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Town Warrant.

STATE OF MAINE.

TO JOSEPH H. FITZGERALD, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEXTER,
IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT,

GREETING.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dexter, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town. on Monday, the twenty-third day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, viz.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said Meeting.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- Art. 5. To choose three or more Assessors.
- Art. 6. To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- Art. 7. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- Art. 8. To choose a Town Agent.
- Art. 9. To choose three Superintending School Committee, or a Supervisor.
- Art. 10. To choose a School Agent.
- Art. 11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 12. To choose all other Town Officers required by law to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Art. 13. To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce Town Ordinances.
- Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise to pay Town Charges.
- Art. 15. To see how much money the Town will raise to Support the Poor.

- Art. 16. To see how much money the Town will raise for the support of Schools, and for the Free High School.
- Art. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise to purchase School Books and School Material.
- Art. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise to make and repair Highways, and how it shall be expended.
- Art. 19. To see what method the Town will adopt for breaking Highways, and how the money for this purpose shall be expended.
- Art. 20. To see what method the town will adopt for carrying on the Town Farm and Support of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 21. To see what method the Town will adopt for the management of the Town Library, or act anything relative thereto, and what amount of money they will raise for the same.
- Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept a road, or any part of the same laid out by the Selectmen, from near George E. Jackson's to the Owlsboro' road.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to build a School building or buildings sufficient for the purposes of a High School, Grammar School. Intermediate School and Primary School, and raise money for that purpose by issuing bonds or otherwise, or to act anything relating to any of the objects of this Article.
- Art. 24. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Twelve Hundred Dollars raised at the last Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of a lot and moving the Free Street School House on to it.
- Art. 25. 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.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to let the Religious Societies have free use of Town Hall for Levees the ensuing year.
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to let the Town Hall free of expense for Temperance Meetings, School Exhibitions and Levees, and the Firemen, the ensuing year.
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to let the H. F. Safford Post have the use of the Town Hall free for entertainments the ensuing year.
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to give H. F. Safford Post Twenty-Five Dollars to help defray expenses Memorial Day.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to secure a lot as near the Town Hall as may be, and build a School House thereon for the Schools now under Town Hall, and raise money for the same.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to pay S. A. Winslow, W. B. Goff, Jenkins & Hill, Thomas Bickell, Wm. Thompson, N. Dustin & Co., or others, for Work or Material furnished Wm. M. Hall, in changing and repairing the Town Hall in 1877.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to have the Streets in Dexter Village surveyed and Boundaries established and recorded, or any Streets thereof where disputes have or may arise.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to Administer the Oath to all persons on receiving their Inventories, and also to assess a Poll Tax on all persons able to contribute to the Public Support.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Ordinance in relation to the taxation of dogs, with any amendment or modification thereof, or in any other way vote on the taxation of dogs :

Sect. 1. An annual tax of One Dollar each, shall be assessed upon every dog more than six months old, that is kept in the Town of Dexter, on the first day of each April, to the owner or person who has such Dog in his possession at that time, and this ordinance shall remain in force until repealed by a legal vote of the Town.

Sect. 2. The amount raised by said tax, shall be used, first, to pay for any damages caused by dogs, where there is no other legal remedy, and the remainder to be appropriated to the purchase of books for the Town Library.

Sect. 3. When any citizen of Dexter has been injured in his person or property by a dog, whose owner or person keeping him is unknown, he shall present his claims and allegations in writing to the Selectmen, who, after a public hearing and careful examination of the case, shall, if they consider such claims just, award him reasonable damages therefor, but not to be paid before the first day of March following of the current year.

Sect. 4. On the said first day of March, if the said awards amount to more than the said tax assessed and collected for that year, the Selectmen shall award to each claimant a proportionate part of said tax, and order the same to be paid from the Town Treasury. Each claimant on receiving his pay shall assign his claim to the inhabitants of Dexter.

- Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lease the Town Reports of the Supreme Judicial Court for pay, the sum to be kept insured to the Town against loss by Fire.
- Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to pay a Night Watchman, and how much.
- Art. 37. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Town Hall the ensuing year.
- Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to pay Cobb & Moore Twenty-two Dollars for furnishing Wm. Hall while repairing the Town Hall in 1877.
- Art. 39. To see if the Town will choose a Superintendent of the several Cemeteries owned by the Town.
- Art. 40. To see if the Town will provide for the perpetual care of the Lots in the Cemeteries, or take any action in relation to the same.
- Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise money to be expended in clearing up the Streets against the old Cemetery, and doing such other work as may be necessary.
- Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to allow interest on taxes paid on or before July 1st, 1885.
- Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to build a reservoir on Pleasant Street, near the residence of D. K. Jenkins, and raise money for the same.
- Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Engineers to exchange the Independent Hose Carriage for a larger one, and raise money for the same.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the twenty-first 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. 1885.

| | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| E. M. TIBBETTS, | } | Selectmen of Dexter. |
| GEO. E. FARMER, | | |
| ALBERT ELLMS, | | |

TOWN OFFICERS.

For the Municipal Year 1884-5.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

E. M. TIBBETTS,
GEO. E. FARMER,
ALBERT ELLMS.

TOWN CLERK :

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER :

HIRAM BASSETT.

TOWN AGENT :

BENJ. F. ELDRIDGE.

COLLECTOR :

JOSEPH H. FITZGERALD.

AUDITOR OF SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS :

C. W. CURTIS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS :

H. S. WHITMAN.

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ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1884.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Highways, | \$3000 00 |
| Town Charges, | 2000 00 |
| Support of Poor, | 1000 00 |
| " of Town Schools, | 2200 00 |
| " of High School, | 800 00 |
| " of Town Library, | 300 00 |
| For School Books, | 300 00 |
| Fire Department, | 500 00 |
| Memorial Service, | 25 00 |
| Painting Town Hall, | 300 00 |
| School House at "Owlsboro," | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$10,925 00 |

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| Valuation of resident Real Estate, | \$592,000 00 |
| " of Personal, | 260,428 00 |
| " of non-resident Real Estate, | 25,865 00 |
| " of " Personal, | 1,351 00 |

Total Valuation, \$879,644 00

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Sum assessed State Tax, | \$3,858 92 |
| County Tax, | 1,124 61 |
| Town Tax, | 12,879 06 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$17,862 59 |

No. of Polls, 657. Percentage, 18 mills.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

| BY WHOM EXPENDED. | SUMMER | WINTER |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Luther Young, | \$21 13 | \$94 07 |
| F. W. Card, | 8 70 | 46 40 |
| Wm. Thompson, | 25 90 | 57 19 |
| A. F. Mower, | 14 20 | 83 84 |
| H. Jennings, | 11 15 | 116 65 |
| J. C. Trickey, | 60 | 62 39 |
| John Brown, | 3 62 | 56 74 |
| L. M. Haseltine, | 58 50 | 68 09 |
| C. H. Lowell, | 32 39 | 102 16 |
| W. C. Gerry, | 19 65 | 33 04 |
| E. W. Eaton, | 46 95 | 86 20 |
| C. M. Pullen, | 5 15 | 48 70 |
| Amount carried forward, | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$247 94 | \$855 47 |

800
 2200
 300
 3300
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|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amount brought forward, | \$247 94 | \$855 47 |
| S. D. Meader, | 25 92 | 65 86 |
| W. C. Atwater, | 8 17 | 82 71 |
| Augustus Whitcomb, | 50 30 | 95 15 |
| Wm. Oliver, | 15 80 | 100 18 |
| D. McGregor Jones, | 24 83 | 77 45 |
| W. O. Eaton, | 91 75 | 69 88 |
| S. F. Wheeler, | 6 69 | 58 72 |
| Wm. N. Lane, | | 79 98 |
| Moses Hersey, | 22 35 | 47 75 |
| A. S. Farrar, | 18 35 | 75 22 |
| G. W. Labree, | 91 50 | 45 37 |
| J. Puffer, | 26 82 | 97 88 |
| David Russell 2d, | 8 81 | 65 39 |
| W. H. Curtis, | 78 50 | 142 99 |
| W. F. Dunham, | 45 75 | 98 70 |
| S. O. Jose, | 61 91 | 78 12 |
| Chas. Parkman, | | 33 97 |
| John Kittredge, | 23 75 | 29 60 |
| Thos. Randall, | 7 20 | 65 74 |
| Wm. Morrison, | 94 05 | 114 83 |
| Selectmen, | 1310 30 | 251 39 |
| | <u>\$2260 79</u> | <u>\$2632 35</u> |

ERRORS IN TAX.

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Wm. Adams, | \$3 00 |
| Jas. E. Brawn, | 3 00 |
| Chas. F. Bean, | 4 05 |
| Thos. Clukey, | 3 90 |
| Martin J. Davis, | 3 00 |
| Moody Eldridge, | 3 00 |
| Samuel Morrill, | 2 30 |
| Chas. Moses, | 3 00 |
| Frank Tuttle, | 3 00 |
| Lewis Moore, | 3 00 |
| Frank O. Moore, | 3 00 |
| Miss Ann Thayer, | 90 |
| Chas. S. Young, | 3 00 |
| J. O. Currier, | 2 70 |

\$40 85

ABATEMENTS.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| J. W. Burdick, | \$ 90 |
| Benj. Bagley, | 3 60 |
| Mrs. A. P. Bond, | 5 40 |
| Oscar Beard, | 3 00 |
| Wm. Ellis, | 3 00 |
| E. G. Jackson, | 6 52 |
| John Lynch, | 3 00 |
| G. Q. H. Putman, | 3 00 |
| John Smith, | 3 00 |
| Fred Page, | 3 27 |
| Chas. H. Lancaster, | 10 47 |
| Isaac Cousins, | 36 |

\$45 52
40 85

\$86 37

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

TOWN OF CHESTER.

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------|
| O. P. Lougee, support of D. Pond and family, | - | - | \$5 25 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, casket and box for child, | - | - | 6 50 |
| | | | <hr/> \$11 75 |

CARMEL.

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------|
| G. G. Fifield, for support of Emma L. Davis' family, | - | - | 9 00 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, for wood and supplies, | - | - | 20 25 |
| | | | <hr/> \$29 25 |

HARTLAND.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------|
| Abner Shepherd, for support of W. Brawn's family, | - | - | 18 75 |
| Leighton & Haines, " " " " | - | - | 5 00 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, " " " " | - | - | 4 00 |
| | | | <hr/> \$27 75 |

DEXTER.

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| Wm. M. Johnson, entombing and grave for H. Tapley, | - | - | 4 00 |
| Norrod Hurd, support of Abbie C. Haines and children, | - | - | 40 00 |
| Town of Foxcroft, support of Otis Butler and family, | - | - | 6 60 |
| Town of Monmouth, support of Eliza Hollowell, | - | - | 40 00 |
| Town of Livermore, " " " " | - | - | 4 16 |

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| | | | <hr/> \$44 16 |
| Mower & Farrar, for support of C. B. Ronco and family, | - | - | 4 50 |
| Geo. Hamilton, " " " " " " | - | - | 1 56 |
| E. E. Morgridge, " " " " " " | - | - | 4 50 |
| C. P. McCrillis, " " " " " " | - | - | 17 00 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, " " " " " " | - | - | 7 50 |
| C. M. Sawyer, " " " " " " | - | - | 12 94 |

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|---|---|---|---------------|
| | | | <hr/> \$48 00 |
| S. D. Meader, for support of Chas. T. Carlton and wife, | - | - | 12 00 |
| A. Trefethen, " " " " " " | - | - | 4 87 |
| Spooner Bros., " " " " " " | - | - | 7 78 |
| C. M. Sawyer, " " " " " " | - | - | 4 30 |

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|---|---|---|---------------|
| | | | <hr/> \$28 95 |
| Leighton & Haines, support of Layban Clukey and wife, | - | - | 18 00 |
| Jenkins & Hill, " " " " " " | - | - | 14 06 |

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| | | | <hr/> \$32 06 |
| Geo. Hamilton, support of R. Greene and family, | - | - | 1 25 |
| Leighton & Haines, " " " " " " | - | - | 3 81 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, " " " " " " | - | - | 3 25 |
| Abner Shepherd, " " " " " " | - | - | 6 50 |
| E. Morgridge, " " " " " " | - | - | 4 50 |

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| | | | <hr/> \$19 31 |
| Amount carried forward, | - | - | <hr/> \$291 83 |

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR CONTINUED.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Amount brought forward, | - | - | - | \$291 83 |
| Town of Waterville, support of Levi Clukey, 1883, | - | - | - | 4 00 |
| Leighton & Haines, support of Mrs. Neddo, | - | - | - | 2 00 |
| C. P. McCrillis, support of Thos. Duloc and family, | - | - | - | 1 92 |
| Bridget Dalton, support of Mary Quinn, - | - | - | - | 21 85 |
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| | | | | \$321 60 |
| Deduct amount due and received from other towns, | - | - | - | 68 75 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$252 85 |
| Balance against Town Farm, | - | - | - | 128 34 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$381 19 |
| Appropriation, | - | - | - | 1200 00 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$818 81 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Received from town of Carmel, | - | - | - | 29 25 |
| Received from town of Chester, | - | - | - | 5 25 |
| Due from town of Chester, - | - | - | - | 6 50 |
| Due from town of Hartland, | - | - | - | 27 75 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$68 75 |

TOWN FARM REPORT.

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|------------|
| Paid H. T. Additon & wife, services on farm, | - | - | - | \$300 00 |
| for Stock and Supplies on farm, | - | - | - | 979 27 |
| Decrease in Stock from last year, | - | - | - | 148 00 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$1,407 27 |
| Cr. | | | | |
| Received for Stock and Produce sold, | - | - | - | \$1,095 88 |
| Increase from produce from last year, - | - | - | - | 66 44 |
| By cash on hand, - | - | - | - | 116 61 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$1,278 93 |
| Balance against the farm, | - | - | - | \$128 34 |

STOCK ON HAND.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 1 Horse, | - | - | - | - | \$125 00 |
| 1 yearling Colt, | - | - | - | - | 75 00 |
| 2 oxen, 6 years old, | - | - | - | - | 170 00 |
| 2 Cows, | - | - | - | - | 90 00 |
| 1 Three-year-old Heifer, | - | - | - | - | 20 00 |
| 2 Two-year old Heifers, | - | - | - | - | 45 00 |
| 32 Sheep, | - | - | - | - | 125 00 |
| 2 Swine, | - | - | - | - | 15 00 |
| 30 Hens, | - | - | - | - | 15 00 |

TOWN FARM REPORT CONCLUDED.

RECEIVED FROM PRODUCTS AND STOCK SOLD.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| From Sheep, 149 lbs. of Wool, | - | - | - | - | - | \$29 80 |
| 1 Pelt. | - | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| 26 Lambs. | - | - | - | - | - | 78 00 |
| From Hens, Poultry, | - | - | - | - | - | 5 78 |
| Eggs. | - | - | - | - | - | 9 59 |
| Stock sold, | - | - | - | - | - | 891 00 |
| Beans, | - | - | - | - | - | 36 31 |
| Apples. | - | - | - | - | - | 6 62 |
| Pork, | - | - | - | - | - | 24 78 |
| Wheat, | - | - | - | - | - | 7 00 |
| Box, | - | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| Straw, | - | - | - | - | - | 2 00 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | | \$1,091 88 |

PRODUCE ON HAND.

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 37 tons of Hay, | \$11 | - | - | - | - | \$407 00 |
| 4 tons of Straw, | 5 | - | - | - | - | 20 00 |
| 275 bu. Potatoes. | | - | - | - | - | 100 00 |
| 2 bbls. vinegar. | 6 | - | - | - | - | 12 00 |
| 6 galls. Molasses, | 50 | - | - | - | - | 3 00 |
| 250 lbs. Salt Pork. | 12 | - | - | - | - | 30 00 |
| 1 bu. Beets, | 60 | - | - | - | - | 60 |
| 2 bbls. of Apples, | 1.25 | - | - | - | - | 2 50 |
| 20 lbs. Lard, | | - | - | - | - | 2 75 |
| 50 lbs. Sugar, | 8 | - | - | - | - | 4 00 |
| 1 bbl. of Flour, | | - | - | - | - | 6 50 |
| 2 lbs. of Tea, Salt, | | - | - | - | - | 1 50 |
| 1 1-2 lbs. Rolls, | 60 | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| 2 galls. Pickles, | 50 | - | - | - | - | 1 00 |
| 20 lbs. Beef, | 12 1-2 | - | - | - | - | 2 50 |
| 9 lbs. Fish, | 6 | - | - | - | - | 54 |
| 1 1-2 bu. Onions, | 1.00 | - | - | - | - | 1 50 |
| 2 galls. K. Oil, | 15 | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| 3 bbls. of Soap, | 4.00 | - | - | - | - | 12 00 |
| 7 1-2 bu. of Wheat, | 1.25 | - | - | - | - | 9 37 |
| 15 bu. mixed grain, | | - | - | - | - | 7 50 |
| 12 bu. Beans, | | - | - | - | - | 21 50 |
| 6 bu. Corn, | 75 | - | - | - | - | 4 70 |
| 1 1-2 bu. Mixed Meal, | 50 | - | - | - | - | 05 |
| 1-2 bu. Peas, | 2.00 | - | - | - | - | 1 20 |
| 1-2 bu. Salt, | 50 | - | - | - | - | 25 |
| 38 lbs. Dried Apple, | 6 | - | - | - | - | 2 84 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

\$655 20

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 45 tons of Hay, | 32 bushels Wheat. |
| 5 " Straw. | 78 " Mixed Grain. |
| 300 bushels of Potatoes, | 32 1-2 " Beans. |
| 4 " Table Beets. | 25 " Corn. |
| 5 " Onions. | 700 lbs. Pork. |

NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Wm. Sturtevant, | Age, 64 years. | Mrs. Caroline Safford, | Age, 59 years. |
| Lucian Jose, | " 47 " | S. B. Holt, | " 26 " |
| Mrs. Sovina Grover, | " 65 " | S. B. Holt 3 months on farm in 1884. | |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid Engine Cos. as per vote of town, | \$325 00 |
| J. H. Fitzgerald, Chief Engineer, | 10 00 |
| " " " as Fire Warden, | 8 00 |
| L. B. Waldron, Engineer, | 10 00 |
| " " " as Fire Warden, | 8 00 |
| S. L. Small, care of Force Pump, 1883, | 10 00 |
| " " " storing Hose Carriage, 1883, | 5 00 |
| Eldridge Bros., | 2 30 |
| G. A. Dustin, care of Hose Carriage No. 5, | 3 00 |
| J. H. Fitzgerald, care of Hook and Ladder Carriage, | 10 00 |
| W. A. Leighton, care of Eagle Engine No. 1, | 15 00 |
| Brann & Hill, " " " 2, | 15 00 |
| A. L. Barker, lumber furnished in 1883, | 6 54 |
| Leighton & Haines, | 72 |
| Cyrus Foss, | 5 30 |
| Jenkins & Hill, | 3 48 |
| N. Dustin & Co., | 36 48 |
| W. H. Durgin, 1883, | 5 25 |
| S. L. Small, care of Force Pump, | 10 00 |
| " " " storing Hose Carriage, | 5 00 |
| Thos. D. Farrar, | 16 00 |
| J. H. Fitzgerald, bells, | 38 87 |
| W. J. Haseltine, | 9 15 |
| Furber Flynt, | 3 00 |
| Hunneiman & Co., | 2 65 |
| M. F. Herring, | 1 50 |
| J. J. Haynes, refreshments, Card's fire, | 2 00 |
| Eugene Brann, | 1 50 |
| E. H. Durgin, | 2 00 |
| Springall & Co., | 5 50 |
| Bridgham & Son, | 9 55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$585 79 |

TOWN HALL.

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Reccived of W. B. Goff, | \$ 3 00 |
| Geo. E. Farmer, | 108 20 |
| S. D. Cushman, | 116 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance in favor of Hall, | \$227 20 |
| Opened free 39 times. | |

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

| | |
|--|---------------|
| For Town Library, | \$300 00 |
| Paid G. Hamilton, Treas., | 300 00 |
| For Memorial Services, | 25 00 |
| Paid Samuel Morrill, | 25 00 |
| For painting Town Hall, | 300 00 |
| Paid J. Howard Brown, labor, | \$ 49 80 |
| G. G. Fifield, labor, | 21 87 |
| N. Dustin & Co., lead and oil, | 135 05 206 72 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance unexpended, | \$93 28 |
| One coat of paint on; paint and oil on hand to complete painting Hall. | |

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS CONTINUED.

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| For school-house at Owlsboro, | 500 00 |
| Paid Atwood J. Cobb, | \$440 00 |
| Mrs. Z. Curtis, lot, | 40 00 480 00 |
| Balance unexpended, | \$20 00 |
| For removing and repairing school-house, | 1200 00 |

TOWN CHARGES

| | |
|---|---------|
| Lucien French, surveying roads, | \$ 3 75 |
| Bassett & Derry, error in tax 1883, | 5 10 |
| M. F. Herring, printing reports of 1883, | 38 37 |
| A. D. Kimball, labor in old cemetery, | 6 00 |
| Wm. M. Johnson, labor and fence in new cemetery, | 12 00 |
| M. F. Herring, printing and advertising, | 10 13 |
| B. F. Dunham, land for wood, | 16 00 |
| O. W. Bridges, on acc't, Temperance Hall, | 36 37 |
| L. Veazie, O. H. Bachelder and J. Foss, appraisers of powder, | 8 55 |
| Eldridge Bros., repairing Town Hall, | 15 10 |
| F. H. Fassett, sketches and estimates for school-houses, | 85 50 |
| A. C. Winslow, repairing Town Hall, | 1 60 |
| B. F. Mills, services as Constable, | 10 00 |
| D. W. McCrillis, " " " | 8 00 |
| J. H. Fitzgerald, " " " | 10 00 |
| W. H. Durgin, " " " 1883-4, | 10 00 |
| F. E. Dustin, " " " | 10 00 |
| Josiah Crosby, legal services, | 41 60 |
| D. Merryman, target range, | 15 00 |
| Cyrus Foss, stove and funnel for lockup, | 10 63 |
| Amos Abbott & Co., rent of Selectmen's office, | 36 00 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, expense to Wellington, pauper case, | 4 00 |
| S. L. Small, cleaning out channel Mill Pond, | 5 00 |
| I. M. Russ, repairing furnace at Town Hall, | 1 05 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, sundry small bills, | 2 10 |
| " " " postage, express and stationery, etc., | 2 40 |
| Geo. E. Farmer, repairs Town Hall, | 2 75 |
| " " " Engine " | 4 10 |
| Estate of Reuben Flanders, as per vote of town, | 32 10 |
| Bridgham & Son, stationery, | 4 63 |
| Dr. W. A. Bumps, medical attendance poor, | 5 00 |
| W. B. Goff, Constable service, | 5 00 |
| Dr. W. A. Bumps, damage on highway, | 25 00 |
| Geo. E. Farmer, expense of looking up pauper, | 3 00 |
| J. C. Thompson, damage on highway, | 5 00 |
| Geo. Hamilton, making deeds of cemetery, | 6 00 |
| J. H. Fitzgerald, error in tax and abatements, | 86 37 |
| " " " percentage for collecting, 1884, | 267 93 |
| Eastern State, printing reports, | 50 00 |
| Wm. M. Johnson, labor and bills paid, new cemetery, | 22 00 |

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| A. H. Knight, School Agent, | \$ 25 00 |
| H. S. Whitman, Supervisor, | 150 00 |
| B. F. Eldridge, Town Agent, | 5 00 |
| Hiram Bassett, Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk, | 15 00 |
| Albert Ellms, Selectman, | 75 00 |
| Geo. E. Farmer, " | 100 00 |
| E. M. Tibbetts, " | 125 00 |

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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Highways, | \$4893 14 |
| Support of poor, | 381 19 |
| Fire Department, | 585 79 |
| Dexter Town Library, | 300 00 |
| Memorial service, | 25 00 |
| Town charges, | 1468 13 |
| School books, | 275 29 |
| Town schools, | 2866 91 |
| High School, | 1050 00 |
| Painting Town Hall, | 206 72 |
| New school-house and lot, | 480 00 |
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| | \$12,532 17 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Alice E. Foss, given May 13, 1878, at 4 per cent, | \$1034 00 |
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RESOURCES.

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| Due from town schools, | \$ 55 69 |
| non-resident tax deed J. O. Currier, 1881, | 4 27 |
| " " " " " 1882, | 2 70 |
| " " " " C. O. Marsh, | 7 22 |
| State, for military expenses, | 50 00 |
| on non-resident tax returned by Collector, | 8 10 |
| On Dr. O. Fitzgerald's real estate, 1882, | 81 00 |
| " " " " " 1883, | 9 50 |
| R. W. Gilmore's " " " | 21 00 |
| Due from other towns, | 34 25 |
| In hands of Collector, | 12 00 |
| Due from O. P. Parcher, grass on common, 1883, | 3 00 |
| Cash in treasury, | 2389 39 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2678 12 |
| Liabilities deducted, | 1034 00 |
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| Balance in favor of town, | \$1644 12 |

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

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| For support of town schools, | \$2200 00 |
| " free High School, | 800 00 |
| Town charges, | 2500 00 |
| Highways, | 4000 00 |
| New roads, | 750 00 |
| Support of poor, | 1000 00 |

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town March 1st, 1885, and the expenditures for one year.

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| E. M. TIBBETTS, } | Selectmen |
| G. E. FARMER, } | of |
| ALBERT ELLMS. } | Dexter. |

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER,

IN ACCT. WITH H. BASSETT, TREAS.

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| By amount in Treasury at commencement of year..... | \$591 27 |
| “ of non-resident tax returned by Collector, 1883..... | 68 86 |
| “ from Bridget Dalton, on tax, 1882..... | 3 50 |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1883..... | 11 05 |
| “ “ Selectmen, on account of sale of R. R. stock..... | 2,222 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ circus license..... | 5 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ powder seizure..... | 8 55 |
| “ “ “ “ “ grass sold in cemetery.. | 4 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ town of Carmel..... | 29 25 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Chester..... | 5 25 |
| “ “ J. H. Fitzgerald, proceeds from sale of jug..... | 15 |
| “ “ State, for rent of armory | 50 00 |
| “ “ “ School Fund and Mill Tax..... | 1,155 73 |
| “ “ “ Free High School..... | 250 00 |
| “ “ “ R. R. and Telegraph Tax..... | 3 00 |
| “ “ Geo. Hamilton, Int. on School Fund | 157 64 |
| “ “ E. G. Robinson acct. scholars from Ripley..... | 9 14 |
| “ commitment to Collector year 1883..... | 12,879 06 |
| “ from Selectmen, grass sold on common..... | 2 00 |
| “ “ “ use Town Hall | 227 20 |
| “ “ “ lots sold in cemetery..... | 110 00 |
| “ Tax Deed Dr. O. Fitzgerald property tax 1882..... | 81 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ rec'd by Collector, 1883 .. | 59 50 |
| “ “ R. W. Gilmore “ “ 1883... | 21 00 |
| “ non-resident tax deed J. O. Currier's property tax 1881 | 4 27 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1882 | 2 70 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Chas. O. Marsh's “ 1881 | 7 22 |
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| | \$17,968 34 |

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| To amount paid on Selectmen's orders on Treasurer..... | \$8,376 46 |
| “ “ highway orders..... | 4,945 27 |
| “ “ funded debt principal..... | 2,000 00 |
| “ “ “ interest | 60 00 |
| “ “ interest on floating debt..... | 40 00 |
| “ “ town of St. Albans, Cash and Highway tax..... | 5 63 |
| “ “ M. F. Herring, adv. non-resident property..... | 2 00 |
| “ “ for making deed of “ “ | 67 |
| “ “ recording “ “ | 58 |
| “ of Dr. O. Fitzgerald's tax deed 1882 | 81 00 |
| “ due on Dr. Fitzgerald's tax 1883 | 9 50 |
| “ “ R. W. Gilmore's “ 1883 | 21 00 |
| “ tax deed J. O. Currier's property, tax 1881..... | 4 27 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1882 | 2 70 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1883 | 2 55 |
| “ “ Chas. O. Marsh, non-resident tax 1881 | 7 22 |
| “ non-resident tax rec'd by Collector “ 1884..... | 8 10 |
| “ in hands of Collector | 12 00 |
| “ in Treasury | 2,389 39 |
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| | 17,968 34 |

HIRAM BASSETT, TREASURER.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Amount appropriated by the Town. | \$ 800 00 |
| " received from the State. | 250 00 |
| | <u>\$1050 00</u> |
| Amount paid teachers. | \$1050 00 |

COMMON SCHOOLS.

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| Town appropriation, | \$2200 00 |
| Received from the State, | 1155 73 |
| Interest on School Fund, | 157 64 |
| Tuition paid in by E. G. Robinson of Ripley, | 9 14 |
| Appropriation for school books, | 300 00 |
| | <u>\$3822 51</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

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| To Union district in Corinna, | \$ 37 05 |
| Teachers, | 2935 00 |
| For wood, | 247 24 |
| Care of school rooms, | 87 25 |
| Cleaning " " | 46 00 |
| Furniture, | 47 00 |
| Painting, | 13 25 |
| Repairs, brooms, brushes, &c., | 81 87 |
| Preparing and getting in wood, and banking and boughing houses, | 16 50 |
| School books and school material, | 275 29 |
| Amount overdrawn last year, | 88 63 |
| | <u>\$3878 20</u> |
| Amount overdrawn, | \$55 69 |
| Value of school books, &c., on hand, March 1, 1885, | \$177 12 |

A. H. KNIGHT,
SCHOOL AGENT.

DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The Treasurer of Dexter School Fund would submit the following report:

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| Whole amount of School Fund, | \$2689 47 |
| Invested as follows: | |
| Town of Dexter Bonds, | 1900 00 |
| " " Corinna, " | 600 00 |
| Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank, | 189 47 |
| | <u>\$2689 47</u> |

Interest amounting to \$157.64 has been paid into the Town Treasury.

Dexter, March 4, 1885.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

Report of the Trustees for the year ending February 28, 1885.

The Total number of Books in the Town Library is 2000, of which number 1873 appear upon the Catalogue—186 having been added during the Municipal Year.

The books are classed under the following heads, viz.:

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| Agricultural and Horticultural, | 37 |
| Biographical, | 108 |
| Fiction, | 804 |
| Historical, | 160 |
| Juvenile, | 69 |
| Poems and Essays, | 46 |
| Theological, | 42 |
| Travels and Adventures, | 146 |
| Miscellaneous, | 461 |
| Public Documents, | 127 |

The Books appear to have been reasonably well cared for by the patrons.

Increased interest in the Library is manifested by the larger number of open accounts.

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| Present number of Book Takers, | 503 |
| Number of books taken out during the year, | 11,315 |
| Largest number taken out by any one person, | 73 |

Respectfully Submitted,

H. S. DOLE,
GEO. A. ABBOTT,
H. L. WOOD,
GEO. HAMILTON,
A. F. BRADBURY, } TRUSTEES.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Dexter Town Library would submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

1884.

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EXPENDITURES.

1884.

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| April 3 | To paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books, | \$ 62 70 |
| " " | Eastern State Publishing Co., for printing catalogues, etc., | 15 50 |
| | To paid Springall & Co. bill for binding books, etc.,..... | 23 45 |
| Nov. 19, | " " Cleaves, Macdonald & Co., for books, | 70 82 |
| 1885. | | |
| March 1, | " " " " " " " " | 119 43 |
| " " | Amos A. Springall, salary as Librarian, | 75 00 |
| | Cash on hand, | 24 11 |

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GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE DEXTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER:

The following is respectfully submitted as to the services and standing of your Fire Department for the year ending March 1st, 1885:

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, J. H. FITZGERALD.
1ST ASSISTANT, L. B. WALDRON.
2D " S. L. SMALL.

FIRES.

There have been four fires during the past year, as follows: April 24th, at 2.45 o'clock A. M., fire was discovered in the Picker Building of the White Mill. It caught from the Picker Machine, and, in the oily substances to which the flames had access, burned rapidly and consumed nearly all the inside of the building. Your Department was prompt to respond to the alarm and did excellent service. Damage estimated at \$1200. October 1st, at 2 o'clock P. M., fire in the new brick Picker Building, recently erected by the Dexter Mills Corporation. This also caught from the Picker Machine and burned the wood-work inside the building quite badly. As usual, your Department was very prompt to respond, and quickly extinguished the flames. Damage estimated at \$500. November 17th, at 8.35 o'clock P. M., fire was discovered in an old, unoccupied house and saloon, situated on Lower Main Street, and owned by B. F. Dunham. Cause of fire unknown. The entire buildings were consumed. Your Department responded promptly, but the fire was too far advanced to be extinguished. Damage unknown. Jan. 23d, 1885, at 12.45 o'clock A. M., fire was discovered in the house owned and occupied by G. W. Card, on Pleasant street. This alarm was very poorly given, but your Department, as ever, was prompt in response, and, but for the reason that the Engines were, for some cause at present unknown, frozen up, the fire would have been speedily extinguished without much loss. The main house was badly burned inside. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage estimated at \$800.

CONDITION.

Engines Nos. 1 and 2 are in excellent condition, with 35 men each. No. 1 has 525 and No. 2 has 550 feet 2 1-2 inch rubber-lined hose in fair condition.

Union Hook & Ladder Co. Truck and Ladders in excellent condition, with 25 men.

Independent Hose Co. Carriage not adequate to the needs of

the company, being much too small. 10 men, 500 feet 2 1-2 inch rubber lined hose in good condition.

Spooner's Mills Co. Engine in good condition, 30 men, 600 feet 2 inch hose (300 leather and same amount linen) all second-handed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the purchase of 450 feet new rubber-lined hose for the three companies in the village. The necessity for this is very obvious, as at present there is not nearly enough to reach distant parts of the village from the several sources of water supply, and what there now is constantly being diminished by damage and breakage in use.

There are three reservoirs that need to be repaired. One near the depot must be re-covered the present year, as it is absolutely dangerous in its present condition to set a machine upon. Those two located near the residences of Mrs. McClellan, on Main St., and E. M. Tibbetts, on Maple St., should be so changed in their construction as to remove the openings from the sidewalks.

We also recommend building a new reservoir on Pleasant Street, near the residence of D. K. Jenkins. The necessity for this is plainly visible, as no Company in the Department has hose enough to reach that section of the village from any of the present water supplies.

We have been sparing in our suggestions, and have only recommended what seems to us necessary and right to be done, and well worthy your attention.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we are happy to say that the town of Dexter has an enviable reputation of having the best fire department, outside the large cities, in Maine, and that the Department loses none of its interest, but maintains good discipline and is worthy your most liberal support.

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| J. H. FITZGERALD, | } | Board of Engineers. |
| L. B. WALDRON, | | |
| S. L. SMALL. | | |

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

In accordance with the school laws of the State, I respectfully submit to the town of Dexter the following report of the condition, progress, and needs of its schools for the year ending March 23, 1885.

There have been seventeen schools the past year, fifty terms (three terms for each school but one), with a total of 456 weeks. The six village schools have each had thirty weeks of school, ten for each term. Ten of the rural schools have had twenty-six weeks each, eight for the summer and fall terms and ten for the winter term. The other rural school had but two terms of sixteen weeks, as it had to wait for the completion of the new school building.

Your supervisor has given careful attention to these schools by personal supervision and examination, making one hundred and five visits during the year. I think, as a whole, the schools have done remarkably well, and that they are in excellent condition now. The relations of teachers, scholars, and parents, have been all that could be desired in point of harmony and good feeling, in eleven or twelve of the schools, through the entire year. And there has been constant improvement in this respect, till, in the winter term, with one or two exceptions, the utmost concord and good will prevailed. Dexter, I am sure, has reason to be satisfied with the corps of teachers that have served her the past year. And she has cause for gratification in that nineteen of the twenty-three teachers belong in town. With these preliminary observations, I pass on to note the work of the schools in detail.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

[District No. 6.]

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School, with very superior teachers, has had its accustomed prosperity through the year. There was a break at the close of the fall term, Mr. Soule having resigned to accept a flattering position in Hingham, Mass. Mr. Allen, fortunately, was secured for the place, with the best of results. He has proved himself, in every respect, eminently fitted for the position. The discipline is all that could be asked for, and yet without friction or seeming exertion on the part of the teacher. Accurate and thorough in instruction, clear and concise in statement and expla-

ation, apt in illustration, earnest and devoted, he requires, and secures from the school, good honest work. The scholars are led to think as well as to commit. He commands their confidence and respect and exerts upon the school an elevating influence. He has been ably seconded by his faithful assistant, so long and so favorably known to the people of Dexter. With such teachers, it would be a wonder if reasonable proficiency had not been made in the High School, even with its poor accommodations.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

This school has continued, now for the second year, under the instruction of the same efficient teacher. It is by far the most difficult school in town. It has, next to the 1st Primary, the largest number of scholars in attendance, and the largest average attendance of all. A teacher must have great energy to do any sort of justice to these sixty-seven scholars, with their several recitations. Besides, they are of that age when the reins of government must be drawn pretty tight and held in a firm hand, if order is to be preserved. It can be said, however, to the great credit of the teacher, that good order has prevailed in this school and excellent progress has been made. The examinations were highly satisfactory to the large number of parents and visitors present, and testified to the character of the school's work.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 1.

Both teacher and school deserving of the very highest praise. Teaching reduced to a system. The wheels of government and instruction move as by clock work. Scholars instinctively obedient and studious. Examinations as near perfect as in the nature of things possible.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 2.

A constant advance through the year, under the care of a most capable and faithful teacher. With thorough consecration, she has devoted herself, heart and mind, to the good of the school. The result, solid work and enviable success. The two schools of this grade are among the very best. One would have to go far to find better.

PRIMARY NO. 1.

There was a vacancy in this school at the beginning of the year, and Miss Burton, who had had the advantage of Normal School training, was engaged for the place. She worked hard and gave general satisfaction. She has many superior qualities as a teacher—an engaging manner, great enthusiasm, earnestness and life. Several features of novelty and interest were introduced. The

school improved in appearance from term to term, especially in order, which was rather defective at first.

PRIMARY NO. 2.

This school maintained its usual good standing under its former painstaking teacher. She has a motherly interest in the little ones and exerts a helpful influence over them. Kind and patient, it must have seemed like home to the children, and they responded by good work.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

A union district composed of scholars from Dexter and Corinna, and under the supervision of Corinna.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Three different teachers for the three terms, Such frequent change of teachers, though sometimes, as in this case. necessary, works to the disadvantage of a school. In the summer term, a portion of the pupils, by their bad conduct, threw away their opportunity, though under the charge of a hard-working, conscientious teacher of scholarly attainment. A wonderful change took place in the fall, however, Under the firm hand of an experienced teacher, order reigned, and good progress was made. As this teacher could not return, much to the regret of the parents, another teacher was employed for the winter term who had a successful term. This school had an average attendance of only 27 per cent. of the whole number of scholars in the district, the lowest of any in town.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Three teachers in this school, too. The teacher of the summer term had marked success and gave evidence of great superiority as a teacher ; but she was obliged to retire on account of ill health. The fall term, under the charge of a trained teacher, was highly satisfactory to all concerned. The vacancy of the winter term was filled by a former teacher who before, "out of chaos and disturbance," had brought "peace and good will." Good order prevailed through the year and fair progress was made. There is a lack of promptness, on the part of the scholars, in recitation. And the average attendance was only 69 per cent., the lowest of any in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Under the instruction of two experienced and capable teachers. The school appeared well at each visit and made decided progress. This is a very interesting school, and the examinations, varied and searching, spoke well for both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Good order, happy cheer, cordial relations between teacher and scholars characterized this busy school. It is one of the most advanced of the rural schools. The parents take an active interest in the school and co-operate heartily with the teacher. They have given considerable attention to the beautifying of the school grounds by setting out trees, and their example is worthy of imitation.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

A wide-awake teacher, well disposed scholars, parents who take an interest in the school, have contributed to its welfare and prosperity. The teacher was obliged to give up the school, in the middle of the winter term, on account of ill health, and Miss Hamilton finished it with good acceptance. This school had more visitors than any other of the rural schools and the second best average attendance. It is not well classified. The number of daily recitations should be reduced.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The smallest school in town. A good degree of interest, however, was maintained and fair progress made. The teacher was faithful, thorough in scholarship, accurate in instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

One of the most successful of the rural schools. It had the least amount of tardiness and dismissals of any school in town in proportion to its size. The teacher has the rare faculty of drawing out what is best in the scholars and securing hearty work. Most of the pupils are young, but bright, active, and interesting. They gave evidence of careful training and a thorough knowledge of what they had been over.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This is the largest of the rural schools; and it had the best average attendance of these, excelled only by the High School and 1st Intermediate. It was under the charge of a dilligent, energetic teacher, who secured from the scholars hearty co-operation.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Good work was done here under the direction of an accomplished teacher of large experience. Great thoroughness characterized her efforts; and no one who had the will to learn could have failed in making substantial progress.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

This school, though small, has come to be quite difficult to manage, requiring an experienced teacher. The teacher of the summer and fall terms had had no former experience and, though an excellent scholar, did not have the best of success here. But a great transformation was effected in the winter term. The school became orderly and interesting, with considerable enthusiasm on the part of the scholars and a vigorous determination to make the most of their opportunity.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

A new school house, and new school, and a new teacher. And they seemed to fit one another admirably. All progressed well, and the teacher gave evidence that she will win success in teaching, as in everything else she undertakes.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF STATISTICS.

| Schools. | Teachers. | Wages per week. | No. Scholars in District. | No. attending School. | Average No. in School. | Cases of Tardiness. | Cases of Dismissal. | No. not absent one-half day. | No. Daily Recitations. | No. of Visits of Citizens. | Per cent. of av. Attendance of whole. | No. Scholars. | Per cent. of av. Attendance of those in School. |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| High. | A. P. Soule, s. | \$25 00 | | 53 | 56 | — | — | — | — | — | | | |
| | May J. C. Thompeon, f. | 10 00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | A. P. Soule, f. | 25 00 | | 54 | 52 | 25 | 11 | 30 | — | 8 | | .95 | |
| | May J. C. Thompson, w. | 10 00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | W. W. Allen, w. | 25 00 | | 53 | 49 | 27 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 30 | | | |
| Grammar. | May J. C. Thompson, w. | 10 00 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | R. W. Nutter, s. | 15 00 | | 67 | 62 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 13 | 65 | | | |
| | " " f. | 15 00 | | 67 | 61 | 26 | 0 | 36 | 14 | 25 | | .92 | |
| 1 Intermediate. | " " w. | 15 00 | | 66 | 61 | 33 | 19 | 20 | 14 | 20 | | | |
| | Bessie W. Nutter, s. | 7 00 | | 36 | 33 | 14 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 10 | | | |
| | " " f. | 7 25 | | 43 | 41 | 27 | 2 | 21 | 20 | 10 | | .93 | |
| 2 Intermediate. | " " w. | 7 50 | | 40 | 37 | 27 | 0 | 9 | 20 | 10 | | | |
| | Jennette S. Barton, s. | 7 00 | | 27 | 23 | 14 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 11 | | | |
| | " " f. | 7 25 | | 33 | 30 | 19 | 0 | 13 | 20 | 10 | | .89 | |
| 1 Primary. | " " w. | 7 50 | | 33 | 30 | 51 | 1 | 11 | 20 | 11 | | | |
| | Millic C. Burton, s. | 7 25 | | 79 | 69 | 80 | 8 | 21 | 17 | 25 | | | |
| | " " f. | 7 25 | | 66 | 54 | 29 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 23 | | .77 | |
| 2 Primary. | " " w. | 7 25 | | 66 | 40 | 100 | 7 | 14 | 15 | 25 | | | |
| | Mrs. Nellie Foss, s. | 7 00 | | 61 | 52 | 78 | 12 | 9 | 20 | 20 | | | |
| | " " f. | 7 25 | | 62 | 51 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 25 | | .85 | |
| | " " w. | 7 50 | | 54 | 48 | 68 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 20 | | | |
| | Village Schools. | | 492 | 322 | 283 | | | | | | .58 | .88 | |
| No. 2. | Mary H. Hamilton, s. | 5 50 | | 12 | 8 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 10 | | | |
| | M. Lizzie Bailey, f. | 6 00 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 17 | .27 | .73 | |
| | Lydia F. Lane, w. | 5 75 | | 8 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 19 | 5 | | | |
| No. 3. | Katy Winslow, s. | 5 00 | | 8 | 5 | 17 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 3 | | | |
| | Elmie J. Briggs, f. | 5 50 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 9 | .42 | .69 | |
| | Mabel Additon, w. | 5 50 | | 11 | 7 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 18 | 16 | | | |
| No. 4. | Lydia B. Weymouth, s. | 6 00 | | 24 | 21 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 27 | 9 | | | |
| | " " f. | 6 00 | 36 | 20 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 27 | — | .50 | .84 | |
| | Elmie J. Briggs, w. | 6 50 | | 20 | 16 | 38 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 7 | | | |
| No. 5. | Ella A. Jennings, s. | 6 00 | | 19 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 34 | — | | | |
| | " " f. | 6 00 | 21 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 34 | 4 | .78 | .82 | |
| | " " w. | 6 50 | | 21 | 19 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 5 | | | |
| No. 7. | Jennie E. Greene, s. | 5 50 | | 15 | 14.3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 38 | | | |
| | " " f. | 5 50 | 19 | 15 | 13.6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 31 | 13 | .71 | .86 | |
| | May H. Hamilton, w. | 6 00 | | 17 | 12.4 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 32 | 11 | | | |
| No. 8. | Alice R. Cummings, s. | 5 00 | | 7 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 13 | | | |
| | " " f. | 5 50 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 9 | .46 | .78 | |
| | " " w. | 5 50 | | 6 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 3 | | | |
| No. 9. | Mabel Additon, s. | 5 50 | | 13 | 12 | 2 | | 5 | 26 | — | | | |
| | Lettie Daggett, f. | 6 00 | 27 | 17 | 14 | 9 | | 4 | 31 | — | .43 | .85 | |
| | " " w. | 6 00 | | 11 | 9 | 5 | | 1 | 26 | — | | | |
| No. 10. | Alice H. Maxim, s. | 6 00 | | 28 | 26 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 28 | 17 | | | |
| | " " f. | 6 00 | 44 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 1 | 17 | 29 | 10 | .51 | .92 | |
| | " " w. | 6 50 | | 23 | 20 | 23 | 3 | 8 | 26 | 14 | | | |
| No. 11. | Ella J. Mower, s. | 5 75 | | 12 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 26 | — | | | |
| | " " f. | 6 00 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 17 | 8 | 3 | 29 | — | .65 | .83 | |
| | " " w. | 6 50 | | 18 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 5 | 31 | — | | | |
| No. 12. | Fannie J. Elder, s. | 4 50 | | 9 | 7 | 20 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 5 | | | |
| | " " f. | 5 00 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 18 | 5 | .93 | .77 | |
| | M. Lizzie Bailey, w. | 6 25 | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 12 | | | |
| No. 13. | Elouise B. Proctor, f. | 5 00 | | 8 | 7 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 14 | | | |
| | " " w. | 5 50 | 10* | 11 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 4 | | .79 | |
| | Rural Schools. | | 240 | 157 | 130 | | | | | | .54 | .83 | |
| Total (including 8 in No. 1) | | | 740 | 479 | 413 | | | | | | .56 | .86 | |

NOTE.—The small letters following the teacher's names stand for summer, fall and winter Terms respectively. A dash signifies no returns made. * Estimated.

You will observe from the table that there were 740 scholars in town last April; 492 in the village schools and 248 in the rural schools, including the 8 in Union District. The average attendance of the whole number of scholars was 56 per cent.; .58 in the village and .54 in the rural schools. District No. 12 had the highest per cent. of the rural schools; No. 5, the second; No. 7, the third; No. 2, the lowest. The average attendance of those registered was .86 per cent.; .88 in the village, and .83 in the rural schools. The High School stood first in this respect; 1st Intermediate, second; Grammar and district No. 10, third and fourth; 2d Intermediate, fifth; district No. 3, the lowest. District No. 9 had the least cases of tardiness and dismissals in proportion to size of school; Grammar, second; district No. 5, third; 1st Intermediate, fourth; High, fifth. District No. 10 had the largest number not absent in proportion to size of school; 1st Intermediate, second; High, third; Grammar, fourth; 2d Intermediate, fifth. The Grammar school had the largest number of visitors; 1st Primary, second; 2d Primary, third; district No. 7, fourth; High, fifth.

The average wages of the teachers in the rural schools was \$5.73. The town raised for the support of common schools \$2200.00, an average of \$2.97 per scholar; or an average of \$0.86 for each inhabitant according to the census of 1880.

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I do not deem it necessary, with the people of this town, to dwell upon the importance of education and the need of maintaining a high standard in the schools. You must know how much the character of its schools has to do with the true welfare of a community. If a town can afford to be liberal in any direction, it must be in this. Parsimony here is not economy. A better class of citizens is attracted to those towns which have the best schools. It pays to be generous in this matter, in dollars and cents even, in the end; while in all that goes to make up the highest good of a community, the influence of the schools is simply incalculable.

The great need of this town at the present time, is better school buildings. Dexter has put herself in the very van of progress by adopting the town system, and the free text-book system. She has a splendid corps of teachers and her schools, I am persuaded, are far above the average. I think you have reason to be proud of your schools and your teachers. But you have no reason for exultation so far as the school buildings are concerned. You have reason for humiliation, rather. Dexter is sadly behind other towns of like resources in this regard. There is the most urgent neces-

sity that the schools under the town hall be at once removed from their present quarters. We need a new building for the High and Grammar schools, worthy of their present condition and the work they are doing. I recognize the need of economy. But it is not as if Dexter were oppressed by a heavy debt. And now, when material is low, is a good time to build. You have never yet failed to take a liberal stand when the pressing needs of your schools have been made apparent to you. Nor will you now, I believe, when you come to look the matter over with care.

We need three primary schools. There were 140 scholars in this grade last summer. There are too many for two schools. The building on Free St. could easily be utilized for a third primary school, provided there were money enough to justify the employment of another teacher. A new rural school has already been established, which necessitates an extra teacher. This school has been in operation 16 weeks. With no more money than in previous years, it has only been by the strictest economy that we have been able to keep from cutting down the length of the schools. It has grieved me that I have not been able to pay some of the teachers as much as they really deserve. I think, therefore, that the town ought to increase the appropriation for the support of common schools from \$2200.00 to 2500.00, to the end that the teachers shall be equally paid, that the school in district No. 13 shall have the means of support, and that a new primary school may be established,

Text Books. Lossing's History was adopted for the schools in place of Barnes' which had become antiquated. A new system of writing books was introduced; also Monroe's Supplementary Readers, for some of the classes, for the sake of variety. A few changes have just been made in the High School, which more properly belong to the next year's report. These include the exchange of Steele's Philosophy for Hutchinson's, and Hart's Rhetoric for Hill's.

We have expended for books \$275.29, or \$24.71 less than the appropriation. But it will probably take the balance to complete the exchange of histories, for which we were to have a year's time.

Suggestions.—I think a reduction in the number of the schools in town might be effected with advantage. A consolidation of some of the small schools would involve less expense.

There ought to be a better system of classification in the rural schools. The number of recitations could easily be reduced in most of them. A course of study might well be adopted in these schools, as has been done in the village schools.

Irregular attendance and tardiness are among the evils to be guarded against. Parents have much to do with the cure of these

evils. They can also help to promote the efficiency of the schools by visiting them often and by coming into sympathy with the teachers and their work.

Conclusion.—I have tried to discharge the duties of my office faithfully and impartially, according to the best interests of the schools. It has been a constant pleasure to me, and I have felt a growing interest in the work. I regret that I have not had more time to give to the schools, I believe a Supervisor could devote at least half his time to the schools with profit. I, certainly, have not the time that must of necessity be given to this work. Therefore, I must decline to serve you another year. I am grateful for the sympathy and co-operation I have experienced; and I thank the teachers and scholars for the consideration and kindness they have shown me.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

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| For Common Schools,..... | \$2,500.00. |
| For Free High School, | 800.00 |
| For Text Books,..... | 300.00 |

H. S. WHITMAN, SUPERVISOR.

