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TOWN OFFICERS,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1890-91.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR:

E. J. STURTEVANT.
GEO. E. FARMER,
W. C. ELDER.

TOWN CLERK:

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:

A. A. SPRINGALL.

TOWN AGENT:

N. F. ROBERTS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS:

R. W. NUTTER.

SCHOOL AGENT:

EZRA ROBERTS.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

DR. C. M. FOSS,
C. H. HAYDEN,
E. A. RUSS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

J. W. LEIGHTON.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

S. M. LEIGHTON,
CHAS. F. WITHAM, 1st Asst.
A. J. COBB, 2d Asst.

TOWN WARRANT.

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STATE OF MAINE.
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TO A. 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-third day of March instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- ART. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.
- ART. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- ART. 5. To choose three or more Assessors.
- ART. 6. To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 7. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- ART. 8. To choose a Town Agent.
- ART. 9. To choose three Superintending School Committee or a Supervisor.
- ART. 10. To choose a School Agent.
- ART. 11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

ART. 12. To choose a Superintendent of Cemeteries.

ART. 13. To choose a Trustee of Town Library in place of Geo. A. Abbott, resigned.

ART. 14. To choose all other Town Officers required by law to be chosen at the annual Town Meeting.

ART. 15. To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce Town Ordinances.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise to pay Town Charges.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Fire Department.

ART. 18. To see how much money the town will raise for the Support of the Poor.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will raise for Support of Schools and the Free High School.

ART. 20. To see how much money the town will raise to purchase School Books and School Material.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will raise to make and repair Highways and how it shall be expended.

ART. 22. To see what method the town will adopt for breaking Highways and how the money for this purpose shall be expended.

ART. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for lighting the Streets with Electricity.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars to pay expenses of Memorial Day.

ART. 25. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the Support of Town Library.

ART. 26. 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. 27. 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. 28. To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote that all highway bills shall be brought in on the twentieth day of February next.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs, or license them or act anything in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as built around the Storer hill by the Selectmen.

ART. 32. 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. 33. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for the new school building or take any action thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to sell the school building and lot on Free Street or take any action thereon.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen in 1887 from the Leonard Brown place to the avenue so called.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to give the use of Town Hall to the Patrons of Husbandry for their annual fair.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to accept in trust the sum of one hundred dollars from Josiah Chandler, the interest therefrom to be expended in taking care of his cemetery lot.

ART. 38. To see if the town will direct the Town Agent to co-operate with the officers of the towns of Cambridge, Parkman and Sangerville in the petition of the inhabitants of Cambridge to discontinue the road as laid out by the three boards of county commissioners from the end of the Arno road in Cambridge to the Dexter and Parkman road near Mainstream.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to choose a Road Commissioner to take charge of the Highways.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to remove the reservoir from in front of the lot of Joseph Springall on Free St.

ART. 41. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for pay for the night watchman on the streets.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to reimburse Robert T. Gould for damages paid by him to Eugene Brann for injury on sidewalk in 1883 and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to pay Eben Phelps for loss of his horse claimed to have been injured in February, 1888, while working in breaking team, and raise money for the same.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to settle with the Dexter & Piscataquis R. R. Co. for damage to school house by taking in exchange land owned by said Co., said land being from lot of N. L. Thompson and adjoining the school house lot.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to establish a convenient watering place in the village so that all may readily obtain pure water to drink and raise money therefor.

ART. 46. To see if the town will vote to exchange the old alarm bell on Engine House for a new one and raise money therefor.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to raise 75 dollars to cement the reservoir at corner of Pleasant and Park streets.

ART. 48. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred and fifty dollars to repair Town Hall.

ART. 49. To see if the town will vote to make and repair highways in the months of May and June.

ART. 50. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to finish the street known as Prospect Avenue.

ART. 51. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

ART. 52. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to put every one under oath before giving in their inventory.

ART. 53. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Lincoln Street, from Main to Cross Street near Henry Campbell's.

ART. 54. To see if the town will vote to instruct their Selectmen or Road Commissioner to replace all worn or decayed side-

walks where practicable with concrete walks and to raise money for the same if necessary.

ART. 55. To see if the town will vote to authorize their Selectmen or Road Commissioner to provide sufficient sand or gravel to freely sprinkle our icy sidewalks to prevent accident and damage therefrom.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday the 21st day of March Inst., 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 14th day of March A. D. 1891.

E. J. STURTEVANT, } SELECTMEN
W. C. ELDER, } OF DEXTER.

Assessors' Department.

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AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH, 1890.

For Town charges.....	\$ 2000 00
“ Firemen.....	577 50
“ Fire Department	300 00
“ Support of the Poor.....	1000 00
“ Town Schools.....	2750 00
“ Free High School	800 00
“ School Books	350 00
“ Highways	4000 00
“ Electric Lights.....	650 00
“ Memorial Day.....	50 00
“ Town Library.....	300 00
“ New Road.....	600 00
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Total	\$ 13,377 50

Valuation of resident Real Estate	\$955,660 00
“ “ non “ “	30,505 00
“ “ personal “	388,695 00

Total valuation.....\$1,374,860 00

Sum assessed State tax	\$2173 60
“ “ County “	1711 13
“ “ Town “	13,377 50
Overlay	543 87

Total Tax

Number of polls.....	633
“ “ dogs.....	123
Percentage of taxation0115

Highways.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SPRING.	WINTER.
David Russell.....	\$26 83	
John Eastus		98 28
E. French	20.07	
Stephen F. Wheeler		34 58
W. O. Eaton	27 25	55 68
E. L. Cousins.....	17 00	17 45
E. C. Folsom	14 62	
Chas. Young.....		44 04
J. F. Kittredge	3 45	12 80
R. M. Barton.....	41 98	84 96
D. C. Doughty.....	14 97	
O. W. Bridges.....		53 70
Frank E. Moore.....	18 49	27 22
Ezekiel Ricker.....	27 15	
Melzer Curtis.....		49 10
Artemas Lander.....	13 38	20 92
Darius Sampson.....	18 83	
Henry Pullen		39 90
H. B. Crowell	23 00	52 83
J. M. Bragdon.....	20 45	41 10
J. B. Arnold	37 48	
C. M. Jones.....		40 59
Andrew S. Farrar	23 61	
W. F. Dunham		50 38
L. M. Haseltine.....	21 05	39 90
J. B. Gordon.....	60 07	81 44
W. I. Curtis.....	43 08	53 05
A. F. Mower	27 15	
W. C. Mower.....		50 47
H. A. Bement	25 80	
S. O. Jackson		59 60
Henry Mower.....	27 40	
E. W. Eaton		58 52
M. D. Russell.....	44 61	77 18
John Brown	12 25	26 91
Wm. N. Lane	28 89	41 33

Chas. W. Farrar	9 78	18 35
H. H. Jose	5 63	25 93
John Martin	22 85	40 50
Samuel Grant	15 30	37 95
H. W. Clay	23 21	
Walter Bryant		37 55
M. J. Farrar	30 95	48 77
Frank Downing		13 25
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	\$746 58	\$1434 23

Spring Breaking	\$ 746 58
Winter "	1434 23
Expended by Selectmen	2783 60

Total Expended	4964 41
Material on hand	\$117 03
Paid bills of former years	34 42
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Amount Laid out in 1890	4812 96
Appropriation	4000 00
Overdrawn	712 96

Amount Expended for Road across upper Dam ..	\$438 28
Amount appropriated	300 00
Overdrawn	138 28

NEW ROAD AROUND STORER HILL.

Paid Hiram Watson Land Damage	100 00
Wilson P. Hamilton "	200 00
E. J. Sturtevant "	130 00
C. M. Page building road	215 00
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Total	645 00
Amount appropriated	600 00
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Overdrawn	45 00

Town Farm Report.

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DR.

Paid J. C. Crowell and wife to Apr. 15, 1890...	\$ 37 50
“ B. G. Church and wife to March 1, 1891...	175 00

\$212 50

Paid for stock and supplies for farm.....	734 79
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\$947 29

Received for stock and produce sold....	\$624 43
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Increase in produce on hand.....	129 67
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“ “ stock “	32 00
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\$786 10

\$161 19

STOCK ON HAND.

One horse.....	\$ 75 00
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Four cows	160 00
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One three-year-old heifer.....	30 00
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One yoke six-year-old oxen.....	115 00
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“ “ five “ “	125 00
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Twenty-three sheep	115 00
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Two swine.....	11 00
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Thirty hens.....	15 00
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\$646 00

PRODUCE ON HAND.

Two tons straw.....	\$ 8 00
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Forty tons hay	360 00
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Fifteen tons pressed hay	172 50
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One hundred lbs. shorts	1 50
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Three bushels meal.....	2 25
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Two “ beets	80
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Ten “ turnips.....	4 00
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Ten “ carrots.....	4 00
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One hundred and thirty bushels potatoes	97 50
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Eighty-five bushels mixed grain.....	68 00
Ten bushels oats.....	6 50
Ten and a half bushel beans	15 75
Forty-five gallons vinegar.....	9 00
Twenty " pickles.....	5 00
Fifteen " molasses.....	6 75
Forty lbs. lard.....	4 80
Three hundred and twenty-five lbs. salt pork ..	32 50
One hundred and thirty lbs. ham	13 00
Thirty lbs. sparerib	2 40
One lb. spices	32
One " tea.....	50
Two " coffee.....	60
One " soda.....	07
Two bars soap.....	12
One box salt	20
Twelve lbs. sugar	84
Seventy " dried apples.....	4 90
Five " yarn	5 00
One barrel flour	6 25
Thirty-five lbs. butter	7 00
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	\$840 05

PRODUCT OF FARM.

60 tons Hay,	30 bushels Beets,
7 " Straw,	3 " Parsnips,
1 1-2 acres Sweet Corn Fodder,	3 " Onions,
185 bushels Potatoes,	50 " Apples,
9 " Beans,	111 " Mixed Grain,
30 " Turnips,	219 Lbs. Sweet Corn,
26 " Carrots,	900 " Pork.

STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

22 Lambs	\$ 88 00
Wool	30 60
1 Yoke Oxen	150 00
2 Cows	70 00
1 two years old Heifer	22 50

2 Veal Calves.....	15 00
Straw	14 77
Butter	30 43
Apples.....	25 12
Potatoes	34 72
Poultry	2 64
Eggs	10 27
Sweet Corn.....	33 27
Pork	13 16
Beans	8 92
Hoop Poles.....	1 18
Shovel Handles	4 01
Lumber	40 57
Pasturing	50
Board	5 00
Sold from Mrs. Prescott's effects	20 77
Stove.....	3 00
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	\$624 43

NAMES AND AGES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

William Sturtevant, age 70 years.

Lucian French, age 53 years.

Mrs. Caroline Safford, age 65 years,

Mrs. Agnes Prescott, received May 11, 1890.

Hastings Prescott, received May 11, 1890, went away Aug. 1, 1890,

Mrs. Hersey and Child, received March 15, 1890 ; Mrs. Hersey went away April 27, 1890, child went away May 27, 1890.

Ida Davenport, received May 21, 1890, went away May 26, 1890.

Benny Holt, received Dec. 16, 1890, went away Dec. 25, 1890.

Mrs. Agne Prescott, died July 8, 1890.

S'T. ALBANS.

RIPLY.

EAST CORINTH.

FORT FAIRFIFLD.

Due from Geo. H. Wing, 141 49

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Mrs. C. N. Austin, care Eliza Blunt,	\$	16	00
Geo. E. Farmer, support of “		25	00
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			\$41 00
Augustus Roncoe, support Mrs. Chas. Roncoe,		23	00
E. J. Sturtevant, support Mrs. Jos. Clukey,		2	38
F. J. Fogg, “ “ “		16	52
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			\$18 90

W. C. Elder, support Agnes Prescott,	20 33
W. H. Piper, " " "	2 50
M. L. Abbott, " " "	1 05
W. E. Brewster, " " "	10 06
F. D. Meigs, clothes for " " boy,	2 50
N. F. Roberts, shoes " " "	1 00
Macomber Bros., support " " "	2 61
E. M. Tibbetts, burial " " "	21 50
S. S. Watson, " " "	3 00
Springall & Co., medicine " " "	2 05
J. R. Clifford, attending funeral, Mrs. Prescott,	3 00

\$69 60

Mrs. Stephen Weymouth, care Chas. Weymouth,	50 00
P. L. Lowell, support Jos. Booker and family,	8 00
N. F. Roberts, " " "	3 95
E. A. Ayer & Co., " " "	4 97
Dexter Co-operative store, " " "	69 00
E. M. Tibbetts, burial " daughter,	18 00
S. C. Fletcher, attending funeral Jos. Booker's daughter,	3 00

\$106 92

Town of Foxcroft for support of Otis Butler and wife,	43 48
W. C. Elder, expenses Albion in care of Albert F. Wing,	49 90
C. W. Abbott, med. att. Albert F. Wing,	36 60
W. C. Elder, Bal. Dr. C. W. Abbott's bill,	16 55
L. A. Cook, med. att. Albert F. Wing,	33 50
S. S. Brown, town of Albion support Albert F. Wing,	1261 92
N. F. Roberts, Waterville in care of Albert F. Wing,	17 60
L. B. Waldron, legal services on Wing case,	8 80
L. A. Cook, med. att. Albert F. Wing,	66 75
Town of Albion support Albert F. Wing,	154 00
L. A. Cook, med. attendance " "	34 00

\$1679 62

E. J. Sturtevant, care Mrs. Hersey's child.	11 55
F. O. Turner med. att. " " "	10 00
Geo. E. Farmer, bringing Mrs. Hersey and child "from Cornville,	5 00
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	\$26 55
E. M. Tibbetts, burial D. Jock	19 50
D. H. Bennett, support of Ida Davenport,	18 50
V. M. Bardick med. att. " "	4 00
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	\$22 50
E. J. Sturtevant, support of family of John Pooler,	16 63
E. M. Tibbetts, burial Mary F. Wing,	22 50
Mrs. Harvey Lane, care " "	25 00
W. H. Gould, attending funeral "	2 00
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	\$49 50
W. A. Bumps med. att. Jennie Mulliken,	12 00
Allen Merrill, care Alfred Bolton,	2 50
H. M. Blake, med. att. on Eliza Hallowell,	50 00
Town of Hartland, support and burial of Mrs. Ella E. Wing,	141 49
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G. L. Gould, pressing hay,	40 81
Geo. E. Farmer, supplies for Town Farm,	42 06
Chas. Ellms for 1 yoke oxen,	112 00
N. Dustin & Co., supplies for farm	7 58
B. G. Church Bal. salary to Mar. 1, 1891,	120 41
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Total.	\$2,696 05
Deduct paid for poor of other towns,	285 41
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	\$2,410 64
Appropriation,	1,000 00
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Overdrawn,	\$1,410 64

Fire Department.

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Paid Dexter Electric Light and Power Co. for	
Lighting the Hall in 1888	\$ 7 46
Dexter E. L. & P. Co., lighting Hall in 1890	8 32
C. F. Witherell repairs on Engine.....	1 50
W. A. Leighton watching July 3d.....	1 50
Dustin Mfg Co., wrench, etc.	1 35
S. M. Leighton repairs on hydrants.....	44 78
“ “ Engine House.....	33 93
Dexter Machine Co., labor on engine and bell	60
J. M. Hill for oil.....	1 20
H. L. Tillson care of Engine & Engine House	15 00
W. A. Leighton care of Eagle Engine	15 00
Eldridge Bros. repairs on Engine House	6 73
Bridgham & Son supplies for Fire Dept.	6 85
W. A. Leighton for labor “	5 26
Eureka Hose Co. filling Reservoir.....	5 00
J. Willis Haines care Eureka Hose.....	3 00
J. B. Winslow care Hook & Ladder Truck ..	10 00
W. H. Carr supplies for Fire Dept.....	19 66
E. E. Hale painting and repairing resevoir boxes.....	6 50
M. J. Weymouth ironing pole.....	3 00
W. E. Brewster refreshments for Fire Dept..	1 54
F. H. Hayes oil for Engine House lamp	3 80
Foss & Crockett supplies for Fire Dept.....	82
S. S. Ireland wood for Engine House.....	8 77
Repairs on Engine House.....	1 72
Dexter Woolen Mills filling Reservoir.....	5 00
Leighton & Haines supplies	2 29
S. L. Small care of Force Pump.....	10 00
“ rent for Hose Carriage.....	5 00
S. M. Leighton services as Chief Engineer...	10 00
C. F. Witham services 1st asst. Eng.....	10 00
A. J. Cobb “ 2d “	10 00
“ labor on bell and material	5 75
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	271 33

Appropriation	300 00
Unexpended	28 67
Paid S. M. Leighton pay for Fireman 1890....	577 50
Appropriation	<u>\$577 50</u>

Town Charges.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Day & Bunker printing reports.....	\$52 00
Lighting Town Hall.....	66 15
Lamps for Town Hall	14 50
C. F. Willey services as watchman.....	52 00
Willard Goff labor dining room Town Hall	7 50
A. A. Springall stationary	14 00
Wm. P. Oak surveying road.....	2 00
W. M. Johnson services as watchman July 3	1 00
N. Dustin & Co., padlock for Hall	65
G. P. Thompson labor on dining room Town Hall.	4 50
Thos. Higgins watching church July 3	1 00
Geo. E. Farmer repairing slate Town Hall.....	3 00
D. W. McCrillis " roof "	1 00
Morrill Sprague legal services	58 25
S. S. Watson watching July 3.....	1 00
Eldridge Bros. labor and tables for dining room Town Hall.....	39 50
Bridgham & Son books and stationary	23 35
E. A. Ayer paid constable services July 3 and 4th	2 00
Dana Crockett putting up new line and repairs watchman's Time Detector	25 00
Eastern State Pub. Co., Board of Health ad.	1 25
Ezra Roberts watching school house July 3	1 00
Day, Bunker & Lane, Board of Health ad.	2 00
G. A. Smart watching church July 3	1 00
J. W. Leighton balance of Cemetery acct.,	1 65
Dana Crockett stove for dining room Town Hall..	13 25
Town of St. Albans tax 1888-1890	4 69
E. A. Patterson, trucking	65
W. C. Elder stamps etc.,	2 30
A. A. Springall postage, envelopes, etc.,	5 57

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES.

R. W. Nutter services as Supervisor.....	150 00
Geo. E. Farmer " " Selectman.....	100 00
Levi Bridgham " " Town Clerk	15 00
E. A. Russ " on Board of Health.....	10 00
D. M. Sawtelle " as Constable	7 50
L. D. Edgerly " " "	4 50
Ezra Roberts " " School Agent	25 00
" " " Truant Officer.....	10 00
C. M. Foss " on Board of Health	9 00
Allen Merrill " as Constable.....	5 00
C. H. Hayden " on Board of Health.....	10 00
C. F. Willey " as Constable.....	5 00
B. F. Stearns " " "	7 00
W. C. Elder salary as Selectman.....	75 00
E. J. Sturtevant " "	150 00
A. A. Springall salary as Collector and Treasurer	250 00

Total Town charges.....\$1234 76

Appropriation.....\$2000 00

Unexpended 765 24

ERRORS AND ABATEMENTS.

1888.

Thomas Dulac, abatement.....	\$ 75
Erastus P. Fish "	1 00
A. C. Maxim "	3 00
Mrs. Mary Parkman "	1 64
Geo. D. Spencer "	4 00
W. W. Smith "	3 00
Mrs. Ann Carver "	1 64

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Benjamin Bagley, abatement	3 00
Chas. H. Brown	3 00
Thos. Butler	3 00
Wm. Champion	4 00
Jas. W. Cottrell	1 00
Erastus P. Fish	3 33
J. E. Jewett	3 00
H. G. Mansell	3 72
Fred B. Moore	3 00
E. Merrill	3 00
Alonzo Redman	3 00
Joseph Warren	5 44
S. L. Warner	62
O. M. Watson	3 00
Mrs. Ann Carver	2 05

1890.

John Crowther, abatement	2 75
Mrs. Addie Bisbee, error	3 45
Arronson Bros.	1 73
W. A. Bowden, abatement	9 59
C. H. Crosby	1 00
Geo. Hurd	3 00
Dana Le Barron	3 00
Chas. Parkman	9 55
Mrs. E. L. Priest	58
Daniel Patten, error	3 00
James Smith, abatement	3 00
Wm. Taylor	3 00
Mrs. Lorenzo Welch, abatement	1 00
S. L. Warner	58
Mrs. Ann Carver	1 73
Frank Harding	86
E. R. Badger	1 00

 \$108 21

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Memorial Services.....	\$ 50 00
Paid L. J. Blanchard	50 00
For Town Library	300 00
Paid A. F. Bradbury.....	300 00
For Lighting Streets	650 00
Paid Dexter Electric Light Co.	606 79
Discount by Electric Light Co.	43 31

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways	\$ 4,964 41
New Road, Storer Hill	645 00
Road across Upper Dam	438 28
Fire Department.....	848 83
Town Library	300 00
Memorial Services	50 00
Support of the Poor.....	2,696 05
High School	1,157 73
Town Schools.....	4,393 81
School Books	342 23
Town Charges.....	1,234 76
Street Lights	606 79
Note and Interest School House	2,352 22

Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Due Dexter Savings Bank temporary loan	\$900 00
“ Town Treasurer	75 23
“ Schools	16 23
Amount held in trust.....	200 00

\$1191 46

RESOURCES.

Due from town of Ripley.....	\$ 12 00
“ “ St. Albans	106 92
“ “ Corinth	2 50
“ “ Fort Fairfield.....	22 50
“ Geo. H. Wing	141 49
In hands of Collector 1888	6 37
“ “ 1889	75 44
“ “ 1890	971 26
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	\$1338 48
Less Liabilities.....	1191 46
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Net Resources.....	\$147 02

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Support of Town Schools	\$27 50
“ “ Free High School.....	8 50
School Books	4 00
Town Charges	20 00
Highways	40 00
Support of the Poor.....	15 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the
Town, March 1st, 1891.

E. J. STURTEVANT,) SELECTMEN
W. C. ELDER,) OF DEXTER.

The whole number of books in the Library is 3107;
classified as follows:

Agricultural and Horticultural	42
Biographical	182
Fiction	1297
Historical	274
Juvenile	185
Poems and Essays	63
Theological	98
Travel and Adventure	235
Miscellaneous	561
Temperance	13
Public Documents	157

Number of books taken during the year, 12,500.
Largest number by any one person, 76.

There have been 72 books rebound since our last Report.

The interest in the library has been fully maintained, and the books have been as well cared for as usual.

H. S. DOLE,
GEO. A. ABBOTT,
A. F. BRADBURY,
C. W. CURTIS,
C. M. SAWYER. } TRUSTEES.

DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.**TREASURERS REPORT.**

The Treasurer of the Dexter Town Library submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	5	85	
Received from the town of Dexter.....	300	00	
“ for fines	13	53	
“ for catalogues sold.....	4	10	\$323 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books	180	85	
“ re-binding books.....	18	60	
“ record books	7	10	
“ printing catalogues.....	16	50	
“ cleaning rooms.....	1	00	
“ shoveling snow paths		50	
“ fuel for library rooms.....	2	80	
“ lighting “	9	15	
the Librarian's salary	75	00	311 50

Balance on hand, \$11 98

A. F. BRADBURY, TREASURER.

DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The Treasurer of Dexter School Fund submits the following report :

Whole amount of School Fund..... \$ 2689 47

Invested as follows :

Town of Dexter Bonds\$1,900 00

Town of Corinna Bonds 600 00

Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank ... 189 47

2,689 47

Rec'd interest on town bonds..... \$150 00

“ “ from Dexter Savings Bank 10 82

\$160 82

Amount paid into Town Treasury

160 82

A.F.B

Dexter, March 2, 1891.

A. F. BRADBURY, TREASURER.

SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

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Monson slate black-boards have been placed in the rooms on the common. Double windows have been furnished the rooms of the High School and the 2d grammar grade. Room in No. 10 has been papered. These improvements beside general repairs have made during the year.

The room of Primary No. 2 should be thoroughly renovated and receive new desks and several of the buildings should be painted very soon.

The building in No. 8 is not suitable for a winter school. The house on Free street is now unoccupied, and will not be needed at present for school purposes.

Bills paid contracted by A. J. Cobb.....	\$ 107 00
Paid for wood and fitting the same.....	231 75
Care, cleaning and banking.....	281 00
Labor and material for repairs	312 56
Whole amount expended	\$ 932 31
E. ROBERTS, Select Agent.	

TOWN HALL REPORT.

Cash received.....	\$329 50
Wood on hand March 1, 1891.....	23 90
	\$353 40
Paid for care of Hall.....	\$51 00
Labor.....	2 50
Sawing and piling wood.....	6 00
Repairs and supplies.....	19 44
Value of wood used	36 04
Electric Lights	66 18
	181 16
Balance in favor of Hall	\$171 24
The Hall was opened 67 times.	
“ “ 13 “ free.	

Liquor Agency Report.

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Liquors sold.....	\$416 58	
Barrels and kegs sold	10 04	
		\$426 62
Paid State Agent	124 67	
Express and freight	3 95	
Wine	8 00	
T. A. Chandler.....	70 00	
		206 62
Over to Town to bal. Acct.		\$220 00
T. A. CHANDLER, AGENT.		

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Cemeteries.

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Paid Eldridge Bros. for Gates at Elmwood....	\$ 12 88
Labor in Elmwood cemetery.....	29 30
“ “ Mount Pleasant cemetery.....	5 00
“ “ Storer “	1 00
Paid S. A. Winslow, painting in both cemeteries	18 53
“ L. B. Waldron making deeds.....	3 60
“ for Trucking	85
“ Posts for Gate	1 00
“ Hasps and Staples for Gates	99
“ Repairing Gate.....	50
“ J. W. Leighton labor in Elmwood	12 00
“ J. W. Leighton labor in Mt. Pleasant cem.	6 00
Services as Superintendent.....	25 00
	\$116 65
Received for sale of Lots.....	110 00
“ “ Wood	5 00
“ Town Order.....	1 65
	\$116 65

REPORT OF THE DEXTER BOARD OF HEALTH.

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There have been reported at this office since last report but 38 deaths.

Of those four were over 80 years old.

Nine were from 70 to 80 years old.

Two “ 60 “ 70 “

Five “ 50 “ 60 “

Seven “ 40 “ 50 “

Three “ 30 “ 40 “

Three “ 20 “ 30 “

Five were infants.

Five cases of scarlet fever have been reported, four cases of typhoid fever.

E. A. RUSS, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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The Committee chosen to superintend the building of a school house, for the accommodation of High and Grammar schools present herewith their final report.

1890

March 8 Balance in hands of Trustees.....\$454.01

The following is an account of the expenditures.

Paid labor bill for grading\$211.66

S. A. Winslow for painting 57.50

W. H. Carr for paint stock..... 36.68

S. A. Winslow for painting brick work..... 9.23

Thos. W. Staples for building fence 26.33

W. H. Carr for paint stock and fence wire.. 19.37

Balance unexpended in hands of trustees.....\$ 93.24

\$454.01

C. M. SAWYER

R. W. NUTTER

A. J. COBB

H. P. DEXTER

L. W. JOSE.

} BUILDING
COMMITTEE

Dexter, March 9, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

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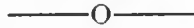
By amount in Treasury at commencement of	
year,	\$2,585 12
“ in hand of Collector for 1888	39 18
“ “ “ “ 1889	941 09
“ of G. M. Sturtevant, Town Hall ..	250 56
“ “ A. J. Cobb, error in Fire Department Acct. for 1889	1 44
“ “ Levi Clukey 2d Poll Tax, 1889.	3 00
“ “ T. A. Chandler Liquor Agency.	344 67
“ “ Spooner & Brady, Innkeeper's License	1 00
“ “ R. W. Nutter, School Tuition..	80 00
“ “ F. A. Spratt, “ “	31 00
“ “ Morrill Sprague, Executor of Estate of Betsey Lane, Trust fund	100 00.
“ “ Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, Executrix of Geo. Hamilton, Trust Fund	100 00
“ “ Mrs. Geo. Hamilton Executrix of Geo. Hamilton, Interest on Trust Fund	9 00
“ “ Selectmen Circus License	12 50
“ From State of Maine Bounty on Crows for 1889	10 70
“ From State of Maine Bounty on Crows for 1890	24 20
“ From State of Maine Pensions..	204 00
“ “ “ “ School Fund	
Mill Tax	1,408 74
“ From State of Maine R. R. and Telegraph Tax	14 00
“ From State of Me., High School,	250 00
“ “ J. A. Bloom License	11 50
“ “ Ezra Roberts from sale of ashes, etc.	4 54

"	"	A. F. Bradbury, Interest on School Fund.....	160	82
"	"	W. C. Elder for sale of Drain Pipe.....	2	10
"		From Dexter Savings Bank Temporary Loans.....	900	00
"		From Town of Brownville	30	00
"	"	Commitment	17,806	10
"	"	Interest Collected on Taxes for 1888.....	31	
"	"	Interest Collected on Taxes for 1889.....	32	26
"	"	Interest Collected on Taxes for 1890.....	65	48
"	"	Supplementary.....	13	75
"	"	Balance due Treasury	75	23
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			\$25,512 29	

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To	Paid in Orders drawn on Treasurer	\$14,860	09
"	" Highway Orders.....	5,403	49
"	Town of St. Albans Highway Tax for 1890.....	1	96
"	State Pensions	204	00
"	Bounty on Crows.....	24	20
"	State Tax	2,173	60
"	County Tax	1,711	13
To	Discount on 323 Polls	80	75
To	Amount in hands of Collector for 1888...	6	37
"	" " " " " 1889...	75	44
"	" " " " " 1890...	971	26
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		\$25,512 29	

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF DEXTER FIRE DEP'T.



TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER :—

The Engineers of the Fire Department would submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1891.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

June 2. Alarm sounded at 3.30 o'clock P. M., caused by a fire in a store house connected with the Brick mill. The department responded promptly but the fire was extinguished by the Dexter Mills department. Cause of fire, sparks from chimney; loss on building and contents, \$125.00. Insured.

August 5. Alarm sounded at 3.15 o'clock P. M. Fire in Jos. Ganeau's stable on Water St. Was promptly extinguished by the department. Caused by boys playing with matches. Loss \$55.00, covered by insurance.

Nov. 15. Alarm at 4.30 o'clock P. M. caused by burning brush at J. W. Farrar's farm.

Dec. 19. Alarm sounded at 6.10 o'clock P. M. Fire at L. M. Johnson's residence on High St. No one being in the house at the time, the fire was well under way before the alarm was given and owing to the distance and deep snow, when the department reached the spot it was too late to render any efficient service. Loss, estimated by Mr. Johnson \$1500.00. Insured for \$1000 00. Cause unknown but believed to be from defective chimney.

Feb. 25. Alarm at 4 o'clock, P. M., caused by chimney burning out at D. H. McKechnie's house on Zion's Hill; no fire.

EQUIPMENTS.

The department is manned and equipped the same as last year, with the exception that five men have been added to Eureka Hose Co. making the total force one hundred and five men. The apparatus is all in good order with exception of the Pump at the Grist mill which will need some repairs this season.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Appropriated to pay firemen.....	\$577	50
Paid to firemen.....	577	50
Appropriated for running expenses.....	300	00
Paid for running expenses	271	33
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Bal.	\$28	67

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would urgently recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to exchange the bell now on the Engine House for a new one. We would also recommend that \$75.00 be raised for the purpose of cementing the reservoir on Pleasant St. whenever there is a suitable time.

The Engine House has received one coat of paint this year (the first for more than twenty years) and we recommend that it receive another coat this spring. We think this can be done from the fund for running expenses provided the usual sum be appropriated.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion we would say that the department is in its usual state of efficiency, and to that efficiency we believe is due in a great measure our fortunate exemption from destructive fires.

S. M. LEIGHTON	}	BOARD OF ENGINEERS.
A. J. COBB		
C. F. WITHAM		

Report of Supervisor.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER :

Herewith I submit to you a report of your public schools for the year ending March 1st, 1891.

The receipts and disbursements for the year have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1890	\$ 87.21	
Town appropriation for common schools	2750.00	
Interest on school fund	160.82	
Tuition	1.50	
Mill tax from State	1408.74	
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		\$4408.27
Appropriation for High School	800.00	
State aid	250.00	
Tuitions	109.50	
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		1159.50
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Total receipts		\$5567.77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mr. W. H. Comstock ..	\$ 276.50	
“ F. A. Spratt	561.23	
Miss Thompson	320.00	
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Total amount to High School teachers ..	\$1157.73	
Paid R. W. Nutter	700.00	
music teacher	75.00	
other village teachers	1117.00	
rural teachers	1454.00	
Tuition to Sangerville	18.00	

Corinna	62.50	
Conveying children	30.00	
Printing	5.00	
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Total amount for common schools	3461.50	
Amount expended by Agent	932.31	
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Total disbursements.....		5551.54
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Balance in favor of schools.....		\$ 16.23

SCHOOL BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1891,	\$ 27.02
Town appropriation	350.00
Received for books sold and lost.....	7.00 \$384.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and other appliances.....	336.69	
Express, freight, cartage, etc.,	9.64	
Postage, stationery and despatches	2.90	349.23
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Balance on hand,		\$34.79
Estimated value of material on hand		\$150.00

HIGH SCHOOL.

The spring term was taught by the former teachers, concluding with commencement exercises of a superior character. A class of nine—five ladies and four gentlemen—was graduated. Three of the class have already entered higher institutions where, we are pleased to notice, they are doing excellent work, and others of the same class are contemplating more advanced courses. Indeed the record, which the graduates of Dexter High School have made reflects much credit upon this institution and should be a source of pride to the citizens.

During the summer, the former principal, Mr. W. H. Comstock resigned and Mr. F. A. Spratt, a graduate of Tuft's College, was employed. The well known assistant Miss M. J. C. Thompson was retained, and has done her duty in her usual pleasing manner.

Mr. Spratt has a wide reputation as a teacher and his work needs no comment from my pen.

The requirements in this department have been so modified as to avoid that tendency to a smattering of branches which is so prevalent in most country High Schools and practical knowledge and thoroughness have become the basis of instruction.

Of late public sentiment has greatly favored this school and it is being well patronized by adjoining towns but with its facilities a much larger number can be accommodated.

Instead of an average attendance of fifty students there should be seventy-five or even a greater number enrolled. It is to be observed that the school year has already been lengthened 3 weeks without extra appropriation and a little effort on the part of citizens might so increase the number of tuition students as to enable you ultimately to retain experienced teachers and thus insure a permanent prosperity to the school without additional expense.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

In the six graded schools 383 names have been registered and the average attendance has been 247 costing for services of teachers at the rate of \$8 per capita.

This seemingly small average is due to transient population and to Primary records, where a large number attend only the summer term. For instance in Primary No. 1, 95 names were registered with an average attendance of 49.

These schools have had the benefit of permanent teaching with one exception, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Elmer Additon who for several years has been known as the popular teacher of Primary No. 2.

Because of poor health the teacher of the summer term was unable to meet the requirements and another change was necessary. Better results were secured during the fall and winter and the former high standard was gradually approached; but it was evident that the teacher's services would be more valuable in a higher grade. Accordingly when Miss Proctor, who has served faithfully

as a teacher for seven years, resigned, Miss Fernald was promoted to the 2d grammar grade, the result of which will appear in the next report.

In the fall a course of study embracing much general work and calculated to satisfy our particular needs was placed in the hands of the Primary and Intermediate teachers. As was recommended in report of '90, a course of history and civics was included and the pupils have been taught allegiance. The remarkable interest taken in this work shows conclusively that the young have inherited an ancestral love for country and independence. Much attention has been given to sense discrimination, and gymnastics have encouraged physical development.

The work in the grammar grades has received my personal direction and so far as I am able to judge average proficiency has been secured. Our purpose has been to prepare pupils for the work which follows and to this end the requirements have been estimated. In nearly every instance good discipline has characterized the work and to the credit of the teachers it has been secured with but little friction. Never to my knowledge have we had a more enthusiastic class of students and this can be attributed largely to the interest manifested by the citizens who according to the records have paid the schools 1136 visits during the year.

REMARKS.

You will see by table of statistics that there were 749 scholars enrolled by the school agent in April—six less than last year.

The Summary in Tabular View is an average registration for the three terms. 75 different names have been recorded by principals of the High School during the year and 48 has been the average attendance. If the salaries of the teachers in this department were levied among the students it would necessitate an annual tuition of \$24.11 per capita.

From which deduct an average state aid of \$5.21 and the actual expense to the town for this purpose is obtained. If the entire expense be desired, to \$18.90 must be

added use of books, heating, general wear, and interest on investment.

Hence it is evident that non residents can enjoy the privileges of this school at the present rate of tuition for much less than what it costs the town to educate her own scholars.

For record, expenses, etc., of village schools see report of same.

There have been 191 names registered in rural districts with an average attendance of 127.

One thousand five hundred fifty-four dollars and fifty cents has been expended for the improvement of these scholars which is an average expense of \$12.24 per scholar.

These facts will enable you to see in what proportions your appropriations have been expended.

TABULAR VIEW.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	No	Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Whole No. Scholars.	Number Regis. cred.	Average Attendance.	Number Recitations	No. Visitors.
High.	W. H. Comstock,	s.	11			50	47 ...	100	
	M. J. C. Thompson,	f.	11			52	50 ...	100	
	F. A. Spratt,	w.	10			51	48 ...	89	
Grammar No. 1.	R. W. Nutter,		10			40	35 12	50	
	"		10			41	37 12	40	
	"		10			40	35 12	50	
No. 2.	Eloise B. Proctor,	s.	10	\$7 50		46	44 12	28	
	"	f.	10	"		43	41 12	30	
	"	w.	10	"		48	43 12	25	
Int. No. 1.	May E. Rand,	s.	10	"		38	36 22	56	
	"	f.	10	"		48	45 22	60	
	"	w.	10	"		47	45 22	80	
Int. No. 2.	Ella J. Mower,	s.	10	"		35	32 17	42	
	"	f.	10	"		39	37 17	98	
	"	w.	10	"		47	41 17	114	
Pri. No. 1.	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s.	10	"		75	67 13	68	
	"	f.	10	"		51	44 12	58	
	"	w.	10	"		42	37 13	55	
Pri. No. 2.	Augusta L. Willey,	s.	10	"		52	44 13	46	
	Jeannette Fernald,	f.	10	"		47	39 13	107	
	"	w.	10	"		45	38 13	129	
Village Schools.					508	326	295		
Rural No. 2.	Orphia N. Lowell,	s.	8	5 00		12	11 25	22	
	Mabel E. Howard,	f.	9	5 75		10	9 25	10	
	Edith M. Drew,	w.	9	6 50		15	12 25	12	

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.		No. Weeks.	Salary per Week.	Whole No. Scholars.	Number Registered.	Average Attendance.	Number Recitations.	No. Visitors.
No. 3.	Mattie N. Farrar,	s.	7	4 00		10	8 27	1	
	"	f.	10	5 00		9	8 20	10	
	"	w.	9	5 75		9	7 23	2	
No. 4.	Mabel E. Howard,	s.	8	5 50		14	13 30	17	
	Augusta L. Willey,	f.	9	6 00		12	10 24	4	
	"	w.	9	6 50		11	8 20	2	
No. 5.	Alice C. Webber,	s.	8	6 00		20	17 25	19	
	Mildred A. Clark,	f.	9	6 00		16	15 25	15	
	"	w.	9	6 50		15	14 26	12	
No. 7.	Addie E. Church,	s.	8	6 00		14	13 27	18	
	"	f.	9	6 00		17	16 28	25	
	Addie B. Sanborn.	w.	9	6 50		14	10 24	24	
No. 8.	Edith M. Drew,	s.	7	4 00		6	6 20	10	
	"	f.	10	5 00		8	7 23	12	
No. 9.	Angie Mower,	s.	8	6 00		15	14 19	13	
	"	f.	9	6 00		15	14 24	10	
	Nellie Rand,	w.	9	6 00		15	12 24	11	
No. 10.	Carrie Ramsdell,	s.	8	6 00		27	25 21	18	
	"	f.	10	6 25		26	23 23	38	
	"	w.	10	7 00		23	21 23	35	
No. 11.	Mae E. Collins,	s.	8	6 00		15	12 22	10	
	"	f.	10	6 00		20	19 20	19	
	Annie B. Willey,	w.	8	6 50		19	15 22	5	
No. 12.	Nellie Whitmore,	s.	8	4 00		8	7 26	2	
	Lena Ellms,	f.	9	4 50		6	5 23	5	
	"	w.	9	5 50		9	7 25	3	
Union District,			25	2 50		10			
Rural Districts,					241	138	127		
Total,					749	464	422		

Rural Schools,

NUMBER 1.

This school known as the union district, is situated on the South Ridge. The school property is owned by Corinna and the schools are managed by that town. The Dexter scholars have received instruction at \$2.50 per week, but have not always felt quite at home. In my judgment the privileges of this school should be shared equally by lawful agreement, or Dexter should provide for her scholars in some other way.

NUMBER 2.

A small school of young scholars well classified, obedient, and anxious to improve. The three terms have been taught by different teachers and average results secured. 19 names registered during the year; 26 weeks of school, and \$150.25 expended for services.

NUMBER 3.

Miss Mattie Farrar has taught 26 weeks of school in this district for which she has received \$124.75. Although inexperienced the teacher displayed much natural ability and the school showed substantial improvement at each visit. In a larger school of less ambitious scholars a higher standard in deportment would be desirable.

NUMBER 4.

The former teacher, Miss Mabel Howard, returned for the summer term and endeavored to do her duty in every particular. Certainly she labored hard for the interest of her patrons. Miss Augusta Willey, an experienced teacher, taught the fall and winter schools with unusual success. At each examination it was evident that work had been systematically and faithfully performed. 17 names were registered, and 26 weeks of school at an expense of \$156.50.

NUMBER 5.

For several years this school has sustained an enviable reputation and a remarkable interest in education has been manifested. The summer school was taught by a

resident of the district, whose mechanical methods were not altogether interesting to the older students, and we regret to say that their enthusiasm seemed to languish. The fall and winter terms were directed by an energetic young normal student of some experience who showed good judgment and more than average ability. Cheerful obedience and a high standard of discipline and thoroughness prevailed. Different names 20. No. of weeks 26. Money expended \$160.50.

NUMBER 7.

The very general support during the first two terms combined with the superior judgment of the teacher, rendered the work especially profitable. At first slight misapprehensions retarded the progress of the winter school, but a better understanding ultimately existed and the final examination was among the average. No. of weeks 26; average attendance 13. Paid for services of teacher \$160.50.

NUMBER 8.

Seventeen weeks of school for the six scholars in this district at an expense of \$78. This was Miss Edith Drew's first experience in rural school work, but she was not long in convincing her patrons that she knew what she was about and proposed to give value received. Miss Drew and school were removed to No. 2. for the winter term where a lively interest was awakened and commendable progress made.

NUMBER 9.

A school of 15 scholars situated on the Dover road. The advancement has been gradual and the standard of scholarship high throughout the year. The pupils are punctual, obedient and courteous. The school sustains an enviable reputation among teachers. The expense for the 26 weeks has been \$156.

NUMBER 10.

The three terms have been taught by Miss Carrie Ramsdell of St. Albans. Miss Ramsdell is a live teacher and unusually original and practical in her methods.

The success of this school cannot be attributed to some hobby, for every duty has received careful attention and the teacher's energy and moral influence have won the respect and admiration of the whole community. Never to my knowledge has this school done better work or been more highly appreciated. Number of names registered 28; number of weeks 28. Salary of teacher \$180.50.

NUMBER 11.

Known as the Flander's Mills district. Average attendance 16. Number of weeks 26. Paid teachers \$160.00. To say that Miss Mae Collins taught the first two terms is a sufficient report for those who know her as a teacher. The genial manners of the lady always won the confidence of her pupils, and her rare ability to impart made her services especially valuable. Certainly the loss sustained by her resignation is to be deeply regretted. Miss Annie Willey taught the winter school and gave general satisfaction. The parents have taken a greater interest this year and we can justly say that this school now ranks above the average.

NUMBER 12.

The 7 scholars in No. 12 have had 26 weeks of school at an expense of \$122. The summer term was taught by a High School student of no ordinary ability. Miss Whitmore began with a determination to succeed and the scholars partaking, were soon in sympathy. Some progress was made during the fall and winter, but had there been a little more push and less meditation, a higher degree of excellence would have been attained.

NUMBER 13.

No school for the year. The four scholars attended at Gilman's corner in Sangerville, for which privilege Dexter paid \$18.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

A cabinet of Astronomical and Geographical charts has been purchased for the schools in the New Building and the studies of Mythology, Political Economy, and Psychology have been introduced into the High School. Knox-Heath's Lessons in English have displaced Wells' shorter course in the Grammar grades. Lippincott's Speller has been exchanged for The Natural Speller in the village schools and there are enough new books in stock to supply the rural districts at the commencement of their next term.

Many of the geographies which have been in use for eight years are now badly worn and owing to recent changes are inaccurate. The wall maps which have been used since the town adopted free text books are comparatively useless. In my judgment the geographies should be exchanged and new maps purchased.

TEACHERS AND DISCIPLINE.

As formerly, I have employed the best talent available and have endeavored to show preference to local teachers, whenever it seemed advisable.

The Local Institute together with educational papers and magazines so liberally taken by the teachers has noticeably improved their instruction.

A growing interest has been manifested on their part and in several instances a friendly rivalry has existed. The hearty co-operation of parents and the active interest taken by them have animated the teachers greatly and have done much to improve the schools.

During the year several changes have been unavoidable but fortunately the vacancies have been well supplied and with one or two exceptions where defective discipline has retarded the progress, the improvement has met with unqualified approval.

The special training received by the music teacher, Miss Olive Winslow, during her summer vacation has enabled her to improve the work in this department as well.

Music has become very popular with the pupils and at

present more than 90 per cent of them take an active part.

At this date, so far as I can learn none of the citizens would care to have it excluded from the requirements.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For Common Schools,	\$2750.00
High School,	850.00
School Books,	400.00

CONCLUSION.

After serving you for four years as Supervisor of schools it seems unnecessary for me to emphasize my acts or intentions. They must be evident to all by this time and whether or not your schools have prospered under my management it is for you alone to determine.

During this period my school relations have not been free from perplexities and my duties at times have been somewhat onerous but I have always found the citizens courteous and sustaining.

In resigning this trust again into your hands permit me thank you most sincerely for your generous sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. NUTTER,

SUPERVISOR.

Auditors' Report.

We the undersigned have duly examined the Selectmen's Report of the town of Dexter, Maine, for the year ending March 1, 1891, and find it correct except a few vouchers for small items.

We would recommend that the town furnish blanks to enable the officials to take vouchers for all sums of money paid out by them.

W. H. JUDKINS,	}	TOWN
LEVI BRIDGHAM,		
N. F. ROBERTS,	}	AUDITORS.

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