

The University of Maine

DigitalCommons@UMaine

---

Maine Town Documents

Maine Government Documents

---

1888

## Seventy-second Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Dexter, for the Year Ending March First, 1888

Dexter, (Me.)

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

---

### Repository Citation

Dexter, (Me.), "Seventy-second Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Dexter, for the Year Ending March First, 1888" (1888). *Maine Town Documents*. 8524.

<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs/8524>

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact [um.library.technical.services@maine.edu](mailto:um.library.technical.services@maine.edu).

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF DEXTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1888.

1888.

GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB PRINT,  
DEXTER, ME.



SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF DEXTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

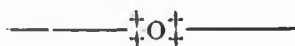
MARCH FIRST, 1888.

1888.

GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB PRINT,  
DEXTER, ME.



TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1887-8.



SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

E. M. TIBBETTS,  
S. D. FISH,  
F. O. ADDITON.

TOWN CLERK :

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER :

\*H. F. DERRY.     A. A. SPRINGALL.

TOWN AGENT :

B. F. ELDRIDGE.

COLLECTOR :

J. W. HODGKINS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS :

R. W. NUTTER.

ROAD COMMISSIONER :

E. F. COPELAND.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES :

J. W. LEIGHTON.

TRUANT OFFICER :

JOHN F. HAINES.

BOARD OF HEALTH :

DR. C. M. FOSS,     -     CYRUS FOSS,  
J. W. LEIGHTON.

---

\*Deceased.

# TOWN WARRANT.

—O—

## STATE OF MAINE.

—O—

TO J. W. HODGKINS, 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 Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the twenty-sixth 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 a Superintendent of Cemeteries.
- ART. 13. To choose all other Town Officers required by law to be chosen at the annual town meeting.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce Town ordinances.
- ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise to pay Town Charges.
- ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the Fire Department.
- ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise for the Support of the Poor.
- ART. 18. To see how much money the town will raise for the Support of Schools and 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 the highways.
- ART. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for Lighting the Streets with electricity.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise money to purchase or lease the land of Thomas Bickell on south side of Engine House lot, which he claims is covered by the eaves of the Engine House building, or will act anything in regard thereto.
- ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to pay for electrical fixtures that are now in Town Hall.



- ART. 26. To see if the town will pay to Jefferson Watson and George Woodcock \$13.34 for breaking across his pasture to get out with his team.
- ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to have the old opening in bridge across the pond filled in in same manner as the rest of the bridge is constructed, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to put in water closets for Town Hall, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars or more to defray expenses Memorial Day.
- ART. 30. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Town Library.
- ART. 31. 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. 32. To see if the town will exempt from taxation for three years a stock company to operate the Stone Mill, provided the company is formed during the next three months.
- ART. 33. 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. 34. To see if the town will vote to continue the Liquor Agency.
- ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following ordinance :
- “All chimneys hereafter constructed or rebuilt within the limits of Dexter Village shall be either of double brick thickness, or single brick thickness with tile lining inside, for the entire height from the foundation.
- “Any person who violates this ordinance shall be fined five dollars for each offence.
- “It shall be the duty of the Board of Engineers to enforce this law.”

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to extend the water main through Wall Street and place one double-headed hydrant on the line south of Exchange Hotel; and also to cement the reservoir on Pleasant Street, and raise money for both said purposes, or what action they will take thereon.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to purchase three hundred feet of new hose for Companys No. 1 and 2, and raise money for the same.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to put everyone under oath before giving in their inventory.

ART. 30. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote that all the highway bills shall be brought into the Selectmen for settlement on the 20th day of February next.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to pay the bills for material and labor furnished in building over Town Hall, and raise money for the same.

ART. 42. To see what action the town will take in regard to supplying the village with water for fire and sanitary purposes, and to authorize any contracts in relation thereto, and to appropriate money therefor.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen around the Storer hill near the shore of the pond, and raise money for the same.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the Leonard Brown place, so-called, to the Avenue, and accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen from the Leonard Brown place to the residence of Gilman H. Jewett, and raise money for the same.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to accept and build the street as laid out by the Selectmen from Park Street to Pleasant Street by the house of George N. Cyphers, and raise money for the same.

ART. 46. To see what action the town will take in relation to procuring a suitable lot and building a new School House for the High and Grammar Schools, and how much money shall be raised therefor.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to place new desks in the Free Street School House, and raise money for the same.

ART. 48. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.

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

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

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of March A. D. 1888.

E. M. TIBBETTS,	} Selectmen
S. D. FISH,	
F. O. ADDITON,	
	of
	Dexter.

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

—O—

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE  
LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1887.

Highways .....	\$4,000 00
Town Charges .....	2,000 00
Fire Department.....	850 00
Support of Poor .....	700 00
Town Schools.....	2,700 00
Free High School ...	800 00
School Books.....	300 00
Town Library .....	300 00
Memorial service .....	25 00
A. Abbott & Co., pay for pipe...	95 00
To build vault .....	300 00
To enlarge draw in bridge.....	200 00
For steam heater at new school house .....	600 00
Wire and board fence....	200 00
To pay Miss Bickmore for injury on sidewalk, .....	100 00
Overlay.....	45 38
	<hr/>
	13,215 38

—O—

Valuation of resident real estate.....	\$631,120 00
“ personal estate.....	268,903 00
“ non-resident real estate.....	29,550 00
	<hr/>
	929,573 00

—O—

Sum assessed State tax....	\$2,655 12
“ County tax.....	1,396 86
“ Town tax.....	13,215 38
	<hr/>
	17,267 36

Number of polls, 757.

Number of dogs, 117.

Percentage of taxation, 16 mills.

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

—o—

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Andrew Brawn .....	\$35 80	\$82 70
R. M. Barton .....	27 36	
S. F. Wheeler .....	28 75	27 18
A. S. Chase .....	71 27	57 18
Frank E. Moore .....	25 90	27 08
Darius Sampson .....	27 37	49 43
David Russell 2d .....	56 19	74 42
J. S. Folsom .....	44 84	40 72
W. C. Gem .....	45 84	29 73
Jacob Puffer .....	48 86	62 68
L. M. Haseltine .....	31 38	57 63
W. P. Hamilton .....	18 70	27 70
D. F. Thompson .....	34 26	43 31
Wm. N. Lane .....	50 33	49 57
John Brown .....	38 03	40 61
Timothy Daggett .....	54 27	67 57
W. O. Eaton .....	59 93	79 41
M. D. Russell .....	49 87	74 16
C. E. Spooner .....	21 03	43 55
A. S. Farrar .....	23 34	87 51
John Martin .....	24 80	61 03
M. M. Hersey .....	51 10	45 65
W. C. Mower .....	17 23	62 01
J. M. Bragdon .....	38 20	54 84
E. Ricker .....	7 50	20 00
Samuel Grant .....	9 45	34 15
Wm. Oliver .....	25 85	97 69
Henry Mower .....	29 72	52 76
W. H. Curtis .....	70 19	115 34
J. B. Arnold .....	34 98	74 98
Commissioner .....	2468 32	204 89
Road Machine .....	200 00	
	<hr/> 3,770 66	<hr/> 1,845 48

Whole amount expended for the year .....	\$5,616 14
“ of appropriation .....	4,000 00
Overdrawn .....	<hr/> 1,616 14

## SNOW AND WIRE FENCE.

Appropriation .....	\$ 200 00
Expended .....	142 60
	<hr/>
Amount unexpended.....	57 40

E. F. COPELAND,

Road Commissioner.

---

---

TOWN FARM REPORT.

---

DR.

Paid Chas. A. Kimball and wife, balance salary.....	\$ 37 50
DeWitt Pratt and wife to March 1st .....	240 63
	<hr/>
	278 13
 Paid for stock and supplies for farm.....	 583 40
Decrease in stock from last year....	31 00
	<hr/>
	614 40
	<hr/>
	\$892 53

## CR.

Received for stock and produce sold .....	823 10
Increase in produce on hand from last year ...	149 04
	<hr/>
	972 14
	<hr/>
Balance in favor of the farm,	79 61

## STOCK ON HAND.

One Horse.....	\$ 150 00
Two Oxen .....	125 00
Seven Cows .....	266 00
One three-year-old Heifer.....	35 00
Two two-year-old Steers .....	35 00
One two-year-old Heifer.....	15 00
One yearling Heifer.....	10 00
Thirty-four Sheep .....	140 00
Four Swine .....	30 00
Thirty-four Hens .....	17 00
	<hr/>
	823 00

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

30 tons hay at \$10. per ton .....	\$ 300 00
2 " straw at \$5. " .....	10 00
125 bushels potatoes at 70c. per bushel.....	87 50
1½ barrels vinegar .....	10 50
5 gallons molasses .....	1 75
225 pounds pork at 12c. per lb .....	27 00
1 bushel beets at 50c. per bushel.....	50
5 " turnips at 50c. " .....	2 50
4 barrels apples at \$2. per barrel ..	8 00
25 pounds lard at 12c. per lb .....	3 00
12 " sugar.....	1 00
½ barrel flour .....	2 00
Tea, coffee and spice.....	1 00
2 pounds rolls at 65c. per lb .....	1 30
8 gallons pickles at 40c. per gal. ....	3 20
7 bushels beans at \$2.35 per bush ...	16 45
3 barrels soft soap .....	12 00
31 bushels mixed grain.....	23 00
40 pounds dried apple .....	3 20
4 gallons preserves .....	2 50
19 pounds butter .....	3 80
60 " ham .....	7 20
4 bars hard soap.....	25
225 pounds shorts .....	3 15
5500 feet of lumber.....	60 00
200 pounds cotton seed.....	2 84
2 bushels seed corn .....	1 50
	<hr/>
	595 14

## PRODUCTS OF FARM.

50 tons of hay.	4 tons of straw.
5877 pounds of sweet corn.	120 bushels of mixed grain.
4 bushels of beets.	10 bushels of turnips.
700 pounds of pork.	75 bushels of apples.
175 bushels of potatoes.	5 bushels of beans.

## RECEIVED FROM PRODUCTS AND STOCK SOLD.

4 sheep and 28 lambs . . . . .	\$ 94 00
226½ pounds of wool . . . . .	62 39
8 pairs of hose . . . . .	3 25
Stock sold . . . . .	322 72
Cream and butter . . . . .	71 73
Pork . . . . .	27 29
Eggs and poultry . . . . .	14 32
Potatoes . . . . .	38 34
Sweet corn . . . . .	88 16
Apples and dried apple . . . . .	18 20
Work off from farm . . . . .	7 70
1 double wagon . . . . .	45 00
1 pair double harness . . . . .	30 00
	<hr/>
	823 10
Paid for stock for farm . . . . .	175 50
supplies " . . . . .	253 00
repairs on buildings and tools . . . . .	36 73
new farming tools . . . . .	76 30
pasturing . . . . .	22 50
L. D. Packard for damage and trouble by cattle,	5 00
Paid G. W. Field for crossing field in 1886 . . . . .	5 00
for salary on farm . . . . .	278 13
for sawing lumber . . . . .	9 37
	<hr/>
	861. 53.

## NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON FARM.

William Sturtevant, age 67 years.

Lucien Jose, age 50 years.

Mrs. Savina Grover, age 68 years.

Mrs. Caroline Safford, aged 62 years.

D. McCarty on farm 3½ weeks.

Sixteen tramps, forty-four meals.



# DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## —O— PAID FOR POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

### LEVANT.

Mary J. Smith, for support of J. B. Card and family,	\$	20 00
S. Dinsmore,	"	26 00
Sarah Huff,	"	3 00
Rose Gilbert,	"	7 00
F. J. Fogg,	"	33 02
Leonard Tibbetts,	"	8 00
E. A. Russ,	"	1 00
A. Sawtelle,	"	1 00
N. F. Roberts,	"	1 75
E. M. Tibbetts,	"	1 25
		<hr/> 102 02

### HARTLAND.

D. D. Flynt, support of Wm. Brawn and family .....	12 00
Jenkins & Hill, " " .....	5 00
	<hr/> 17 00

### CARMEL.

Dr. W. A. Bumps, support Emmal L. Davis and fam.,	35 00
---	-------

### CORINTH.

G. A. Patterson, support of child of E. Richards .....	6 00
--	------

### DENTER.

Norrod Hurd, support of children of A. C Haines,	40 00
John Buldoc, " C. R. Ronco and wife,	1 50
Nepaul Buldoc, " " "	37 50
W. E. Brewster, " " "	3 00
J. s. Ganeau, " " "	5 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " " "	31 75
S. D. Fish, " " "	2 25
	<hr/> 81 00
Henry R. Hallowell, support of E. Hallowell,	56 25
Dr. H. M. Blake, " " "	20 00
	<hr/> 76 25

C. M. Sawyer, support of Fayban Clukey.....	5 00	
Leighton & Haines, " " .....	4 00	
Co-operative store, " " .....	2 00	
		<hr/> 11 00
S. D. Fish, support of N. H. Sargent and family	25 00	
Moody Bailey, " " .....	60 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, " " .....	20 00	
Co-op. store, " " .....	19 42	
		<hr/> 124 42
Stephen Weymouth, support of Chas. Weymouth,		30 00
James Ganeau, Jr., support A. Roderick & fam.	82 94	
Dr. W. A. Bumps, " " .....	3 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, " " .....	1 00	
		<hr/> 86 94
Nepaul Buldoc, support of H. Buldoc .....	5 00	
Co-operative store, support of J. M. White ....	7 97	
Co-operative store, support of L. Moore..... ..		56
Nepaul Buldoc, support of J. Basket..... ..	6 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, " " .....	9 00	
		<hr/> 15 00
E. M. Tibbetts, support of M. Gilbert..... ..	5 00	
Co-operative store, support of Levi Clukey ...	5 75	
Mrs. Jas. Stott, care of tramps .....	7 00	
Paid DeWitt Pratt on salary on farm .....	38 43	
Dr. W. A. Bumps, medicine for Mary A. Dunning .....		5 65
		<hr/> 699 99
Deduct amount received from other towns... ..		160 02
		<hr/> 539 97
Appropriation..... ..		700 00
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended..		160 03

## RECEIVED FROM OTHER TOWNS.

From town of Carmel .....	\$	37 00
" Hartland..... ..		26 00
" Sebec .....		10 82
" Levant..... ..		169 99
" Corinth .....		6 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

—o—

M. F. Herring, printing .....	\$ 2 00
Chas. Clukey, 2d, repairs .....	3 00
Geo. A. Hall, " .....	2 30
S. M. Leighton, hose sled ....	18 00
Dexter Machine Co., repairs .....	8 00
W. A. Leighton, Steward Eagle Engine Co. ....	16 00
J. W. Haines, filling reservoir.....	5 00
E. Brann, Steward Tiger Engine Co. ....	16 00
L. B. Waldron, care of Hook and Ladder Truck.....	10 00
"        pay of firemen .....	550 00
Fay & Scott, repairs.....	34 28
F. D. Meigs & Co., rubber mittens .....	24 00
Wm. G. Baker, filling reservoir .....	5 00
Leighton & Haines, lanterns.....	4 00
J. W. Haines, care of hose carriage....	3 00
W. J. Haseltine, Assistant Fire Warden .....	6 00
Co-operative store, supplies .....	1 68
Eldridge Bros., " .....	35
Jas. B. Gordon, " .....	4 00
M. F. Herring, printing .....	2 00
A. J. Cobb, repairs .....	3 50
G. N. Cyphers, repairs.....	4 00
Dustin Manufacturing Co., supplies.....	16 24
T. D. Farrar, repairs .....	5 00
B. F. Mills, " .....	4 86
Foss & Crockett, supplies and repairs.....	7 65
L. B. Waldron, repairs at Grist Mill .....	10 80
G. G. Fifield, repairs.....	3 00
S. L. Small, care of force pump .....	10 00
"        rent for hose carriage .....	4 00
"        filling reservoir. ....	3 00
T. A. Chandler, alcohol .....	9 55
L. B. Waldron, Chief Engineer .....	10 00
"        Fire Warden .....	9 00
"        bills paid.. ..	20 85
W. H. Carr, repairs.....	4 13
Dexter Woolen Mills, filling reservoir .....	5 00
Springall & Co., supplies .....	90

N. H. Fay, Engineer .....	10 00
“ Fire Warden.....	3 00
Fay & Scott, supplies.....	45
F. H. Hayes, “ .....	12 55
	<hr/>
	873 09
Appropriation.....	850 00

— O —

## TOWN CHARGES.

Eastern State Publishing Co., printing report .....	\$45 00
Geo. F. Jewett, damage to horse on highway .....	15 00
Henry S. Moody, services as night watchman .....	44 00
Henry W. Bowley, “ “ .....	6 00
S. L. Small, cleaning out channel of mill pond.....	5 00
Thomas Bickell, damage to house on acct. Engine House,	18 39
Geo. E. Farmer, repairs on Engine House .....	7 61
Jewett Brothers, varnishing hearse.....	10 00
A. J. Cobb, changing bell rope at new school house .....	2 50
L. French, surveying roads in 1886 .....	1 00
L. Bridgham & Son, stationery.....	8 81
W. F. Dunham, lumber for new school house.....	8 73
J. B. Gregory, Maine Register .....	1 50
R. W. Nutter, expense to Boston to buy books and seats,	18 00
Eldridge Brothers, lumber for Selectmen's office, 1886....	8 75
E. S. Richie & Son, chemical apparatus for High School,	48 75
J. W. Queen & Co., “ “ .....	26 10
M. C. R. R., freight on school house seats .....	35 45
Wm. P. Oaks, surveying roads and lines.....	16 00
D. H. Davis, services as watchman .....	2 00
E. M. Tibbetts, small bills, postage, etc.....	11 50
S. D. Fish, surveying town lines.....	9 00
F. O. Additon, “ .....	8 00
Springall, Stationery .....	2 00
W. H. Carr .....	2 00
Morrill Sprague, specifications for bridge.....	5 00
Electric Light and Power Co., Street light.....	12 06
Crosby & Crosby, services 1886 and 1887 .....	28 50
J. H. Fitzgerald, abatements 1886 .....	62 10
Bridgham & Son, school books on account of fire.....	359 38
Michigan School Fur. Co., for seats.....	160 55

J. W. Hodgkins, abatements and errors.....	103 36
“ “ percentage for collecting .....	259 61
“ “ bills paid.....	2 00
J. Richards, wood for Town Hall.....	16 00
J. A. Fuller, sawing and piling wood.....	5 10
Eldridge Brothers, inside windows for Town Hall,.....	45 49
M. F. Herring, printing “ “ .....	50
W. S. Giles, repairs on furnaces “ “ .....	8 40
S. S. Watson, “ “ “ “ .....	4 95
B. F. Mills, “ “ “ “ .....	87
Foss & Crockett, “ “ “ “ .....	12 10
Leighton & Haines, supplies “ “ .....	5 20
Dustin M'f'g Co., “ “ “ “ .....	5 20
E. M. Tibbetts, wood “ “ .....	9 95
S. S. Ireland, “ “ “ “ .....	49 69
C. P. McCrillis, supplies “ “ .....	11 50
W. H. Carr, “ “ “ “ .....	2 72
Electric Light Power Co., “ “ .....	38 28
D. W. McCrillis, balance salary care of Hall .....	8 25

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

H. F. Derry's estate, Treasurer.....	20 83
R. W. Nutter, Supervisor of Schools .....	150 00
John F. Haines, Truant Officer.....	12 00
Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk .....	15 00
B. F. Mills, Constable.....	9 00
John F. Haines, School Agent.....	25 00
W. J. Russell, Constable.....	10 00
H. S. Moody, “ .....	10 00
B. F. Eldridge, Town Agent,.....	5 00
S. D. Fish, Selectman.....	100 00
F. O. Adoiton, “ .....	75 00
E. M. Tibbetts, “ .....	150 00
Cyrus Foss, Board of Health .....	8 00
J. W. Leighton, “ “ .....	8 00
D. W. McCrillis, Constable.....	10 00
A. A. Springall.....	29 17

---

\$2,207 42

\$630.23 of the above amount is for the High and Grammar Schools, caused by the burning of the High School Building in December last.

## ABATEMENTS, 1886.

Joseph Augustine.....	\$3 00
Harry Anderson.....	3 00
Isaac Berry.....	3 00
Wright Bradbury.....	3 00
Levi Clukey.....	3 00
J. L. Hartford.....	3 00
S. M. Ingalls.....	3 00
A. W. McFarland .....	3 00
David Oakes.....	3 00
Geo. A. Patterson.....	3 00
Hiram W. Page.....	5 10
Frank Rondo.....	3 00
A Richards.....	3 00
Timothy Sullivan.....	3 00
A. Taylor.....	3 00
F. White.....	3 00
J. Williamson.....	3 00
Geo. E. Varney.....	3 00
Oliver G. Richards .....	3 00
Joseph Baker.....	3 00
	<hr/>
	\$62 10

## ERROR IN TAX AND ABATEMENTS IN 1887.

C. P. McCrillis, error in tax in 1881-82-83-84-85-86-87,	\$8 73
D. P. Leonard, " " 1886.....	3 00
E. D. Jumper, " " .....	3 20
Mrs. T. B. Silver, " " .....	4 00
John H. Drew, " " .....	2 40
Frank Atwater, " " .....	3 00
Harry C. Bassett, " " .....	3 00
Melzer Curtis, " " .....	3 00
Albert Call, " " .....	3 00
Geo. S. Stowman, " " .....	3 00
Stanley Plummer, " " .....	3 00
Jas. T. Blair, abatement.....	6 40
Isaac Berry, " .....	3 00
Paul Buldoc, " .....	3 00
John Bullett, " .....	1 00
Levi Clukey, " .....	3 00
M. Cavener, " .....	3 00

E. Conley, abatement .....	3 00
Chas. A. Dexter, " .....	4 00
G. W. Delano, " .....	64
Chas. Dyer, " .....	1 00
W. A. Fisher, " .....	3 00
Moses Gilbert, " .....	1 00
E. L. Holt, " .....	3 00
A. Herrick, " .....	2 00
Frank Holt, " .....	4 00
John Lauffles, " .....	3 00
D. F. Patten, " .....	3 00
J. W. Skillins, " .....	12 32
Jas. Stott, " .....	1 00
Asa Soule, " .....	3 00
Z. M. Slater, " .....	3 00
O. O. Roberts, " .....	3 00
Fred Rogan, " .....	3 00
W. W. Smith, " .....	3 00
Chas. Staples, " .....	3 00
John E. Ward, " .....	3 00
J. W. Warren, " .....	3 00
O. Watson, " .....	1 00
G. D. Parshley, error in 1886. ....	2 00

---

\$126 69

## EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Memorial Service .....	\$ 25 00
Paid Samuel Morrill .. .. .	25 00
For injuries on sidewalk .....	100 00
Paid Miss A. M. Bickmore in full .....	50 00
For water pipe as per vote of town.....	95 00
Paid Amos Abbott & Co.....	92 55
For Town Library.....	300 00
Pair Geo. Hamilton, Treasurer.....	300 00
Paid C. F. Witherell on bridge and railing.....	350 00
For new passageway through bridge.....	200 00
Paid for safe and foundation.....	458 93
For vault.....	300 00
For steam heater for school house .....	600 00
Paid Fay & Scott .....	600 00
Wire and board fence.....	200 00

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways.....	\$5616 14
Fire Department .....	873 09
Town Library.....	300 00
Memorial Service.....	25 00
Support of Poor.....	539 97
High School.....	1050 00
School Books.....	309 60
Town Schools.....	4276 71
Town Charges .....	2207 42
New Safe and foundation .....	458 93
Opening in Bridge.....	350 00
For injuries on Sidewalk.....	50 00
For Water Pipe.....	92 55
For Steam Heater for New School House.....	600 00
For Wire and Board Fence.....	142 60

— 0 —

## LIABILITIES.

Loan Alice E Springall .....	1034 00
“ Alice M. Additon.....	200 00
“ Mary J. C. Thompson .....	500 00
“ J. W. Hodgkins.....	450 00
“ Levi Bridgham.....	400 00
Due on outstanding orders .....	72 50
Due on Exchange School Books, 1887.....	30 00
	<u>\$2,686 50</u>

— 0 —

## RESOURCES.

Due from Town Schools.....	\$ 65 70
Amount in hands of Collector 1886 .....	39 19
“ “ “ “ “ 1887 .....	126 33
Cash in Treasury.....	241 68
Deduct Resources.....	<u>469 90</u>
Amount of indectedness..	\$2,216 60



# APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Support of Town Schools.....	\$2,700 00
For Support of Free High School.....	800 00
Town Charges.....	2,000 00
Highways.....	4,500 00
Support of Poor .....	800 00
Pay Town Debt .....	2,000 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the Town  
March 1st, 1888, and the expenditures for one year.

E. M. TIBBETTS,	} SELECTMEN.
S. D. FISII,	
F. O. ADDITON,	
	OF
	DEXTER.

## DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

---

 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, '88.
 

---

The whole number of books in the Library is 2557 ;  
classified as follows :

Agricultural and Horticultural,	-	-	40
Biographical,	-	-	147
Fiction,	-	-	1018
Historical,	-	-	210
Juvenile,	-	-	129
Poems and Essays,	-	-	55
Theological,	-	-	92
Travel and Adventure,	-	-	182
Miscellaneous,	-	-	515
Temperance,	-	-	13
Public Documents,	-	-	156

Present number of patrons 698 ; increase over last year of 46.

Number of books taken out during the year 12,199 ; largest number taken out by one person, 74.

There has been added to the catalogue 220 volumes, 166 by purchase, and 54 by gift, viz. : 39 by the Unitarian Publication Ass'n of Boston, 10 by the Universalist Publishing House, also of Boston, 2 by H. S. Dole, 1 by G. W. Abbott, 1 by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and 1 by the State of Maine. We have purchased 30 volumes to replace that number worn out, making the whole number purchased 196 volumes, and 62 books rebound.

The books have been well cared for, and the interest in the Library is still manifest by the increase in the number of patrons.

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

## DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Dexter Town Library would submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1888.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from Town of Dexter .....	\$ 300 00
for fines .....	11 82
catalogues sold.....	4 60
lamp sold.....	25
	<hr/>
	316 67

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books .....	170 51
rebinding books .....	16 50
printing catalogues.....	15 50
freight and express....	1 96
making addition to library room.....	11 18
lamps and fixtures .....	14 25
lighting and warming library room .....	12 32
Paid Librarian for services....	75 00
	<hr/>
Total amount of expenditures.....	317 22
“ receipts.....	316 67
	<hr/>
Balance due the Treasurer....	55

GEO. HAMILTON, Treasurer.

—0—

## DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

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

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

Dexter, March, 1888.

GEO. HAMILTON, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SHOOOL AGENT

For Year Ending Mar. 1st, 1888.

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the town . . . . .	\$2700 00	
received from the State.....	1268 15	
interest on school fund.....	157 64	
received for non-resident tuition . . . .	6 42	
appropriated for books.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$4432 21

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Total overdraft for 1885 and 1886.....	\$ 219 37	
Amount paid teachers.....	3150 00	
paid for books and materials . . . . .	294 86	
	<hr/>	3664 23

Amount paid for wood and fitting and housing		
same.....	169 62	
paid for care of and cleaning rooms...	142 93	
banking houses.....	5 75	
painting.....	41 45	
coal . . . . .	97 50	
Wm. M. Johnson, janitor new house..	91 60	
labor, material and supplies.....	194 69	
supplies... . . . .	33 73	
Jos. Haseltine dressing and labor, new		
lot, . . . . .	7 00	
carrying scholars . . . . .	107 50	
trucking . . . . .	2 78	
printing.....	6 90	
tuition, scholars attending out of town	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$916 45
Total disbursements. . . . .		\$4580 68
Total appropriations and receipts....		4432 21
		<hr/>
Total overdraft . . . . .		\$148 47

Reduction in overdraft past year . . . . .	70 90
Amount of books and material on hand.....	148 49

JOHN F. HAINES, SCHOOL AGENT.

## TOWN HALL REPORT.

## DR.

Paid D. W. McCrillis for care of Hall .....	\$54 00	
for wood for Hall .....	73 64	
sawing and piling wood.....	8 60	
cleaning Hall.....	8 00	
oil, chimneys, etc....	20 19	
electric light ...	38 28	
	<u>          </u>	202 71

## CR.

By cash paid into Treasrny.....	156 00	
from State on account of Armory.....	50 00	
five cords of wood on hand.....	22 50	
oil and barrels on hand....	4 72	
	<u>          </u>	233 25

Balance in favor of Hall, 30 54  
 The Hall has been opened 54 times.  
 “ “ 52 times for pay, 2 times free.

—o—

## LIQUOR AGENCY REPORT.

Freight, trucking, etc.....	\$ 7 04	
Cash paid E. H. Witham .....	6 00	
Cash on hand.....	37 38	
Liquors sold by E. H. Witham ....	<u>          </u>	50 42
Freight, trucking, etc., as per bill .....	21 58	
Cash paid over .....	917 12	
T. A. Chandler .....	122 73	
Liquors sold by T. A. Chandler... ..	<u>          </u>	1061 44
		<u>1111 85</u>
Liquors bought .....		1008 52
Cash paid into Treasury.....	954 50	
Liquors on hand .....	164 25	
	<u>          </u>	1118 75
		<u>110 23</u>
Balance in favor of town,		

T. A. CHANDLER, Agent.

J. W. LEIGHTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

J. W. LEIGHTON, Supt.

REPORT OF THE  
DEXTER BOARD OF HEALTH.

—o—

The Dexter Board of Health was organized May 27th, 1887, by choice of Joshua W. Leighton, Chairman, Cyrus Foss, Secretary, and Charles M. Foss, Advisory Physician.

There were 78 deaths in town from March 1, 1887 to March 1, 1888.

Three were from 90 to 92 years old.

Seven	"	80 to 90	"
-------	---	----------	---

Nine	"	70 to 80	"
------	---	----------	---

Six	"	60 to 70	"
-----	---	----------	---

Five	"	50 to 60	"
------	---	----------	---

Four	"	40 to 50	"
------	---	----------	---

Three	"	30 to 40	"
-------	---	----------	---

Seven	"	20 to 30	"
-------	---	----------	---

One	"	10 to 20	"
-----	---	----------	---

Twenty	"	1 to 10	"
--------	---	---------	---

Thirteen were under 1 year old.

Four cases of contagious disease have been reported. Two of scarlet fever, one fatal; two of diphtheria, neither fatal.

CYRUS FOSS, Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

— O —

TOWN OF DEXTER IN ACC'T WITH A. A. SPRINGALL,  
TREASURER.

CR.

By amount in Treasury at commencement of year,.....\$	18 33
“ of non-resident tax rec'd by Collector for 1886.	17 83
“ from Town of Carmel, .....	37 00
“ “ “ Hartland.....	26 00
“ “ “ Levant .....	169 99
“ “ “ Corinth ...	6 00
“ “ “ Sebec .....	10 82
“ “ State of Maine, Pensions .....	144 00
“ “ “ “ Rent of Armory.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ Free High School.....	250 00
“ “ “ “ School Fund and Mill Tax	1268 15
“ “ “ “ R. R. & Telegraph Tax...	3 55
“ of D. W. McCrillis, Town Hall.....	156 00
“ of Geo. Hamilton, Int. on School Fund.....	157 64
“ of J. F. Haines for Tuition ....	6 07
“ of Dr. O. Fitzgerald, Tax for 1885 ....	83 30
“ of T. A. Chandler, Liquor Agency ...	1107 22
“ of H. F. Derry, Error in Assessment 1886.....	15 33
“ of Commitment,.....	13,255 38
“ for Innkeeper's License .....	2 00
“ of J. W. Leighton, Cemetery .....	10 00
“ of Temporary Loan .....	500 00
“ “ “ .....	200 00
“ In hands of Collector, 1886.....	339 06
“ Temporary Loan.....	450 00
“ “ “ .....	400 00
	<hr/>
	\$18,684 55



## DR.

To paid in orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$12,331 46
“ Highway Orders.....	5,791 89
“ Town St. Albans, Highway Tax for 1887 .....	1 84
“ “ “ Cash Tax for 1887.....	2 80
“ Alice Foss, Interest on Loan.....	40 00
“ Pensions.....	144 00
“ Interest on orders .....	27 93
To amount in hands of Collector for 1886 .....	36 19
“ “ “ “ 1887.....	121 76
To Cash in Treasury .....	186 68
	<hr/>
	\$18,684 55

REPORT OF THE  
BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF 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 passed :

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

CHIEF ENGINEER,	-	-	-	-	L. B. WALDRON.
1ST ASSISTANT ENGINEER,	-	-	-	-	N. H. FAY.
2D	"	-	-	-	E. R. HANSCOM

FIRES AND ALARMS.

April 14th. Call sounded at 7.20 o'clock P. M., caused by a small fire in the Dexter Woolen Mills Dry House. It was quickly extinguished by the department. Loss about \$25.00. Cause unknown.

August 31st. Call sounded at 1.10 o'clock P. M., caused by a small fire on the roof of the dwelling house of Josiah Crosby on Zion's Hill. This was also quickly extinguished by the department. Loss very small. Cause, defective chimney.

October 27th. Call sounded at 7.40 o'clock A. M., for a fire in the Picker House of Dexter Woolen Mills. Supposed to have caught from the picker machine and was extinguished by the mill department. The town department was promptly on hand but their services were not needed. Loss (mostly on belting and material) estimated at \$400.00.

October 28th. Call sounded at 10.30 A. M., for a small blaze in a shed connected with Newell Bates' dwelling house on Main Street. Department responded promptly, but its services were not needed. Cause of fire unknown, but supposed to have been from combustion. No damage.

October 30th. Call sounded at 12.10 P. M., caused by the burning out of John M. Hill's chimney on Pleasant St. No fire.

December 17th. Call was sounded at 3.30 A. M., for a fire in the High School House on School Street. This was the most disastrous fire for the year. The department responded promptly, though the call was poorly given, and worked well and long, but the fire had made such progress before the alarm was sounded that it was found impossible to save either the building or the greater part of the books and apparatus inside. Cause of fire, defective chimney, same as caused former fire in the same building. Loss to town about \$3,000. No insurance.

### EQUIPMENTS.

The department is manned and equipped same as last year, and all apparatus and machinery is in good condition.

### APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriated to pay firemen,	- - - -	\$550 00
Paid to firemen,	- - - - -	550 00
Appropriated for running expenses,	- -	300 00
Paid for	" - -	323 09
		<hr/>
Overdrawn,	- - - -	23 09

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend the town to accept the Fire Ordinance regulating the building of chimneys in the future, as per the article in the warrant for that purpose; as most of our fires are caused by defective chimneys, it would seem

unnecessary for us to explain the benefits to arise from its adoption. We also recommend the town to purchase 300 feet of new hose, for companys No. 1 and 2. It is needed. We would recommend the extension of the water main through Wall street, and the placing of one double headed hydrant south of the Exchange Hotel. The reservoir on Pleasant street, near D. K. Jenkins' is dry or nearly so most of the time, and needs to be cemented if it is to be of service. The electric light pole standing near the reservoir on Maple street should be removed from its present place to one more distant from the reservoir. As at present situated it would seriously interfere with the working of the department in case of a fire in that locality, by preventing the setting of more then one machine there at one time.

### CONCLUSION.

In closing this report we would say that your fire department has shown its usual activity and interest and has been always prompt to respond to calls, and it stands to-day as good as ever.

Arrangements have been made in conjunction with the business men on the street to place an American Watchman's Electric Time Detector, in the Post Office, to be connected with four stations located on the rout of the night watch where the watchman must wind at stated periods, thus ensuring, as we hope, better fire calls in the night time in the future.

We have recommended only such measures as seem to us to be entirely advisable and proper to the more efficient working of the department.

L. B. WALDRON, { Board  
NORMAN H. FAY, { of  
Engineers.

# REPORT OF THE **Supervisor of Schools.**

— — O — —

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER :—

In accordance with the State law, it is a pleasure for me, as Supervisor of Schools, to submit to you the following report :

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Common Schools .....	\$2700 00	
Mill tax from State .....	1268 15	
Interest on School Fund .....	157 64	
School Books.....	300 00	
Tuitions .....	6 42	
	<hr/>	4432 21
High School .....	800 00	
State aid .....	250 00	
	<hr/>	1050 00
Amount appropriated ....		<hr/> 5482 21

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers in Village .....	1612 59	
“ Rural Schools .....	1537 50	
“ High School.....	1050 00	
Conveying scholars .....	122 50	
School material.....	294 86	
Amount expended by Agent .....	694 27	
Amount overdrawn last year.....	219 37	
	<hr/>	148 79
Overdrawn .....		

## SPECIAL EXPENDITURES.

School furniture .....	196 00	
“ books.....	342 27	
“ apparatus .....	74 85	
Repairs by Agent.....	88 75	
	<hr/>	701 87
Amount in arrears.....		<hr/> 850 66

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The teachers in charge at the commencement of the year have been retained and fair progress has been made.

The Principal is a scholar and a careful instructor. He is earnest in his work and exerts upon his school an elevating influence. The Assistant, although in delicate health has discharged her duties creditably. She still possesses the confidence and respect of the whole school.

The graduating exercises were interesting and highly appreciated by a large audience. The scholarly address by Prof. Chase of Bates College, added much dignity to the occasion.

Many of our High School graduates are meeting with flattering success as teachers. Of the teachers employed in the Rural Schools, eight have been students of the High School, and four are graduates. All of them have been successful. Why is not this a good record for the school?

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

To comply with your request, I have continued at the head of this department.

I have had in mind the responsibility of my position, and, as formerly, have endeavored to improve the school.

Although the winter term was somewhat interrupted, the pupils have maintained a lively interest in their studies and I do not hesitate to report the school in a prosperous condition.

A class of fifteen was promoted at the close of the spring term, and the majority of them are now doing good work in the High School.

## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Schobls.	Teachers.		Wages per week.	No. of Scholars in District.	No. Attending School.	Av. No. in School.	No. daily Rec.	Visits of citizens.	Pr Ct. of Av. At.
High.	F. H. Nickerson, s. }		\$25 00						
	M. J. C. Thompson, f. }		10 00	57	50	..	12		92
	" w.		"	53	50	..	15		
Grammar.	"		"	48	46	..	13		
	R. W. Nutter, s.		16 00	52	49	13	30		
	" f.		16 00	52	48	13	35		92
Int. No 1.	" w.		16 00	54	48	14	40		
	Bessie W. Nutter, s.		7 00	44	40	24	20		
	Lena Allan, f.		7 25	41	38	22	55		91
Int. No. 2.	" w.		7 50	42	38	..	52		
	Elmie J. Briggs, s.		7 00	37	32	19	55		
	" f.		7 25	50	49	18	54		92
Pri. No. 1.	Lillian Weymouth, w.		7 50	49	44	20	59		
	Eloise B. Proctor, s.		7 00	65	49	16	6		
	" f.		7 25	60	51	14	39		82
Pri. No. 2	" w.		7 50	59	51	14	14		
	Mrs. Elmer Additon, s.		7 00	71	65	13	21		
	" f.		7 25	65	61	13	35		92
Pri. No. 3	" w.		7 50	50	46	12	58		
	M. Lizzie Bailey, s.		7 00	62	53	21	69		
	" f.		7 25	50	42	21	63		86
Village Schools,	" w.		7 50	48	43	21	53		
				522	369	331			70
Rural No. 2.	Anna O. Emerson, s.		5 25	12	10	30	15		
	" f.		5 75	11	10	28	6		85
	Addie E. Ireland, w.		6 25	11	9	32	15		
No. 3.	Ella L. Hayden, s.		6 00	10	6	26	6		
	May E. Rand, f.		5 25	6	5	23	5		70
	Mae E. Collins, w.		5 75	8	6	22	2		
No. 4.	Ella J. Mower, s.		6 00	17	16	..	8		
	" f.		6 00	15	14	..	3		91
	" w.		6 50	16	14	..	..		

Schools.	Teachers.		Wages per week.	No. of scholars in District.	No. Attending School.	W. No. in School.	No. daily Rec.	Visits of citizens	Pr Ct. of Av. At.
No. 5.	Alice R. Cummings,	s.	6 00		12	10	32	19	
	"	f.	6 00		13	12	32	13	87
	May E. Rand,	w.	6 50		20	17	27	28	
No. 7.	Lena Allan,	s.	6 00		19	18	28	35	
	Beatrice Colbath,	f.	6 00		18	17	28	34	87
	"	w.	6 50		16	15	..	25	
No. 8.	Amy M. Lowell,	s.	5 25		11	10	23	13	
	"	f.	5 75		10	9	20	17	93
	"	w.	6 00		9	8	21	12	
No. 9.	Nellie Trask,	s.	6 00		16	14	22	..	
	Alice C. Webber,	f.	6 00		17	14	25	14	83
	"	w.	6 50		16	13	25	12	
No. 10.	Ella A. Jennings,	s.	6 00		22	20	30	8	
	"	f.	6 00		20	18	22	10	91
	"	w.	6 50		20	18	26	10	
No. 11.	Addie E. Ireland,	s.	6 00		16	14	25	11	
	"	f.	6 00		16	14	25	6	88
	Anna O. Emerson,	w.	6 50		20	18	25	16	
No. 12.	Alice C. Webber,	s.	5 00		5	5	17	9	
No. 13.	Mae E. Collins,	s.	5 00		5	..	27	7	88
	"	f.	5 50		4	4	28	8	
Union District,				14					
Rural Districts,				222	141	121			64
Total,				744	510	452			69



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These schools have been taught by the same teachers as last year with excellent results. This grade is indeed most important, and requires patient, thoughtful, and painstaking teachers. The parents have manifested a great interest in these schools and are unsparing in their praise.

The teachers are enthusiastic and skillful, and care for the physical and moral as well as for the intellectual welfare of their pupils.

I regard these schools as second to none of this grade in the State.

### INTERMEDIATE NO. 1.

This school has continued with its usual prosperity through the year. Miss Nutter, so well known as the teacher of this school, having resigned at the close of spring term, to accept a more flattering position, Miss Lena Allan was appointed, and soon won the esteem of pupils and parents; She is a teacher of rare ability, and instructs in an easy and agreeable manner.

### INTERMEDIATE NO. 2.

Because of the increase of business in this part of the village, and the enforcement of the school law, the average attendance of this school has nearly doubled as can be seen by the statistical table. Accordingly the management is far more difficult and a firm, decided teacher is needed. Many modern methods have been introduced into this school during the year which have greatly promoted its advantage. The progress of the scholars has been good and their tasks have been performed understandingly.

## RURAL SCHOOLS.

### NUMBER 1.

In this district, so long known as Union District, for some reason harmony has not prevailed and the Dexter scholars, being refused the equal rights and privileges of that school, have been provided for in our adjoining districts.

## NUMBER 2.

Taught by two experienced and capable teachers. The summer and fall terms were noted for harmony and good feeling, and the examinations showed thorough training. The winter term was made hard for a time, because of a refractory element, which was ultimately overcome, and the promptness in recitations at the close showed that the teacher's efforts had not been in vain.

## NUMBER 3.

The three terms have been taught by different teachers and have been highly satisfactory to all concerned. The scholars have made excellent progress and together with the parents, speak in the highest terms of their teachers.

## NUMBER 4.

This school has been taught for the third year by the same teacher, and its condition demonstrates the advantage of permanent school teaching. It is a live school, directed by an energetic teacher and is in a most flourishing condition.

## NUMBER 5.

Here is a smart school in a thriving locality. The first two terms were taught by an excellent young lady of scholarly attainments. She worked hard and tried to interest her pupils. The winter term was directed by a young teacher, who has by no means mistaken her calling. The examinations were varied and interesting, and the good order and intuitive promptness, spoke well for both scholars and teacher.

## NUMBER 7.

A model school taught by eminently successful teachers. The scholars appreciate their school privileges, and are greatly encouraged by the active interest manifested by the parents. The school is now well classified and has done thorough, practical work.

## NUMBER 8.

This school was in a condition to test the ingenuity of a most experienced teacher. It has received the same instruc-

tion throughout the year, and has been one of the most successful of the Rural Schools.

#### NUMBER 9.

A school of small scholars, well graded and anxious to improve. The teacher first employed, felt that she was not adapted to school-teaching, was dissatisfied with it, and at the close of the summer term resigned. The school was by no means a failure, for a good degree of interest prevailed and some advancement made.

The fall and winter terms were unusually successful under the direction of an earnest, energetic teacher who has had the benefit of Normal training and is indeed mistress of her business.

#### NUMBER 10.

One of the largest Rural Schools, and the same teacher for the three terms. The scholars have made decided advancement and have always appeared orderly and agreeable. I know of no reason why the teacher has not met with her usual success in this school.

#### NUMBER 11.

The instruction during the first two terms was the same as last year, and should have been highly appreciated. The teacher's ability to impart to the little ones, is truly wonderful. During the winter good work was done by an experienced teacher, who has a rare faculty of establishing cordial relations between herself and scholars. The district unanimously pronounced the school a success.

#### NUMBER 12.

The summer term was taught by a promising young teacher, and good work was done, but the exercises could not be otherwise than monotonous and uninteresting, with but five scholars to attend. By mutual agreement the school was discontinued for the rest of the year, and the scholars have attended the village schools. Such an arrangement is certainly to their advantage, and I believe it to be so considered by the majority of the district.

## NUMBER 13.

The summer and fall terms were managed by an inexperienced teacher, who soon convinced all that she possessed much natural ability for the work. The examinations were highly satisfactory. There were but four scholars to attend the winter term, and as they were so located as to attend the Gilman Corner school in Sangerville, with but little extra travel, it seemed advisable to make such an arrangement. Your Supervisor visited them there and found them contented and progressing fairly well under the instruction of an industrious teacher. By disposing of these schools in this manner, the nine scholars attending have had the advantage of more interesting schools, have done as good work, and it has lessened the expenditures about \$130.

From the statistical table it is to be seen that there were 744 scholars in town last spring, 522 in the village and 222 in the rural schools. The average attendance of the whole number was 69 per cent, 70 in the village and 64 in rural schools. This is a much better average than has been reported for several years, and is undoubtedly due to the enforcement of the school law.

Compulsory attendance is certainly a step in the right direction and the citizens should see to it that the law is properly enforced. I believe that many have felt obliged to attend who would not have otherwise availed themselves although it is no easy task to secure one's constant attendance when the matter is treated with indifference at his home.

As the report of the several teachers indicates, the schools have been generally successful, and as wonderful as it may seem I have not a single failure to record. It would be unreasonable to report our schools above criticism in every particular, for perfection is rarely attained but to call the public attention to the minor defects in a teacher's work, I regard as unjust, and subjecting such a one to unnecessary humiliation. It is far better to encourage the teacher, and

to devise means by which she may overcome the obstacles so constantly presenting themselves. For this purpose the Local Institute has been sustained and the teachers have manifested an unusual interest. I feel that its work has been stimulating to the teachers, and certainly none but the apathetic can fail to appreciate its advantage.

In selecting teachers, preference has been shown to those residing in town whenever it seemed consistent to do so. I have urged the parents to visit the schools often, that they might have personal knowledge of what was being done, and that the scholars and teachers might be encouraged by their presence. The report of number of visitors as seen in the table is certainly gratifying.

The course of study for the village schools has been revised that the students may have the advantage of every modern improvement, and several of the rural schools have been classified according to the course, with excellent results. Our schools are constantly improving and I am satisfied that our school system is among the best.

### BUILDINGS.

The school buildings throughout the town are in fair condition, but our recent loss, was indeed a calamity especially at this time. The two schools deprived of their meagre accommodations have been provided for temporarily. The question to be determined was, whether these schools should be reopened at the expense of the town's credit, or remain adjourned, awaiting your pleasure. My decision you very well know.

I deem it unnecessary to point out the defects in the room now occupied by our High School. They have been thoroughly discussed many times and the room has been unanimously condemned as unfit to be used permanently for school purposes. The room occupied by the Grammar School, was not designed for this grade. It is in a tattered condition and hasn't capacity sufficient to accommodate. You can but realize the necessity of providing for these

schools. They demand your immediate attention. Do not hazard a delay for if you do it will be at the peril of your most important schools. I realize the need of economy, but can the advantages of any delay surpass its inconveniences.

### SCHOOL BOOKS.

As represented by my predecessor, an exchange was effected last year and the books on hand were comparatively new, but for some reason several of the schools were not supplied. I have endeavored to complete the exchange and have been obliged to purchase considerable many new books. The Geographies were badly worn, having been in use several years. I was able to exchange the old edition for the revised, even, and the schools are now supplied with a standard work.

There was a lot of old books on hand—the accumulation of years. By exchanging from these, Raub's Grammar has been placed in the High School, and Swinton's Reader in two classes in the Grammar School. During fall term the Charts to Mason's Music System were introduced on trial, but no books have been purchased. The success of this enterprise has been more flattering than was anticipated. It is surprising to see how much has been accomplished already.

The teachers and a large number of the parents are thoroughly alive to its importance and are enthusiastic to have the work continued.

Under disbursements you can readily see the expense necessitated by the fire. I estimate the loss of School Books and Apparatus at \$750.00. In replenishing I purchased what was absolutely needed for present use. The books throughout town are comparatively new and there is an ample supply for the Common Schools, but several books of reference are still needed for the High School.

Therefore, I recommend, that the appropriations for the Support of Schools be the same as last year and that the appropriation for School Books be increased \$100.

## CONCLUSION.

On the whole my duties as Supervisor have been a pleasure to me, and I have tried to discharge them impartially. How well I have succeeded I leave others to judge. The responsibility of such a position is at times perplexing, and one feels the need of general sympathy and support.

I have sought counsel often, of those whom I thought could advise and have always tried to do what seemed to be best. I feel grateful to you for your forbearance with my inexperience, and cordially thank the many who have so kindly rendered sympathy and aid.

Respectfully,

R. W. NUTTER, Supervisor.

## INDEX.

Town Officers .....	Page 3.
Warrant .....	" 4.
Assessors' Department .....	" 9.
Road Commissioner. ....	" 10.
Town Farm.....	" 11.
Overseers of the Poor .....	" 14.
Fire Department .....	" 16.
Town Charges.....	" 17.
Town Officers' Bills .....	" 18.
Abatements .....	" 19.
Error in Taxes .....	" 19.
Extra Appropriations .....	" 20.
Summary of Expenses .....	" 21.
Liabilities .....	" 21.
Resources .....	" 21.
Appropriations Recommended .....	" 22.
Dexter Town Library—Trustee's Report.....	" 23.
"    "    "    Treasurer's " .....	" 24.
Dexter School Fund—    "    " .....	" 24.
Report of School Agent .....	" 25.
" of Town Hall .....	" 26.
" of Liquor Agent .....	" 26.
" of Superintendent of Cemetery.....	" 27.
" Dexter Board of Health .....	" 28.
" Town Treasurer .....	" 29.
" Fire Engineers.....	" 31.
" Supervisor of Schools .....	" 34.



