1878


Holden (Me.).
Twenty-Sixth Annual Report

of the

Selectmen

of the

Town of Holden,

and the

Report of Supervisor of Schools,

For the Year 1877-78.

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1878.
average number, thirty-one; number of daily recitations, twenty-eight; Wages of teacher, $4.56 per week; board, $1.42 per week.

She commenced without my knowledge; but as she had taught several terms and appeared well in the school-room at first visit, I concluded to let the school go on. She found a good excuse and closed the school without my knowledge.

Winter Term.—Mr. A. G. Pettengill, Teacher.

Length of term, twelve weeks; whole number of scholars, thirty-seven; average number, twenty-eight; number of daily recitations, twenty-three. Wages of teacher, $35.00 per month; board, $2.43 per week.

The scholars have shown good proficiency in their studies; their reading was good and their recitations in general were very prompt. The classes in Arithmetic appeared well.

The classes in Grammar received especial attention. Some of the smaller scholars were inclined and allowed to whisper more than was desirable, yet the general order of the school was good. Selections were well recited by some of the boys.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss Hattie L. Arey, Teacher.

Length of term, eight weeks; whole number of scholars, fifteen; average number, fourteen; number of daily recitations, thirty-five. Wages of teacher, $3.00 per week; board, $1.50 per week.

This school was composed of small scholars. The teacher labored faithfully with them, preserving good order, and a commendable degree of improvement was made.

Fall Term.—Miss Georgina M. Marton, Teacher.

Length of term, eleven weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-five; average number, eighteen; number of daily recitations, forty. Wages of teacher, $6.00 per week; board, $1.00 per week.

This was her first school. Although she came well recommended, yet she needed experience to assist her in classifying the school, as she always attended graded schools. There were scholars of every grade and advancement in this school. The scholars made good improvement in reading, but in many of the studies they evidently had too long lessons, and depended too much upon the prompting from the teacher. I think that a general recess is not beneficial to our common schools, and a mistake was made here. Had the teacher maintained better order the school would have been more profitable.

ROLLINS DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss Sarah E. Gilmore, Teacher.

Length of term, eight weeks; whole number of scholars, fifteen; average number eleven; number of daily recitations, twenty-four. Wages of teacher, $3.25 per week; board, $1.75 per week.

Having taught the school last year a mutually good feeling prevailed and the school commenced very favorably, but was soon closed on account of sickness. It afterwards reopened and finished. Good order was maintained throughout. When a term of school is broken up the scholars seem to lose their interest in their studies, which otherwise might be increased.

Winter Term.—Mrs. Josephine A. Spofford, Teacher.

Length of term, fifteen weeks; whole number of scholars, sixteen; average number, thirteen; number of daily recitations, twenty-five. Wages of teacher, $5.00 per week; board, $2.00 per week.

This school has been under her instruction for several terms, and being a teacher of good experience, and the scholars willing to be taught
and governed by her are rising to the first rank of scholarship in our common schools. The term has been a long one, and they have improved it thoroughly judging by the excellent manner of their recitations. The order was very good, every scholar keeping within their own bounds, and not troubling their neighbors by whispering or other movements. Their writing-books showed care and improvement.

MANN DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Mrs. F. A. Rowe, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks; whole number of scholars, fourteen; average number, ten; number of daily recitations, twenty-five. Wages of teacher, $4.00 per week; board, $1.00 per week.

This was a small school. The scholars in attendance made fair improvement; deportment good. More ought to have improved the opportunity of attending school while in session, as the time once past is gone forever. I think it is a mistake for parents to keep their children from school without good and sufficient reasons, thus depriving them of education.

Winter Term.—Mr. William A. Vinal, Jr., Teacher.
Length of term, twelve weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-five; average number, eighteen; number of daily recitations, thirty-three. Wages of teacher, $26.00 per month; board, $2.00 per week.

This was his first school, and, considering his inexperience in teaching and some opposition, think he succeeded well in its management. At the close the scholars showed very marked improvement in their studies, and the order of the school was excellent, every movement was prompt, and no time was lost. This was a backward school, and the improvement ranks higher than any other. Good attention was given to writing.

CLEWLEY DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss Fannie H. Griffin, Teacher.
Length of term, nine weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-five; average number, twenty-one; number of daily recitations, thirty-two. Wages of teacher, $3.30 per week; board, $1.70 per week.

At my first visit I found the school progressing favorably and the scholars intently interested in their studies. At the close was highly gratified with the improvements made; good order sustained; both teacher and scholars gained great credit for their perseverance.

Winter Term.—Mr. L. D. Knowlton, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks; whole number of scholars, thirty-four; average number, thirty; number of daily recitations, thirty-five. Wages of teacher, $37.00 per month; board, $2.00 per week.

At the commencement of the term we found the scholars in good working order under the guidance of an experienced teacher; everything seemed to point to a profitable school; the scholars seemed anxious to know the contents of their books. At the close, found the scholars had paid diligent attention to their studies, and were ready to answer the questions proposed. The reading was very good; arithmetic was well understood, and other lessons in proportion. "Excelsior" seemed to be their motto.

ROWE DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss Etta M. Temple, Teacher.
Length of term, eight weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-five; average number, twenty-two; number of daily recitations, twenty. Wages of teacher, $3.25 per week; board, $1.50 per week.

This was quite a large school of small scholars, and it requires a good deal of tact to hold such a class in good order. They were particularly interested in their geography lessons. At the close I found
not as much interest on the part of the scholars as was desirable. A little more energy on the teacher's part would have preserved good order.

Fall Term.—Miss Frances A. Abbott, Teacher.

Length of term, twelve weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-seven; average number, twenty-five; number of daily recitations, nineteen. Wages of teacher, $5.00 per week; board, $1.34 per week.

At the first visit I was very much pleased with the teacher's method of instruction, so as to interest the scholars in their studies and fasten them on their memory. Excellent order was maintained, and at the close the scholars seemed anxious to give the information they had gained during the school.

BURTON DISTRICT.

Fall Term.—Miss Alice J. Clarry, Teacher.

Length of term, twelve weeks; whole number of scholars, twelve; average number, eight; number of daily recitations, twenty-five. Wages of teacher, $3.00 per week; board, $2.00 per week.

This was a small school and had but one term this year. This was the teacher's first school. When first visited it appeared well; when visited at the close was well pleased with the improvements made by the scholars in their studies, and the good order sustained by the teacher. The average attendance of this school is small. Parents should send their children to school.

| Whole number of scholars in town | 261 |
| Whole number in Summer schools  | 143 |
| Average number in Summer schools | 117 |
| Whole number in Fall schools    | 118 |
| Average number in Fall schools  | 99  |
| Whole number in Winter schools  | 136 |
| Average number in Winter schools| 107 |
| Amount raised by vote of the town, | $861.00 |
| " of interest on school fund,    | 19 67 |
| " received from State school fund,| 129 48 |
| " of mill tax from State,        | 206 91 |

The progress made by our scholars generally the past year has been good, with a few exceptions. It is of the greatest importance that the youth of our land should receive the highest intellectual and moral instruction that they are capable of retaining. I think of no one thing that will tend to elevate the standard of our common schools, as a hearty co-operation of the parents with the teachers and committee. It is too often the case that they will stand back and let the teacher plod on alone, and if the scholars say anything against the teacher give them a smile of approval, which will encourage them to take another step rather than check such a course. Parents, the schoolroom is yours, where you send your children to be instructed; go there occasionally during the term of school; it will do the teacher good, your children will see that you are interested in their studies, and will apply themselves to their task with greater diligence. Try it and see if fault-finding will not hide itself. If there is occasion for it, please give your committee or supervisor, as the case may be, a timely word or suggestion, and not wait until the school is most done, when it is too late to repair damages. Agents should, as far as possible, engage those who are well qualified to teach and govern the school. We know they have a difficult task, but it is the first step to take. I think that the results show that some degree of permanency in the office of teacher is very desirable, and that it is policy to retain the services of experience and known ability. Scholars are at the period of life when
their whole nature is in the highest degree susceptible to impressions, good or bad. Every quality in the character of the teacher becomes an element in forming theirs. In conclusion, I commend our public schools to the active regard of the community. May each citizen feel his individual interest in our common schools, and his share of responsibility for their success.

Holden, March 2, 1878.

G. C. WISWELL, Supervisor.
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  

OF THE  

TOWN OF HOLDEN.  

TOWN VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1877.

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Rate of tax, 2 cents and 4 mills on the dollar.

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Number of poll taxes at $3.00 each (197) | 591.00 |

Deficiency of highway taxes for 1876 | 53.48 |

Committed to Collector, June 1st, 1877 | $4,286.99 |
PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

For A. Judson Clark, $140 98
" William Austin, 109 37
" David Day, 1876, 85 20
" Samuel H. Winchester and family, 1876, 33 71
" Hiram L. Burton and family, 31 32
" Mrs. William Rowe, 8 95
" Charles Mann and family, 29 10
" John Burton, 15 00
" Edwin Prentiss and family, 11 58
" Abigail Ash and children, 3 10
" Charles F. Harriman and family, 7 20
" William Treadwell, 25 00
" George E. Billington and family, 20 00
" Charles Rider, 1 60
" Lewis Burton, 7 85
" S. W. Grey and family, 7 93

$538 89

PAID IN MONEY FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 2, $9 52
" No. 6, 11 99
" No. 7, 3 75
" No. 9, 3 00
" No. 12, 18 55

$46 81

EXPENSE IN EACH HIGHWAY DISTRICT, FOR BREAKING OUT ROADS.

District No. 1, 1876-77, $30 00
" No. 2, 16 98
" No. 3, 35 92
(45 of this for removing and replacing fence.)
" No. 4, 71 26
" No. 5, 2 00
" No. 6, 47 86
" No. 7, 39 91
($2.50 of this for removing and replacing fence.)
" No. 8, 92 21
" No. 9, 86 26
" No. 10, 32 02
" No. 11, 82 55
PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Hart, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer, $68 75
Charles Wiswall, " " " " 29 25
William H. Rogers, " " " " 18 75
A. B. Farrington, Collector and Treasurer, 47 28
F. K. Hart, " " " 1876, 23 16
A. B. Farrington, Town Clerk,
George W. Clark, Supervisor of Schools, 1876, 19 00
George C. Wiswell, " " 1877, 20 20

$237 89

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by vote of town, $861 00
Interest on town school fund, 19 67
Received from State school fund, 129 48
Mill tax from the State, 206 91

$1,217 06

APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

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261 $1197 39 $371 61 $1282 76 $286 24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Abatement of taxes, $68 43
Paid note to J. Fogg, 694 43
Paid for printing reports, 17 00
  " for digging grave for David Day, 4 00
  " for painting guide-boards, 7 00
  " for furnishing and setting guide-board posts, 1 00
  " for labor in Clewley grave-yard, 2 55
  " for one-half of a stone monument, 1 00
  " for blank-book, stationery, postage, etc., 13 67
  " for perambulating town lines, 21 50
  " for interest on town orders, 12 81
  " for services of A. B. Farrington, 2 00
  " for discount on taxes, 189 91
  " for repairs on town pump, 2 75
  " for tax, costs, interest and deeds on taxes of non-residents, 38 69
  " for County tax, 125 00
  " for care of town-house, 17 50
  " for expenses to Pittsfield, 4 40

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Amount raised by votes of the town, as follows—

For schools, $861 00
  " support of poor, 400 00
  " repair of roads and bridges, 200 00
  " pay of town officers, 200 00
  " incidental expenses, 600 00
  " discount on taxes, 100 00
  " payment of loans, 600 00

For State tax, 582 54
  " County tax, 511 67
  " deficiency of highway taxes for 1876, 53 48
  " overlayings and fractional gains, 173 30

Amount committed to Collector June 1, 1877, $4,386 39
  " of school fund and mill tax from State, 336 39
  " cash from the town of Burnham for Geo. Coleman, 15 00
  " cash from the town of Bucksport for Charles F. Harriman and family, 18 19
  " cash from the town of Steuben for Abigail Ash and children, 10 00
  " received for rent of town-house, 66 50
  " loaned of F. K. Hart, 500 00
  " received from Collector of 1876, 1,378 59

Total receipts, $6,611 66
EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Paid for support of poor, $538 89
for repairs of roads and bridges, 46 81
for town officers, 237 39
for breaking roads, 579 13
for support of schools, 1,282 76
for miscellaneous expenses, 1,223 64
State tax for 1876, 727 70
outstanding orders for 1876-77, 403 79

Total amount of town orders, $5,040 11
Deduct orders unpaid March 1, 1878, 744 38
Paid by the Treasurer for the year, $4,295 73
Balance due from the Collector and Treasurer, 2,315 93

TOTAL $6,611 66

HIGHWAY TAX COMMITTED TO SURVEYORS.

District No. 1, George C. Wiswell, $95 46
" 2, Tyler C. Sweet, 142 32
" 3, William H. Rogers, 89 59
" 4, S. S. Torrance, 33 31
" 5, F. K. Hart, 123 19
" 6, Charles H. Pond, 90 78
" 7, Charles F. Clark, 50 37
" 8, George W. Clark, 69 77
" 9, Peter Chadwick, 84 79
" 10, Russell R. Day, 84 25
" 11, Joseph E. Rowe, 42 44
" 12, Walter K. Spofford, 35 87
" 13, Charles F. Hart, 79 11

$1,021 25

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Amount due from Dedham for George E. Billington and family, $432 23
Amount due from Bucksport for Charles Harriman and family, 7 20
Amount due from Veazie for Charles Mann and family, 29 19
Amount due from Troy for Edwin Prentiss and family, 11 58
Amount due from Steuben for Abigail Ash and children, 3 10
Amount due from Brewer for S. W. Grey and family, 7 93
Amount due from Franklin for Badger boy, 25 54
Amount due from Ellsworth for Mayo boy, $5.50, Susan Smith, $4.11, 9 61
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, 2,315 33
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, 1876, 187 20

$2,639 42

Deduct liabilities,

2,529 38

Balance due the town,

$109 59

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the several school districts, $286 24
State tax for 1877, 582 54
Note to F. K. Hart (on demand), 500 00
Interest on same for one year, 30 00
Unpaid orders for 1877-78, 744 38

$2,143 16

Amount of County tax unpaid, 386 67

$2,529 83

THOMAS J. HART,
CHARLES WISWELL, Selectmen of Holden.
WILLIAM H. ROGERS,

Holden, March 1st, 1878.
REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

WISWELL DISTRICT.

Spring Term.—Miss Persis K. Burr, Teacher.
Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty-two; average number, seventeen; number of daily recitations, twenty-one. Wages of teacher, $3 per week; board, $2 per week.
The school commenced under favorable circumstances, and was progressing well, when it was broken up by sickness. After two and a half weeks vacation it commenced again, and closed successfully. This school had fallen into the habit of extremely low speaking, which the teacher labored hard to break up, and succeeded well. Good order prevailed.

Fall Term. Length, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, nineteen; average number, seventeen; number of daily recitations, twenty. Wages of teacher, $3 per week; board, $2.50 per week.
The school being favored by securing the same teacher, the scholars commenced their studies where they left them the last term, and advanced, occasionally reviewing their former lessons, thus keeping them fresh in their minds, and at the close sustained a good examination, and gained credit to themselves and teacher. There were several pieces rehearsed at the close in a very acceptable manner.

Winter Term.—Miss Annie E. Parsons, Teacher.
Length of term, eleven weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-four; average number, eighteen; number of daily recitations, twenty-seven. Wages of teacher, $3.75 per week; board, $1.75 per week.
At the commencement of the school we expected improvement, yet there was a current of feeling manifested against the teacher. In the fourth week I visited the school again, and it appeared to be progressing favorably. At the close I found the scholars had not maintained the standing which they held at the commencement of the term. They had fallen into the old habit of very low recitations.

CENTER DISTRICT.

Spring Term.—Miss Lizzie S. Farrington, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks; whole number of scholars, twenty-seven; average number, twenty-two; number of daily recitations, thirty-eight. Wages of teacher, $4.60 per week; board, $1.40 per week.
The scholars of this school made good improvement, and good order prevailed. The teacher worked faithfully for the benefit of the school, and her labors were crowned with success.
A different Geography was brought by some scholars, and for accommodation was allowed to be used, but was no benefit to the school. The scholars using it would have learned more geography had they studied with the class. Writing received its share of attention, and good improvement was made in this art.

Fall Term.—Miss Lizzie A. Eldridge, Teacher.
Length of term, four weeks; whole number of scholars, thirty-five;