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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1892-93.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

ABNER SHEPHERD,
M. D. RUSSELL,
ANDREW BRAWN.

TOWN CLERK :

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR :

J. W. HAINES.

TOWN AGENT :

SAMUEL ELDRIDGE.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS :

R. W. NUTTER.

SCHOOL AGENT :

EZRA ROBERTS.

BOARD OF HEALTH :

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES :

S. S. WATSON.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT :

A. J. COBB, Chief;
CHAS. E. MORSE, 1st Ass't;
B. A. ELLIS, 2d Ass't.

CONSTABLES :

L. D. EDGERLY,	B. F. STEARNS,
E. A. BREWSTER,	GEO. A. BRAWN,
F. O. ADDITON,	JOSEPH GANEAU,
FRED E. GOVE.	

BALLOT CLERKS :

E. A. BREWSTER,	BYRON GILES,
JAMES MOUNTAIN,	J. W. CROSBY.

TRUANT OFFICERS :

EZRA ROBERTS,
GEO. A. BRAWN.

AUDITORS :

B. F. ELDRIDGE,
W. H. JUDKINS,
LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

To L. D. Edgerly, 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 twentieth day of March inst., 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 Assessors.

ART. 5. To choose three or more Selectmen.

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 Superintendant of cemeteries.

ART. 13. To choose a Trustee of town library.

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 if the town will vote to choose a Road Commissioner to take charge of the highways.

ART. 22. To see how much money the town will raise to make and repair highways, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 23. To see what method the town will adopt for breaking highways, and how the money for this purpose shall be expended.

ART. 24. To see how much money the town will raise to

pay expenses of lighting the streets in pursuance of contract of the town with Dexter Electric Light & Power Co., the sum required being about six hundred and fifteen dollars.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars to pay expenses of Memorial Day.

ART. 26. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town library.

ART. 27. 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. 28. To see if the town will elect a board of Fire Constables, whose special duties shall be to remove and care for personal property in buildings on fire and damaged by fire.

ART. 29. To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote that all highway bills shall be brought in on the 20th day of February next.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars to buy wire for building fence on the line of the highways.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to build a reservoir on Park street and raise money for the same, or take any action thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a board fence on the roadside opposite to the storehouse of G. L. Gould and raise money for the same.

ART. 34. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for the new school building, or take any action thereto.

ART. 35. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the night watchman the ensuing year.

ART. 36. To see how much money the town will raise to make concrete sidewalks and crossings.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to exchange the hearse now owned by the town for a new one, and raise money for the same, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to put in a fish weir at the railroad bridge in Silver Lake, and raise money for the same.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to extend the Free Street sidewalk to Spring street, or take any action in relation to the same.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred dollars to defray expenses for a celebration, July fourth.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to pay Johnnie E. Clukey damages caused by surface water, or take any action thereto.

ART. 42. To see how much money the town will raise for sewerage purposes and how it shall be expended.

ART. 43. To see whether the town will instruct the Selectmen to settle the case of Ella Sturtevant vs. the town for \$600, or act anything relating thereto.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to pay Mrs. S. B. Crocker for injuries received by falling on the ice on the sidewalk near H. A. Blethen's store, or take any action relating

thereto.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen from Maple to Park street, and raise money to pay damages and build the same.

ART. 46. To see if the town will vote to accept and build the road as laid out by the Selectmen, from near the sucker brook around the Lane hill, so called, and raise money for same.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars to repair bridge over Sucker brook and repair road over Lane hill.

ART. 48. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house in district No. eleven, and raise money for same.

ART. 49. To see if the town will vote to purchase a piece of land in district No. eight to enlarge the schoolhouse lot and raise \$25 for the same.

ART. 50. To see if the town will vote to employ the Supervisor of Schools as a teacher for the ensuing year.

ART. 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Supervisor of Schools to draw all orders for the expediture of school appropriations.

ART. 52. To see if the town will vote to discontinue rural schools Nos. 8-12-13, or give any instructions pertaining to same.

ART. 53. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to put every man under oath before giving in his inventory.

ART. 54. To see if the town will vote to move the Soldier's Monument, now in Mount Pleasant cemetery, down into the village, or take any action thereto.

ART. 55. To see if the town will vote to build a building to house the Eureka hose carriage, and raise money for the same.

ART. 56. To see if the town will vote to put new furnaces in Town Hall, and raise money for same.

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

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of March A. D., 1893.

ABNER SHEPHERD,	}	Selectmen of Dexter.
MANVILL D. RUSSELL,		
ANDREW BRAWN,		

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT LAST ANNUAL
MEETING, MARCH, 1892.

Town charges,	\$ 1,500 00
Fire Department,	877 50
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Common schools,	2,600 00
Music,	125 00
Free High School,	850 00
School books and material,	300 00
Highways,	4,000 00
Electric lights for lighting streets,	640 00
Memorial service,	50 00
Town library,	300 00
Wire fence,	100 00
Pay on High School building,	2,200 00
Night watch,	100 00
Concrete walks,	300 00
To fence cemeteries,	200 00
Fish weir,	60 00
Repairs on Engine house,	300 00
Town farm buildings,	500 00
Engineer for sewer plan in village,	200 00
Sewer on Maple street,	500 00
Sidewalk on Free street,	200 00
Sidewalk on Park street,	150 00
Total,	\$17,252 50

VALUATION.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$ 683,745 00
“ non-resident real estate,	20,465 00
“ personal estate,	378,492 00
“ non-resident personal estate,	2,040 00
“ supplementary real estate,	3,000 00
Total valuation,	\$1,087,742 00

Sum assessed state tax,	\$ 3,187 36
“ county tax,	1,419 76
“ town tax,	22,550 75
Supplementary tax,	81 00
Total tax,	\$27,238 87

Number of polls, 857.

Number of dogs, 145.

Rate of taxation, \$.018.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES FOR 1892.

To Whom Paid.	Spring.	Summer.	Winter.	Total.
Arno, Charles	\$ 1 35			\$1 35
Arnold, J. B.	1 80	1 35		3 15
Additon, Elmer	45		2 20	2 65
Arno, Wm.		75		75
Abbott, Amos & Co.	15 00			15 00
Burton, George		3 23	53	3 76
Bickell, Edmond	1 15		1 50	2 65
Bond, Sewell	2 15			2 15
Brawn, Andrew	3 95		3 00	6 95
Blake, Alfred	1 85	9 75	6 39	17 99
Bridges, O. W.	6 36		7 10	13 46
Bement, H. A.	2 47	40 75	12 15	55 37
Bridges & Davis,	30			30
Bragdon, J. M.	6 55	14 05		20 60
Bryant, W. E.	3 28	13 03		16 31
Bagley, Preston		8 55		8 55
Brown, John	3 95	11 75	9 35	25 05
Bush, Joseph		7 50		7 50
Berry, Isaac		7 10		7 10
Breed, Daniel		2 25		2 25
Berry, Willie		3 00		3 00
Brawn, James		4 50	1 35	5 85
Bennett, D. H.		8 45	2 27	10 72
Bridge, Joseph		9 20		9 20
Brawn, B. F.	1 00	5 25	1 35	7 60
Blackden, O. E.		10 00		10 00
Barton, A. L.	75			75
Bean, Charles F.		19 50		19 50
Bolton, Wm.		2 85		2 85
Brown, Leonard		2 45		2 45
Baker, James			38	38
Brockway, Carol			1 50	1 50
Bridge, L.			3 00	3 00
Carr, Albert	1 58		2 50	4 08
Curtis, W. H.	4 73	60	5 15	10 48
Calef, S. F.	1 58		95	2 53
Card, Frank	2 80		2 55	5 35
Curtis, W. H. 2d.	6 60	22 95	9 18	38 73
Clough, Fred	34	59 75	2 85	62 94
Chase, A. S.	3 60	8 38	45	12 43
Clukey, Joseph	3 00			3 00
Clukey, Charles	7 95	16 87		24 82
Cousins, E. L.	2 50	20 25	1 80	24 55
Cousins, L. B.	75	3 75		4 50
Clukey, Victor		8 25		8 25
Crowell, J. C.	4 30		2 45	6 75
Crowell, H. B.	1 43	3 88	52	5 83
Currier, L. E.	45			45
Curtis, M. L.	1 50		60	2 10
Carr, W. H.		11 72		11 72
Cousins, Isaac		5 25		5 25
Crowell, Geo. G.		2 10		2 10
Clukey, John		5 00		5 00
Curtis, Lewis			3 60	3 60

To whom paid.	Spring.	Summer.	Winter.	Total.
Dinsmore, Calvin	1 58			1 58
Dinsmore, W. E.	3 86	38	4 90	9 14
Downing, Frank	4 80		5 10	9 90
Dunham, W. H.	30 65	24 92	35 15	90 72
Doughty, Daniel		11 55		11 55
Dustin, G. A.		12 52		12 52
Dearth, Mrs. H. L.			1 00	1 00
Davis, A.			75	75
Drew, John			90	90
Davis, Atwel			3 38	3 38
Eaton, E. W.	7 20		3 78	10 98
Ellms, Charles	3 75	2 15	4 60	10 50
Eaton, W. O.	1 02		3 18	4 20
Eastus, John B.	2 52	1 28	90	4 70
Ellms, Albert	70		1 32	2 02
Fields, George	50			50
Folsom, Eben C.	3 15	6 20	7 30	16 65
Fletcher, Will	1 95		75	2 70
Frost, Thomas	75			75
French, Edwin	53			53
Fish, A. P.		1 50		1 50
Flanders, E. A.	5 25	54 38		59 63
Fay & Scott,		9 10		9 10
Farrar, Charles	3 30	.		3 30
Farrar, John M.	3 95	12 45	7 25	23 65
Farrar, T. D.		8 05		8 05
Fish, S. D.		3 00		3 00
Foss, Cyrus		1 00		1 00
French, Alba J.			2 35	2 35
Farrar, J. W.			2 45	2 45
Fogg, A. B.			3 85	3 85
Farrar, D. U.			60	60
Gordon, J. B.	8 15	7 17	7 30	22 62
Gordon, Frank	83	5 70		6 53
Gerry, W. C.	1 75			1 75
Gould, G. L.	4 90	154 50	13 15	172 55
Gee, Frank	1 80	1 05	1 05	3 90
Goodwin, Geo.		51 65		51 65
Grolio, B.		3 00		3 00
Gilbert, Thomas		45 75		45 75
Ganeau, Joseph		42 38		42 38
Howard, Otis	56			56
Haseltine, L. M.	3 95	16 40	5 40	25 75
Hamilton, John	2 00			2 00
Hamilton, Chester	60			60
Hubbard, Edward	1 40			1 40
Harris, E. M.		75		75
Henderson, Reuben		16 10		16 10
Hersey, Henry		4 75	90	5 65
Higgins, Thomas		6 00		6 00
Hersey, Elmer		1 50		1 50
Hutchins, B. F.		3 00	30	3 30
Henderson, Isaac		5 25		5 25
Haseltine, Joseph			2 00	2 00
Haines, Luther			90	90
Jaquith, Frank	75	75	1 90	3 40
Jones, M. C.	83			83
Johnson, C. F.		10 28	11 38	21 66
Jose, H. H.	7 40	7 55	6 45	21 40

To whom paid.	Spring.	Summer.	Winter.	Total.
Jose, L. W.	50			50
Jewett, Oringe	82		8 40	9 22
Jumper, Davis	60	4 50	45	5 55
Jones, Charles	6 95			6 95
Johnson, E. E.	2 25			2 25
Jennings, Horace		4 04	5 93	9 97
Jewett, George		4 45	1 05	5 50
Jones, D. W.		6 20	9 17	15 37
Jose, S. O.			1 80	1 80
Kittridge, John	30	2 30		2 60
Kittridge, John A.	1 40	9 45	1 40	12 25
Kittridge, C. P.		7 20		7 20
Keyte, Albert		8 55		8 55
Knox, Jere			2 10	2 10
Libby, E. F.	2 30		30	2 60
Lowell, C. H.	1 20	75		1 95
Littlefield, Cecil	1 05		52	1 57
Lancaster, Joseph	1 20		75	1 95
Lander, A. S.	1 35	90	1 80	4 05
Labree, Geo. W.	3 00	10 15		13 15
Lane, W. N.	3 55	8 02		11 57
Leighton, Stephen		5 70	18 97	24 67
Lapoint, Peter		6 75		6 75
Leo, Augustus		5 63		5 63
Lary, John		8 75		8 75
Leonard, D. P.		3 25		3 25
Leighton, James	1 85			1 85
Lane, G. W.		4 50		4 50
Lane, L. R.		3 15	60	3 75
Littlefield, R. A.			2 25	2 25
Leavitt, Israel			30	30
Mower, W. C.	6 73			6 73
Mower, P. S.	3 34	15 25		18 59
Mower, Henry	4 50	6 75	4 65	15 90
Marshall, Charles	2 64	8 50	5 95	17 09
Macomber, A. F.	7 58	5 40	7 33	20 31
Mansell, Horace	1 50			1 50
Morton, E. L.	75			75
Moore, F. E.	1 00	4 10	5 23	10 33
McCrillis, Daniel		3 60		3 60
McPheters, O.		2 25		2 25
Mason, James		1 50		1 50
Meador, D. J.		2 10	1 89	3 99
Murch, Charles			1 20	1 20
Macomber, E. L.			4 70	4 70
Mason, R. E.			60	60
Nutter, Mrs. L. A.	3 00			3 00
Nuite, F. E.	1 05	1 50	2 30	4 85
Oliver, C. W.	5 55	8 10	5 57	19 22
Puffer, Jacob	3 35	2 25	3 36	8 96
Pullen, H. J.	2 10	10 20	3 90	16 20
Pullen, C. M.	4 20	6 00	8 85	19 05
Page & Chandler,		413 67	2 00	415 67
Perry, Augustus		29 18		29 18
Pomeroy, Thomas		3 00		3 00
Phelps, Eben	1 35			1 35
Phinney, A. C.	80	5 75	4 80	11 35
Patten, Daniel		45		45
Packard, L. D.		4 00		4 00

To whom paid.	Spring.	Summer.	Winter.	Total.
Patterson, E. R.		2 65		2 65
Priest, A. M.		2 25		2 25
Page, Fred		1 50		1 50
Page, H. W.			75	75
Quint, L. H.		4 50		4 50
Russell, M. D.	1 65	209 50	10 00	221 15
Russell, W. J.	1 05	2 25	1 05	4 35
Russell, David		1 20	10 54	11 74
Rollins, Otis	1 50		2 00	3 50
Rollins, A. H.	2 00		1 47	3 47
Ramsdell, John		36 80		36 80
Ricker, E.	2 70		1 35	4 05
Robinson, O. M.		2 70		2 70
Roberts, Otis O.			90	90
Safford, George	15			15
Spooner, David	45	1 05	53	2 03
Spooner, Charles	1 80	2 25	1 80	5 85
Sampson, Walter	1 48			1 48
Seaver, A.	2 10		75	2 85
Swanton, Seth	6 05	20	3 50	9 75
Shaw, George	2 25	1 50		3 75
Sawtelle, George	1 05	30	1 05	2 40
Swanton, Felix		14 38		14 38
Stewart, E. L.		4 50	1 40	5 90
Silver, C. B.		10 30		10 30
Safford, Leonard		1 50	75	2 25
Spooner brothers,		47 05		47 05
Shepley, Jonathan		90		90
Shaw, Charles		3 00		3 00
Shepherd, Abner		226 17	19 95	246 12
Small, S. L.		10 80		10 80
Spooner, George			82	82
Sprague, V. A.			1 23	1 23
Towle, John R.	9 00	6 45	7 05	22 50
Thompson, Jonathan	1 20			1 20
Taylor, Reuben	2 29	3 72		6 01
Thompson, D. F.		3 00		3 00
Tewksbury, Wm. S.	2 70		12 00	14 70
Tyler, Geo. & Co.		28 00		28 00
Wheeler, S. F.	1 13	53	95	2 61
Wheeler, Frank	3 00	39 50	2 55	45 05
White, I. G.	2 40	1 25	6 20	9 85
Watson, G. E.	3 00		2 98	5 98
Whitney, E. L.	2 80	25 50	3 30	31 60
Weymouth, P. S.	75	45		1 20
Webber, T. L.	4 00	11 30	3 10	18 40
Whittemore, L. W.		12 15	4 05	16 20
Watson, Shepherd		1 00		1 00
Whitcomb, A.		6 00	10 95	16 95
Young, Charles	3 15	30 50	7 00	40 65
York, A. W.	30		1 95	2 25
	<u>\$328 56</u>	<u>\$2,305 41</u>	<u>\$454 95</u>	<u>\$3,088 92</u>

Appropriation for highways,	\$4,000 00
Add amount received from Cyrus Foss for building fence,	6 16
" " M. E. church, work and sewer,	4 82
	<u>\$4,010 98</u>

Amount expended, spring work,	\$ 328 86
" in summer,	2,305 41
" new road at North Dexter,	
built by Page and Chandler,	180 00
" in winter,	454 65
	<u>\$3,268 92</u>

Balance unexpended,	\$ 742 06
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M. D. RUSSELL, Road Commissioner.

TOWN FARM REPORT.

DR.

To paid B. G. Church and wife to March 1, 1893,	\$ 225 00
" for stock and supplies,	734 55
To decrease in stock,	121 50
" in produce,	84 97
	<u>\$1,166 02</u>

CR.

By stock and produce sold,	\$691 15
cash on hand,	13 65
cash due from E. M. Tibbetts, for Mrs. Pray,	41 00
	<u>\$745 80</u>
Balance against farm,	\$420 22

STOCK ON HAND.

One horse,	\$100 00
One pair five-year-old oxen,	120 00
Three cows,	80 00
Three two-year-old heifers	45 00
One veal calf,	9 00
Forty-one sheep,	234 00
Two swine,	30 00
Twenty-five hens,	12 50
	<u>\$630 50</u>

PRODUCE ON HAND.

17 tons of hay at \$13.00,	\$221 00
3 tons of straw,	15 00
350 lbs. shorts,	4 20
1 bag cotton seed meal,	1 60
2 bushels ground feed,	1 20
127 " mixed grain,	76 20
7 1-2 " buckwheat,	5 25
6 " beans,	10 00
80 " potatoes,	48 00
12 " apples,	3 00
18 " turnips,	7 20
200 pounds salt pork,	30 00
136 " ham and shoulders,	17 68
30 " butter,	6 60
1 1-2 gallons preserves,	1 50
30 pounds lard,	4 80
3 gallons prepared pickles,	1 50
80 " vinegar,	16 00
1-2 barrel salted pickles,	1 00
1 1-2 barrels soft soap,	5 00
1 1-2 " flour,	7 50
1 1-2 pounds tea,	75
2 " coffee,	56
14 " sugar,	84
3 " soda,	21
1 " spice,	50
20 " dried apple,	1 00
1 " yarn,	1 00
2 1-2 dozen eggs,	65
1 bag salt,	25
1-2 bushel coarse salt,	25
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	\$490 24

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

40 tons hay,	40 bushels turnips,
6 tons straw,	25 " carrots,
2021 lbs. sweet corn,	130 " apples,
Sweet corn fodder,	13 " buckwheat,
211 bushels mixed grain,	4 " beans,
139 " potatoes,	1000 lbs. pork.

STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

2 pair oxen,	\$222 50
2 pair steers,	145 00
2 cows,	50 00
4 calves,	30 03
2 hogs,	31 55
3 lambs,	4 50
Apples,	34 33
Poultry,	7 10
Sweet corn,	38 05

Pasturing,	10 79
Eggs,	7 91
Wool,	54 51
Potatoes,	8 75
Parsnips,	50
Cement,	25
Carrots,	38
Labor,	13 00
Received for board for Curtis,	13 00
Received from Mrs. Pray,	19 00
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	\$691 15

PAID FOR STOCK AND SUPPLIES FOR FARM.

2 pair oxen,	\$190 00
3 heifers,	37 00
2 calves,	2 50
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	\$229 50
Paid for supplies for farm,	505 05
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	\$734 55

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

William Sturtevant, age 72 years.
 Lucian Jose, age 55 years.
 Mrs. Caroline Safford, age 67 years.
 Bert Wing, received June 3; died Nov. 4, 1892.
 Mrs. Pray, received Sept. 30.
 Mrs. Bridgham, received July 13.
 Chas. Weymouth, died Apr. 2, 1892.

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

J. R. Grant, support of Bert Wing	\$104 75
V. M. Burdick, medicine, etc., for Bert Wing	6 65
C. H. Wyman, casket and robe	15 00
P. L. Lowell, support of Bert Wing	1 00
E. A. Ayer, " "	1 70
Bridgham & Son, medicine for Bert Wing	22 31
F. O. Additon, care of Bert Wing	1 00
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse for Bert Wing	2 00
S. S. Watson, burial of " "	3 00
Lamedia Grolio, support of Mrs. Lewis Green	30 00
M. L. Abbott, " "	1 50
Bridgham & Son, " "	95
E. R. Patterson, " "	2 00
V. M. Burdick, medicine for " "	50
Leighton & Haines, support of " "	10 51
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	\$157 41

F. D. Meigs & Co., support of Lewis Green and family	6 00	
C. H. Wyman, casket and robe for Mrs. Green	18 50	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse for Mrs. Green	2 00	
S. S. Watson, burial of Lewis Green and wife	6 00	\$77 96
Wm. McKenney, support of Chas. Ayer and family	58 00	
Shepherd Parkman, " "	7 00	
E. L. Smart, care of " "	9 00	
W. A. Bumps, medical attendance " "	108 00	
Springall & Co., medicine " "	34 09	
W. E. Dinsmore, support of Ayer children	23 50	
Abner Shepherd, support of Chas. Ayer and family	44 35	
D. D. Flynt, house rent for Chas. Ayer	2 00	
C. H. Wyman, support of Chas. Ayer	32 50	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse to Atkinson	6 00	\$324 44
V. M. Burdick, medicine for Charles Weymouth	65	
C. H. Wyman, casket and robe " "	18 50	
W. H. Gould, attending funeral of " "	3 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse for " "	2 00	
S. S. Watson, burial of " "	3 00	
Allen Merrill, teams at funeral " "	1 25	\$28 40
Abner Shepherd, support of Mrs. Carlton	37 70	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse for " "	2 00	\$39 70
Thomas Higgins, care of Maud Clukey	7 50	
Jason Denslow, casket for " "	15 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse " "	2 00	
S. S. Watson, burial of " "	2 00	26 50
Jason Denslow, casket for Sarah Pomeroy	15 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse for " "	2 00	17 00
C. H. Wyman, casket for Mrs. Leeman	18 00	
E. M. Tibbetts, hearse " "	2 00	
Charles Hayden, burial " "	3 00	23 00
Augustus Ronco, support of Louisa Ronco		52 00
P. L. Lowell, support of John Clukey	5 00	
E. A. Ayer, " " " "	1 16	6 16
Farrar & Flagg, support Thos. Dulac and family		24 16
A. E. Towle, support Chas. Baker and family	5 97	
C. P. McCrillis " " " "	5 00	
Abner Shepherd " " " "	5 48	16 45
V. M. Burdick, services, medicine, etc.,		128 90
" " " " medicine for Bennie Holt		40
J. M. Jordan, care of tramps		4 00
Town of Foxcroft, support of Fannie Spooner		45 00
" " " " Otis Butler and wife		52 00
Town of Norridgewock, support of Hastings Prescott		26 56
Greenbush, support of Peter Clukey and wife		76 50
Monmouth, support and burial expenses of Eliza Hallowell		51 00
Balance against farm		\$1,177 54
		420 22
Amt. appropriated		\$1,597 75
		1,200 00
Overdrawn		\$397 76

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid W. A. Leighton, work on hydrants,	\$ 1 00
" watching Engine House night of July 3	1 50
W. A. Leighton, labor	2 75
" care Engine No. 1	15 00
" labor on reservoirs	1 65
J. B. Winslow, care Hook and Ladder Truck,	10 00
J. W. Haines, care Eureka Hose Carriage	3 00
" filling reservoir	5 00
A. J. Cobb, for firemen	577 50
" labor and materials	28 02
" services as Chief Engineer	10 00
" " Fire Warden	6 00
" trucking and labor	75
C. E. Morse, services as Ass't Engineer	10 00
B. A. Ellis, " "	10 00
C. F. Willey, care of Engine No. 2	15 00
Fay & Scott, for hose and repairs	10 60
W. H. Carr, supplies for Fire Department	21 39
Dana Crockett " "	16 81
Leighton & Haines " "	60
Levi Bridgham " "	5 85
F. H. Hayes " "	5 01
S. L. Small, care of force pump	10 00
" rent for hose carriage	4 40
J. Thompson, shoveling out reservoirs	50
for electric lights,	10 29
Total,	\$782 62
Amount appropriated	\$877 50
Unexpended	\$94 88

TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Day & Bunker, printing reports and notices,	\$52 50
costs in Geo. Wing suit,	17 26
Wm. P. Oaks, surveying,	7 50
town of St. Albans, real estate tax, 1891-92,	5 08
Henry Safford, labor on Town Hall lot,	9 00
E. B. Fifield, labor and materials on Town Hall,	51 91
Eldridge Bros., materials and voting booths,	69 89
Dana Crockett, materials for hall,	3 44
W. H. Carr, materials for Town Hall,	10 15
A. M. Priest, damages to wagon by fire department,	5 60
Leonard Safford, labor ordered by Board of Health,	3 00
N. F. Roberts, on water fountain and small bills,	8 75
W. S. Twombly, repairs on water fountain,	9 95
O. E. Blackden, for dinners, election days,	5 00
E. A. Flanders, for lumber,	8 71
D. W. McCrillis, repairs on watchman's clock,	5 50
Abner Shepherd, for repairs and express on same,	8 03
Bridgham & Son, blank books, stationery, etc.,	26 35
L. B. Waldron, legal services,	7 00
Crosby & Crosby, legal services and warrants,	9 00

Paid Bunker & Warren, notices, etc.,	21 55
S. S. Watson, care of Hamilton lot,	3 00
S. S. Watson, care of Giles lot,	1 00
S. S. Watson, care of monument lot,	1 50
C. H. Hayden, care of Chandler lot,	3 00
Abner Shepherd, small bills,	28 26
W. H. Curtis, care of Lane lot,	1 60
C. F. Bean, repairing drain on Pleasant street,	1 75
E. A. Russ, for services rendered,	2 00
Mrs. Bridges, injuries received on sidewalk on Pleasant street,	100 00
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	\$487 28

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

R. W. Nutter, supervisor of schools,	\$200 00
L. D. Edgerly, constable service,	6 50
E. A. Brewster, " "	5 00
F. O. Additon, " "	2 00
B. F. Stearns, " "	4 00
Geo. A. Brawn, " "	12 25
Joseph Ganeau, " "	7 00
E. A. Brewster, services as ballot clerk,	4 00
James Mountain, " "	4 00
Byron Giles, " "	4 00
J. W. Crosby, " "	4 00
Levi Bridgham, services as town clerk,	15 00
Dr. C. M. Foss, services on Board of Health,	10 00
E. A. Russ, " " "	12 00
C. H. Hayden, " " "	10 00
S. S. Watson, superintendent of cemeteries,	25 00
A. J. Cobb, chief engineer,	10 00
C. E. Morse, assistant engineer,	10 00
B. A. Ellis, " "	10 00
Ezra Roberts, truant officer,	10 55
Ezra Roberts, school agent,	25 00
Geo. A. Brawn, truant officer,	11 65
Samuel Eldridge, town agent,	5 00
N. F. Roberts, services as selectman and road com.,	25 00
Andrew Brawn, services as selectman,	50 00
M. D. Russell, " "	100 00
Abner Shepherd, " "	150 00
B. F. Eldridge, services as auditor of accounts,	8 00
W. H. Judkins, " " "	8 00
Levi Bridgham, " " "	8 00
J. W. Haines, services as collector,	300 00
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	\$1,542 23
Amount from school fund,	\$200 00
" cemeteries,	25 00
" fire department,	30 00
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	\$ 255 00
Total,	<hr/>
	\$1,287 23
Amount appropriated,	\$1,500 00
Amount unexpended,	212 77

ERRORS AND ABATEMENTS.

1838.

Pomeroy, Chas., error	\$	33
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1889.

Blaisdell, B. B., not here	19	00
Merrill, Ed., "	3	00
Harding, Frank "	1	03
Warner, Chas., error	2	25

1890.

Bullett, John, poor	3	35
Buzzell, E. N., not here	8	75
Clukey, John, poor	5	35
Cooley, C. F., not here	3	86
Curtis, C. W., error	11	55
Gould, Frances, error	1	44
Hersey, J. D. H., poor	3	00
Sampson, Chas., paid in Ripley	4	50
Smith, Wilmont, not here	1	50
Warren, Chas., error	1	73
Paddock, John, not here	3	00
Prescott, Calvin, not here	3	00

1891.

Augustine, Joe E., not here	3	00
Arnold, Walter S., paid in Garland	3	00
Bullett, John, poor	3	00
Bolton, W. E., poor	5	49
Bates, Charles R., not here	3	00
Beanville, Frank, "	3	00
Bloom, J. A., not here	3	00
Blethen, H. A., railroad tax error	16	50
Bradbury, A. F., " " "	1	65
Burleigh, G. M., estate of, railroad tax error	5	50
Crosby, Josiah, railroad tax error	1	65
Copeland, Samuel, " " "	3	30
Clukey, John " " "	5	41
Carter, Ellery A., bankrupt and poor	9	38
Dyer, Charles, error on dog	1	00
Eaton, W. D., error	2	06
Foss, Cyrus, railroad tax	19	80
Goudy, Joseph, poor	3	00
Knox, William, poor,	3	00
Kinney, C. F., error,	50	
Leo, Joseph, "	1	00
McCrillis, C. P., railroad tax error	4	95
McFarland, Ora, error	66	
Page, H. W., poor	3	00
Parkman, Clarence, poor	1	85
Pennington, John, railroad tax error	3	30
Perham, H. H., dead	3	00
Sanford, C. L., "	4	99
Stearns, James B., sickness and poor	3	00
Symonds, Smith A., estate of, railroad tax error	4	95
Tibbetts, E. M., railroad tax error	1	65
Webb, Charles, error,	3	71

Whitcomb, G. W., not here	3 00
White, Samuel, sickness,	3 00
Whittemore, Ellen E., railroad tax error	21 45
Warner, Charles, error	2 06

1892.

Abbott, Amos & Co., error	236 88
Abbott, Charles B., "	3 00
Abbott, P. J., error	3 00
Arnold, Walter S., pays in Garland	3 00
Atkins, Thomas, dead	3 00
Austin, Hiram, poor	3 00
Ayer, Charles, dead	3 00
Barton, A. L., old age	2 75
Bailey, Moody, sickness	3 00
Bailey, Thomas, poor	3 00
Baker, James, sickness	3 00
Bates, Charles R., poor	3 00
Bickell, Edmond, poor	3 00
Blake, G. D., old age	3 00
Blake, Edwin, not here	3 00
Boldoc, Napoleon, not here	3 00
Booker, Joseph, poor	3 00
Bragdon, Joseph, old age	3 00
Brown, Henry, error	3 00
Bridgham, Levi, estate of, error	3 00
Bumps, B. F., poor	3 00
Burton, Joel, poor	3 00
Campbell, Henry	3 00
Carter, Ellery A., poor	3 00
Dinsmore, Calvin, poor	3 00
Dodge, I. A., dead	3 00
Farrar, David, poor	3 00
Farrar, John M., poor	3 00
Fish, S. D., error	4 50
Fitzgerald, Orrin, old age	3 00
Foss, Dr. C. M., error	6 48
Flanders, Geo., poor	3 00
Giles, Moses, error	1 35
Grant, Samuel, sickness	3 00
Hahnenkratt, Glenn, error,	3 00
Hamilton, Edwin S., sickness	2 75
Harlow, A. E., error	3 00
Hersey, Wm. H., poor	3 00
Ingalls, Samuel, old age	3 00
Jennings, Horace, sickness	3 00
Jewett, Charles, not here	3 00
Jones, D. McGregor, old age	2 75
Jose, Horace B., poor	3 00
Jordan, J. M., old age	2 75
Judkins, H. G., error	25 00
Kittridge, John, poor	17 58
Labree, James M., pays in Exeter	3 00
Lane, George W., poor	3 00
Lane, Roscoe W., pays in Waterville	3 00
Landsberg, Adolph, pays in Pittsfield	3 00
Mayo, R. F., pays in Garland	3 00
McNelly, James, poor	3 00
Meador, S. D., dead	3 00
Merryman, David, sickness	3 00

Moore, Abial, dead	3 00
Moore, Albert, poor	3 00
Morgridge, James, pays in Hartland	3 00
Patterson, Geo. W., sickness	3 00
Parshley, G. D., old age	3 00
Perry, Wilson, pays in Brewer	3 00
Russ, Isaac	2 75
Roncoe, Peter	3 00
Springall, Dr. Joseph	3 00
Stearns, C. W.,	3 00
Sturtevant, Curtis	3 00
Stearns, James	3 00
Swanton, J. H., error	8 70
Shepley, Jonathan	3 00
Seaver, Frank, estate of	2 75
Shepley, George	3 00
Thompson, Charles, error	3 00
Warner, Charles	2 25
Watson, Jefferson	3 00
Webber, T. L., error on dog	2 00
White, Samuel	3 00
Webb, Charles, error taxed to Littlefield	3 60
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	\$743 29

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

TO REPAIR TOWN FARM BUILDINGS.

Paid G. W. Field, hauling lumber	\$ 8 75
O. T. Percival, sawing "	6 80
Alonzo Jose, labor on buildings	3 00
E. F. Copeland, "	7 50
Geo. Safford, "	3 00
Andrew Brawn, "	31 50
C. L. Additon, "	21 00
Orlando Cobb, "	4 00
Henry Thurston, "	6 00
Geo. W. Marsh, "	4 55
Abner Shepherd, materials for buildings	33 10
Chas. F. Bean, repairs on cistern	3 50
W. S. Twombly, furnace fixtures, etc.,	251 20
G. A. Hall, repairs for buildings	2 50
W. H. Carr, "	24 26
G. A. Dustin, "	7 12
Dana Crockett, "	13 99
Eldridge Bros., screens	10 50
E. A. Flanders, shingles	11 00
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	\$453 27
Amount appropriated	\$500 00
Unexpended	\$ 46 73

TO FENCE CEMETERIES.

Paid W. H. Curtis, labor on fence	\$ 2 48
L. J. Brown, "	7 50
H. A. Toward, for sleepers for fence	6 24
E. F. Copeland, labor on fence	14 55
S. S. Watson, "	15 55
C. F. Witherell, for cedar posts	24 00
E. A. Flanders, for fence boards	78 24
A. C. Phinney, for labor on fence	2 48
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	\$151 04
Amount appropriated	\$200 00
Unexpended	\$ 48 96

FOR NIGHT WATCH.

Paid C. F. Willey	\$ 76 00
Fred E. Gove	24 00
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	\$100 00
Amount appropriated	\$100 00

TO REPAIR ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid A. J. Cobb, labor and material	\$238 28
S. A. Winslow, "	20 39
W. H. Carr, material	40 50
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	\$299 17
Amount appropriated	\$300 00
Unexpended	\$ 83

FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Paid H. F. Safford Post, G. A. R.	\$50 00
Amount appropriated	\$50 00

TO PAY ON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid W. H. Carr	\$2,200 42
Amount appropriated	\$2,200 00
Overdrawn	\$ 42

FOR TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid A. F. Bradbury, Treasurer,	\$300 00
Amount appropriated	\$300 00

FOR WIRE FENCE.

Paid Tyler & Conant,	\$100 00
Amount appropriated,	\$100 00

TO OBTAIN SEWER PLAN.

Paid P. H. Coombs, for plan	\$200 00
Amount appropriated	\$200 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Paid	Joseph Pomeroy, for labor		\$	5	02
	Alonzo Jose	"		10	80
	Geo. Safford	"		12	23
	Chauncey Crowell	"		7	35
	Peter Lapoint	"		7	35
	Otis Howard	"		9	63
	L. H. Quint	"			75
	W. E. Brawn	"		4	00
	C. C. Hatch, for team			13	30
	Joseph Ganeau, for labor			12	00
	Thomas Gilbert	"		12	60
	Moses H. Hersey	"		8	93
	J. F. Doherty	" and material		488	48
	Isaac Henderson	"		6	98
	H. A. Bement	"		25	00
	Andrew Brawn	"		20	00
	G. W. Goodwin	"		7	50
	Abner Shepherd, for material			50	00
	Wm. Doolan, for labor			4	00
	Fred Clough	"		3	00
	Total paid out			\$708	92
Appropriation			\$300	00	
"	for Park street		150	00	
Amount raised by subscription			109	07	
				\$559	07
Overdrawn				\$149	85

PLANK SIDEWALKS.

Paid	A. J. Cobb, for labor		\$	65	50
	H. A. Toward, for sleepers			12	00
	O. T. Percival, for plank			125	04
	Total,			\$202	54
Appropriation				\$200	00
Overdrawn				\$	2 54

FISH WEIR.

Appropriation			\$60	00
Unexpended			\$60	00

SEWER.

Paid	Dana Crockett for sewer pipe		\$635	42
	Appropriated for sewer pipe on Maple street		500	00
	Sewer pipe on hand		500	00
Overdrawn			135	42

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid	Electric Light & Power Co.		\$610	00
Amount appropriated			640	00
Unexpended			30	00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways and sidewalks,	\$4,277 82
Fire department,	782 62
Town library,	300 00
Memorial service,	50 00
Support of poor,	1,597 76
High school,	1,239 99
Common schools,	3,675 96
School books,	340 18
Town charges,	1,287 23
Street lights,	610 00
Note and interest, new school building,	2,200 42
Wire fence,	100 00
Night watchman,	100 00
Fence for cemeteries,	151 04
Repairs on engine house,	299 17
Repairs on town farm buildings,	453 27
Sewer plan,	200 00

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$ 172 96
Amount held in trust,	400 00
Due on county tax,	709 88
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	\$1,282 84

RESOURCES.

In hands of collector of 1888,	\$ 4 00
" " 1889,	9 50
" " 1890,	42 25
" " 1891,	203 71
" " 1892,	1,769 63
Due from state of Maine, for High schools,	125 00
Cash in hands of treasurer,	406 48
Due from W. B. Goff,	20 00
Due from A. G. Shaw,	10 00
Due from other towns,	324 44
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	\$2,915 01
*Net resources,	\$1,632 17

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Town charges,	\$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Highways,	4,000 00
Concrete sidewalks,	500 00

Respectfully submitted as the financial standing of the town, March 1, 1893.

ABNER SHEPHERD,	} Selectmen of Dexter.
MANVILL D. RUSSELL,	
ANDREW BRAWN,	

DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Dexter town library submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893 :

The whole number of books in the library is 3332, classified as follows :

Agricultural and Horticultural,	46
Biographical,	200
Fiction,	1370
Historical,	300
Juvenile,	226
Poems and Essays,	67
Theological,	98
Travel and Adventures,	250
Miscellaneous,	580
Temperance,	13
Public Documents,	182

Present number of patrons, 536.

Number of books taken during the year, 11,183.

Largest number by any one person, 89.

There have been added to the library 189 volumes by purchase and 3 by gift. In revising the library, preparatory to issuing a new catalogue, a large number of books have been thrown out as entirely worthless, while others have been laid aside to be rebound.

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

H. S. DOLE,	} Trustees.
EZRA ROBERTS,	
A. F. BRADBURY,	
C. W. CURTIS,	
C. M. SAWYER,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer of the Dexter town library submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 41 56
Received from the town of Dexter,	300 00
“ for fines,	14 36
“ for catalogues sold,	90
“ for injury to book,	67

\$357 49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books,	\$161 74
“ re-binding books,	15 85
“ cards and printing,	6 75
“ cleaning rooms,	1 40
“ fuel,	4 20
“ lighting,	7 10
“ lamp and hangings,	3 25
“ insurance for three years,	30 00
“ librarian's salary,	75 00
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	\$305 29
Balance on hand,	\$52 20

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The treasurer of the Dexter school fund submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893 :

Whole amount of school fund,	\$2,689 47
Invested as follows :	
Town of Dexter bonds,	\$1,900 00
Town of Corinna bonds,	600 00
Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank,	189 47
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	\$2,689 47
Received interest on town bonds,	\$150 00
Received interest from Dexter Savings Bank,	9 60
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	\$159 60
Amount paid into town treasury,	\$159 60

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

Dexter, March 4, 1893.

TOWN HALL REPORT.

CR.	
Cash received for use of hall	\$206 00
Wood on hand March, 1, 1893	17 50
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	\$223 50
DR.	
Paid for care of hall	\$54 00
sawing wood	3 00
repairs and supplies	54 00
electric lights	23 10
Value of wood, March 1, 1892	21 37
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	155 47
Balance in favor of hall	\$ 68 03
The hall was opened 57 times	
“ “ 30 “ free.	
“ “ 27 “ for pay.	

G. M. STURTEVANT, Janitor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

Paid S. S. Watson, labor in Elmwood cemetery	\$ 11 00
" " " Greene "	1 50
" " " Storer "	1 75
" " " Mt. Pleasant cemetery	75
Paid for surveying lots in Mt. Pleasant cemetery	3 00
W. P. Oaks, surveying lots	13 00
C. F. Witherell for posts	12 50
S. A. Winslow for painting posts	50
for making deeds	4 80
S. S. Watson, services as Supt. of cemeteries	25 00
Total paid out	\$ 73 80
Received for sale of lots	115 75
" old fence boards	75
Total received	\$116 50
Total paid out	73 80
Amount paid to treasurer	\$42 70

S. S. WATSON, Supt.

REPORT OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

CHAS. H. HAYDEN,	} Local Board	
C. M. FOSS,		of
EDGAR A. RUSS.		Health.

Ten nuisances have been reported, all of which were removed.

There are, within the jurisdiction of this board, a large number of houses from which the sink water is deposited in barrels sunk in the ground and which are allowed to overflow, thus causing a nuisance of a very dangerous nature. A house-to-house inspection has been followed with good results except in two cases.

We have had two cases of scarlet fever, five of typhoid fever. Two of the typhoid cases were fatal. All of the outbreaks have been confined to the first house. Premises have been visited and inspected, entrances have been placarded and a disinfection has followed recovery.

There have been reported since our last report 41 deaths. Of this number but two have died from contagious diseases and one as the result of accident. Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. RUSS, Secretary.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF DEXTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Engineers of the Fire Department would submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1893.

FIRES AND ALARMS.

April 1.—Alarm at 9.30 P. M. Fire at the White Mill picker house. The fire department not needed. Loss about \$500.

May 3.—Alarm at 9 A. M. Fire at the White Mill picker house. The department not needed. Loss about \$500.

Aug. 11.—Alarm at 6 A. M. Fire in Dr. O. Fitzgerald's house. Loss about \$1500. Mostly damage by water. Cause of fire unknown.

EQUIPMENTS.

The companies are all well manned and in first-class working order.

A. J. COBB,	}	Board
C. E. MORSE,	}	of
B. F. ELLIS,	}	Engineers.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

We have attended to the duties faithfully and impartially. We have had the hearty co-operation of the Supervisor and the parents, as a rule. A few have tried to evade the law by keeping their scholars at home from school on the slightest pretext, and others by claiming their children were older than they really are. We have not prosecuted any parties for this, for we cannot always tell whether people are really ignorant or willfully so; but we have succeeded, in these cases, in finding the real age of the scholars. Parents are not careful in giving the correct age of children. There has been a larger number registered than in former years.

EZRA ROBERTS,
GEORGE A. BRAUN.

SCHOOL AGENT'S REPORT.

The schoolroom in No. 5 has been thoroughly repaired, sheathed, papered and painted; No. 7 painted and papered; No. 8, windows of a larger size, new doors, chimney repaired, new out-buildings, etc. These rooms are now very neat and attractive. Other necessary repairs have been made at other school-rooms. The severe winter has made the expense for wood somewhat larger than usual. This, with repairs which in my judgment seemed proper, has made the expenses of my department larger than usual.

The number of scholars in village district, 537. Number of scholars in rural districts, 247. Total, 774.

The following persons have received the amounts against their names for services rendered:

Additon, F. O., labor, No. 5	\$ 16 00
Amazine, G., plank, No. 10	5 50
Arno, Wm. R., wood, \$4 00	17 25
Bryant, W. E., wood	6 25
Breed, D. C., labor and material, No. 8	16 00
“ C. H., care No. 7	4 00
Brawn, B. T. and G. A., care, cleaning, banking	9 50
Blake, H. A., care and kindlings, No. 10	6 50
Bowler, J. T., copy deeds, No. 10	1 00
Bean, C. F., labor and material, No. 7, H. S. B.	6 00
Bridgham, Levi, supplies	9 35
Brown, L. J., labor on wood	2 40
Crowell, S. L., care No. 7	2 00
Crockett, Dana, labor and material	12 78
Campbell, Henry, fitting wood	5 95
Cobb, H. J., cleaning house No. 4	2 50
Cobb, A. J., lime casks	50
Carr, A. L., labor and wood	12 50
Carr, W. H., supplies	21 42
Chase, M. L., care of B. house	3 00
Cole, Celia M., care No. 5	4 00
Cole, James, “ “	4 50
Clukey, Mrs. Frank, labor on town lot	7 00
Crowell, J. C., labor, No. 7	1 00
Curtis, Bert, labor on pipe	75
Curtis, M. L., banking No. 4	1 50
Carter, E. A., fitting wood, No. 11	50
Clark, E. W., care of Brown school house, fall & winter	25 00
Daggett, Timothy, wood	11 50
Davis, C. C., care Brown house	3 00
Denslow, Jason, chairs and repairs	3 85
Drew, Edith, care No. 11	2 00
Dustin, G. A., supplies	15 59
Ellis, Ella, labor, No. 11	2 00
Eldridge Bros., supplies	77 20
Fifield, E. B., labor and material, No. 10	6 50
“ “ “ “ 7	21 59
“ “ “ “ 8	12 45
Fay & Scott, labor and material	3 75
Gould, W. B., 5 1-2 cords wood at \$4	22 00
“ 4 3-8 “ 3.25	14 22
“ 10 “ 2.50	25 00
Ganeau, Mary, labor, Brown house	7 00

Ganeau, Mary, labor, High school	6 40
Ganeau, Jerry, " "	1 00
Gerry, W. C., wood, No. 9	17 87
Gee, Wm. R., care No. 3	6 00
Giles, W. S., labor and material, No. 8	8 25
Gordon, J. B., labor and material, No. 3	2 50
" " wood and banking No. 3	11 00
Huff, Milo, care of Brown house	4 00
Ireland, S. S., 14 cords 5 1-4 ft., wood	47 36
Johnson, C. F., wood and banking No. 2	13 50
Johnson, W. M., labor and wood	7 75
" " care school rooms, town lot	75 00
Jones, Charles, labor, H. S. B.	1 72
Keyte, A. W., trucking	2 25
Kittridge, J. A., 12 cords, 2 foot wood	48 00
Littlefield, R. A., cleaning house No. 2	2 50
" Fred, care and kindlings	6 50
Leo, Augustus Mrs., cleaning H. S. building	6 40
Lowell, C. H., brick for No. 7	2 50
Leonard, D. P., wood, No. 10	1 75
Marble, F., care No. 11	2 00
Nutting, F. T., 4 1-2 cords wood	18 00
Oliver, C. W., labor, No. 3	15 50
Pullen, C. M., labor, No. 8	1 50
Pullen, Cora, labor and care No. 8	4 00
Pullen, H. D., soft wood	2 50
Peavey, F. L., care No. 4	6 00
Parshley, H. G., teams	3 50
Roberts, N. F., desk, Grammar school room	8 00
Roberts, Ezra, labor and material	7 20
" " care High school building spring term	58 00
" " " " fall " "	44 00
" " " " winter " "	60 00
Russell, David, labor No. 8	35
Robinson, E. E., wood and banking No. 11	13 50
Sawtelle, D. M., labor and material	36 65
Swanton, S. J., cleaning house, laying platform, bank'g	6 00
Swanton, J. H., andirons and measuring wood	1 05
Spooner Bros., material for building	5 25
Spooner, D. P., banking and kindling	4 75
Silver, S. C. & Son, shingles	29 00
Fowler, J. R., lumber and shingles	9 00
" S. M., wood	146 50
Terrill & Levenseller, 2 mugs	10
Twombly, W. S., labor and material	11 38
Vermont School Seat Co., 5 desks	20 00
Watson, Geo. E., glass, No. 5	20
Webber, T. L., labor, No. 4	50
Young, Frank, wood	10 50

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Amount received for ashes	7 98
" " boxes	2 00
" " Hutchinson & Walker, No. 11	3 75
" " Brown, shingles	1 00
" " Cobb, 1 door	1 00
" " Russell, windows	1 00
" " Lowell, windows	50

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the whole subject matter of the several articles pertaining to school houses, would respectfully submit the following report:

The building now occupied by the school at North Dexter is one of the oldest school houses in town. It is out of repair and is very poorly located. Accordingly we recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars, with which to purchase the lot, known by those interested as the Flanders lot, and to erect a suitable school building for this district.

As to the Union district, so called, we believe it to be for the interest of both towns—Dexter and Corinna—to continue this school as a union school, sharing equally its privileges and the expense of maintenance, and we recommend the adoption of such resolutions by both towns, as will assure the same.

The committee was at a loss to decide what they could consistently recommend for the people at Silver's Mills, that would permanently improve the present condition. To divide this district, by establishing another school at the Mills, would accommodate but a few families and would exchange one of the most prosperous schools in town for two small ones. To remove the building to the corner, as some propose, would seem to transfer the inconvenience of travel from one end of the district to the other.

However, as the scholars are now distributed, the inconvenience of travel would be lessened somewhat if the building were removed. But those personally interested are quite equally divided in opinion, so this arrangement would not meet with general approval.

R. W. NUTTER, }
EZRA ROBERTS, }
A. F. BRADBURY. }

Dexter, March 1st., 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER IN ACCOUNT WITH J. W. HAINES, TREASURER.

1892	CR.	
Mar. 16,	By cash received from A. A. Springall,	\$ 116 35
21,	temporary loan,	200 00
30,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	90 00
April 1,	temporary loan,	400 00
1,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	22 83
9,	" " " "	50 00
16,	R. W. Nutter, for school material sold,	12 15
16,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	70 00
30,	temporary loan,	500 00
May 18,	G. M. Sturtevant, account, Town Hall,	28 00
19,	F. A. Spratt, account, High School tuition,	57 50
21,	temporary loan,	500 00
21,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	60 00
June 6,	F. A. Spratt, account, High School tuition,	7 00
8,	Moses Giles, for perpetual care cemetery lot,	100 00
July 1,	W. H. Carr, trustee school house fund,	31 33
5,	G. M. Sturtevant, account, Town Hall,	30 00
7,	State of Maine, account, pensions,	108 00

July 14,	temporary loan,	\$500 00
26,	State of Maine, account, High School,	125 00
Aug. 18,	Abner Shepherd, acc., support Mrs. Carlton,	25 00
24,	L. B. Waldron, account, fines,	25 00
Oct. 25,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	125 00
Nov. 7,	C. S. Marsh, for auctioneer's license,	3 00
19,	C. N. Blanchard, acc., tuition, High School,	40 00
21,	Ezra Roberts, account, school fund,	16 23
22,	temporary loan,	500 00
Dec. 1,	J. W. Hodgkins, account, license to peddle,	6 00
6,	G. M. Sturtevant, account, Town Hall,	37 00
29,	State of Maine, for rent of armory,	36 49
Jan. 2,	State of Maine, acc., R. R & tel. tax for 1892,	143 11
7,	State of Maine, account, pensions,	180 00
9,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	70 00
10,	State of Maine, acc., school fund and mill tax,	1,793 21
16,	Abner Shepherd, account, Ellen Chase,	64 48
26,	M. D. Russell, sewer pipe for M. E. church,	4 82
Feb. 15,	S. S. Watson, for cemetery lots sold,	42 70
20,	C. N. Blanchard, acc., tuition, High School,	60 00
24,	R. W. Nutter, for school material sold,	5 50
27,	M. D. Russell, for concrete,	138 00
28,	Abner Shepherd, for circus license,	5 00
28,	Ezra Roberts, for shingles sold, acc., schools,	1 00
Mar. 1,	town of Orneville, acc., support Curtis family,	46 00
1,	A. F. Bradbury, interest on school fund,	159 60
1,	Wm. Wagg, for grass on school house lot,	1 00
1,	A. A. Springall, collector, account, taxes,	95 08
1,	A. A. Springall, account, interest on taxes,	20 69
By commitment,		22,550 75
supplementary,		81 00
interest on taxes of 1892,		65 62
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		\$29,349 44

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To paid orders on treasurer,	\$18,633 31
“ highway orders,	4,239 87
“ pensions,	288 00
“ interest on loans,	21 16
“ one-half county tax,	709 88
“ state tax in full,	3,187 36
To discount on 375 polls, at \$.25,	93 75
Amount in hands of collector for 1892,	1,769 63
Cash in treasury,	406 48
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	\$29,349 44

Amount due from A. A. Springall, account, tax of 1888,	\$ 4 00
“ “ “ “ 1889,	9 50
“ “ “ “ 1890,	42 25
“ “ “ “ 1891,	203 71
Amount due from State of Maine, acc., High School,	125 00

Respectfully,

J. W. HAINES, Treasurer of Dexter, Me.

This is to certify that I have examined the report of the selectmen and find it correct.

W. H. JUDKINS, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER—

Herewith I submit my sixth annnal report of the public schools of this town for the municipal year ending Feb. 28, 1893:

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1892,	\$ 9 62
Appropriation,	850 00
State aid,	250 00
Tuition,	164 50
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						\$1,274 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. A. Spratt,	\$349 16
C. N. Blanchard,	532 00
Miss Thompson,	89 00
Miss Chandler,	227 00
substitute assistants,	8 00
for minerals and diplomas,	16 00
for chemicals, printing, etc.,	10 93
for procuring teachers,	7 90
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	\$1,239 99

Balance in favor of High School,	.	\$ 34 13
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COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1892,	\$ 178 81
Appropriations,	2,725 00
Interest of school fund,	160 82
Mill tax,	1,793 21
From agent,	17 23
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						\$4,875 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid village teachers,	\$1,862 50
rural teachers,	1,399 10
music teacher,	125 00
for special instruction,	25 00
tuition to Corinna,	86 12
tuition to Sangerville,	19 71
for conveying scholars,	133 00
for printing Course of Study,	13 00
for stationery, stamps, etc.	12 53
Amount expended by supervisor,	\$3,675 96
Amount expended by agent,	1,230 48
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	\$4,906 44
Amount overdrawn,	\$31 37

SCHOOL BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Surplus of 1892,	\$ 28 44
Town appropriation,	300 00
Material sold, High School,	12 15
Material sold, common schools,	10 70
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	\$351 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books and other material,	\$340 18
Express, freight, etc,	5 20
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	\$345 38
Balance on hand,	\$5 91
Grammar on trial,	\$12 00
Estimated value of material on hand,	\$125 00

EXPLANATION.

The increase in attendance necessitated a purchase of many new books, consequently we have been unable to make some needed additions in the way of helps for teachers. However, all essentials have been provided, and Appleton's First Book in Number, White's Elementary Arithmetic, Language Tablets for Supplementary Work, McGuffey's Natural History Readers, Johnnot's Friends in Feathers and Fur, and White's Industrial Drawing have been introduced into the graded schools, and Barnes' Elementary Arithmetic has displaced the Primary work in the rural districts. The common schools are now well equipped with comparatively new books, save the large arithmetics of a few of the rural schools. These should be furnished the coming year and the Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Astronomy, Physical Geography and Zoology of the High School should be exchanged.

TABULAR REVIEW.

Schools.	Teachers.		No. Weeks.	Salary per week.	No. of Scholars in District.	Different Names Registered.	Term Registration.	Av. Attendance.	No. of Visits by Supervisor.	No. of Visits by Citizens.
High.	F. A. Spratt,	s.	11	\$			57	52	4	57
	M. J. C. Thompson,	f.	11				68	61	4	56
	C. N. Blanchard,	w.	11			89	68	61	4	100
Grammar No. 1.	Abby Chandler,	s.	10				38	35		50
	"	f.	10				47	42		25
	"	w.	10			54	53	47		52
Grammar No. 2.	R. W. Nutter,	s.	10	7 75			41	39		53
	Jennie E. Crowell,	f.	10	"			48	40		32
	"	w.	10	"		51	47	36		39
Int. No. 1.	Ella J. Mower,	s.	10	7 75			43	39	2	42
	"	f.	10	"		53	35	33	2	32
	"	w.	10	"			37	28	3	50
Int. No. 2.	Carrie Ramsdell,	s.	10	7 75			35	29	4	83
	"	f.	10	"		51	36	34	2	39
	"	w.	10	"			39	35	3	59
Pri. No. 1.	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s.	10	7 75			77	62	4	38
	"	f.	10	"		85	58	32	2	41
	"	w.	10	"			49	31	2	48
Pri. No. 2.	Addie E. Church,	s.	10	7 75			82	72	3	67
	"	f.	10	"		98	69	62	2	51
	"	w.	10	"			46	39	3	42
Rural No. 1.	Union District,		25		13	8				
No. 2.	Orpha N. Lowell,	s.	8	5 50			14	13	2	8
	"	f.	9	5 75			16	12	2	6
	"	w.	10	6 50	17	24	22	15	2	8
No. 3.	Lena Ellms,	s.	8	5 00			10	9	2	3
	"	f.	9	5 00			6	5	2	1
	"	w.	7	5 50	16	10	5	3	1	3
No. 4.	Mabel E. Howard,	s.	8	6 00			16	15	2	12
	Augusta L. Willey,	f.	10	6 00			15	14	2	6
	"	w.	8	6 50	26	18	15	11	1	2
No. 5.	Mildred A. Clark,	s.	8	6 00			11	10	2	14
	Mercy Brann,	f.	9	5 75			12	11	2	4
	"	w.	10	6 25	24	12	12	9	2	8
No. 7.	Grace Levenseller,	s.	8	6 00			11	10	3	15
	Agnes M. Whittier,	f.	9	6 00			12	11	2	37
	"	w.	10	6 00	24	14	12	9	1	22
No. 8.	Mary McKenna,	s.	8	4 50			7	6	4	7
	Mabel E. Howard,	f.	9	5 00	16	10	10	6	2	4
	Delva A. Safford,	s.	8	6 00			26	22	2	10
No. 9.	"	f.	10	6 00			23	20	2	13
	"	w.	9	6 00	30	32	23	15	1	5
No. 10.	Dora A. Libbey,	s.	8	6 00			22	16	2	28
	"	f.	10	6 00			21	19	1	20
	"	w.	9	7 00	34	30	25	15	2	24
No. 11.	Florence Marble,	s.	8	5 75			16	11	2	7
	Edith Drew,	f.	10	6 00			23	17	2	9
	"	w.	8*	6 50	27	32	18	11	1	11
Nos. 12-13					13	4				
	Village Schools,				537	481			44	1056
	Rural Schools,				237	194			49	267
	Total,				774	675			93	1323

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HIGH SCHOOL.

Under the direction of the former teachers, a class of eight was graduated and the commencement exercises were an honor to the class and a credit to the school. Near the close of the summer vacation the principal resigned, to accept a position in Olneyville, R. I. Mr. Spratt is a skilful teacher and was universally popular in Dexter. His resignation was deeply regretted by all. To supply such a vacancy is neither easy nor agreeable, for aspirants to such positions are unscrupulous and innumerable, and testimonials, like petitions, are not always reliable. It is needless to say that Mr. C. N. Blanchard, a graduate of Bates College, was the chosen applicant, and in my judgment, no mistake was made when he was employed.

Miss Abby Chandler, concerning whose ability and exemplary character comments are unnecessary, was elected assistant and these new teachers assumed charge of this school in the fall, not unmindful of the responsibility resting upon them. Their zeal and devotion to duty have been inspiring to the pupils and their influence as educators has not been confined to the narrow limits of the school-room.

Systematic written tests have increased the interest and thoroughness of all classes and the work of the Seniors, in literature and of the Sophomore class, in history, has been of a superior character. The principal has revised the system of marks and has kept a careful record of each pupil in all studies, thus rendering toadyism, in conferring honors, impossible. The prize contest at the close of the winter term was one of the best ever given, according to the judgment of competent critics. In fact, the standard of work has been constantly improving and the numbers have been steadily increasing since the completion of the new building. The school is now the largest it has been for ten years. May the interest in higher education continue until we are obliged to close our doors to out-of-town patronage and to employ the second assistant.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Classes of seventeen and nineteen, respectively, were promoted from these grades at the close of the spring session and a class of twenty-five was admitted. One hundred and three names have been registered, with an average attendance of ninety-one. Some changes have been made in the curriculum which will raise the standard of scholarship. Drawing and book-keeping have been introduced and a good degree of thoroughness has characterized the work in all branches. For the most part the pupils have been orderly and easy to govern.

Miss Jennie Crowell, who has been the teacher of the 2nd. grade for two years, is a young lady of scholarly attainments and understands the theory of school teaching. Certainly her services should be valuable in the school-room.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

To attempt to represent the efficient work and present condition of these schools would be a waste of time. Visit them and you will agree that it is no exaggeration to pronounce them superior in every respect. In my judgment they are second to none of this grade in the state.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Primary schools are important and difficult,—but few teachers are qualified or adapted.

To do work in this department as it should be done, the teacher must be conscientious, of mature mind, and must have knowledge of child nature. In no department of grade work is special preparation so essential. Inductive and objective teaching has become the basis of instruction in these schools and the decided improvement made during the past year is sufficient evidence that the teachers in charge understand their business and know how to attend to it.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

UNION DISTRICT—No. 1.

Located, as every one knows, in the town of Corinna on South Ridge road. The three terms have been taught by one of Corinna's best teachers and every one speaks well of the school. Eight of the seventeen pupils attending belong in Dexter and Dexter money has paid half of the running expenses.

BARTON DISTRICT—No. 2.

The same teacher for the three terms and a gradual improvement in the school. The pupils are young and energetic, and the earnest efforts of the teacher for better methods have been manifest in actual work. Miss Lowell is an ambitious young lady and makes thoroughness the basis of instruction. Success is crowning her efforts.

JONES DISTRICT—No. 3.

Ten different names have been registered during the year with a very small average attendance. The parents and pupils realize the value of education and have exerted themselves to make the school profitable. The examination at the close of the winter session was very interesting. Certainly no fault can be found with the enthusiasm, thoroughness and progress of these few pupils.

STORER DISTRICT—No. 4.

For eight terms Miss Augusta Willey has taught this school, with unqualified satisfaction to pupils, parents and supervisor. Her exemplary character and pleasing manners won the respect and admiration of her pupils, thus enabling her to govern and to guide without friction. At the close of the first two terms, of the present year, the improvement in penmanship, reading and language was especially noticeable. On account of the epidemic and severe weather, the winter term was closed without examination.

ADDITON DISTRICT—No. 5.

At the close of the summer term, Miss Mildred Clarke, who had successfully taught this school for two years, resigned, to continue her studies at the Farmington Normal. Miss Mercy Brann, valedictorian of the class of '92 from our High School, taught the fall and winter terms. Just now this school is composed of small scholars, who require a firm mistress to guide them. Miss

Brann instructed these apt pupils in a creditable manner and at the close of the winter session the school appeared orderly and industrious.

SPOONER DISTRICT—No. 7.

The teacher of the summer term came highly recommended and discharged her duty faithfully and impartially, but a lack of sympathy and fellowship seemed to detract from the interest usually taken, and the progress was not what it might have been. In the fall the former teacher, Miss Agnes Whittier, returned and was warmly welcomed by all. Miss Whittier seems peculiarly adapted to the needs of this school and under her direction the pupils have always made substantial progress. She certainly deserves the hearty support received.

LOWELL DISTRICT—No. 8.

Miss Mary McKenna, a junior of the High School, taught the summer term of eight weeks. Her instruction was systematic and thorough and her pupils learned well. Evidently this young lady has natural ability for the work. A fall term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Mabel Howard, who has spared neither time nor expense to prepare herself for teaching. Her improved methods and untiring efforts are indeed commendable, but the poor average, the instances of tardiness and the indifference of pupils indicated a lack of unity and support. It is hoped that the parents were not unmindful of their duty. During the winter the pupils attended the adjoining districts. In fact, this school is so small that it cannot be profitably supported under any circumstances at present, but it is encouraging to know that recruits are on the way and if nothing happens, there will soon be a school of average size in this district.

DAGGETT DISTRICT—No. 9.

With pride I note the present condition and the improvement of this school. It is one of the largest, most prosperous and most interesting of the suburban districts. In fact, it would be hard to find a brighter class of pupils, directed by a more practical teacher. No school in town has done more satisfactory work in mathematics and language, and the order of the school has been perfect whenever I have visited. Miss Safford has taught nine terms, seven of which have been in this district. With justice may the closing paragraph of her last year's report be repeated: "As a disciplinarian, Miss Safford has few superiors. She rarely fails to interest her pupils, and the motto, 'Not how much but how well', is ever kept before her classes.

BLAKE DISTRICT—No. 10.

The promotion of Miss Ramsdell, who has successfully taught this school for two years, necessitated a change of teachers, much to the regret of the whole district. Yet all believed the promotion just and were prepared to welcome her successor. Miss Dora A. Libbey has filled the vacancy in a very satisfactory manner. Although unacquainted with our text books and methods, Miss Libbey proved to be no stranger to the school room. Her good judgment, her knowledge of human nature and her careful instruction have met with general approval. In no district have the parents manifested a greater interest.

NORTH DEXTER DISTRICT—No. 11.

In this district thirty-two different names have been registered, with an average attendance of fifteen. This indicates an

unstable population, which, of course, is a serious disadvantage to the school. The resignation of Miss Florence Marble was accepted with regret at the close of the summer term. Miss Marble has unusual ability to impart and was faithful to her trust at all times. The new methods of Miss Edith Drew, the teacher of the fall and winter terms, seemed to delight the pupils, and at each visit, marked improvement was apparent. Miss Drew is a natural teacher and will soon work her way to the front.

Nos. 12 AND 13.

These schools have remained adjourned for the year and the few pupils have attended the village schools and at Gilman.

REMARKS.

The agent has reported an increase of one pupil, but about seventy-five more names have been registered in the village schools. This indicates a rapid growth of population, due probably to the prosperity of business interests.

For names of teachers, wages, number of pupils registered, average attendance and number of visits by citizens and Supervisor, see Tabular Review. I still believe permanent teaching essential to a high standard of work and, as you will notice there have been but few changes of teachers during the year. The hearty co-operation of parents and citizens has been unusually encouraging and I am more fully convinced than ever that the prosperous condition of your school system is largely due to such support.

Your truant officers have been very consistent and quite successful in enforcing the law, as their report will undoubtedly show, but the duty of this office would be less onerous and expensive if its importance were more pronounced in some instances.

Under the direction of Miss Olive Winslow, music has been a regular study in all of the graded schools. The work has been a success to an extent that can only be appreciated by those who have a personal knowledge of what has been done. It is the aim of Miss Winslow to secure full, pure tones with a pleasing style of musical expression, to discourage loud, harsh singing so frequently heard and to have every pupil, graduating from the Grammar school, understand thoroughly the meaning of all musical characters found in common music. For an ordinary representation of the musical culture, I would call your attention to the School Celebration of Oct. 21st,—a memorable event in the history of our public schools. On that day the stars and stripes were unfurled over nearly every school building in town and the citizens of several districts joined their schools in appropriate exercises. Much credit is due to members of H. F. Safford Post and the Woman's Relief Corps for their valuable assistance on this occasion.

In accordance with the recommendation in my last report, White's system of free-hand drawing has been introduced into the village schools and has been carried forward slowly but systematically. The value of this important study will eventually manifest itself in the High School, where many illustrations are essential to practical advancement. I feel sure this new requirement will prove a valuable addition to our school curriculum. The work in Language, by means of graded tablets, which furnish practice in sentence development, correct use of language, etc., has exceeded my expectations. Prominent educators claim that nothing has ever been devised superior to this method of teaching young pupils the correct use of the English language. At the opening of the winter session the Swedish

System of school gymnastics was introduced. A specialist was employed for this purpose, also to instruct the teachers, thus enabling them to continue the work, with the aid of the manual. The aim of educational gymnastics is to develop the body into a harmonious whole, under the control of the will. It is not to produce great bulk of muscle, but more to keep that already present, active and ready to respond. It would be a waste of time for me to dwell upon the importance of physical training in public schools, for the need of strong bodies to make education of practical worth, is evident to all.

During the summer vacation our present course of study, with certain regulations and suggestions and with extracts from the more important school laws of the state, was printed and placed in the hands of every teacher. This guide has secured a uniformity of work, has helped the teachers to a better understanding of duty and has stimulated them to do better work. School teachers are no longer permitted to feel that their duties are done and their salary earned by simply attending the sessions of the school and hearing recitations. They are now required to make themselves better fitted and more than ever to understand the nature and needs of the individual pupil.

As formerly, in employing teachers I have sought the best talent available, showing preference to resident teachers when it seemed as well to do so. I believe it to be the duty of the Supervisor, in making assignments, to have chiefly in mind, the selection of the best teachers; and in selecting the best, regard should also be had to permanency; and those who desire and expect to make teaching a profession should have preference. Old teachers, who are competent, should be preferred to new ones. I have endeavored impartially to observe these rules, although it has resulted in disappointment to some. I still further believe that no application for assignment ought to be considered until the applicant has passed a satisfactory examination. Such a rule would relieve the officer of some embarrassment, would remove all temptation to employ incompetent teachers and would have a tendency to raise the general standard of teaching. However, I am of the opinion that all teachers should be certified in grades and their salaries fixed by a State Board of Education.

In justice to our present corps of teachers, I wish to say that the general standard of school teaching in Dexter to-day, is much higher than it has ever been before, to my knowledge. Through their confidence and hearty co-operation there has been a very marked improvement in the quality of work done by both teachers and pupils in the large majority of our schools the past year.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For common schools.	\$2700 00
High school	850 00
School books	350 00
Music	125 00

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I can only repeat that it has been my purpose to expend your appropriation judiciously and to keep your schools in a prosperous condition. In resigning this trust again into your hands, allow me, fellow-citizens, to thank you for your confidence, consideration and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. NUTTER, Supervisor of Schools.

