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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Several Departments of the City Government

OF THE

CITY OF AUGUSTA,

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 20, 1882.

AND REPORT OF THE

Directors of the Village District.

AUGUSTA:
MAINE FARMER JOB PRINT
1882.
CITY OF AUGUSTA.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
March 3, 1882.

ORDERED, That fifteen hundred copies of the thirty-second annual report of the Auditor of the City of Augusta, for the municipal year ending March 20, 1882, with the Mayor's address and the reports of the several departments and standing committees of 1882, be printed for the use of the Board of Aldermen, and for general distribution.

Read and passed.

ATTEN: 

H. F. BLANCHARD, City Clerk.
MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen:

For the third time have the citizens of Augusta assigned to me the duty of presiding over this Honorable Board and the business affairs of the city. I enter upon my duties with a full realization of the responsibilities which devolve upon me.

To us our fellow-citizens have entrusted the transaction of their financial affairs, and they have a right to demand of us that we shall conduct their business with the same care, and upon the same economical basis that we do our own.

I am pleased to know that so many of the Aldermen who so ably seconded all my efforts for an honest and economical administration the past year, have been returned to assist me this year; and the character of the new members is a full guarantee that they will materially aid us in giving to our citizens an efficient and honorable administration.

I will now call your attention, gentlemen, to

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITY.

Resources, March 20, 1882.

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<td><strong>Total Resources</strong></td>
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**CITY OF AUGUSTA.**

### LIABILITIES.

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<td>Coupons past due</td>
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<td>Due school districts and High school</td>
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<td>Due Old Ladies' Home, (St. Mark's)</td>
<td>$7,000.00</td>
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<td>Due Lithgow Library and Reading Room fund</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
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**Total Liabilities**: $342,811.22

**" Resources**: $30,890.38

**Total City Debt**: $311,920.84

The usual temporary loan to meet the running expenses of the city until the taxes are assessed, and a portion of them paid into the treasury, will have to be negotiated, and should receive immediate attention.

### COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION, &C.

As appears by the report of the City Auditor, the city debt at the present time is $311,920.84; but in order to show the real financial operations of the past year, the $4,000 paid towards the Soldiers' Monument should be deducted from the $311,920.84, as no appropriation was made for it last year, which would leave the city debt $307,920.84, showing an actual reduction of the city debt, during the year, of $2,585.70. The $4,000 was paid by temporary loan, and the temporary loan will be paid by special appropriation this year. Two years ago, when I assumed the office of Mayor, the city debt was $317,464.10. At the present time the city debt is $307,920.84, showing an actual reduction during the past two years, of nine thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars and twenty-six cents. You will bear in mind, gentlemen, that this reduction of the city debt has been made at a time when we were making many large improvements in the way of drains, etc.; it has also been done, not only without any advance in the rate of taxation, but the rate of taxation has been reduced during the time. This exhibit is very gratifying to me, and I hope satisfactory to our citizens.
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THE HIGHWAYS.

A large amount of work has been done on the highways during the past year. The spring rains left the streets and roads in a very bad state, and the repairs necessary to restore them to a proper condition were very extensive. Commissioners Cottle and Severance have materially added to their already well earned laurels, by their good judgment and economical expenditure of the money entrusted to them. The work on the streets on the west side of the river was not so satisfactory as could be wished, from the fact that we did not have a good quality of gravel at our command to do the work with. The cut on Burnt hill (Winthrop street) had progressed so far as to cause the old travelled road to cave badly, and it was found absolutely necessary to finish the cut in order not to discommode public travel. In doing this, the gravel which it was necessary to remove was of inferior quality, having a large per cent. of loam in it. Now that the cut is finished, we have access to a large amount of first-class gravel, and I have no doubt that the improvements of the streets this year will fully compensate for the unsatisfactory work done last year. The Fire Department and Poor Farm teams have done a good year's work, and have rendered valuable services on our streets.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Our Fire Department was never in better condition than at the present time, yet there is a chance for material improvement at but slight expense. More capacity for carrying hose to fires is needed, either by having a very large extra reel, with at least 1,000 feet of hose on it ready to be hauled to a fire, or by having the spare sections of hose carefully coiled up and placed on a vehicle of some kind, ready to be transported at a moment's notice. The lack of these conveniences was severely felt at the late fire at the foundry on the east side of the river—at least twenty minutes were lost in getting at work in consequence of lack of hose on the ground; and twenty minutes, in time of fire, mean a good deal.

Chief Engineer H. T. Morse and Assistant W. W Robbins did all they could with what they had to do with—they are the right men in the right places, but give them better facilities for transporting hose, by all means. We have purchased 1,000 feet of hose the past year, and the department is very well supplied. Gentlemen of the Board, before electing the officers of the department, be sure
that every officer is acceptable to the members of the department. Our Fire Department is composed of intelligent men, and to follow their wishes in the selection of officers, you will find a safe rule to be guided by. By placing an officer over the firemen that they do not want, is merely sowing dissension in their ranks, to the detriment of the efficiency of the department.

Our Schools.

Our common schools, under the supervision of G. T. Fletcher, Esq., have made commendable progress during the past year. School Districts Nos. 1, 20 and 26, have been consolidated under the name of the Williams District, and is so graded that its pupils can be there fitted for the High school. The grade is the same as the Grammar school in the Village district. This arrangement seems to give good satisfaction, and I trust is a step in the right direction.

Our new City High school building, on the east side of the river, was completed last summer, and occupied last fall; it has proved to be all that its projectors claimed for it. Our efficient principal, G. B. Files, Esq., entered upon his duties in the new building with renewed zeal and courage. The school is better equipped than the old one, and greater progress has been made since the change. Our High school now ranks among the foremost in the State. After the building was completed the city graded the grounds around it, and when the grass starts up this spring, the building and its surroundings cannot but look very attractive, and be an ornament to the city. The character of the principal and subordinate teachers, as well as the known ability of the committee on City High school, is a full guarantee that our High school will maintain its present high standing.

The Grammar school in the village district was never in so prosperous a condition as at the present time. The removing of the High school to the east side of the river gave the Grammar school more commodious quarters. Many needed changes have been made in the interior of the building, and it is now heated by steam, which is a vast improvement over the furnace arrangement, which never gave satisfaction. Mr. Robertson has embellished the walls with pictures, and made valuable additions to the library during the year. The village district is fortunate indeed, to have the services of so able a teacher as Mr. Robertson; he is richly endowed by
nature with those qualities which are essential for an efficient teacher. All of our schools are ably managed, and are an honor to the city.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Overseers have ably managed the affairs of the Poor Department during the past year. The calls for assistance have been larger in number than usual, owing to the closing of the Sprague mills, yet the Overseers have kept the expenses within the appropriation.

Mr. Turner and wife have conducted the affairs at the farm in a very satisfactory manner, and I hope they will be induced to take charge of the farm another year.

There is no department in the city that needs more careful management than the Poor Department. Without strict watchfulness on the part of the Overseers, it would be very easy to double the expenses of the Department. It is but a few years since the expenditures were from $8,000 to $9,000 and over per year. The reduction in expenditures in this department is a high tribute to the Overseers during the past few years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

That our Police Department takes rank among the most efficient in the State, all our citizens, I think, will concede. City Marshal White possesses, in a large degree, those qualities necessary for a successful administration of the important and delicate duties incumbent upon him. He is a good judge of human nature, and in a quiet, gentlemanly and unobtrusive way, will accomplish more towards keeping good order, than a half dozen rash, impetuous men could possibly accomplish. During the past year our city has been more orderly, and there has been less drunkenness than in any year during the twenty-five that I have resided here. Great credit is also due to Deputy Marshal Breen and policemen Thorndike, Tyler and Gaslin, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their official duties. No change in the force is demanded by our citizens, and I hope, Gentlemen of the Board, that you will continue the Department under its present efficient leader. Our Police Department is inferior to none in the State—let us keep it up to its present high standard.
CITY OF AUGUSTA.

Our Law Suits.

City Solicitor Choate reports but three cases now pending, namely:—City of Augusta vs. Oliver Moulton; same vs. same; A. H. Howard vs. City of Augusta. The first-named case is before the Law Court for determination, and the other awaits the result. Unless new cases arise, the prospect is that at the close of the present municipal year the city will be free from "law suits." Solicitor Choate has proved an efficient officer, and has given general satisfaction.

Public Library and Reading Room.

You are well aware, gentlemen, that the late L. W. Lithgow, Esq., made a bequest of $20,000 to the city of Augusta, on certain conditions. One condition was, that the city would establish and perpetually maintain a public library and reading room. Another condition was, that the city would receive the $20,000 and forever keep the principal inviolate, and pay interest on the same at the rate of five per cent. per annum, said interest to be devoted to sustaining and improving the library and reading room. The city accepted the trust on the conditions named, and have elected a Board of Trustees to carry out those conditions. The Mayor, ex-officio, is a member of the Board, and the other members elected are Hon. J. W. Bradbury, W. R. Smith, Esq., Hon. J. Manchester Haynes, and Herbert M. Heath, Esq. The Board of Trustees have organized by the choice of Hon. J. W. Bradbury as President, Wm. R. Smith, Esq., as Treasurer, and Herbert M. Heath, Esq., as Secretary. Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements for establishing the library and reading room, and it will be opened to the public about June 1st, next. In order to open the library in a befitting manner, it will be necessary for the city to advance a small amount on account of interest on the Lithgow bequest; and I hope, and have no doubt, that our citizens of wealth will voluntarily contribute liberally, in order to open the library and reading room in a manner befitting the Capital of the State. Rooms for the library will be rented for the present. The city of Augusta is one of the residuary legatees of the Lithgow estate, and when the estate is finally settled, it is hoped that the Trustees will see their way clear to erect a building specially for the library and reading room.

Our citizens must remember that this is not a temporary affair; the city has by an ordinance duly enrolled, accepted the responsi-
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bility of maintaining a public library and reading room for all time. It is a subject in which every citizen should take a personal interest, and help to sustain in a proper manner.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Our Soldiers' Monument was completed last November, but too late to have it dedicated at that time. I respectfully recommend that it be dedicated on July 4th, next, and that our citizens get up a general celebration on the 4th of July, and not only keep our own citizens at home on that day, but draw in from surrounding towns a large assemblage. A large amount of money will be spent by citizens of Augusta and surrounding towns, and Augusta might as well reap the benefit of it as any other town.

The monument should have an iron fence around it, and the ground immediately around it should be properly graded.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriations for the current municipal year will be about the same as last year. We shall have to appropriate $4,000 to pay the temporary loan negotiated to pay for the Soldiers' Monument, yet I think we can cut down other appropriations enough to cover it, and thus save increasing the rate of taxation. My aim has been to keep the rate of taxation as low as possible, and then try and reduce the indebtedness of the city, at least a little. I have succeeded in making a material reduction during the past two years, and shall earnestly strive in that direction this year.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

The permanent improvements made during the past year have been of considerable magnitude. Among the larger improvements are the bank walls between Badger & Manley's office and that of E. C. Allen, on either side of the street leading to Town Landing. This was a much needed improvement, and has been secured at a moderate expense, considering the amount of labor and material required. Drains have been built in four places, namely: from State street to railroad shops on Court street, over land of G. C. Vose and others; from Grove street down gully, over land of J. P. Wyman; from State street, near Augusta House, over land of Bowditch and others; from Sewall street, through Weston street, to opening in Mansion House lot drain—in all about 2,300 feet. Nine-
teen hundred feet of this drain has been paid for at an average cost of about $2.25 per foot, the balance having been built on winter contract, as the stone could not be hauled to the place where it was needed except in winter. This 2,300 feet of drain is of large size, being 2 1-2 feet square inside, and all of it is paved in the best manner. None of it will need repairing during the life of any person now living in Augusta. These drains have all been built low enough in the ground to enable any street or house to be drained into them and have a proper pitch.

Four concrete walks have been built the past year, namely: one in front of Mansion House lot, on State street; one on two sides of E. C. Allen's new block, in Market square; one on Gannett street, east side river; and one on Bangor street.

More drains will be called for the present year, and I believe a reasonable amount should be built each season till Augusta can boast of better drainage than at present.

**Patent Traps for Sewers.**

During the past year we found that opening in sewers where water closets were turned into them were becoming nuisances. In order to abate these nuisances we put patent traps in several such openings, and they have proved an efficient remedy. There are other drains that will have to be attended to this season. No drain that has water closets emptied into it should have an opening without a patent trap. I therefore recommend that patent traps be ordered to be placed in all openings in drains of this character.

**Telephone Fire Alarm.**

Now that the telephone system has been perfected in this city, I call your attention to the question of having a Telephone Fire Alarm. The telephone alarm can be secured at a nominal cost per year, and Superintendent Belcher will, in the near future, explain its workings to you. To me the project seems feasible, and it will be for you to determine whether we shall avail ourselves of it or not. I respectfully ask your candid consideration of the subject.

**Ward Room in Ward One.**

I again call your attention to the need of a ward room in ward one. Through the courtesy of the Directors of the village district we have been allowed to use the school-house on Grove street for a ward room for the past year, for which kindness they have my
heartfelt thanks. We have got to have a ward room in ward one, and the sooner we secure it the better for all concerned. I ask your early attention, gentlemen, to this subject.

**OUR MUNICIPAL COURT.**

After sixteen years efficient service as Judge of the Municipal Court, Judge True retires with the respect and good will of everyone. Judge Andrews commences his official term to-day, and he has my best wishes that his official career may be as honorable and efficient as that of his predecessor.

**TEMPERANCE.**

The only remarks on temperance I wish to make, is to call your attention to the almost entire absence of drunkenness on our streets at the present time. We have been free during the past year, from those spasmodic temperance excitements which always redound to the benefit of the rumseller and are disastrous to the temperance cause. There is no place in this State, where drunkenness is less prevalent according to the population, than in our city. This happy state of affairs is largely due to the good sense and efficient administration of our police force.

**CONCLUSION.**

I cannot close this brief communication, without thanking my fellow-citizens for the endorsement which they gave my administration for the past two years. I have endeavored by my official course to prove myself worthy the approval of my fellow-citizens, without regard to party; and the proof which they have given me that I have succeeded, is very gratifying to me; and I shall try, in the year to come, to continue to merit their approval.

Gentlemen of the Board, I ask of you, that you will aid me in giving our fellow-citizens an honest, efficient, and economical administration; and from your well known character, I know that I do not appeal in vain. I am now, gentlemen, ready for the duties which await us.

P. O. VICKERY.

**AUGUSTA, March 20, 1882.**
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: In accordance with a provision of the city ordinance, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury, for the municipal year ending March 20, A. D. 1882:

RECEIPTS.

Cash of Guy Turner, Treasurer of 1880.................. $2,853 87
Account of Schools:
State school fund and mill tax for 1881................. 3,587 05
Cash of Cora B. Lincoln, District No. 17.............. 30
State of Maine, High School District No. 23............ 20 00

$6,461 22

ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENT.

Guy Turner, Collector of taxes, 1879.................... $330 24
" " " " 1880.................. 6,488 73
" " " " 1881.................. 82,009 29
Account of Highway, Western District:
C. Cottle, Street Commissioner ......................... 54 70
Cash refunded on bill allowed on Roll of Accounts No. 5, in excess of amount due.................. 20 00
Temporary Loans.................................. 31,200 00
State pensions refunded................................ 1,062 00

$121,164 96
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ACCOUNT OF SUPPORT OF POOR.

City of Rockland .............................................. $26 75
" Bangor ......................................................... 75 00
" Calais ......................................................... 9 50
Town of Charlotte .............................................
  Sidney ......................................................... 45 39
  Waldo ........................................................ 32 75
  Mercer ......................................................... 116 00
  China ......................................................... 107 64
  New Portland ............................................... 71 30
  Whitefield .................................................. 15 50
  Clinton ....................................................... 8 00
  Rome ........................................................ 40 00
  Winthrop ..................................................... 8 00
  Oldtown ....................................................... 10 00
  Belgrade ..................................................... 36 96
  Woodstock ................................................... 4 75
  Waterville .................................................. 13 50
  Readfield .................................................... 43 00

$668 53

ACCOUNT OF TAX DEEDS.

Non-resident tax deeds redeemed ......................... $131 55
  Resident " " ................................................ 417 20
Taxes, costs and interest on Non-resident real estate
  advertised .................................................. 222 86

$771 61

CEMETERY LOTS SOLD.

Riverside Cemetery:
Lot No. 116, W. H. Rollins .................................. $10 00
" 109, Ichabod Allen .......................................... 10 00
" 100, " ...................................................... 10 00
" 199, Mrs. Chas. Downs ..................................... 10 00
" 164, John P. Whitney ....................................... 10 00
" 175, E. B. Williams ........................................ 10 00
" 39, P. N. Savage ............................................ 10 00
Mount Pleasant Cemetery:
Lot No. 60, Simeon Cross................................. 10 00
  " 134, John Wheeler .................................. 10 00
  " 123, Chas. H. Lewis ................................. 10 00
  " 170, J. T. Hodgkins ................................. 10 00
  " 391, St. Mark's Home ............................... 10 00
  " 426, James Farrish ................................ 5 00
  " 48, Mrs. French .................................... 10 00
  " 00, Danforth Davis ................................. 10 00
  " 00, G. F. McDaniel ................................ 10 00
  " 139, G. H. Fairfield ............................... 10 00
  " 115, Phebe J. D'Arthenay ........................... 10 00
  " 366, E. C. Morgan ................................ 5 00
  " 496, Geo. Cony ................................... 10 00

$190 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

V. D. Pinkham, for tax deed delivered................. $0 50
C. W. Hilton, " " " " .................................. 50
H. L. Cushing, " " " " ................................ 1 00
H. F. Blanchard, licenses, 1880 ........................ 25 00
County of Kennebec, sewer ............................ 100 00
A. Longfellow, for tax deed delivered ............... 50
B. Young, " " " ....................................... 50
L. C. Neal, " " " ..................................... 50
H. F. Blanchard, licenses, 1881 ....................... 57 50
J. W. Farrand, for tax deed delivered ............... 50
N. W. Whitmore, " deeds " ............................. 1 50
S. W. Garland, " deed " ............................... 50
Peleg Morton, interest on note ........................ 17 76
  " " principal ..................................... 40 00
G. E. Macomber, for tax deed delivered ............. 50
Chas. Britt, " " " .................................... 50
E. W. Whitehouse, for tax deeds delivered .......... 5 50
A. Rollins, for tax deed delivered ................. 50
E. Bartlett, " " " ................................... 50
Jos. Nicholas, " " " .................................. 50
Hiram Reed, " " " .................................... 50
J. W Patterson, for tax deed delivered ............. 67
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N. W. Whitmore, interest on tax deed.............. 1 42
G. Turner, collector balance account of 1880......... 78
S. W. Luques, Samuel Titcomb, P. F. Sanborn and P. C. Lithgow, executors of the last will and testament of L. W. Lithgow.......................... 20,000 00
State of Maine, rent of armory......................... 100 00
" railroad and telegraph tax......................... 2,186 34
W. H. Turner, Deputy Sheriff, jugs, &c.............. 6 45
H. F. Blanchard, City Clerk, licenses, 1882......... 65 00

Total receipts.......................... $151,871 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax of 1881.......................... $23,277 96
County tax of 1881................................ 8,211 00
Account of schools................................ 20,724 61
Highway, Eastern District......................... 2,837 72
Highway, Western District........................ 5,010 93
Permanent improvements......................... 6,346 50
Snow bills, Eastern District................... 195 34
Snow bills, Western District................... 496 50
Reduction of city debt.......................... 2,000 00
Support of Poor.................................. 5,668 53
Police ............................................. 3,103 28
Interest ........................................... 20,049 99
Fire Department................................ 3,803 92
City officers' salaries.......................... 3,914 99
Contingent expenses............................... 8,184 46
Printing ........................................... 798 02
Lighting streets................................ 1,638 83
Sanford legacy.................................. 90 00
Temporary loans................................. 31,200 00
State pensions.................................. 1,062 00
Paid G. Turner, collector of taxes for non-resident taxes applied to deeds...................... 163 47

Amount carried forward........................ $148,778 05
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Amount brought forward.................. $148,778 05
Paid G. Turner, collector of taxes for resident taxes
applied to deeds by order of Board of Aldermen... 217 73

Total disbursements..................... $148,995 78
Cash in treasury......................... 2,875 96

$151,871 74

Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, City Treasurer.

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AUGUSTA, March 20, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of
Guy Turner, Treasurer of the City of Augusta, for the year ending
March 20, 1882, and find the same correct.

DAN'L C. ROBINSON, City Auditor.
COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following statement of my account as collector of taxes for the year 1879:

Dr.
To uncollected City taxes, March 21, 1881 ................ $289 63
  " Village " " " " " " " 58 60
Interest collected ....................................... 21 36

$369 59

Cr.
By cash paid City Treasurer .............................. $330 24
City taxes abated ........................................ 19 57
Village ..................................................... 6 91
Uncollected taxes, State, County and City ............ 12 87
  " " Village District ................................. 00

$369 59

Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and statement, and find the same correct.

DAN'L C. ROBINSON, City Auditor.
COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following statement of my account as collector of taxes for the year 1880:

DR.

To uncollected State, County and City taxes, Mar. 21, '81 $7,739 10
   " Village School District taxes............. 893 12
Interest on taxes collected.......................... 310 67

$8,942 89

CR.

By cash paid City Treasurer......................... $6,488 73
   Abatements city taxes........................... 363 27
   " Village School District taxes............. 96 55
Uncollected city taxes on real estate............. 949 55
   " " polls and personal estates............. 502 92
   " Village School District taxes........... 238 63
Non resident taxes returned to treasurer unpaid... 261 29
Resident tax deeds filed with City Treasurer..... 41 95

$8,942 89

Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.

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To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following statement of my account as collector of taxes for the year 1881:

Guy Turner, Collector for 1881, in account with the City of Augusta.

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<td>To supplementary city taxes for the year 1881</td>
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<td>Assessment of Village District taxes for 1881</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and statement, and find the same correct.

DAN'L C. ROBINSON, City Auditor.
REPORT OF TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following statement of my account, as Treasurer and Collector of School District No. 25:

**Dr.**

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<td>Abatement</td>
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<td>N. T. Folsom, lumber</td>
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<td>Cash in treasury</td>
<td>6.34</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Treas. and Col’r.

Augusta, March 18, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account and statement, and find the same correct.

DAN’L C. ROBINSON, City Auditor.
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen: I have the honor herewith to present my report as City Marshal for the year ending March 20, 1882:

Whole number of arrests for the year, 373, on the following complaints, viz.:

- Assault and battery: 36
- Assault with dangerous weapon: 2
- Adultery: 1
- Affray: 6
- Breaking and entering: 2
- Disturbing the peace: 8
- Drunkenness and disturbance: 148
- Embezzlement: 3
- Keeping house of ill fame: 2
- Kidnapping: 1
- Lewdness: 4
- Larceny, (simple): 28
- Malicious mischief: 1
- Malicious trespass: 1
- Night walking: 2
- Polygamy: 1
- Obtaining money by false pretences: 4
- Rescuing prisoner: 1
- Selling goods without legal title: 2
- Selling goods without license: 2
- Single sale intoxicating liquors: 38
- Truancy: 2
CITY OF AUGUSTA.

Threatening ........................................... 2
Vagrancy ............................................. 76

Total .................................................. 373

Received for jugs, kegs, bottles, &c. ................ 88 25
  "  "  Fast driving on street ....................... 2 00
  "  "  "  Bridge ................... 2 00

Total .................................................. $12 25

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. WHITE, City Marshal.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.
REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: The following exhibit will show the receipts and expenditures of the poor department for the municipal year ending March, 1882:

RECEIPTS.

Amount cash on hand.......................... $26 02
Appropriated by the city........................ 5,000 00
Received from other towns.................... 668 53

$5,694 55

EXPENDITURES.

Paid bills of last year including Hospital bill of $150.49 $678 68
Insane Hospital.................................. 484 57
Support of poor at almshouse................... 1,599 14
" " " out of almshouse........................... 2,424 30
" " " " city........................................ 455 90
Cash on hand.................................... 51 96

$5,694 55

The almshouse the past year has been under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turner, who have had charge for the past three years, and given entire satisfaction.

Something should be done in the way of repairs on the buildings the coming year. The team and help have earned the past year by
labor on the streets, $766.74, which amount should be credited to the same, which will reduce the farm expenses to $1,384.25.

The outstanding bills amount to about the same as last year; there is due the city from other towns, $253.10. The number of inmates at commencement of year, 18; admitted, 13; discharged, 9; died, 1; remaining at present time, 21.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CHASE,
O. C. WHITEHOUSE,
JOSEPH H. WALL,

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY FARM.

To the Overseers of Poor:

Whole expense of poor at almshouse................. $2,150 99
Cash from overseers.......................... $1,599 14
On account of board.......................... 134 50
Products of farm sold.......................... 417 35

$2,150 99

EXPENDITURES.

Groceries and provisions.......................... $538 70
Dry goods and clothing......................... 117 59
Grain and feed............................... 181 90
Labor on and off farm........................ 258 35
Labor in house.............................. 169 90
Boots and shoes.............................. 38 75
Coal and wood.............................. 149 24
Hardware, tin and crockery......................... 45 91
Blacksmithing and repairs...................... 43 10
Repairs and improvements..................... 36 77
Tobacco and snuff.......................... 45 00
One cow.................................. 35 00
Harness and repairs.......................... 11 61
Medicines.................................. 11 17
Stationery................................ 4 74
Manure..................................... 34 13
REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paint and oils ........................................ 5 11
Soap ...................................................... 22 61
Grass seed ................................................ 7 65
Garden seed .............................................. 3 05
Sundries .................................................... 23 51
Furniture .................................................. 5 75
Doughty, Sexton ........................................... 3 00
Coffin and robe .......................................... 8 50
A. Turner's salary ....................................... 350 00

$2,150 99

RECEIPTS.

Cash from overseers ...................................... $1,599 14
Cash for board .......................................... 134 50
Butter and milk ......................................... 94 87
Apples ..................................................... 34 25
Meal ......................................................... 37 77
Hay ........................................................ 64 87
Garden sauce ............................................. 8 41
Straw ....................................................... 3 00
Pigs ........................................................ 56 00
Veal calves ............................................... 24 75
Wood ......................................................... 10 50
Oats ........................................................ 50 45
Cow hide ................................................... 4 48
Barley ....................................................... 9 00
Potatoes .................................................... 4 20
Bones and grease ......................................... 13 55
Oil barrel .................................................. 1 25

$2,150 99

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON FARM.

Corn, 95 bushels; oats, 105 bushels; barley, 54 bushels; potatoes, 112 bushels; sugar beets, 118 bushels; T. beets, 10 bushels; onions, 14 bushels; tomatoes, 10 bushels; beans, 14 bushels; apples, 150 bushels; green peas, 8 bushels; sweet corn, 7
bushels; cucumbers, 12 bushels; hay, 35 tons; straw, 4 tons; pork, 1,135 pounds; cabbage, 125 heads; cider, 6 barrels; cheese, 250 pounds; butter, 895 pounds.

REMARKS.

The average number at the almshouse, 21; many of them aged people. We have done labor on the streets to the amount of $766.64.

As we are about to close our third year at the almshouse, we would acknowledge our thanks to the overseers for their kindness to us in our not pleasant duties, and to the citizens in general.

ALFRED TURNER, Superintendent.
STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner for the Eastern District, for the municipal year ending March 15th, 1882:

Expended for summer repairs $2,571 38
Snow bills 1,208 80

$3,780 18

The expenditures in the sub-districts have been as follows:

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<th>Winter</th>
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<td>45 00</td>
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<td>35 16</td>
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$2,571 38 $1,208 80
CITY OF AUGUSTA.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Concrete sidewalk on Middle street .................. $212.00
" " Gannett street .......................... 63.84
Grading Bangor street .......................... 164.00

$439.84

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

Ten blast-drills, 2 striking hammers, 1 face-hammer, 3 crowbars, 10 shovels, 4 picks, 1 handsaw, 2 hoes, 3 iron rakes, 20 plug drills, 20 sets of wedges and half rounds, 2 plows, 1 tool chest, 10 bbls. tar, 2 dump sleds, 4 sidewalk scrapers. all valued at $350.00.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SEVERANCE, Street Commissioner.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner for the Western District for the municipal year of 1881-82:

Expended for repairs and improvements .................. $6,982.57
For snow bills ........................................ 312.10

Total .................................................. $7,294.67

The expenditures in the sub-districts have been as follows:

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<td>$3,520.85</td>
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<td>Saunders</td>
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Totals .................. $4,381.29 $312.10
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Sewer on Weston Street, 865 feet in length.

Stone, cement and use of derrick on the sewer... $900 45
Labor on the same.......................... 676 23
Sewer traps and caps.......................... 48 00

$1,624 68

Stone and labor on the wall at the city landing $408 00
Stone for culverts.......................... 152 50
Labor on culverts........................... 100 00
Cost of sewers, traps and caps............... 128 70
Tar bill...................................... 102 40
Labor for concreteing........................ 85 00

$976 60

Total........................................ $2,601 28

Received of Cony Brothers for concrete walk........ $11 00
Oscar Holway, ................................ 11 50
Joseph Piper, ................................ 5 20
Geo. Leighton, ................................ 10 50
Chas. Saunders, for street scraping.............. 7 50
Mr. Perry, for stone crossing.................... 5 00
Mr. Davis, for breaking road into Cemetery...... 4 00

$54 70

Due the city from Mrs. Brick, for laying drain... $7 50

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBUS COTTLE, Street Commissioner.

Augusta, March 18, 1882.
To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen: I have the honor, as City Physician, to render the following report, for the year ending March 15, 1882:

Services Rendered the Poor.

- Visits to almshouse: 64
- Out-patients: 101
- Office prescriptions: 63
- Obstetric cases: 3

The amount of sickness during the year at the almshouse, has been comparatively small, there having been but one death, due to senile gangrene, following an injury. Two of the out-patients have died, both from hereditary consumption.

There has been during the year an average amount of sickness, with freedom from severe epidemics, except in the French district. Measles and a few cases of diphtheria and scarletina have appeared, but were attended with few fatal results. During the spring catarhral fever was prevalent, attended with little or no mortality. Dysentery and typhoid fever have prevailed to some extent with the younger and middle aged, while there has been the usual amount of cholera infantum and cholera morbus of children. During the summer and fall there was an epidemic dysentery in the French district, on Bond street, of most virulent type, the majority of the cases being quickly fatal, resisting every form of medication. It was the form of dysentery which always appears in the home of filth and pestilence, and is a scourge which can be better abated by the prompt action of health officers, than by the almost useless medication of the physician.

The Board of Health has dealt with all nuisances coming under their observation in accordance with the merits of each case, and to the full extent of their jurisdiction.
REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

MORTUARY REPORT.

Total deaths ........................................... 119

Zymotic Diseases.
Diphtheria ............................................. 4
Typhoid Fever ......................................... 4
Scarlet Fever .......................................... 2

Local Diseases.
Pneumonia ............................................... 7
Menengitis ............................................. 2
Measles .................................................. 1
Asthma ................................................... 1
Nephritis .............................................. 2
Gangrene ............................................... 1
Convulsions ............................................ 1
Cholera Infantum ...................................... 1
Catarrh .................................................. 1
Child birth ............................................ 3

Constitutional Diseases.
Phthisis pulmonalis ................................... 34
Cancer ................................................... 5
General paralysis ...................................... 8
Insanity .................................................. 1
Heart Disease .......................................... 8
Tumor .................................................... 1
General Debility, old age ............................ 18
Unreported cases of death ............................ 13

PERCENTAGE OF WHOLE.

Zymotic Disease ....................................... 8.4
Local ..................................................... 17.6
Constitutional and old age .......................... 63.1
Unreported ............................................. 10.9

Average age at death ................................ 47 yrs.
Mortality rate per 1000—1882 ........................ 13.7
Mortality rate 1872–82, per 1000 .................... 14.7

The foregoing table shows that Augusta is an exceptionally healthy city, for the recognized average death rate is 17 per 1000, while the mortality rate in Augusta has averaged for the past ten years but 14.7 per 1000. We can also see the preponderance of constitutional and hereditary disease, and old age, over epidemic, contagious diseases, which prevail in many cities.

The recognized average age at death is 35 years, while that of Augusta in the past year has been 47 years. Our immunity
from severe epidemics has been well demonstrated in the past year, for while neighboring cities have been swept by epidemic waves of measles, typhoid fever and pneumonia of severe type and large mortality, Augusta has escaped with very little in excess of an average amount. From natural formation the sewerage is exceptionally good, yet if thoroughly perfected, as it easily could be, I believe the mortality record would be still further diminished.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. MALLET, M. D., City Physician.
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta:

At the commencement of the municipal year, 1881-82, there were pending in the Supreme Judicial Court for Kennebec County, the following actions to which the City was a party:

City of Augusta vs. Oliver Moulton.

Same vs. same.

One of these actions is still before the Law Court for determination and awaits the result.

But one action has been commenced against the City during the year, viz: A. H. Howard vs. City of Augusta—brought to recover back a tax paid under protest. The evidence was taken out at the June Term of the Superior Court, and the case reported to the Law Court for decision; it will be argued at the May Term. Baker & Baker, counsel for plaintiffs.

These are all the actions to which the City is a party, now before any court, and unless new cases arise, the close of the next municipal year will probably find Augusta free from "law suits."

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. CHOATE, City Solicitor.
CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirements of law and custom, I have the honor of herewith submitting for your consideration my annual report of the condition and general efficiency of the Fire Department, together with an inventory of all property belonging to, and under the jurisdiction of the department, and a brief statement of the duties performed by it during the fiscal year ending March 20, 1882, as appended. You will also find in connection a full and correct list of fires and alarms that have occurred during the year, and to which it may be proper to add the department has faithfully responded. The following is a list of the dates on which the department has been called out in number, viz., six times:

March 31, 1881. Alarm at 9.30, A. M. Fire discovered in the cellar of F. W. Kinsman’s drug store, Water street, building owned by Kennebec Land and Lumber Co. Damage on building, $200; insured. Damage to stock in cellar, $1,500; insurance, $1,500. Cause of fire by the bursting of a carboy of chemicals in cellar.

June 11. Alarm at 10.15 o’clock, P. M. Caused by the burning of brush near Chelsea line. Department all out. No damage.

Sept. 27. Alarm at 8 o’clock. Caused by the burning of brush on Middle street. Department all out. One engine worked. No damage.

Oct. 13. Alarm at 3 o’clock, A. M. Fire discovered in J. P. Wyman & Son’s dry house, on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Building partly burned with 17,000 feet hardwood lumber, loss $1,300; no insurance. Cause of fire chimney burned out.

March 9, 1882. Alarm at 1.30 o'clock, A. M. Fire discovered in Webber & Webber's machine shop and foundry, both buildings burned, damage $12,000; insured, $11,000. Cause incendiary. Owing to the long distance that water had to be carried there was quite a long delay before water could be got on to the fire.

March 10. Still alarm at 5.00 o'clock, A. M. Caused by news coming from North Parish that a house belonging to Mrs. Grant was on fire. House all burned, and the old lady was burned up with house and contents.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus at the present time consists of two steam fire engines, viz.: Cushnoc, No. 1, built by Amoskeag Co., Manchester, N. H.; Atlantic, No. 2, built by Hill & Moorlen, of this city. Also one hand engine in good repair, two hose carriages in good order, and one old hose cart which is used for spare hose.

Hose.

There is in the department five thousand six hundred and fifty, (5,650) feet, as follows: two hundred (200) feet of linen, rubber lined, in fair condition; four hundred (400) feet of linen, in fair condition; two thousand (2,000) feet of leather of which five hundred (500) feet has been condemned, the rest is in fair condition; three thousand and fifty (3,050) feet of cotton, rubber lined, new.

FORCE.

The force of the department consists of thirty-two (32) men, as follows: one chief and one assistant, one steam fire engine company of seventeen (17) men, including engineer, driver and steward, one steam fire engine company of fourteen (14) men, including engineer, fireman and steward; the number of horses in the department is two.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are in good condition except the one on Spring street that is worthless. The one on the corner of Grove and Green streets has been repaired the last year so it is in good condition. The following is a list of reservoirs, their locations and capacity:

No. 1. Corner of Bridge and Water streets ............ 500 hhds.
2. Cushnoc Heights, junction of Northern Avenue
   and Washington streets ..................... 300
3. Spring street, worthless ..................... 200
CITY OF AUGUSTA.

No. 4. Bangor street........................................... 200 hlds.
5. Cony street.................................................. 200
6. Middle street............................................... 200
7. Middle junction............................................. 300
8. Court street.................................................. 200
9. Sewall street.................................................. 200
10. High Schoolhouse yard.................................... 125
11. Corner Elm and Bridge streets.......................... 125
12. Water street, near R. R. bridge.......................... 125
13. Corner Gage and Green streets........................... 125
14. State street, Augusta House (private)................. 125
15. State House.................................................. 200
16. Schoolhouse, Cushnoc Heights........................... 125
17. Winthrop street............................................. 80

HYDRANTS.

The following is a list of hydrants, their size and location; all are in good order. The one at the junction of State and Grove streets has been replaced with a new one, and by order of the City Council I have put in a new hydrant at the junction of Gage and Green streets.

2. Post Office.................................................. 4 1-2
3. Granite Hall................................................ 4 1-2
4. Railroad crossing, foot of Rines' Hill............... 4 1-2
5. Junction of Winthrop and State streets............... 4 1-2
6. " Green " " " " ... 4 1-2
7. " Grove " " " " ... 4 1-2
8. " Capitol " " " " ... 4 1-2
9. " Gage and Green streets " .. 4 1-2

LADDERS.

There are six ladders in the department in fair order, but no truck to haul them. It makes a great delay after all the apparatus arrives at a fire to have no ladders. At nine fires out of ten ladders are wanted the first thing. I would recommend that your honorable body take the matter in consideration and purchase a new hook and ladder truck.
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

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<td>No. 63, Cony Street</td>
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STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 1—CUSHNOC.

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<td>C. R. Hall, Clerk</td>
<td>30</td>
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PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF THE COMPANY.

One steam fire engine, built by Amoskeag Manufactory, of Manchester, N. H., in fair condition; one four wheel hose carriage in good order; eighteen hundred (1,800) feet of cotton hose in good order; four discharge pipes, six nozzles, two monkey wrenches, two axes, one iron bar, ten spanners, two brooms, one table lamp, two pails, one hammer, eight chairs, six stools, two stoves, one iron vise, two coal shovels, one hydrant wrench, one hydrant reducing coupling, one branch coupling, one pair steps, one jack screw, two lanterns, two oil cans, ten feet small rubber hose. House on Bridge street in good repair except paint.
FIRE DEPARTMENT TEAM—INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

One pair of horses, one set double harnesses in fair order, one pair street blankets, one wagon, one dump cart, one dump sled, one wagon sled in good order. I would recommend that there be a new pair of harness purchased this year for the old ones have been in constant use for twelve (12) years.

Mr. McCausland is a very efficient and obliging driver and has managed this team in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Churchill the engineer is the right man in the right place, and has managed his part in a satisfactory manner.

STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 2—ATLANTIC.

Names. Age. Residence.
Fred Cony, Foreman .......... 38 — Myrtle Street.
J. D. Hysom, Asst. Foreman — 38 Cony
E. H. Gardiner, Clerk — — Bangor
P. N. Savage, Hoseman — 32 — Patterson
G. F. Davies, “ — 31 Sewall
C. L. Marston, “ — 33 Patterson
S. B. Folsom, “ — 30 Bangor
B. F. Hysom, “ — 36 State
J. H. Whitney, “ — — Cony
E. A. Shaw, “ — School
S. Pullen, “ — — Patterson
T. C. Davis, Steward — 55 Cony
F. J. Clark, Engineer — — Cony
A. P. Sabens, Driver — — Bangor
J. H. Chandler, Fireman — — Bangor

PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF THE COMPANY.

One steam fire engine, built by Hill & Moorlen. in good order; one two wheel hose-cart in good order; ten hundred (1,000) feet paragon hose in good order; five hundred (500) feet of cable stitched hose, new; five hundred (500) feet of leather hose, in fair order; one axe, one iron bar, one monkey wrench, one shovel, one hammer, twelve hose spanners, one coal shovel, one coal stove, one wood stove, one coal hod, three lanterns. This engine has been thoroughly repaired the past year, and has been hauled the past year by contract.
Amount of loss by fire from March 21, 1881, to March 20, 1882, $15,000; insurance, $12,700. There has been purchased by the city during the past year, one thousand (1,000) feet of cable stitched cotton rubber-lined hose which makes the department very well supplied with hose. I would recommend for the consideration of your honorable body that there be built one reservoir each year for five years. It is very necessary that the department should have a good supply of water.

I would also recommend the purchase of a two wheeled hose-cart for the Cushnoc Co., and take their four wheel carriage and put in some thills so it can be hauled with a horse, for spare hose, which is needed about every time that a fire occurs.

**Expenses.**

Regular running expenses for the year .................. $2,378.81

According to the Street Commissioner’s bills which he has presented to me, the fire department team has earned on the streets the past year .................. $562.05

Sprinkling streets ........................................ 395.00

Work on bridge ........................................... 14.00

Appropriation ............................................. 4,000.00

Total .................................................................. $4,971.05

Deducting running expenses .................. 2,378.81

Amount on hand ...................................... $2,592.24

**Conclusion.**

In conclusion, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department for the prompt, willing and able manner with which they have responded to the calls for their assistance. To his Honor the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen, I am under great obligations for their cordial support in all matters tending to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Morse, Chief Engineer.
REPORT OF SUPT. OF BURIALS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Burials, for the year ending March 17, 1882.

Following is a list of deaths, as given me, with age, disease and where buried:

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I have sold in all twenty lots.

Mt. Pleasant, thirteen .................................. $120 00
Riverside, seven ......................................... 70 00

Total .................................................. $190 00
Expended for grading streets and walks ...................... 82 86

Balance in favor of cemeteries .......................... $107 14

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. DOUGHTY, Supt. of Burials.
CITY GOVERNMENT—1881-82.

MAYOR:
PELEG O. VICKERY

CITY CLERK:
H. F. BLANCHARD.

ALDERMEN:
WARD 1—ALDEN W. PHILBROOK.  WARD 4—REUEL W. DUTTON.
  2—DANIEL WHITEHOUSE.  5—LUCIUS HILL,
  3—X. C. HALLETT,  6—DANIEL A. CONY,
  7—DANIEL B. SAVAGE.

STANDING COMMITTEES:
ON ACCOUNTS—Aldermen Philbrook and Cony. (Two to constitute a quorum for business.)
ON HIGHWAYS—Whitehouse and Savage.
ON NEW STREETS—Dutton and Hill.
ON BELLS AND CLOCKS—Hallett and Dutton.
ON BURYING GROUNDS—Hill and Savage.
ON FINANCE—Cony and Philbrook.
ON FIRE DEPARTMENT—Whitehouse and Hallett.
ON SCHOOLS—Philbrook and Hill.
ON PRINTING—Cony and Whitehouse.
ON ENROLLED ORDINANCES—Savage and Dutton.
ON CITY BUILDINGS—Dutton and Hill.
ON STREET LAMPS—Whitehouse and Hallett.
ON POLICE—Dutton and Cony.
ON STATE PENSIONS—Philbrook and Savage.
### City of Augusta

**On City High School**—G. T. Fletcher, Supervisor of Schools; Wm. R. Smith, representing Village School District; Joseph H. Manley, representing Trustees Cony Academy.

**Health Committee**—P. O. Vickery, Chas. H. White and Wallace Bolan.

**Treasurer and Collector**—Guy Turner.

**City Marshal**—Chas. H. White.

**Street Commissioner (east side)**—Frank S. Severance.

**Street Commissioner (west side)**—Columbus Cottle.

**City Physician**—Wallace Bolan.

**City Solicitor**—W. S. Choate.

**Assessors**—A. D. Townsend, Erastus Haskell, Wm. H. Libby.

**Overseers of the Poor**—John W. Chase, Joseph H. Wall, O. C. Whitehouse.

**City Auditor**—D. C. Robinson.

**Keeper Kennebec Bridge**—Selden B. Worthley.

**Driver of City Team**—Alex. McCausland.

**City Engineer**—J. W. Patterson.

**Bell Ringer**—Baker Weston.

**Chief Engineer Fire Department**—Henry T. Morse.

**Assistant Engineer**—W. W. Robbins.

**Supervisor of Schools**—G. T. Fletcher.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**—A. D. Ward.

**Engineer of Steamer Atlantic**—Frank Clark.

**Engineer of Steamer Cushnoc**—T. J. Trask.

**Keeper City Clock**—Sylvanus H. Russell.

**Superintendent of Burials**—George Doughty.

**Pound Keeper**—Alfred Turner.

**Superintendent Town Farm**—Alfred Turner.

**Auctioneer**—J. D. Robbins.


WARD OFFICERS.

Ward 1—Warden, Elisha F. Blackman.
    Ward Clerk, Chas. C. Hunt.
    Constable, Samuel W. Messer.

    Ward Clerk, Samuel S. Avery.
    Constable, Edmund W. Getchell.

Ward 3—Warden, Sylvanus C. Avery.
    Ward Clerk, Edward H. Ballard.
    Constable, B. Frank Gaslin.

Ward 4—Warden, Henry O. Turner.
    Ward Clerk, George M. Bean.
    Constable, John C. Garland.

Ward 5—Warden, Fred D. Hoyt.
    Ward Clerk, Bartlett E. Folsom.
    Constable, Seth Gay.

Ward 6—Warden, G. D. Haskell.
    Ward Clerk, J. H. Chandler.
    Constable, Chas. H. White.

    Ward Clerk, Geo. W. Ladd.
    Constable, W. H. Smith.
SUPERVISOR’S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Schools, for the year ending March 20, 1882. For the support of the schools there was appropriated by the city the sum of $9,150. There was received from the State the sum of $3,587.05.

The sum of $2,900 was appropriated for the support of the Cony Free High School. The sum of $890.50 was reserved for distribution among the small districts, the sum of $4,981.29 was apportioned to the Village District, and $3,965.26 to the other districts.

The Village District raised by special taxation, for school purposes, the additional sum of $3,000.

On the first day of April, 1881, there were 2,342 children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, residing in Augusta. Of this number, 1,304 resided in the Village District, and 1,038 in the other districts.

At the beginning of the municipal year there were twenty-three districts under the inspection of the Supervisor. In the month of April, districts 1, 20 and 26, were united by vote of the people of said districts, for the purpose of grading and otherwise improving their schools. As there are now but twenty districts designated by numbers, while the highest is numbered 27, and Districts 1, 5, 6, 9, 15, 20 and 26 have no existence, it seems very desirable that there be a re-numbering, based upon the relative time of organization or upon some order of location.
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Number of pupils registered in fall schools..................... 457
Average number of pupils attending fall schools.............. 369
Number of pupils registered in winter schools.................. 547
Average number of pupils attending winter schools............ 449
Number of schools taught by female teachers in summer........ 24
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  fall........ 16
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  male  "  fall........ 2
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  winter.... 8
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  female  "  winter.... 15
Average wages of female teachers per wk. including board 87 18
  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  male  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  9 25
The longest school year in any district is...................... 31 weeks.
The shortest "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  16 "
The average "  "  "  in the districts is...................... 24 1-2

REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

WILLIAMS DISTRICT.

Daniel A. Cony, Agent, Pettingill's Corner. The spring term commenced under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Bradstreet, a teacher of ability and experience, who was obliged to leave after five weeks on account of sickness in her family. Miss Angle Dolloff completed the term very satisfactorily. The fall and winter terms were taught by Mrs. Z. A. Humphrey, a teacher of large experience, marked executive ability and teaching power. The school is large and not satisfactorily graded, but the various examinations showed that much progress had been made by all classes.

School Street Primary. The spring term was taught seven weeks by Miss Emma S. Dana, and on account of her sickness was finished by Miss Hattie M. Barton. Miss Dana taught the fall and winter terms. This is a large and difficult school. The room is, at times, over crowded, the pupils are very young and naturally restless, requiring a variety of exercises to keep them employed, and government that is mild uniform and firm. A teacher of much
physical strength, and special tact and training for primary work, is demanded for this school. Miss Dana is an industrious teacher and considerable progress in some branches was made, but more thorough instruction and better discipline are required.

**School Street Intermediate.** The school was taught during the year by Miss Nellie P. Gilman. This school was well classified, governed and taught, as a natural result of the continued services of a most excellent teacher. Miss Gilman is systematic and thorough in her work, and decided in her discipline. The closing exercises, which were witnessed by a large number of friends, were highly satisfactory. The district should retain Miss Gilman's services.

**Middle Street Primary.** The spring term was taught by Miss Sophronia S. Knowles. This school is not very large and the accommodations are ample. Pupils should be transferred from the School Street Primary to this room for better accommodations. The school made fair progress under Miss Knowles, though she is better adapted to the needs of older pupils.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Stella Barton, a teacher of experience, having excellent managing and teaching ability. The little ones were much interested in their work, the order was good, and the recitations showed the admirable results which can be secured in primary work through modern methods under a competent teacher. Mrs. W.B. Leighton and Miss H. M. Barton did excellent work as assistant teachers.

**Middle Street Grammar School.** The spring term was taught by Miss Stella Barton, who assisted in the same department during the fall and winter terms. Her discipline and instruction were excellent. This school has been graded during the year to receive the more advanced pupils from the other schools of the district. The average scholarship of the first class is good, but time will be required to increase the efficiency of all the schools so that the grading may be perfected. By special request, the fall and winter terms were under the direction of the Supervisor. A teacher of experience and ability should be permanently employed in this and in the other schools of the district, and the good results of the union already manifested will be greatly increased.
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District No. 2.

James Donovan, Agent. The spring term was taught by Miss Evelyn P. Wellman. The attendance was unusually small, which in a measure, accounts for the lack of interest and progress manifested in the work. Miss W. seemed to labor to the best of her ability, yet but small progress was made during the short term. This district united with No. 23 to maintain a fall school for the more advanced pupils. Mr. A. F. Warren was secured as instructor. The attendance equalled the whole number registered in the two districts during the spring term. The discipline of the school was good, the instruction very practical and thorough. Mr. Warren has had much experience in teaching and the Union School made excellent progress under his management. This plan should be repeated by the two districts.

District No. 3.

George Stevens, Agent. Three terms taught by Miss Viola M. Adel. During the first term a lack of force was manifested, and the method of instruction was not satisfactory, but some improvement was evident at the close of the term, which was much increased during the last two terms. There are some very good scholars in this school, and the results of hard study and thorough teaching were very manifest at the last examinations.

District No. 4.

Converse Lowell, Agent. The spring term was taught by Mrs. Ella A. Fletcher. The attendance was small and the term short, hence the best results could not be expected. Mrs. F. lacks the advantages of recent experience and a knowledge of modern methods, but she labored faithfully, and improvement was evident, especially in the reading classes.

The winter term was taught by Mr. J. C. Hewitt. The term was long, the attendance large, for the district, and much progress was made. Mr. H. possesses much tact; he readily adopts improved methods; his instruction is thorough and practical, and his discipline is excellent. The condition of the school house, and the deportment and recitations of the pupils reflect much credit upon teacher and scholars. The district should invite Mr. H. to return.
District No. 7.

Madison Humphrey, Agent. This is the smallest school in the city, but in some respects it has been one of the best this year. The district was fortunate to secure Miss Kate M. Phelan to teach three terms. The few pupils were anxious to learn and the teacher manifested rare good sense in adopting the best practical methods of teaching. The examinations showed remarkable progress, especially in reading, writing, geography and arithmetic. During the winter term pupils from an adjoining district availed themselves of the privileges of this school. This district furnished one of the best scholars that entered the High School last fall.

District No. 8.

Joseph Newman, Agent. Miss Ada M. Drummond taught the spring and fall terms. This school needs a teacher of much energy. Some of the pupils do not respond readily to instruction—they need "waking up." The reading was especially poor, and the instruction in arithmetic and grammar was not practical. Methods of improvement were suggested and some progress was made. Miss Drummond is a very faithful, hard working teacher, deserving better success than she attained.

Mr. J. M. Hammond, a very young man, of fair scholarship, with neither experience nor special preparation for teaching, was employed by the agent to teach the winter school. Under these circumstances, some success was possible, but not probable. The method of instruction lacked system and thoroughness, and the discipline was poor. Defects were pointed out and remedies suggested. Slight improvement was indicated during the last part of the term, but the school was not successful.

District No. 10.

Mr. T. A. Saunders, Agent. Miss Nancy Stilson was employed to teach the spring and winter terms. Miss S. brought to her work the valuable results of Normal training, and an earnest spirit. Excellent methods of instruction prevailed and the school was pleasant and profitable.

District No. 11.

A. B. Spaulding, Agent. Miss C. M. Trask taught the spring term. The school opened with a very small attendance, and the
teaching did not promise good results. But at the middle of the term improvement was manifested, and the final examination showed excellent progress. Miss Trask deserves much commendation for her thorough work; it was pleasant to meet so many parents at the closing exercises.

The winter term was taught by Mrs. Mary F. Fossett. At the first visit the school appeared to be in excellent condition. Mrs. F. is an able teacher, and her large experience seems to have enabled her to combine the good of the past with that which is better in the present. The last examination showed commendable progress.

**DISTRICT No. 12.**

H. F. Leighton, Agent. Three terms were taught by Miss Susie H. Leighton, a resident of the district. Miss L. has the confidence of the people and the respect and love of the pupils. She has excellent natural ability and scholarship, much tact and the advantage of experience. She is very pleasant in the school-room, maintaining good order without severity. The instruction was practical and thorough. The pupils need to be more earnest in order to secure the best results.

**DISTRICT No. 13.**

Albert Randall, Agent. There are but few pupils in this district, hence a large extra allowance of money was granted. The district should have had two or three terms, but for some reason, not satisfactory to the people or to the supervisor, there was no school in the summer or fall, and the winter term did not commence until February. The system which leaves the fate of our schools to the caprice of an Agent is well illustrated in this case. At this time the school is under the instruction of Miss Carrie A. Cates, an excellent teacher. A small number of pupils is in attendance, some of whom will rank among the best in the city.

**DISTRICT No. 14.**

Benjamin F. Libby, Agent. Mrs. Z. H. Humphrey taught the spring term. The school is small and backward, but fair progress was made under the efficient management of Mrs. Humphrey.

Winter term—Stephen Cobb, teacher. Mr. Cobb is a veteran in school teaching. He brings some good methods, and some that need improving from the treasury of his long experience. The
classes in reading, arithmetic and geography made commendable progress, the class in grammar had not done so well.

**District No. 16.**

Reuel Merrill, Agent. Miss Mabelle Appleton taught the spring term. The school is small but the pupils are quite bright and earnest. Reading books much above the capacity of the pupils were in use. Some supplementary reading matter was furnished and slight improvement was made. The teaching lacked life and freshness.

Winter term—Orrett J. Hussey, teacher. Good order was maintained. The classes improved in reading and writing; the examination in geography was very satisfactory. Mr. Hussey labored faithfully and secured very good results.

**District No. 17.**

Albert T. Leavitt, Agent. The three terms were taught by Miss Cora B. Lincoln. At the first visit the order appeared good, but the instruction was not quite satisfactory. Some changes in matter and methods were suggested, and at subsequent visits improvement was manifested. Miss Lincoln has much ability, and her work produced good results.

**District No. 18.**

John O. Curtis, Agent. The spring and winter terms were taught by Miss Anna M. Chadwick. This school is somewhat difficult to manage, but Miss Chadwick's experience and firmness enabled her to control it. Much improvement was made in the method of instruction, as the school progressed, and very good results were secured.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Gardner M. Knowles. Agents should employ only teachers of successful experience for this school. Few young teachers can succeed here, as more than ordinary governing power is required. Mr. Knowles manifested a lack of skill and energy. The instruction lacked definiteness and thoroughness, and the discipline was lax. The condition of the house was discreditable. The term not being profitable, it was shortened.
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DISTRICT No. 19.

Henry F. Marston, Agent. This is a small, backward school. It was taught three terms by Miss Carrie M. White, with very satisfactory results.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Amos H. Church, Agent. The summer term was taught by Miss Cora A. Winslow. The school is backward and the pupils were not well supplied with books. The teaching was mechanical, but some improvement was made during the term.

The fall term was taught by Miss Carrie E. McCausland, whose energy and improved methods imparted life to the school. The examination showed that faithful, efficient work had been done.

DISTRICT No. 22.

W. P. Vaughn and George E. Scribner, Agents. By the death of Mr. Vaughn the city and district lost a most valuable citizen. He was deeply interested in the welfare of his school. The spring term was taught by Miss Angie Dolloff, a teacher of excellent abilities, Normal training and successful experience. The instruction was systematic, thorough and modern, and the discipline was all that could be desired. An excellent class of pupils responded heartily to the efforts of a teacher whom they respected, and as a natural result the term's work was highly satisfactory.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Sophronia S. Knowles. It will be sufficient to say of Miss Knowles, that she continued the work so well begun by Miss Dolloff without loss to the school. The house was kept in admirable condition, the order was excellent and the recitations indicated most thorough study and instruction. District, teachers and pupils are to be congratulated upon the results of the year's work.

DISTRICT No. 23.

Stephen Tracy, Agent. Miss Carrie E. McCausland taught the spring term. She was earnest and thorough in her work. Much attention was given to reading and to the improvement of the younger pupils in this branch. Her method of instruction was adapted to secure good results, but a lack of discipline interfered with the progress of the school. The district united with No. 2 to support a fall school, a report of which has been given.
The winter term was taught by Mr. A. F. Warren with a good degree of success, though the smaller pupils should have received more attention.

**District No. 24.**

Stacy Trask, Agent. The spring term was taught by Miss E. Maud Whitehouse. This was her first school, but having considerable tact for management, the pupils made some progress during the term. With training and experience, Miss W. will probably make a successful teacher.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Mrs. Viola M. Mosher. Very good progress was made in all the studies pursued, and the school gave evidence of being well conducted. Mrs. M. is a good teacher.

**District No. 25.**

Stover Grindal, Agent. This is one of our smallest schools but it makes up in quality its lack of quantity of pupils. The spring term was taught by Miss Hattie M. Barton, whose pleasing manners won the love of her pupils. The instruction was very thorough and all the recitations were excellent.

Miss Clara M. Trask taught the fall term, and Miss Kate M. Phelan the winter term. The school seemed to suffer no less by the change of teachers, a result due to the continued excellence of the instruction and the character and ability of the pupils, some of whom are numbered with the most advanced in the city. This district furnished one of the best pupils that entered the High School last fall. The district has moved and repaired its house, a result largely due to the enterprise of its agent.

**District No. 27.**

R. E. Harlow, Agent. Miss Ellen M. Glidden taught the spring and fall terms. With the exception of a few pupils, the school is backward, the attendance is small and irregular. The school needs a teacher of much animation, one whose methods of instruction are fresh and interesting, that the school may be a pleasant and profitable place. Miss Glidden is essentially lacking in these qualities, and while there was little improvement during the first term, the second was less profitable.
I have inspected the schools with much interest and care, criticising, encouraging and assisting the teachers as circumstances seemed to require, visiting all the schools, with one exception, twice during a term, generally spending a full half day in each. Many schools have received three visits and some four during a term, according to their special needs. About one hundred and fifty visits have been made during the year. In most cases our teachers have manifested good natural ability, in some instances marked skill, in managing and teaching; nearly all have shown readiness and aptness to learn and apply better methods.

A few have not evinced interest in their work or ability to improve, but as a class, the teachers have served the city faithfully and efficiently. If agents would employ no teacher who does not hold a certificate from the Supervisor, and a recommendation from him to the agent, better teachers would be secured. Or if agents would attend a general examination, to which the best teachers in the county would come, excellent selections might be made. It is time to have a reform in this branch of the "civil service."

A review of the school year indicates some conditions that are encouraging. There has been an increase in the number of terms of school, and a less frequent change of teachers. Nearly all of the teachers have had considerable experience, some have received special training and most have manifested ability and industry, making constant improvement in their work. A more definite course of study has had a tendency to increase the thoroughness of the instruction.

Special attention has been given to reading, and the improvement in this most important branch has been great, especially in the primary classes. A greater variety of reading matter, interesting and instructive, is much needed in our schools. Many cities are wisely investing considerable money in supplementary reading matter for the lower schools. Teachers who are thoroughly interested in their work, can accomplish much by their own special efforts in this direction. To secure this result, and other improvements, the best teachers that can be employed, for the means at command, should be secured and their services retained.

The employment of unqualified teachers, and the retention of competent ones but one or two terms, are productive of baneful results. Such methods of action are not founded upon common business principles, and should not be tolerated by the public. If a
teacher has been successful, her services should be retained as long as possible; it is not wise to try experiments upon our children. If an agent does not know that an applicant has the requisite qualifications he should not employ her. When a female teacher has taught a summer and a fall term satisfactorily, it is very unwise to employ a cheap man in her place to teach the winter school. It is possible for every district in town to have three terms of school per year, each term at least 8 weeks long. This is much better than the two term plan. Will agents please consult the Supervisor with regard to teachers and terms?

Districts must elect agents upon the principle of interest in, and fitness for the duties devolving upon them, and agents must perform their responsible duties intelligently and faithfully, or our schools will continue to suffer. The condition of some of our school houses is a disgrace to the districts. These buildings should be neat and comfortable, well warmed, lighted and ventilated, health demands this; they should be fully supplied with black boards, charts and globes, that instruction may be increased in value. Will our agents bear these duties in mind?

Our school year has no definite length, ranging from 16 weeks to 31 weeks, averaging 24 1-2 weeks. No district should have less than 30 weeks. 35 weeks would be much more profitable. How shall this much needed result be secured? There are three plans: First, raise more money; Second, abolish the district system; Third, reduce the number of districts. We now have twenty-five schools for 550 pupils, and are paying for 612 weeks of schooling; the average attendance is 22 pupils, while one school records an attendance of only three pupils, and five schools have registered less than 12 pupils. It costs as much to teach a small school as a large one, and the instruction is not so beneficial where the number of pupils is less than 25 or 30. Should the number of schools be reduced to 20 with an average attendance of only 28 pupils, the school year in all the districts would be increased to 30 weeks without additional expense to the city. To secure this desirable result some pupils, in the thinly settled portions of the city, must walk quite a distance to school, but the advantages will more than compensate for the extra labor.

Most of the improvements suggested are but temporary expedients; the only adequate remedy for the evils of poor houses, short terms of ungraded and unclassified schools with unqualified teachers, is the
abolition of the old district system. The city should take the entire charge of its school interests, reduce the number of schools and increase the length of the year to, at least, thirty-six weeks. The value of the accommodations, outside of the High and Grammar school buildings, should be greatly increased. A competent committee should be chosen, representing each ward, having power to grade schools, hire teachers and employ a skilled superintendent to devote his whole time and abilities to the improvement of the schools. The serious attention of the people is called to this most important question.

Now that the High School is free to all qualified pupils in the city, our district schools must be increased in efficiency so as to prepare the pupils for the excellent advantages now within reach. There should be a determined purpose, and concert of action to increase the educational advantages of our city.

G. T. FLETCHER, Supervisor.
WILLIAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I herewith submit my report as Agent of Williams School for the year ending March 20, 1882:

**Receipts.**

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Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CONY, Agent.
THE CONY FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The fall term opened September 5, 1882, in the new building, the free use of which was presented to the city by the Trustees of the Cony Female Academy, so long as the city shall maintain a free high school therein. The school is now free to all the qualified pupils of the city, and it should become an object of special interest and pride to all our citizens. The number of pupils taking a High School course should be greatly increased, as the advantages for culture and discipline are excellent, and but a small extra expense for instruction would be incurred by doubling the present attendance. The course of study compares favorably with that of similar schools in New England, and it may be modified in some respects to better meet the demands of the times for a more "practical education." The English branches and natural science should receive more attention, and some studies may be made elective to meet the special wants of some pupils. The school should provide for the greatest good of the largest possible number of pupils. If all our citizens will avail themselves of the advantages offered, the teaching force can be increased and the course of study extended to meet all demands. The fact that our High School graduates enter the best New England Colleges, with excellent standing, is proof that the College preparatory course and the instruction given, are all that can be desired. The city is fortunate in being able to retain the services of such an able and faithful corps of teachers. Let the school have a generous support and a large attendance.

G. T. FLETCHER,
J. H. MANLEY,
W. R. SMITH, Committee.
### Table showing the Number of Scholars Registered, and the Average Attendance for 1882:

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I herewith furnish abstracts from the Laws of Maine, relating to Public Schools:

**POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEES.**

**SECT. 52.** Members of superintending school committees and supervisors shall be duly sworn.

**SECT. 53.** Superintending school committees, at their first meeting, shall designate by lot one of their number to hold office three years, and another two years, and certify such designation to the town clerk, to be by him recorded. The third member shall hold office one year; and each member elected to fill the place of one whose term expires, shall hold office three years. They shall fill all vacancies in their number until the next annual town meeting. Two members shall constitute a quorum; but if there is but one in office, he may fill vacancies.

**SECT. 54.** Superintending school committees shall perform the following duties:

First—They shall appoint suitable times and places for the examination of candidates proposing to teach in town, and give notice thereof by posting the same in two or more public places within the town at least three weeks before the time of said examination, or the publication for a like length of time of said notice in one or more of the county newspapers having the largest circulation in the county. They shall (unless the town vote otherwise) employ teachers for the several districts in the town, and notify the several school agents of the teachers employed and the compensation agreed to be paid; and in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, five and one-half days shall constitute the school week, and four weeks shall constitute a school month.

Second—On satisfactory evidence that a candidate possesses a good moral character, and a temper and disposition suitable to be an instructor of youth, they shall examine him in reading, spelling, English grammar, geography, history, arithmetic, book-keeping and physiology, and such other branches as they may desire to introduce into public schools, and particularly in the school for which he is examined; and also as to capacity for the government thereof.

Third—They shall give to each candidate found competent, a certificate that he is qualified to govern said school and instruct in the branches
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above named and such other branches as are necessary to be taught there­
in, (Act of 1871) or may render valid by endorsement any graded certifi­
cates issued to teachers by normal school principals, county supervisors
or State superintendent of common schools.

Fourth—Direct the general course of instruction, and select a uniform
system of text-books, due notice of which shall be given; and any text­
book thus introduced, shall not be changed for five years thereafter un­
less by a vote of the town; and any person violating the provisions here­
of shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be re­
covered in an action of debt by any school officer or person aggrieved.
And when said committee has made such selection of school books, they
may contract, under section six, with the publishers for the purchase and
delivery thereof; make such rules as they deem effectual for their preser­
vation and return; or if they are kept for sale, may regulate the sale and
appoint an agent to keep and sell them, and fix the retail price which shall
be marked on the title page of each book.

Fifth—Examine the several schools, and inquire into the regulations
and discipline thereof, and the proficiency of the scholars therein, for
which purpose one or more of the committee shall visit each school at
least twice in summer and twice in winter; and use their influence to
secure the regular attendance at school of the youth in their town.

Sixth—After due notice and investigation, they shall dismiss any teach­
er, although having the requisite certificate, who is found incapable or
 unfit to teach, or whose services they deem unprofitable to the school;
and give to said teacher a certificate of dismissal and of the reason there­
for, a copy of which they shall retain, and immediately notify the dis­
trict agent of such dismissal, which shall not deprive the teacher of com­
pensation for previous services.

Seventh—Expel from the school any obstinately disobedient and disor­
derly scholar, after a proper investigation of his behavior, if found neces­
sary for the peace and usefulness of the school; and restore him on sat­
isfactory evidence of his repentance and amendment.

Eighth—Exclude from the public schools, if they deem expedient, any
person who is not vaccinated, though otherwise entitled by law to admis­
sion thereto.

Ninth—Direct or approve in writing the expenditure of school money
apportioned to inhabitants not included in any district.

Tenth—I prescribe the sum, on the payment of which persons of the re­
quired age, resident on territory, the jurisdiction of which has been ceded
to the United States, included in or surrounded by a school district, shall
be entitled to attend school in such district; and when such territory ad­
joins two or more districts, they shall designate the one where they may
attend.

Eleventh—Determine what description of scholars shall attend each
school, classify them, and transfer them from school to school in dis­
tricts where more than one school is kept at the same time, and no dis­
The district committee is elected, and may authorize the admission of scholars in one district into the schools of another district.

Twelfth—At the annual town meeting they shall make a written report of the condition of the schools for the past year, the proficiency made by the pupils, and the success attending the modes of instruction and government of the teachers; they shall transmit a copy thereof to the superintendent of common schools.

Section 55. They shall annually make out a statement containing the following particulars:

First—The amount of money raised and expended for the support of schools, designating what part is raised by taxes, and what part from other funds, and how such funds accrued.

Second—The number of school districts and parts of districts in their town.

Third—The number of children between four and twenty-one years of age, belonging to their town in each district, on the first day of April preceding.

Fourth—The number of such children who reside on islands, or in any other part of the town not in any district.

Fifth—The whole number and the average number of scholars attending the summer schools; the whole number and the average number of scholars attending the winter schools; and also the total number of different scholars attending school two weeks or more of the preceding year, as shall appear from the teachers' registers returnable to said officers, agreeably to section sixty-three, chapter eleven of the revised statutes. (Act of 1873.)

Sixth—The average length of the summer schools in weeks; the average length of winter schools in weeks; the average length of the schools for the year.

Seventh—The number of male teachers and the number of female teachers employed in the public schools during any part of the year.

Eighth—The wages of male teachers per month, and the wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board.

Ninth—They shall give in their returns the number of scholars as they existed on the first day of April next preceding the time of making said returns, and full and complete answers to the inquiries contained in the blank forms furnished them under the provisions of law; certify that such statement is true and correct, according to their best knowledge and belief; and transmit to the office of the State Superintendent of common schools, on or before the first day of May in each year. When by reason of removal, resignation or death, but one member of the committee remains, he shall make said returns.

Section 56. If any school agent neglects to return the scholars in his district, the superintending school committee shall immediately make such enumeration and be paid a reasonable sum therefor, to be taken from the amount to be apportioned to the district of such delinquent agent.
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SECT. 57. They shall return to the assessors on or before the fifteenth day of May, annually, the number of scholars in each school district according to the enumeration provided for in sections fifty-six and sixty-one.

SECT. 58. If any parent, master or guardian, after notice from the teacher of a school that a child under his care is deficient of the necessary school books, refuses or neglects to furnish such child with the books required, the superintending school committee, on being notified thereof by the teacher, shall furnish them at the expense of the town; and such expense may be added to the next town tax of the parent, master or guardian.

To Secure the Education of Youth.

Item 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of Maine, having control of any child or children between the ages of nine and fifteen years, shall be required to send such child or children to a public school for a period of at least twelve weeks in each year, unless such child or children are excused from such attendance by the school officers of the town in which such parent or guardian resides, upon its being shown to their satisfaction that the mental or bodily condition of such child or children has been such as to prevent attendance at school of application to study for the period required, and the certificate of a physician shall be deemed sufficient to satisfy said officers; or that such child or children have been taught at a private school or at home in such branches as are usually taught in primary schools; provided, in case a public school shall not be taught for three months in the year within one and one-half miles by the shortest travelled road of the residence of such delinquent, nor within the school district within which such child resides, he shall not be liable to the provisions of this act.

Item 2. In case any parent, guardian, or other person having such control, shall fail to comply with section one of this act, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars and costs of prosecution for such offence, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, and the magistrate or court to which said fine shall be paid shall pay the same to the treasurer of the town in which the offence was committed, and shall be by him accounted for the same as money raised for school purposes.

Item 3. Every boy in this State between the ages of nine and fifteen years, who shall neglect or refuse to attend school as required in section one of this act, unless excused by the school officers of the city, town or plantation in which he resides, on being convicted of such offence, shall pay a fine not exceeding five dollars.

Item 4. It shall be the duty of the school committee or supervisor to enforce the several provisions of this act. (Act of 1875.)

School Apparatus, &c.

SECT. 39. A district may appropriate not exceeding one-tenth of its school money for any year, to purchase a school library and apparatus for the use of the schools therein, and make proper rules for the preservation and management thereof. Adjacent districts may, by vote of each, unite for the purpose aforesaid.
Powers and Duties of School Agents.

Sec. 60. Each school agent elected by the town or district, shall be duly sworn by the moderator, town or district clerk, or a justice of the peace, and continue in office one year, and until another is chosen and qualified in his stead; and his duties and powers shall be as follows:

First—In the month of March or April, annually, to call a district meeting for the choice of an agent, and for other business, by causing notice to be given as provided in this chapter, which meeting shall be called by the agent without application therefor.

Second—To provide fuel and utensils necessary for the schools, and make repairs upon the school-houses and out-buildings, and procure insurance of the same if the district so direct; but no more than one-tenth of the money apportioned to the district shall be expended for such repairs in one year, exclusive of fuel and insurance.

Third—He shall, within the year for which he is chosen, perform all the duties required of him by law, and if he refuses or neglects so to do, as far as practicable, the municipal officers, on complaint of any inhabitant of the district, and after due notice and investigation, may appoint a special agent to discharge such duties, who shall be duly sworn, have all the powers and perform all the duties of school agent for the district.

Fourth—To return to the municipal officers, prior to the expiration of his term of service an account of his office expenditures with the necessary vouchers therefor.

Fifth—To return to the assessors in the month of April, annually, a certified list of children in his district, between four and twenty-one years of age, as they existed on the first day of said month, exclusive of those coming from other places, where they belong, to attend any college or academy, or to labor in any factory therein.

Sec. 61. Each school agent shall return to the superintending school committee in the month of April, annually, a certified list of the names and ages of all persons in the district, from four to twenty-one years, as they existed on the first day of said month, exclusive of those coming from other places, where they belong, to attend any college or academy, or to labor in any factory, or at any manufacturing or other business.

Duties of Instructors.

Sec. 63. Every teacher of a public school shall keep a school register containing the names of all the scholars who enter the school, their ages, the date of each scholar's entering and leaving, the number of days each attended, the length of the school, the teacher's wages, a list of textbooks used, and all other facts required by the blank form furnished under the provisions of law; such register shall at all times be open to the inspection of the school committees, and be returned to them at the close of the school. No teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services, until the register of his school, properly filled up, completed and signed, is deposited with the school committee, or with a person designated by them to receive it.
SCHOOL LAWS.

PENAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING SCHOOLS.

SECT. 88. All forfeitures arising under this chapter not otherwise provided for, may be recovered by indictment, and shall be paid into the treasury of the town where they were incurred, for the support of schools therein, in addition to the amount required by law to be raised; but the costs of prosecution shall be paid into the county treasury; and if any town neglects for one year, so to expend such money, it shall forfeit a sum equal thereto, to the use of any person suing therefor in an action of debt.

SECT. 89. If any person, whether he is a scholar or not, enters any school-house or any other place of instruction during or out of school hours, while the teacher or any pupil is there, and wilfully interrupts or disturb the teacher or pupils by loud speaking, rude or indecent behavior, signs or gestures; or wilfully interrupts a school by prowling about the building, making noises, throwing missiles at the school-house, or in any way disturbing the school, he shall forfeit not less than two nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid, or by complaint before a trial justice.

SECT. 90. If a minor injures or aids in injuring any school-house, out-buildings, utensils or appurtenances belonging thereto; defaces the walls, benches, seats or other parts of said buildings by marks, cuts or otherwise; or injures or destroys any property belonging to a school-district, such district, by its agent or committee, may recover of his parent or guardian, in an action of debt, double the amount of damages occasioned thereby.

Item 1. Whoever imports, prints, publishes, sells, exhibits, or distributes any book, pamphlet, ballad or printed paper, containing obscene language, prints, pictures, or descriptions, manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth; or procures, receives, or has any of them in his possession with intent to sell, exhibit, or circulate them, shall be punished by imprisonment less than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Item 2. A warrant to search for such articles may be issued by any trial justice like other search warrants, and when any of them are found by the officer serving it, they shall be brought before the justice, and kept by him or the officer, to be used as evidence in any case that may arise concerning them or any person connected therewith; and on conviction of any such offender, said articles shall be destroyed by order of the court trying the case. (Revised Statutes, chapter 124.)

Item 3. Whoever shall deface the walls, benches, seats, blackboards, or other parts of any school-house or out-buildings belonging thereto, by making thereon obscene pictures, marks or descriptions, or by writing thereon obscene language, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten dollars; and municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction thereof on complaint made within one year after the commission of the offence. (Act of 1874.)
FORM OF NOTICE FOR CALLING SCHOOL MEETING.

Notice for School District Meeting.

To the legal voters of school district No. —— in the town of ——,

Greeting.

The inhabitants of said school district qualified by law to vote in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the school-house in said district on ————, the ———— day of ————, 18—, at — o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

First—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second—To choose a clerk and school agent for said district.

Third—To see what instructions said district will give to the superintending school committee or supervisor, relating to the time when schools shall commence, and what amount of the school money shall be expended for the support of a summer school to be taught in said district during the ensuing year.

Fourth—To see what action said district will take in relation to procuring fuel and utensils necessary for the schools during the ensuing year.

(Here state any further objects of the meeting.)

Dated at said, the ———— day of ————, 18—.

{ Agent of School District,}
{ No. — in ——.}

The return upon the notice (or the certificate of notice) may be as follows:

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has posted up the within notice at two public and conspicuous places in said district; one at the school-house in said district and one at ————, seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, to wit, on ———— day of ————, 18—.

Dated at ————, the ———— day of ————, 18—.

—————School District Agent.

School district meetings at other times than in March or April, can be called only upon application therefor, of three or more legal voters of the district.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

I. Notice of all meetings, stating the object for which they are called, should be given as prescribed by the school law, and the agent should see that paper and ink, and all necessary conveniences, are provided, so as to keep a proper record.

II. When the time for the meeting has arrived beyond a doubt, it is proper for the agent or clerk to call the meeting to order, and nominate a moderator, who need not be sworn. When the nomination is seconded, the person making it should take the vote and introduce the moderator so elected.

III. The moderator must first call for the election of a clerk, who must be sworn by the moderator or by a justice of the peace.
IV. The clerk shall record all motions voted upon by the meeting, complete the minutes, and present them for the approval of the meeting before its close. These minutes, signed by the clerk, should be properly recorded and preserved.

V. After the election of a clerk, the moderator should state the object of the meeting by reading a copy of the call. He should then state that the meeting is ready for any proposition relating to the business for which it is called. In conducting the business of the meeting, the following rules are observed in all rightly conducted deliberative assemblies:

1. All business should be presented in the form of a motion, order or resolution.
2. Any member of the meeting may present a motion, but to do this he must first rise, address the moderator, and be recognized by the moderator as having "a right to the floor."
3. No person is entitled to address the meeting, except under a pending motion, which has been seconded.
4. No person is entitled to speak more than twice on the same question.
5. Any motion may be modified by a motion to amend, or to amend an amendment.
6. All amendments must be voted upon in the reverse order to which they are presented; the last amendment must be acted upon first.
7. There are certain motions which, from their nature, take precedence of all other motions, and in the following order: First—The motion to adjourn, which is not debatable and supersedes all other motions whatever. Second—The motion to lay on the table, which is not debatable. Third—The motion for the previous question, which is not debatable. Fourth—The motion to postpone.
8. To suppress debate upon a pending proposition, any member may move the previous question. The moderator must then put the motion in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" This motion is not debatable. If it prevails, the main question must be put exactly as it stands. If the motion for the previous question does not prevail, it is the custom of ordinary deliberative meetings to allow debate, commitment or amendment to proceed.
9. A motion already adopted may be re-considered. The motion to reconsider places the question in precisely the same state and condition, and the same questions are to be put in relation to it, as if the vote reconsidered had never been taken. Ordinarily, the motion to reconsider is made by a person voting previously on the prevailing side, and during the same meeting at which the original proposition was passed.
10. The motion to adjourn is always in order, but having once failed, it cannot be repeated until other business has intervened.
Be it Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Augusta:

SECT. 1 The Mayor shall annually appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Aldermen, a committee of two, one of whom shall be a director of the Village School District, and one of whom shall be a trustee of the Cony Female Academy, to be known as Committee on City High School.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor of Schools and said committee to direct the general course of instruction of the City High School, employ the teachers, select the text books, and to have the general management of said school.

SECT. 3. The Supervisor of Schools and said Committee shall annually make a report of the school for the past year to the Board of Aldermen.

Passed March 15, 1880.
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE
VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The Directors of the Public Schools in the Village District, Augusta, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending April, 1882:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts and Disbursements by the Board of Directors for the year ending April 29, 1882.

Receipts.

Cash balance, per last report. ............... $3 92
From City Treasurer, on Mayor's Warrants 13,000 00
Tuition of scholars, not belonging to District ... 285 48

Total Receipts: $13,289 40

Unexpended balance of appropriation of 1879, at date of last report... $3,760 73
Sale of Crosby Street school house........ 500 00
Furnace and old iron sold............... 204 02

Total Disbursements: $4,464 75

Total: $17,754 15
### Disbursements

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<td>Paid Teachers</td>
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<td>Janitors</td>
<td>259 46</td>
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<td>Fuel</td>
<td>423 15</td>
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<td>Printing, binding and advertising</td>
<td>112 05</td>
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<td>Supplies and furniture</td>
<td>174 66</td>
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<td>Cleaning</td>
<td>32 70</td>
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<td>Water bill</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Census, 1882</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>W. S. Choate, codifying laws</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>Directors, 1880—81</td>
<td>125 00</td>
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<td>125 00</td>
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<td>Clerks, 1881—82</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>Assessors, 1881</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>City Treasurer, commissions, 1881</td>
<td>117 50</td>
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<td>Use of Meonian Hall</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$7,835 68</td>
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Paid ordinary repairs and repairs growing out of remodeling High School building .................................. $855 63

Paid John P. Wyman, remodeling High School building .................................................. 893 71

Bill of castings ........................................... 200 10

Steam works, High School building .......................... 2,445 00

Alvan Fogg, plans and estimates ............................ 10 00

Total ......................................................... $4,404 44

Paid District Bond, due May 1, 1882 ........................ $3,000 00

District Bond, due July 1, 1882 ............................. 1,000 00

Coupons and interest ......................................... 1,035 78

Total ......................................................... $5,035 78

Cash in hands of Directors .................................... 478 25

Total ......................................................... $17,754 15
**DIRECTORS’ REPORT.**

**LIABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT.**

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<td>Bonds due May 1, 1882</td>
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<td>July 1, 1882</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<td>Nov. 1, 1883</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 10, 1884</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 10, 1885</td>
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<td>Note due July 15, 1883</td>
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<td>&quot; 15, 1884</td>
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<td>&quot; 15, 1887</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**RESOURCES.**

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<td>Cash</td>
<td>$478 25</td>
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<td>Balance uncollected taxes</td>
<td>910 35</td>
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<td>Tuition bills</td>
<td>184 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,572 60</strong></td>
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**ESTIMATE FOR 1882–83.**

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<td>For bonds due May 1, 1882</td>
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<td>July 1, 1882</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>905 00</td>
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<td>Abatements, commission and discounts</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<td>School purposes</td>
<td>6,900 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,805 00</strong></td>
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| Estimated amount to be received from city | $4,200 00 |
| From tuition bills and uncollected taxes | 600 00   |
| Cash on hand                       | 478 25     |
| **Total**                          | **$5,278 25** |

| To be provided for                | 7,526 75    |
| **Total**                         | **$12,805 00** |

Property valuation of District, 1881, $3,453,975.
Rate of taxation, 2 1-4 per cent.
Number of scholars, April, 1881, 1,304.
Number of scholars, April, 1882, 1,050.
## VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

### STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

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<td>To paid warrants</td>
<td>$13,000 00</td>
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<td>Discount on taxes</td>
<td>476 52</td>
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<td>Abatements for 1879, 1880 and 1881</td>
<td>280 18</td>
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<td>Balance</td>
<td>*2,910 35</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,067 05</strong></td>
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<td>By balance, March 21, 1881</td>
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<td>Taxes of 1881, assessed</td>
<td>9,517 94</td>
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<td>Apportionment</td>
<td>4,981 29</td>
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<td>Supplementary taxes, 1881</td>
<td>65 31</td>
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<td>Interest on taxes collected</td>
<td>34 36</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,667 05</strong></td>
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Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Treasurer.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.

$2,000 of this amount has been paid to the Directors since this account was made up.

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### GUY TURNER, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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<td>To uncollected taxes of 1879, March 21, 1881</td>
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<td>Interest collected</td>
<td>3 56</td>
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<td><strong>$62 16</strong></td>
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<td>By cash paid City Treasurer</td>
<td>$53 25</td>
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<td>6 91</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.
DIRECTORS' REPORT.

GUY TURNER, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1880, March 21, 1881 .......... $893 12
Interest collected........................................... 28 24

$921 36

Cr.

By cash paid City Treasurer.................................. $586 18
Abatements ......................................................... 96 55
Uncollected taxes March 20, 1882.............................. 238 63

$921 36

Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER, Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.

GUY TURNER, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Dr.

To assessment of taxes for 1881............................. $9,517 94
Supplementary taxes............................................. 65 31
Interest collected .............................................. 2 56

$9,585 81

Cr.

By cash paid City Treasurer................................. $6,641 76
Abatements ......................................................... 176 72
Discount ............................................................. 476 52
Uncollected taxes............................................... 2,290 81

$9,585 81

Respectfully submitted,

GUY TURNER. Collector.

Augusta, March 20, 1882.
## Table Showing the Number of Scholars registered, and the average attendance of the Schools for 1881.

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<th>SCHOOLS</th>
<th>TEACHERS</th>
<th>1st Term</th>
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<th>3rd Term</th>
<th>4th Term</th>
<th>Total Avg for last three terms</th>
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<td><strong>High School</strong></td>
<td>Mr. G. B. Files, Principal, Miss H. W. Fuller, Clara Allen, Miss M. P. Norton, M. E. Styles, A. R. Wheeler, C. J. Dunn, A. Owen</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>52</td>
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<td>264.13</td>
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<td><strong>Grammar School</strong></td>
<td>Mr. G. A. Robertson, Principal, Miss M. P. Norton, M. E. Styles, A. R. Wheeler, C. J. Dunn, A. Owen</td>
<td>176</td>
<td>161</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>260</td>
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<td><strong>Intermediate Schools</strong></td>
<td>Miss A. R. Wheeler, L. S. Avery, C. J. Dunn, C. Arnold, A. E. Knowles</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>58</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Schools</strong></td>
<td>Miss A. L. Kennedy, L. S. Avery, M. F. Phinney, C. V. Johnson,</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>58</td>
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<td><strong>State Street</strong></td>
<td>Miss L. S. Avery, C. Arnold, A. E. Knowles</td>
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<td><strong>Kendall</strong></td>
<td>Miss L. S. Avery, C. Arnold, A. E. Knowles</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td><strong>Grove</strong></td>
<td>Miss L. S. Avery, C. Arnold, A. E. Knowles</td>
<td>43</td>
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DIRECTORS' REPORT.

TEACHERS.

There has been no change of teachers during the past year, excepting the employment of Miss Owen as fifth assistant in the Grammar School.

ATTENDANCE.

A comparison of the census of 1881 with that taken the present year, will show a diminution of 254 in the aggregate number of scholars in the district. The falling off is confined to the northern portion of the district, and is to be attributed to the closing of the cotton mill, and is largely from a class who never attend school. It has not, therefore, materially affected the average attendance in the schools for the year, which has been quite up to that of previous years. In consequence of the removal of so large a number of children entitled to attend school, but who have not availed themselves of the privilege, non-attendance and truancy in the past year has been much lessened, but still the evils exists to an extent which is much to be deplored. What measures shall be adopted to secure the benefits of our schools to those who do not avail themselves of the means of education provided by the people, is a problem which the Directors are not able to cope with, unless seconded by the efforts of parents and the police of the city, which they have not, as yet, been able effectively to secure.

SCHOOLS.

More satisfactory work has been accomplished during the past year, in the several schools, than ever before. This was undoubtedly owing to the regrading of the schools, in which work the Directors were very much aided by the teachers, who, both in school and out, exhibited great interest in the classification of the scholars and their studies.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the end of the first term of the past school year, the Village District High School was transferred to the elegant and commodious school house which was built and presented to the city by the trustees of the Cony Female Academy. It is now under the direction and management of the city, and open to scholars from any part thereof, free of expense for tuition. During the term previous to its removal, the school was fully up to the standard it has held for several years past, as being one of the most thorough schools in the State.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

During the summer term this school continued to work under the old grading, although some additional assistance was found necessary. Since the beginning of the fall term the improvement in the work of the school has been marked. While the change in grading is of great advantage to the classes of the old grammar school, the gain is much greater to the two lower classes, which were taken from the old intermediate schools, and which formerly were entitled to only one-third of the teacher's time. Besides, the classes below the first receive much more attention from the Principal than was formerly possible.
The present teachers are giving satisfaction, and the school is maintaining and increasing its former enviable reputation.

In this connection it may be well to state that the fears expressed by some residents in the vicinity, of the evils incident to collecting so many scholars in one school building, have not been realized. It is admitted by all that there is much less disturbance out-of-doors, to the annoyance of neighbors, than formerly.

RE-GRADING.

As indicated in our last report, the schools were re-graded at the beginning of the fall term, being arranged as follows:

- Sub-Primary .......................... two years.
- Primary ................................ two "
- Grammar ............................... six "

Each school of the two lower grades has two classes under one teacher, while each of the six classes in the Grammar school has its own teacher. This gives to each class more of the teacher's time and attention than was possible under the old grading, and greater thoroughness is attainable, as so much more time is available for drill, and the instruction can be better adapted to the varying needs of individual scholars.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school houses of the district are now all first class, and in thorough repair. The reconstruction of the interior of the High School building, has furnished the District with all the school room accommodations which the health, comfort and convenience of pupils will require for a number of years to come. Beyond the trifling annual repairs which are inevitable, no further outlay for school accommodations will be needed for many years, unless the city shall increase in population more than there is any reason to expect from present indications. The expenditure incurred in the introduction of steam heating apparatus into the High School building, is large, but it is believed that it will be found an economical investment. Under the former system of heating, it was found impossible to suitably warm the rooms in extreme cold weather, and frequent interruptions of the schools was the consequence.

The consumption of fuel has been materially lessened the past winter, compared with previous years, the steam heating apparatus taking the place of four coal furnaces and four coal stoves. The rooms have been uniformly warmed, thoroughly ventilated, and the comfort and health of pupils greatly benefited by the change. The school sessions have not been interrupted during the past winter, as they have often heretofore been by cold weather, and it has been noticeable that colds and lung troubles have been less frequent among scholars than in any previous winter. On the whole the Directors are quite satisfied that the improvements made the past year, in respect to school accommodations, have been largely promotive of the health, comfort and educational advantages of the scholars of the district, and it is hoped that the people will look upon the expenditures that have been made, as wise and judicious.