1883

Annual Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor and Superintending School Committee of the Town of Litchfield, for the Year Ending March 1, 1883

Litchfield (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AUDITOR

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the year ending March 1, 1883.

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH.
1883.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the municipal year ending March 1, 1883, present the following report, giving the sums received, and from what sources, to meet and pay the payments by the town; also showing for what purposes and to whom payments have been made.

Amount of money tax assessed for 1882, - - $8588 73

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1882.

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<td>Support of Poor</td>
<td>750 00</td>
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<td>Support of Schools</td>
<td>1200 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>For repairs of highways</td>
<td>2500 00</td>
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<td>Incidental town expenses</td>
<td>900 00</td>
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<td>To pay interest on town debt</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Fractional overlay</td>
<td>238 22</td>
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## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen’s Book, March 1, 1882, $2861 86
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, 5838 22
Delinquent Highway Tax from 1881, 496 86

**Total:** $9196 94

### Resources for State and County Taxes.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treasurer, $2048 31
Assessed and committed to Collector and County Treasurer, 702 20

### Resources for Schools.

Balance on Selectmen’s Book, March 1, 1882, 372 85
Sum raised by town for 1882, 1200 00
School mill tax, for 1881, 440 31
State School Fund, for 1881, 135 13
Paid for Support of Schools, 1744 28
School fund undrawn March 1, 1883, 404 01
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1882, - - $900.00
Overlayings, ------- 238.22
Delinquent Highway Taxes from 1881, 496.86

$1635.08

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<th>Services of Town Officers as allowed by</th>
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<td><strong>Auditor,</strong></td>
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<td>C. T. Hall, labor on road in Dist No. 32,</td>
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<td>A. Emerson &amp; Son, do. &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>H. K. Morrell &amp; Son, Printing Town Reports,</td>
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<td>Wm. H. King, labor on road in Dist No. 28,</td>
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<td>M. S. H. Rogers, for services as Selectman from March 1 to March 6, 1882,</td>
<td>8 30</td>
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<td>J. W. Robinson, labor on road, Dist No. 20,</td>
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<td>J. S. Elliot and others, do. &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>C. A. Edgecomb, do. &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>James Ricker, labor on &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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Amount brought forward, $1635.08

Hamilton Boker and others, labor on road in District No. 33, 22.07
Edward Shorey, labor on road in District No. 24, 4.17
G. C. Vose, term fees in Newell case, from 1871 to 1876, 30.00
W. G. Webber, looking up settlement of George Stevens, 10.50
Jesse Hatch, plank furnished road, District No. 26, 3.44
N. Dingley & Co. blank books, stationery, &c. 4.30
Dexter W. Danforth, road labor, Dis't No. 32, 15.18
Ensign Danforth, " 32.6.12
W. H. Frost, " 32.7.25
Philip, Larrabee & Son, " 32.5.43
A. E. Googins and others, " 13.32.87
Abial Small, " 14.19.74
Harvey Hutchinson, " 15.8.14
Jos. Woodbury and others, " 11.20.00
W. C. Smith, " 25.6.05
D. I. Larrabee, " 36.3.65
W. M. Cunningham and others, " 12.9.84
Sumner Clark, " 37.3.75
Walter C. Knight, " 28.4.16
E. B. Woodard, " 3.3.22
G. M. Thurlow, " 36.7.50
G. D. Sloman, " 28.1.56
F. J. Sloman, " 28.1.30
Amount brought forward, - - $1635.08

Hamilton Baker, road labor, Dis't No. 28, 3 92
Harmon C. Stover, " " 3, 3 16
J. F. Morrill and others, " " 29, 10 59
Palmer and Co. blank book and check list, 1 25
S. G. Nutting, labor on road in Dis't No. 30, 12 77
M. W. Adams, " " " " 25, 1 96
C. M. Tibbetts, for collecting Taxes for 1879, 79 43
William A. Ray, labor on road, Dis't No. 37, 2 00
Lorenzo Metcalf and others, labor on road in
Dis't No. 18, - - - - 3 43
Warren S. Jordan, labor on road in
Dis't No. 30, - - - - 7 05
G. N. Thurlow, labor on bridge in Dis't
No. 36, - - - - 16 00
Eli Merriman, lumber furnished for bridge
in Dis't No. 7, - - - - 29 45
Horace A. Fuller, plank furnished districts
No. 15, 17 and 19, - - - - 24 49
Horace A. Fuller, plank furnished Dis't No. 5, 7 05
Wm. Maxwell, sleepers furnished Hattin bridge, 4 00
N. Thurlow and others, labor on road in Dis't
No. 34, - - - - 52 50
Wm. H. Frost and others, labor on road in
Dis't No. 34, - - - - 32 65
David Godfrey, " " " " 38, 5 50
Thomas Holmes and others, plank and nails
for town, - - - - 2 99
Proprietors for printing blank orders, - 1 50
H. A. True, labor on road, Dis't No. 17, - 1 12
Amount brought forward, \( -$1,635.08 \)

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<td>Emeline P. Springer, labor on road, Dist No. 30</td>
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<td>W. G. Webber, recording inventory and assessment</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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<td>L. J. Ayers, plank furnished town</td>
<td>5.63</td>
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<td>C. B. Preble, expenses and money paid out as Selectman</td>
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<td>W. G. Webber, expenses and money paid out as Selectman</td>
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<td>E. N. Baker, expenses and money paid out as Selectman</td>
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<td>Abated in C. M. Tibbett’s tax bills for the year 1879</td>
<td>15.95</td>
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<td>$1,169.24</td>
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<td>Balance in favor of the Town</td>
<td>465.84</td>
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<td>$1,635.08 $1,635.08</td>
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Sum raised by town for repairs of highways, \( $2,500.00 \)

Estimated amount of outstanding bills, \( -$2,400.00 \)
SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by Town for support of poor, - $750 00

Received from F. P. Bickford, for produce sold, - - - - - - 70 00

Received from the town of Athens for support of George Stevens, - - - - 47 50

Supplies furnished Poor Farm to January 1, 1883, - - - - - - $208 54

Paid for one yoke of steers for Poor Farm - 112 00

Paid for one horse for Poor Farm, - - 100 00

Paid for one mowing machine for Poor Farm, 54 00

Paid Superintendent for services for the year ending January 1, 1883, - - - 236 25

Cost on Poor Farm, - - . $710 79

Paid for Support of Poor off Poor Farm.

Treasurer of Maine State Reform School for support of Frederick Crawford to January 1, 1883, - . - - $52 00

I. Starbird and Son, for supplies furnished James Ridley’s family, July 1, 1882, 49 34

Cyrus Kendrick, medical attendance on family of James Ridley, - - - - 11 50
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<td>J. E. Chase, supplies furnished J. Ridley's family,</td>
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<td>City of Auburn, board, care and medical aid, furnished S. M. Getchell,</td>
<td>31 50</td>
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<td>Edith Merrill, support of Mrs. Kendall to November 7, 1882,</td>
<td>22 50</td>
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<td>Treasurer of Maine Insane Hospital, support of Orrin Danforth, to November 30, 1882,</td>
<td>17 59</td>
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<td>George W. Earle, board and care of George Stevens,</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>Cyrus Kendrick, medical services, George Stevens,</td>
<td>2 50</td>
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<td>Town of Wales, care and supplies furnished Charles Ridley,</td>
<td>75 44</td>
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<td>F. E. Sleeper, medical attendance, C. Ridley,</td>
<td>27 00</td>
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<td>H. M. Blake, medical attendance, C. Ridley,</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>Cost of Poor Farm,</td>
<td>$332 35</td>
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<td>Cost on Poor Farm, including sum paid for Steers, Horse, and Mowing Machine,</td>
<td>$710 79</td>
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<td>Deduct cost of Steers, Horse, and Mowing Machine,</td>
<td>$266 00</td>
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<td>Actual cost of poor,</td>
<td>$777 14</td>
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<td>Balance against the Town,</td>
<td>$175 64</td>
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Value of Town Farm, and Stock and Property thereon,  
March 1, 1883.

Value of Town Farm and Tools, $2020.00
" Stock on Town Farm, 550.00
" fifteen tons of Hay, at $10, 150.00
" provisions, etc. 140.00
Cash in hands of the Superintendent
of the Town Farm, 10.00

$2870.00

Names and Ages of Paupers on Poor Farm.

Mary Nevens, - - - aged 80 years.
Julia Tibbetts, - - - aged 61 years.
Sanford Goodwin, - - - aged 58 years.
Orrin Danforth, to October 16, - aged 58 years.
William Danforth, to January 24, 1883, aged 60 years.
Benjamin G. Huntington, - - aged 80 years.
Charles Ridley, from February 1, 1883, aged 32 years.

Frank P. Bickford and wife were hired to superintend the Poor Farm, for the year ending April 1, 1883, at two hundred and forty dollars per year.
TOWN DEBT BEARING INTEREST.

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<td>Sum raised by Town to pay interest on town debt</td>
<td>$250.00</td>
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<td>Money loaned to pay on town debt</td>
<td>$850.00</td>
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<td>Paid on principal of town debt</td>
<td>$942.00</td>
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<td>Paid interest</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
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<td>Balance in favor of town</td>
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RECAPITULATION.

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<td>Whole amount of resources</td>
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<td>Paid for support of schools</td>
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<td>Incidental town expenses</td>
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<td>Paid for support of poor</td>
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<td>Town debt and interest</td>
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<td>State and County taxes</td>
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<td>School fund undrawn</td>
<td>$404.01</td>
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<td>Balance on Selectmen's book, March 1, 1883</td>
<td>$5,730.02</td>
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W. G. WEBBER, E. N. BAKER, C. B. PREBLE, Selectmen of Litchfield.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year, ending February 22, 1883, also a statement of the town debt and the amounts due from the several Collectors, etc:

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<td>Cash in Treasury, February 25, 1882,</td>
<td>$250.60</td>
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<td>Loaned to pay demands against the Town</td>
<td>$850.00</td>
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<td>Received from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for 1879</td>
<td>$177.79</td>
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<td>Received from Eli Merriman, Collector for 1880</td>
<td>$396.00</td>
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<td>Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1881</td>
<td>$1803.00</td>
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<td>Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1882</td>
<td>$970.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Received from Overseers of Poor, for produce sold from Town Farm</td>
<td>$70.00</td>
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<td>Received from the same, it being money received from the town of Athens for support of George Stevens</td>
<td>$47.50</td>
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<td>Received from Selectmen on delinquent highway taxes</td>
<td>$13.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>Received of State Treasurer, School Fund and Mill Tax</td>
<td>$611.37</td>
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<td><strong>$5190.14</strong></td>
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Paid out as follows:

For support of Schools, - - - $1744 28
" Incidental, - - - - 1169 24
" Support of Poor, - - - 1057 19
" Town Debt, - - - 1022 04
Cash in Treasury February 22, 1883, - 197 39

$5190 14

Statement of Town Debt.

Due from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for 1879, - - - - - $12 39
Due from Eli Merriman, Collector for 1880, 330 73
" " Samuel Smith, " " 1881, 403 14
" " " " " " " 1882, 2325 21
" " " " " " " 1881,
on delinquent Highway Taxes, - 47 89
Due from Samuel Smith on Highway Tax of 1882, and delinquent highway of 1881, 3025 99
Cash in Treasury February 22, 1883, 197 39

$6342 74

Outstanding notes and interest on same, - - - - $2215 00
Balance in favor of Town, - - - 4127 74

$6342 74

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, February 22, 1883.
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Agreeable to the duties assigned, I have examined the Books of the Selectmen and compared them with the Treasurer's Book, and find them properly vouched and cast, and they agree.

The Treasurer's accounts show he had Cash

on hand February 25, 1882, - $250.60

Received during the year, - 4939.54

He has paid out during the same time, - $4992.75

Leaving a balance in his hands, February 22, 1883, of $197.39

Your Auditor has examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the now expiring municipal year, and has passed upon the same and allowed them, as follows:

W. G. Webber, for services as Selectman, Assessor
and Overseer of Poor, - - - $76.25

E. N. Baker, for same service, - - - 66.75
C. B. Preble, for same service, - - - - 39.75
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer, - - - - 23.75
Gardiner Roberts, Junior, Town Clerk, - - - - 12.65
Henry Taylor, Superintending School Committee, - - - - 19.75
A. C. True, " " " " - - 21.25
Prescott Keyes, Junior, Sup’t School Committee, - - - - 19.60
G. W. Springer, Constable, - - - - 6.00
D. S. Springer, Town Agent, - - - - 2.00

D. S. SPRINGER, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, February 22, 1883.
TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD:

Your Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1883:

Amount of money raised by the town - $1200 00
Amount of State School Fund - - 135 13
Amount of State Mill Tax - - - 440 31

DISTRICT NO. 1. (Corner.)—NOAH N. VERNEY, Agent.

Summer term—Miss Josie H. Verney, teacher. Whole number attending, 30; average number attending, 26; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, including board, $4.75 per week.

We found this school rather restless, but at the close we were pleased to note a decided improvement in this respect. The pupils showed an excellent understanding of the principles they had been taught.
Fall term.—Same teacher. Miss Verney continued her labors here with gratifying results.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Edith E. Stewart, Gertrude Lydston, Gracie May Higgins, George Waterman, Eddie Verney, Chapin Lydston, Wallace Stewart.

Winter term—C. D. Newell, teacher. Whole number attending, 36; average number attending, 33; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, $36.00 per month.

Mr. Newell understood the requirements of this school. Good order was maintained throughout the term, and the amount of work accomplished was very satisfactory. The deportment of this school was very gratifying to us. We would recommend Mr. Newell to future agents.


DISTRICT NO. 2. (South Oak Hill.)—Asa Nutting, Agent.

Spring term—Miss Carrie M. Wright, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number attending, 16; length of term, 30 days; wages of teacher, $2.75 per week.

We visited the school at the commencement of the term, and found Miss W. trying to discharge her duty. The scholars were restless, but we hoped this would soon be overcome. Not receiving notice of the close of this school in season to visit it, we are unable to report the results of her labors.

Winter term—Miss Josie E. Williams, Long Island, teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average number attending, 8; length of term, 58 days.
Although a native of Litchfield, Miss W. was educated in the excellent schools of Long Island, and being a graduate of a "High School," she was amply qualified to take charge of any school in town. Although the teacher found the scholars few and backward, she entered upon her duties with an energy and zeal that knew no failure. By her energy and perseverance, she soon called forth in a measure, the latent powers of her pupils. Her methods of teaching primary Arithmetic and reading were superior. A class who at our first visit could not name the letters correctly, were able to read quite nicely at our last visit.

We found here a mixed condition of text books, which we hope will be remedied before the commencement of another term.

DISTRICT NO. 3. (Waterman.)—Wm. T. BUKER, Agent.

Summer term—Miss MARCIA E. PAINE, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 10; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $3 45 per week.

Miss P. is an experienced teacher, having taught in the city schools of Bath for a long time. She is energetic, and discharges her duty faithfully. Her methods of instructing primary scholars are superior. At both visits the room was tidy, and teacher and pupils diligent. This was a good school.

Pupils not absent one-half day: George Powers, Arthur Waldron, Estelle Fogg, Martha Hutchings, Lena Allard, Lizzie Douglass.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 19; average number attending, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $5 00 per week.

Miss PAINE entered on her second term with a determination to do good to her pupils, and knowing their wants, began work at once in good earnest. The term was a success.
DISTRICT NO. 4. (Hall.)—WALTER KNIGHT, Agent.

No summer term. Winter term—HERBERT J. CARVILLE of Lewiston, teacher. Whole number attending, ...; average number attending, ...; length of term, ...; wages of teacher, ...

Mr. CARVILLE's success in this school last winter was noted in the report of 1881. No teacher with Mr. CARVILLE's experience, wise discretion and sound judgment, can fail to do better work the second term.

Mr. C.'s order was just the kind we would like to see in every school in this town—strict, but not stringent; scholars free, but not disrespectful.

Our last visit was made two weeks before the close of the term, so no preparation was made for an examination; but all classes appeared in such manner as to meet our approbation.

We can heartily recommend Mr. CARVILLE to any agent in town.

DISTRICT NO. 5. (Grant.)—HEMAN HOWARD, Agent.

Summer term—FLORA E. SPEAR of West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average number attending, 7; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $2.50 per week.

Miss SPEAR commenced her labors with a full realization of important work before her, and a strong desire to discharge well her duties. Sickness entering the school, it was suspended three weeks. A vacation (unless the term be long,) will always impede, somewhat, the progress of any school. Notwithstanding this, the few scholars present at our last visit, showed good advancement in all branches taught.

Winter term—Miss CARRIE L. HINTON, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number attending, 10; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, $3.00 per week.
We were much pleased with the appearance of this school, at the commencement of the term. We found the scholars well classified, and perfect harmony seemed to exist between them and their teacher, active, but quiet with their studies and in their recitations. During the term we made many enquiries and were invariably assured of a "good school." At the close we were happy to find all our hopes were realized. Order excellent. Classes in History, Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, were deserving of great praise. Literary exercises at the examination, added much to our pleasure. Master Bertie Packard merited especial notice, as we never heard better and wiser answers from a lad of six.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Edgar Neal, Frank H. Woodbury, Nellie M. Howard, Mertie B. Howard.

DISTRICT NO. 6. (The North.)—JAMES W. TRUE, Agent.

Summer term—Miss Costilla E. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending, 29; average number attending, 27; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3.00 per week.

No school in town contains better material for bright, active and thorough scholarship, than can be found in this school. Most of the pupils this term were young and just of that age to be mischievous and uneasy, needing the guiding hand of an experienced and well qualified instructor. We found Miss Rogers very energetic and pleasant; had gained the esteem and won the respect of her pupils at our first visit. At the close we found all the classes had accomplished much, and passed a fine examination. Reading and spelling were almost perfect. We think no teacher with Miss R.'s youth and inexperience could have labored harder, or gained greater results, than did this teacher.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Nora B. True, Hattie B. True, Mattie Cunningham, Laura M. Meader, Cora E. True, Nerva M. Hall, Clinton True, Joseph K. True.
Winter term — Miss Carrie Townsend of Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 31; average number attending, 25; length of term, 65 days; wages of teacher, $4.00 per week.

Miss Townsend is young and inexperienced, but energetic and a good scholar. We trusted that she might do good work. At our first visit the teacher was ambitious and trying hard to discharge her duties faithfully. Many of the pupils were idle, yet we hoped that energy and discipline would overcome this obstacle. At our last visit we were sorry to find that the number of idlers had increased. Classes in mathematics answered the text quite readily, but were at a loss to explain principles involved in blackboard exercises. In Grammar and Geography little progress was noticeable. A class in Physiology received oral instruction, and thereby gained much valuable information.

Names of scholars not absent one-half day: Nathan True, Joseph K. True, Oscar Blanchard, Edward True, Nettie True.

DISTRICT NO. 7. (Baker.)—Henry Lent, Agent.

Summer term — Miss Augusta H. Edgcomb, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number attending, 13; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week.

Miss Edgcomb has labored faithfully and successfully in our schools, and earned a good reputation. She is at home in the school-room, and loves her work. At both visits there was perfect harmony between teacher and pupils. Order, all that was necessary. Classes passed a good examination at the close, showing that all had labored diligently. Maps shown us need special mention.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Linnie S. Lunt, Ellie S. Robinson, Nellie Berry, Mary A. Berry, Radie E. Hodgkins, Rose B. Merrill, C. Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.
Winter term — Same teacher. Whole number attending, 20; average number attending, 18; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week.

Miss Edgcomb not only sustained her former reputation as a first-class teacher, but added fresh laurels to her crown of success. Names of scholars not absent one-half day: Nellie Berry, Gracie E. Getchell, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mary A. Berry, Mary E. Colby, Frank O. Berry, Rose B. Merrill, Radie E. Hodgkins, Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.

DISTRICT NO. 8. (Patten.) — S. O. Patten, Agent.

Fall term — Miss Angie Curtis of Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending, . . ; average number attending, . . ; length of term, . . ; wages of teacher, . .

Although this is our smallest school, yet this term was a profitable one. The teacher manifested a good interest and discharged her duties faithfully. At the close the scholars were prompt, and order good.

DISTRICT NO. 9. (Steventown.) — Charles A. Edgcomb, Agent.

Summer term — Miss Alice C. Cotton, teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number attending, 10; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, $3.00 per week.

No teacher in town ranked higher in scholarship than Miss Cotton. At our first visit we found everything pertaining to the interests of the school very satisfactory. At the closing examination, we considered the progress of the majority of the classes was hardly up to the standard.
Many of the pupils manifested too much hesitancy and inattention to be commended.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Addie F. Newell, Jennie L. Newell, Eugene L. Harriman, Minnie B. Stevens, Mabel P. Stevens, Blanche F. Weston, Gracie E. Getchell.

Winter term — Same teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number attending, 14; length of term, 66 days; wages of teacher, $4.25 per week.

This school appeared well at our first visit and we hoped that the district would enjoy a good school. At our last visit, some classes gave evidence of good work, while others did not meet our expectations. Had the teacher drawn the reins of government a little closer, it would have been to the advantage of all concerned.

Names of pupils not absent one-half day: Minnie B. Stevens, Mabel P. Stevens, Blanche F. Weston, Herbert D. Williams, Henry Williams, Adelbert P. Harriman, Eugene L. Harriman.

DISTRICT NO. 10. (Earle.)—GEORGE W. SPRINGER, Agent.

Summer term — Miss NELLIE LIBBEY, teacher. Register not returned.

This was Miss LIBBEY's first experience as a teacher. The school was small, consisting of but eight scholars. Miss LIBBEY labored faithfully with her little band, and the school was a success.

Winter term — Miss JOSIE H. VARNEY, teacher. Whole number attending, 12; average number attending, 10; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $4.00 per week.

We have already mentioned Miss VARNEY's labors in district number 1, as being successful, and she worked here with the same good results.
Number of scholars not absent one-half day, Philip Hodgekins, Ara Libbey.

DISTRICT NO. 11. (Purgatory Mills.) — CHARLES PREBLE, Agent.

Spring term — Miss HATTIE M. PIERCE, of Monmouth, teacher. Whole number attending, 34; average number attending, 28; length of term, 20 days; wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

Miss PIERCE, is a fine scholar and a good instructor. We found this school well classified, scholars attentive, and methods of instruction good. The teacher at once won the love and respect of her pupils, and we predicted a term of profit.

On account of the Canker Rash appearing in the district, it was necessary to close it at the end of the fourth week, greatly to the regret of scholars and parents.

Fall term — Miss DELVINA E. COOMBS, of Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending, 32; average number attending, 29; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, per week.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Frank Goodwin, Robert Allen, David Allen, Eddie Preble, Willie Preble, Homer Glidden, Carrie Smith, Alice Crossman, Maud Bartlett, Mamie Powers, Edith Glidden, Mary Allen, Mamie Robinson, Abbie Merriman, Genie Bartlett.

Miss PIERCE gave such general satisfaction during the summer term, she was employed for the fall term. On account of sickness she was compelled to close at the end of the second week, when the services of Miss COOMBS, were secured. Miss COOMBS has had experience in teaching, and being a good scholar we were confident that she would be successful. At the close we were well pleased with the progress made during the term. The order was good and the scholars manifested marked interest in their work. Classes in Arithmetic and Geography, gave evidence of a thorough knowledge of the ground gone over.

We can recommend her to future agents.
Winter term — Miss Flora Rogers. Whole number attending, ; average number attending, ; length of school, days; wages of teacher, 

This school is still in session. At our visit at the commencement of the term, all appearances were toward a successful close.

DISTRICT NO. 12. (Brick.) — William F. Adams, Agent.

Summer term — Miss Flora Ayer, teacher. Whole number attending, 4; average number attending, 4; length of term, 30 days; wages of teacher, $3.75, including board. This school is small. We had confidence in Miss Ayer's ability to teach a good school. She was pleasant in the school-room, thereby gaining the good will of her scholars, who manifested their love for her by trying to please her, and the school made good progress.

Winter term — Roland T. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 6; average number attending, 5½; length of term, 45 days.

This was Mr. True's first attempt as a teacher, and although his school was small, and he had hard work to create an interest in so small a school, yet the school showed at the closing examination that the scholars had received good instruction during the term.

Scholars not absent one-half day, Daniel Adams, Hattie Ashford, Louise Ashford.

DISTRICT NO. 13. (North Oak Hill.) — Philip Larrabee, Agent.

Summer term — Miss Costilla E. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number attending, 13; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3.00 per week.
This is a pleasant school and was well taught. At our first visit, the room was orderly, scholars studious and the teacher interested in her work. At the closing examination, we were well satisfied that the term had been profitable. Classes in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar need special mention. Attention had been given to map drawing; and the specimens exhibited showed taste and skill. The small scholars had not been neglected and the oral exercises were excellent.


Winter term. — Ernest Cunningham, teacher. Whole No. attending, 12; average number attending, 11; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, $20.00 per month.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to visit this school until the second week, when we found the school in good condition. Teacher active and pleasant, and imparting such instruction as all members of society need. The scholars were prompt in their recitations, interested and studious in their labors, respectful and polite in their deportment toward the teacher and ourselves. At our last visit we were surprised and grieved to find ourselves alone with the teacher. We know not what the cause was, nor where the blame rested, but of this we are assured, no pupil should be allowed to be absent from the school-room, except in case of sickness, for habits formed in school-days, are usually the most indelible, and fruits of the acts there executed often cling through life.

A teacher can and should be removed if not discharging his duties faithfully, or if his services are unprofitable; but he should be removed in a conscientious and legitimate manner.
DISTRIBUTION NO. 14. (Farrin.) — Josiah Morrell, Agent.

Summer term — Miss Jennie McKenney, of Wales, and Miss Flora E. Rogers, teachers. Whole number attending, 22; average number attending, 19; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

This term was commenced by Miss Jennie McKenney, who was obliged to resign her labors at the end of the first week, on account of sickness. The term was finished by Miss Flora E. Rogers, who had had charge of this school in previous terms, therefore she understood the wants of the school, and performed her duties with zeal and faithfulness as heretofore.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Cassie A. Bubier, Susie M. Bubier, Myra Bubier, Lulie C. Ray, Rosa Waterman, George Thurlow, Willie A. Ray, Freddie Bubier.

Winter term — H. O. Buker, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number attending, 19; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, $20 00 per month.

Mr. Buker labored earnestly with the pupils under his care. He took special pains in teaching each branch, and the school gave evidence of a thorough drill. This was a very successful and profitable term.

Four scholars were not absent during the term, but their names were not returned.

DISTRIBUTION NO. 15. (Pottertown.) — Gardiner Roberts, Jr., Agent.

Summer term — Flora E. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 12; length of school, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 50 per week.
This school has been under the charge of first class teachers for a series of terms, and this term no backward steps were taken.

There seemed to be no need of discipline, as every scholar appeared to be anxious to be foremost in promoting the interest and efficiency of the school.

The closing examinations were extremely gratifying. Class in Grammar showed very careful instruction and earnest, patient study. Arithmetic classes were able to analyze all the principles studied. Map drawing was executed upon the black-board without reference, with ease, accuracy and dispatch, hard to excel.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Emma E. Adams, Katie J. Nickerson, Mabel E. Norcross, Lillie M. Norcross, Alice M. Varney.

Winter term — Mark F. Newton, Andover, teacher. Whole number attending, 18; average number attending, 16; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $38.00, including board.

This school opened with brilliant prospects for a successful term, under the charge of an able teacher, who possesses all the qualifications to interest and instruct a school of this grade, and the closing examination convinced us that the teacher and scholars were united, and commendable progress was made. We hope to meet Mr. Newton again in the school-room.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Lawrence Adams, William Briery, Katie J. Nickerson, Mabel Norcross, Alice M. Varney.

REMARKS.

In closing our report we can only say, we are much pleased to report so many schools favorably, and equally grieved that a few have not met our approbation. Now future Agents, exercise well your judgment in selecting teachers for the ensuing
year. Let no prejudice, friends nor enemies swerve you from your duty, and much trouble will be avoided and an infinite amount of loss of valuable time saved to the members of your schools.

At the present time, no ignorant, idle person, can compete successfully with the educated and industrious.

A few school-houses need repairing, and all need attention before the beginning of the winter terms.

A good supply of, and an uniformity in text books, is absolutely necessary to the mental prosperity of your children. A little expense in this direction will not impoverish any one and may enrich many.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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PRESCOTT KEYES, JR.  
ALBERT C. TRUE,  

Superintending  
School Com. of  
Litchfield.

Litchfield, February 28, 1883.
Notice to Agents and Teachers.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they employ to teach, that the committee or Supervisor, will be in session for their examination, etc., at the Academy, as follows: For the summer schools, the last Saturday in April, and the first Saturday in May, at one o'clock, P. M.; and the winter schools, the first and last Saturdays in November, at one o'clock, P. M.