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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 20, 1833.

FAIRFIELD:

ALLEN & ATWOOD, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS. 1883.
This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of
the Town of Fairfield, for the year ending Feb. 20, 1883, and find them
properly vouched for, and correct.

G. M. TWITCHELL, Auditor.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Amount of money raised at the annual Town Meeting, March, 1882:

For Support of Schools............................................$3,000 00
" " the Poor........................................... 1,800 00
" " Incidental Expenses, Roads and Bridges........... 1,500 00
" " County Tax.................................................. 1,381 13
" " State Tax.................................................. 5,806 63

$13,487 81

Valuation made April 1, 1882:

Real Estate........................................... $696,330 00
Personal Estate....................................... 418,480 00

Total Valuation...........................................$1,114,810 00

Assessed 11 mills on a dollar.............................. $12,262 91
Assessed 829 Polls at $2 each......................... 1,658 00
Assessed 64 Dogs........................................ 64 00 $64 00
Committed deficient Highway Tax.................. 71 21 71 21
Amount overlaid in assessing........................... 432 10

Total..............................................$14,055 12

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Expenses of the Poor in the Town not on the Farm:

Paid for Nicholas Marcia and wife......................... $73 51
" John Lessau and family.............................. 20 98
" Mary Perry and two children....................... 19 01
" Mrs. Mary Burgess and two children........ 25 36
" Mary Fellows and children......................... 58 53
" Mrs. Lemear and family............................... 36 56
" Augustus Hoxie....................................... 17 00
" Napoleon St. Peter, Oldtown....................... 9 10
" Orlando L. McKechnie............................... 40 85
" George Delaware....................................... 9 00
" Eliza Burrill........................................ 27 19
" George Ranco, Waterville.......................... 11 50
" Charles Lawrence, funeral expenses.............. 15 00
" Joseph Charity, coffins for wife and child..... 10 50
" Isaac Newton, house rent.......................... 21 33
" Tallis Daniels........................................ 5 00
" Mrs. Quimby.......................................... 57 00
" Edward Piper, wife and children................... 11 50
" Sophie Pooler......................................... 75
" Randall Tuttle and family, Athens.............. 11 12
**Department of Overseers of the Poor.—Continued.**

- Cynthia C. Priest .................................. 29.50
- Sylvester Ranco ................................... 3.57
- Thomas Libby ...................................... 8.59
- Ivory Avery, Augusta .............................. 6.40
- Polite Grevoire, Grand Isle ....................... 7.00
- John York ........................................... 10.00
- Funeral expenses of Allen C. Goodwin .......... 22.00

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**Expense of the poor out of town:**

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<td>Paul China for Samuel B. York</td>
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<td>Henry F. York</td>
<td>$22.00</td>
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<td>Wellington W. York</td>
<td>$43.15</td>
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<td>Oren Brooks</td>
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<td>Albion for Oren Brooks</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<td>Orono for Aurilla Emery</td>
<td>$90.34</td>
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<td>“expenses of Aurilla Emery”</td>
<td>$26.40</td>
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<td>Brighton and Bingham for Reuben York</td>
<td>$26.72</td>
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<td>Farmington for B. R. Avery</td>
<td>$18.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pittsfield for funeral expenses of Mrs. Isaac Green</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
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<td>Presque Isle for Philander S. Hubbard and family</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
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<td>Bradford for Albert Morse</td>
<td>$19.00</td>
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**Expenses of Poor on Town Farm to Feb. 20, 1883:**

**To amount of provisions and stock, Feb. 20, 1882:**

- Paid Wm. Tibbetts and wife for oversight of farm $250.00
- G. A. Savage, for groceries $83.52
- G. H. Pishon & Co., for groceries $26.80
- A. E. Lawrence, for corn, meal, etc $108.51
- S. C. Mullin, for dry goods, etc $31.54
- Swell Pratt, for hardware $2.50
- F. J. Savage, for corn, meal and flour $38.76
- Allen & Totman, hardware $31.85
- Alden B. Hoxie, sawing lumber $11.25
- St. Louis Flour Co., for corn, meal and flour $24.06
- Kelley Brothers, dry goods $20.36
- A. K. Mason, for supplies $3.94
- 2 cows, cash in hands of W. H. Tibbetts $78.00

**By amount of stock, provisions, &c., on the farm, Feb. 20, 1883:**

- 5 cows ........................................... $200.00
- 2 heifers, 2 years old, $40; 1 heifer 1 year old, $10... 50.00
- 1 horse .......................................... 50.00
- 3 swine .......................................... 20.00
- poultry .......................................... 12.00
- 23 tons of hay .................................. 230.00
- straw and fodder ................................ 10.00
- 60 bushels oats, $33; 7 bushels beans, $21.00 .... 54.00
- 2 bushels barley, $1.50; 150 lbs. ham, $22.50 .... 24.00
- 70 lbs. lard, $10.50; 100 lbs. beef, $8. .... 18.50

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**Total:** $567.85

**Total:** $329.11

**Total:** $1,430.15
Department of Overseers of the Poor.—Continued.

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<td>30 lbs. tallow, $2.40; 20 lbs. butter, $5.00</td>
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<td>675 lbs. pork</td>
<td>74.25</td>
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<td>70 gallons soap, $10.50; 65 bushels potatoes, $3.00</td>
<td>49.50</td>
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<td>10 gallons pickles, $3.00; 20 gallons vinegar, $5.00</td>
<td>8.00</td>
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<td>10 gallons molasses, $5.50; 5 lbs. tea, $2.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>2½ bbls. flour, $16.25; 18 lbs. cheese, $0.30</td>
<td>19.25</td>
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Sold from the Farm, accounted for by W. H. Tibbetts:

- Cheese, butter and eggs: $891.24
- 2 calves, $24; oats, beans and beef: $44.00
- Meat, corn and cow's hide: $64.72

Expense of poor on town farm: $431.29

Number of weeks board of poor: 560; expense per week: 77 cents. Number of weeks board, including the family of the overseer of the farm, 664; expense per week, each: 65 cents.

- Expense of the poor on town farm: $431.29
- Expense of poor out of town: $329.11
- Expense of poor in town, not on the farm: $567.85

Balance not drawn: $471.75

Amount appropriated at last March meeting: $1,800.00.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN TO FEB. 21, 1883.

Paid A. H. Duren for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor: $175.00

- D. C. Hall for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor: $175.00
- C. J. Greene for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor: $140.00
- George Weeks for services as Moderator: $5.00
- A. B. Allen, Supervisor of Schools: $175.00
- E. G. Pratt, for services as Treasurer: $25.00
- Hiram E. Tuck, commission for collecting taxes: $424.14
- Hiram E. Tuck for services as Constable: $12.00
- F. E. McFadden, Clerk and transcribing records: $29.42
- for road machine: $150.00
- A. W. Clark, freight on road machine: $16.15
- George W. Ames, for road scraper: $30.00
- damages and costs on Somerset Mills road: $440.68
- for building Somerset Mills road: $175.00
- lumber for the James Sands bridge: $68.76
- highways and bridges: $317.00
- rebuilding road on Otis hill: $95.25
- building new road around hill near Benj. Tibbetts: $60.00
- D. C. Hall, money paid out as per bill: $19.78
- C. J. Greene, money paid out as per bill: $10.00
Incidental Expenses.—Continued.

A. B. Allen, for books for the poor .......................... 23 37
A. B. Allen, for books for the poor, 1882-83 ............ 11 94
Flanders & Clifford, working on snow plow .................. 3 10
Allen & Atwood, for printing town reports .................. 25 00
F. J. Robinson, medical services as per contract ............. 50 00
J. W. Channing, printing signs ............................ 1 50
J. W. Channing, services as Constables .................... 2 50
F. E. McFadden, as per bill ................................ 11 50
E. H. Evans, stationery, etc ................................ 5 95
Fairfield Lodge, for rent of office .......................... 15 00
George E. Wilson, school books ............................. 19 45
E. W. McFadden, on the Gifford road case ................... 6 00
Illegal taxes exempted .................................... 49 14
E. Suell Allen, abatement of tax for 1880 .................... 3 60
Interest on orders ........................................... 7 90

Amount appropriated at last March meeting ................. $1,500 00
Amount overdrawn ............................................ 1,281 13

UNSETTLED BILLS OF 1881.

Paid Allen & Atwood for printing town report ............... $23 00
A. B. Allen, for school books for the poor .................. 23 37
Town of Farmington, for B. R. Avery ....................... 18 50
F. J. Robinson, for medical services ....................... 25 00
E. Suell Allen, abatement of taxes ........................ 3 60
for breaking snow, winters of 1881 and 1882 ............... 54 17
Cynthia C. Priest ........................................... 13 00
F. C. Gibson for coffin for David Lemear .................. 10 00
King & Gregory, for aid to Mrs. Lessau .................... 2 35
order and interest, given Aug. 13, 1876 ..................... 29 90
Balance not drawn .......................................... 97 11

Amount estimated, $300.00.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Hiram E. Tuck to Town of Fairfield, Dr.
To tax bills committed in 1882 .............................. $14,055 12
" " supplementary tax ..................................... 39 60
" " of School District No. 15 .............................. 43 94

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By County Treasurer's receipt ............................... $1,381 13
" State Treasurer's receipt ............................... 5,806 08
" Town Treasurer's receipt ............................... 6,950 85

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. G. Pratt, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Fairfield, Dr.
Mar., 1882. Rec'd of S. Files, 3 worthless notes .......... $ 89 21
" cash in First National Bank ......................... 4,437 10
**Town Treasurer's Report.—Continued.**

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<td>&quot; of C. Tobey for services of Hoxie</td>
<td>52 00</td>
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<td>&quot; of A. P. Cleaveland for supplies for his brother</td>
<td>9 00</td>
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<td>&quot; of Selectmen from Mrs. Avery</td>
<td>11 87</td>
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<td>Aug., 1882</td>
<td>&quot; of Selectmen show license</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>&quot; of the State, R. R. and Tel. tax</td>
<td>42 28</td>
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<td>&quot; school fund and mill tax</td>
<td>1,484 15</td>
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<td>Jan. 1, 1883</td>
<td>&quot; of H. E. Tuck, Collector</td>
<td>6,950 84</td>
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<td>&quot; for State tax</td>
<td>5,806 68</td>
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<td>&quot; of the State paid to pensioners</td>
<td>72 00</td>
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<td>Feb. 16, 1882</td>
<td>&quot; of Selectmen from Mrs. Frost</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<td>Dec. 30, 1882</td>
<td>By cash paid State pensioners</td>
<td>$ 72 00</td>
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<td>Feb., 1883</td>
<td>&quot; State tax</td>
<td>5,806 68</td>
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<td>&quot; orders returned to Selectmen</td>
<td>8,959 59</td>
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<td>Feb. 20</td>
<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; 3 worthless notes on hand</td>
<td>89 21</td>
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<td>&quot; cash in treasury</td>
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**FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 20, 1883.**

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<td>Unpaid orders drawn</td>
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<td>Due school districts</td>
<td>1,604 92</td>
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<td>Free High School</td>
<td>130 92</td>
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<td>Due F. J. Robinson, for balance for medical services</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>Due W. H. Tibbetts, for oversight of farm</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Note due Cynthia C. Priest, as per contract</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Contingent bills estimated</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td><strong>$2,863 32</strong></td>
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<td>RESOURCES.</td>
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<td>By cash in Treasurer's hands</td>
<td>$3,910 13</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; due of Mrs. Frost for support of Ed. Frost</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>&quot; balance due from Augusta, $6.40; Waterville, $11.50</td>
<td>17 90</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Athens, $11.14; Grand Isle, $7...</td>
<td>18 14</td>
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<td>&quot; land occupied by Stephen F. York</td>
<td>175 00</td>
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<td>&quot; notes given by Edward Emery</td>
<td>267 40</td>
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<td><strong>$4,406 57</strong></td>
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<td>Balance in the Treasury</td>
<td>1,543 25</td>
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<td><strong>$4,406 57</strong></td>
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A. H. DUREN,
D. C. HALL,
C. J. GREENE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Fairfield.
REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

In compliance with the statute, the Supervisor of Schools presents to the citizens of this town, his annual report of the condition of the schools for the past year, the proficiency of the pupils and the success attending the instruction and government of the teachers employed in the several school districts.

The schools have been, with two or three exceptions, generally successful. There has been a gradual improvement in practical instruction and a general improvement in deportment of the pupils. The evil of whispering has been almost entirely eradicated from some of the schools and very much reduced in most of the others.

By frequent invitations to the parents to visit the schools and see for themselves what the children are doing, an awakened interest on the part of the parents is manifested by the increased number of their visits. During the past year, three hundred and seventy-five of the parents and friends have made visits at the different schools in town. There has been no school where some visits have not been made. This interest has had a very beneficial effect upon the schools, and we hope it will be kept up.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

An effort was made last Spring to bring together those intending to teach in town for a more extensive examination. The majority of the teachers responded to this request and the results were very satisfactory. A more extensive and thorough examination was given and the teachers were furnished with grade certificates. If teachers were required to hold these certificates with satisfactory rank upon them, much annoyance would be saved the Supervisor in rejecting applicants and better teachers would be secured.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The school is now in good working order and we hope will have no drawback to cripple its usefulness. The standard of scholarship has been raised and compares favorably with similar schools in larger places. The requirements for entering the school are a good knowledge of the rudiments of Grammar, Warren's Brief Course in Geography or its equivalent, and Greenleaf's Practical Arithmetic to Involution. The school now numbers about thirty regular scholars which will be increased to forty-five or more at the commencement of next term.

EXAMINATION OF SCHOOLS.

The examinations in the schools throughout the town have been more thorough and extensive than last year with satisfactory results. In the village schools they have included every study taken up and the scholars for promotion have been required to maintain a rank of 75 per cent. The result is a better classification and more satisfactory work. The plan has also worked well in the rural districts. The examination in the High School for the present term will occur March 5th, 6th and 7th. The examination occurs on these dates on account of Mr. Owen's being sick and losing some time which he wished to make up in this way.
DISTRICT No. 1.

South Primary.—Miss Edith M. Hodgkins, of Benton, has had charge of the school during the year. She succeeded Miss Attie T. Starbird, who had charge of the school during the two preceding years. The pupils were under excellent discipline and had done thorough, practical work. Miss Hodgkins has fully sustained the previous reputation of the school. Thorough, practical instruction has been given, and the results of her labors have been most satisfactory. April 24th, twelve pupils were promoted to the South Intermediate.

Centre Primary.—Miss Hattie Snell, who has had charge of the school since its establishment in the Fall of 1881, taught the Spring term. Miss Snell’s labors in this school have been most satisfactory, and the school made gradual improvement in regularity of attendance, in scholarship and deportment, under her instruction. At the commencement of the Fall term, Miss Snell was transferred to the North Primary.

Miss Clara A. Tibbetts, of Corinna, has had charge of the Fall and Winter terms. The standard of scholarship has been thorough and practical; but the discipline in the school room and about the building has not been entirely satisfactory. The scholars for promotion next term are well prepared, and average well with the other Primary schools. April 24th, five pupils were promoted to the North Intermediate.

North Primary.—Miss Belle Brown, of Canaan, taught the Spring term. This was her first term here and the results of her labors were satisfactory. During the Summer vacation, she was compelled to resign her position on account of poor health.

At the commencement of the Fall term, Miss Hattie Snell was transferred from the Centre Primary to this school. She is an energetic worker and labors earnestly for the advancement of her pupils. In the first class the grade was poor and the class should have been divided at the commencement of the Fall term, and a portion of the pupils put back to the class below. They were kept along, however, with the hope that they would gradually make up their allotted work. During the last part of the Winter term the class was divided, and much better work was the result. April 24th, thirty-one pupils were promoted from the Primary schools at the commencement of the school year. At the commencement of the next school year, there will be some twenty pupils for promotion. At the commencement of the school year of 1884, there will be over fifty candidates for promotion in the different Primary schools, if the classes retain their present numbers.

South Intermediate.—Miss Annie Clarke has had charge of this school during the year. She succeeded in arousing a good degree of ambition, at first, and, as a result, the pupils have done thorough and practical work. The standard of the school has been raised during the year, and more work has been required and done than in former years. The discipline of the school is good. There has been a larger attendance in this school during the year and the average has been nearly thirty. Last year the average was sixteen. April 24th, two pupils were promoted to the Grammar school.

North Intermediate.—Miss Linda Tuck has had charge of this school during the year. The results of her year's work have been very satisfactory and the final examinations of the year, made an excellent showing of the thorough and practical work done by the pupils. In arithmetic their examples were
done without the book, and were made up by the scholars when they were sent to the board. The reading is especially good for scholars of this grade. General exercises have been introduced, in which the pupils have taken good interest, and the compositions made a good showing of their work in this direction. The results of her labors in the school have proved her a good, effective teacher. April 24th, ten pupils were promoted to the Grammar school.

**Grammar School.**—Miss Ora E. Gowen, of Freedom, has had charge of the school during the year. Miss Gowen is a teacher of extensive experience and has worked well for the advancement of her school during the year. The progress made and the character of the work done by the lower class have been very satisfactory. The work done by the first class has not been so satisfactory. The teacher has been compelled to labor at a disadvantage on account of its classification. A portion of the class were behind in their work, especially in their Grammar, and Fractions and Denominate Numbers of the Arithmetic. They were anxious to remain in the class and try to make up their work, and were allowed to do so against our better judgment, with the hope that they would succeed in their endeavors. Some of them have worked well and made good progress, but as a whole they have been a hindrance during the year, to the successful working of the more advanced portion of the class. It would have been much better if we had divided the class at the commencement of the second term, for scholars of this age cannot, as a whole, make up thoroughly back work, while pursuing studies in an advanced class. The discipline of the school was not in every respect up to the standard.

April 24th, twelve pupils were promoted to the High school.

**High school.**—Mr. L. H. Owen, of Green, has had charge of the school during the year. He is the successor of Mr. A. M. Edwards, and took charge of the school at the commencement of the Spring term. He has fully carried out the work commenced by Mr. Edwards and has the school under excellent discipline and in thorough working order. He is systematic in his work and his instruction is thorough and practical. The examinations, at the close of each term, have been most satisfactory. They have been both oral and written and have taken up the entire term's work in each study. The whole attendance is not so large as last year but the average has been about the same. The pupils who will be admitted to this school at the commencement of next term will probably give an average of forty-five or more for the coming year.

The High School is now better graded than it has been for some years, and hence more systematic work can be done. The beneficial results of keeping the same teacher as long as satisfaction is given, have been fully proven during the past year. From expressions of approval, we think the citizens of this District have been convinced of this fact, and we hope that Mr. Owen will be retained here another year.

**DISTRICT No. 2.**

**Grammar School.**—Miss Mary F. Ewer, of Albion, has had charge of the school during the year. The school year consists of two terms of twenty-six weeks, and the Winter term is now in session. The school is doing good, effective work. The examinations and tests show a thorough knowledge of the work done. A good degree of ambition has been aroused, and the aim
has been to have the work done in such a manner that it will not have to be taken up another term, but allow the classes to advance from the points to which the studies are completed this term, and thus enable them to do a larger amount and more systematic work another year.

**Primary School.**—There were two terms of this school, a Summer and Fall. Both of them were taught by Miss Florence Colcord, a resident in the district. She has had charge of this school several terms in the past, with most satisfactory results. The work done during the past year has been in no respect an exception to the general rule.

At the commencement of the Fall term, the third class in the Grammar school was transferred into this school for one term, but were put back into the Grammar school at the commencement of the Winter term. At the close of the Fall term of the Primary school, four of the pupils were promoted to the Grammar school, after passing satisfactory examination in reading, spelling and arithmetic. It would be well to increase, another year, the requirements for entrance to the Grammar school and strictly adhere to the plan of the past year of requiring the pupils to pass a thorough examination upon the work required for entrance to the Grammar school. In this way, the systematic working of the school can be increased from year to year and much more satisfactory results accomplished.

**DISTRICT No. 3.**

The Summer term was taught by Miss Selina C. Ewer of Albion. The school opened well with prospects favorable for a successful term. During the last part of the term, some things, which, in themselves, were, perhaps, of no account, had an unfavorable influence on the school and were somewhat detrimental to the success of the last two or three weeks. Up to this last part everything was satisfactory and the few scholars remaining at the close of the term, showed good improvement.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Orestes D. Ewer of Albion. Some of the classes made good progress and showed a practical knowledge of their term's work, while others were not entirely satisfactory in their explanations and knowledge of what they had been over. The teacher worked well but there seemed to be a lack of ambition on the part of some pupils, which was not easy to overcome, but should be, in order to do effective work.

**DISTRICT No. 4.**

There was no Summer term in this district.

The Winter term is now in session and is taught by Mr. C. C. Richardson of Skowhegan. He is an active, energetic teacher and is doing good work in the school. His labors have been so satisfactory that the term has been prolonged.

**DISTRICT No. 5.**

The Summer and Winter terms were under the instruction of Miss Annie L. Goodwin of this town, a thorough and practical teacher. She has done effective work in this school during the year and the standard has been much improved. A good degree of interest was aroused among the pupils and was kept up during the year. The average attendance has been much improved from last year and differed but little from the whole number register-
ed. The beneficial results of continuing a good teacher more than one term have been strongly tested in this district. Much better and more work can be accomplished by such a course.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Olive N. Atwood of Vassalboro. She managed the school well and the results of her labors were satisfactory.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Lizzie R. Taylor of this town. She did thorough, practical work, and, at the commencement, aroused a good degree of interest, which was kept up throughout the term. There has been a marked improvement in this school during the past year. During the last term the whole attendance was eleven, with an average of ten and one-half.

DISTRICT No. 7.

There was no Summer term. The Winter term was taught by Miss Lucy Dinsmore of Skowhegan. The school was quite satisfactory, but more energetic work on the part of the teacher would have given better results. Miss Dinsmore is a fine scholar, but is a little deficient in that energetic application, which is one of the essentials to successful teaching. The unsettled state of affairs of former years, still continues in the district. Twelve scholars were returned by the agent, but only five were in regular attendance. Some of the others attended the school in No. 10.

DISTRICT No. 8.

There was no Summer term. The Winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Belle Soule of this town, and the school, as a whole, made good progress under her instruction. The school is small, the whole attendance being only eight, with an average of five.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Sadie E. Brown of Benton. She worked for the advancement of her pupils and the school made a good appearance at the commencement of the term, but later, there was some lack of school discipline which was somewhat detrimental to a profitable school.

The Winter term is taught by Miss Mary C. Allen of Skowhegan. She is an experienced teacher and is doing effective work in the school. The scholars as a whole are enthusiastic in their work and are making good and thorough progress. The school was somewhat broken up in the middle of the term on account of the mumps, and was suspended two weeks and a half. The Winter term of twelve weeks is now in session and will probably be prolonged to fourteen weeks.

DISTRICT No. 10.

There have been three terms of school in this district during the past year. The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Attie T. Starbird of this town. She made a marked improvement in the discipline of the school, and introduced radical changes in the methods of recitation. The pupils were required to recite by topics, to a certain extent, and, in mathematics, to do practical work without the aid of text-books. It came rather hard for the pupils, at first, to do this practical work, but very satisfactory results were obtained during the two terms.
The Winter term was taught by Mr. James Plummer of this town. He is an experienced teacher and has, in years past, had charge of the school for several winter terms. The school as a whole made good progress under his instruction and the work was satisfactory. We regret that we were unable to give a proper examination at the close of the term, on account of having to visit three schools the same day. We did not receive notice of the closing of one of them in season to visit earlier.

DISTRICT No. 11.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Kate Burleigh of Vassalboro. The school did good, effective work, and the labors of the teacher were satisfactory. She is a thorough, practical teacher, and introduced many Normal ideas in her methods of instruction.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Attie T. Starbird. The Normal methods pursued during the summer were taken up and more extensively applied, with most satisfactory results. The recitations were chiefly topical, and the examinations and tests showed thorough work. The tests of the classes in Natural History and Physical Geography were wholly by topics, and more practical and prompt explanation of subjects are seldom heard. The character and thoroughness of the work done by the advanced portion of this school will compare favorably with any school in town.

Miss Starbird has been a teacher in the town during the past three years, two of which she was in charge of the South Primary, and the results of her labors have been very satisfactory. We regret to learn that, on account of plans recently made, she has decided to locate in some other State.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Mary F. Ewer of Albion. Miss Ewer is an experienced teacher and did excellent work in the school. The recitations were almost wholly by topics, which came rather hard to the pupils at first, but at the close of the school they showed a thorough and practical knowledge of the term's work. Out of an average of seventeen, there were eight pupils who were not absent a half day.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Mary E. Tibbetts of Corinna, who had charge of the school last year. She fully sustained her previous record. Her instruction was more practical and hence more satisfactory. The scholars in this school are easily interested in their work and apply themselves well to their studies. The parents manifest a good degree of interest and during the examinations at the close of both terms there was a good attendance of them. During the Fall term, there were thirty-five visits by the citizens.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Rose E. McIntire of Skowhegan. This school is under good discipline and the pupils are interested in their work. The school made fair progress, but a little more energetic and practical instruction would have given results more satisfactory.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Celia E. McIntire of Skowhegan. The pupils showed, at the close of the term, a good book knowledge of the term's work and answered promptly the questions asked. In the practical
application of their work they were not so ready, and experienced some difficulty in working practical examples without their books. The school is under excellent discipline and a good average attendance was maintained during both terms. During the Winter term there was not a case of tardiness or dismissal, and only one of each during the Summer term.

DISTRICT No. 14.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Olive T. Ward, a resident of the district. She is an experienced and thorough teacher and has had charge of this school several terms. She fully sustained her previous good record.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Belle Soule of this town. The school made good progress and the results of her labors were quite satisfactory. The average attendance in this school, during the year, has been six scholars, out of seven, the whole number in the district. The agent, by shrewd management in securing teachers, has had seventeen weeks of school.

DISTRICT No. 16.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Bertie Libby of West Waterville. This was her first term of school and she showed good qualifications for teaching. About the middle of the term she had some trouble with one or two unruly boys in regard to school discipline, which interfered somewhat with the progress of the school. This trouble was not reported to me until the close of the term. If it had been reported at the time of its occurrence, assistance would have been rendered which would have made the results more satisfactory.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. William H. Clark of this town. The term was not entirely satisfactory and the school closed prematurely at the end of the eighth week. The results of the sixteen weeks' school during the year have not been what they ought to have been. A thorough, practical and experienced teacher is what the needs of this school require for the coming year. Such a teacher will not only arouse a good degree of interest, but will raise the scholarship of the school so that it will compare more favorably with the leading schools in town.

DISTRICT No. 17.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Emma Magoon of this town. She was qualified so far as book knowledge is concerned, but lacked in discipline and in her ability to impart practical instruction to her pupils. The school was closed at the end of the sixth week.

The Winter term is now in session and is taught by Mr. Newell R. Tupper of Starks. He is an active, practical teacher, and the school is doing excellent work under his instruction. The discipline is good and the scholars are thoroughly interested in their work. Suggestions in reference to reading have been fully carried out and the change for the better is very marked, especially in the lower classes. General exercises, consisting of declamations, readings and compositions, are required of the pupils once in two weeks, and the pupils have performed these parts with a good degree of interest.
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Attendance.

A larger number of scholars have been in regular attendance in the school this year than last, and the average attendance has been better. In the village, several scholars not in the habit of attending school have been supplied with books and put in the lower grades. In the Grammar School, several boys have attended the Winter term who work during the remainder of the
year. There are several boys who work in the different mills and are occasionally out of work for a few days, and are then upon the streets. This of course makes a bad showing to persons on the street, but such should not be classed among the school children, and the truant laws do not reach them.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

No repairs of any extent have been made upon the school houses in town. Some of them are much in need of extensive repairs in order to make them comfortable. In Nos. 16 and 17, efforts were made to fix up the houses. In No. 16, four or five meetings were held to make some plans for repairs upon the school house. It was voted to remodel the house, but on account of some irregularity in the proceedings, the meeting was unlawful and its action was null and void. A subsequent meeting was called by the Selectmen, at which it was voted to repair the house and a committee was appointed to that effect. The committee met and agreed to disagree, and no repairs were made. An effort was also made to take some measures for making repairs in No. 17, but nothing was done. The houses in these two districts are in very bad condition and not fit to be used for school purposes. It is impossible to heat them in the winter and make them comfortable for the pupils. The attendance is irregular on account of the pupils being out sick with colds taken while attending school. An article has been inserted in the town warrant for the town to take some definite action in regard to the repairs upon these houses. We hope it will receive the careful consideration of the voters and something definite will be done at the annual meeting, so that the much needed repairs will be made another summer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALLEN, Supervisor of Schools.