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TOWN WARRANT.

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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 assem-
ble at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the twen-
ty-sixth day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the fore-
noon, 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 tax dogs.

23d. 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.

24th. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying the Dexter Fire Department the ensuing year.

25th. 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.

26th. To see if the town will vote to raise Three Hundred Dollars for the Dexter Town Library.

27th. 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.

28th. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay the night watchman, and how much.

29th. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a School House suitable to the needs and requirements of all the pupils of Dexter Village.

30th. To see if the town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at the southwest corner of Samuel Hamilton's lot, on Pleasant Street, and running to the Charleston road.

31st. To see if the town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near the gate or bars of Chas. Shaw's field, on Hanson Avenue near Jason Denslow's house, to nearly opposite the High School House.

32d. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to put new furnaces in the Town Hall building, and raise money for the same.

33d. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to buy twenty-five Settees for the use of Town Hall and repair the old ones, and raise money for the same.

34th. To see how much money the town will vote H. G. H. Swanton on account of injuries received by a fall on the side-walk.

35th. To see if the town will vote to pay Snow B. Page Twenty-five Dollars for allowing the school children of School District No. 12, the privilege of using water from his well for drinking purposes.

36th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to raise the passage between the Upper and Lower Pond so that boats can pass through, and raise Two Hundred Dollars for the same.

37th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to hire W. B. Goff to take care of the Town Hall the ensuing year.

38th. To see if the town will vote to amend the ordinance passed at last annual town meeting, increasing the powers of the Engineers of the Fire Department.

39th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Liquor Agent.

40th. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the purpose of painting any or all the School Houses in the town; and if so how much.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday the twenty-fourth 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 fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1883.

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

TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR A. D. 1882.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR:

N. F. ROBERTS,
E. M. TIBBETTS,
L. M. HASELTINE.

TOWN CLERK:

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER :

HIRAM BASSETT.

TOWN AGENT:

HIRAM CARR.

COLLECTOR:

ALLEN MERRILL.

AUDITOR SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS:

C. W. CURTIS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS:

W. A. BUMPS.

REPRESENTATIVE TO LEGISLATURE:

B. F. ELDRIDGE.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

*Amount of Money Appropriated at last Annual Meeting,
March, 1882.*

Highways.....	\$4,000 00
Town Charges.....	2,000 00
Support of Poor.....	1,200 00
do Town Schools.....	2,200 00
do High School	800 00
do Library.....	300 00
For School Books.....	250 00
Engine Companies.....	325 00
Engine House	200 00
Town Farm Buildings.....	300 00
Reservoirs.....	400 00
Memorial Service	25 00
New Bell for Engine House.....	75 00
Night Watch	100 00
Total.....	<u>\$12,175 00</u>

Valuation of resident Real Estate	\$570,860 00
do Personal Estate.....	291,269 00
Valuation of non-resident Real Estate	34,540 00
do Personal Estate.....	1,401 00
Total Valuation	<u>\$898,070 00</u>

Sum assessed State Tax.....	\$4,340 42
do County Tax....	1,574 54
do Town Tax	12,175 00
do for Overlays....	309 27
Total tax assessed .	<u>\$18,399 23</u>

Number of polls, 715. Number of dogs, 89. Percentage, 18 mills.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Luther Young	\$50 80	\$29 47
B. S. Gerry	49 97	31 55
J. M. Farrar	62 15	34 77
Frank Wheeler	74 45	56 07
J. H. Cobb	102 43	9 23
F. E. Rand	57 68	35 78
Melzer Curtis	80 15	21 68
N. G. Brackett	24 25	26 07
L. M. Haseltine	56 57	13 42
J. C. Crowell	59 45	
C. H. Lowell		67 95
W. C. Gerry	35 63	19 19
Henry Mower	22 12	20 54
Charles Pullen	13 25	21 85
S. D. Meader	49 78	
Darius Sampson		33 68
F. E. Moore	16 90	23 76
Augustus Whitcomb	39 00	40 65
Wm. Oliver	53 20	46 30
R. Nutter	81 45	52 69
W. O. Eaton	35 68	55 94
L. D. Packard	30 80	6 30
S. F. Wheeler	14 99	21 86
Cyrus Drew	37 70	19 32
F. E. Nute	34 93	11 35
H. W. Mower	30 32	48 41
Flanders' Mill District	136 25	8 17
Jacob Puffer	51 32	48 29
David Russell, 2d	35 70	38 79
Delano Leighton	46 95	48 21
H. H. Jose	29 60	24 65
W. F. Dunham	202 18	6 00
Charles Parkman	11 05	12 50

HIGHWAY EXPENSES—CONTINUED.

John Kittredge.....	23 00	2 80
Thomas Randall.....	19 09	31 99
Selectmen	1244 79	137 86
	<u>\$2,913 58</u>	<u>\$1,107 19</u>

The Selectmen ordered one of "Pennock's Patent Road Machines" in May, but did not get it until June. We did not work it outside of the village with the exception of the C. C. Hatch and R. Flanders' Districts, and short pieces in W. F. Dunham's and Oliver Lane's Districts. We think it a good investment, for it saves one half the labor in turnpiking and smoothing the road-bed, and leaves it in better condition than the old way of scraping.

The cost of the Road Machine, including freight and one extra point and knife, amounted to \$173 23.

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1881.

ON TAX OF 1879.

Richard Robinson	\$1 00
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ON TAX OF 1880.

James Clukey	3 00
Geo. H. Crockett, error...	3 00
C. F. Collins	3 53
Chas. A. Dexter,	3 00
Augustus Dyon	3 00
Jacob Frost	3 00
J. Calvin Fowler	3 00
Roscoe W. Hill, error.....	3 00
Wm. Lander	1 00
Geo. W. Mulligin, error.....	3 00
Geo. W. Nutt	3 00
F. W. Nutt	3 00
S. D. Phelps	3 00
W. L. Starbird.....	3 00
E. Ricker.....	3 00
Edward McAlister	3 00

ON TAX OF 1881.

Edman Bickel.....	6 68
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LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1881—CONTINUED.

Thomas Bailey.....	3 00
Peter Buldoc ...	3 00
J. J. Bradbury	3 00
Wm. J. Baker.....	3 00
Thos. Bean.....	3 65
E. A. Brewster, error.....	3 00
Lewis Curtis.....	2 25
Chas. Clukey, 2nd, error.....	1 00
John M. Clafin	3 00
Augustus Dyon	5 05
David Eldridge	3 00
E. W. Gatchell	3 00
Fred Lyon, error.....	4 33
C. F. Libbey.....	3 00
James Clukey.....	3 00
Samuel Murphy.....	3 00
Wm. McKenney.....	3 00
James Nutt	3 00
F. W. Nutt	3 00
Frank Pomeroy	3 00
Eben Phelps	3 00
Chas. Philbrick.....	3 00
Joseph Pooler.....	3 00
E. S. Pooler, error	3 00
James Pooler, error	3 00
Chas. S. Richardson	3 00
Seth F. Stearns, error	3 00
David Spooner	3 00
Henry H. Smith.....	3 00
Peter Upee.....	3 00
E. H. Witham.....	3 00
F. A. Wilson.....	13 85
Stephen Weymouth	3 00
B. F. Withee.....	3 00
Jotham S. Lane	3 00
L. Bertrand.....	3 00
W. John Leighton.....	3 00
Mrs. L. C. Curtis.....	1 75
Ivory Grant.....	3 00

 \$180 94

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.*TO PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.***CORINTH.**

Bassett & Derry, support of Mrs Glidden..... \$ 6 98

HARTLAND.

Leighton & Haines, support of Wm. Brawn family..... 19 00
 Jenkins & Hill, " " " " 6 00
 V. A. Sprague, " " " " 7 93
 N. F. Roberts, " " " " 5 50

ATHENS.

Leighton & Haines, support of Lydia Wing 4 00
 W. A Bumps, medical attendance " 51 40

CIRINNA.

B. F. Osgood, support of Ed. Moody 7 50

KENDUSKEAG.

E. M. Tibbetts, support of S. R. Brown family..... 1 75

DEXTER.

Maine Insane Hospital, support of Wm. Crocker..... 107 55
 Norrod Hurd, support of Abbie C. Haines 40 00
 J. N. Atwood, support of Eliza Hollowell.... 82 00
 W. A Bumps, medical attendance poor..... 12 00
 H. W. Mower, support of Chas. Ronco-1881 6 00
 N. F. Roberts, " " " 15 47
 C. F. Johnson, " " " 4 00
 Swanton Brothers " " " 4 25
 E. M. Tibbetts, " " " 4 25
 Leighton & Haines " " " 4 00
 Thos. Patten, " " " 6 13
 Swanton Brothers support of Felix Swanton 8 00
 Jenkins & Hill, " " " 3 62
 " " " Thos. Higgins..... 7 50
 " " " Samuel Tapley 7 06
 N. F. Roberts, " " " 4 00
 Jenkins & Hill, " Gideon Dexter..... 3 16
 L. D. Hayes, " " " 3 47
 Leighton & Haines, " " " 12 87
 Mrs. E. J. Thurstin, " S. B. Holt, 56 75
 N. F. Roberts, " " " 2 10
 Otis Merrow, " A. J. Hodgkins..... 5 00

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR—CONTINUED.

L. D. Hayes, support of Fabian Clukey and wife.....	8 00
Springall & Co, " Augusta White	60
Bridgham & Son, " " "	5 20
" " " Otis Butler	50
N. F. Roberts, " " "	4 00
Spooner & Brady, " Tramps	75
J. F. Witherell, attending funeral of Samuel Tapley.....	3 00
Allen Merrill, keeping tramps.....	1 50
E. M. Tibbetts, support of Wm. Pooler.....	5 00
" " " C. B. Morgan	15 52
N. F. Roberts, " " "	22
E. M. Tibbetts, coffin, box, &c., "	15 50
" " " " P. Boskett.....	11 50
" " " " T. Turpin.....	11 50
" " " " L. Bertrand	13 00
" " " " and robe, Samuel Tapley	17 50
" " " Dyon child	3 00
Total	\$617 31
Deduct amount due and received from other towns	\$152 31
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	\$465 00
Balance against the Town Farm.....	154 44
Total pauper support for the year.....	619 44
Appropriation.....	1200 00
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Balance unexpended	\$580 56

Received from Hartland.....	\$36 43
" " Corinna	7 50
" " Corinth	14 98
" " Parkman.....	18 25
Due " Hartland	18 00
" " Athens	55 50
" " Kenduskeag.....	1 75
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	\$152 31

TOWN FARM REPORT.

Paid Herbert T. Additon and wife, services on farm....	..\$300 00
Supplies for farm.....	407 57
	<hr/> \$707 57
Received for stock and produce sold... ..	519 96
	<hr/> \$187 61
Produce on hand less than last year.....	90 83
	<hr/> \$278 44
Stock on hand more than last year.....	124 00
	<hr/> \$154 44
Balance against farm....\$154 44

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

40 tons of hay.	34½ bushels mixed grain.
5 tons straw.	18½ " beans.
440 bushels potatoes.	65 " corn.
7 " table beets.	2½ " peas.
9 " onions.	949 lbs. pork.
53½ " wheat.	

STOCK ON HAND.

2 oxen, five years old.....	\$200 00
2 steers, three years old.....	105 00
2 steers, two years old.....	110 00
3 cows.....	105 00
1 horse, eight years old	175 00
27 sheep.....	160 00
2 swine... ..	24 00
30 hens	15 00
	<hr/> \$894 00

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

From Cash on hand.....	\$23 00
From Dairy—butter sold....	19 51
veal calf	10 00
From Sheep—122 lbs, of wool sold.....	34 16
20 lambs sold.....	60 00

RECEIVED FROM SURPLUS PRODUCTS—CONTINUED.

From Hens—eggs sold.....	14 59
poultry sold.....	15 06
From Stock sold.	82 00
From profit exchange stock.....	48 00
From potatoes sold.....	153 50
apples sold	3 40
beets sold	1 60
beans sold... ..	43 00
onions sold.....	2 80
straw sold.....	4 20
hoop poles sold.....	1 24
6 feet bark sold.....	3 90
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	\$519 96

Estimated cash value of farm and buildings, \$3,500 00.

PRODUCE ON HAND.

15 tons of hay.....	\$12 00.....	\$180 00
3 tons straw.....	6 00.....	18 00
35 bushels wheat	1 50.....	52 50
12 “ mixed grain	65.....	7 80
5 “ beans	3 00.....	15 00
10 “ corn.....	90.....	9 00
2 “ meal.....	85.....	1 70
400 lbs. cotton seed meal.....		7 00
½ bushels peas.....		1 00
450 lbs. pork	14.....	63 00
50 lbs. lard.....	15.....	7 50
4 bbls vinegar.....	6 00.....	24 00
12 gals. molasses	50.....	6 00
225 bushels potatoes	70.....	157 50
4 bbls. soap	3 50.....	14 00
54 bars soap.....		2 00
15 lbs. butter.....	24.....	3 60
½ bbl. flour.....		3 50
Salt.....		50
2 lbs tea.....	45.....	90
Spices ..		1 00
8 lbs. sugar	11.....	88
8 lbs. rolls	50.....	4 00
4 gals. oil	12.....	48
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		\$580 86

NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED AT FARM.

Wm. Sturtevant.....	Age, 62 years.
Lucian Jose	" 45 "
Mrs. Sovina Grover.....	" 63 "
Mrs. Aroline Safford	" 57 "
Samuel Tapley.....	" 86 "

DIED AT THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Jethro Goodwin died June 20th, 1882.

Samuel Tapley died Jan 19th, 1883.

Samuel Tapley, admitted Dec 9th, 1882.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Companies as per vote of town	\$325 00
B. F. Stearns, Chief Engineer	10 00
" Fire Warden	15 00
Samuel Morrill, "	10 00
H. S. Dole, "	5 00
B. L. Rowell, care of Engine No 2	15 00
J. H. Larrabee, care of Engine No. 1.....	15 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, care of Hook and Ladder Carriage	10 00
J. D. Maxfield, care of Force Pump ...	10 00
S. M. Leighton, care of Eureka Hose Carriage	3 00
C. Foss, two stoves, Engine halls.....	18 18
Furber Flynt, supplies for Engine Companies.....	11 70
L. M. Haseltine, wood for Engine Companies.....	8 00
L. D. Hayes, supplies for "	1 86
N. Dustin & Co., " "	3 50
W. J. Haseltine, " "	1 50
Springall & Co., " "	2 70
Jenkins & Hill, " "	2 47
Eldridge Bros., " "	5 01
M. F. Herring, printing for "	4 00

REPAIRS ON FORCE PUMP AND HYDRANT.

W. S. Giles	18 45
R. Flanders	14 10
John Smith	2 00
Dexter Woolen Mills	34 30

FIRE DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

N. Dustin & Co	33 47
E. Ricker	1 80
W. H. Carr	7 53
Eldridge Brothers	6 00
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	\$594 57

TOWN HALL.

Paid W. B. Goff, care of Hall	\$100 00
“ “ “ wood	12 00
“ “ “ piling wood	3 00
“ E. M. Tibbetts, wood	46 50
“ Jenkins & Hill, oil, &c.	27 18
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	\$188 68
Received and paid into Town Treasury	\$263 00
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Balance in favor of Hall	\$74 32
Hall has been opened 100 times.	
“ “ “ 30 times for paying.	
“ “ “ 7 “ expenses.	
“ “ “ 63 “ free.	

TREASURER OF DEXTER SCHOOL FUND

WOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT,

Amount of School Fund	\$2,689 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds	\$1,900 00
Town of Corinna Bonds	600 00
John & Hiram Morgan's note	30 00
Deposit in Dexter Savings Bank	159 47
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	\$2,689 47

Interest amounting to \$156 42 has been paid into the Town Treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

March 12, 1883.

TOWN CHARGES.

Allen Merrill, percentage, 1881.....	\$263 90
“ “ abatements, 1881.....	180 94
M. F. Herring, printing reports, 1881....	48 00
Allen Merrill, error in supplementary tax, 1881.....	30 00
J. K. Leonard, land for road....	75 00
A. J. Cobb, “ “ “	200 00
Mrs. Sarah Farrar, land for road	75 00
M. Sprague, scenery Town Hall	35 00
Miles King, cow.....	35 00
W. A. Bumps, medical attendance poor	12 00
Amos Abbott & Co., office rent.....	36 00
B. F. Stearns, filling reservoirs....	20 00
Amos Abbott, use of force pump filling reservoirs.....	12 00
Josiah Crosby, legal service ...	25 00
M. F. Herring, printing.....	8 50
N. F. Roberts, sewing machine, town farm	20 00
Almond Kimball, work in old cemetery.....	10 47
A. F. Macomber, constable service, 1881.	1 50
Allen Merrill, “ “ “	10 00
O. O. Roberts, “ “	3 50
D. D. Flynt, “ “	2 00
H. Bassett, back tax on Brown property	5 25
“ “ Non-Resident property ..	9 51
O. E. Brett, slate Town Hall	6 60
T. D. Farrar, irons “ “	5 00
Maine Central R. R., freight on road machine.....	18 23
Peter Mountain, night watch	1 25
G. M. Sturtevant, “ “	1 50
B. L. Rowell, “ “	1 50
L. French, surveying	1 50
Thos. Bailey, work in new cemetery..	3 75
H. F. Spooner, post for new cemetery	8 50
Wm. Johnson, work in new cemetery	11 15
Luther Haines, work in old cemetery	2 00
D. W. McCrillis, constable service 1880-81.....	5 00
A. C. Libby, lumber, old cemetery.....	3 75
C. Foss, repairs on Town Hall.....	3 82
C. F. Parshley, repairs on Town Hall	1 25
G. E. Farmer, repairs on Town Hall	8 13
Horace Jennings, to settle with Frost for reservoirs.....	1 00
W. G. Morrill, keeping County Commissioners ...	3 50
C. F. Bean, repairing furnaces Town Hall	75

TOWN CHARGES—CONTINUED.

Bridgham & Son, blank books, &c.	14 85
E. M. Tibbetts, paid ex.	1 85
N. F. Roberts, small bills ..	2 00
Dr. W. S. Wilde, V. S.	19 00
W. B. Goff, work on Town Hall.	3 25
“ “ constable service.	10 00
Allen Merrill, posting warrants and constable service	9 50
W. H. Durgin, constable service.	7 00
Geo. Hamilton, making deeds, &c.	6 75
A. F. Macomber, work on Town Hall.	4 12
Allen Merrill, percentage for collecting 1882,	322 00
“ “ abatements, 1882.	199 05
M. F. Herring, printing reports 1882 ...	54 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

T. A. Chandler, School Agent.	\$ 25 00
W. A. Bumps, Supervisor of Schools	137 80
Hiram Carr, Town Agent.	5 00
Hiram Bassett, Treasurer	50 00
Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk	15 00
L. M. Haseltine, services as Selectman	65 00
E. M. Tibbetts, “ “	90 00
N. F. Roberts, “ “	100 00
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	\$2,347 92

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Town Library.....	\$300 00
Paid Geo. Hamilton, Treasurer	300 00
For Memorial service	25 00
Paid Samuel Morrill ...	25 00
For repairs on Engine House	200 00
Paid for repairs	200 94
Overdrawn	\$ 94
For Town Farm buildings	300 00
Paid for repairs	322 44
Overdrawn	\$22 44
For four Reservoirs.	400 00
Paid for building four Reservoirs	555 81
Overdrawn	\$155 81
For new bell for Engine House.....	75 00
Paid on account of new bell	31 57
Balance unexpended.....	\$43 43
Night watch	100 00
Paid W. B. Goff.....	100 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways	\$4,015 32
Support of Poor	619 44
Town Charges, including bills of former years	2,347 92
Fire Department, Force Pumps, &c. ...	594 57
Town Schools	3,834 59
High School	1,050 00
Dexter Town Library.....	300 00
School Books	384 49
Memorial service.....	25 00
New Bell.....	31 57
Repairs on Engine House.....	200 94
Repairs on Town Farm buildings	322 44
Four Reservoirs.....	555 81
Night Watch	100 00
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	\$14,382 09

LIABILITIES.

Funded Debt, due April 1st, 1884, 6 per cent.....	\$4,000 00
Floating Debt on demand:	
Alice E. Foss, given May 13, 1878, 4 per cent... .	1,034 00
Due Town School.....	322 16
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	\$5,356 16

RESOURCES.

Forty Shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock	\$4,000 00
Cash in Treasury	408 43
Due from Non-resident Taxes 1882.....	348 09
Due from O. Fitzgerald property, 1882.....	81 00
Due from other towns.....	75 15
Due from State of Maine for Military expenses	50 00
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Total Resources	\$4,962 67
Total Liabilities	\$5,356 16
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Balance against the town	393 49

This is the true standing of the town March 1, 1883.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of Town Schools.....	\$2,200 00
For support of High School	800 00
For Town Charges.....	2,000 00
For Highways....	3,500 00
For Support of Poor	1,200 00

Respectfully submitted as the Financial Standing of the Town March 1, 1883. 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 Treasury at commencement of year	\$5,538 71
“ from sale of R. R. Stock	6,052 50
“ “ W. Goff, for use of Town Hall.....	263 00
“ “ Selectmen, (circus license).....	25 00
“ “ “ hay in cemetery.....	8 00
“ “ “ hay in Town Lot.....	3 50
“ “ Geo. Hamilton, interest on R. R. Stock....	240 00
“ “ “ “ interest on School Fund.....	156 42
“ “ Wm. Johnson, sale of lots in Cemetery	98 50
“ “ V. A. Sprague, back tax on Wormell property.....	18 00
“ “ A. H. Thaxter, back tax on Brown property	19 38
“ “ State School Fund and Mill Tax.....	1,307 68
“ “ State, Free High School	250 00
“ “ State, Rent of Armory	50 00
“ “ State, R. R. & Telegraph Tax	67 02
“ “ Selectmen on account Town of Parkman	18 25
“ “ “ “ “ Corinth	14 98
“ “ “ “ “ Hartland.....	36 43
“ “ “ “ “ Corinna....	7 50
“ “ Commitment, 1882	12,484 27
“ “ Selectmen, on acct. error in Swanton Bros. bill....	3 27
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	\$26,662 41

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Amount paid on drawn and highway orders	\$14,454 52
“ paid on floating debt—principal.....	10,282 50
“ “ “ “ interest.....	832 03
“ “ funded debt—interest	240 00
“ paid St. Albans, non-resident highway tax	1 26
“ paid M. F. Herring, adv. sale of non-resident real estate.	1 75
“ paid for making two deeds of non-resident real estate...	1 34
“ returned by Collector, non-resident tax, 1882.....	348 09
“ deed of J. O. Currier, non-resident property tax, 1881...	4 27
“ deed of Chas. O. Marsh, “ “ “ “ ...	7 22
“ in hands of Collector, tax on Dr. O. Fitzgerald's property	81 00
“ Cash in Treasury	408 43
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	\$26,662 41

H. BASSETT, TREASURER.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated by town	\$ 800 00
" received from the State.....	250 00
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	\$1050 00
Amount paid teachers	\$1050 00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance unexpended.....	\$ 242 65
Amount raised by Town	2200 00
" received from State.....	1307 68
Interest on School Fund.....	156 42
Amount raised for School Books.....	250 00
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Total amount of School Fund	\$4156 75

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Teachers in Rural Schools.....	\$1606 03
" " Village "	1235 00
" " Penmanship	60 00
Total amount paid Teachers.....	\$2901 03
Paid union district in Corinna.....	44 00
" for school books and material	338 84
" W. A. Bumps, school material	45 65
" for wood.....	178 72
" for repairs and school furniture	196 26
" for cleaning and care school rooms.....	130 09
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Total expense	\$3834 59
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Balance unexpended.....	\$ 322 16
Value of school books and school material on hand March 1st, 1883..	\$ 284 80

T. A. CHANDLER,

SCHOOL AGENT.

Dexter, March 1st, 1883.

TREASURER OF DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY

WOULD SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

March.	By cash on hand	\$ 28 78
Aug. 2,	cash of Town of Dexter.....	100 00
Nov. 16,	books returned to Lockwood, Brooks & Co.....	11 16
Dec. 16,	cash of H. S. Dole	1 65
Dec. 16,	cash of H. L. Wood	1 17
Dec. 16,	cash of Town of Dexter	200 00
March 1,	cash for fines.....	13 54
March 1,	cash for Catalogues sold	6 40
		<hr/> \$362 70

EXPENDITURES.

April 24,	To paid R. O. Robbins, printing.....	\$ 8 00
July 27,	Springall & Co., binding books, &c.....	19 30
Aug. 2,	Lee & Shepard, for books.....	24 35
Nov. 3,	Lockwood, Brooks & Co.....	101 99
Nov. 16,	" " "	1 17
Dec. 30,	Eastern State Steam Printing Co.....	4 50
March 1,	Springall & Co., binding books, &c.....	23 90
	Lockwood, Brooks & Co.	81 35
	A. A. Springall, salary as Librarian.....	75 00
	Cash on hand	23 14
		<hr/> \$362 70

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

March 12, 1883.

Report of Trustees of the Town Library:

Whole number of books in the Library, 1625 volumes, 217 of which, have been added during the past year. Number of books taken from the Library during the year is 13,355. Greatest number taken by one person, 81.

The books are in a very good state of preservation, showing that good care has been taken of them by the patrons of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

March 15, 1883.

THE TRUSTEES.

REPORT OF **Chief Engineer of Dexter Fire Department.**

The following is respectfully submitted as the report of the standing and service of your Fire Department, for the year ending March 2, 1883:—

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

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

FIRES AND ALARMS.

There has been but one fire, and but two alarms during the year. July 18, 1882, fire in the picker-room at the Stone Mill. The Department was promptly on hand, and the fire soon extinguished; damage, \$200. August 7th, there was a slight fire on the roof the Leonard house. An alarm was given but the fire was extinguished without the aid of the Department; no damage. November 25th, burning-out of a chimney in the house occupied by Al. Ireland. Department responded to the alarm, but services not needed.

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES.

The fire extinguishing apparatus is the same as last year, and is in good condition. Four additional reservoirs were built during the summer, but their condition cannot be ascertained until the frost leaves the ground. The roof of the Engine House has been tinned and put in

excellent repair, and the Engine Halls re-plastered; the halls have also been thoroughly refitted. This latter was done at the expense of Companies No. 1 and 2, costing them nearly \$100 each.

I would recommend that the town build brick ash-pits at each of the school-houses in the village. Something of this kind is much needed, as one incipient fire, caused by ashes being kept in boxes and barrels, was recently extinguished at the High School-house by Mr. Frank E. Dustin.

I would also recommend that all the doors of our village school-houses be made to open outward, in conformity with law. The necessity of this is especially noticeable at the High School-house. Should the outer door be closed, or partially closed, and a fire panic be started, the result would be serious to contemplate; there a large number of scholars would be obliged to find egress by a narrow, winding stairway, leading into a small entry. The railing is not sufficient to withstand the strain, and it would be a repetition of the New York horror.

In conclusion, I would say that this Department is fully alive to the necessity of acting quickly, and are remarkably prompt to respond to an alarm, being fully aware that a few moments' work at the beginning of a fire will save hours of labor and great loss of property.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. STEARNS,

CHIEF ENGINEER.

March 2, 1883.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

The Supervisor of the public schools in Dexter would respectfully submit the following report, for the school year ending April 27, 1883.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

High School.

The same efficient instructors as last year. It has been a pleasure to note the constant progress, and increasing interest which is the result of earnest work, in behalf of teachers and scholars. The discipline and attendance is above criticism.

With a suitable school-room, and apparatus for practical illustrations, the educational advantages of this school would be equal to any in the State, of similar grade.

The free system of text books and moderate tuition, are appreciated by an increasing number of students from the adjoining towns. The academic and English course has been well arranged to meet the wants of all pupils.

A more extended report can be seen by referring to the catalogue of the school published at the close of each school year.

Grammar School.

The progress of the scholars in this school for the past year has been very good, and their tasks faithfully per-

formed. Superficial training has been discarded and the scholars instructed in the practical value of their studies.

The unavoidable changing of teachers, has rendered the discipline open to criticism.

Intermediate No. 1.

This school has been taught very successfully during the year. The earnest work of both teacher and pupils has made it a model school. The excellent discipline, use of good language during recitations, mental work in Arithmetic, are highly commendable.

Intermediate No. 2.

Has been under the instruction of an excellent teacher, whose earnest endeavors have been rewarded by prompt and thorough exhibition of scholarship during examinations. Marked progress has been made in Reading and Penmanship.

Primary Nos. 1 and 2.

Have been taught by the same teachers as last year, maintaining the good standing of the schools. The instruction and management of this grade of schools, should be attended with great care and patience.

There is no grade that should be watched as carefully as the Primary department, for the principles and truths that are taught here, are noticeable throughout a lifetime. The teachers in this department should instruct the little ones in a kind and appreciating manner, for, "as the twig is bent the tree inclines." A harsher method is unpardonable.

In these schools Free-hand Drawing has received marked attention.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Under the supervision of the town of Corinna, and has been satisfactory.

District No. 2.

This school, though numbering but a few pupils, has been, for the most part, under the instruction of an experienced teacher, whose labors have been appreciated by parents and scholars. The school-house in this district is an excellent one and an honor to the town.

District No. 3.

The discipline and advancement in this school is worthy of especial consideration, the instruction showing how an High School education should be appreciated.

District No. 4.

The scholars are well advanced and show thorough training by experienced teachers. The rhetorical exercises added much to the interest of the school.

District No. 5.

In this school I find scholars below the general average in age, but above in average scholarship. A lack of knowledge of the school must have incited previous reports. The same teacher was employed here during the three terms, each term giving evidence of thorough, practical work.

District No. 6.

Graded schools.

District No. 7.

The three terms have been taught by an experienced teacher, who has given excellent satisfaction in discipline and modes of teaching.

This school has demonstrated the superior training of teachers in the State Normal departments. The duties of the school-room were performed in an easy and graceful manner, with the use of good language during recitation.

District No. 8.

Excellent work has been accomplished here; under the same instruction during the school year. The analytical work is a success and has given great interest to the studies, encouraging scholars in historical reading.

Many of the older scholars have completed all of the studies common to the Rural Schools, and are well advanced in those of a higher grade. The school has given evidence of faithful work, and the superior ability of its teacher.

District No. 9.

The same teacher was retained during the three terms. A kindly feeling existed between teacher and pupils, which made the studies interesting and less irksome.

I recommend the written work done here, for its practical value.

Hymeneal ties have robbed us of a faithful teacher.

District No. 10.

This is the largest Rural School in town, and has required the most experienced teachers. The Spring and Fall terms were taught by the present teacher of the Grammar School, and were highly satisfactory.

The Winter term has been well managed; good discipline, and thorough work accomplished.

While it is a duty of parents and guardians, to watch the progress of their scholars, and be interested in the workings of the school, it is not a duty of theirs to inter-

fere with its management, or let their interest be so abused as to become a nuisance.

District No. 11.

Considering the condition of this school at the commencement of the year, its lack of classification and irregularity of attendance, I should say more progress has been made, both in studies and discipline, than in any of the Rural Schools.

This school, for the most part, was under the instruction of the same teacher during the year; but owing to a slight discord between the teacher and certain pupils, withdrew, and the term was well completed without loss of time.

District No. 12.

A small, but very interesting school. The teachers have shown evidence of excellent abilities and thorough scholarship.

Teacher of Penmanship.

Mr. Harry Bassett instructed the pupils of the Graded Schools, during the Fall term, with much interest, and excellent results.

SCHOOL STATISTICS,

For the Year ending April 27, 1883.

Schools.	Teachers.	No. of Scholars in District.	Average No. Scholars Registered.	Average Attend'ce.
High School.	{ Jere M. Hill. M. J. C. Thompson.	572	60	54
Grammar School.	{ Anna O. Emerson. Ella J. Mower.		50	44
1st Intermediate.	{ Bessie Nutter.		39	37
2d Intermediate.	{ Fannie L. Dearth.		28	26
1st Primary.	{ M. Lizzie Bailey.		68	62
2d Primary.	{ Nellie Leighton.		62	55
District No. 2.	{ Addie Ireland. May Davis.	26	8	5
" " 3.	Elmie Briggs.	15	12	10
" " 4.	{ Anna Savage. Sarah Haskell.	29	29	22
" " 5.	Ella Jennings.	27	19	16
" " 7.	Jeannette Barton.	21	15	13
" " 8.	Fannie Brackett.	17	11	9
" " 9.	Alma Farrar.	38	15	12
" " 10.	{ Anna O. Emerson. Addie Ireland.	41	32	27
" " 11.	{ Josephine Mower. M. L. McKechnie.	26	18	16
" " 12.	{ Katie Winslow. Alice Cummings.	11	9	6

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In following out the recommendations and plans adopted by my predecessor in office, I find several changes necessary, in order that parents may not ignore certain hygienic principals that ought to be observed in all schools.

The Spring terms of the lower Graded Schools, should not begin before the middle of April, of each year.

By so doing, the small scholars would not be exposed, for the most part, to the severe changes of weather which usually occur during the months of March and April.

The schools would then close in time to avoid the hot weather of summer, giving pupils the advantage of the pleasant days of Spring.

Three terms of ten weeks each (if improved), is sufficient for the mental training of any scholar in our Graded Schools; more than this would be detrimental. Besides this, I disapprove of Private Schools, which rob the smaller scholars of that mental rest, so necessary to vigorous study during term time.

Owing to the increase of scholars in the several districts, and the extra expense in furnishing school material, also for new books to take the place of some of the old ones (actually past usefulness), an extra appropriation should be made to meet the current expenses.

Therefore, I would recommend,

For Text Books,	-	-	\$ 350 00
For Common Schools,	-		2500 00
For Free High School,	-		1000 00

The condition of certain school-rooms is incompatible with good discipline, proper instruction and health of the scholars. In the Grammar School the seats were constructed for a Primary grade, and are not suitable for

scholars whose ages range from eight to twenty years. The walls are uncleanly, and the windows and doors rickety.

In the schools under Town Hall, insufficient light is obtained, and by improper arrangement of privies bad hygienic conditions are the result.

At the High School we find no proper means for ventilation. During the winter the difference in degrees of temperature near the stove and the rear of the room, was 25°. Namely, 65° and 90°. Such conditions are not proper for health.

I would recommend the construction of a new school-house, that shall accommodate the graded schools. This would lessen the expense at least two teachers each year, and the necessary expense of running six separate schools.

REMARKS:

I have labored with the schools during the past year to the best of my judgment, and have attended to the workings of each thoroughly and impartially. I have been careful in selecting and retaining the same teachers in each school during the year.

The schools have been, mainly, successful, and their supervision a pleasure to me. New diplomas and seal have been procured for the High School; this, with the introduction of Industrial Drawing, I consider necessary expenditures which have made the general expense rather more than last year.

To teacher and scholar I extend my sincere thanks for their kind attention and assistance during my term of office.

W. A. BUMPS, SUPERVISOR.

