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ANNUAL REPORTS [1858.

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

AND

CITY TREASURER,

MADE TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF AUGUSTA,

AT THE

CLOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR,

March 19, 1859,

WITH

MAYOR'S ADDRESS, REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR 1859, AND SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

AUGUSTA:
PRINTED AT THE MAINE FARMER OFFICE.
1859.
Ordered, That the Mayor cause to be printed for the use of the City Council and for distribution among the citizens, ten hundred copies of the Report of the Committee on Finance for the past year, together with the Reports of the several Departments of the City, presented to the last city Council and referred to this; also the Mayor's Address, and the names of all City and Ward officers, and the Joint Standing Committees of the City Council for the current municipal year; also the Report of the Superintending School Committee.

In Common Council, March 21, 1859.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

LEVI PAGE, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 21, 1859.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

WILLIAM GASLIN, Jr., City Clerk.
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 19, 1859.

Amount appropriated and assessed for 1858:

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Whole number of Polls assessed, 1,310; Poll tax, $1.00.
Rate of taxation on Resident property, 11 3-4 mills.
Accounts with the several items of Appropriation.

STATE TAX.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For paid balance of tax of 1857, $2,674 12
" " part of tax of 1858, 1,200 00
" due and unpaid, 2,974 12

Cr.

By assessed, $4,174 12
" unpaid of 1857, 2,674 12

$6,848 24

COUNTY TAX.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For paid by Collector, $3,563 57

Cr.

By assessment, $3,563 57

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For paid on account of 1855, $3 53
" " 1856, 17 20
" " 1857, 58 45

$79 18

" " 1858, 4,830 64
" undrawn, 272 36

$5,182 18

Cr.

By balance undrawn of 1857, $1,682 18
" appropriation of 1858, 3,500 00

$5,182 18

NEW STREETS.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For amount paid towards building Ward road, $150 00

Cr.

By appropriation, $150 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

1550.

Dr.

March 19. For amount drawn on account of 1857, $446 58
" " 1858, 4,377 75

$4,824 33

Cr.

By balance undrawn of 1857, $57 57
" appropriation of 1858, 2,500 00
" collections the past year, 756 56
" overdrawn, 1,510 20

$4,824 33
SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1859.

For amount drawn by Mayor's warrants, $6,236 30
" " Directors Vill. Dist., 2,363 52
" abatements on Village District taxes,
   allowed by A. Gaubert, 2 71
" commissions, allowed A. Gaubert, 48
" undrawn, 1,726 28

_________ $10,329 28

1858.

By amount due the several Districts, $1,376 00
" " assessed, 5,000 00
" Village District tax of 1858, 2,875 99
" supplementary, do., 15 56
" due from the State, 1,020 47
" credit to Districts for Ward Rooms, &c., 41 25

_________ $10,329 28

CITY OFFICERS.

1859.

For payments on account of 1857, as follows:

John Arnold, Assessor, $ 7 00
J. S. Turner, Overseer of Poor, 25 00
L. I. Wall, Street Commissioner, 50 00
J. G. Phinney, do., 100 00
Joshua Allen, Clerk of Council, 12 50
David Folsom, City Physician, 17 50
S. S. Webster, Clerk Ward 7, 3 00
J. H. Hartford, " 2, 3 00
Stephen Hawes, " 1, 3 00
J. P. Wyman, Assistant Engineer, 25 00
William Gaslin, Jr., Sup. School Com., 46 50
Joseph Baker, " 70 00
W. A. P. Dillingham, " 22 00

_________ $384 50

Paid on account of 1858:

J. W. North, Mayor, $200 00
Luther I. Wall, Street Commissioner, 200 00
J. G. Phinney, " 100 00
Thomas Little, Assessor, 107 00
Thos. Wadsworth, " 61 00
John Arnold, " 53 50
Thomas Little, Overseer of Poor, 60 00
Edward Fenno, " 45 00
Joshua Turner, " 70 00
CITY OFFICERS, (Continued.)

Paid on account of 1858, (Continued.)

Joshua Allen, Clerk of Council, $12 50
Levi Page, " " 10 50
Henry Sewall, Clerk pro tem. of do., 2 00
Joseph Baker, City Solicitor, 30 00
William Gaslin, Jr., City Clerk, 70 00
Henry Sewall, Clerk Ward 1, 4 50
Wm. Gaslin, Jr., " 2, 4 50
Fred'k Aborn, " 3, 4 50
Samuel Patterson, " 5, 4 50
A. J. Reynolds, " 6, 1 50
S. S. Webster, " 7, 6 00
Eri Wills, Chief Engineer, 50 00
J. P. Wyman, 1st Ass’t do., 25 00
C. F. Swan, 2d do. do., 25 00
Joshua L. Heath, City Marshal, 125 00
J. W. Patterson, Street Engineer, 8 00
J. W. Patterson, Collector of 1857, 92 30
J. W. Patterson, " 1858, 447 31
A. Gaubert, " 1856, 4 67

1,869 28
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$2,253 78

Cr.

By appropriation, $2,000 00
" transferred from contingent account, 253 78

$2,253 78

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For paid on account of 1856, $2 13
" " " 1857, 643 31
" " " 1858, 54 73
" undrawn, 797 05

$1,497 22

Cr.

By undrawn of 1857, $797 22
" appropriation of 1858, 700 00

$1,497 22

POLICE.

1859.

Dr.

March 19. For paid on account of 1857, night watch, $35 50
" " for Police services, 1858, 72 00
" " for night watch, " 430 79

$538 29
### POLICE, (Continued.)

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ABATEMENTS, (Continued.)

1859.

Cr.

March 19. By undrawn of 1857, appropriation of 1858, $454 59
700 00

$1,154 59

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

DR.

March 19. For amount drawn, $2,158 35

Cr.

By amount appropriated, $2,000 00
“ transferred from contingent, 158 35

$2,158 35

CONTINGENT.

DR.

March 19. For paid on account of 1856:

S. Titcomb, Court fees, $3 79
Henry Leighton, tax refunded, 4 60
N. Leighton, “ “ 2 30
Dist. No. 10, Ward Room Ward 4, 4 50

Samuel Burbank, ringing bell, 1857, 12 00
Leland & Brooks, keys, &c., “ “ 1 83
South Parish, bell repairs, “ “ 21 17
J. B. Howe, watering trough, “ “ 3 00
D. Waldron, repairs engine house, 1857, 3 25
D. G. Baker, “ “ “ “ 6 00
A. Fogg, Ward Room Ward 1, “ “ 5 00
G. M. Smith, storing hearse, &c. “ “ 4 00
Jas. Woodward, watering trough, “ “ 3 00
Orren Parker, “ “ 1 00
Ai Staples, Ward Room Ward 2, “ “ 5 00
W. S. Badger, postage, “ “ 1 82
J. W. Boynton, watering trough, “ “ 3 00
James Young, repairs engine house, “ “ 2 00
Dist. No. 1, for Ward Room Ward 7, “ “ 3 00
Dist. No. 26, “ “ 6, “ “ 3 00
Dist. No. 10, “ “ 4, “ “ 3 00

L. P. Mead, rent of Council Rooms 1858, 76 50
N. Branch, on account of North Parish
Burial Ground, 1858, 10 20
Levi Page, appraiser at Almshouse, 1858, 2 00
Hartford & Smith, stitching and binding 1858, 23 42
J. W. Bangs, ringing bell, 1858, 72 00
Edward Fenno, stationer, &c., 38 74

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<td>J. L. Heath, repair of clock faces,</td>
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<td>Expense of committing insane person to hospital,</td>
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<td>Paul Brown, enlargement of North Parish Burying Ground,</td>
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<td>Estate of Elijah Bolton, for road to burying ground,</td>
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<td>Ward Rooms in Wards 4, 5, 6 and 7 for 1858,</td>
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$6,093 26
CONTINGENT, (CONTINUED.)

1858.  
March 13. By balance undrawn of 1857, $1,085 96  
Approp. of 1858, 442 31  
Received for Cemetery lot No. 228, 10 00  
" " Circus licenses, 75 00  
Overlayings on taxes of 1858, 967 73  
Supplementary tax of " 287 91  
Received by Treasurer for non-resident taxes prior to 1856, and cost and interest, 248 89  
Received from City Agency, 2,932 96  
" for grass sold from Cemetery lot, 42 50  

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RECAPITULATON OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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$10,329 29 $8,603 01 $1,726 28

LIABILITIES OF THE CITY.

Temporary loans due July 1, 1859, $2,950 00

Permanent loans:

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<th>Due in</th>
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<td>1859</td>
<td>$3,750 00</td>
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<td>1867</td>
<td>2,000 00</td>
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Balance of State Tax of 1858, $2,974 12

Due School Districts, 1,726 28

Interest on loans prior to March 19, 1859, 22 00

Mayor's warrants of 1858, unpaid, 4 57

J. G. Phinney, Street Commissioner, 100 00

Superintending School Committee 1858, say 135 00

Unsettled bills on account of the Poor, as estimated, including $39.25 due E. I. Wall for error in settlement last year, 220 50

Due to the Fire Department April 1, and May 1, 1859, 600 00

Taxes liable, 400 00
LIABILITIES OF THE CITY, (CONTINUED.)

Due on account of City Agency, $1,152 26
Joseph Baker, City Solicitor, 30 00
City Officers, per roll of accounts, allowed, 7 50
Highways, “ “ “ 1853, 1 36
Fire Departm’t, “ “ “ 8 74
Contingent, “ “ “ 134 90

$7,517 32

$35,467 32

RESOURCES.

Uncollected Taxes of 1857, $737 18
“ “ “ 1858, 6,423 08
“ non-resident taxes of 1855, 26 93
Due for non-resident lands sold for taxes of 1857, cost and interest, 59 00
Due from other towns, &c., as per report of Overseers of the Poor, 656 23
Due from State Bank tax of 1858, 1,020 47
Value of liquors, &c., at City Agency, including debts due from other towns, and stove furniture, 1,902 03
Due for eleven cemetery lots sold, 110 00
Due from Joel Richardson for use of derrick, 45 00
Kimball & Britt's note, 37 00
Cash in Treasury, 293 64

$11,310 56

Balance against the City, 24,156 76

$35,467 32

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

Farm and buildings, $4,800 00
Personal property at same, 1,589 96
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 1,200 00
Land purchased the past year east of the river for a burying ground, 575 00
Land purchased the past year in north parish, east of river, for same, 60 00
Land on Mt. Vernon Avenue, 20 00
Atlantic and Pacific Engines, 2,000 00
Engine house and lot, 1,500 00
Deluge Engine and apparatus, 400 00
House for same,
The undersigned, Committee of Finance of 1858, having examined the accounts with the several departments of the City, for the past year, here-with report the standing thereof to this date, by which it appears that after transferring from the contingent appropriation the sum of $441.09 to other appropriations, by order of City Council, and deducting $1,510.20 over-drawn on account of the poor, there remains undrawn the sum of $6,157.12. The balance against the City has been reduced from last year to the amount of $894.19, and payments not anticipated at the commencement of the year, amounting to $2,085.20, have been made on account of the poor, and the cemetery lot on the east side of the river.

J. W. PATTERSON, \{ Committee
H. W. MORTON, \} on
N. G. CARSON, \} Finance.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: WM. GASLIN, JR., Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred in concurrence.

ATTEST: LEVI PAGE, Clerk.
# REPORT OF TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

J. W. Patterson, Treasurer and Collector for 1858, in account with the City of Augusta.

1858.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dr.</th>
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<tr>
<td>For Cash in Treasury on settlement of last account</td>
<td>$1,023.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; amount of note vs. Kimball and Britt,</td>
<td>37.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; non-resident taxes of 1856, uncollected, City,</td>
<td>324.57</td>
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<tr>
<td>Village District,</td>
<td>28.44</td>
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<td>District No. 22,</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>$353.36</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; City Taxes of 1857, uncollected,</td>
<td>6,290.56</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Village District &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>56.00</td>
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<td>Cash on temporary loans, as follows:</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; of E. G. Wall,</td>
<td>250.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; John Barrows,</td>
<td>391.86</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Augusta Bank,</td>
<td>2,500.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Hannah Hayward,</td>
<td>250.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Geo. W. Morton,</td>
<td>1,500.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Nehemiah Flagg,</td>
<td>1,200.00</td>
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<td>$6,091.86</td>
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<td>amount of State, County and City Taxes of 1858, as per assessors' warrant,</td>
<td>30,567.73</td>
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<td>amount of Village School District Tax 1858,</td>
<td>2,875.99</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Supplementary City Taxes 1858,</td>
<td>301.03</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; of Supplementary Village District taxes of 1858 as per assessors' warrant,</td>
<td>15.56</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; received from State Treasurer for City's proportion of Bank Tax of 1857,</td>
<td>1,024.17</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; received for Circus Licences,</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; one Cemetery Lot, sold, (No. 228)</td>
<td>X 10.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; received from A. Gaubert, Collector of 1856, in full,</td>
<td>479.92</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; received for School District No. 20, for Arse</td>
<td>25</td>
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March 13. For cash received for non-residents' taxes prior to 1856, and interest and cost on all non-residents' taxes paid the past year, $248 89

" received from overseers of the Poor for collections from other towns and from individuals, 756 56

" received from City Agency since Aug. 20, 1858, 7½ months sales, 2,932 96

" received of L. I. Wall, unexpended for new Streets, 8 00

" received of J. G. Phinney, for grass sold at auction, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery per order City Council 1858, 42 50

$53,512 57

Cr.

By payments past year, as follows:—

Temporary loans:

Note to Charles Lowell, 425 40

" Hiram Craig, 600 00

" E. G. Wall, 250 00

" P. B. Keith, 100 00

" M. A. Rounds, 315 00

" John Barrows, 391 86

Notes to Augusta Bank, 2,500 00

$4,582 26

Note to John Barrows, date March 20, 1854, being more than the appropriation for payment of City debt, was sufficient to pay 350 00

" paid balance of State Tax of 1857, 2,674 12

" " County Tax of 1858, 3,563 57

" Llewellyn Williams and others, for Deed of 5½ acres of land, east of the river, for a burying ground by order of the City Council, 575 00

" " State Tax of 1858 in part, 1,200 00

$8,362 69

" Mayors warrants on account of the following appropriations:

Highways, 4,909 82

New Streets, 158 00

Poor, 4,824 33

Schools, 6,236 30

City Officers, 1,709 50

Fire Department, 700 17

Police, 538 29

Printing, 140 43

City Debt, 2,000 00
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<td>River note and interest on river notes,</td>
<td>770.00</td>
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<td>Interest on Loans,</td>
<td>1,498.47</td>
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<td>Abatements,</td>
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<td>Discounts,</td>
<td>2,158.35</td>
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<td>Contingent,</td>
<td>781.73</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$26,937.46</strong></td>
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Amount of non-resident taxes of 1856 uncollected,

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<td>City taxes of 1857</td>
<td>669.85</td>
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<td>Village District taxes, 1857</td>
<td>67.3</td>
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<td>City 1858</td>
<td>5,883.26</td>
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<td>Village District 1858</td>
<td>539.82</td>
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Taxes of 1857 on non-resident lands not sold, the same being forfeited to the City for previous taxes as follows:

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<td>Wm. Rice, Jr.</td>
<td>12.47</td>
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<td>Frink &amp; Pickering</td>
<td>3.53</td>
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<td>George Woodbury</td>
<td>1.75</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$17.75</strong></td>
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The following taxes of 1857, non-resident, the property taxed having been sold and deeded to the City:

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<td>A. Davis &amp; C. Hunter</td>
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<td>Ryan Fairbanks</td>
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<td>John Greely</td>
<td>1.17</td>
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<td>Jos. Howard</td>
<td>2.35</td>
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<td>T. M. Johnson</td>
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<td>R. G. Lincoln</td>
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<td>Geo. Littlefield</td>
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<td>Freeman Pratt</td>
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<td>J. W. Reynolds</td>
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<td>A. Richardson</td>
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<td>B. F. Rollins</td>
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<td>B. F. Runnells</td>
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<td>G. V. Smith</td>
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<td>Heirs of Jas. Stackpole</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Payments on account of City Agency,

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<td>for Village District on Directors’ orders</td>
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<td>Mayor’s warrant of 1857, outstanding</td>
<td>2,363.52</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,503.14</strong></td>
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Kimball & Britt’s note uncollected,                   | 12.22      |

Commissions on 4,800,00 city taxes of 1857, collected prior to

- June 8, 1858 at 1 1/2 per cent.,                        | 84.00      |
- 829,96 city taxes of 1857, collected since June 8, 1859, at 1 per cent., | 8.30       |
- 24,985,50 city taxes of 1858, collected at 1 1/2 per cent,              | 437.25     |
Commissions on 575,22, taxes, cost and interest received for non-
residents' taxes 1856, and prior advertised, at 1½ per cent, $10 06
Cash in Treasury to be charged in new account, 293 64

$53,512 57

JOSEPH W. PATTERSON, Treasurer & Collector.

MARCH 19, 1859.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing account of J. W. Patterson,
as Treasurer and Collector of the City of Augusta for the past year, find the
same to be truly vouched and correctly cast.

H. W. MORTON,  
N. G. CARSON, 
JAMES HAYDEN,  

Finance Committee.

MARCH 19, 1859.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1859.

Read and referred to next City Council, and sent down.

Attest: W. GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1859.

Read and referred in concurrence.

Attest: LEVI PAGE, Clerk.

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DR. ALONZO GAUBERT, Collector of 1856, in account with the CITY OF AUGUSTA.
1858.

March 13. For balance of City taxes uncollected, $467 47
" " Village District taxes uncoll., 48 16

$515 63

1859.

Cr.

March 19. By abatements of City taxes, $27 85
" " Village District taxes, 2 71

30 56

" Commissions on City taxes, 4 67
" " Village District taxes, 48

5 15

" cash paid City Treasurer at sundry times, 479 92

$515 63

ALONZO GAUBERT.

MARCH 19 1859.
REPORT OF OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The following is an exhibit of the affairs of the Poor Department of the city, from March 13th, 1858, to March 19th, 1859:

City of Augusta in account with the Overseers.

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<td>To paid bills of 1857,</td>
<td>$588 95</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; for Alms House and Farm of 1858,</td>
<td>$1,302 43</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; for our poor out of House of 1858,</td>
<td>1,553 63</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; of 1857 chargeable to other towns,</td>
<td>141 18</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; of 1858 chargeable to other towns,</td>
<td>922 29</td>
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<td>cash paid into Treasury,</td>
<td>756 56</td>
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By cash received of other towns on bills of 1857, | $366 37 |
| " " of other towns on bills of 1858, | 358 20 |
| " " of sundry persons, refunded, | 724 57 |
| " charged other towns for support of their poor in Alms House, | 31 99 |
| " Mayor's warrants on City Treasurer, | 130 83 |
| | 4,377 75 |
| | $5,265 14 |

The same gentlemen who appraised the city farm and personal property the last year, performed the same service this, making $106 more of personal, and $300 of the former, this, than last, for the improvements, the cost of which is included in the statement above.

We have thus far failed to get several demands which were estimated assets last year, and which we now leave out of our estimate of $642 due from other towns; the liabilities outstanding we estimate at $175. The last is always an uncertain item to estimate, for although it may cover all known liabilities, before three months expire we may find that they are much greater. The position we occupy by your permission, always per-
plexing, and requiring much wisdom and discretion in performing its duties, we have found to be peculiarly so the past year, for want of more accommodation at the Alms House. We have rendered assistance to more than one hundred and fifty different families out of the House, some of them a very trifling amount, but quite a number to an amount much beyond what it would have cost in the Alms House had we had room for them. One item, that of house rent, might have been mostly saved, and for which we have paid $147.75. The appropriation for moving and repairing the barns and other outbuildings included in the above statement, has, we think, been judiciously expended, and adds much to the convenience of the establishment, and were located with reference to the future enlargement of the House. We have succeeded in sinking a well for the use of the barn, which promises to be enduring, and which is a great convenience and saving to the place. Mr. Wall, by his good judgment, decision, humanity and mildness of manner, has saved us much anxiety and trouble, and fully sustained his reputation as well qualified for the station he occupies.

THOS. LITTLE,
J. S. TURNER,
EDWARD FENNO,

Overseers.

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1859.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred to next City Council.
WM. GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred, in concurrence.
LEVI PAGE, Clerk.
To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen:—It does not appear to be necessary for me to say anything pertaining to the City Farm and Alms House, and the poor under my care, for the year ending March 19, 1859, inasmuch as you are already in possession of all facts relating thereto.

By your timely visits together with his Honor the Mayor, by your cooperation and efficient instruction in the discharge of this most responsible duty, you will please accept my sincere thanks. As it is my duty to lay before you a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures, they will be found as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from Overseers of Poor, $1,302 43

for apples, $206 18
" hay and straw, 129 11
" labor, 100 08
" oats, 24 42
" beef ox, 86 48
" hides, 11 85
" pigs, 9 00
" butter, 11 22
" tallow, 2 25
" eggs, 1 19
" ashes and soap grease, 9 15
" pasturage, 11 20
" milk and cream, 21 57
" lard, 5 46

629 10

EXPENDITURES.

For Provisions:

Flour 164.08, corn 73.31, rye 10.36, $245 75
Rice 9.48, potatoes 22.75, pork 37.50, 69 73
Fish 46.36, butter 4.36, cheese 6.02, 56 74
Tea 32.55, coffee 27.91, molasses 32.54, 93 00
Meat, fresh and corned, 44.90, sugar 4.84, 49 74
Beans 6.25, saleratus and salt 6.54, vinegar 5.08, 17 87

$532 88
For sundries in Alms House:
Wood 90.13, lamp oil 16.92, soap 24.51, 131.56
Brooms 2.50, tin and crockery 9.00, oil carpet 11.60, 23.10

For clothing:
Boots and shoes 46.39, dry goods 112.64,

For sundries on farm:
Tools 6.44, blacksmith bills 20.33, pump 4.85, 31.62
Grass seed and barley 13.95, lumber 37.92, nails 8.35, 69.22

For Stock:
One yoke oxen 160.00, cow 35.00, pigs 8.00,

For Labor:
Two hired men 271.07, occasional labor 137.02, 408.09
Girls' wages in Alms House, 106.00
Superintendent's salary, 300.00

For Miscellaneous:
Tobacco 16.12, toll on bridge 3.23, coffins 8.49 27.84
Sundry small bills, 48.24

Amount raised on City Farm the past year:
30 tons hay, 3 bushels onions,
80 bushels corn, 350 " apples,
154 " oats, 140 " potatoes,
46 " barley, 100 heads cabbage,
2 " peas, 1410 pounds pork,
9½ " beans, 910 " beef,
55 " beets, 111 " lard,
44 " carrots, 50 " tallow,
88 " turnips, 581 " butter,
5 " parsnips, 220 " dried apple.

ELBRIDGE G. WALL, Superintendent.

MARCH 19, 1859.
**REPORTS OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.**

*To the City Council:*

The undersigned, Street Commissioner for the Western District, respectfully submits his report of expenditures on the roads and streets in his district, as follows:

### RECEIPTS.

Advanced from Treasury per Mayor's warrants, $2,820 24

" " " on account of 1857, 33 20

**$2,853 44**

### EXPENDITURES.

Expended per vouchers on file in the Mayor's office, from No. 1 to 372, inclusive:

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<td>Same, winter</td>
<td>36 40</td>
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<td>Coombs Mill road, (south) repairs</td>
<td>45 87</td>
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<td>Same, winter</td>
<td>25 80</td>
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<td>River road to Sidney, (1st Dist.) repairs</td>
<td>65 78</td>
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<td>Same, winter</td>
<td>45 17</td>
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<td>River road to Sidney, (2d Dist.) repairs</td>
<td>*128 90</td>
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<td>Same, winter</td>
<td>27 70</td>
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<td>Middle road to Sidney, repairs</td>
<td>49 75</td>
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<td>Woodward road, repairs</td>
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<td>Mt. Vernon Avenue, repairs</td>
<td>154 39</td>
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<td>Same, winter</td>
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| **Total**                                        | **204 14**

* This includes $46.75 paid to Wm. for part for building curb near his house. There will be due him $78.75 upon the completion of the same.
Belgrade road, from Hovey's to Sidney, and Bog road to do., repairs, 57 30
Same, winter, 35 95
\[ \text{Total: } 93 25 \]

Coombs Mill road, (north) repairs, \$44 35
Same, winter, 35 95
\[ \text{Total: } 80 30 \]

Ballard road, repairs, 44 70
Same, winter, 34 10
\[ \text{Total: } 78 80 \]

Whitten road, repairs, 11 50

Belgrade road from Joel Richardson's to the Meadow brook, repairs, 88 25
Same, winter, 40 79
\[ \text{Total: } 129 04 \]

Whinthrop street, from Orchard St. west, repairs, 25 00
Same, winter, 28 20
\[ \text{Total: } 53 20 \]

Lyon road, repairs, 9 50
Same, winter, 15 85
\[ \text{Total: } 25 35 \]

Central, or "Village" District, repairs, 1,150 67
Same, winter, 126 23
\[ \text{Total: } 1,276 90 \]

Materials, 258 14
Paid on account of 1857, per vouchers 300 to 311, inclusive, 33 20
\[ \text{Total: } 2,853 44 \]

March 19, 1859.

J. G. PHINNEY, Street Commissioner.

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In Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred to next City Council.

WM. GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

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In Common Council, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred, in concurrence.

LEVI PAGE, Clerk.
Gentlemen of the City Council:

The undersigned, Street Commissioner for the Eastern District, respectfully submits his report of the expenditures upon the roads and streets in his district the past year, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Advanced from the treasury upon Mayor's Warrants, $1,984 93
" from same per do., on account of 1857, 26 25

EXPENDITURES.

Bangor Street, $242 85
North Belfast road, 369 11
South Belfast " 337 92
Thomaston " 371 40
Hospital Street, 70 90
Windsor road, 103 02
Prescott " 27 80
Keene " 88 40
Church Hill road, 134 75
Greely " 16 00
Mud Mill " 52 60
Howe " 17 18
Village District roads and streets, 102 95
Materials, 68 05

$1,984 93
26 25
$2,011 18

NOTE. Of the above bills, $434.90 was for breaking roads through the winter.

NEW STREETS.

The sum of $150 has been paid out by me towards building the Ward road, and Mayor's Warrant received therefor. I. B. Howe will be entitled to $10.37 when said road is completed.

L. I. WALL, Street Commissioner.

March 19, 1859.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred to next City Council.

WM. GASLIN, JR., Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred in concurrence.

LEVI PAGE, Clerk.
REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Common Council of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen:—In conformity with Section 9 of the City Ordinance creating a Fire Department, I herewith report to you the present condition of the Fire Department and the services performed during the year.

The Department has been called out since the first of March, 1858, four times; three times the engines have not been called into service, the fires having been extinguished by a few buckets of water—damage trifling. In October, 1858, 10 o'clock A.M., alarm caused by taking fire of Mr. Fogg's house. Both engines called into service. Loss about three hundred dollars, which was insured.

There are belonging to the city the following Engines and apparatus: the Deluge No. 1, with 450 feet of good leading hose; also carriage, with 18 feet of suction hose and other apparatus, all in good order.

The Atlantic and Pacific, Nos. 3 and 4, each contain a company of thirty members. The Atlantic No. 3 has 500 feet of leading hose and 24 of suction hose. The Pacific No. 4 has 450 feet of leading hose and 24 feet of suction hose.

All the apparatus belonging to the above machines is in good order.

Belonging to the Department are one hook and ladder carriage, two fire hoes and three ladders and 400 feet of rope.

All bills against the Department have been paid, except the amount due the companies for their services, which will become due as follows: to the Atlantic Company $300, due on the first Monday of April, 1859, and to the Pacific Company $300 on the first Monday of May, 1859.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ERI WILLS, Chief Engineer.

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1859.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 21, 1859.

Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

LEVI PAGE, Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 21, 1859.

WILLIAM GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.
REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

To the Mayor and Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—It becomes my duty to report to you the doings of the Police Department for the past year. It is with much pleasure that I can report a great decrease of crime of every description, particularly that of drunkenness.

The complaints made and warrants issued have been as follows:

For drunkenness, 58 Convicted, 50 Discharged, 8

" assault, 13 " 12 " 1
" selling liquor, 24 " 15 " 9
" lewd conduct, 4 " 4
" larceny, 5 " 5
" vagrancy, 1 " 1
" malicious mischief, 2 " 2
" house of prostitution, 1 " 1

Whole number of complaints, one hundred and eight—thirty-two less than I reported one year ago.

The city has been very quiet and orderly through the year, exhibiting a marked improvement over any previous year. The greatest change has been within the last four months. It is now rare to see a drunken man in the streets. Many persons, who, a few months ago were intoxicated every day, are now sober and exemplary men.

The "Maine Law" is working well, and if judiciously and firmly enforced will ultimately put an end to the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Public opinion is in its favor—there is no clamor against it, and the only hindrance to its perfect work, is the appetite and cupidity of those who are directly interested in the use or sale of ardent spirits.

We have kept a vigilant night watch most of the year. The wisdom of this course has been abundantly demonstrated. The discovery of a fire in North’s Block, by the night watch, saved an amount of property that would support the night watch for years. The maxim that "an ounce of preven-
tion is worth a pound of cure" has been fully illustrated, both in the saving of property and the prevention of crime.

Respectfully yours,

J. L. HEATH, City Marshal.

In Board of Aldermen, March 19, 1859.
Read and referred to next Board of Aldermen.

WM. GASLIN, Jr., Clerk.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We should not be unmindful, that the prosperity of our city, in a measure depends upon a faithful administration of the government, which for a brief period, the partiality of our fellow citizens has committed to us.

Good government, rightly administered, for the benefit of the governed, is as much to be desired in a municipality as a State, and while it affects more immediately the comfort of the citizen, being brought home to his daily life, it is quite as difficult to satisfactorily administer, in proportion to the importance of its operations, as the extended interests of a State.

No fear of magnifying your office, should lead you to underrate its importance. Municipal office, is usually held in light esteem, but the experience of the canvas just ended, furnishes gratifying evidence of a just appreciation of these popular favors.

The general policy which should be pursued in the administration of our city government may be briefly stated. I would first mention strict economy in appropriations and expenditures; a reliable system of accounts, and rigid accountability in all departments; an enlightened and fostering care of our public schools; ample provision and kind treatment for the unfortunate poor; an early, thorough and permanent repair of our streets, looking to their form, and to bringing them up eventually to a standard of excellence to which they have seldom or never attained; a gradual reduction of our city debt; a prompt collection of taxes, and equally prompt discharge of every legitimate claim upon the treasury; and such sanitary and police measures as may ensure us a cleanly city, and an orderly and peaceable community.

Isaac Sanford late of Manchester, deceased, bequeathed to the city of Augusta, the sum of $1500, in trust, the interest to be applied annually to furnishing school books and stationery for indigent children, first in the city of Augusta two years, then in the town of Manchester, Readfield, Sidney, and Belgrade, one year each, and then to return to Augusta for two years, and so on. This bequest has become payable, and will be paid whenever the city by its proper authorities shall signify its acceptance of the trust. You undoubtedly take the necessary action for this purpose, and
adopt such measures for the disbursement of the interest, as may best effect
the benevolent intention of the testator. A copy of said Sanford’s will,
with a communication from the executor, will be laid before you at an early
day.

I would call your attention to section sixteen of the City Charter, which
requires the City Council “once in ten years, and not oftener than five
years, to review, and if it be needful to alter the wards in such manner as
to preserve as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants in each.”
The city was divided into wards by the Selectmen of Augusta, February
6th, 1850. Ten years will elapse from that time before your term of
office expires. You will be required to review and make any needful al­
terations in the wards.

A lot of land on Bangor street, near the east end of Kennebec Dam,
containing 5½ acres, was purchased by the city of the heirs of the late
Charles Williams during the past year, for a Cemetery. It is finely located
for that purpose, and was obtained at the advantageous price of $575.
With this addition to the burial grounds of the city, which are quite ex­
tensive, both public and private, it is believed that no enlargement will be
required for half a century.

The management of the City Farm has received a new and favorable
impulse from the increased attention given to it. The barns upon the farm
needing repairs, it was thought advisable to remove them to more con­
venient locations, an expenditure of $175 was authorized for that purpose.
Under the judicious management of the Superintendent of the Almshouse,
with the force on the farm, the removal was accomplished, the buildings
repaired and other needed improvements made, which have added much to
the comfort and convenience, as well as the profit of farming operations.

Further improvements are required to put the farm in a condition most
profitable to the city, which may be made at a small expense.

The pasturage upon the farm is quite limited. It is very desirable that
it should be increased, which may be done by purchasing land adjoining on
the north. It is believed that an addition in that direction can be made at
a reasonable price. I would commend a suitable enlargement to your
favorable consideration.

The support of the poor, from the numerous applicants and the amount
necessarily required for their relief, is a department of increasing impor­
tance, requiring great circumspection and prudence in its management.

As we increase in population we may expect increased calls upon this
department, which we should be prepared to meet with the necessary pro­
visions for a speedy and economical relief, so that every dollar of aid, may
furnish its full measure of comfort and support. Law has its enactments
for the benefit of the unfortunate; i
that we can not escape them if we would, and I trust we would not esca
them if we could. And while the streams of private charity flow freely with
our citizens, I am confident, that you will be countenanced by them, in dis­
pensing the full measure of relief which ample provisions of law have placed
in your hands.

I called the attention of the City Council last year without avail to re­
pairing and enlarging the Alms house. It is a subject worthy of more
consideration than has heretofore been given to it. I commend it to your
serious attention.

The amount paid for the support of the Poor the past year is $4377 75,
to which should be added $175 00 estimated outstanding bills; $1063 5 7
is reimbursable from other towns, making $3479 68 paid on account of
our own poor, to which should be added the interest on the City Farm,
$300, making the amount paid and estimated due $3779 68. Included in
this sum is $588 95, paid on account of bills for 1857.

At the Alms-house 93 persons were furnished with relief to the amount
of 1311 weeks board, and 155 families and individuals were furnished out
of the Alms-house, for whom $147 75 rent was paid.

The expenditure in the department of Highways, notwithstanding the
unusual number and severity of the winter storms, has fallen within the
amount provided for it. The bills paid amount to $4783 68, of which
$968 14 was for making the roads and streets passable during the winter,
leaving $3825 54 for repairs.

The amount expended in the Eastern District for Repairs is $1538 54;
snow bills $434 90; making a total of $1973 44. The energetic Street
Commissioner for this district expended his money early in the season and
promptly settled his bills and adjusted his account.

The amount expended in the Western District during the summer was
$2287 20; in the winter $583 24; making a total of $2820 44. That
the disbursements in this district in the main were judiciously made there
is not much reason to doubt; though in the central part of the district,
where the largest part of the expenditure was made, economy would direct
more of the expenditure to have been made earlier in the season. I would
suggest in this connexion whether the interest of the city would not be pro­
moted by keeping a team at the City Farm to do the work of repairs in
the central part of the Western District. The sum paid for teams for that
purpose during the past year was $367 10. The City Farm was paid $67
of that sum.

The finances of the city have continued prosperous under the faithful
administration of the City Treasurer. The taxes have been promptly paid.
A larger amount was received this year under the discounts than last. $2500
of the permanent debt was paid, as it matured, by money raised by assessment. The permanent debt is now $24,950, as follows, viz:

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From two to three thousand of this should be paid by assessment during the present year.

The Fire Department, fortunately for the city, has been called out by alarms but four times, and the engines used but once at a fire, which caused only a few hundred dollars damage; but the department has continued in a condition for prompt and efficient action during the year.

The police force, though small, is creditable to the city, having discharged its duty in a quiet way with more than usual success. The quiet good order of the city, during the days it was thronged with visitors to the State Fair, was the subject of remark and commendation at the time, evincing the good management of the chief of police, and the efficiency of his subordinates.

Gentlemen: In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to my fellow citizens who have again placed me in the position I occupy. With the blessing of Him whose countenance imparteth wisdom, I hope to discharge my duty with such ability as He has given me. Permit me further to say that I do not purpose to be a candidate for re-election.

JAMES W. NORTH.

AUGUSTA, March 21, 1859.
CITY GOVERNMENT.

1859.

MAYOR.

JAMES W. NORTH.

ALDERMEN.

Ward 1. Charles Hamlen,
       " 2. William T. Johnson,
       " 3. Orren Williamson,
       Ward 4. Ambrose Hovey,
       " 5. Robert A. Cony,
       " 6. John Barrows,

COMMON COUNCIL.

JOHN H. HARTFORD, President.

Ward 1. George W. Macomber,
       John H. Hussey,
       James Hayden.
Ward 2. John H. Hartford,
       Noah G. Carson,
       Alvan Fogg.
Ward 3. Hiram Craig,
       David Boynton,
       F. W. Dearborn.
Ward 4. A. H. Lyon,
       Asa Cummings,
       Orrison Woods.
Ward 5. Edward B. Thorn,
       Harvey Chisam,
       Edward E. Savage.
Ward 6. John E. Ward,
       William O. Green,
       P. S. Percival.
Ward 7. John Hill,
       Danforth Foster,
       S. S. Webster.

WILLIAM GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

LEVI PAGE, Clerk Common Council.
MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

SAMUEL TITCOMB.

City Marshal—Joshua L. Heath.
City Physician—Joseph W. Toward.
Treasurer and Collector—Joseph W. Patterson.
City Solicitor—Joseph Baker.
Assessors—Charles Hamlen, Robert A. Cony, John Arnold.
Street Engineer—Joseph W. Patterson.
Overseers of the Poor—Thomas Little, L. B. Hamlen, P. S. Percival.
Chief Engineer Fire Department—Joseph Anthony.
First Assistant Engineer—James W. Welch.
Second Assistant Engineer—Daniel H. Davis.
Constables—J. L. Heath, Edward B. Thorn; Ward 1, Charles Gowen; Ward 2, Edmund Getchell; Ward 3, James Safford; Ward 4, George M. Smith; Ward 5, Elisha Springer; Ward 6, Henry T. Morse; Ward 7, Ambrose Small.

Street Commissioners—Reuel Townsend, Western District; Luther I. Wall, Eastern District.

Superintending School Committee—William Gaslin, Jr., Greenville T. Fletcher, C. E. Hayward.


Superintendent Burying Ground—Jeremiah Fisk.

Superintendent of Alms House and Pound Keeper—E. G. Wall.


Surveyors of Lumber—Eleazer Smith, Gilmore Bartlett, Samuel B. Hodgkins, Luther I. Wall, Abner Greenleaf, John H. Harvey, Lemuel...

*Fence Viewers*—Joel Richardson, Benjamin Spaulding, Charles Little, Anson Church, John Barrows, Simeon Leighton, Joseph H. Wall, John H. Hussey.


*Viewers, Surveyors, and Cullers of Hoops and Staves*—Ezra Emery, Reuben C. Smith.

*Persons to make complaint against Truant Children*—Joshua L. Heath, Charles E. Hayward, James Safford.

*Health Officer*—Joshua L. Heath.

*Tythingmen*—J. L. Heath, G. W. Jones, Howard Pettingill.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ON ACCOUNTS.
Messrs. Hamlen, } 
  Cony,  } Aldermen.
Messrs. Fogg, 
  Boynton,  } Councilmen.
  Webster,  }

ON FINANCE.
Messrs. Johnson,  } 
  Williamson,  } Aldermen.
Messrs. Carson, 
  Hayden,  } Councilmen.
  Craig,  }

ON HIGHWAYS.
Messrs. Cony,  } 
  Williamson,  } Aldermen.
Messrs. Hussey, 
  Cummings,  } Councilmen.
  Boynton,  }

ON NEW STREETS.
Messrs. Hamlen,  } 
  Ingraham,  }
Messrs. Macomber,  
  Hayden,  } Councilmen.
  Dearborn,  }
ON BELL AND CLOCKS.
Messrs. Hovey, Williamson, \{ Aldermen.
Messrs. Boynton, Lyon, Thorn, \{ Councilmen.

ON BURYING GROUNDS.
Messrs. Ingraham, Hovey, \{ Aldermen.

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Messrs. Williamson, Hamlen, \{ Aldermen.
Messrs. Hayden, Chisam, Savage, \{ Councilmen.

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
Messrs. Johnson, Barrows, \{ Aldermen.
Messrs. Percival, Foster, Craig, \{ Councilmen.

ON PRINTING.
Messrs. Ingraham, Cony, \{ Aldermen.
Messrs. Green, Thorn, Hill, \{ Councilmen.
ON CITY BUILDINGS.

Messrs. Barrows, } Aldermen.
   Hovey,   
Messrs. Webster,   
   Fogg,   
   Dearborn,   
   

ON ENROLLED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Williamson, } Aldermen.
   Johnson,   
Messrs. Macomber,   
   Webster,   
   Carson,   
   

WARD OFFICERS.

WARD 1—FREDERICK WINGATE, Warden.
   OLIVER TURNER, Clerk.

WARD 2—EBEN SAWYER, Warden.
   JOHN D. MYRICK, Clerk.

WARD 3—DAVID BOYNTON, Warden.
   F. ABORN, Clerk.

WARD 4—ELKANAH MILLER, Warden.
   G. L. GUOIR, Clerk.

WARD 5—CHAS. E. HAYWARD, Warden.
   SAMUEL PATTERSON, Clerk.

WARD 6—PETER GAY, Warden.
   STEPHEN PLUMMER, Clerk.

WARD 7—JOSEPH H. WALL, Warden.
   E. G. CASWELL, Clerk.
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Augusta:
The Superintending School Committee, in obedience to the requisitions of the law of this State, respectfully present the following

ANNUAL REPORT

For the official year ending March, 1859:

Amount of money appropriated by the City Council for the support of schools for 1858, $5,000 00
Amount received from the State, 1,020 47
Additional amount raised by the Village District, 1,000 00

Total, $7,020 47
Amount exclusive of Village District, $2,859 97
Average amount to a scholar, $2 10
Whole number of scholars in the city, May 1st, 1858, 2,867
Number without the limits of the Village District, 1,362
Whole number of teachers in the city, exclusive of the Village District, during the summer, 24
During the winter, 23

All the summer schools, excepting one, were taught by females; and seven female teachers were employed in the winter.

Towns' Old Series of Readers which had been used in our schools for so many years with marked success, last spring went out of print. Their place had to be supplied. After examining several different kinds of reading books, we came to the unanimous conclusion that Towns' Progressive Series was the best, and accordingly recommended its introduction into the several schools. This was left optional with the parents by whom
they were taken in every district. The books were furnished by the pub­lishers, through their agent, for less than one-half their retail prices, and left with the teachers so that the scholars could easily obtain them.

The average attendance of the winter schools was somewhat diminished, in consequence of the prevalence of the measles. With this exception, the Committee are gratified in being able to say, that, in their opinion, our public schools have been unusually prosperous during the past year. General harmony and good feeling have existed between teachers and scholars, and in many districts commendable progress has been made. Neither a single scholar has been expelled nor a teacher dismissed by the Committee, and our intervention has been needed in but few instances. Let us not be misunderstood. We by no means would convey the idea that our schools are perfect. Far from it. There are ample opportunities for improvement in many. But we feel justified in speaking of them in the highest terms, since the majority have given such general satisfaction. Knowing that no one can advantageously teach what he does not thoroughly comprehend, we have been unusually critical in our examinations of teachers, and endeav­ored to be governed by our convictions of justice and right, rather than by our sympathies for the candidates. No school has closed without at least one visit from the Committee; and had we been duly notified, not one would have terminated without having been visited twice. Our duty is imperative, and we have endeavored to discharge it according to the best of our ability. Yet we may have erred in many instances in deciding the differences which have arisen, and in judging of the condition and progress of the schools.

In order to give a correct idea of our standard, we will briefly hint at what we consider the true design and ultimate object of education. Vastly inferior is that mode of instruction which merely makes the scholar familiar with the set rules and formulas of his text-books, without leading him to clearly comprehend the reasons upon which they are based. Verbal reci­tations of what the author has asserted, do not constitute education. The subject treated in its minutest details, and not the book, must be mastered. Such a degree of familiarity should be attained by the scholar, that he can converse intelligibly upon the topics which have been made the subjects of his term's study without being compelled to resort to his books. To quicken and develop the mental powers, and to acquire that knowledge which will be available in after life, is the highest aim of all study. Merely commit­ting to memory a routine of words by which principles are supposed to be enunciated and facts declared, is deleterious to the intellect and impose an impassable barrier to all true progress. The mind must investigate and act for itself, or it can never be properly trained and developed. We know by sad experience that the only true mode of instruction is that which un­folds and gives a reason for every principle, and compels the scholar to
proceed step by step, thoroughly and fully comprehending his work as it is gone over. When teachers find their scholars advanced beyond their actual attainments, let them by a thorough and critical examination on the primary principles convince them of their utter inability to proceed farther without an accurate knowledge of the ground already passed over. By this treatment, most scholars in a short time will become convinced that the declarations of their teachers are true, and cheerfully comply with their requisitions. To awaken an interest in scholars and incite them to study, to be uniform, firm and judicious in government, to drill, explain and unfold every principle of the several branches taught, to methodically arrange ideas and couch them in intelligible language, is no easy task; yet no teacher will meet our unqualified approbation unless he has done this. The following are our honest convictions concerning the progress and standing of the several schools under our charge. We design to speak freely, and in some cases it may be severely, but in every instance justly and kindly.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term—Miss Lizzie C. Hewings. The attendance was very irregular, which greatly impeded the progress of the school. Those who were habitually absent, not only made very little progress themselves, but when present retarded those who were regular. The mode of instruction was thorough, the order good, and those scholars who were punctual in attendance made commendable progress.

Winter Term.—Two schools. The primary department was under the care of Miss Lizzie C. Hewins, who taught the summer school; the older and more advanced scholars were under the instruction of Mr. Grafton Norris.

Miss Hewins was as successful this term as the preceding one. The scholars were more regular in attendance than during the summer term; still absences were much too numerous. The school was so classified that the teacher could do justice to each class. At our first visit the order was too lax, and the reading unsatisfactory. We directed effectual reform, and were pleased to find, at our second visit, that the evils existing before had been entirely remedied. The scholars cheerfully submitted to the salutary discipline of the school. All classes had made decided progress. The reading was loud and accurate, and had greatly improved in every respect. The classes in arithmetic were thorough, showing conclusively, that they comprehended what they had been over. Both teacher and scholars were wide awake.

Mr. Norris was the very man for the school; mild, yet firm and decided; sustaining good order, rarely resorting to corporal punishment. Under the thorough instruction of their teacher, the scholars made
rapid progress. The classes in arithmetic, particularly deserve commendation for the facility and ease with which they solved and analyzed, to the very bottom, some of the most difficult questions they had been over, and for the lucid explanations of the more intricate rules they had mastered. Mr. Norris is one of our best teachers, and possesses a natural tact, that will warrant success in the most difficult schools.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term—Miss Martha J. Hatch. At our first visit the order was good, the recitations satisfactory, and the ensuing term bid fair to be profitable. But at our last visit the classes in grammar and arithmetic lacked interest, animation and thoroughness, standing a very poor examination on their term's study. The reading was commendable. The small scholars were restless and uneasy. Miss Hatch also taught the winter term of the primary school in District No. 20.

Winter Term—Mr. W. T. H. Craig. The instruction was thorough and analytical. The classes in grammar, in particular, did well. Those who last summer were in Tower's Elements, readily analyzed and passed a large number of ordinary sentences which the teacher wrote on the blackboard. The other recitations were satisfactory. The scholars evinced a good degree of interest in their studies, and appeared to be attached to their teacher. There was too much noise and whispering among the small scholars. This school is mostly composed of small scholars who are not very far advanced. Mr. Craig taught the winter school in District No. 7.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term—Miss Angenette Cony. At our first visit we found that the school had not entirely recovered from last winter's shock. It required much effort on the part of the teacher, to interest the scholars in their studies, and sustain good order. The school was well classified and under good discipline. At the close of the school it assumed a very different aspect. The teacher had infused life and animation into her pupils. The discipline was good, and the recitations of a very high order. The scholars spoke distinctly, paid the best attention, and answered the difficult questions on their term's studies very promptly. Miss Cony is a thorough practical scholar herself, possessing the ability of clearly unfolding and explaining in a methodical manner those branches she teaches, so that they will interest her scholars and make a lasting impression on their minds. She is one of our very best teachers.

Winter Term—Miss Susan B. Cony. A goodly number of large scholars were in attendance this term, who deserve much credit for their salutary influence upon the school. The reading of all classes, at the close of the term, was excellent, indicating a large amount of care and labor on
the part of the instructor, as well as commendable diligence on the part of
the scholars. An advanced class in arithmetic did well. The recitations
in grammar were commendable. The class in mental arithmetic evinced a
lack of thoroughness. When the scholars came to the recitation seats, each
endeavored to make the least noise possible. There was much whispering
among the younger portion of the school. A little more animation would
have rendered some of the recitations more interesting. Miss Cony has
had much experience in teaching, and has always succeeded well and given
good satisfaction. She is loved and esteemed by her scholars.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term—Miss Lydia R. Bolton. As some in the district
wished to have no summer term, but have all the money expended in the
winter, when all could attend, the Agent closed the school after four
weeks. It required all that time to get the school under way. When we
visited the school, six pupils only were present, who were quiet and studi­
ous. Miss Bolton is a good scholar, and has the elements of a successful
teacher.

Winter Term—Mr. W. T. H. Craig. We were informed during the
term that the teacher took little interest in the school, spending much of
his time at the desk, reading miscellaneous books. In consequence of this
information, we examined the school thoroughly. The recitations in
arithmetic were satisfactory. The teacher gave his pupils questions
involving the most difficult principles in fractions, which were correctly
solved and well explained—convincing us that they understood what they
had been over. The classes in grammar had been well instructed by some
one. All the classes, we think, passed a good examination.

In the circle of our acquaintance, we do not know a more straight­
forward, worthy young man than Mr. Craig. His superior in scholarship
is not to be found among our teachers.

This is one of the most orderly, well-disposed schools under our supre­
mision. Many of the parents, for years, have taken a great interest in the
education of their children, often liberally contributing for the support of
private schools. Many of the large scholars having left within a few
years—for this reason the school does not stand so high as formerly.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term—Miss Susan J. Hodgdon. The order was very lax.
Classes in arithmetic were deficient; recitations in geography and reading
were very unsatisfactory. Whispering, laughing and commotion in general
were tolerated with perfect impunity. It was an unprofitable term. Miss
Hodgdon lacks the firmness and decision requisite to manage so difficult a
school.
Winter Term—Mr. Z. A. Smith. Industrious, animated and wide awake, he infused energy and life into his school—exciting a laudable and praiseworthy ambition in his pupils. The recitations did credit to both scholars and teacher. He taught them to dig deep, to think and investigate for themselves. The school was orderly and well conducted. Mr. Smith deserves much credit for the manly course he pursued in his school. He gained the full approbation of his scholars, their parents and the committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term—Miss Mary F. Phinney. This school commenced about the middle of May, and after continuing eight weeks there was a vacation, after which another term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Phinney. At the commencement of the first term, we found the order very deficient, but the mode of instruction good. She taxed herself with explaining to, and toiling with, her classes, without compelling the idle to get their lessons. We gave such advice as we thought needed. At the close of the first term, the order had improved. Recitations in grammar and mental arithmetic were good. The other classes were not so successful. At the close of the last term the order and recitations were still more improved. Miss Phinney is a good scholar, and has quite a happy mode of instruction, but is too lenient. This is her first school.

Some of our wealthiest farmers reside in this district who live in neat and well-furnished houses. One would suppose such parents would provide for the comfort of their children abroad as well as at home; but such seems not to be the fact. They have one of the worst school-rooms in the city. It is a little, antique, cold, poorly constructed house, which should have been razed to the ground years ago. This we found crowded with smart, intellectual children, many of whom are fine scholars. We call this a lucid illustration of the force of contrast.

Winter Term—H. W. D. Hayward. This is a large school, and requires much judgment on the part of the teacher in its management. Mr. Hayward applied himself earnestly to his work, and succeeded in classifying the school as well as could be expected, considering the opposition on the part of some of the parents to purchasing new books. We found but one class in "Town's Progressive Series," and they had made excellent improvement. The classes in arithmetic failed to give a clear analysis of their propositions, but the classes in grammar did finely. Had the government of this school been more firm, much greater progress would have been made. We trust parents will fully realize the power which a good home influence exerts over their children at school. At our last visit we expected to meet many inhabitants of the district. We were disappointed, as we found only one gentleman present.
of this school going down street. We were thus deprived of learning their attainments. Respect for them and all concerned prevents us from making public their names.

**DISTRICT No. 11.**

*Fall Term*—Miss Ruth E. Pierce. As this is a very small district, containing but few scholars, it was thought expedient to have but one term. In a little old fashioned school-house, we found this faithful teacher devoting her entire time and attention to a few cheerful, industrious and well disposed pupils. The recitations would have done credit to those schools that have the advantage of two or three terms annually. The reading was loud and accurate, the articulation distinct. The scholars spelled and defined some of the most difficult words in their lessons with ease and promptly answered the questions propounded by the committee, showing a thorough knowledge of the rules applicable on what they had read. A scholar who never before had studied geography had been through Colton & Fitch's large work, and stood a thorough examination in the same. A class in arithmetic, which, at the commencement of the term had never been further than Compound Numbers, went to Proportion and stood a good examination on what they had been over. Two little girls who had been through Tower's Elements of Grammar, analyzed and parsed finely. A scholar only four years old, read with ease, and spelled ordinary words of one and two syllables. The scholars and teacher deserve the highest commendation. None of our schools, this year, in the same time, have made such rapid progress as this. Miss Pierce also taught the summer term in district No. 18.

**DISTRICT No. 12.**

*Summer Term*—Miss Helen S. Farnham. This is one of our most advanced schools, and for some time has been under the best instruction. To be frank, Miss Farnham's scholarship was not up to the school. Her mode of instruction was superficial. The classes were taught to recite the rules as laid down in the books, but were not instructed to investigate and think for themselves. The teacher lacked animation, which made the recitations prosy and dull. The order was much too lax. Miss Farnham is a very amiable young lady, to whom her scholars were strongly attached. The very traits of character which won respect and esteem for her, caused her to be too indulgent to her pupils.

*Winter Term*—Mr. Thomas Fillebrown. At our first visit there was too much noise and whispering among the small scholars. The evils of the summer term had not yet been eradicated. The number of classes was so great that it was difficult for the teacher to do justice to all. At the close of the school the order had much improved. The reading was not in har-
mony with the other recitations. There were too many mistakes, and the scholars were not particular in their enunciation. The recitations in arithmetic, grammar and geography were good. A class of young ladies in physiology passed a thorough examination. Mr. Fillebrown is an energetic, thorough teacher, who deserves much credit for the decision and firmness he displayed in this school. This was a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Spring Term—Miss Melissa B. Whitehouse. In our last year's report we stated that this school had closed. This was a mistake. We were notified by the Agent in due season and visited it at the close. We found this small school in a very flourishing condition, under the instruction of a faithful and competent teacher. The recitations were worthy of those schools which have superior advantages.

Fall Term—Miss Lucy A. Smart. At the close of the school only eight scholars were present. The reading was too rapid and indistinct. The other classes did quite well. The instruction was not sufficiently thorough.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer Term—Miss Ellen A. White. This teacher exerted herself to the utmost to make the term profitable, and merits the approbation of all concerned. She explained and re-explained, reviewed and re-reviewed, till her classes clearly comprehended what they had been over. Her devotion to and interest in her scholars were crowned with marked success. The school-house in this district needs remodeling. The floor should be leveled and the front seats lowered. As they now are, the small scholars are unable to rest their feet on the floor while sitting on them. No wonder these children are restless and noisy. The only wonder is, how they can keep from crying out from torture and pain.

Winter Term—Mr. Charles H. Leadbetter. When we examined Mr. Leadbetter, he informed us that the school probably would continue about sixteen weeks. After it had kept eleven weeks it closed. As we were not notified that the school had been shortened, we did not visit it the second time. At our first visit the school appeared quite well. This is Mr. Leadbetter's first attempt at teaching.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Summer Term—Miss Vesta Ida Gardner. This is a small school, in which there are two short terms annually. Some of the parents in this district take a great interest in the education of their children, and their salutary influence on the school is very apparent. Within two years this school has improved very much in scholarship. Miss Gardner sustained good order, and her pupils made commendable progress. We think a small
sum of money could be very advantageously expended in repairing the school-house.

*Winter Term—B. H. Peaslee.* We were requested a short time after our first visit, to visit this school again, as some in the district were dissatisfied with the teacher. In compliance with this request, we spent another half-day in the school. We found the order bad; loud study permitted without restriction, and every department seemed full of life and bustle, until the classes were called out for recitation, when an intellectual lethargy seemed to pervade the pupils. We found upon investigation that the scholars were as intelligent as most pupils of their age.; but the lifelessness of the teacher had proved contagious. We talked plainly to him in regard to his duty, hoping that he might remedy the evils pointed out. He left the school soon after on account of sickness.

**DISTRICT No. 17.**

*Summer Term—Miss Nancy S. Ingraham.* At our first visit the recitations were very good; but the government was too lax. The classes in arithmetic analyzed their questions very clearly; and those in reading and grammar appeared well. Miss Ingraham is a fine scholar and a conscientious young lady, but she does not possess the amount of firmness and decision requisite for a highly successful teacher. We noticed a spirit of insubordination among some of the large girls, from whom the teacher had a right to expect sympathy and support. Finding dissatisfaction in the district, she closed the school without giving us notice; therefore we had no opportunity of ascertaining the cause of the trouble.

*Fall Term—Miss Ellen A. White.* Nothing worthy of particular notice occurred during this term. The order was very good and the recitations commendable. Miss White did not do so well in this school as in District No. 14, of which we have previously spoken.

*Winter Term—Mr. Grenville T. Fletcher.* This school contains some excellent scholars, who have improved their limited advantage, and most are well disposed and industrious. There are some strong friends to the cause of education in this district, and if they would expend a small sum in repairing their school-house, we think they would find it a profitable investment.

**DISTRICT No. 18.**

*Summer Term—Miss Ruth E. Pierce.* A class in Town’s Third Reader, mostly composed of small scholars, did exceedingly well. The recitations in geography, and that of the first class in grammar were good. The other recitations were not so satisfactory. The order was fair. Miss Pierce is a faithful, industrious teacher, and did her best to make this a profitable term. We have also spoken of her under District No. 11.
Winter Term—MR. WILLIAM F. SAMPSON. This is the third year Mr. Sampson has taught the winter term of this school with marked success. The announcement of this fact is sufficient evidence of the warm reception and high appreciation with which he has met in the district. The committee heartily concur with the parents and scholars, and would also express their esteem for so worthy a teacher. Mr. Sampson is a fine scholar, has a very happy faculty of simplifying every thing he teaches, and bringing it within the comprehension of every pupil. He devotes himself exclusively to his school, appealing to the better feelings of his scholars, thereby impressing upon their minds moral and religious principles. Quite a number of the largest and most advanced scholars left at the close of the last winter term. At our last visit, many were absent on account of sickness. From these causes the examination was not so interesting as at the close of last winter term. The instruction was of the highest order, by which most of the school had profited to our entire satisfaction. Mr. Sampson is one of our very best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Summer Term—Miss HARRIET A. CHASE. This is a very small, backward district, situate in the remotest part of the city. When we visited this school, only six scholars were present. The little fellows had improved their short term to the best advantage. They read very well and spelled finely. The scholars appeared to be attached to their faithful teacher. Rapid progress had been made.

Winter Term—Miss SARAH E. BARTON. This term there were ten scholars present when we visited the school. But little could be expected from those who have such limited advantages. The articulation and pronunciation of the reading classes was not sufficiently distinct. There were no classes in grammar and geography, and the most advanced in arithmetic had been through Division. They appeared to understand what they had been over very well. This is Miss Barton's first school.

DISTRICT No. 20.

There are two grades of schools in this district, the higher of which is denominated A, and the lower B. Both are taught in a large, commodious, well-arranged house. No district under our supervision draws so much money, and has such ample facilities for education, as this; yet many of our small country schools are far in advance of it. The scholars are very irregular in their attendance, and greatly undervalue their advantages.

DISTRICT No. 20, B.

Summer Term—Miss EMMA J. FOSBURG. This school is composed of small scholars who take little interest in their studies. From ill health, Miss Fosburg left after six weeks. We think the school unprofitable. The
order was not good, and the recitations were poor. Miss Mary Deering finished the term. This is a large school, and requires a teacher of inflexible will. Without strict discipline, such a school will be worthless, however faithful the teacher may be in other respects. Miss Deering is a fine scholar, and has a heart devoted to the good of all within the sphere of her action; but she is too mild for this school.

Winter Term—Miss Martha J. Hatch. At our first visit the school appeared very well, and we anticipated a profitable term. At our last visit it assumed a very different aspect. The scholars had gained the ascendency. A more disorderly school we never saw. The teacher let her pupils do just about as they pleased. Whispering, buzzing, and general commotion reigned triumphant. There was such a noise that the scholars could not study. Our attention was so much engrossed with the turmoil and commotion, that we could pay but little attention to the recitations.

District No. 20, A.

Summer Term—Miss Isabella D. Godding. This teacher has a wonderful faculty of sustaining good order, by mild and gentle manners. Her instruction was thorough. The classes in reading not only pronounced correctly, but the modulation and inflection were harmonious. A class in Town's Elements of Grammar, analyzed and parsed finely, giving the reasons for each and every rule. Recitations in arithmetic gave evidence of thorough instruction. Miss G. is an excellent teacher.

Fall Term—Continued under Miss Godding's instruction. Both schools were united this term. There were so many classes in this school that it was impossible for one teacher to do justice to all, even were the scholars disposed to do their best, which we regret to say was not the case. Many of the scholars were irregular, so much so that it was impossible for the term to be profitable. The order and recitations were not so good as during the summer term.

Winter Term—This term commenced under the instruction of Mr. J. H. Barton, who, from ill health was obliged to vacate the school after five weeks. After a vacation of some four weeks, it was commenced again by Mr. E. G. Caswell, who taught five weeks. Under these circumstances, but little could be expected. A class of young gentlemen and ladies in Greenleaf's National Arithmetic did well. Some young men who had never before studied grammar, made very good progress. The advanced class in grammar did quite well. The other recitations lacked animation. The large scholars conducted themselves like gentlemen and ladies; but the smaller ones were rude, and, we regret to say, that after school, some who are old enough to know better behaved very improperly.
DISTRICT No. 21.

Summer Term—Miss Nancy J. Judkins. The order in Miss J.’s school was not good. Most of the recitations were wanting in animation. The class in geography made good progress. Miss Judkins gained the love of her pupils, but failed to secure their obedience, which is so very essential to a good teacher.

Winter Term—Mr. H. A. N. Dutton. The scholars were quiet and orderly, and appeared to do all in their power to please their teacher. The attention to study was good, but we are sorry to say, the instruction was not sufficiently thorough. The scholars did not comprehend what they had been over. The classes in arithmetic and algebra solved their problems correctly, and recited the rules as laid down in the books, but could not give the reasons, which we consider so very essential. The classes in grammar and geography had been allowed to go over these studies without reviewing often enough; consequently they could stand but a poor examination. For years past there has been much trouble in this school, but we are happy to say that those scholars who have been the cause of it have left. Mr. Dutton is a worthy and industrious young man and has the esteem of all who know him. This is his first school, and we trust he will profit by the experience of this winter. We doubt not he will make a good teacher.

DISTRICT No. 22.

Summer Term—Miss Lucia S. Springer. This is a large, backward school, mostly composed of small scholars, who take very little interest in their studies. They want a stern and decided teacher, who will excite their ambition and awaken their dormant powers. Miss Springer partially succeeded in doing this. Active and energetic, she infused her own spirit into many of her scholars. We never saw the school so wide awake as at the close of this term. The classes in reading had improved very rapidly. Some little fellows who were in the alphabet at the commencement of the term, had got into the exercises in reading in the primer. The recitations in grammar and arithmetic were not quite thorough enough. The teacher unreservedly devoted herself to her school, and did her best to make the term profitable. She did so well in the summer that she was employed to teach the winter school.

Winter Term.—The school was shortened, and as we were not notified, we visited it but once; then it was much inferior to the summer term. The order was lax. The reading was satisfactory, but the other recitations lacked thoroughness.

DISTRICT No. 23.

Summer Term—Miss Eliza A. Ingraham. This is a small school and draws but little money, yet it is one of our best and most advanced.
The parents and scholars deserve much credit for the interest they take in the cause of education. When we visited this school, the order was good and the recitations satisfactory. Miss Ingraham is a very thorough scholar, and, with experience, will make a first class teacher. The school was shortened on account of the illness of the teacher. This is Miss Ingraham's first school.

Winter Term—Mr. William A. Merrill. This school was much larger than during the summer term. The higher as well as the common English branches were taught, and commendable progress made in all. The course of instruction was very thorough and critical. The classes in arithmetic and grammar were able to give a clear analysis of the fundamental principles. There are some fine scholars in this school, who have improved their limited privileges to the best advantage. Others have not made so marked progress. From this we perceive that scholarship depends upon personal effort. Mr. Merrill is a faithful and energetic teacher, and deserves much credit. By giving the board, the district were enabled to have three months' schooling. By such voluntary contributions the district have been able for a number of years past to pay such wages as would secure the services of the best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 24.

Winter Term—Mr. Robert N. Lynn. This is a small district containing only fourteen scholars. Average number in attendance, nine. There was no summer term. The winter term was eleven weeks. But little could be expected from such a school. It was farther advanced than we anticipated. Good order was sustained, without coercion. The reading was commendable and the recitations in grammar and arithmetic satisfactory. This is the third winter Mr. Lynn has taught this school, with marked success.

DISTRICT No. 25.

Summer Term—Miss Rebecca H. Savage. This is a small quiet school, not very far advanced. Though most of the scholars are well disposed, the teacher was so very indulgent that the order was too lax. The classes in geography were too superficial. The recitations in reading and arithmetic were quite satisfactory. The teacher lacked animation and sternness. She has had the advantages of the most thorough instruction and consequently is a good scholar. This is her first school.

Winter Term—Mr. F. D. Blake. The teacher was too mild and easy and did not exercise sufficient authority over his school. The instruction was such as would exercise the memory, rather than develop and strengthen the reasoning powers. If the lessons were recited as laid down in the text books, it was all that was required.
This school has been under the instruction of females for a few winters past. There appears to be a spirit of insubordination among some of the boys which must soon be quelled or the school will be difficult to manage. This is Mr. Blake's first school.

DISTRICT No. 26.

Summer Term—G. T. Fletcher, Principal; Miss Rebecca M. Potter, Assistant. This school has become too large to be profitably instructed by one teacher, and is rather difficult for a female to govern. The small scholars were placed under the care of Miss Potter, who devoted herself earnestly to their improvement. By having the whole attention of the teacher, these scholars made much greater advancement than could have been attained had the whole school been under the management of one instructor.

Winter Term—G. T. Fletcher, Principal; Miss Ellen C. Robinson, Assistant. There are but few large scholars in this district, and on this account the school has not ranked so high as many others in the city. But there are many excellent scholars, of their age, who promise much for the future. The Agent of this district deserves much credit for the faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of his office; and we believe that the school has received much benefit from the influence of those parents who have visited it several times during the past year. They have taken much interest in the cause of education, and will receive their reward.

DISTRICT No. 27.

Summer Term—Miss Hannah A. Ingraham. There had been no school in this district since the fall previous to this term. The scholars had run at large so long that it was difficult for the teacher to awaken an interest in them for study. Miss Ingraham possesses much firmness, and her presence in the school-room commands respect. The instruction was not sufficiently thorough. The order was very good. The progress of the school was greatly impeded by the irregularity in attendance. At the close of the term, only eleven scholars were present.

Winter Term—Miss Augusta Field. Miss Field is a fine scholar, and has had much experience in teaching. She is very pleasant in the school-room, and at once wins the affections of her pupils. Her instruction was very accurate and thorough. The introduction of singing into the school had a tendency to awaken the higher sensibilities of the scholars. The order was a little deficient. Mr. Pettengill, the Agent of the district, visited the school with us, and made some interesting and appropriate remarks. They have a fine brick school-house in this district, which is papered, painted and neatly fitted up.
SCHOOL AGENTS.

During the past year most school agents have heartily co-operated with us and faithfully discharged their respective duties. But in a few instances they have been too much engrossed in their own business, or too negligent, to devote the time and attention requisite for the best interest of their schools. Some have not made sufficient effort to procure the services of competent teachers; others have consigned their scholars and teacher to school-houses with shattered doors, fractured windows, and broken stoves, which ought to have been repaired previous to the commencement of the term. If a school agent faithfully discharges all the duties incumbent on his office, it is no easy task. To procure fuel and fit it for use, to repair the school-house and set it in order, to employ any teacher who may be in pursuit of a school and notify the Committee, is not very laborious. But to obtain an instructor who is amply qualified to teach and judiciously manage a school, to frequent the school-room and see that the teacher is earning his money and restraining the scholars from injuring the house, renders the office of school agent no desirable position. In every district there are men who will devote the requisite time and attention to the duties of this office. Let such be chosen. But few are aware how intimately the success of their school is connected with the choice of agent. No one in the district can exert so salutary an influence on the school as the agent, if he faithfully discharges his duty; and no one can be of so much detriment if he neglects it. In last year's report, school agents were reminded of their duty relative to notifying the Committee when their schools commenced and closed. In most instances, during the past year, this has been promptly done. But some agents have been very remiss in this respect. We took timely precaution to interrogate the teachers at their examinations, when their respective schools would commence and terminate, and made it a matter of record. In several cases the time of commencing has been postponed or the schools shortened, and we were not apprised of the fact by either teachers or agents. Again we call the attention of delinquent school agents to the following quotation from the "Revised Statutes" of our State:

"SECT. 55. If any agent neglects to give written notice to the superintending school committee, when any school in his district is to commence, whether it is to be kept by a master or mistress, and how long it is expected to continue, he shall forfeit one dollar for each day the school is kept before such notice is given."
The time of making our annual return to the office of the Secretary of State has been changed from April 1, to May 1, and the returns must state the number of scholars in the city on the first day of April immediately preceding. School agents will please return to the assessors the number of scholars in their respective districts, as soon as possible, after the first day of April, that we may comply with the provisions of law.

We feel under obligations to our Treasurer and Collector for enabling us to obtain every school register during the past year. He has peremptorily refused to pay the orders drawn in favor of the teachers, unless they deposited their registers with him duly filled out, or produced certificates that they had been left with us.

PARENTS.

Too much cannot be said of the healthful influence which the co-operation of parents with school committees and teachers has upon the schools and the scholars. Children well trained at home, are easily governed in the school-room and elsewhere. Good nursery instruction and fire-side taught obedience will last the school-boy all day without his once investigating the teacher’s faculties of order and discipline. Parents unable to control themselves, are unfit for the charge imposed upon them. Their children are refractory at home and ungovernable in the school. When prejudices, local difficulties and preferences are allowed, unconsciously, perhaps, to influence the boy, at home, then he comes to school pregnant with insubordination, and if he is not met with promptness and decision on the part of the teacher, he is ripe for disorder and rebellion.

Under our present school system, with limited funds, our teachers are comparative strangers to the school at every term. So marked success cannot be expected with such frequent changes. Every new teacher brings more or less prejudices and preferences into the district, and often finds such there. Much depends upon the co-operation of the parents to remove them. Let the boy be sent to school for no other purpose than to learn, let him understand that he is the scholar, and is to observe with due deference all just and reasonable requirements of the school-room, let him feel an appreciating interest in you in all his efforts, however small they may be, and under even very ordinary teachers, a school will be profitable and successful.

Parents should visit their schools often: not as officials, to inspect their discipline and progress merely, but to signify to the teacher their interest in his work, that they take cognizance of his acts, and that they have a heart and hand in his business. Parents thus visiting the schools have a salutary effect on the pride and ambition of the scholars. It is too prevalent
an evil in our country, to throw the advantages of acquiring an education carelessly, around our scholars and suffer them awkwardly to plod their way through its accumulated routine, to little or no purpose. As the finger is put forth to aid the child in his first physical efforts, so must the intellect in its infancy be tended, or it creeps to old age. The foregoing remarks are general, but applicable to our schools. Parents for the most part have lent a vigorous co-operation with teachers and committee during the past year. Harmonious and profitable schools, successful teachers, and gratified parents, ever mark the course of this benign influence. On the other hand, a few parents have ripened a little prejudice into insubordination, and incited a little difficulty to a rebellion. The grand and ultimate object of our schools should outweigh every other consideration with the parent when the child is sent to school. He should not be made a missile to execute their will or notion, nor should they lend themselves as aiders and abettors in his refractions. When difficulties arise, as they must sometimes, let them be manfully met, carefully considered, and determined without vindication, and if they do not entirely vanish, they will produce no dangerous or lasting effect.

WILLIAM GASLIN, JR., \( \text{Superintending} \)
G. T. FLETCHER, \( \text{School Committee} \)
This Table exhibits the various Schools, their Teachers and Agents, whole number of Scholars in the several Districts, whole and average number attending Summer and Winter Schools, per cent. of the average, as compared with the whole number registered, length of Schools, and wages of Teachers.

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