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SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

REPORT

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—OF THE—

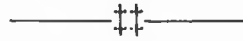
TOWN OF DEXTER,

MARCH FIRST.

1890.

DEXTER :
GAZETTE PUBLISHING COMPANY.
1890.

TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1889-90.



SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

**E. J. STURTEVANT,
GEO. E. FARMER,
HOSEA B. CROWELL.**

TOWN CLERK :

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR :

A. A. SPRINGALL.

TOWN AGENT :

B. F. ELDRIDGE.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS :

R. W. NUTTER.

SCHOOL AGENT :

A. J. COBB.

BOARD OF HEALTH :

**DR. C. M. FOSS,
C. H. HAYDEN,
GEO. E. FARMER.**

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES :

J. W. LEIGHTON.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT :

**W. G. BAKER, CHIEF ;
A. J. COBB, 1st Ass'T ;
CHAS. S. KINNEY, 2d Ass'T.**

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-fourth 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 support of 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 how much money the town will raise for lighting the streets with electricity.
- ART. 23—To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars to pay the expenses of Memorial Day.
- ART. 24—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town library.
- ART. 25—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to let the medical attendance of the poor to the lowest bidder, provided a suitable bid is received.
- ART. 26—To see if the town will elect a board of Fire Constables, whose especial duties shall be to remove and care for personal property in buildings on fire and damaged by fire.
- ART. 27—To see if the town will vote to continue the Liquor Agency.
- ART. 28—To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

- ART. 29—To see if the town will vote that all the highway bills shall be brought in on the 20th day of February next.
- ART. 30 - To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
- ART. 31—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 will raise money for the same.
- ART. 32—To see if the town will vote to exempt from poll tax all persons over seventy-four years of age.
- ART. 33—To see if the town will vote to pay R. H. Merrill for his land taken by the town for highway purposes, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
- ART. 34—To see if the town will vote to procure a suitable lot for the erection of the soldiers' monument, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
- ART. 35—To see if the town will vote to accept in trust the sum of one hundred dollars from the estate of Betsey Lane, the interest therefrom to be expended in taking care of her lot in the cemetery.
- ART. 36—To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars to buy wire for building fence on the line of the highway.
- ART. 37—To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen across the upper dam from Grove street to Church street, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 38—To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen from Pleasant street to Grove street near the new depot, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 39—To see if the town will vote to cover the road ditches and put in sewer pipe in places where the drainage has become offensive.
- ART. 40—To see if the town will vote to take any action in regard to improving the sanitary condition of the grist mill pond, and raise money for the same.

ART. 41—To see how much money the town will raise to pay for the new school building, or take any action thereto.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the twenty-second 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 fifteenth day of March A. D. 1890.

E. J. STURTEVANT, } Selectmen
G. E. FARMER, } of
H. B. CROWELL, } Dexter.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1889.

Highways	\$3,500 00
Town charges.....	2,000 00
Fire Department.....	850 00
Support of the Poor.....	700 00
Town schools	2,750 00
Free High School.....	800 00
School books	350 00
Town Library.....	300 00
Memorial service.....	50 00
Street lights	500 00
Settees for Hall	75 00
School house	4,000 00
Water fountain.....	100 00
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Total	\$15,975 00

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Valuation of resident real estate.....	\$645,375 00
“ non-resident real estate.....	22,190 00
“ personal estate.....	258,259 00
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Total valuation.....	\$925,824 00

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Sum assessed State tax	\$2,655 12
“ County tax	1,711 13
“ Town tax	15,975 00
Overlay	869 11
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Total tax.....	\$21,210 36

Number of polls, 702.

Number of dogs, 126.

Percentage of taxation, .0205.

HIGHWAYS.

By whom expended.	Spring.	Winter.
A. S. Farrar	\$ 50	
W. H. Curtis	12 75	\$ 5 11
C. W. Farrar	3 10	1 35
J. B. Gordon		5 50
J. M. Farrar	1 65	3 63
John Brown	5 00	2 15
Wm. N. Lane	3 90	
F. E. Moore	2 92	
J. M. Bragdon	4 55	2 00
Jefferson Watson	8 00	
David Russell		5 86
L. M. Haseltine	1 05	
J. B. Arnold	4 61	8 63
E. C. Folsom	1 05	4 30
Henry Mower	9 94	
H. A. Bement	2 25	2 00
Darius Sampson	2 15	2 55
M. D. Russell	8 23	2 14
H. H. Jose	2 85	60
John Martin		
H. H. Clay	3 17	6 25
Andrew Brawn	9 93	
R. M. Barton		5 03
Jacob Puffer	3 75	2 15
Artemas Lander	1 20	1 71
Edwin French	45	
W. O. Eaton	12 16	3 14
Moses H. Hersey	3 15	
E. L. Cousins		
A. F. Mower	90	
E. Ricker		5 20
W. Piper		7 12
D. C. Doughty		4 15
Selectmen	20 00	
	<hr/> \$129 21	<hr/> \$80 57

Spring	\$129 21
Winter	80 57
Expended by selectmen in the summer	2323 18

Total expended	2532 96
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Appropriation	3500 00
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Received of Brown Bros. & Co. to complete job on Dover road	50 00
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Total	\$3550 00
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Unexpended	\$1017 04
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Sewer pipe on hand	\$28 18
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TOWN FARM REPORT.

DR.

Paid DeWitt Pratt and wife, balance of salary	\$ 40 62
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“ “ to March 1st, 1890 ...	262 50
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Paid for stock and supplies for farm	\$414 67
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Decrease in stock on hand	145 00
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559 67

\$862 79

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Received for stock and produce sold	\$822 21
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Increase in produce on hand	97 65
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919 86

Balance in favor of farm	57 07
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STOCK ON HAND.

Four cows	\$160 00
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One three-year-old heifer	30 00
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Three two-year-old heifers	50 00
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Two oxen	130 00
One horse.....	75 00
Twenty-five sheep	125 00
Four swine	22 00
Forty-four hens.....	22 00
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	\$614 00

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PRODUCE ON HAND.

29 tons hay.....	\$290 00
5 tons straw	20 00
15 bushels beets	6 00
50 " turnips	20 00
60 gallons vinegar.....	12 00
450 pounds pork	49 50
5 gallons pickles	2 00
3½ " preserves	2 62
¾ barrel soap	3 00
10 bushels apples	4 00
1 pound spices.....	32
2 pounds soda	14
1 box salt	20
½ pound tea	25
2 pounds sugar	18
43 " lard.....	5 16
86 " ham	8 60
81 " dried apple.....	4 86
4 gallons molasses	1 80
3½ pounds rolls	2 44
½ barrel flour	2 50
8 pounds butter.....	1 60
8 bushels meal.....	4 00
175 pounds shorts.....	1 75
7½ bushels oats	2 51
172 bushels mixed grain.....	103 20
35 pounds sparerib.....	2 80
8½ bushels beans.....	20 40
1 peck peas.....	50

7½ M lumber.....	89 00
8 dozen shovel handle blocks.....	3 00
115 bushels potatoes	46 00
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	\$710 33

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PRODUCTS OF FARM.

50 tons hay.	25 bushels beets.
8 tons straw	100 bushels apples.
1½ acres sweet corn fodder.	700 pounds pork.
160 bushels potatoes.	100 “ pop corn.
7 “ beans.	250 bushels mixed grain.
100 “ turnips.	4607 pounds sweet corn.

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STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

3 sheep	\$ 6 00
24 lambs	80 00
Wool	43 50
Lumber	16 84
Cream and butter	83 61
Veal Calves.....	127 92
Dried apples	5 20
Apples	4 90
Potatoes	20 17
Stock	319 00
Poultry	4 50
Eggs	12 54
Sweet corn	69 09
Grain	5 85
Received for use of mowing machine	10 00
Received for use of horse.....	1 60
2 pigs.....	3 00
Received for wintering 3 sheep.....	4 50
Pop corn.....	3 99

\$822 21

Paid for stock for farm	105 00
“ supplies.....	273 04
“ pasturing	16 80
“ sawing lumber.....	3 00
“ repairs on buildings and tools	11 53
“ new farming tools	5 30
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	\$414 67

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NAMES AND AGES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON FARM.

William Sturtevant, age 69 years.

Lucien Jose, age 52 years.

Mrs. Caroline Safford, age 64 years.

No tramps fed this year.

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REPORT OF DEXTER BOARD OF HEALTH.

There have been 47 deaths during the year—one less than last year.

One was 93 years old.

Six were from 80 to 90 “

Four “ 70 to 80 “

Eight “ 60 to 70 “

Six “ 50 to 60 “

Two “ 40 to 50 “

Two “ 30 to 40 “

Three “ 20 to 30 “

Four “ 10 to 20 “

One “ 5 to 10 “

Three “ 1 to 5 “

Seven were under 1 year old.

No contagious diseases have been reported.

GEO. E. FARMER, Secretary.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee chosen at the last annual town meeting to superintend the building of a school house, for the accommodation of High and Grammar schools, have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following report:

The parties (43 in number) who became responsible for the building of the school house, in accordance with the plan adopted at the last annual town meeting, chose W. H. Carr, Levi Bridgham and Norman H. Fay as trustees, in whose name the whole business has been done, but under the direction and superintendence of the building committee. In pursuance of the vote of the town at a special meeting held June 1st 1889, the "Chandler lot," so-called, was purchased of Josiah Chandler at the price of \$1500.00 and a deed was made to the said Carr, Bridgham and Fay, as trustees, to hold the same in trust for the town of Dexter. The building committee was limited to the sum of \$12,000.00. To provide the necessary funds, the town at its last annual meeting raised \$4000.00 and the trustees raised \$8000.00 on four promissory notes of \$2000.00 each, signed by sixty-one individuals, dated July 1st, 1889, payable in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, with interest annually at five per cent. per annum. The following is an account of the expenditures:

Paid Josiah Chandler for lot.....	\$1500 00
W. S. Giles, contract on foundation	1200 00
E. E. Lewis, services as architect.....	194 00
Haley & Hdley, contract on superstructure.	6085 00
" bill for extras	77 72
Fay & Scott, heating apparatus	868 10
J. B. Smith & Co., plumbing.....	526 25
Foss & Crockett, lead and drain pipe.....	134 38
S. C. Small, superintending work on found- ation.....	28 00
A. J. Cobb, superintending superstructure..	49 50
" labor and material	28 35
labor bill for grading.....	198 99
labor, digging drains and laying pipe	72 50
for school furniture	275 86

freight bills and trucking	79 63
for material for blackboards	53 20
Gazette Publishing Co.'s bill.....	2 25
Lewiston Journal Co.'s bill	3 37
Crosby & Crosby, drawing up contracts....	3 00
R. W. Nutter, expense to Gardiner.....	8 00
Mrs. Dalton, for water supply.....	25 00
Morrill Sprague, making deed and recording	1 52
W. H. Carr, for weather vane	24 21
Geo. Chandler, for plank crossing	5 00
T. D. Farrar, bill for erecting flagstaff	2 30
W. H. Carr, bill materials	4 18
R. W. Nutter, express bills	1 45
N. Dustin & Co., for curtains and fixtures..	25 60
C. M. Sawyer, express and telegrams.....	2 50
Daniel Crockett, bill for labor and material	23 20
Eldridge Bro.'s, bill material.....	18 00
A. J. Cobb, bill of lumber	6 00
Abner Shepherd. bill of wood.....	9 60
F. J. Fogg, bill of wood	8 13
Foss & Crockett, repairs on wash bowl	1 20
Balance in hands of trustees.....	454 01

\$12,000 00

The bell, at an expense of about \$60.00, was paid for by private subscription. The building has received one coat of paint. The grading is partially done, but there was not time to complete it in the fall before the ground froze. No fence has been made, but it will be necessary to build a fence on the line between the lot and the land of Josiah Chandler. In the opinion of the committee, the funds on hand (\$454.01) will be amply sufficient to complete the painting, grading and all necessary fencing.

C. M. SAWYER,	} Building Committee.
R. W. NUTTER,	
A. J. COBB,	
H. P. DEXTER,	
L. W. JOSE,	

Dexter, March 8, 1890.

REPORT OF SCHOOL FUND.

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

Whole amount of school fund..... \$2689 47

Invested as follows:

Town of Dexter bonds.....\$1900 00

Town of Corinna bonds..... 600 00

Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank..... 189 47 2689 47

Interest on town bonds..... 150 00

Interest from Dexter Savings Bank..... 10 82 160 82

Amount paid into town treasury..... 160 82

W. H. CARR, Treasurer.

Dexter, March, 1890.

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LIQUOR AGENCY REPORT.

Liquors sold.....\$1252 17

Barrels and kegs sold 15 91

————— \$1268 08

Freight and trucking..... 26 62

T. A. Chandler, salary..... 190 00

Paid into treasury..... 1051 46

————— 1268 08

Paid into treasury 1051 46

Liquors on hand March 1, '90..... 206 00

————— 1257 46

Liquors on hand March 1, '89..... 139 97

Liquors bought..... 984 45

————— 1124 42

Net surplus for 1890..... \$133 04

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

PAID SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

ST. ALBANS :

Paid C. W. Stearns support of Perkins child,..... \$12 00

LEWISTON :

Paid Eliza Wyman support of Mrs. Ellen Stewart 49 90

BROWNVILLE :

Paid Mrs. Sarah Downs support Georgie Withington,..... 30 00

Paid Joseph Goneau support Thos. Dulac	\$23 00	
John Bullet, " " "	19 00	
Amanda Leo, " " "	7 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, burial " "	18 00	67 00

Geo. E. Farmer, expenses to Monmouth
 in case of Eliza Hallowell,..... 10 00

Paid H. M. Blake, support Eliza Hallowell 50 00 60 00

 Peter Roncoe, support C. B. Ronco
 and wife..... 57 00

Paid Mrs. Stephen Weymouth, support
 Chas. Weymouth 50 00

Paid Labree Bros. team to funeral of
 Davis child..... 3 00

Paid F. J. Fogg, support of Jos. Clukey
 and family..... 139 02

Paid Chas. Clukey, support Jos. Clukey. 12 00
 E. M. Tibbetts, burial " " " 17 50 168 52

Paid Oliver Lane, support of Melinda Lane 52 00
 Geo. E. Farmer, expenses &c., looking
 up pauper cases..... 15 00

Paid Town of Brighton, support Clara M.
 Hersey and child..... 27 19

Paid Jonathan Shepley, carrying Abbie
 Ireland to Farm..... 1 00

Paid C. H. Hayden for digging grave for
 Abbie Ireland..... 3 00

Paid E. M. Tibbetts, burial Abbie Ireland 21 50

Paid J. R. Clifford, services at funeral of
 Abbie Ireland..... 3 00 28 50

Paid Geo. E. Farmer, support of Eliza Blunt	5 00	
Paid W. A. Bumps for Glasses for Mrs. Carleton	10 00	
Paid W. A. Bumps for operating on Albert Wing	25 00	
Paid J. C. Crowell, support of Albert Wing	10 00	
Paid W. A. Bumps, medicines in 1888...	10 40	
" " " for Otis Butler	3 00	
Paid A. A. Springall, medicine for Otis Butler,	1 70	
Paid Town of Foxcroft, support of Otis Butler and wife	15 56	20 26
Paid Geo. E. Farmer, expenses to Albion in case of Albert Wing	12 30	
Paid Geo. E. Farmer, expenses to Foxcroft in case of Otis Butler	1 50	
Paid Geo. E. Farmer, expenses to Hartland in case of Town of Dexter vs. estate of Mrs. Geo. H. Wing	3 00	
Paid C. P. McCrillis, support of James Clukey and family	5 50	
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	\$723 07	
Deduct paid for Poor of other Towns....	91 90	
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	\$631 17	
Appropriation	700 00	
Unexpended	68 83	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

F. H. Hayes, supplies	\$11 62
W. A. Leighton, care Eagle Engine No. 1	15 00
Harry Tilson, care Tiger Engine No. 2	15 00
W. G. Baker, salary as Chief Engineer	10 00
W. S. Giles, repairs on reservoirs	5 65
J. Willis Haines, care Eureka Hose Carriage	3 00
John Winslow, care Hook and Ladder Truck	10 00
W. A. Leighton, sawing wood	1 00
W. C. Elder, refreshments in 1888	4 00
Foss & Crockett, supplies	3 11
W. A. Leighton, shoveling snow from reservoirs ..	2 25
T. A. Chandler, alcohol	5 40
F. H. Hayes, supplies	5 65
Eldridge Bros., lumber and labor	2 33
Dexter Machine Co., repairs	3 79
S. L. Small, care of force pumps	10 00
Rent of Hose Carriage	5 00
T. D. Farrar, repairs	1 50
A. J. Cobb, "	6 38
" salary as Assistant Engineer	10 00
C. S. Kinney, " "	10 00

 \$140 68

Appropriation	\$300 00
Unexpended	\$159 32

 TOWN CHARGES.

Eastern State Publishing Co., printing reports	\$ 49 00
D. M. Sawtelle, services as watchman	52 00
D. H. Mudgett, repairs on watchman's clock	12 26
S. D. Fish, 12½ cords wood for hall	38 50
Dexter Electric Light & Power Co., lights for hall	19 25
Crosby & Crosby, legal services	169 78
Day & Bunker, printing	4 00
W. H. Judkins, library insurance	30 00
E. E. Hale, for target	20 00
C. M. Foss, services on Board of Health, 1887-88	13 00
Oringe Jewett, land damage	10 00

Shepherd Watson, care of Hamilton lot	3 00
Morrill Sprague, legal services, 1888.....	12 00
Leslie Curtis, police badges.....	6 75
Levi Bridgham, blank books and stationery.....	23 50
A. A. Springall, stationery, etc.	12 ⁰⁰ 08
I. J. Page, wood for hall	27 35
Foss & Crockett, lantern for watchman	60
Insurance on school house.....	129 88
E. E. Hale, repairs on Town Hall	75
T. H. B. Pierce, making writing.....	1 00
Lucien French, survey in road	2 50
A. A. Springall, stationery, etc	9 35
E. J. Sturtevant, stamps, etc	1 61
G. M. Sturtevant, care of Hall.....	30 63

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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

R. W. Nutter, Supervisor.....	\$150 00
Levi Bridgham, Town Clerk.....	15 00
B. F. Eldridge, Town Agent	8 00
D. M. Sawtelle, Constable services	10 00
“ “ services as Truant Officer.....	10 00
Allen Merrill, Constable services	5 00
Leslie Curtis, “ “	1 50
C. H. Hayden, services on Board of Health.....	10 00
C. M. Foss, “ “ “	6 00
G. E. Farmer, “ “ “	10 00
G. E. Farmer, Selectman.....	100 00
E. J. Sturtevant, “	150 00
H. B. Crowell, “	75 00
A. A. Springall, Treasurer and Collector	250 00
A. J. Cobb, Truant Officer.....	7 00
A. J. Cobb, School Agent.....	25 00
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	\$1511 29
Appropriation	\$2000 00
Unexpended.....	\$488 71

ERRORS AND ABATEMENTS.

Chas. L. Gove, abatement 1889.....	\$	1	00
John Kittredge, “		3	00
Lewis Ryan, “		3	00
Eben Phelps, “		4	10
Thos. Atkins, “		3	00
Peter Burke, “		4	03
A. A. Burke, “		4	44
B. F. Bumps, “		3	00
Joseph Clukey, “		5	30
D. A. Duval, “		4	39
Ivory Dearborn, “		3	00
Thomas Dean, “		3	00
Joseph Dean, “		3	00
John Garney, “		3	00
Elias Moore, “		3	00
E. L. Priest, “		3	93
Hiram W. Page, “		6	08
Asa Russell, “		3	00
N. L. Thompson, “		3	45
Agnes C. Prescott, “		9	22
Levi Dyer, “		1	00
Joseph Pomroy, “		3	00
F. A. Pennington, “		5	03
A. E. Roberts, “		3	00
Geo. I. Stott, “		1	00
Mrs. James Stott, “		1	00
J. W. Hodgkins, “		2	75
B. A. Austin, “		3	00
G. W. Crawford, “		3	00
James Dawson, “		1	00
Perley Lane, “		2	05
Nathan Linneus, “		3	00
Peter Mountain, “		3	00
Samuel Owen, “		3	00
Joseph Dyer, “		3	00
Joseph Dyer, abatement 1888.....		4	82
Ivory Dearborn, “		3	00
Charles Foss, “		3	82
M. F. Herring, “		3	00

Alonzo Herrick,	"	99
H. W. Page,	"	4 41
F. A. Pennington,	"	4 31
J. H. Fitzgerald,	"	1886.....	5 65
J. M. Hill, error, 1889.....			6 15
Wm. Morrison, error, 1889.....			4 10
C. Fassett, error, 1889.....			3 00
			<hr/> \$157 02

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REPORT OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF DEXTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We submit the following Report for the municipal year just passed.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

July 17. Call sounded at 4.30 P. M. The Department responded in haste as usual, but proved to be a fire in Corinna Village, and Eagle No. 1 went down and worked as long as needed to good advantage.

Sept. 6. Call sounded at 4 P. M. The department was ready but proved to be a false alarm.

Oct. 1. Call sounded at 11 A. M. Firemen on hand but this also was a false alarm.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriated to pay firemen,.....	\$550 00
Paid to firemen,.....	550 00
Appropriated for running expenses,	300 00
Paid for running expenses,.....	140 68
Unexpended,	159 32

CONCLUSION.

We will say your village has been greatly favored the past year in regard to loss by fire, but care well for your Fire Department as no one knows when a fire will visit us.

Your department never was in better condition than now. We have tried to run the department for the interest of the Town and if we have saved a little of the appropriation don't think but that it may cost more next year.

C. S. KINNEY, } Board
A. J. COBB, } of
Engineers.

DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Dexter Town Library submit the following report for the year ending February 28, 1890:

The whole number of books in the library is 2916, classified as follows:

Agricultural and Horticultural	41
Biographical	170
Fiction	1200
Historical	257
Juvenile	155
Poems and Essays	61
Theological	95
Travel and Adventure	218
Miscellaneous	549
Temperance	13
Public Documents	157

Present number of patrons, 623.

Number of books taken during the year, 12,552.

Largest number by any one person, 79.

There have been added to the library 179 volumes, besides 65 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, GEO. A. ABBOTT, A. F. BRADBURY, C. W. CURTIS, C. M. SAWYER,	}	Trustees.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Dexter Town Library submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1890:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 9 98
Received from the town of Dexter	300 00
for fines	17 69
for catalogues sold	4 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books.....	\$184 35
Atlas of the State of Maine	10 00
re-binding books	17 00
printing catalogues and labels	12 00
freight and express	3 03
new book case and shelves.....	13 25
fuel for library rooms	4 42
lighting library rooms..	6 77
Paid Librarian services.....	75 00
	<hr/> \$325 82

Balance on hand..... \$5 85

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

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TOWN HALL REPORT.

CR.

Cash received.....	\$194 07
Received from State for Armory	80 00
Wood on hand March 1, 1889.....	59 94
	<hr/> \$334 01

DR.

Paid for care of Hall	\$60 50
wood for Hall.....	65 84
sawing and piling wood	6 50
repairs and supplies.....	36 70
electric lights.....	19 25
	<hr/> \$188 79
Balance in favor of Hall.....	<hr/> \$145 22

Hall was opened 66 times.

“ “ free 32 times.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF CEMETERIES.

Paid L. B. Waldron, making deeds,	\$ 6 00
W. H. Curtis, labor in Storer Cemetery,	1 25
S. S. Watson, 6½ days labor in New Cemetery	9 75
C. H. Hayden, labor in Old Cemetery,	26 02
Gazette for printing notices,	2 00
Eastern State for printing notices,	50
for erecting and repairing gates,	28 08
J. W. Leighton, services as Supt.,	25 00
Town Treas.,	11 40
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	\$110 00
Received from sale of lots,	\$110 00

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REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for wood and fitting same,	\$302 34
care of rooms and cleaning,	206 00
banking school buildings,	5 00
painting,	14 90
labor, material and supplies,	155 21
desks for Intermediate No. 2,	126 60
trucking,	6 40
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Whole amount expended,	\$816 45
A. J. COBB, School Agent.	

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EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE:	\$ 50 00
Paid N. L. McCrillis	50 00
FOR TOWN LIBRARY,	300 00
Paid A. F. Bradbury,	300 00
FOR WATER ON FLAT,	100 00
Unexpended	100 00

FOR LIGHTING STREETS,	1500 00
Paid Dexter Electric Light & Power Company	144 76
Unexpended.....	355 24
FOR SEITEES FOR TOWN HALL,	75 00
Paid E. M. Tibbetts.....	83 98
Overdrawn.....	8 98
FOR SCHOOL BUILDING,	4000 00
Paid W. H. Carr, Trustee.....	4000 00

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SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways.....	\$2532 96
Fire Department.....	690 68
Town Library	300 00
Memorial Service	50 00
Support of the poor.....	723 07
High School.....	1153 00
Town Schools.....	4236 67
School books.....	328 99
Town charges.....	1511 29
Street Lights.....	144 76
Settees for hall.....	83 98
New School House.....	4000 00

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STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Due Schools.....	\$114 23
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RESOURCES.

Due from town of Brownville	30 00
“ City of Lewiston	49 90
In hands of Collector of 1889	941 09
“ “ “ 1888.....	39 18
Cash in Treasury.....	2585 25
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	\$3645 42
Deduct liabilities.....	114 23
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Net resources.....	\$3531 19

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Support of Town Schools.....	\$2750 00
Support of Free High School.....	800 00
School Books.....	350 00
Town Charges.....	2000 00
Highways.....	4000 00
Support of the Poor.....	1000 00

We would also recommend that the payment of \$2000 due on School House in July, 1890, and also the interest of \$400 due at same time be paid from the surplus funds on hand.

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the Town March 1st, 1890.

E. J. STURTEVANT,	}	SELECTMEN
G. E. FARMER,		OF
H. B. CROWELL,		DEXTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

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By cash in treasury, March 16th, '89.....	\$ 51 11
By amount in hands of Collector for 1886	6 19
“ “ “ 1887	6 11
“ “ “ 1888	121 48
“ of G. M. Sturtevant, Town Hall	122 50
“ from State of Maine, rent of Armory	150 00
“ “ “ R. R. and tele-	
graph tax	14 00
“ from State of Maine, High School..	250 00
“ “ “ school and mill	
tax.....	1,356 86
“ from State of Maine, pensions.....	180 00
“ from Dexter Savings Bank, tem-	
porary loans.....	1,800 00
“ from Selectmen, from Liquor Agency	1,051 46
“ of Ella Dore for bills paid for support	
of N. Dore and family in 1887	14 99
“ of Levi Clukey, 2d, for tax abated in	
1887	3 00
“ of Levi Clukey, 2d, for poll tax in	
1888	3 00
“ for license to Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.	2 00
“ for circus license	5 00
“ of Selectmen on account of settle-	
ment with Brown Bros.....	50 00
“ of W. H. Carr, interest on school fund	160 82
“ of J. W. Leighton, on account of	
cemeteries.....	11 40
“ Selectmen, for wood sold to George	
Brawn	3 70
“ of town of St. Albans.....	12 00
“ of town of Brownville.....	6 00
“ of Selectmen for innkeeper's license	3 00
“ of Selectmen, on account of town	
farm	104 42

"	of R. W. Nutter, for tuition.....	108 20
"	of interest collected on taxes	132 72
"	of commitment tax	21,210 36
"	of supplementary tax.....	8 10
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		\$26,948 42

DR.

To paid on orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$16,168 62
" on highway orders	2,541 29
" town of St. Albans highway tax	2 03
" on State pensions.....	180 00
" for interest on orders.....	22 51
" for bounty on crows' head	10 70
" on 366 polls	91 50
" State tax	2,655 12
" County tax....	1,711 13
To amount in hands of Collector for 1888	39 18
" " " " 1889	941 09
To cash in Treasury.....	2,585 25
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	\$26,948 42

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER:—

I herewith submit to you the annual report of your public schools for the year ending March 24, 1890, calling your attention to their present condition and future needs. The receipts and expenditures have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1889	\$ 35 40	
Appropriations for common schools	2750 00	
Mill tax	1356 86	
Interest on school fund.....	160 82	
Tuition, and material sold	19 80	
	<hr/>	\$4322 88
High School	800 00	
State aid	250 00	
Tuitions.....	105 00	
	<hr/>	1155 00
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Total receipts.....		\$5477 88

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of common schools teachers	\$3195 10	
Salaries of High School teachers.....	1153 00	
Conveying and boarding scholars	161 12	
Amount expended by Agent	816 45	
Support of Union School	65 00	
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Balance in favor of schools..		\$87 21

SCHOOL BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	\$350 00
Received for books sold and lost	12 28
	<hr/> \$362 28

EXPENDITURES.

Books and other material	\$272 15
Binding books	44 48
Express, postage, etc.	19 63
	<hr/> 335 26

Balance in favor of receipts...	\$27 02
Estimated value of material on hand	\$150 00

TABULAR REVIEW.

Schools.	Teachers.		No. of Weeks.	Salary per week.	No. of Scholars in District.	No. Attending School.	Av. No. Attending.	No. Daily Recitations.	No. of Visitors.
High.	W. H. Comstock,	s.	10	\$25 00		49	41	14	50
	M. J. C. Thompson,	f.	11	10 00		57	53	13	125
	"	w.	11	"		56	45	13	25
Grammar.	R. W. Nutter,	s.	10			49	45	14	40
	"	f.	10			66	62	14	50
	"	w.	10			61	58	14	60
2d Grade.	Eloise Proctor,	w.	7	7 50		44	39	10	40
Int. No. 1.	Beatrice Bolbo'h,	s.	9	7 50		40	38	22	64
	"	f.	11	7 25		47	45	22	66
	May E. Rand,	w.	10	7 50		44	34	22	25
Int. No. 2.	Ella J. Mower,	s.	9	7 50		32	31	14	41
	"	f.	11	7 50		37	35	14	46
	"	w.	10	7 50		39		14	45
Pri. No. 1.	Eloise B. Proctor,	s.	9	7 00		80	72		42
	"	f.	11	7 25		66	55		27
	"	w.	3	7 50		52	38		36
Pri. No. 2.	M. Lizzie Bailey,	w.	7						
	Mrs. Elmer Additon,	s.	9			65	60	15	70
	"	f.	11	7 50		48	41	14	70
Pri. No. 3.	"	w.	10			40	31	12	48
	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s.	9			54	42	22	71
	"	f.	11	7 50		46	39	22	77
	"	w.	3			30	25	22	12
VILLAGE SCHOOLS.					552	378	322		
Rural No. 2.	Mae E. Collins,	s.	8	6 00		17	13	30	10
	"	f.	10	6 00		15	13	22	8
	"	w.	8	6 50		14	14	22	14
No. 3.	Jennie Crowell,	w.	9	5 50		8	5		
No. 4.	Lilla McCabe,	s.	8	5 75		12	10	27	11
	Mabel Howard,	f.	9	5 00		14	9	21	11
	"	f.	9	5 50		14	11	23	10
No. 5.	Ella A. Jennings,	s.	8	6 00		17	15	28	8
	"	f.	9	6 00		16	15	27	10
	"	w.	10	6 50		16	14	27	12
No. 7.	Addie E. Ireland,	s.	8	6 00		15	14	32	18
	Mary E. Rand,	f.	9	6 00		16	15	31	17
	Alice M. Lander,	w.	10	6 50		16	15	28	23
No. 9.	Delvia Safford,	s.	8	6 00		18	15	25	10
	"	f.	10	6 00		18	14	21	12
	"	w.	8	6 50		16	13	18	3
No. 10.	Angie Mower,	s.	8	6 00		24	22	30	21
	"	f.	9	6 00		28	25	28	12
	"	w.	6	6 50		23	19	36	8
No. 11.	Frankie Stewart,	s.	8	6 00		19	15		10
	"	f.	9	6 00		18	15		5
	"	w.	10	6 50		14	11	22	9
No. 13.	Florence M. Weed,	s.	8	5 00		5	3	12	8
Union District,			26						
Rural Districts,					203	137	114		
Total,					755	515	436		

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been no changes in teachers during the year consequently the work has been carried forward to better advantage.

The new building was completed during the winter session and this school was immediately removed, "Out of darkness into light" which seemed to be the dawning of a new era, for the students and teachers were greatly animated by the change and have seemed to labor with renewed energy.

Our High School is directed by competent teachers and affords average advantages to the students, and with the present accommodations it is possible to place this school in the very van of progress.

There is no good reason why students cannot be as thoroughly prepared for college here as in any other High School in the State and at the same time a systematic and continuous course in English afforded those who do not study any other language.

It has been a growing conviction with me that High School students who do not study the ancient languages should make a thorough study of their own language, and, so far as possible, should get from that study the same discipline and culture as is derived from the study of Latin and Greek. I believe the present course with a few changes is well adapted to produce this effect and such an arrangement seems especially important when we realize that less than 10 percent. of High School students ever aspire to a college course.

Our teachers deserve much credit for the present standing of the school but it is difficult for them to compete with other schools that have 36 or 40 weeks to perform the same work. We shall have had 33 weeks this year and in my judgment you should arrange to have 36 weeks in the future. Then you can encourage outside patronage on an equal basis with other schools and will be able to register a much larger number.

This will stimulate more of our town students to complete the courses instead of apprenticing themselves before sufficiently developing their mental powers.

Certainly with the present competition in all kinds of

business no young man can afford to sacrifice the needed preparation which a High School course can furnish him.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Your graded schools have been highly complimented in the past and have justly won an enviable reputation. But, as the teachers gradually advanced the work, two serious defects appeared to retard the progress. The Primary schools became so highly graded that the upper classes monopolized the teachers' time and the little ones were necessarily neglected. One can readily see the injustice of such an arrangement, for naturally the child's progress will be greater the first two years than at any other period. Again, the standard had been raised in the Grammar grade and the requirements increased until it was impossible for any one teacher to perform the work satisfactorily. The last difficulty could have been overcome in a measure by the employment of an assistant, which would increase the expenses but would not relieve the Primary department.

It was apparent that the establishing of another grade would remove both obstacles, justify the discontinuance of Primary No. 3, which could be easily absorbed by Primaries Nos. 1 and 2, and thus place all grades on a sound basis without additional expense.

Accordingly the new building was planned with this in view and when completed the contemplated change was made, which occurred the third week of the winter term, and at the close of that session it was evident that the change was having the desired effect.

Now there are an equality of duties and a uniformity of numbers throughout. These schools have been favored with excellent instruction and for the most part have made commendable progress. There have been equally good teachers in every department and a general rivalry has existed, all being anxious to excel. The scholars have manifested an unusual interest as well as the parents and until the interruption by the epidemic the average attendance was above criticism.

At the close of the fall term the teacher of Intermediate No. 1, emulating the conduct of her predecessors, resigned

to follow the general course of woman kind. One of our most enterprising young teachers was promoted to the vacancy, and fortunately the change proved to be no disadvantage to the school.

For names of teachers, wages, number of weeks, size of schools, etc., see tabular view.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

NO. 1.

Three terms. Twenty-six weeks managed by Corinna. Dexter registered eight scholars, furnished them with material and contributed \$2.50 per week towards the support. Defective discipline interfered with the progress of the summer school, but the fall and winter terms were more profitable.

NOS. 2 AND 8.

These schools were united in '88 and have since been instructed in No. 2. Notwithstanding the petty annoyances which would naturally arise, the sixteen scholars of these districts have made unquestionable advancement. Miss Collins, a graduate of our High School, has labored for this community five successive terms. She is a young lady of exemplary character and unusually enterprising in school methods and explanations. She has done excellent work in this school and her efforts have been well appreciated.

NO. 3.

A winter term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Jennie Crowell, with commendable results. The scholars attended the village schools, the summer and fall terms. Miss Crowell was very enthusiastic in her work and made her services especially profitable.

NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by a young lady of some experience, but a lack of sociability impaired the interest usually manifested in this district, and the results were not so favorable as they might have been.

The fall and winter sessions were directed by an inexperienced teacher, who readily secured the good will of

both parents and scholars and carried the work forward quite harmoniously. At each examination the scholars showed a fair knowledge of the principles studied, but a little more energy would have overcome the prevailing languor and established a much higher degree of excellence.

NO. 5.

Miss Ella Jennings, one of the most experienced teachers in town, has successfully taught this school for several terms. As a lady she is generally liked, and as a teacher of youth she has an enviable reputation. The discipline, methods and improvement in this district, together with the hearty co-operation of parents, are truly worthy of imitation.

NO. 7.

Of the suburban districts none manifested a greater interest in education than No. 7, and no district has sent a larger number of students to our High School. The parents and scholars are above petty criticisms and are a unit in supporting competent teachers.

The three terms have been directed by able workers, and in my judgment no part of the school appropriation has been more profitably expended.

NO. 9.

One of the brightest schools in town. The scholars are intuitively obedient and unusually ambitious. The thoroughness with which they have performed their work is indeed worthy of the very highest praise. The amiable disposition of the teacher, Miss Safford, adapted her especially to the needs of this school, and the three terms have been noted for harmony and improvement.

NO. 10.

No. 10 is the largest rural school in town and for various reasons is somewhat difficult to manage. For the most part experienced teachers have been employed and every effort has been made to secure the support of the parents. In response to their petition Miss Angie Moore was assigned the school and has been in charge during the three terms. Miss Moore is an ambitious young lady

and fully realizes the teacher's responsibility. No one possessing actual knowledge of the condition of the school could fail to see the substantial progress made during the summer and fall terms, especially among the smaller ones.

The winter session was badly broken by sickness and closed without examination during the sixth week. The orderly appearance of the school was especially noticeable at each visit, and had it been secured with less friction those more lenient would have been better pleased.

NO. 11.

Taught by two teachers who had had no former experience in town. The schools showed a fair knowledge of their work at each examination, but at first the school was hardly up to the standard in general appearance. At the close of the winter term a decided improvement was manifest. The scholars were wide-awake, prompt and orderly, and showed that they had been thoroughly and practically trained.

NO. 13.

A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Mabel Howard with general satisfaction. This school is altogether too small to be permanently supported. The scholars should be provided for in some other way.

REMARKS.

By comparing the preceding table with that of last year you will observe but a little variation in numbers and average attendance.

Every reasonable influence has been encouraged to secure the very best, and had it not been for the epidemic we could have reported the largest punctual attendance that we have ever recorded. Changes of teachers have been avoided so far as seemed advisable, for we believe, as a rule, that permanent teaching should be encouraged. The teachers have been urged to make an intelligent study of the needs of each pupil and to develop his individuality rather than a class uniformity of work, for by individual contact of mind with mind the interest of the pupil may be raised to the highest point of activity.

SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION.

The facts that only about twenty per cent. of the pupils attending the graded schools ever enter High Schools, that few graduate, and that the girls outnumber the boys two to one, have excited much comment in pedagogical circles of late. What is the cause? What are the remedies? the friends of education are asking.

Without doubt indigent parentage is often the cause. But this is by no means the chief reason. On the very threshold of inquiry we are met by the discouraging fact that many boys of well-to-do parents are not merely willing—they are anxious to leave the public schools. Hence we are forced to conclude that too many of the studies as commonly presented have small relation to the pent-up physical activity of a well constituted boy.

The senses are the chief avenues of information and a perception of the beautiful in nature is an unfailing source of enjoyment. The boy or girl rightly trained will be enraptured with its sublimities. A power of keen sense discrimination will be developed and the doors of observation will be thrown open. He who sees most and best is a better business man, a more comfortable friend and companion than the man who does not notice."

CITIZENSHIP.

Pre-eminently, should the public schools prepare for citizenship. Never, in the history of our country, has the need of an intelligent vote been so great as to-day. Hence the necessity for emphasizing history and civics in our public schools. These should be taught in close relation one to the other. From the Primary schools, throughout the entire course, a love of country should be fostered. In the lower grades stories, songs and maxims inculcating love of country might well be introduced. Our pupils should leave school intelligent patriots. To this end I recommend that a course of history and civics be introduced, extending throughout all grades of our schools.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the schools for the year has been excellent and, to the credit of the teachers, has been obtained

with few cases of corporal punishment. I believe that a record of every instance should be kept, stating cause, kind of punishment and extent of same. I recommend that this be required in the future.

MUSIC.

The success of this department is recognized by the citizens generally. The effect upon social gatherings and in the Sabbath schools has been spoken of repeatedly. Miss Olive Winslow has outlined the work in the different grades, visiting each school once a week, for which service she has been compensated at the rate of four dollars a term per school. Miss Winslow has taken an unusual interest in this exercise, and its present popularity is largely due to her enthusiasm.

BOOKS.

The school books throughout town were re-labelled during the summer and 275 copies rebound. All of the schools have been well supplied, so far as I can learn, and for the most part the scholars have shown due appreciation. But occasionally a seeming carelessness on their part has been apparent. In my judgment free text books is one of the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon the public school. The parents should not be unmindful of this fact and should use every influence for their protection. Reasonable regulations for this purpose can not be too rigidly enforced.

BUILDINGS.

Several of the buildings need painting inside as well as out, and one or two of them should be papered. The room of Intermediate No. 2 has been thoroughly renovated, supplied with modern desks, and is now one of the pleasantest rooms in town. The buildings in Nos. 8 and 12 have not been used during the year and there has been but one term in Nos. 2 and 13. The building known as the French school house on Free street is now unoccupied. With the exceptions mentioned our school buildings throughout town are in good condition. There is probably no town in New England with school accommodations on the whole superior to those of Dexter.

TEACHERS.

An earnest spirit of enquiry after better methods and principles of teaching has been manifested. The Local Institute has been kept up with excellent results. Many of the citizens have attended and have frequently rendered valuable assistance. I believe that these meetings have been productive of much benefit.

So far as possible I have employed the best teachers available, and home talent has had the preference when it has been compatible with the highest interest of our schools. The experience of all schools, however, demonstrates that only by free competition, by drawing from various sources for teachers, is a system of schools kept up to a high state of efficiency.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

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

CONCLUSION.

During my occupancy of the position of Supervisor, I have found the citizens and pupils most cordial and courteous.

It has been my purpose to deal impartially and to keep the schools in the line of progress. How well I have performed the duties of this position it is for you to determine. I can only say I have conscientiously tried to do what I thought best.

In resigning this trust again into your hands, permit me to thank you for your generous support both as Supervisor and teacher during the year that has passed.

Very respectfully,

R. W. NUTTER,

Supervisor.

