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Annual Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor and Supervisor of Schools, of the Town of Litchfield, for the Municipal Year Ending March 2, 1887

Litchfield (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR
AND
Supervisor of Schools,
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,
For the Municipal year ending March 2, 1887.

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH.
1887.
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 2nd, 1887, present the following report, giving the sums received, and from what sources, to meet the payments of the town; also showing for what purposes, and to whom payments have been made.

**VALUATION.**

Resident Real Estate, - - - - $295,935 00
Non Resident Real Estate, - - - - 32,285 00
Resident Personal Estate, - - - - 49,860 00
Non Resident Personal Estate, - - - - 365 00

$378,445 00

Number of Polls, 298. Amount assessed on each poll, $2.50
Rate of taxation on a dollar, 15 1/2 mills.

Amount of money tax assessed for 1886, $6613 00

**APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.**

State Tax for 1886, - - - - $1707 56
County Tax for 1886, - - - - 624 18
Incidental Town Expenses, - - - - 1000 00
Support of Poor, - - - - 700 00
Support of Schools, - - - - 1048 00
To pay interest on town debt, - - 200 00
For Memorial Services, - - - - 25 00
For Road Machine, - - - - 225 00
For repairs of highways with machine, - - - - 1000 00
Fractional Overlay, - - - - 83 26

$6613 00
### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, February 20, 1886, $2525.63
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer, 6613.00
Cash received for Skating Rink License, 1.00
Non Resident Highway Tax collected and paid to Treasurer, from the year 1885, 14.58
Receipts over supplies, quarter ending December 31, 1886. Poor account, --- 12.50
Received of Leeds for support of L. D. Blackwell, 66.25

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### RESOURCES FOR STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treasurer, --- $1707.56
Assessed and committed to Collector and County Treasurer, --- 624.18

### RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, February 20, 1886, $494.55
Amount apportioned for 1886, 1831.73
Paid for Support of Schools, $2011.44
School Fund undrawn March 2nd, 1887, 314.84

|$2326.28|
INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1886, - - $1000 00
Fractional Overlay, - - - - 83 26
Cash received for Skating Rink License, - 1 00
Non Resident Highway
Tax from the year 1885, - - 14 58

$1098 84

Orders drawn on the Treasury for
Incidental Town Expenses.

Thomas Holmes, for services as Selectman,
Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, $80 75
R. W. Cunningham, for same service, 70 25
Geo. A. Emerson, do. 63 75
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer, 24 75
Albert C. True, Supervisor of Schools, 59 25
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk, 3 70
Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor, 2 00
Thomas Holmes, for services and expenses as
Selectman, &c., from Feb. 19, to March
15, 1886, 7 50
Thomas Holmes, copying inventory and assess-
ment for 1885, 6 00
Geo. A. Emerson, for services and expenses as
Selectman, &c., from Feb. 19, to March
15, 1886, 7 25
Henry Lunt, labor in Road District No. 20,
1883, 1 70
Wm. C. Smith, hauling logs out of road in
District No. 24, 1884, 50
Enoch Merrill, labor in Road District No. 20,
1883, 4 00
E. O. Cobb, do. No. 32, 1886, 2 75
Amount brought forward, $1098.84

H. F. Penny, blacksmithing for Town District No. 2, 1.75
E. II. Parker, labor in Road District No. 34, 1883, 7.13
Emery Metcalf, do. No. 17, 1886, 6.25
Leander Metcalf, do. No. 14, 1886, 2.41
H. W. Maxwell, do. 2.42
C. A. Edgecomb, do. No. 17, 1886, 4.17
A. B. Andrews, do. No. 16, 1885, 2.50
James W. True, do. No. 5, 1886, 3.00
E. N. Baker, do. No. 2, 1885 and 1886, 15.84
Wm. S. Snow, services as Constable from March 7, 1885, to March 15, 1886, 2.00
R. W. Cunningham, for services as Selectman, &c., from Feb. 19, to March 15, 1886, 3.00
J. S. Hatch and others, labor breaking roads, District No. 32, 1886, 5.00
Jesse Hatch, plank for District No. 26, and hauling stone, 1885, 5.34
J. W. Starbird, duster and chamois for hearse, 4.25
J. Lapham, labor in Road District No. 13, 1886, 1.25
Lapham & Packard, do. 3.00
D. P. Adams, labor, Patten Woods, 1886, 17.50
I. S. Larrabee, do. 3.75
Geo. Thurlow, do. 1.87
James Ricker, do. 13.75
A. Bubier, do. 25.50
I. W. Buker, labor, self and oxen, Patten Woods, 1886, 13.75
H. F. Woodard, labor, Patten Woods, 1886, 5.62
Larrabee & Coombs, sharpening tools, 1886, 4.70
J. W. Earle, labor, Patten Woods, 24.00
J. D. Powers, labor, Patten Woods, 1886, 26.25
J. Purinton, labor, self and oxen, Patten Woods, 1886, 2.75
Amount brought forward, $1098.84

T. Holmes, labor, Patten Woods, and cash paid out, 1886, 29.96
E. S. Briery, plank and iron for District No. 23, 8.16
Charles E. Nash, printing Town Reports for 1885 and 1886, 20.00
H. F. Woodard, labor in District No. 3, 1886, 9.00
Samuel Clark, labor, self and oxen, on Tilden Bridge, 1886, 8.25
F. T. Harriman, hauling plank for Horse Shoe Pond Bridge, 1886, 5.00
D. D. Williams, hauling plank for Williams Bridge, 1886, 3.00
Lewiston Journal, Printing Blank Orders, 3.25
Rufus Polley, labor, self and oxen, Tilden Bridge, 1886, 3.44
A. Bubier, labor on Tilden Bridge, 1886, 9.00
J. Ricker, labor on Tilden Bridge and one keg powder, 14.00
J. H. Day and others, steel, powder, fuse, &c., for highways, 5.12
J. O. Brown, plank for Road District No. 5, 5.34
Clark & Milliken, plank for Patten Mill and Bowdoin Bridges, 13.93
Samuel Danforth, labor on Tilden Bridge and Road District No. 39, 12.00
Josiah Jones, stone covering for bridges, 1885, 5.00
J. Woodbury, labor of son on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge, 75
A. Douglass, labor on Horse Shoe Pond Bridge, 75
J. S. Hatch, labor, self and oxen, on Tilden Bridge, 1886, 15.00
A. C. Ashford and others, labor in Road District No. 3, blasting, 1886, 39.00
David Adams, labor in Road District No. 26 and Bowdoin Bridge, 10.72
Amount brought forward, $1098 84

Isaiah Douglass, do. 16 24
John Purinton, plank, stringers, powder, &c.,
District 26, 18 58
John Purinton, labor on Bowdoin Bridge in
District No. 26, 32 72
Wm. H. Smith, surveying road around Cook
Hill, 2 50
Geo. A. Beale, books and stationery, 10 62
B. W. Haley, labor on Tilden Bridge, and
sharpening tools, 3 25
M. W. Adams, cutting bushes and repairing
Road District No. 25, 6 00
John Patten, sleepers for Thoroughfare Bridge,
1886, 10 00
R. J. Campbell, hauling lumber for Thorough­
fare Bridge, 1886, 12 00
S. H. Ring, commissions for collecting taxes,
1883 and 1884, 173 18
S. Danforth, stone to cover bridge in District
No. 39, 2 50
J. D. Powers, labor in Road District No. 35, 1 50
J. Gray and Son, lumber for Thoroughfare,
H. S. Pond and Williams Bridges, 58 42
Town of Richmond, lumber for Thoroughfare
Bridge, 15 10
D. S. Springer, expenses as Town Treasurer, 6 55
Wm. Bubier, labor in Road District Nos. 28,
31 and 32, 11 87
J. S. Hatch, do. 10 16
C. T. Hall, do. No. 38, washout, &c., 16 00
Thomas Holmes, expenses, postage, team, &c., 21 22
Geo. A. Emerson, do. 5 46
W. F. Adams, running and care of hearse 22
trips, 35 50
Amount brought forward, $1098 84

Abated in S. H. Ring's tax bills for the year 1883, 14 08
Abated in S. H. Ring's tax bills for the year 1884, 51 91
Abated in S. H. Ring's tax bills for the year 1885, 25 28

Balance against the town, $1324 21

Road machine and repairs of roads with same.

Sum raised by town to buy road machine, $225 00
Sum raised for repair of highways with road machine, 1000 00

R. Alden, for Victor road machine, $215 00
J. T. Robinson, freight on same, 3 20
F. M. Babcock, labor, self and horses with road machine, 123 00
E. L. Allen, do. 137 50
Jack & Baker, man and horses, with road machine, 26 00
W. L. Powers, labor, self and horses with road machine, 96 00
J. W. Earle, labor on road with road machine, 19 50
J. D. Powers, do. 17 25
J Purinton, do. 4 69
Amount brought forward, $1225 00

T. Holmes, labor, self and horse, and cash paid out, with road machine, 52 99
F. M. Babcock, labor, self and horses, with road machine, 13 37
S. Stewart, tools to use with road machine, 3 30
Geo. Tyler and others, plates, bolts and freight for road machine, 8 90
J. E. Chase, plow for town, 13 50
R. J. Campbell, labor, self and horses, with road machine, 12 00
J. D. Powers, clearing road for road machine, 11 75
D. I. Larrabee, do. 15 00
H. F. Penney, sharpening tools, &c., 5 30
W. L. Powers, labor, self and horses, with road machine, 84 00
E. M. Douglass, do. 70 00
E. L. Allen, do. 92 25
J. Woodbury, self and son on road, with road machine, 10 95
A. Douglass, do. 3 57
H. S. Howard, labor on road with road machine, 4 53
A. Neal, do. 3 00
S. G. Nutting, self and oxen on road with road machine, 6 88
William Lyle and others, labor, oxen on road with road machine, 43 13
A. C. Ashford and others, labor, oxen on road with road machine, 28 92
J. S. Hatch, labor, self and man with road machine, 6 67
Lapham and Packard, labor on road with road machine, 3 37
T. C. McCausland, labor on road with road machine, 3 78
J. Purinton, hauling machine from Richmond, 2 44
Amount brought forward, $1225 00

George A. Emerson, labor, self and team with road machine, 30 00
F. T. Harriman and others, labor on road with road machine, 8 00
D. W. Danforth, labor on road with road machine, 2 00
E. Danforth and others, labor on road with road machine, 3 34
William Bubier, labor on road with road machine, 6 87
D. Godfrey, labor on road with road machine, 4 16

Balance in favor of town, $28 89

Support of Poor.

Sum raised by town for support of poor, $700 00
Receipts over supplies quarter ending Dec. 31, 1886, 12 50
Received of Leeds for support of Levi D. Blackwell, 66 25

$778 75

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from Jan. 1 to April 1, 1886, 76 00
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. on Town Farm to April 1, 1886, 60 00
J. W. Starbird, supplies furnished Poor Farm, 10 39
S. Steward, supplies furnished Poor Farm, 5 72
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to July 1, 1886, 62 50
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from April 1 to July 1, 1886, 71 25
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to Oct. 1, 1886, 62 50
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from July 1 to Oct. 1, 1886, 58 01
A. F. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to Jan. 1, 1887, 62 50
Support of Poor on Town Farm, $468 87

Support of Poor off Town Farm.
Edith Merrill, for support of Mrs. Kendall from Feb. 7, 1886 to Feb. 7, 1887, $30 00
Dexter Smith, supplies for J. Ridley's family 1885, 2 69
Enoch Adams medical attendance Charles Ridley's wife, 1885, 2 00
J. W. Starbird, supplies for J. Ridley's family, 1885 and 1886, 80
S. Stewart, supplies for J. Ridley's family, 1885 and 1886, 20 17
State Reform School, for support of Frederick Crawford to Oct. 1, 1886, 4 71
Town of Brunswick, supplies for Charles Groves family, 22 17
State Reform School, for support of Frederick Crawford, to Jan. 1, 1887, 13 00
S. E. Skillings, supplies for H. Stinson, 1887, 3 50
I. W. Gilbert, medical attendance
James Ridley's family, 1886, 5 00
I. W. Gilbert, Medical attendance
Charles Ridley's wife, 1887, 18 00
E. T. Lander, support of M. Alice
Lander to Jan. 8, 1887, 10 00

Support of Poor off Town Farm, $132 04

Balance in favor of town, $177 84

Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon, March 2d, 1887.

Value of town Farm, $1800 00

Live Stock.

1 horse, $70 00
1 colt, 85 00
1 pair oxen, 125 00
3 cows, 85 00
1 3 year old, 25 00
1 2 year old, 20 00
1 1 year old, 10 00
1 calf, 3 00
40 hens, 15 00

438 00

Hay.

8 tons hay, $80 00
2 tons fodder, 10 00

90 00

Provisions.

3 bushels yellow eyed beans, $4 20
1-2 bushel red kidney beans, 75
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**Farming Tools.**

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$127 65

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### Names and Ages of Paupers on Town Farm.

- **Mary Nevens**, aged 84 years.
- **Julia Tibbetts**, aged 65 years.
- **Anna Whitten**, aged 87 years.
- **Benjamin Huntington**, aged 84 years.
- **Sanford Goodwin**, aged 62 years.
- **Johnny Potter**, from Feb. 20 to May 13, 1886, aged 66 years.
- **Rosilla Curtis' child**, from Feb. 20 to May 14, 1886, aged 1 year.
- **Hannah Potter**, on farm 4 months, aged 52 years.
- **Charles Curtis**, on farm, 9 1-2 months, aged 84 years.
- **Hanover Stinson**, on farm 3 1-2 months, aged 74 years.

Asa P. Nutting and wife were hired to superintend the Town Farm, for the year ending April 1, 1887, at two hundred and fifty dollars per year.

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### Memorial.

- Sum raised by town for memorial services, 25 00
- Paid Libby Post, G. A. R., No. 93, 25 00
Resources for Town Debt.

Sum raised by town to pay interest on town debt, $200 00
Paid interest on town debt, 60 00

Balance in favor of town, $140 00

Recapitulation.

Whole amount of resources, $10,511 24

State tax for 1886, - - - 1707 56
County tax for 1886, - - - 624 18
Incidental town expenses, - - - 1324 21
Paid for support of poor, - - - 600 91
Memorial, - - - 25 00
Interest on town debt, - - - 60 00
Road machine and labor, - - - 1196 11
Paid for support of schools, - - - 2011 44
School fund undrawn, - - - 314 84
Balance on Selectmen's book March 2nd, 1887, 2646 99

$10,511 24

THOMAS HOLMES, Selectmen
GEO. A. EMERSON, of
JOHN PURINTON, Litchfield.
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Litchfield:

Agreeable to the duties assigned, I have carefully examined and compared the Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts and find them neatly and properly kept, and they exactly agree. Bills of items were found on file, exactly corresponding to the orders drawn.

For all sums of money charged as paid from the treasury, orders were on file for like amounts.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he had

cash on hand February 20th, 1886, - - - $316 56
Received during the year, - - - - 5188 75

He has paid out during the same time, - - - 5240 09

Balance in his hands March 2nd, 1887, - - - $265 22

I have examined the accounts of the several town officers for the municipal year ending March 2nd 1887, and allowed them as follows:

Thomas Holmes, services as Selectman, Assessor
and Overseer of Poor, - - - - $84 75
Geo. A. Emerson, for same service, - - - 73 50
John Purinton, for same service, - - - 56 25
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer, - - - 24 75
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk, - - - 15 20
Albert C. True, Supervisor of Schools, - - - 61 25
Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor, - - - - 2 00

Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor.

Litchfield, March 2nd, 1887.
The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending March 2, 1887, also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the collectors, etc.:

Cash in Treasury February 20, 1886, $316 56
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1883, - - - - - 43 16
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1884, - - - - - 300 00
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1885, - - - - - 1910 00
Received from E. N. Baker, Collector of 1886, - - - - - 2237 00
Received from Overseers of Poor, receipts over supplies, quarter ending Dec. 31, 1886, - - - - - 12 50
Received from Selectmen, money received from the Town of Leeds, for support of Levi D. Blackwell in 1885, - 66 25
Received from Selectmen for license of Skating Rink, - - - - 1 00
Received from Selectmen, money collected on Highway Tax of 1885, - - 14 58
Received from State Treasurer, School Funds, 604 26

$5505 31
Paid out as follows:
For support of schools, - - - $2022.44
  incidental town expenses, - - - 1335.63
  road machine, - - - 1196.11
  support of Poor, - - - 600.91
  Town Debt, - - - 60.00
  Memorial Services, - - - 25.00
Cash in Treasury, March 2, 1887, - 265.22

$5505.31

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of
  1884, - - - - - $109.29
Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of
  1885, - - - - - 301.90
Due from E. N. Baker, Collector of 1886, 2044.26
Cash in Treasury, March 2, 1887, - 265.22

$2720.67

Outstanding notes and interest on the same, $1541.50
Balance in favor of town, - - - 1179.17

$2720.67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, March 2, 1887.
SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your Supervisor of Schools submits for consideration the following report for the year ending March 1, 1887.

Amount of money raised by town, $1048.00
Amount of State School Fund and Mill Tax, 628.73.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. James E. Chase, Agent.

Summer term, Miss H. E. Carville, Webster, teacher. Whole number attending, 34; average number attending, 30; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $4 per week.

We found the usual number of bright, earnest, industrious and active workers, those ready to obey the will of their teacher and seeking to understand her wishes only to incorporate them as their own.

We found the school very quiet and orderly, and in every way it showed that respect which is due to every teacher from all pupils. Miss Carville came to her work clothed with an experience of eighteen terms and an abundance of mental and physical power, all of which she strove to use for the best good of those under her direction. We think some of her modes and manners were not as pleasing to all as we would have wished, yet we believe she conveyed many valuable thoughts which will surely bear good fruit in the future. The order was good; we were well pleased with the classes in reading and spelling, while the other classes were commendable.

Fall term. Miss Costilla E. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending, 36; average number attending, 33; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $5 per week.

The general appearance of the school at the commencement of this term was nominally the same as the summer term with an addition of a few older and more advanced scholars. The whole feature of the school met our warmest approval at both visits. A class in Bookkeeping had kept their books very accurately and neatly, with apparent good understanding of that science. Classes in Arithmetic and Algebra were prompt in their answers and systematic in their methods. Reading was much improved and spelling made interesting and profitable by writing and exchanging for correction, in the class. The other classes were in the same high rank. We hope the parents in this district will continue to employ excellent teachers, to have a good school and build a new school house.


Winter term, same teacher. Whole number attending, 38; average number attending, 33; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, $5.25 per week.

Wisdom was shown and great advantage gained in securing the services of Miss Rogers for this term. The teacher commenced her labors with a full knowledge of the multiplicity of her labors, and being in perfect harmony with all, the term must necessarily be eminently successful. The work here was too much for one teacher. Short recitations and long days could only enable the teacher to give her attention to all the classes, (thirty-five in number.) We were glad to find two classes in Bookkeeping which continued to improve in the good work begun in the fall term. Both were deserving of much praise. Mathematics were exemplified in a plain and practical manner with analysis as a basis. A class in Geography was able to divest the study of its monotony. Spelling was conducted on the same plan as previous term with equal success. Would that every school in town was up to the standard of this school.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Norman Higgins, Freddie Moody, Wallace Stewart, Abbie Earle, Bessie Penney, Edith Stewart.
District No. 2. J. D. Powers, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Edith Stewart, teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number attending, 9; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

Miss Stewart is the youngest person that we ever authorized to enter the school room as an instructor. This was done with some reluctance on our part. We are extremely happy to report that our most sanguine hopes were surpassed, for many experienced teachers were excelled by her this term. This school is backward and small, but easy to govern and attentive to their studies. Miss Stewart taught them patiently and carefully the rudiments of the different branches of study. Good improvement was made in all the studies pursued. The discipline was excellent.

We hope this teacher will try it again, and in the mean time fit herself more fully for the work. There are but few real, genuine, first class teachers.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Frank P. Danforth, Jennie S. Mitchell.

Winter term, Frank G. Mitchell, teacher. Whole number attending, 11; average number attending, $\frac{8}{3}$; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, $24 per month, including board.

At our visit to this school, we found everything progressing towards a praiseworthy ending, and judging from what we could learn from the answers to our numerous questions, we so report.

We were much disappointed in not making a visit at the close of the term; we attempted to do so, but before we got half the distance we found the roads impassible, and we were obliged to relinquish the attempt.

District No. 3. David N. Fogg, Agent.

Summer term, Bertha E. Norcross, teacher. Whole number attending, 12; average number attending, 7; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

For several terms the smaller pupils in this school have been a trifle uneasy, needing a little more firmness on the part of the teacher to keep them just in their allotted places. No stringent measures were called for, only a bit of mild reproval. Miss Norcross endeavored to do this and in good measure succeeded. The classes were well arranged and displayed talents worthy of mention and approbation. Some of the smaller ones improved much, especially in reading. With more experience we think
this teacher will be enabled to hold high rank in the teachers’ scale of excellence.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Frankie D. Fogg, Charles B. Fogg, Eva M. Fogg, Edna F. Sprague, Lulu E. Weymouth.

Winter term, William Mitchell, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number attending, 16; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $20 per month.

The teacher labored under the disadvantage of inexperience, which will always be accompanied by "doubts and fears" as to right and wrong, in trivial, if not in important things. He labored hard and faithfully we think in work, both in and out of the school room, and if he failed in any part, it was from ignorance or by mistake, and not the outgrowth of his desires. The studies were well conducted, and the pupils, with one or two exceptions, showed they had not spent their time in vain. In closing, we would encourage the teacher to put a little more energy and activity into his work.

Number of scholars not absent one-half day: Sidney Buker, Charles Douglass.

District No. 4. Walter Knight, Agent.

No summer term.

Winter term, Roland T. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number attending, 8; length of term, 35 days; wages of teacher, $20 per month.

We found this school very small, as the whole number attending will indicate. Quite a long time had passed since some of the members had attended school, and we were sorry to note they had not been able to retain all they possessed at the close of the last term.

The teacher bent his mind to the fact that if much was received, much must be given. This being accomplished on his part, its effects were plainly visible at the close of the term. Although no brilliancy was manifest, a good degree of improvement was perceptible. We will not particularize the classes, but speak collectively. They all did well. The term was too short; had it been three weeks longer we believe double the work would have been performed.

Scholar not absent one-half day: Samuel T. Cobb.
District No. 5. J. F. Lapham, Agent.

Summer term, Georgie E. Lawrence, teacher. Whole number attending 6; average, number attending, 5; length of term, 45 days; wages of teachers, $3 per week.

This is another small, (too small) school. We believe it would have been better for all concerned, if this school had united with District No. 6 or District No. 9. The teacher and scholars struggled to awaken an interest at commencement and carry it throughout the term. Notwithstanding they succeeded in doing this, there could not be that zeal of teacher and school, that spirit of rivalry and encouragement, in a school of six, as in a school of twenty scholars. The scholars here are very smart. The closing examination proved very entertaining to us, and much to the credit of the children, as being good in scholarship and obedient to the rules of duty given them by their parents and teacher. We think Miss Lawrence would succeed in a larger and more advanced school.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Bertram Packard, Hattie M. Woodbury.

Winter term, Nellie M. Roberts, teacher, Whole number attending, 10; average number attending, 8; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

We found four more scholars present, at our first visit, than were present during the last term, but still small both in numbers and years. Miss Roberts soon gained the love and respect of her little family and led them, in perfect harmony, through the various mysteries which attend the daily walks of school life. At the close of the term, we were very glad to find no time had been wasted or misspent; no erroneous ideas imparted to mar future good work. A class in Arithmetic was closely questioned, and displayed excellent retentive powers. We find no fault with this school.

Scholar not absent one half-day: Mamie E. Packard.

District, No. 6. Albert C. True, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Estelle M. Brainard, China, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number attending, 9; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

Naturally we feel a deep interest in this school and its attainments, and we wish every parent in town could visit this school room while the school is in session; methinks many might be stricken with self-condemnation, and go home thinking of the
great importance of sustaining a comfortable school house well supplied with light, blackboards, charts, etc. No scholar can perform a large amount of work and do it neatly upon a small surface, half covered with mean paint. Miss Brainard came to her duties armed with the best qualifications a teacher can possess, knowledge of her duties, decision to discharge them, and an experience in the different ways of discharging them. Duty demands that we state that, rarely, in any town, will you find a better school house, more neatly finished and furnished, more comfortable to work in or more properly lighted. But above all these, it is occupied by a class of scholars who are peers to the best. Although some might excel Miss Brainard in amount of work performed here this term, her teachings were sound, plain and thorough.

A class in physiology did very nicely; were able to draw upon the blackboard and explain the diagrams of the different divisions of the organic system. Reading was much improved.

We introduced the "Complete Charts" and were doubly paid this term for their cost. Spelling, History and other classes were so good that we were forced to acknowledge all good, but none best. The order was the best we have observed since we gave up the contest.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Roscoe Pinkham, Neddie True, Lewis P. True, Cora E. True. Not one dismissed.

Fall term, same teacher.

Whole number attending, 23; average number attending, 21; length of term 35 days; wages of teacher, $4 per week.

The same studies were pursued as in summer term supplemented by Physical Geography and Higher Arithmetic. These were taught on the same basis, and with the same results.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Walter Davis, Roscoe Pinkham, Harry Pinkham, Neddie True, Lewis P. True, Nathan True, Cora E. True, Margie True.

Winter term, Miss Fannie W. True, teacher. Whole number attending, 24; average number attending, 22; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, $4 per week.

Miss True is too well known to require many introductory remarks from us relating to her abilities and success as a first class teacher. Suffice it to say there is no lagging, no slow or moderate work, where she is leader. On the other hand, quickness with word and work is impressed upon all. To be ready to grasp every thought and idea, as they pass so rapidly the many and ever changing avenues of the human mind. Being intimately acquainted with the school and its requirements,
she was enabled at once, to prepare for greater work than a stranger could have done. The end was satisfactory to all. We spent all day at the closing visit, testing well the pupils, knowledge in the various branches pursued; all of which were far above the average rank of schools. We would not fail to mention a class in Bookkeeping and Oral History; the latter we would test beside any we ever saw, feeling confident of victory (age and number considered).

Scholars not absent one-half day: George J. Davis, Nathan C. True, Harry Pinkham, Neddie True, Lewis P. True, Joseph K. True, Helen P. True.

District No. 7. Charles Hodgkins, Agent.

Summer term, Charles M. Tibbetts teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number attending, 15; length of term 45 days; wages of teacher including board, $20 per month.

Mr. Tibbetts has few equals in scholarship and experience. With these qualifications we hoped this term would carry the pupils past many a milestone along the highway that leads to the heights of complete education. This hope was renewed at our first visit, and would have been realized had the discipline been a little better. No school can receive the full measure of profit when order is absent. All the instruction given was correct and simplified to a plainness that all could see and understand. The scholars were pleasant and interesting. There are some very fine scholars here. They learn quickly, retain readily, and communicate promptly. Scholars not absent one-half day: Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest Small, Rachiel Hodgkins, Maud Peacock, Edith Robinson, Alice M. Tibbetts.

Fall term, Miss Augusta H. Edgecomb, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number attending, 18; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, $6 per week.

We have reported Miss Edgecomb so many times in connection with this school, and all embodied in one thought, and that of a good school, that the knowledge of her leadership is sufficient to assure a school in the highest rank. Classes in Grammar were highly commendable. Arithmetic and Algebra were thoroughly taught, and made a fine appearance in their recitations. The other classes were equally as satisfactory to us. We always meet a number of parents at the closing visit which is very pleasing to the teacher, scholars and ourselves. Still we found the old school house with no change except it had grown
one year older, and its foundation had sunk deeper into the ground. We still hope to see a new one here some time.

Scholars not absent, one-half day: C. Lester Berry, Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small, Rennie D. Small, Radie E. Hodgkins, Alice M. Tibbetts.

District No. 8. John Purinton, Agent.

Spring term, Miss Lettie A. Stinson, Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 11; length of term, 30 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

Miss Stinson had previous knowledge of this school, therefore no delay was occasioned in preparatory work. The scholars forming this term could not be pushed to any great extent, but were willing to abide by the judgment of their teacher, who took much pains with them. The term was too short to make great progress, but some was visible.

Summer term, Miss Ida M. Hatch, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number attending, 10; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

There are only four scholars belonging in this district; the remaining number coming from Richmond, Bowdoin, and other districts in Litchfield. This causes the classification to be difficult to arrange, but Miss Hatch succeeded well in this particular. Also in the general management of the school. We were sorry indeed that one boy, seeing us before we arrived, deserted his post while we were present. No fault should meet with a greater condemnation or receive a severer punishment, than this weak and dishonest habit. We have seen it illustrated in many cases, deserters as children and pupils, deserters as teachers and as men and women. Parents and teachers, see to this and if it cannot be conquered, let the world know it, that none may be deceived.

Number of scholars absent one-half day, not reported.

District No. 9. Charles A. Edgcomb, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Carrie L. Hinton, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 19; average number attending, 16; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

Miss Hinton has spent the most of her life as a teacher in this town. She has learned our ways, our wants and our needs, and met them in manner so pleasant and profitable that she seems
to be numbered among Litchfield teachers. With all her teaching we have not heard a single word of discredit or fault connected with it. A record of which few can hold claim. The scholars in this school do not learn easily but are industrious, kind and orderly. All the class did better than we anticipated. All things associated with the school were extremely gratifying. Without particularizing we report all good.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Perlee Robinson, Jennie Newell, Addie Newell, S. Blanche Robinson.

Fall term, same teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number attending, 13; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, $5.50 per week.

The only change we saw this term was in pupils. The interest, unison, order, etc., same as in the summer, therefore we refer to the same for report of this term.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Perlee Robinson, Addie Newell, Nettie A. Harriman, S. Blanche Robinson.

District No. 10. Job F. Morrill, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Nellie A. Starbird, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending 20; average number attending 17; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

This was Miss Starbird's first trial as an instructor. She entered into the work with a zeal so strong, and a determination so firm that it was impossible for her to fail. This school is usually a trifle uneasy, needing considerable careful and constant instruction in the direction of good order and conduct. No scholar should be allowed to answer a question unless it be given personally to him or as a general question. No scholar should be allowed to assist another while in a recitation by words or signs.

Miss Starbird strove to bring all these into practice and succeeded well for a young teacher. The advancement in the several classes was very fair. No parents visited the school.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Hattie Brown, Jennie A. Jordan, Hiram J. Morrill.

Winter term, Mabel Witherell, Monmouth, teacher. Whole number attending, 27; average number attending, 20; length of term, 70 days; wages of teacher, $4 per week.

This was the longest term in town during the year. A little too long. Had the summer term been two weeks longer and this two weeks shorter, we believe the district would have received a greater amount of good. Owing to sickness, we did not make our first visit until the third week, when we found all going
forward very smoothly and everything pointing to a successful
close. At our last visit, we found the scholars and their work
satisfactory, but thought with the long term considered, more of
the same kind of work should have been performed.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Hiram Morrill, Mamie
Morrill, Nettie Morrill, Mable Rose, Leslie Rose, Ellora Rose,
Alice Tibbetts.

District No. 11. Enoch Adams, Agent.

Summer term, Nellie M. Roberts, teacher. Whole number
attending, 33; average number attending, 28; length of term, 45
days; wages of teacher, $3.50 per week.

We were much pleased with the school at our first visit. The
teacher was very pleasant and obliging to her pupils. They
apparently appreciating this, were trying to do everything in
their power to repay this kindness. This school is quite well
classed, yet there are too many recitations, (thirty-two) to enable
the teacher even the necessary time to each recitation. We
found twenty-five studying Geography, and thirteen Grammar.
At our last visit, we were glad to find that the good feelings had
been preserved all through the term. Arithmetic classes were
particularly good. Geography and other studies gave evidence
of excellent drill and hard study. We considered this a good
school.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Thurston Gilman, Mary
Crane, Enna Hopkins, Della James.

Winter term, Daniel Brown, Richmond, teacher. Whole
number attending, 29; average number attending, 25\frac{1}{2}; length of
term, 50 days; wages of teacher,

This was Mr. Brown's third term here, therefore it was expected
he would do more and better work than he did last winter. There
are many things outside the school room to call the minds of the
pupils away from their studies, and the teacher who is not
constantly looking after this cannot come out feeling conscious
that his whole duty has been done. We think Mr. Brown deter-
mined to do this, and had his governing been a little more positive,
he would have come out more satisfactory to himself and those
most interested. We found a fine reading class and a very nice
spelling class. The other classes we do not deem necessary to
mention only to say good.

Scholars not absent one-half day: David B. Allen, George E.
Plimpton, Harlie H. Barlett, Genie M. Barlett, Thurston
Gilman, Homer C. Glidden, Edith Glidden, Rutie Glidden.
District No. 12. William F. Adams, Agent.

Summer term, Addie M. Niles, teacher. Whole number attending, 13; average number attending, 10; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $1.50 per week.

A young and inexperienced teacher we allowed to take charge of this school and are pleased to report very favorably. The oldest scholar was thirteen and two five years old. No written grammar and only four in geography did we find.

From these facts it will be seen, that the work was given to oral study, with reading and spelling, which was well done this term. Many facts connected with history, government, and every day life were taught. The younger pupils made marked improvement. We hope Miss Niles will try again. We think the Agent a bit snug on wages. Do not hire a person you think will not succeed, but when you hire pay fair wages is our principle.

Scholar not absent one-half day: Nellie Ham.

Winter term, Miss E. M. Adams, teacher. Whole number attending, 19; average number attending, 14; length of term, 65 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

Miss Adams has had the care of this school several terms with invariable good success, and this term was not an exception. Scholars coming from other districts swelled its members to a respectable number and made it more interesting without adding much to the labor of instructing or disciplining. As in summer term the scholars were very young excepting one, (the teacher of the summer term.) All the studies were pursued in the elementary forms. Order very good.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Daniel Adams, Sumner Hutchinson, Angie Bosworth, Mary Hutchinson.

District No. 13. Eben Morrill, Agent.

No summer term.

Winter term, Mr. Babb, Bates College, teacher. No register returned.

At the commencement of the term we found only six pupils present. No grammar or geography studied. The scholars feeling they had not the mental capacity sufficient to carry them on with profit with the other studies. Mr. Babb was very much interested in his work and regular in the time of recitation also taking great pains in penmanship each day. After a few weeks a young man came in which necessarily made a change for the better. We heard some complaint about the order, but
we disapproved it. Who could have been rigid or slack in this school?


Summer term, Ella A. Towle, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending, 9; average number attending, 8; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, $3 per week.

Miss Towle had charge of this school last summer with excellent results. Stimulated by the past we believe she gave more effort than she would otherwise have done. Be it as it may she discharged her duty well and to the pleasure of all. Most of the time was spent in reading, spelling, writing and oral exercises. We understand there was some division in the district but to the praise of all it was not carried into the school.

Scholars not absent one-half day: Carlie Stewart, Harry H. Thurlow, Nellie M. Danforth.

Winter term, Henry Taylor, teacher. Whole number attending, ; average number attending, ; length of term, ; wages of teacher,

It is one of our greatest pleasures to see and visit this teacher in the school room. We found all united and hard at work in the right direction at our first visit, and it was evident at the last visit that the work had not slackened a moment during the term. The school was small and not in advanced studies except one young lady who studied the higher Algebra and was equally advanced in other studies. Our opinion is, no teacher would have done more or better work than Mr. Taylor did in this school.

District No. 15. William Varney, Agent.

Summer term, Lillian L. Smith, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number attending, 12; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, including board, $5 per week.

This was Miss Smith's twenty sixth term. With this amount of experience and aided by a practical and classic education, and a percipient mind the pupils instructed must obtain much valuable information, be they ever so dull, indolent or wayward. But in this school she found some good scholars in their studies and all good in disposition. Map and object drawing was practiced to a limited extent, with good results. This school has a grand start, which we sincerely hope it will retain.

Scholar not absent one-half day: Oscar W. Varney.
Winter term, Miss Josie H. Varney, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number attending, 15; length of term, 70 days; wages of teacher, $4 per week.

Scholars coming from other districts after the term began lessened the average attendance.

We consider this an unusually profitable term in many ways, in order, in punctuality, in mode of study and reciting, and thoroughness. All classes in mathematics, especially Algebra, could analyze in a superior manner. Miss Varney is one of our best teachers.

This school is not well supplied with text books. We ask the parents to see to this. We beg you not to be reluctant in this direction. A dollar spent now may bring a thousand bye and bye.

In closing our report we would say, we take much pleasure in our belief that our schools for the past year have been better conducted, our scholars made more and better improvement, and our teachers been more deeply interested in their work, than those of the surrounding towns. You may justly be proud of the teachers who have been reared in the schools of Litchfield, and especially proud of those who had little or no previous experience. We deem it just to say in nearly every instance they received, accepted and carried out our advice, striving with an eye and heart single to the benefit of their pupils and to their own good and efficiency as teachers in the future. While the older and experienced ones have given their whole powers to increase their past high reputation, to place those under their charge in a higher position, overlooking a more elevated plain and in a broader field, which very soon, if at all, they must enter and meet hand to hand the innumerable duties and burdens in the great thoroughfare of real life.

No teacher can fail in a short period of time, to detect whether there be harmony or discord, order or disorder, thoroughness or superficialness, soundness or show pervading the school room. They cannot fail to observe if the thoughts and will of the teacher and pupils are in the school and its work or upon things outside. Parents, too, can easily attain this knowledge by visiting the scholars while at their work and keenly observing all the characteristics there displayed. None of us would employ a builder without visiting him and examining his work. Verily
the education of one is of more worth than the building of many houses. Much depends upon the Supervisor or Committee. More depends upon the teacher, but the most depends upon the parents. The Supervisor may create the spark of good work, the teacher nurture and feed it for awhile, but the parents must keep it burning. We introduced the "Complete Charts" in District No. 6, where they have given great satisfaction. We would advise every School Agent to purchase these. You will get repaid in one term. We consider these the best for the price. We thank all who have aided us in the discharge of our duties. We feel assured in only one or two instances has ill will been allowed to control, otherwise the Agents have looked to the good of all in hiring teachers, and the teachers have taught from principle rather than for a name. Those who have withheld your support from us, we ask you to give it to our successor. If he be not your choice, lend him your assistance, it can do you no harm, and it will be of much value to him and to your children. As we retire, it is with the hope always to be ready and able to help in perpetuating and upbuilding our schools. May the future be even brighter than the past is our sincere wish.

Respectfully submitted,

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