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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers



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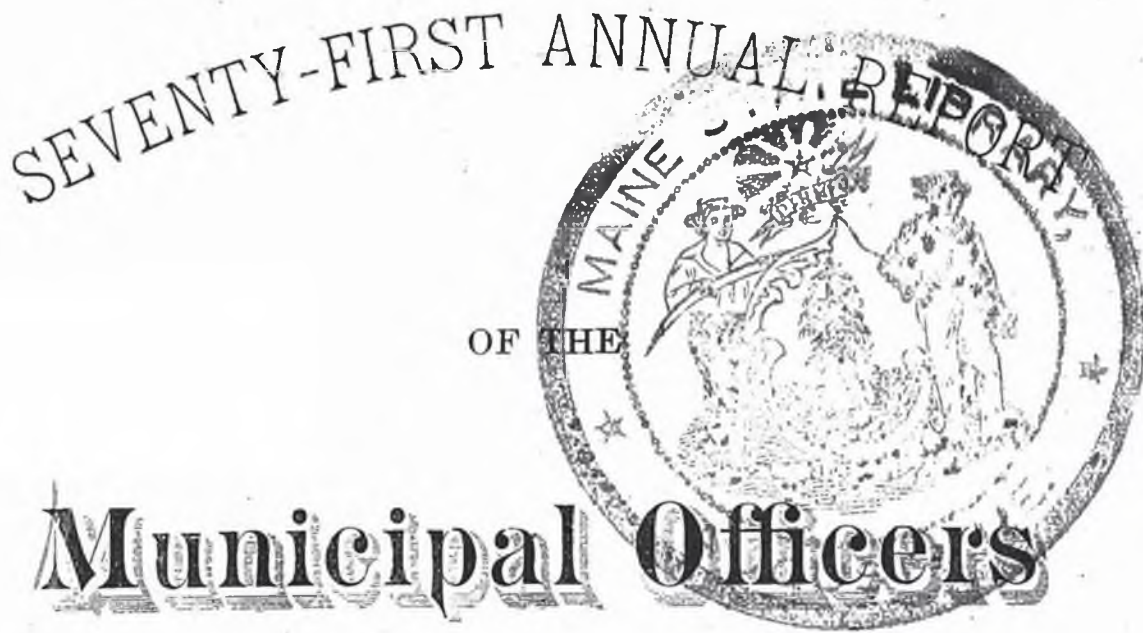
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For the Municipal Year 1886-7.

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EDWIN G. LIBBY

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TREASURER:
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TOWN AGENT:
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COLLECTOR:
JOSEPH H. EITZGERALD

SUPERVISOR:
E. H. BOYNTON.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES:
J. W. LEIGHTON.

Town Warrant.

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TO JOSEPH H. FITZGERALD, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEXTER,
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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-eighth day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

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Town Charges.

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- ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise for support of the Poor.
- ART. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise for support of Schools and for the Free High School.
- ART. 19. To see how much money the Town will raise to purchase School Books and School material.
- ART. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise to make and repair Highways and how it shall be expended
- ART. 21. To see what method the Town will adopt for breaking Highways, and how the money for this purpose shall be expended.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Road Commissioner to take charge of Highways.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to purchase any wire fencing, to be used where it drifts badly, provided the owners of the land will put it up and keep it in repair, free of expense to the town, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Safe or build a vault for the protection of the towns records against fire, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to rebuild or enlarge and repair the draw in the stone bridge or take any action in relation thereto.
- ART. 26. To see what action the Town will take in relation to paying Amos Abbott & Co., in whole or in part, the expenses incurred by them in changing their 3 inch water pipe for 4 inch to correspond with the town's
- ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to pay E. F. Libby for labor expended on the highways of Dexter in the year 1884-6-7.
- ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept and build the street as laid out by the Selectmen from Rail Road Avenue near M. J. Weymouth's shop to Cedar Street.
- ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Flander's Mills road to Wm. Arno's East line, and raise money for same.

- ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars to defray expenses Memorial day.
- ART. 31. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Town Library.
- ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Claims against Wm. M. Hall on account of repairs on the Town Hall in 1887 and raise money for the same.
- ART. 33. 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. 34. To see if the Town will vote to pay Addie Bickmore for injuries received by falling on the sidewalk on Main Street in January last. And if so, how much.
- ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to put up Street Lamps at different places in the village for lighting streets and raise money for same.
- ART. 36. To see if the Town will elect a Board of Fire Constables whose special duties shall be to remove and care for personal property in buildings on fire and damaged by fire.
- ART. 37. To see if the Town will accept the Steam Heater in the New School House and raise money for the same.
- ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Road Machine.
- ART. 39. To see if the Town will vote to have the work on highways done in the Month of June.
- ART. 40. To see if the Town will vote to tax dogs.
- ART. 41. To see if the Town will vote to establish a liquor agency.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the twenty-sixth 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 seventeenth day of March A. D. 1887.

E. M. TIBBETTS,	}	Selectmen of Dexter.
L. W. JOSE,		
E. G. LIBBY,		

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1886.

Highways,	\$4000 00
New School House,	5000 00
Town Charges,	2500 00
Fire Department,	850 00
Support of Poor,	800 00
Town Schools,	2700 00
Free High School,	800 00
School Books,	500 00
Town Library,	175 00
Memorial Service,	25 00
To Connect Hydrants by Pipe,	250 00

\$17,600 00

Valuation of resident Real Estate,	\$6129 45
" of Personal,	2637 06
" of non-resident Real Estate,	263 40
" of " Personal,	66

\$9030 57

Sum assessed State Tax,	\$3,618 15
" " County Tax,	1,441 92
" " Town Tax,	17,600 00

\$22,660 07

No. of Polls, 741. Percentage. 23 mills.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SPRING AND SUMMER.	WINTER.
Augustus Whitecomb,	\$82 50	\$76 00
S. D. Meader,	52 20	39 32
Frank E. Moore,	50 07	60 84
A. S. Chase,	91 59	91 15
David Russell, 2d.	87 79	75 34
J. S. Folsom,	93 59	54 45
W. C. Gerry,	49 91	57 49
Jacob Buffer,	55 40	92 46
L. M. Haseltine,	73 47	76 22
W. P. Hamilton,	12 25	46 65
Amount carried forward	<u>\$648 77</u>	<u>\$669 92</u>

Amount brought forward.....	\$648 77	\$669 92
H. H. Jose,.....	110 05	45 01
Wm. N. Lane,	64 81	57 37
John Brown,	66 46	35 60
J. M. Farrar,.....	98 54	106 66
W. O. Eaton,.....	115 36	62 07
D. H. Bennett,.....	80 65	72 82
Chas. E. Spooner,	27 13	47 79
A. S. Farrar,	43 48	85 41
W. S. Twombly,.....	61 46	87 89
Moses H. Hersey,.....	69 43	41 90
Thos. Randall,	56 11	
A. F. Mower,.....	66 67	68 19
J. M. Bragdon,	72 05	62 60
E. Ricker,.....	43 95	50 03
Samuel Grant,	37 20	30 05
Wm. Oliver,.....	47 10	112 30
E. W. Eaton,.....	81 50	78 40
A. F. Macomber,	117 43	151 23
John B. Arnold,	65 48	91 49
M. C. Jones,.....		83 35
R. M. Barton.....		57 36
Selectmen,.....	1408 63	559 95
New Roads,	576 00	
	<u>\$3958 26</u>	<u>\$2657 39</u>
Whole amount expended for the year,.....		6615 65
“ “ of Appropriation,.....		4000 00

TOWN FARM REPORT.

Paid Chas. A. Kimball & Wife for services		
on farm { To balance due for produce, etc. sold,	\$ 60 84	
{ To order on Town Treasurer,	239 16	
	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Paid for Stock & Supplies for farm,.....	\$730 26	
Decrease in produce sold from last year,	114 18	
“ “ “ on hand “ “ “	130 19	
	<u>\$1274 63</u>	
Cr.		
Received for Stock and produce sold.....	\$791 10	
Increase in Stock from last year,	60 00	\$851 10
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Balance against the farm.....		\$423.53

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STOCK ON HAND.

1 Horse.....	\$150 00
2 Oxen.....	110 00
5 Cows.....	190 00
4 3 year old Steers	140 00
1 2 " " Heifer	20 00
2 yearling Steers	14 00
1 " " Heifer...	8 00
42 Sheep.....	170 00
3 Swine	25 00
2 Calves.....	8 00
98 Hens	19 00
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	\$854 00

PRODUCE ON HAND.

17 tons of Hay.....	\$11 00.....	\$187 00
2 " " Straw.....	5 00.....	10 00
200 bu. Potatoes.....	40.....	80 00
1 3-4 bbls. Vinegar		10 50
6 galls. Molasses ..		2 40
300 lbs. Pork.....	11.....	33 00
3 bu. Beets	60.....	1 80
6 " Turnips.....	40.....	2 40
9 bbls. Apples.....		11 00
40 lbs. Lard.....	14.....	5 60
30 " Sugar	07.....	2 10
1 1-2 bbls. Flour.....	5 50.....	8 25
Tea Coffee and Spice.....		1 00
3 lbs. of Rolls.....	65.....	1 95
6 galls. Pickles	50.....	3 00
80 lbs. Beef	07.....	5 60
4 galls. Kerosene Oil.....	15.....	60
8 bu. Beans.....	1 50.....	12 00
3 bbls. soft Soap	4 00.....	12 00
14 bu. Wheat	1 25.....	17 50
15 " Oats	45.....	6 75
3 1-2 " Barley.....	75.....	2 62
1 " Salt.....		50
2 " Corn	70.....	1 40
33 lbs. Dried Apples.....	06.....	1 98
2 doz. Eggs	15.....	30
18 lbs. Butter.....	20.....	3 60
7 " Cheese		1 00
25 " Ham		3 00
15 bars Hard Soap.....		1 00
100 lbs. Shorts		1 25
1000 feet Lumber.....		15 00
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		\$446 10

RECEIVED FROM PRODUCTS AND STOCK SOLD.

10 Sheep and 27 Lambs	\$108 65
203 1-2 lbs. of Wool.....	44 77
3911 lbs. of Sweet Corn	58 66
Stock.....	151 75
Eggs	9 09
Pork	9 72
Beef	15 19
Hides	4 51
Potatoes	12 30
Turnips	48
Lumber	31 50
6 Calves	48 05
Cream	51 14
1 Horse	110 00
1-2 Bbl.....	1 10
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	\$656 91

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

40 tons of Hay	4 tons of Straw
220 bu. " Potatoes	36 bu. " Mixed Grain
20 " " Barley	43 " " Oats
3911 lbs. " Sweet Corn	13 " " Turnips
7 bu. " Table Beets	789 lbs. " Pork
37 " " Wheat	596 " " Beef
75 bu Apples	

NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

William Sturtevant	Age 66 years
Lucian Jose.....	" 49 "
Mrs. Savina Grover.....	" 67 "
Mrs. Caroline Safford.....	" 61 "

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

PAID FOR POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

TOWN OF HARTLAND.

D. D. Flynt, for support of Wm. Brawn,	\$9 00
SEBEC.	
Paid E. M. Tibbetts, burial child, W. W. Smith,	10 82

LEVANT.

F. J. Fogg, support of J. B. Card's family,.....	14 00
Mary Smith, " " " " " " " ".....	5 00
Dr. W. A. Bumps, " " " " " " " ".....	31 50
S. Dinsmore, rent " " " " " " " ".....	4 47
E. M. Tibbetts, " " " " " " " ".....	13 00
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	\$67 97

WATERVILLE.

C. M. Sawyer, support, 1885 of Thos. Kings' family,.....	\$5 10
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CARMEL.

F. J. Fogg, support of Mrs. E. Davis' children,.....	2 00
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DEXTER.

H. B. Crowell, for support of Mrs. Chas. T. Carlton, (wood).....	2 50
Mrs. Parkman, " " " " " " " " (rent).....	25 00
C. M. Sawyer, " " " " " " " " 1885.....	1 08
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	\$28 58
Norrod Hurd. support of Abble C. Haines and children,.....	40 00
L. A. Greenough, care of Mrs. H. Lane,.....	7 50
E. M. Tibbetts, support and funeral of Mrs. H. Lane,.....	38 80
Mrs. R. J. Roberts, care " " " " " " " ".....	3 00
F. J. Fogg, support " " " " " " " ".....	55
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	\$49 85
City of Augusta, support of John Buldoc,.....	43 18
City of Auburn, bal. due support of A. Lessor,.....	7 00
G. W. Jones, support of Mrs. H. Cousins,.....	6 00
Cooperative Store, support of C. B. Ronco and wife,.....	2 25
F. J. Fogg " " " " " " " ".....	37 25
E. M. Tibbetts, " " " " " " " ".....	24 90
Jenkins & Hill, " " " " " " " ".....	3 25
N. F. Roberts, " " " " " " " ".....	1 50
C. M. Sawyer, " 1885 " " " " " ".....	3 25
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	\$72 40
Jenkins & Hill, support of Levi Clukey,.....	10 00
E. M. Tibbetts, burial " " " " child,.....	5 50
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	15 50
Geo. Hamilton, support of F. Clukey and wife,	4 00
Leighton & Haines, " " " " " " " ".....	14 00
F. J. Fogg, " " " " " " " ".....	4 00
Jenkins & Hill, " " " " " " " ".....	4 00
. M. Tibbetts, " " " " " " " ".....	2 00
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	\$28 00

Town of Monmouth, support of Eliza Hallowell,	26 50
Henry R. Hallowell " " " "	57 50
	<u>\$84 00</u>
	\$469 40
Balance against Town Farm,	423 53
	<u>\$892 93</u>
Deduct amount due from other towns,	94 89
	<u>798 04</u>
Appropriation,	800 00
	<u>\$1 96</u>
Received from town of Waterville,	5 10
Due from Carmel,	2 00
Sebec,	10 82
Hartland,	9 00
Levant,	67 97

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

L. B. Waldron, pay of Fireman,	\$550 00
E. A. Flanders, for reservoirs,	88 10
Chas. F. Bean, " "	98 85
Daniel Huff, " "	13 00
W. J. Russell " "	7 00
W. H. Carr, " " (51.00)	53 55
W. G. Baker, " filling reservoirs,	5 25
A. H. Merrill, " " "	4 50
Dexter Woolen Mills, " "	5 00
W. J. Haseltine,	3 00
James Clukey,	1 12
P. L. Lowell,	32 50
Andrew Brawn,	4 25
Thompson Hall,	3 65
G. H. Thurston,	1 85
Jonathan Thompson,	75
Chas. C. Hatch, (reservoir)	1 00
Jesse A. Fuller,	75
J. Willis Haines, care of hose carriage,	3 00
S. Eldridge,	6 05
Dustin M'f'g Co.	1 50
Amount carried foward,	<u>\$884 67</u>

Amount brought forward	\$884 67
Chas. F. Witherell,	4 30
J. C. Leighton, (1885)	7 14
F. H. Crowell,	4 37
E. M. Tibbetts,	1 50
Thos. Bickell,	2 25
M. F. Herring,	1 50
Foss & Crockett,	13 48
B. F. Stearns, asst. engineer,	10 00
Leslie Curtis, " "	10 00
L. B. Waldron, " "	10 00
W. A. Leighton, Steward Eagle No. 1,	15 00
Eugene Brawn, " Tiger,	15 00
S. L. Small, care of force pump,	10 00
S. L. Small, rent for hose carriage,	5 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, Steward Hook Ladder,	10 00
Leslie Curtis, fire warden,	5 00
L. B. Waldron, " "	8 00
L. B. Waldron, bills paid,	18 37
E. E. Hall,	8 00
Eugene Brawn, watching, July 3,	1 50
Jenkins & Hill,	25
J. C. Prescott,	3 00
Furber Flynt,	14 55
F. H. Hayes,	7 86
Bridgham & Son	4 85
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	\$1075 59

TOWN CHARGES.

M. F. Herring, Reports, 1885	\$68 00
" " " Printing,	4 75
Eastern State Pub. Co.,	4 50
H. S. Moody Services as Night watchman,	51 00
S. L. Small, cleaning out Cnannel Mill pond,	5 00
Allen Merrill, Abatements, 1885,	59 29
" " Percentage for collecting,	36 43
L. W. Jose, Surveying town lines and roads,	21 55
J. M. Haseltine, delivering brick and lumber,	36 43
A. J. French, Target Range,	5 00
A. J. Cobb, Overhauling lumber on common,	3 00
Amos Abbott, & Co., rent of Selectmen's office,	21 00
D. W. McCrillis, care of tramps,	4 25
E. M. Tibbetts, Small bills, paid postage, stationary, etc.,	11 00
Bridgham & Son, Books, etc.	4 50

J. H. Fitzgerald, Abatements and Errors.....	83 75
“ “ “ Percentage for collecting.....	346 18
Owen Brett, Slate for Hall.....	17 25
Mrs. Wm. Eldridge, Wood for Hall.....	20 56
G. E. Farmer, putting on Slate.....	11 42
Chas. F. Bean, Repairs.....	1 10
D. W. McCrillis, care of Hall.....	62 00
C. P. McCrillis, Oil for Hall.....	17 77
Leighton & Haines “ “.....	8 20
B. C. Thompson “ “.....	75
Dustin M'f'g Co. “ “.....	1 65
D. W. McCrillis, Cleaning Hall, etc.....	7 70
Foss & Crocket, Hall, etc.....	9 20
W. H. Carr, “ “.....	10 68
E. M. Tibbetts “ “.....	2 75

LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND LIBRARY.

John F. Haines, Labor.....	\$14 90
W. L. Gilbert “.....	43 87
J. M. Russ “.....	15 00
Dustin M'f'g Co., Materials.....	27 20
D. W. McCrillis, Labor.....	70 00
R. T. Gould, Sand,.....	6 02
Chas. F. Witherell, Lumber,.....	17 54
W. H. Carr, Nails,.....	2 70
E. M. Tibbetts, Materials and Labor,.....	33 29
Eldridge Bros. “ “.....	46 82
F. A. Flanders, Spruce Boards,.....	14 40
W. R. Winslow, Labor,.....	1 40
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	\$293 14

Cr.

By cash for fitting up Library room,.....	13 40
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\$279 74

Paid for 1 Pair of Horses. Harnesses and Expenses,.....	454 00
“ “ “ Double Waggon,.....	55 00

\$509 00

Cr.

By Horse on farm,.....	\$150 00
“ Cash in Exchange,.....	225 00
“ 1 Pair of Harnesses,.....	35 00
“ 1 Double Waggon,.....	55 00
Srinkage,.....	44 00

\$509 00

Man and Horses earned on highway \$219.70 besides labor on farm.

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

E. H. Boynton, Supervisor,.....	\$150 00
J. H. Fitzgerald, Constable Service,.....	10 00
Benj. F. Mills, " ".....	10 00
W. J. Russell, " ".....	8 00
Henry S. Moody, " ".....	8 00
Benj. F. Eldridge, Town Agent,	5 00
Dr. W. A. Bumps, Town Physician,.....	5 00
Edwin G. Libby, Services Selectmen,	70 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " ".....	135 00
L. W. Jose, " ".....	100 00
H. F. Derry, " Treasurer,.....	50 00
John F. Haines, " School Agent,.....	25 00
L. Bridgham, " Town Clerk,.....	15 00
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	\$1527 66

ABATEMENTS, 1885.

Chas. Baker,	\$3 00
Francis Brown,	3 00
Guy S. Emery,	1 12
Thos. Gilbert,	1 00
Allie Holt,	3 00
G. H. Knight,	3 00
John Patten,	3 00
A. J. Ricker,	1 99
Bryant Thurston,	4 12
T. F. White,	3 00
E. H. Moore,	05
C. A. Richards,	43
Jas. Augustine,	3 00
O. G. Blake,	3 00
Peter Clukey, 2nd,	3 00
G. W. Flanders,	3 00
Moses Gilbert,	2 00
C. F. Libby,	3 00
F. B. Moody,	3 00
J. R. Ryerson,	3 00
B. F. Russell,	3 00
E. L. Whitney,	1 15
L. F. Danforth,	1 15
L. M. Philbrick,	08
Isaac Sanborn,	06
H. W. Page,	2 45
A. P. Bond,	69
S. L. Gould,	1 00
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	\$59 29

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Orrin Fitzgerald,	3 00
S. S. White,	5 00
Joel Burton,	3 00
Amos Carvers,	3 00
Joseph B. Card,	3 00
E. R. Fifield,	3 00
G. W. Flanders,	3 00
Lewis Green,	3 00
J. W. McCrillis,	3 00
N. H. Sargeant,	3 00
L. F. Covell,	3 45
Otis G. Blake, Error	3 00
Joseph Dawson "	3 00
N. H. Fay, "	1 73
Chas. Greene, "	3 00
Chas. F. Libby, "	3 00
Fred Lane, "	3 00
Fred B. Logan, "	3 00
A. Rollins, "	3 00
Ansel Seavey, "	5 07
Peter Clukey, 2nd. "	3 00
John Clukey	3 00
Mrs. Thomas Silver, Estate, "	6 90
H. G. Parshley, "	3 00
Thomas Clukey, "	4 60
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	83 75

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Memorial Services.....	\$25 00
Paid Samuel Morrill.....	25 00
For Town Library,.....	175 00
Balance unexpended 1885,.....	75 00
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Paid Geo. Hamilton, Treasurer,	\$250 00
New School House,.....	\$5000 00
Paid A. F. Bradbury, Treasurer of Committee,	5000 00
For connecting Hydrants by Pipe,.....	\$250 00
Bangor Water Department, Pipe and freight,	169 23
J. H. Fitzgerald, digging ditch for Pipe,...	72 00
For Tan and Carting,	2 00
B. F. Stears for Labor,....	8 25
J. H. Fitzgerald, for Labor,	19 00
Dustin M'f'g Co.,....	117 21
Jenkins & Hill, Powder and Fuse,....	1 50
A. F. Bradbury for Hydrant,	34 31
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	\$423 50
For connecting Hydrant,.....	\$250 00
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Overdrawn,	\$173 50

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways,	\$6615 65
Fire Department,	1079 55
Town Library,	250 00
Memorial Service,	25 00
Support of Poor,	798 04
Town Charges,	1527 66
High School,	1050 00
Town Schools,	4663 64
School Books,	454 21
New School House,	5000 00
Connecting Hydrants by Pipe,	423 50
Selectmen's Office and Library,	279 74

LIABILITIES.

Alice E. Foss,	\$1034 00
Due on outstanding Orders,	165 22
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	\$1199 22

RESOURCES.

Due from town schools	\$207 12
“ “ other towns,	89 79
Non-resident tax deed J. O. Currier, 1881, 1882, 1883,	9 52
“ “ “ “ C. O. Marsh,	7 22
Due on Dr. Fitzgerald's real estate, 1882	81 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1883	9 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1885	94 35
“ non-resident tax, returned by Collector	17 83
Amount in hands of Collector	339 06
Cash in Treasury	18 33
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Deduct Resources	\$873 72
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	\$325 50

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

For Support of Town Schools,	\$2700 00
“ “ “ Free High Schools,	800 00
“ Town Charges,	2500 00
“ Highways,	5000 00
“ Support of Poor,	1000 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the Town March 1st.
1887. and the expenditures for one year.

E. M. TIBBETTS,	} SELECTMEN OF DEXTER.
L. W. JOSE,	
E. G. LIBBY,	

DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1887.

The whole number of books in the Library is 2337; of this number 2182 appear upon the Catalogue; only 85 have been added during the current year, classified as follows:

Agricultural and Horticultural	40
Biographical	1 33
Fiction	940
Historical	198
Juvenile	109
Poems and Essays	51
Theological	43
Travels and Adventures	177
Miscellaneous	491
Public Documents	155
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Present number of patrons 652, increase over last year 95.

Number of books taken out during the year 12698, increase over last report 2336; largest number taken by one person 84,

The books have been well cared for by the patrons, and a growing interest is shown by the very large increase of open accounts.

Early in January the selectmen notified us that we could use a portion of one of the rooms under the Town Hall for a Library Room, and by so doing save the rent of the room then occupied by the Library.

We have accepted their offer, and have fitted up a very convenient Library Room. It is very light and commodious, and will be very serviceable, for many years to come.

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

Dexter, Maine, March 1, 1887.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand March, 1 1886,	15 59
Cash received from Town—balance of last years appropriation . . .	75 00
“ “ “ “ appropriation for 1886	175 00
“ “ for Books sold	4 01
“ “ “ Fines	12 49
“ “ “ Book lost	60
“ “ “ Catalogues	4 70
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	287 39

EXPENDITURES.

1886.			
June 18,	Paid Springall & Co., for repairing and Binding Books	16	43
	“ Mrs. Leighton for cleaning Library Room	1	00
Dec. 1.	“ Subscription for Book Buyer	1	00
1887.			
Feb. 1,	“ H. S. Dole for Books purchased	12	50
“ 7,	“ De Wolf Fiske & Co., for Books	73	31
	“ Springall & Co., freight on books		75
March	“ Lizzie Springall for services as Librarian	75	00
	“ “ “ for Oil	2	10
	“ Dexter Savings Bank for rent	60	00
	“ Dexter Gazette for printing Catalogues	4	50
	“ O. P. Parcher for Trucking—moving Library	1	25
	“ Foss & Crockett for Fixtures	5	77
	“ S. C. Small for moving and putting up Fixtures	3	83
	“ Springall & Co., for Binding Books	16	55
	“ Town of Dexter for Labor and Materials used in fitting up Library Room	13	40
		287	39

March 1, 1887.

GEORGE HAMILTON, TREAS.

TOWN HALL.

Received for use of Hall	\$123	00
Bhls. and Oil on hand	8	00
Rec'd of State for use of armory and Hall for Company drills etc.	50	00
	\$181	00

The hall has been opened 62 times.

do do 25 times for pay.

Hall has been opened free for the following purposes:

Town meetings, political purposes, caucuses and elections 20 times; Fire companies 2 times; Schools 5 times; Military company 10 times.

DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The Treasurer would submit the following report:

Whole amount of School Fund	\$2,689	47
Invested as follows:		
Tows of Dexter Bonds,	1,900	00
Town of Corinna Bonds,	600	00
Deposited in Dexter Savings' Bank,	189	47
	\$2,689	47

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

March 1, 1887,

GEORGE HAMILTON, TREAS.

J. W. LEIGHTON

IN ACCT. WITH TOWN OF DEXTER

1887

NEW CEMETERY.

Aug.	To Surveying Lots,	\$19 35	
"	" I. M. Russ, Labor,	1 50	
"	" S. D. Fish, "	2 25	
"	" Temporary Posts,	1 25	
"	" Spooner Bros., Posts,	33 44	
"	" S. A. Winslow, Painting,	6 46	
"	" W. H. Carr, Iron Posts,	2 59	
"	" S. Eldridge, Lumber,	90	
"	" Maps,	16 50	
"	" S. S. Watson, Labor,	9 25	
"	" G. Hamilton, making Deeds,	6 80	
"	" J. W. Leighton, Labor,	11 75	
"	" Making New Street,	33 00	
			<u>\$145 04</u>

OLD CEMETERY.

Oct.	" C. H. Hayden, Labor,	\$ 9 20	
"	" A. Lio, "	1 50	
"	" J. W. Leighton, Labor,	13 75	
"	" G. Hamilton, making Deed,	40	
			<u>\$24 85</u>

GREEN CEMETERY.

"	" Lumber,	\$ 7 14	
"	" Posts,	1 25	
"	" Nails,	60	
"	" H. I. Safford, Labor, ...	3 60	
"	" J. W. Leighton, "	5 25	
			<u>\$17 84</u>

STORER CEMETERY.

"	" Setting one Shade Tree,	\$ 50	
"	" Cutting Grass,	1 50	
			<u>\$2 00</u>
"	" J. W. Leighton, services as Supt.,	25 00	
			<u>\$214 73</u>

Cr.

"	By 16 Lots, Sold in New Cemetery,	\$155 00	
"	" " " Previously,	45 00	
"	Grass " "	10 00	
"	1 Lot Sold in Old Cemetery,	5 00	
"	Wood " "	2 00	
"	" " Green "	1 50	
			<u>\$218 50</u>

Balance on hand, \$3 87

J. W. Leighton, Supt.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount appropriated by the Town,.....	\$800 00	
“ received from the State,.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1050 00
Amount paid teachers,.....		\$1050 00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the Town,.....	\$2700 00	
“ received from the State,.....	1282 28	
“ interest on school fund,.....	157 64	
“ of non-resident tuition,.....	22 85	
“ appropriated for books,.....	500 00	
“ received from sale of bricks,.....	247 96	
	<hr/>	\$4910 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount overdrawn last year,.....	197 37	
“ Union district in Corinna,.....	69 42	
“ paid teachers,.....	3372 50	
“ for books and material,.....	454 21	
	<hr/>	\$4093 50
Paid for wood, fitting and housing same,.....	194 28	
“ “ care of and cleaning rooms,.....	162 95	
“ “ printing,.....	19 08	
“ “ banking houses and removing banking,....	10 50	
“ “ teaching penmanship,.....	25 00	
“ “ painting,.....	259 15	
“ Bridgham & Son, diplomas, etc.,.....	36 00	
“ for coal for new House,.....	73 46	
“ “ Wm. M. Johnson, Janitor, new House,....	27 50	
“ “ material and repairs,.....	156 55	
“ “ supplies,.....	72 13	
	<hr/>	\$1036 60
		5130 10
Overdrawn last year,.....	197 37	
“ “ this present year,.....	22 00	
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Total overdrawn,.....		\$219 37
Amount of books on hand,.....		185 22
“ “ “ “ “ last year,.....		175 16

\$5,369 46

Cr.

By Amount of Town Orders	\$5,000 00
" " rec'd from Eldridge Bros. for Bricks }	
sold to them by the selectmen }	261 79
" " rec'd from sales of lumber etc.,	107 67

\$5,369 46

SUMMARY OF COST.

The total expenditures in money were	\$5,369 46
We used 42,000 bricks belonging to the town, value,	315 00
and 25,000 ft. lumber " " " "	275 00
	<u>\$5,959 46</u>
Deduct for lumber etc. sold,	\$107 67
also for 4.32 squares slate on hand,	25 27
	<u>132 94</u>
Total cost, exclusive of heating apparatus,	<u>\$5,826 52</u>

Respectively submitted,

A. F. BRADBURY
A. J. COBB
S. C. SMALL
H. P. DEXTER
S. ELDRIDGE

Committee.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTFR IN ACC'T WITH H. F. DERRY, TREASURER.

Cr.

By am't in Treasury at commencement of year,.....	\$ 366 61
" " Non-Resident tax received by Collector of tax, 1885,.....	99 17
" " In hands of Collector, 1885,.....	1603 05
" " Rec'd of John F. Haines, School Agent's acct., tuition, etc.,	18 13
" " " " O. P. Parcher for grass,.....	3 00
" " " " State of Maine, rent of armory,.....	50 00
" " " " " " School fund and Mill tax,.....	1282 28
" " " " " " Free High School,.....	250 00
" " " " " " R. R. and Telegraph tax,.....	3 00
" " " " Town of Waterville,....	5 10
" " " " D. W. McCrillis on acct. Town Hall,.....	123 00
" " " " E. J. Robinson on acct. Tuition,.....	4 72
" " " " Geo. Hamilton " " Int. on school fund,.....	157 64
" " " " Morrill Sprague " " Louis E. Moore's fine,.....	3 00
" " of Commitment to Collector bills, 1886,.....	18019 06
" " Temporary loan from Dexter Savings Bank,.....	1000 00
" " Rec'd of Selectmen, acct. of bricks sold,.....	310 57
" " " " " " horses "	225 00
" " " " " " lumber "	44 46
" " " " " " Town Library,.....	13 40
" " " " Tax deed Dr. O. Fitzgerald's tax 1882,.....	81 00
" " " " " " " " " 1883,.....	9 50
" " " " " " " " " 1885,.....	94 35
" " " " " " J. O. Currier's tax, 1881,.....	4 27
" " " " " " " " " 1882,.....	2 70
" " " " " " " " " 1883,.....	2 55
" " " " " " Chas. O. Marsh's tax 1881,.....	7 22
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To paid on orders drawn on Treasurer,.....	\$16502 14
" " " Highway orders,.....	6634 31
" " Town of St. Albans, Highway tax, 1885—6,.....	3 15
" " " " " " Cash tax, 1885—6,....	5 55
" " Alice E. Foss, Interest,.....	40 00
" " Dexter Saving's Bank on Temp. Loan,.....	20 82
" " tax deed Dr. O. Fitzgerald's tax, 1882,	81 00
" " " " " " " " 1883,	9 50
" " " " " " " " 1885,.....	94 35
" " J. O. Currier's tax deed, 1881,.....	4 27
" " " " " " 1882,	2 70
" " " " " " 1883,.....	2 55
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Amount carried forward,.....	\$23400 34

Amount brought forward.....	\$23400 34
" " Chas. O. Marsh " 1881.....	7 22
" " Non-resident tax Returned 1886.....	17 83
" in hands of Collector,	339 06
" Cash in Treasury,.....	18 33
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H. F. DERRY,
TREASURER OF DEXTER.

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

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER:

The following is respectfully submitted as the report of the services and standing of your Fire Department for the municipal year just past:

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

CHIEF ENGINEER,..... L. B. WALDRON.
1st ASSISTANT,..... LESLIE CURTIS.
2nd " B. F. STEARNS.

FIRES and ALARMS.

There has been one fire and two alarms of fire during the year as follows: March 11, 1886, an alarm was sounded at 12.15 o'clock, A. M., caused by a slight fire on the roof of Shaw's Tannery. A good alarm and quick response, but Department services not needed. Fire extinguished without damage. March 26, an alarm was sounded at 8.25 o'clock, A. M., caused by the burning out of a chimney in a house on Church St., occupied by Peter Roncoe. No fire except in chimney and no cause for an alarm. Dep't., however, as usual, promptly responded. March 31, an alarm sounded at 12.45 o'clock, P. M., caused by fire in the new brick picker house of the White Mill. A very prompt response by the Dept. again but services not needed, fire being extinguished by the Mill hydrants, and hose handled by employees. This fire caught from the picker machine, damage small and covered by insurance.

EQUIPMENTS.

The companies are the same as last year, manned by same number of men. Machinery and apparatus same as last year, and all in good condition.

IMPROVEMENTS.

We have connected by pipe the force pumps at Abbott's Mills, and the Grist Mill, and placed one double headed hydrant on the line between. The reservoir at the High School House caved in during the year, and we have rebuilt it with brick and cement. It is the largest and best one in town. We have also changed the openings of the reservoirs by Mr. Tibbetts', and Mr. Dole's, removing them from the sidewalks. The 3 inch pipe to convey water from Abbott's force pump has been relaid and 4 in., same size as town's, put in its place. The following is a summary of

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation to pay firemen,.....	\$550 00
Paid to firemen,.....	550 00
Appropriation for incidentals,.....	300 00
Paid for incidentals,.....	232 59
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Balance Unexpended,.....	\$67 41
Appropriation for connecting force pumps,.....	\$250 00
Paid for " " " "	422 00
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Amount overdrawn,.....	\$171 00
Paid for building over reservoir at High School House(no appropriation),	278 00
Total Overdrawn,	\$450 00
" Unexpended,.....	67 41
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Net overdrawn.....	\$382 59
Total appropriations,.....	\$1100 00
" Expenses,.....	1482 59
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" Overdrawn,.....	\$382 59

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the town to consider the corner of Spring St., which is the least protected of any portion of the village, and we advise the building of two or more substantial reservoirs thereon. We also recommend the town to pay Amos Abbott & Co. what is right and proper under the Article in the Warrant for that purpose.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we will say that while your Fire Dept. has been quite expensive this year and the appropriations insufficient, it has been necessary and unavoidable and in large part unlooked for and unprovided for, but the improvements made are so manifestly great that we believe the town will feel satisfied with them, and with this material enlargement of the fire facilities and no immediate necessary outlay to be made, we confidently believe whoever our successors may be, that the coming year will be one much less expensive than the last.

We congratulate you upon the insignificant loss by fire during the year, and the firemen, upon the little amount of service they have been called to perform. And while the Dept. has not been called to do much duty the past year, it is quite as ready as ever and more capable of good service than in the past. We believe that the Engineers as Fire Wardens are instrumental in preventing many more fires than the Department is called to extinguish, and we are happy to be able to state that in only two instances have we been met with unreasonable refusal to comply with our requests.

L. B. WALDRON,	}	Board of Engineers.
LESLIE CURTIS,		
B. F. STEARNS,		

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

In accordance with my duty as Supervisor of Schools I submit the following report:

Amount of money appropriated for

Common Schools by town.....	\$2700	00
Mill tax from State,.....	1282	28
Interest on School Fund,.....	157	64
For School Books by town,.....	500	00
Tuitions,.....	22	85
	<hr/>	\$4662 77
For Free High School by Town,	\$800	00
“ “ “ “ “ State.....	250	00
	<hr/>	1050 00
Total appropriations,.....	\$5712	77

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers in Village,.....	\$1603	75
“ “ Rural Schools,.....	1768	75
“ “ High “	1050	00
“ for repairs.....	788	64
“ School Books,.....	454	21
“ Union School,.....	69	42
	<hr/>	\$5734 77
Overdrawn,.....		22 00
“ last year,.....		197 37
	<hr/>	\$219 37
Total Overdrawn,.....		\$219 37

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Spring term continued under the direction of Mr. W. W. Allen, who maintained his former popularity with parents and students. The examination, attended by a large number of parents and friends, was decidedly interesting, and showed that hard and thorough work had been done. The graduating class consisted of seven young ladies. The essays were excellent, showing careful preparation in thought and expression. Dr. Pepper, of Colby University, delivered the address, which was pronounced excellent. His pleasing and genial manner

added much to the pleasantness of the occasion. The following are the names of the graduating class:

DELLA TRUE,

ESTELLE PARSHLEX,

NELLIE TRASK,

CARRIE M. FITZGERALD,

EFFIE LORD,

INEZ STURTEVANT,

M. HELEN ELDRIDGE.

At the close the term, Mr. Allen resigned to accept a more desirable position in Rochester, N. H. It seemed to me disastrous, and the task of filling his place, though there were many applications, was not a desirable one.

Mr. F. H. Nickerson, of Swanville, Me., graduate of Bates' College, was finally appointed and has more than met my most sanguine hopes. The fall and winter terms were well attended, a good interest manifested, and the spring term opens with sixty-five students and promises well. I am satisfied that Mr. N., in manly qualities which are by no means to be disregarded in such a school, in tact and ability, has few superiors.

Miss M. J. C. Thompson still occupies the position of assistant of this school. She has retained it under many administrations, and performs her duties with honor to herself and to the satisfaction of those who have an interest in this department.

The graduating class of this year is composed of 3 young men and 8 young ladies.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr R. W. Nutter is still at the head of this school. The year has been pleasant and profitable. Harmony and interest have been manifest. Mr. N. needs no commendation from me. He is well known as the teacher of this school. The spring term opens with fifty-six students. His graduating class at the close of last year consisted of 19 scholars. Most of these are doing good work in high school. This is one of the most important and interesting schools in town.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 1.

Miss Bessie Nutter, teacher. One of the most interesting things we have to record of this school, aside from its usual excellence is the fact that they have moved "Out of the Old House into the New. The room and its surroundings enhance the beauty of the school and render the work more delightful. This school we regard "number one" in all respects.

INTERMEDIATE NO. 2.

Miss Jennette S. Barton, who has charge of this school is still noted for her indefatigable labor, her ladylike manner, her consideration of the interests of her pupils and her abundant success. The interest of the examinations has always been good, The closing examination was seriously interfered with as in most of our schools, by the absence of many pupils on account of sickness. This school is certainly doing well.

PRIMARY NO. 1.

Miss Eloise Proctor was appointed to this school in the beginning of the year, but on account of serious sickness, could not take the spring term. Miss Anna Littlefield, took her place. Nearly eighty scholars were in attendance and, not being acquainted with this grade of work, she found the school somewhat difficult. She tried very hard, and greatly improved, and, could she have continued would have been mistress of the situation. The fall and winter terms have been taught by Miss Proctor. Miss P. promises well. I can see no particular defect but in the government, and this may be expected in so large a school, and the work being entirely new. The school on the whole has been profitable,

PRIMARY NO. 2.

Mrs. Nellie Foss' resignation required a new teacher. Miss Alice Maxim was appointed, and, from the beginning, she has shown herself a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Great improvement in all the departments. A good teacher, in a good school.

PRIMARY NO. 3.

The report of the teacher of this school, Miss M. Lizzie Bailey reads: "This is my ninety-first term." I added, and the ninety-first the best of all. A large number of enthusiastic parents present at every examination, and the unsparing commendations of all, show the character of Miss B.'s work. No parents need to consider themselves unfortunate whose child finds a place under her care. She is truly careful about many things; careful of the physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare of all who come under her charge.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

NUMBER 1.

Union district under the charge of Corinna, including thirteen of Dexter's scholars, and drawing this year sixty-nine dollars of the school fund. We understand that this school has been excellent during the year.

NUMBER 2.

Miss Inez Sturtevant taught this school the spring and fall terms. Miss L. is young and inexperienced, but her energy and determination surmounted many obstacles, and, was succeeding admirably, but, before reaching the zenith of her success she did as many others do, committed matrimony, and her name no more appears upon the list of Dexter's teachers. I consider, her a promising teacher. The winter term was taught by one of Dexter's excellent teachers, who always succeeds, Miss Elmie Briggs. This school has been gradually rising since I have known it. They have had the best of teachers during the two years past and the school plainly shows the results.

NUMBER 3.

Miss Nellie Trask taught a short term of seven weeks in the spring with marked success. The fall and winter terms were under the direction of Miss Ella L. Hayden, a most excellent and experienced teacher. This is another school which has had a wonderful growth. The scholars are well disposed, and the parents interested. Miss Hayden won them all, and had increasing interest to the last. The closing Examination was very pleasant.

NUMBER 4.

This school ranks among the first of Dexter's rural schools. At the close of last year seven students graduated here and are doing excellent work in the high school. Miss Ella J. Mower, the teacher, has a most wonderful power of enthusing her scholars and producing the very best results. She has had charge of this school two years and I most sincerely hope she may continue many more. The parents have expressed a remarkable interest in the school. At one examination I counted twenty-nine present.

NUMBER 5.

This school is situated in a good neighborhood. Parents are all interested in the cause of education. At the commencement of the year they requested that Miss Ella Jennings be sent to them. She has continued through the year, beloved by parents and scholars, and all has gone smoothly and well. Miss J. works hard and well.

NUMBER 7.

Miss Lena Allen is lacking neither in ability, nor tact, nor energy. Her school is a model. She moves about her work with dignity and grace; she is not only at home herself, but makes all feel at home in her school. The parents are present at every examination and unanimously request her return. She is worthy the position she occupies.

NUMBER 8.

This school, in many respects, is not the most desirable. Miss Effie Lord has taught the school through the year. Her first effort, but by no means a failure. The spring and summer terms were exceedingly pleasant. Some refractory elements were present at the winter term which made it somewhat hard and unpleasant. Miss L. is an excellent scholar, and a promising teacher.

NUMBER 9.

The spring term proved to be the last of Miss Lettie Daggett's in this school. She has held the position of teacher here for six consecutive years. Her success has been perfect. All regretted her resignation, but she went the way of many of earth. Miss Mabel Additon taught the fall term. left open by the sickness of Miss Nellie Trask. Miss A. very much endeared herself to parents and scholars, and the term was a profitable one. Miss Trask took up the work in the winter term. She worked hard and did well. The examination was a very pleasant one.

NUMBER 10.

The spring term was taught by Miss Minerva M. March. During previous terms she had captured the neighborhood, and this term, without an obstacle in the way, of course proved a success. She resigned at the close of this term and Mrs. Anna E. Emerson, of Garland, was procured for the fall term.

Mrs. E. has taught in town, and out of town many successful terms, and this I have no doubt was among her best. The winter term was taught by Miss Alice R. Cummings. A fine scholar, an excellent young lady, good manner of expression and, in most schools, a model teacher. She is only a little too kind for this school. She ought to, and will succeed.

NUMBER 11.

This is the largest rural school in town, and no doubt the most difficult to manage. Let parents cooperate with the teacher, and almost any school is made pleasant. Miss Addie Ireland, the teacher through the year, did well, holding the scholars and making as great headway as could possibly be expected. The closing examination was a pleasant one.

NUMBER 12.

This I regard a very hard school. Not in management, nor in instruction, but in numbers. Ranging from 0 to 5 according to weather or health. Miss Ella Hayden taught the spring term and did well. Miss Jossie Mower, the fall term, but closed earlier than I had expected, so did not see the school at the close, and do not report it. Miss Mabel Additon taught the winter term, and the severe sickness which prevailed among all our schools, took all five scholars of this, and, at the close of six weeks, the school was discontinued. No fault of the teacher for I think she was well liked.

NUMBER 13.

This is another of our pleasant little schools. All well disposed, and all smart. Miss Amy Lowell has succeeded here grandly during the past year. Both teacher and scholars promise well.

But two teachers have been employed during the year that have not had some previous experience in teaching. Most of them taught the year before. I expected good work, and have been disappointed in only a few cases.

Most of the teachers belong in town, which may be regarded an advantage in several respects. The student is encouraged to fit for teaching, and the town gets the benefit of its expenditures.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF STATISTICS.

School	Teacher		Wages per week.	No. Scholars in District.	No. attending School.	Average No. in School	Cases of Typhoid.	Cases of Dismissal.	No. absent 12 day	No. Daily Reclamations.	Visits of Citizens	Per cent of av. Attendance of whole No. Scholars
High.	W. W. Allen,	s.	25.00		58	54	—	—	—	—	—	
	M. J. C. Thompson,		10.00									
	F. H. Nickerson,	f.	25.00		64	61	48	50	—	—	16	93
	M. J. C. Thompson,		10.00									
	"	w.	"		56	51	50	25	—	—	20	
Gram-mar.	R. W. Nutter,	s.	16.00		58	56	29	—	38	15	40	
	"	f.	16.00		56	51	32	7	36	15	30	93
	"	w.	16.00		56	51	39	2	36	14	29	
Int. No. 1.	Bessie Nutter,	s.	7.00		41	39	—	—	16	21	25	
	"	f.	7.25		43	39	—	—	28	21	15	88
	"	w.	7.50		44	35	—	—	38	24	20	
Int. No. 2.	Jennette S. Barton,	s.	7.00		33	31	33	1	21	21	26	
	"	f.	7.25		40	36	32	3	27	21	17	90
	"	w.	7.50		29	26	13	0	20	21	21	
Pri. No. 1	Anna S. Littlefield	s.	7.00		75	63	100	18	52	16	27	
	Eloise B. Proctor,	f.	7.25		71	55	102	21	67	14	19	76
	"	w.	7.50		61	40	9	9	53	14	31	
Pri. No. 2.	Alice Maxim,	s.	7.00		57	34	9	9	40	13	35	
	"	f.	7.25		52	40	15	7	36	13	15	71
	"	w.	7.50		45	36	38	8	32	13	38	
Pri. No. 3.	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s.	7.00		50	46	22	7	26	21	61	
	"	f.	7.25		47	41	26	20	28	21	52	88
	"	w.	7.50		43	36	32	16	37	21	47	
Village Schools,				541	260	308						
Rural No. 2.	Inez Sturtevant,	s.	5.00		8	7	10	2	4	18	20	
	"	f.	5.50	13	8	7	6	1	7	20	14	85
	Elmie Briggs,	w.	6.50		11	9	17	6	—	21	20	
No. 3.	Nellie Trask,	s.	5.00	19	14	12	18	6	13	35	6	
	Ella L. Hayden,	f.	6.00		10	9	3	0	7	37	8	80
	"	w.	6.50		15	9	7	2	15	31	4	
No. 4.	Ella J. Mower,	s.	6.00	29	20	18	7	2	13	30	30	
	"	f.	6.00		15	13	3	0	13	21	4	88
	"	w.	6.50		14	12	11	—	—	—	9	
No. 5.	Ella Jennings,	s.	6.00	24	11	10	3	0	—	25	—	
	"	f.	6.00		14	12	0	0	—	18	—	85
	"	w.	6.50		15	12	3	0		25	15	
No. 7.	Lena Allen,	s.	6.00	20	15	14	6	1	9	26	24	
	"	f.	6.00		16	15	3	2	11	28	28	93
	"	w.	6.50		15	14	4	4	9	27	44	
No. 8.	Effie Lord,	s.	5.00	15	12	10	31	4	—	31	7	
	"	f.	5.50		10	9	20	12	0	59	11	81
	"	w.	6.00		9	9	14	11	0	27	14	
No. 9.	Lettie Daggitt,	s.	6.00	24	21	19	3	5	17	20	—	
	Mabel Additon,	f.	6.00		19	14	17	7	12	21	—	80
	Nellie Trask,	w.	5.25		21	16	19	4	14	20	—	

School	Teacher	Wages per week.	No. Scholars in District.	No. attending School.	Average No. in School.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	No. absent 1-2 day	No. Daily Recitations.	Visits of Citizens.	Per ct. of av. Attendance of whole No. Scholars.
No. 10.	Minerva M. Marsh, s.	6.00	28	17	15	9	2	14	23	16	
	Anna O. Emerson, f.	6.25		19	16	53	0	13	36	14	81
	Alice Cummings, w.	6.50		22	16	43	15	18	30	10	
No. 11.	Addie Ireland, s.	6.00	27	28	24	27	—	23	27	15	
	" f.	6.25		26	23	27	—	19	26	13	86
	" w.	6.50		28	24	35	—	22	29	10	
No. 12	Ella L. Hayden, s.	6.00	7	4	3	0	0	1	20	5	
	Josie Mower, f.	5.50		5	5	7	3	5	15	4	80
	Mabel Additon, w.	6.00		5	3	3	6	0	16	4	
No. 13.	Amy M. Lowell, s.	5.50	15	9	8	2	—	—	22	15	
	" f.	6.00		8	7	1	—	—	20	6	84
	" w.	6.00		8	6	17	—	—	21	—	
Union School,			13								
Rural Districts,			234	157	99						
Total,			775	517	407						

NOTE.—s. f. w. in the table—spring, fall and winter terms.

—Not reported by teacher.

In making up our statistical report we found as will be seen a good many blanks. We would here remind the teacher of the importance of keeping the record complete, according to directions on first page of register. The report of these schools will be familiar to all; as I have noticed, through your papers, everything of interest connected with your schools during the year. The report of the several teachers would indicate that there was but little difference in them, and yet there are differences which can not be reported. The moment one enters some schools he sees deficiencies that are unaccountable, or excellences that he cannot comprehend. One teacher works hard to do what to another is only natural. An energetic, hardworking, conscientious teacher who does good work, deserves approbation, though they may not do as much as those whom nature has endowed with tact and great ability. The schools have, however, done well, but, though improving, they have by no means reached perfection. It will be remembered that to help along in this work a Local Teachers Institute was organized. The advantages of this was manifested everywhere. Many of our teachers appreciated it, but several took no interest

in it. The attendance was not compulsory, so was not so full as it ought to have been. I am so thoroughly convinced of its advantages to teachers and schools, that, had I the control of the schools again, I should have the attendance upon the meetings stipulated in the agreement when the teacher was employed. The attendance, it will be seen, is a little larger than last year, but there are more scholars in town. The percentage is about the same,—775 scholars, and 517 in attendance. The deficiency is largely in the village. Many boys and girls who ought to be in school are in the mills and streets. One parent said, "I'd rather my boys would run the streets, than attend the schools". These should be compelled to attend.

I have devoted a good deal of time to bring this about, but the results are by no means satisfactory. There should be a truant committee, elected by the town, and the mills and shops should, as they are willing to do, discharge every boy and girl who have not, during the year, been in the schools sufficiently long to meet the demands of the law. The average attendance is a little smaller than last year, but this is largely on account of the epidemic that prevailed during the winter term. Teachers, however, in some cases are to blame for this deficiency, and in many, the parents. It will be noticed that a very large number of parents have visited the schools during the year. One teacher reports 160 visits, and another 99. Some of the districts report none. If parents could only know the help that their presence is to a school, they would certainly visit them oftener.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The school books I found very much worn, as the appropriations heretofore have been too small to keep them in good condition. The increase of appropriation this year has enabled me to nearly complete the exchange of books.

Ficklin's Arithmetic was introduced after having been tested by Mr. Allen one year in the High school, in place of Fish-Robinson's, and I believe it now has the endorsement of most of our teachers. I have no doubt that it ranks among the very best. I was able to effect what amounts to about an even exchange.

Well's Grammar has taken the place of Kerl's. The Popular Speller, the place of Warren's. Warren's New Series of Readers, in place of the Old. Barnes U. S. History, in place of Lossings. New books in Greek and French have been furnished the High School. Throughout the schools the books are all new, save the Geographies.

The appropriation for books was..... \$500 00

The expenditures during the year..... 454 00

Surplus,..... \$46 00

There is still a small amount due on Arithmetics which when paid will reduce the surplus somewhat.

I employed a writing teacher to give lessons in Intermediate and Grammar schools, at an expense of \$25.00. The results were not satisfactory to me, so did not continue it.

An extra week of school has been taught this year to make up for a week lost last year. This, with other extra drafts, such as repairs, etc., has necessitated another overdraft, which I hoped might not occur.

The new school rooms for the 1st Primary and Intermediate schools have been occupied during the winter term. They are capacious and elegant and are highly appreciated by teachers and scholars. I am satisfied the committee did their duty, and the house will stand the scrutiny of any. I sincerely hope the time may not be far distant when all the schools of the village will be as well provided for.

An organ has been placed in the High School room, costing \$65.00 which has been partly paid for by a supper and entertainment, furnished by the school. The remainder of indebtedness will doubtless be met in this way.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Common Schools,.....	\$2700 00
“ High School.....	1000 00
“ School Books,.....	300 00

CONCLUSION.

I have felt from the beginning of my official duties a deep interest in all your schools. My associations with your teachers, your scholars and the parents have been exceedingly pleas-

ant. The parents have been courteous and kind. The teachers, as a rule, have co-operated in all measures suggested. The scholars have expressed a cordiality that has been inspiring and gratifying. My work though hard has been by no means irksome. I have given a great deal of time to the schools, but not what ought to be given. They require at least half of one's time and should have it. Among the pleasant memories of Dexter, that I shall cherish when I am gone, will be its schools. Very grateful for all favors conferred, and wishing you abundant success in the future, I remain as ever respectfully,

E. H. BOYNTON,

SUPERVISOR.

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EXPLANATION.

In the Town Farm Report, page 8, the item, "Decrease in produce sold from last year, \$114 18" is an error. Therefore, the sum total should be \$1160.45, instead of \$1274.63, as given. Also the "Balance against the farm" should be \$309.35, instead of \$423.53.

On page 8, the total amount of money expended, (in Highway Expenses,) spring and summer, is \$3358.26. Of this amount, \$1390.93 was expended in March and April, '86. This may be deducted from total amount, leaving \$2,567.33, the exact sum expended in the summer.

Town Officers Bills, page 15, should have been placed before the items of Labor and Material for Selectmen's Office and Library, on page 14, and the total, \$1527.66 is the sum total of town charges.

