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# TOWN OFFICES.

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1888-9.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:  
E. J. STURTEVANT, S. D. FISH, G. E. FARMER.

TOWN CLERK:  
LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:  
A. A. SPRINGALL.

TOWN AGENT:  
B. F. ELDRIDGE.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS:  
R. W. NUTTER.

SCHOOL AGENT AND TRUANT OFFICER:  
A. J. COBB.

BOARD OF HEALTH:  
DR. C. M. FOSS, CYRUS FOSS, C. H. HAYDEN

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES:  
J. W. LEIGHTON.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:  
N. H. FAY, Chief, A. M. OLIVER, 1st Assistant,  
726 L. B. WALDRON, 2nd Assistant.

# TOWN WARRANT.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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TO AMOS A. SPRINGALL, 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-fifth 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 purchase 26 settees for Town Hall and raise money to pay for the same.
- 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 pay fifty dollars to defray expenses of Memorial Day.
- Art. 25. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Town Library.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Se-



lectmen to let the Medical Attendance of the Poor to the lowest bidder, provided a suitable bid is received.

Art. 27. 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. 28. To see if the town will vote to continue the Liquor Agency.

Art. 29. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote that all the Highway Bills shall be brought in to the Selectmen for settlement on the 20th day of February next.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to build a road laid out and accepted by the Town from Witherell's Island to the Dover road and raise money for the same.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen from the house of E. H. Bickell to Jewett road.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Trustees of the Town Library to insure the same.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to open a road across the Town Lot from Pleasant street to Church street.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to designate and purchase a lot for the erection of a School House suitable for a High and Grammar School; to erect the same; to repair and make additions to any present school house; to add another story to the School house now standing on the town lot;

to take into consideration the whole matter of High and Grammar school houses, whether by erectiot, lease, or otherwise; to raise money for any purpose of this article, or act anything relating to the subject matter of this article.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to unite or discontinue any of the schools, or take any action pertaining thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to place new desks in intermediate school room No. 2 and raise money for the same.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to pay the bills for labor and materials furnished in building over Town Hall as audited by the Selectmen and raise money for the same.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric Fire Alarm as recommended by the Board of Engineers and raise money for the same.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate for the same purpose the same amount of money as was raised last year to cement the Pleasant street reservoir.

Art. 42. To see what action the town will take relative to the removal of the school house near Timothy Daggett's to some place in the vicinity of Heseltine's corner or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to provide a suitable place, by fountain, or well and pump. to obtain water for man and beast for drinking purposes, upon the "Flat" so called in Dexter Village.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to accept and

build the road as laid out by the Selectmen in 1887 around the Storer hill near the shore of the pond and raise money for the same.

- Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to exempt from Poll Tax all persons over 60 years of age.
- Art. 46. To see if the town will adopt the following "Ordinance" that no person shall play at foot ball or kick a ball or play pass ball in any street or public place within 3/4 of a mile of the Post Office, under penalty of one dollar for each offense.
- Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to grant to the Dexter Woolen Mills the same or similar exemption in the matter of taxation of the Stone Mill and property usually connected therewith, which the Town voted to grant to the Silver Lake Company, provided the Mill is kept in operation, or act anything relating to the matter of exemption of said property from taxation.
- Art. 48. To choose three or more superintending school committee, or a supervisor, or to adopt such other methods with our schools, and elect such other officers as the town shall see fit.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office, on Saturday, the twenty-third 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. 1889.

E. J. STURTEVANT, / Selectmen  
S. D. FISH, / of  
GEO. E. FARMER, \ Dexter.

# ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

## AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1888.

Highways	\$3500
Town Charges	2000
Fire Department	850
Support of Poor	600
Town Schools	2700
Free High School	800
School Books	400
Town Library	300
Memorial Service	50
Desks for Grammar School	225
Street Lights	500
Water Closet	50
To Cement Reservoir	75
New Street	100
New Hose	250
Sewer	300

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12,700

Overlay ..... 777.23

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13,477.23

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Valuation of resident real estate	\$639,210 00
" " non " "	245,40 00
" " Personal estate	261,816 00

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\$925,566 00

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Sum assessed State tax	\$2,655 12
" County tax	1,396 08
" Town tax	13,477 23

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17,528 43

Number of polls, 738.

" " dogs, 135.

Percentage of taxation, .0164.

# HIGHWAY REPORT.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SPRING.	WINTER.
A. S. Farrar .....	\$32 80	\$31 82
C. W. Farrar .....		10 56
Wm. Oliver .....	15 30	38 00
W. H. Curtis .....	26 49	37 80
Timothy Daggett .....	24 95	
J. M. Farrar .....		25 52
John Brown .....	19 31	12 12
Wm. N. Lane .....	11 46	8 30
E. F. Copeland .....	21 04	
F. O. Moore .....	6 05	15 43
J. W. Bragdon .....	26 50	17 25
David Russell 2d .....	10 27	
Wm. R. Arno .....		38 51
L. M. Haseltine .....	14 57	14 32
J. B. Arnold .....	8 18	24 85
Geo. I. Jewett .....	7 95	
W. C. Gerry .....	4 20	
C. S. Young .....		15 02
Henry Mower .....	9 65	17 20
C. H. Hayden .....	18 28	15 26
Darius Sampson .....	11 75	25 71
Samuel Grant .....	7 95	8 15
M. D. Russell .....	17 61	38 20
D. F. Thompson .....	17 35	
H. H. Jose .....		8 25
John Martin .....	18 05	5 89
A. S. Chase .....	13 68	
H. W. Clay .....		26 85
Andrew Brawn .....	16 62	32 48
Jacob Puffer .....	15 00	26 52
Artemus Lander .....		2 65
Edwin French .....		2 20
W. O. Eaton .....	15 43	13 84
M. H. Hersey .....	10 20	14 25
A. F. Mower .....	31 63	26 31
E. Ricker .....	7 50	18 95
John Hamilton .....		15 60
S. F. Wheeler .....	13 69	
M. C. Jones .....		6 75
Thos. Randall .....	2 85	

A. J. Cobb, Sidewalk .....		14 23
Selectmen .....	38 95	27 55
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>486 51</b>	<b>634 54</b>
Spring .....		\$ 486 51
Winter .....		634 54
Expended by Selectmen, Summer .....		1712 20
<b>Total expended</b> .....		<b>2833 25</b>
<b>Appropriation</b> .....		<b>3500 00</b>
<b>Unexpended</b> .....		<b>666 75</b>

## SEWER ACROSS TOWN LOT.

Paid for pipe .....	\$ 195 00
Laying pipe .....	87 21
	<b>282 21</b>
Appropriation .....	300 00
Unexpended .....	17 79
Pipe on hand .....	11 70

## NEW ROAD.

Appropriation .....	\$ 100 00
Expended .....	80 09
Unexpended .....	9 91

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## TOWN FARM REPORT.

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## DR.

Paid DeWitt Pratt and wife, balance salary .....	\$ 34 37
" " " " " to March 1st, 1889 .....	284 38
	<b>318 75</b>
Paid for stock and supplies for farm .....	583 40
Decrease in stock from last year .....	64 00
	<b>546 65</b>
	<b>\$865 40</b>

## CR.

Received for stock and produce sold.....	551 50	
Increase in Produce sold.....	17 54	
Reduction in price of horse.....	75 00	
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Balance against the farm,

221 36

## STOCK ON HAND.

Seven Cows.....	\$266 00
One three-year-old Heifer.....	30 00
One two " " ".....	15 00
Three one " " ".....	24 00
Two three " " Steers.....	40 00
Two Oxen.....	125 00
One Horse.....	75 00
Three Swine.....	20 00
Forty-two Hens.....	21 00
Three Calves.....	8 00
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	759 00

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

10 bushels turnips.....	\$ 4 00
16 " beets.....	6 40
101 pounds ham.....	14 14
63 bushels apples.....	15 75
175 " potatoes.....	25 50
4 gallons preserves.....	3 00
375 pounds pork.....	45 00
2 gallons molasses.....	80
45 " vinegar.....	9 00
5 " pickles.....	2 00
3 barrels soap.....	12 00
6 pounds sugar.....	50
1-2 box salt.....	10
1-2 pound tea.....	25
1 ounce nutmegs.....	08
2 pounds spices.....	64
3 cakes soap.....	21
4 1-2 dozen eggs.....	54
48 pounds dried apples.....	2 88
4 3 4 pounds rolls.....	3 08
54 " lard.....	7 56
30 " butter.....	6 00
1 barrel flour.....	6 50
40 pounds ".....	1 50

30 "	sparerib .....	2 40
143 bushels	mixed grain.....	92 95
7 "	beans.....	21 00
1 "	peas .....	1 50
175 pounds	shorts.....	2 10
6 bushels	meal.....	3 30
7 1-2 M of	lumber.....	89 00
19 tons	hay.....	328 00
1500 pounds	straw.....	4 50
4 gallons	oil.....	50
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### PRODUCTS OF FARM.

40 tons of hay.	25 bushels of beets.
7 tons of straw.	200 bushels of apples.
230 bushels mixed grain.	5 bushels of beans.
250 bushels potatoes.	1 bushel peas.
100 bushels turnips.	1538 pounds sweet corn.
2 acres sweet corn fodder.	700 pounds pork.

### STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

5 sheep and 16 lambs.....	\$ 36 50
Wool.....	36 34
Lumber .....	25 81
Cream and butter.....	102 73
Dried apples.....	14 41
Apples .....	3 08
Vinegar .....	16
Potatoes.....	37 58
Hay.....	100 00
Straw .....	4 65
Stock.....	104 85
Eggs and Poultry .....	21 25
Hose.....	3 60
Sweet corn.....	38 28
Received for board.....	2 40
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	551 50
Paid for stock for farm.....	23 50
supplies " .....	304 04
repairs on buildings and tools.....	15 11
new farming tools.....	102 00
pasturing.....	58 00
sawing lumber.....	10 00
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	482 65



## NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON FARM.

William Sturtevant, age 68 years.

Lucian Jose, age 51 years.

Mrs. Caroline Safford, age 63 years.

Twenty-three Tramps, 46 meals.

## DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

## PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

## ATKINSON.

W. E. Brewster, for support of E. L. Priest and family, \$ 10 00

## SANGERVILLE.

W. A. Bump, for medical attendance, Eunice L. White, 45 00

H. K. Thatcher, " " " " 1 50

Dexter Co-operative store, support of J. M. White &amp; family, 21 96

F. J. Fogg, " " " " 4 00

N. F. Roberts, " " " " 1 10

73 56

## CORINNA.

S. D. Fish, support of Mrs. Betsey Sprague, 10 28

Dexter Co-operative store, support Mrs. Betsey Sprague, 19 09

Wood furnished " " " 4 25

33 62

## BROWNVILLE.

For support of child of Mrs. Joseph Down, \$ 6 00

## CLOTHING AND SHOES FURNISHED POOR SCHOLARS.

Paid E. A. Ayer, for children of John Clukey \$ 75

F. D. Meigs " " " " " 7 00

N. F. Robert, " " " " " 4 85

M. D. Meigs &amp; Co., " " Peter Clukey, 8 20

N. F. Roberts " " " " " 3 50

Mrs. H. F. Derry, " " " " " 80

N. F. Roberts, " " Ed Bertrand, 9 55

E. A. Ayer, " " " " " 1 45

N. Daggett, " " James Clukey 3 30

A. F. Bradbury, " " " " " 2 10

E. A. Ayer,	"	"	"	"	5	73
Mrs. H. E. Derry,	"	"	"	"	4	70
N. F. Roberts,	"	"	"	"	2	50
N. Daggett,	"	"	John Pooler,		4	15
E. A. Ayer,	"	"	"	"		85
N. Daggett,	"	"	Thomas Pooler,		2	85
E. A. Ayer,	"	"	"	"		60
E. A. Ayer,	"	"	Levi Clukey,			60
N. Daggett,	"	"	"	"	1	65
N. Daggett,	"	"	Joseph Clukey,		6	20
Mrs. H. F. Derry,	"	"	"	"	1	05
Mrs. H. F. Derry,	"	"	Thomas Higgins.		1	00
P. L. Lowell,	"	"	"	"	4	50
N. F. Roberts,	"	"	"	"	1	25

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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. J. Sturtevant, support of Thomas King's family,	\$	5	40
" " " Thos. Goneau's "		5	40
Town of Charleston, " Sadie Haines,		8	00
" " " M. F. Dening and family,		17	00
A. Beauteau, support of A. Rodrick and family,		32	56
J. Goneau, " " "		15	00
N. F. Roberts, " " "		1	25
E. J. Sturtevant, " " "		9	08
Mrs. S. Weymouth, support of Charles Weymouth,		50	00
N. Buldoc, " " Charles Roncoe and wife,		12	10
F. J. Fogg, " " " "		3	72
Dexter Co-operative store, " " " "		3	00
E. M. Tibbett, " " " "		3	75
Peter Roncoe, " " " "		51	00
R. H. Hallowell, " " Eliza Hallowell,		50	00
H. M. Blake, medical attendance, " "		60	00
H. K. White, for services at funeral of Mrs. Grover,		3	00
S. S. Watson, digging grave for " "		3	00
E. M. Tibbetts, burial of " "		20	00
Eliza Wyman, care Mrs. Leighton,		6	00
Geo. E. Farmer, " "		25	75
S. D. Fish & Son, support " "		2	50
E. M. Tibbetts, burial " "		22	00
S. S. Watson, digging grave for Mrs. Leighton,		3	00
John Butler, support of Thomas Dulac,		9	00
Augustus Leo, " "		5	00
Thos. Gilbert, " "		8	28

Dexter Co-operative store, support Nelson Dore & fam. 1887,	10 99
Joseph Goneau, " " " 1887,	4 00
C. M. Foss, medical attendance Fred Eisher,	34 50
Oliver Lane, support of Belinda Lane,	30 00
C. P. McCrillis, " Levi Clukey and family	12 98
Lucretia Stott, care of tramps,	1 00
E. J. Sturtevant, support of Mrs. A. Dyer,	2 65
Dexter Co-operative store, support of Peter Clukey & family,	8 05
F. J. Fogg, " Mary Bush & family,	2 00
DeWitt Pratt, balance on salary,	256 35
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Total,	999 62
Deduct paid for poor of other towns,	127 18
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	872 44
Appropriation,	600 00
Overdrawn,	272 44
RECEIVED FROM OTHER TOWNS.	
From town of Atkinson.....	\$ 10 00
" Saugerville.....	72 56
" Corinna.....	33 62
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	127 18

## TOWN HALL REPORT.

Cash received.....	\$172 00
Due from State for Armory.....	50 00
Wood on hand, 5 cords 2 1-4 feet.....	25 00
Oil and barrels on hand.....	4 00
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	251 00
Care of Hall.....	47 25
Wood for Hall.....	46 01
Sawing and piling wood.....	6 60
Repairs and supplies.....	24 00
Electric light.....	57 80
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	181 96
Balance in favor of Hall	69 04
The Hall has been open 69 times.	
" " 45 times for pay, 24 times free.	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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W. A. Leighton, sawing wood.....	\$ 2 00
M. C. R. R., freight on engine hose.....	1 02
C. W. Oliver, wood for enging house.....	7 00
Eor new hose.....	220 00
J. J. Haynes, supplies.....	2 25
W. H Carr, ".....	2 12
J. M. Hill, ".....	2 20
F. J. Fogg, ".....	1 68
W. E. Brewster ".....	3 78
Pay of Fireman.....	550 00
W. A. Leighton, Steward Eagle Engine Co.....	15 00
Eugene Brann, " Tiger " ".....	7 50
Harry Tilson, " " " ".....	7 50
J. Willis Haines, care Eureka Hose.....	3 00
J. Willis Haines, filling reserivoir.....	5 00
N. H. Fay, salary chief Eng'r.....	10
L. B. Waldron, salary assistant Eng'r.....	10 00
A. M. Oliver, " " " ".....	10 00
S. L. Small, care of force pump.....	10 00
S. L. Small, rent of hose carriage.....	5 00
A. F. Bradbury, filling reservoir.....	5 00
A. F. Bradbury, cedar sleepers.....	1 00
L. B. Waldron, repair of hydrant.....	1 00
L. B. Waldron, care Hook & Ladder truck.....	10 00
A. J. Cobb, ladders and repairs.....	18 90
Fay & Scott, whistle, piping &c.....	40 22
N. H. Fay, repairs.....	4 90
Dexter Co-orpeative store, supplies.....	4 45
Thomas D. Farrar, repairs.....	3 70
T. A. Chandler, alcohol.....	4 40
Foss & Crockett, supplies.....	3 76

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\$ 972 39

M. F. Herring printing reports,.....	\$ 53 00
H. W. Bowley services as night watchman,.....	9 00
D. M. Sawtelle       "       "       "       " .....	43 00
Dexter Electric Light & Power Co. Fixtures for Town Hall,...	109 34
Electric Clock,.....	49 15
W. H. Crawford 18 cords wood,.....	54 00
Leighton & Haines supplies for Town Hall,.....	1 47
A. A. Springall books & stationery,.....	20 62
Dexter Electric Light & Power Co. Lighting Town Hall,.....	65 33
S. D. Fish wood for Town Hall,.....	14 00
O. S. Jackson delivering wood,.....	7 00
G. W. Field services of bull in 1886,.....	2 25
Geo I. Jewett wood for Town Hall,.....	5 00
L. B. Waldron fees in csse vs. H. S. Richards,.....	3 62
Jason Denslow       "       "       "       " .....	1 49
Levi Bridgham stationery,.....	7 99
F. J. Fogg curing hams in 1887,.....	1 38
Town of Garland proportion of survey and making Town lines,	12 13
Foss & Crockett supplies for Town Hall,.....	3 80
E. M. Tibbetts bill paid for printing in 1887,.....	1 00
E. M. Tibbetts for Maine Register 1888,.....	1 50
Lucian French surveying road,.....	1 75
Paid Seth Swanton damage to horse in 1887,.....	20 00
Paid G. M. Sturtevant balance of salary,.....	18 78
Paid S. D. Fish services surveying road,.....	3 00
Paid A. A. Springall for books stationery and stamps,.....	12 95

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

R. W. Nutter, Supervisor of Schools.....	\$ 150 00
A. J. Cobb, School Agent.....	25 00
A. J. Cobb, Tkuant Officer.....	15 00
Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk.....	15 00
B. F. Eldridge, Town Agent.....	5 00
Cyrus Foss, Board of Health.....	10 00
C. H. Hayden " " ".....	8 00
H. S. Moody, Constable services.....	10 00
D. M. Sawtelle " ".....	10 00
B. F. Mills " ".....	10 00
A. Barker " ".....	10 00
Jason Denslow " ".....	3 50
S. D. Fish, Selectman.....	100 00

E. J. Sturtevant	150 00
Geo. E. Farmer	75 00
A. A. Springall, Treasurer and Collector	150 00

1269 05

Appropriation.....20000 00

Unexpended.....730 95

## ERRORS IN TAX, AND ABATEMENTS IN 1888.

E. H. Bickell,	Abatement,	2 75
J. M. Jordan,	"	2 75
John W. Farrar,	"	3 00
Calvin Dinsmore,	"	3 00
Loring Mower,	"	3 00
Henry C. Davis,	"	93
George Bush,	"	4 64
William Brawn,	"	3 00
Elmer Buldoe,	"	3 00
H. W. Bowley,	"	1 00
Uberto Curtis,	"	3 00
G. W. Flanders,	"	3 00
E. Gleason,	"	3 00
John Green,	"	3 00
S. M. Ingalls,	"	3 00
Horace Jennings,	"	3 00
Joel Burton,	"	5 56
J. Morgridge,	"	3 00
Perley Lane,	"	3 00
James McNally,	"	3 00
Henry Metevier,	"	3 00
Elias Mower,	"	3 00
Dan'l McCarthy,	"	3 00
Sam'l C. Page,	"	3 00
S. D. Woodman,	"	3 99
Lewis E. Moore,	"	1 00
D. C. Breed,	"	1 00
Charles H. Russell,	"	3 00
E. D. Leeman,	"	3 00
Otis Butler,	"	4 64
L. B. Cousins,	"	3 00
I. M. Reymond,	"	3 00
C. H. Sargent,	"	3 00

H. K. Thatcher.	Error.	1 64
William Oliver,	"	4 92
Edward W. Swanton,	"	2 78
L. D. Edgerly,	"	2 46
Josiah Crosby,	"	10 82
Mrs. E. J. Springall,	"	14 76
H. F. Spooner,	"	1 00
Daniel Huff,	"	1 00
James Clukey,	"	2 46
Mrs. L. A. Nutter,	"	4 92

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123 99

## ABATEMENTS, 1887.

Joseph Bush.....	\$ 1 50
I. B. McDonold.....	3 00
George E. Spencer.....	1 00
S. D. Phelps.....	3 00
R. G. Winslow.....	95
Levi Dyer.....	1 00
A. C. Maxim.....	3 00
John Clukey.....	4 00
Levi Clukey, Jr.,.....	3 00

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\$ 20 15

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## EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

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For Memorial Service.....	\$ 50 00
Paid N. L. McCrillis.....	50 00
For Town Library.....	300 00
Paid George Hamilton.....	100 00
Paid A. F. Bradbury.....	200 00
For Water Closets.....	50 00
Unexpended.....	50 00
For Connecting Reservoir.....	75 00
Unexpended.....	75 00
For Lighting Streets.....	500 00
Paid Dexter Electric Light and Power Co.....	458 33
Unexpended.....	41 67

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

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Highways .....	\$2883 25
Fire Department.....	972 39
Town Library.....	300 00
Memorial Service.....	50 00
Support of the Poor.....	876 44
High School.....	1050 00
School Books bill of 1886.....	27 59
School Books, 1888.....	396 07
Desks for Grammar School.....	226 51
Town Schools.....	4009 41
Town Charges.....	1269 05
Street Lights.....	458 33
Sewer.....	282 21
New Road.....	99 06

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## LIABILITIES.

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Due on outstanding orders.....	\$19 00
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## RESOURCES.

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Due from Town of Brownville.....	\$ 6 00
In hands of Collector of 1886.....	6 19
“ “ “ “ 1887.....	6 11
“ “ “ “ 1888.....	121 48
Cash in Treasury.....	51 11
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	190 89
Deduct Liabilities.....	19 00
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Net Resources.....	171 89



## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

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Support of Town Schools.....	\$2750 00
"    " Free High Schools.....	800 00
School Books.....	350 00
Town Charges.....	2500 00
Highways .....	4000 00
Support of Poor.....	1000 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the Town March 1st, 1889.

E. J. STURTEVANT,	}	SELECTMEN
S. D. FISH,		OF
GEO. E. FARMER,		DENTER.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

TOWN OF DENTER  
IN ACCT. WITH

J. W. LEIGHTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

DR.

To paid C. H. Haydan for labor in old cemetery.....	\$ 36 79
for repairing hearse house .....	9 54
W. H. Curtis for labor in Stover cemetery.....	1 50
for making deeds.....	6 00
Services as superintendent.....	25 00
cash paid town Treasuraer.....	23 17
	\$102 00

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By cash received form sale of lots.....	95 00
wood.....	7 00
	\$102 00

J. W. LEIGHTON, Supt.

# TREASURERS REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER IN ACCOUNT WITH A. A. SPRINGALL  
TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

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By amount in Treasury at commencement of year.....	\$ 186 68
“ of A. L. Barker for bottles sold.....	1 50
“ of J. F. Haines for tuition.....	2 83
“ “ E. J. Sturtevant for tuition from Corinna....	33 62
“ “ Temporary Loan.....	850 00
“ “ “ “ .....	150 00
“ “ S. D. Fish Inkeepers License .....	1 00
“ “ R. W. Nutter, on Acct. School Fund.....	3 00
“ “ W. H. Carr, Interest on School Fund.....	160 64
“ “ S. D. Fish for Circus License.....	10 00
“ “ S. D. Fish for error in Thos. Randall's Order..	7 00
“ from State of Maine Pensions.....	219 00
“ “ “ “ “ Rent of Armory.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ Free High Schools.....	250 00
“ “ “ “ “ School Fund and Mill Tax..	1329 28
“ “ “ “ “ R. R. and Telegraph Tax...	3 51
“ “ Town of Saugerville.....	81 53
“ of G. M. Sturtevant, Town Hall.....	116 00
“ “ T. A. Chandler, Liquor Agency.....	945 46
“ “ L. B. Waldron, Fines for fast driving.....	9 00
“ “ R. W. Nutter for School Books sold.....	13 00
“ “ E. J. Sturtevant for Wood sold.....	20 00
“ “ George A. Farmer “ “ .....	4 38
“ “ J. W. Leighton, Cemetery.....	23 17
“ from Town of Atkinson.....	10 00
“ of Committment.....	17597 25
“ in hands of Collector, 1886.....	36 19
“ “ “ “ “ 1887.....	121 76
“ “ Interest, Collected on Taxes.....	96 24

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DR.

To Paid in Orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$13,566 63
“ “ Highway Orders.....	3003 17
“ Town, Highway Tax for 1888.....	2 38

" Mrs. Alice E. Springall, interest on Loan.....	75 00
" State Pensions.....	219 00
" Interest on Orders.....	111 77
To Amt. in hands of Collector for 1886.....	6 19
" " " " 1887.....	6 11
" " " " 1888.....	121 48
" of State Tax.....	2,655 12
" of County Tax.....	1,396 08
To Discount in 472 Polls.....	118 00
To Paid Mrs. Alice E. Springall, note.....	1000 00
To Cash in Treasury.....	51 11
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## DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

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

Whole amount of School Fund.....	\$2,989 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds.....	1,900 00
Town of Corinna Bonds.....	600 00
Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank.....	189 47
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	2,689 47
Interest on Town Bonds.....	150 00
Interest from Dexter Savings Bank.....	11 79
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	161 79
Amount paid Foss & Crockett for box in which to keep Bonds &c.....	1 15
Amount paid into the Town Treasury.....	160 64
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	161 78

Dexter, March, 1886.

W. H. CARR, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE DEXTER BOARD OF HEALTH.

There has been 49 deaths during the year, being 29 less than last year.

Three were from 80 to 86 years old. "

Twelve " 70 to 80 "

Nine " 60 to 70 "

Two " 50 to 50 "

One " 40 to 50 "

Five " 20 to 30 "

Three " 10 to 20 "

Three " 5 to 10 "

Four were under 1 year old.

Five cases of contagious diseases have been reported. One case of diphtheria proved fatal.

CYRUS FOSS, Secretary

## LIQUOR AGENCY.

Liquors sold.....	1126 82	
Barrels and kegs sold.....	18 70	
	<hr/>	1145 52
Freight and trucking.....	12 38	
T. A. Chandler salary.....	164 00	
Paid over.....	969 14	
	<hr/>	1145 52
Cash paid in Treasury.....	975 46	
Liquors on hand March 1st, 1889.....	139 97	
	<hr/>	1115 43
Liquors on hand March 1st, 1888.....	110 23	
Liquors bought.....	882 31	
	<hr/>	992 54
Net surplus for 1889.....		<hr/> 122 89

# DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1889.

The whole number of books in the Library is 2737; classified as follows:

Agricultural and Horticultural.....	40
Biographical.....	154
Fiction.....	1131
Historical .....	231
Juvenile.....	132
Poems and Essays.....	56
Theological.....	92
Travel and Adventure.....	197
Miscellaneous .....	535
Temperance.....	13
Public Documents.....	156

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2737

Present number of patrons, 595.

Number of books taken out during the year, 11900. Largest number by one person, 75.

There has been added to the Library 180 volumes, besides 64 books rebound.

The interest in the Library has been well kept up, and the books have been well cared for during the year.

H. S. DOLE	}	TRUSTEES.
H. L. WOOD		
GEO. A. ABBOTT		
A. F. BRADBURY		
C. W. CURTIS		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Dexter Town Library submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1889:

### RECEIPTS.

Received from the town of Dexter.....	\$ 300 00
" for Fines.....	13 40
" "Catalogues sold.....	4 20

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317 60

## EXPENDITURES

Paid balance of last year.....	55
" for Books.....	172 38
re-binding Books.....	16 00
Printing Catalogues and Cards.....	8 50
Freight and Express.....	1 60
Lighting Library Rooms.....	10 07
Fuel for       "       " .....	8 52
Insurance of Library.....	15 00
Librarian services.....	75 00
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	307 62
Balance on hand	\$ 9 98

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

## SCHOOL AGENT.

Expended for desks for Grammer school.....	\$ 226 51
Appropriations .....	225 00
Overdrawn.....	1 51

Paid for wood and fitting.....	\$ 207 22
Care of school rooms and cleaning.....	169 25
Banking.....	4 50
Painting.....	25 51
Coal.....	38 25
Labor and material.....	120 64
Trucking, wood &c.....	25 00
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	\$ 660 37

A. J. CARR, Agent.

Expended by J. F. Haines.	
Repairs .....	\$ 3 45
Wood .....	16 75
Balance of account for school purposes.....	14 11
Sawing and hauling wood.....	1 83
Supplies.....	6 69
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	\$ 42 83

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

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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,	-	-	-	N. H. FAY.
1ST ASSISTANT ENGINEER,	-	-	-	A. M. OLIVER.
2D                               “	-	-	-	L. B. WALDRON.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

March 29th. Alarm sounded at 12.45 o'clock A. M. Fire at Eldridge Bro's shop. The Department responded promptly and soon had seven streams of water on the fire from engines and hydrants. Five hours of hard work were required to subdue the fire and confine it to the buildings in which it originated. With the exception of 4 lengths of old hose that was unfit for use, all our hose was in use and we had in addition to our own, one line of 2 inch hose from Dexter Woolen Mill Co., and one line from Amos Abbott & Co. This fire originated in the basement of the wood shop and was well under way when the alarm was given and your department congratulate you and themselves that this fire occurred during a wet time and that they were able to confine and conquer this (what at one time bid fair to be a very disastrous fire) with so small a comparative loss of property. Cause of this fire is unknown. but known to be started near the boiler. Loss to Eldridge Bro's, estimated by them, \$4000.00. Loss to Electric Light Co., \$7.500 . No insurance.

Oct. 13th. Alarm sounded at 10 o'clock P. M., for fire in stable of Daniel Flynt, which was full of hay. Stable was partly destroyed, and house adjoining saved with little damage. Caused by boys smoking in the hay. Loss, \$300.00. Insurance, \$200.00.

Nov. 12th. Alarm sounded at 8 o'clock P. M. Fire at White Mill Picker house extinguished with pails before arrival of department. Loss trifling.

Nov. 19th. Alarm sounded at 5 o'clock A. M. Fire in stable of John Swanton, on School st. Originated in stable, which was completely in flames when alarm was sounded. Stable wholly destroyed and house adjoining partly destroyed. Cause unknown. Loss, \$1920.00. Insurance, \$1500.00

#### EQUIPMENTS.

The Department is manned and equipped same as last year with the addition of 300 feet new hose added this year and which has never been used and is supposed to be kept for emergencies. All apparatus is in good condition.

#### APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriated to pay firemen,	-	-	-	\$550.00
Paid to firemen,	-	-	-	550.00
Appropriated for new hose,	-	-	-	250.00.
Paid for 300 feet new hose.	-	-	-	220.00.
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Surplus,	-	-	-	30.00.
Appropriated for running expenses,	-	-	-	300.00.
Paid for running expenses,	-	-	-	202.39.
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Surplus,	-	-	-	97.61.

#### RESERVOIR.

Appropriated to cement Reservoir on Pleasant st, \$75.00 not used for lack of a suitable time to do it.



## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board have no recommendations to make except that you appropriate the \$75,00 for cementing reservoir on Pleasant street if we should have a dry season so that it seemed advisable to do this, and that you appropriate a sufficient sum of money to provide for an electric Fire alarm from the lower part of the village which seems necessary as in case of fire there it must take some valuable time to go nearly a mile to give an alarm.

## CONCLUSION.

In closing this report we will say that your fire department we believe to be in its usual good condition. Your apparatus and equipments is first-class and your firemen are as ever, active and willing. We call attention to the fact that we have saved something from the appropriation for running expenses and for new hose, and that out of running expense appropriation we have paid for and put a steam whistle at the Stone Mill to be used for fire alarms only. This we think will be a great help in giving an alarm.

We believe that you should appropriate the usual sum for running expenses, believing that it is best to make appropriations large enough to cover all reasonable contingencies and then using it economically with a view to closing the year with a surplus rather than to appropriate to small a sum and being obliged to overdraw.

N. H. FAY,	}	Board of Engineers:
A. M. OLIVER,		
L. B. WALDRON.		

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the citizens of Dexter:

In accordance with my duty as Supervisor it affords me pleasure to report to you the progress, condition, and present needs of your public schools for the year ending March 23d, 1889:

There are eighteen schools in town, and all have been in session during the year. The village schools have had thirty-one weeks; six of the rural schools twenty-seven weeks, one, twenty-eight weeks; one twenty-six weeks; one sixteen weeks; and two eight weeks. The reason for this seemingly unequal distribution will be made plain as the several schools are reported in detail.

The receipts and expenditures of the School Department have been as follows:

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools.....	\$2,700 00	
Mill Tax and School Fund from State.....	1,329 28	
Interest on School Fund.....	157 64	
School Books.....	400 00	
Grammar School Desks.....	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,811 92
Appropriation for High School.....	\$ 800 00	
State " " " .....	250 00	
Tuitions " " " .....	74 00	
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		\$5,932 92

### EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Common School Teachers.....	\$ 3249 40	
" " High School " .....	1090 00	
School Material this year.....	381 69	
Conveying and boarding scholars.....	92 75	
Amount expended by Agent.....	929 71	
Misceillanous .....	5 50	
Overdraft reported last year.....	148 47	5897 52
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Balance in favor schools.....		\$ 35 40

### HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the spring session Mr. Nickerson resigned, and was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Comstock, of New York, a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. Mr. Comstock has a peculiar faculty of interesting and encouraging his pupils, and it gives me special pleasure to call at

tention to the growing popularity and prosperity of this school. Miss Thompson, so long and so favorably known as the popular assistant, still manifests her usual interest. The graduating exercises of class of '88, were quite satisfactory, and the able address by Prof. Rogers of the State College was highly appreciated, but the graduating classes are too small for a place of this size. More of our scholars should complete the course, and a larger number from the suburban districts ought to avail themselves of the benefits of our High School.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This is one of the largest schools in town, and by some regarded the most difficult. The average attendance for the year has been unusually good, and a large number of citizens has visited. While much might be done to improve the facilities, I know of no reason why the work has not been fairly successful. The graduation at the close of the spring term met with general approval, and a large portion of the class has entered upon the High School course.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

No. 1. Miss Allan, who has so successfully managed this school for several terms, resigned at the close of the fall session and Miss Colbath was appointed. Her pleasant and ladylike manner never fails to win the respect of the scholars and parents wherever she teaches. The general improvement of the school while under her care is commendable.

No. 2. No school in town has made greater progress. It has been taught by Mrs. Emerson throughout the year and all concerned have witnessed its moral as well as its intellectual growth with pleasure and gratitude.

These schools are now well organized and led by earnest and able teachers, and will send out at the close of the year a noble class of eager and sprightly pupils.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

No. 1. Primary No. 1 is the largest school in town and requires a thoughtful enthusiastic teacher to do it justice. Miss Elouise Proctor has skillfully managed the work in this room for several terms, and the gradual improvement shows that she is mindful of the responsibility entrusted to her keeping. Owing to Miss Proctor's sudden illness, Miss Safford, who assisted her in the fall, supplied for the winter term. Although inexperienced her kindness and engaging manner soon won the confidence of the children, and her examination revealed many superior qualities which will render her services valuable as a teacher in the future.

Nos. 2 and 3. It is with pride that I call your attention to the progress of these schools, for in my judgment they cannot be easily excelled. The teachers have had years of experience, are naturally adapted to the work, and are constantly striving to improve their methods. The advancement in Writing and Arithmetic deserve special mention. Not a single duty is neglected and the parents furnish valuable assistance by their frequent visits.

#### RURAL SCHOOLS.

No. 1. Corinna having adopted the town system, harmony was easily restored. Dexter has contributed two dollars per week towards the support of three terms of school in this district managed by said town. While the advantages may not have been all that could be desired, our scholars have been well supplied with all the essentials and fair progress has been made.

No. 2. The summer term was taught by an industrious young teacher whose patience and perseverance will ultimately place her among the most skilled in the profession. In the fall No. 8 united with this district for the rest of the year and by general request Miss Collins was placed in charge. Parents, scholars and teacher have worked in perfect harmony and no fault can be found with the general improvement.

No. 3. Two terms taught by different teachers with general satisfaction. The fall term was discontinued and the three scholars to attend were sent to the village schools.

No. 4. The fourth year of permanent school teaching and the most successful one. Evidently the right teacher in the right place. There are several in the district that will be prepared to enter the High School in the fall.

No. 5. This school has made excellent progress throughout the year. At the close of the summer term Miss Rand resigned to begin a Normal course, and Miss Jennings—one of our veteran teachers—continued the work. The final examination showed careful training and the goodly number of visitors together with the valuable present from the pupils clearly manifested how highly the labors of the teacher were esteemed.

No. 7. The equal of this school in application and promptness can not be readily found. The scholars are earnest workers and the parents are always ready to loan a helping hand. "Not how much, but how well," has been their motto and the teachers have practiced the same with a telling effect.

No. 8. The summer school was profitably directed by an energetic young lady, who worked hard for the interest of her pupils, but owing

to the size there was a lack of rivalry to stimulate the scholars. Fortunately they were situated so as to attend No. 2 with but little inconvenience, and by common consent the arrangement was made in the fall. This change not only lessened the expenses but awakened an interest in both districts.

No. 9.—The same teacher for the year. The scholars are wide awake, well classified, and capable of doing thorough work. The teacher's efforts have been crowned with success in other parts of the town and had she been a little more exacting here a greater interest would have prevailed, and better results attained.

No. 10. Here is one of the largest Rural Schools and a strong active teacher is needed. The summer and fall terms were taught by two of our popular teachers and great thoroughness characterized their efforts. The examinations were varied and searching, and both parents and scholars showed their highest appreciation of the excellent progress made. A young man of exemplary character and scholarly attainment was employed for the winter term. Although inexperienced he began with a determination to succeed and his earnestness and manly dealing won the respect of the majority of his patrons. The orderly manner of conducting the work and the large number of visitors attending the examination testified to the character of the school and showed that the teacher's efforts had not been in vain.

No. 11. In this district the scholars are fairly well disposed and have been guided by a wide awake teacher who seemingly has spared no pains in the performance of her duties. The school improved in appearance at each visit and, although the winter session closed before examination because of the teacher's illness, it is reported that a reasonable proficiency was made. Where parents manifest a greater interest and take more pains to encourage the teacher much is contributed to the welfare and prosperity of the school.

No. 12 Only a summer term taught by a faithful young lady with as satisfactory results as could be expected in so small a school. During the fall and winter the scholars were conveyed to the village schools where they enjoyed much better privileges at a considerable less expense.

No. 13. Small in number but by no means inferior in scholarship. The teacher of the summer term had had no former experience but showed some natural ability and no one who had the will to learn could have failed in making substantial progress. The fall and winter terms were especially profitable. The scholars showed a thorough knowledge of what they had been doing and all pertaining to the school gave evidence that no time had been wasted.

# TABULAR VIEW.

Schools.	Teachers.	Salary per week.	No. scholars in District.	No. attending school.	Av. No. attending.	No. daily recitations.	No. of Visitors.	Per Ct. of Av. At.
High.	F. H. Nickerson,	s \$25 00		54	49		16	
	M. J. C. Thompson,	s 10 00						
	W. H. Comstock,	f 25 00		54	45		40	88
	M. J. C. Thompson,	f 10 00						
	W. H. Comstock,	w 25 00		47	42		75	
Grammar.	M. J. C. Thompson,	w 10 00						
	R. W. Nutter,	s 75 00		49	45	14	40	
	"	f per month		66	62	14	50	94
Int. No. 1.	"	w		60	58	15	35	
	Lena Allan,	s 7 00		43	42	22	68	
	"	f 7 25		40	38	22	60	96
Int. No. 2.	Beatrice Colbath,	w 7 50		40	39	22	60	
	Anna O. Emerson,	s 7 00		48	43	19	44	
	"	f 7 25		41	35	19	58	90
Pri. No. 1.	"	w 7 50		36	34	19	63	
	Eloise B. Proctor,	s 7 00		70	58	15	32	
	"	f 7 25		69	61	14	54	85
Pri. No. 2.	Delvia Safford,	w 7 50		66	55	15	48	
	Mrs. Elmer Additon,	s 7 00		64	56	12	40	
	"	f 7 25		43	43	13	40	91
Pri. No. 3.	"	w 7 50		49	46	13	65	
	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s 7 00		61	54	22	71	
	"	f 7 25		45	38	22	47	88
Rural No. 2.	"	w 7 50		43	39	23	66	
	Village Schools,		541	363	327			90
	Angie Mower,	s 5 00		7	6	22	18	
No. 3.	Mae E. Collins,	f 6 00		20	20	27	22	95
	"	w 6 50		19	18	27	13	
	Jennie E. Crowell,	s 4 00		8	5	25	4	71
No. 4.	Ellen Bailey,	w 4 50		6	5	14		
	Ella J. Mower,	s 6 00		17	9		8	
	"	f 6 00		12			10	
No. 5.	"	w 6 50		13	12		4	
	Mary E. Rand,	s 6 00		15	13	31	10	
	Ella A. Jennings,	f 6 00		12	11	22	4	88
No. 7.	"	w 6 50		16	14	20	16	
	Beatrice Colbath,	s 6 00		16	16	28	30	
	Carrie M. Gerald,	f 6 00		15	14	25	11	95
No. 8.	Mary E. Rand,	w 6 50		15	14	28	15	
	Carrie M. Gerald,	s 5 50		10	8	20	13	80
	Addie E. Ireland,	s 6 00		17	15	25	10	
No. 9.	"	f 6 00		18	15	25	8	86
	"	w 6 50		15	13	21	4	
No. 10.	Mae E. Collins,	s 6 00		16	14	28	15	
	Beatrice Colbath,	f 6 00		17	16	32	17	88
	Joseph E. Crocker,	w 7 00		21	18	21	15	
No. 11.	Alice C. Webber,	s 6 00		23	18	24		
	"	f 6 00		18	12	21		75
	"	w 6 50		19	15	23		
No. 12.	Delvia Safford,	s 4 00		3	3	16	11	100
	Jennie Leathers,	s 4 00		4	4	11	12	
	Angie Mower,	f 5 00		8	8	23	12	95
No. 13.	"	w 5 50		9	8	23	13	
Union District,				12				
Rural Districts,				215	143	123		86
Total,				756	506	450		87

## REMARKS.

According to the Agent's list there are 756 scholars in town—12 more than last year—537 in the village and 219 in the rural districts. 149 of these are French or about 20 per cent. of the whole number. While the enrolled list is less than last year in proportion to the number of scholars, the average attendance has improved.

Through the perseverance of the teachers and truant officer the majority of the delinquents have been compelled to avail themselves, and in several instances they have become quite enthusiastic when once well established.

I heartily favor compulsory attendance and believe that the law ought to be rigidly enforced, and were there several authorized to serve instead of one many inconveniences would be avoided.

No pains have been spared to secure competent instruction and every effort has been made to improve the general condition and to raise the standard of the schools. A course of study has been introduced into the rural schools to overcome the tendency to haphazard procedure and to enable the scholars to pursue their studies according to educational principles.

Last year vocal music was introduced, and such enthusiasm was awakened among the pupils that its continuance seemed advisable. To-day there is no exercise in our schools so universally popular. The children delight in it and it is evident that nine out of ten can learn to sing if they have proper instruction. Every teacher finds it a positive benefit, for it not only enobles and refines but also serves as one of the best means of mental discipline in fixing the attention, and quickening the powers of thought and observation. So far it has brought nothing but good to our schools and suitable provisions should be made for the continuance of this instruction.

Your teachers have been diligent and faithful in the performance of their duties and in most cases have carried the work forward to my highest satisfaction. The parents have manifested a growing interest in the schools as the large number of visits recorded will show.

On the whole I feel that the school year now closing has been one of increasing usefulness and success.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

We all know that our great need at the present time is suitable accommodations for the Grammar and High schools. It is unnecessary for me to emphasize the matter for the fact is generally conceded. There can be no just cause for delay. The special committee will undoubtedly report favorably and I believe that the citi-

zens of Dexter have too great an interest in her prosperity to allow so urgent a demand to pass unnoticed

The school property throughout the town has been well cared for and is in very good condition save room occupied by Intermediate No. 2, which needs extensive repairs.

#### SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the summer the school material was removed to a vacant room beneath the Town Hall and there is now on hand a supply sufficient to meet the immediate demands. The High School has been provided with all the books needed to carry out the prescribed courses of study. Several Maps, Globes and Charts have been purchased and the schools throughout town are well equipped with all the essentials requisite to successful instruction.

#### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Common Schools.....	\$ 2750 00
High Schools.....	800 00
School Books.....	350 00

#### CONCLUSION.

Now that my duties as your school official are concluded I feel to thank you most cordially for the honor, confidence and support conferred, and again assure you that I have had the responsibility of the position constantly in mind and have tried to discharge each duty impartially. During my connection with your schools I have formed many pleasant acquaintances and have always found the parents courteous and forbearing.

In resigning the trust of Supervisor again into your hands, I do so with a grateful acknowledgement of the very general sympathy and co-operation which I have received from you.

Very respectfully,

R. W. NUTTER, SUPERVISOR.



