " "	350 00
Obed Foss, " July 1, 1878, " "	300 00
Alice E. Foss, " May 13, 1878, " "	1000 00
Samuel Morrill, " July 20, 1878, " "	1300 00
Roxana Knowles, " May 4, 1878, " "	450 00
Geo. C. Ryan, " April 26, 1878, " "	1000 00
Clara Beckford, " July 8, 1878, " "	1000 00
E. R. Sanborn, " May 25, 1878, " "	233 00
Isabel Morrill, " June 4, 1878, " "	172 00
Ella True, " July 8, 1878, " "	125 00
Mary F. Leighton, " May 22, 1878, " "	527 50
Mrs. Catherine Frost, " April 1, 1879, " "	96 40
Emma S. Katen, " April 1, 1879, " "	200 00
Roxana Knowles, " April 1, 1879, " "	100 00
Lucy A. Nutter, " April 1, 1879, " "	250 00
Attie L. Nutter, " April 1, 1879, " "	100 00
Josiah Chandler, " April 16, 1879, " "	350 00
Charles Ellins, " April 16, 1879, " "	500 00
John Dutton, " May 10, 1879, " "	150 00
Rebecca Dutton, " May 10, 1879, " "	450 00
Clara Beckford, " Dec. 1, 1880, " "	100 00
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\$15,303 90	

RESOURCES.

One hundred shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock.....	\$10,000 00
Cash in hands of Collector, less percentage.....	3,642 81
Cash in Treasury.....	1,895 90
Due from other towns	42 50
Due from State of Maine for Military expenses.....	50 00
Due from Town Schools	7 35
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Total resources.....	\$15,638 56
Total liabilities.....	15,303 90
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Balance in favor of Town	\$334 66

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of Town Schools	\$2200 00
For support of High School.....	800 00
For Town Charges	2000 00
For Highways.....	3500 00
For Support of Poor.....	1200 00

Respectfully submitted as the Financial Standing of the Town March 1, 1882, and expenditures for one year.

N. F. ROBERTS,	} Selectmen of Dexter.
E. M. TIBBETTS,	
L. M. HASELTINE,	

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER, IN ACCT. WITH H BASSETT, TREAS.
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Amount in hands of Collector at commencement of year.....	\$3,494 37
“ Treasury at commencement of year.....	2,008 28
“ Bills committed, year 1881	11,429 00
“ Supplementary tax.....	54 24
“ Interest on R. R. Stock.....	600 00
“ “ School fund	158 40
School fund and mill tax from State	1,225 80
High School fund.....	250 00
Rent for Armory from State.....	50 00
Telegraph and R. R. tax from State.....	40 40
Hall rent.....	189 00
Rent of Brown property.....	5 25
Back taxes of D. A. Davis	8 00
Received from Town of Abbot.....	91 48
“ “ Shirley	20 93
“ “ Detroit	31 00
“ “ Canaan	6 00
“ “ Athens	21 00
“ “ Harmony	30 00
“ “ Hartland	36 60
“ “ Corinth.....	12 00
“ sale of band stand.....	10 00
“ “ lots in Cemetery.	35 00
“ “ grass “	7 50
“ circus license.....	25 00
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	\$19,839 15

DR.

Paid out on drawn orders	\$12,573 26
on town debt.....	895 60
Interest on town debt.....	588 58
Interest on funded debt.....	240 00
Town of St. Albans.....	3 00
In hands of Collector	3,642 81
Cash in Treasury.....	1,895 90
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	\$19,839 15

H. BASSETT, TREAS.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT,

For the year ending March 1, 1882.

DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$800 00
received from the State	250 00
	<u>\$1050 00</u>
Paid to teachers.....	\$1050 00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

1881.		
March 1st.	To balance unexpended.....	\$ 439 28
	amount raised by the town.....	2200 00
	“ for books	250 00
	amount received from the State	975 80
	Interest on Town School Fund	160 00
	amount received from other sources.....	19 72
		<u>\$4,044 80</u>

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid union district in Corinna	\$ 51 90
teachers	2,767 50
for fuel.....	198 59
cleaning and care of houses and for building fires.....	141 75
advertising	7 50
school room furniture.....	15 50
repairs	603 76
school books and material.....	265 65
	<u>\$4,052 15</u>
	<u>4,044 80</u>

Amount overdrawn.....\$ 7 35

School books and material on hand at Bridgham & Son's Mar. 1. '82, \$290 98

A. H. KNIGHT,

SCHOOL AGENT.

Dexter, March 1, 1882.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

There have been added to your Library during the year 207 volumes, all of which are first-class and standards in the department of literature which they represent.

Considering the extensive use of the books but limited repairs have been necessary; sixty volumes have been rebound and several copies newly covered. Only a few books have become so worn as to require new copies to supply their place, a fact that we consider complimentary to those reading them, and hope a like carefulness may be noted in the future.

Whole number of books taken from Library for the year 16,236 volumes. Greatest number call for by one person, 88 volumes.

The total number of books now in the Library, including public documents, reports, etc., is about 1450 volumes, an increase of over 450 since it was opened to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

RECEIVED.

Dec. 9, 1881.	Amount appropriated by the Town	\$300 00
Mar. 8, 1882.	Cash of Librarian for fines collected	38 57
	" " Catalogues sold	6 40
		<hr/> \$344 97

PAID OUT.

Mar. 10, 1881.	Balance account	05
Dec. 10,	Lee & Shepard for books	116 72
Dec. 31,	M. F. Herring for printing	6 00
Jan. 4, 1882.	A. A. Springall, bill for binding books	13 20
	A. A. Springall, 1 year's salary as Librarian	75 00
	J. F. Witherell, repairing books	5 50
	Express on books	3 70
March 8.	Lee & Shepard, for books	100 02
	Cash on hand	28 78
		<hr/> \$344 97

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

March 8, 1882.

REPORT OF
The Treasurer of the Trustees of Dexter School Fund.

Whole amount of Fund.....\$2,689 47

Invsted as follows:

Town of Dexter bonds.....	\$1,900 00
Town of Corinna bonds.....	600 00
John and Hiram Morgan's note.....	30 00
Leposited in Dexter Savings Bank..	150 47

\$2,689 47

Interest amounting to \$158 40 has been collected and paid into the Town Treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

Dexter, March 8, 1882.

REPORT OF
Chief Engineer of Dexter Fire Department.

The following is respectfully submitted as the report of the standing and services of your Fire Department for the year ending March 1st, 1882:

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

B. F. STEARNS, CHIEF; SAM'L MORRILL, 1st Ass't; H. S. DOLE, 2d Asst.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

There have been two fires and one alarm during the year. March 20th, 1881, a fire in the wood shed adjoining the house of Mr. Flint Moody's some two miles from the village and the Newport road; damage slight; cause, smoking hams in the shed. The department was promptly on hand but owing to the bad condition of the roads was unable to get further than the depot with an engine.

July 30th, 1881, an alarm was sounded at about six o'clock P. M., caused by a smoking chimney in the Bassett building opposite the express office. Department promptly on hand but services not-needed.

January 24th, 1882, an alarm was sounded at 12:40 P. M. The fire was in the sorting room of the Dexter Woolen Mills; cause, defect in chimney. The Department was promptly on hand as usual but service not needed; damage very slight.

REPORT OF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT—CONCLUDED.
DEPARTMENT.

Engines Nos. 1 and 2 in excellent condition. 35 men each. 550 feet 2½ in. hose to each Co. in fair condition.

Hook and Ladder Truck, same as last year.

Independent Hose Co. No. 5, same as last year, with 500 ft. 2½ in. new hose.

RESERVOIRS.

Same as last year.

I would recommend the building of the three reservoirs voted by the town at its last March meeting, and also one to be located on the hill near the residence of Wm. H. Dustin.

As the village grows it becomes more and more apparent that more reservoirs are needed, and I think it absolutely necessary that the four above mentioned be built during the coming season.

In conclusion I would say to the citizens of Dexter who have been always loyal to the Fire Department I extend my sincere thanks.

Very Respectfully,

B. F. STEARNS, CHIEF ENGINEER.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER:

Your schools during the past year have been in the main successful. Sickness has interrupted several of the terms, but by promptly supplying the places of teachers made vacant by this cause, no serious effects have been realized. Marked advancement in some departments has been especially noticable, which is due mainly, I believe, to improved text-books and a more careful observance of the graded course of study.

Having carefully noted the condition and progress of each, I submit the following report:

High School.

The same teachers throughout the year, both of whom have sustained their well-earned reputation for efficiency.

The examinations indicated application on the part of pupils, and thoroughness of instruction on the part of teachers.

As last year, so now do I consider it necessary to urge upon parents who have children eligible to this school, the importance of more interest in its work.

Until you appreciate its present standard and wants, it will be impossible to raise it to that grade where it can afford your children the higher education they need, and can procure without leaving home. By appropriating a

few hundred dollars for the purpose of founding a High School Library of reference works, and collecting a more extensive philosophical apparatus, an important step toward this end would be taken.

Grammar School.

The same efficient teacher as last year, whose faithful services have made this one of your best schools. This grade being of great importance in laying the foundations of an education, no pains should be spared to raise its standard of instruction.

First Intermediate School.

Thorough and satisfactory work has been accomplished in this school, Being one of the most difficult to discipline, much credit is due the teacher for her success in its management. Owing to sickness in her father's family the teacher feels compelled to resign at close of the present year, a step that many interested in the school will regret.

Second Intermediate School.

Highly successful throughout the year under one of your most capable teachers.

First Primary School.

Under management of its well-known teacher, who, with this year completes her seventy-second term. The pupils have made rapid advancement.

Second Primary School.

This is a difficult school to classify, but through the earnest and faithful efforts of a teacher who has become acquainted with its peculiarities, good progress has been made.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

No. 1. This is known as the Union District, and is under supervision of the school board of Corinna.

No. 2. Taught by successful teachers through the year. The closing examination of the winter term indicated rather too rapid advancement for the accomplishment of thorough work.

No. 3. Circumstances caused a change of teachers each term, but all were successful.

No. 4. One of our best teachers in this school throughout the year. An advanced and studious school.

No. 5. This is a school somewhat below the average in scholarship. Three teachers have been employed, two of whom were without experience, but both gave excellent promise of future success.

No. 7. Spring term by the teacher of last year, and was characterised by her previous success, Fall and winter terms were taught by a teacher of experience, whose original and wide-awake methods will be sure to win success anywhere.

No. 8. The first term was commenced by a young teacher who was compelled to give it up on account of sickness. The term was completed by one of our experienced teachers. The other terms were very successful under a well-known and enthusiastic teacher. A small but advanced school.

No. 9. This school has enjoyed a year of prosperity, both teachers working faithfully to promote its interests.

No. 10. Though interrupted by sickness this school has made marked improvement. No school in town has

undergone a greater change for the better than has this one for the past two years, which is due mainly to the superior discipline exercised by its teachers.

No. 11. Excellent work accomplished here each term. Both teachers were faithful and inspired an interest in their pupils. The closing examination gave evidence of very encouraging progress on the part of the older scholars.

No. 12. This school was taught by the same teacher through the year. Faithful work and fair improvement.

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

For the School Year ending March 1, 1882,

Schools.	Teachers.	No. of Scholars in District.	Whole No. Scholars Registered.	Average Attend'ce.
High School.	{ Jere M. Hill.		76	50
" "	{ M. J. C. Thompson.			
Grammar School.	{ Lucia E. Weymouth.		53	48
1st Intermediate.	{ Lydia B. Weymouth.	558	42	38
2d Intermediate.	{ Bessie W. Nutter.		32	28
1st Primary.	{ M. Lizzie Bailey.		67	55
2d Primary.	{ Nellie Leighton.		58	44
Rural School No. 2	{ Alma E. Farrar.			
	{ Josephine Mower.	21	12	10
	{ C. P. Hutchinson.			
" No. 3	{ Fannie Arnold.			
	{ Alma E. Farrar.	19	10	7
	{ Josephine Mower.			
" No. 4	Fannie L. Dearth.	25	20	14
" No. 5	{ Fannie L. Brackett.			
	{ Elmie Briggs.	15	15	12
	{ Myron Weymouth.			
" No. 7	{ Annie H. Wade.			
	{ Ella J. Mower.	22	17	13
" No. 8	{ Lydia B. Weymouth.			
	{ Fannie L. Brackett.	17	10	9
" No. 9	{ Lettie Daggett.			
	{ Alma E. Farrar.	29	19	12
" No. 10	{ Jeannette Barton.			
	{ Lucia E. Weymouth.	42	31	25
" No. 11	{ Josephine Mower.			
	{ Chas. S. Lane.	27	23	15
" No. 12	Ella Jennings.	14	10	7

Recommendations and Closing Remarks.

While there are several changes that would be conducive to improvement in your schools, I will only point out such as seem to me most necessary and practicable. In order for pupils in the High and Grammar Schools to thoroughly and satisfactorily perform the work laid down in their respective courses of study, the length of terms ought to be extended from ten to twelve weeks. The length of terms now does not correspond with most other schools of these grades, and the experience of your teachers during the past two years fully sustains this recommendation. I would also recommend that the spring terms of the Primary and Intermediate grades open as early as the first of April, that they may close before the heated season, as the most trying examinations occur at this time, when young pupils are least able to undergo them.

A change has been made this year in the time of passing scholars from the lower to higher grades, so that they now enter the Intermediate, Grammar and High Schools in the fall instead of spring. This is a more regular and uniform plan, and will probably be continued.

For school purposes the following estimates are made in accordance with the above recommendations:

Free High School	-	-	\$1000 00
Common Schools	-	-	2500 00
Text Books	-	-	250 00

Herewith my connection with your schools will close. Since assuming charge of them, it has been my effort to raise them all to a higher standard of excellence. How well I have succeeded is for you to judge. Approving

most heartily of your present system, I am well aware that it can be improved, and believe that if you continue the same liberality and interest shown in the past, that it can be made among the best in the state.

By promoting the educational interests of your town, you improve society, elevate the tone of morals, and increase your relative wealth.

With regret at being compelled by change of residence to close what has been to me a very pleasant term of office, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

J. EUGENE CLARKE,

SUPERVISOR.

